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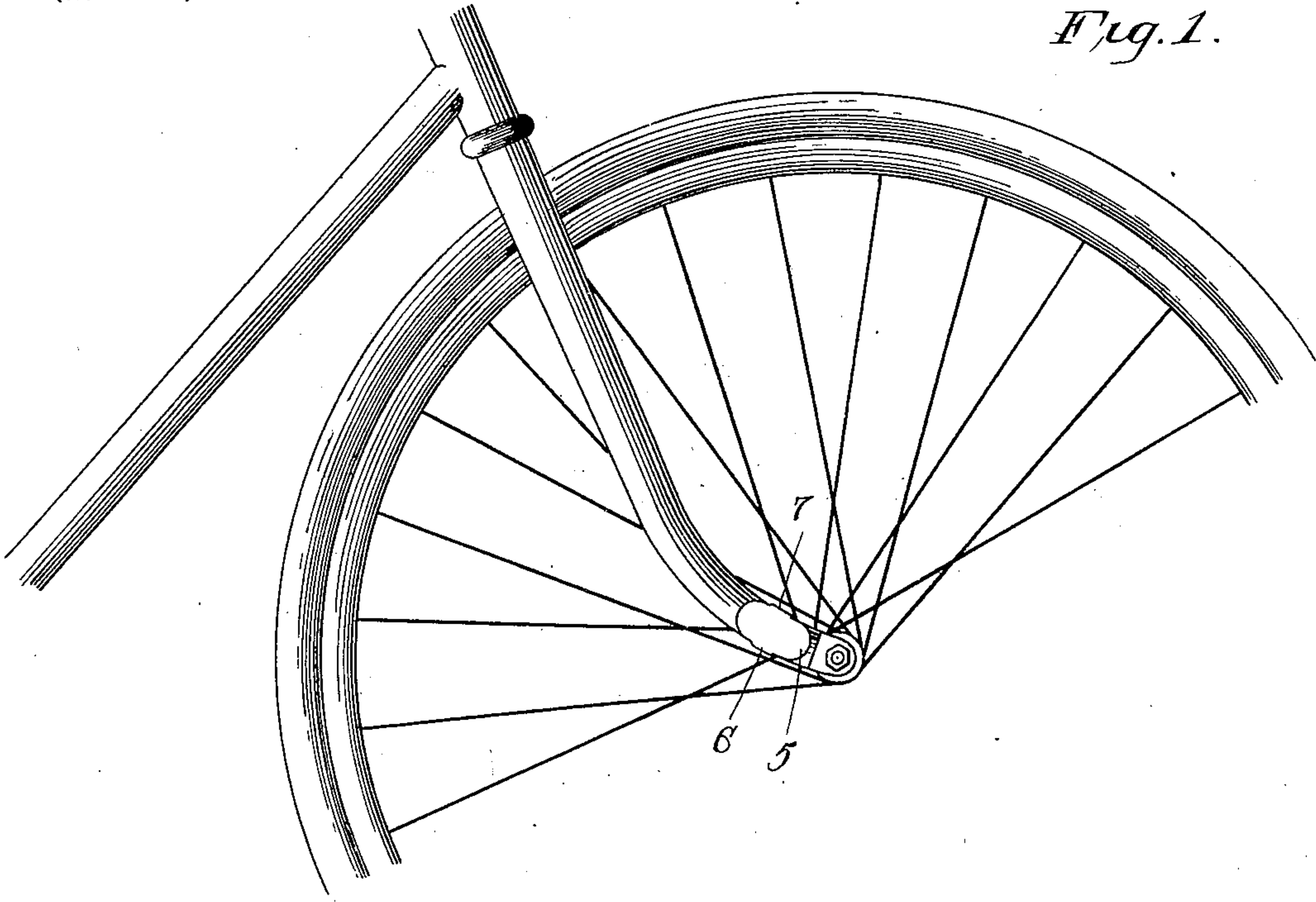


Fig. 1.

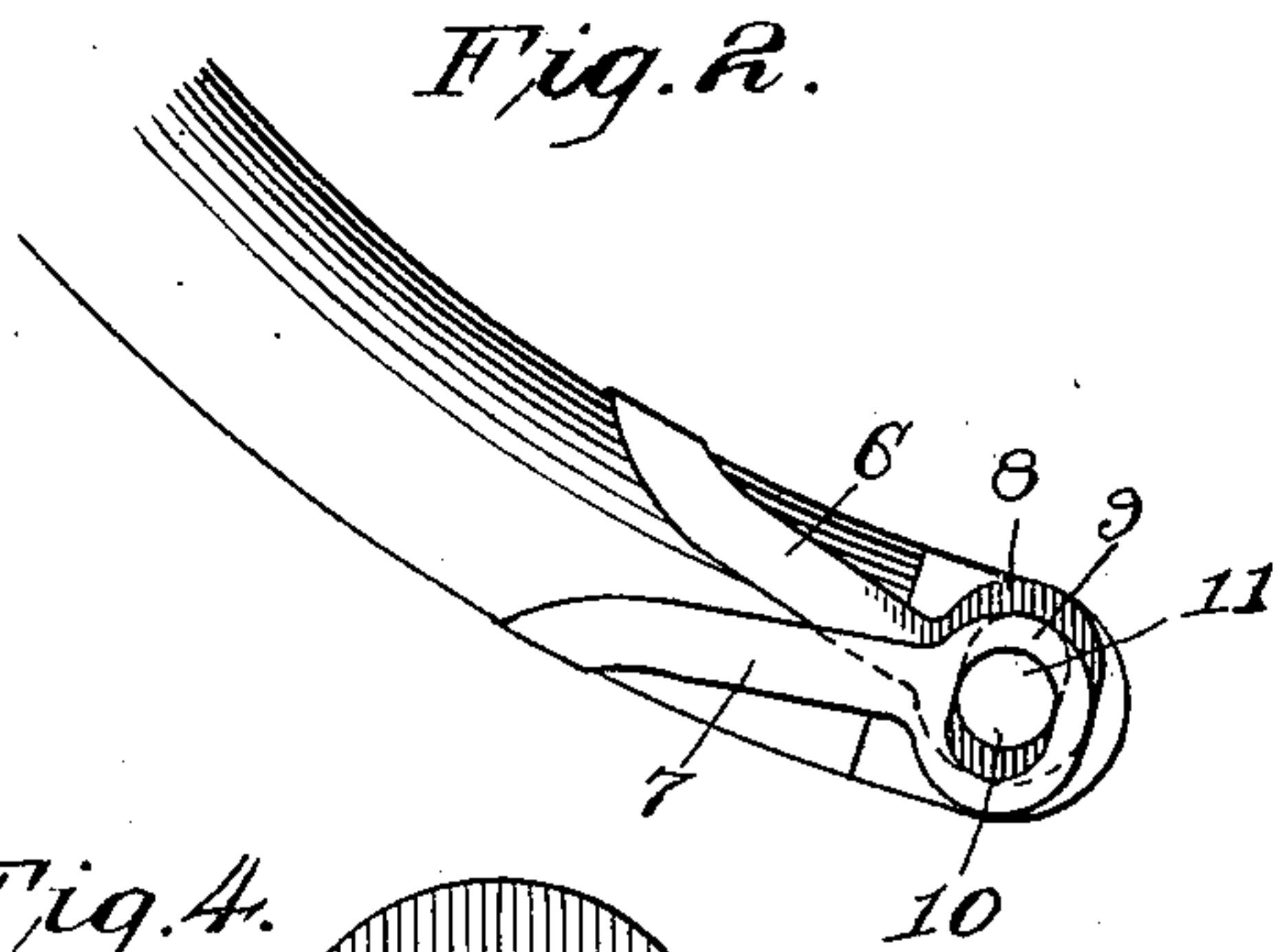


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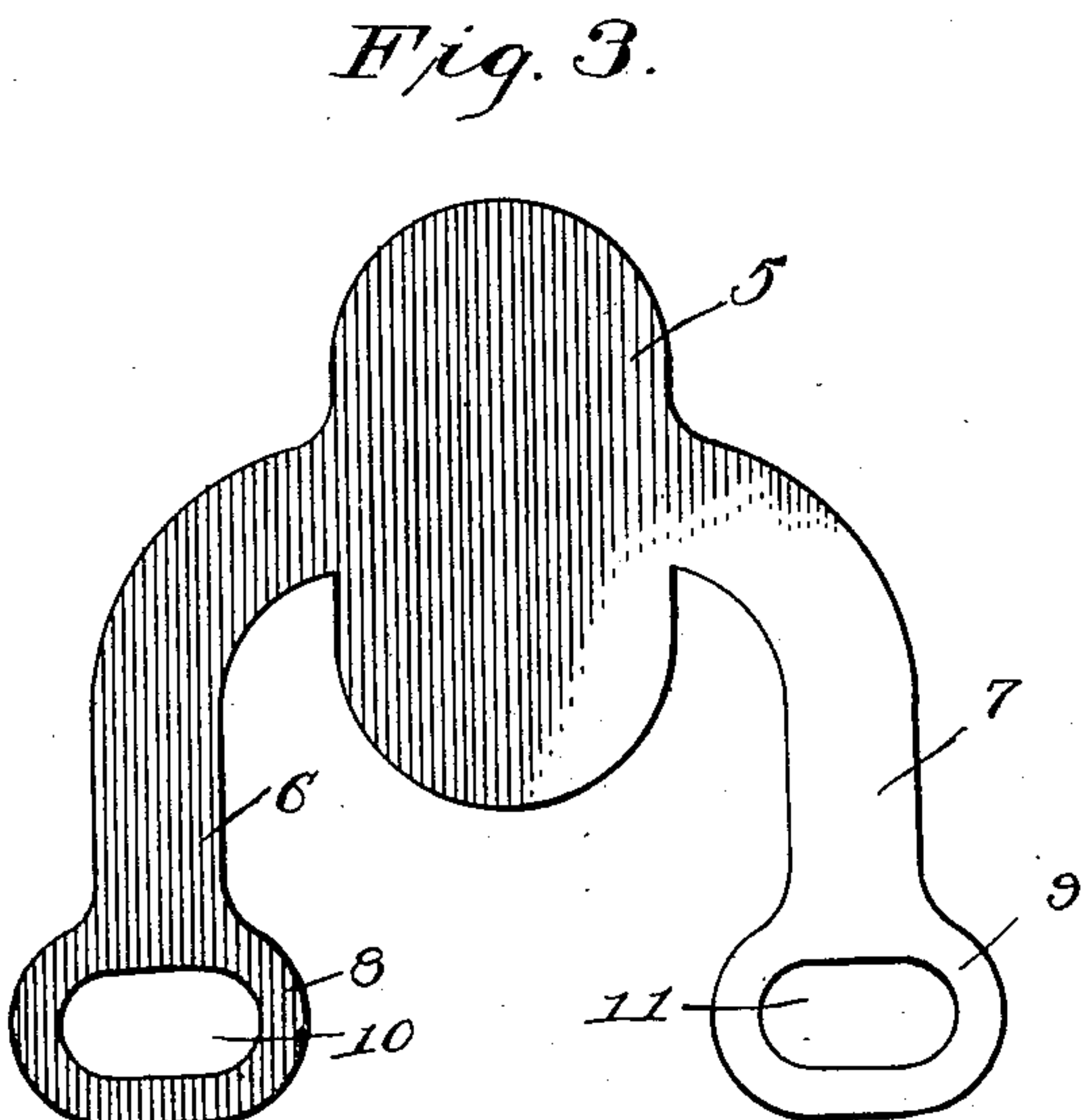


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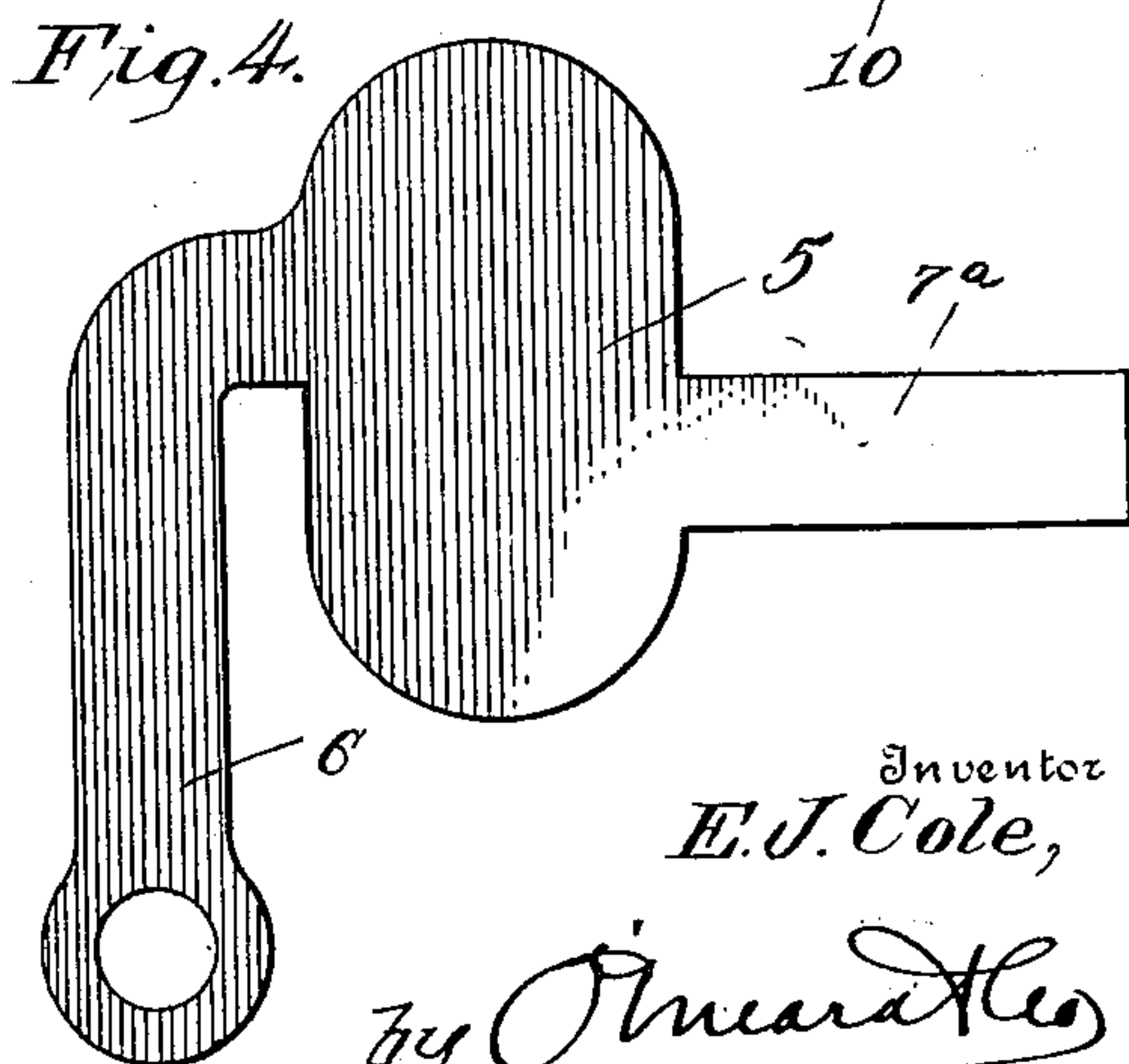


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN J. COLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Niagara Falls, in the county of Niagara and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Bicycle-Tag, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to tag and name-plate fasteners for bicycles, and has for its object to provide a device adapted to hold a name-plate, tag, or license, whereby the same cannot be removed without removing the front wheel of the bicycle.

As is well known, a great number of State and county governments require riders of bicycles to procure a license and display the same at all times upon their mounts; but heretofore no tag-fastener was procurable which would effectually protect the rider against thefts, as the fasteners in general use could easily be removed from the wheel, thus causing the lawful owner of the license a deal of trouble and annoyance. This is obviated by the use of my invention, the liability of theft being minimized, without affecting the general construction of the wheel.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and application, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents the front fork of a bicycle, showing my invention applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged portion of a fork, showing the manner of attaching the tag-holder. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail elevation of the blank, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of a slight modification.

Referring now to the drawings by reference-numerals, 5 indicates the body portion of the tag-fastener or name-plate holder, which will consist of a disk of sheet metal of any desired form, although I prefer to make it in the form of an ellipse. From the sides of this disk extend outwardly and downwardly curved arms 6 and 7. On the ends of said arms are enlarged heads 8 and 9, provided with slots 10 and 11.

In applying the device the license-tag will be pasted upon the disk 5, although the number and identification might be stamped in the metal itself, and after removing the front wheel from the fork in the usual manner the arms 6 and 7 are bent over the same until the

slots register with the opening made for the axle, when the wheel is again adjusted and the device is securely held in place, the perforated ends of the arms being clamped upon the axle between the side of the fork and the end of the hub. By forming or providing the arms with a bend, so that the perforated portions will extend beyond the end of the plate, the plate will be located far enough above the axle of the wheel not to interfere with the adjustment of the nut of the axle on the outside of the fork.

In the form of tag shown in Fig. 4 one of the arms 7^a extends laterally of the other arm of the tag, and at a point below the other arm, so that it can be wrapped around the fork of the machine and have its free end engaged by the other arm and be secured in position thereby. The arm 6 is bent and perforated at its end and is secured between the wheel and the fork in the same manner as where both arms are alike and one of them engages with the other at the point of attachment.

It will thus be seen that the tag cannot be removed from the bicycle without removing the wheel, which would require tools and take a sufficient length of time to deter the thief from making the attempt.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to obtain by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A bicycle-tag comprising a body portion and two arms projecting from opposite sides thereof, the free end of one of which is perforated and projects beyond the end of the plate in a position to be clamped between the wheel and the fork and the other arm adapted to be engaged by said perforated arm and secured thereby, substantially as described.

2. A bicycle-tag, comprising a body portion and two arms projecting from opposite sides thereof, one of which is bent and perforated and projects beyond the end of the plate in position to be clamped between the wheel and the fork, and the other of which is straight and projects from the side of the plate at a point below the bent arm and its free end adapted to be engaged by said bent arm and be secured in position thereby, substantially as described.

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