

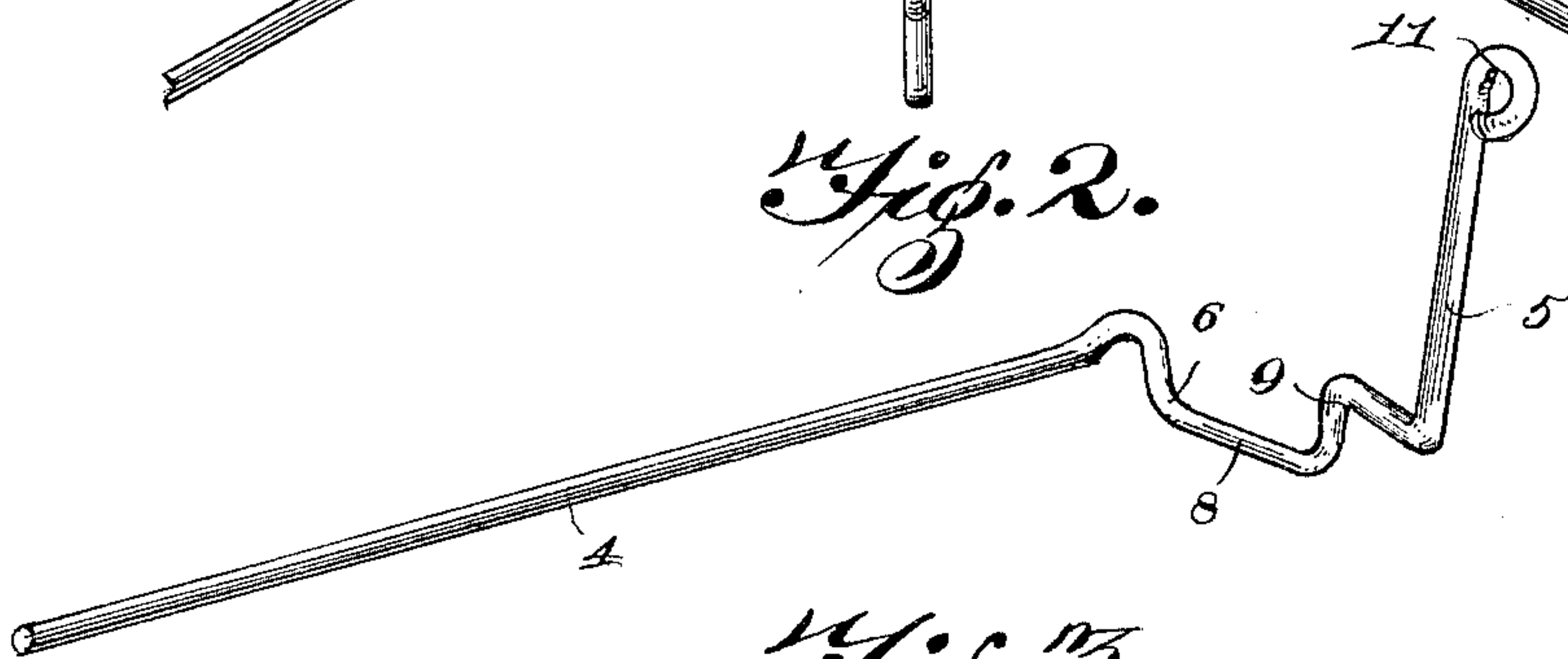
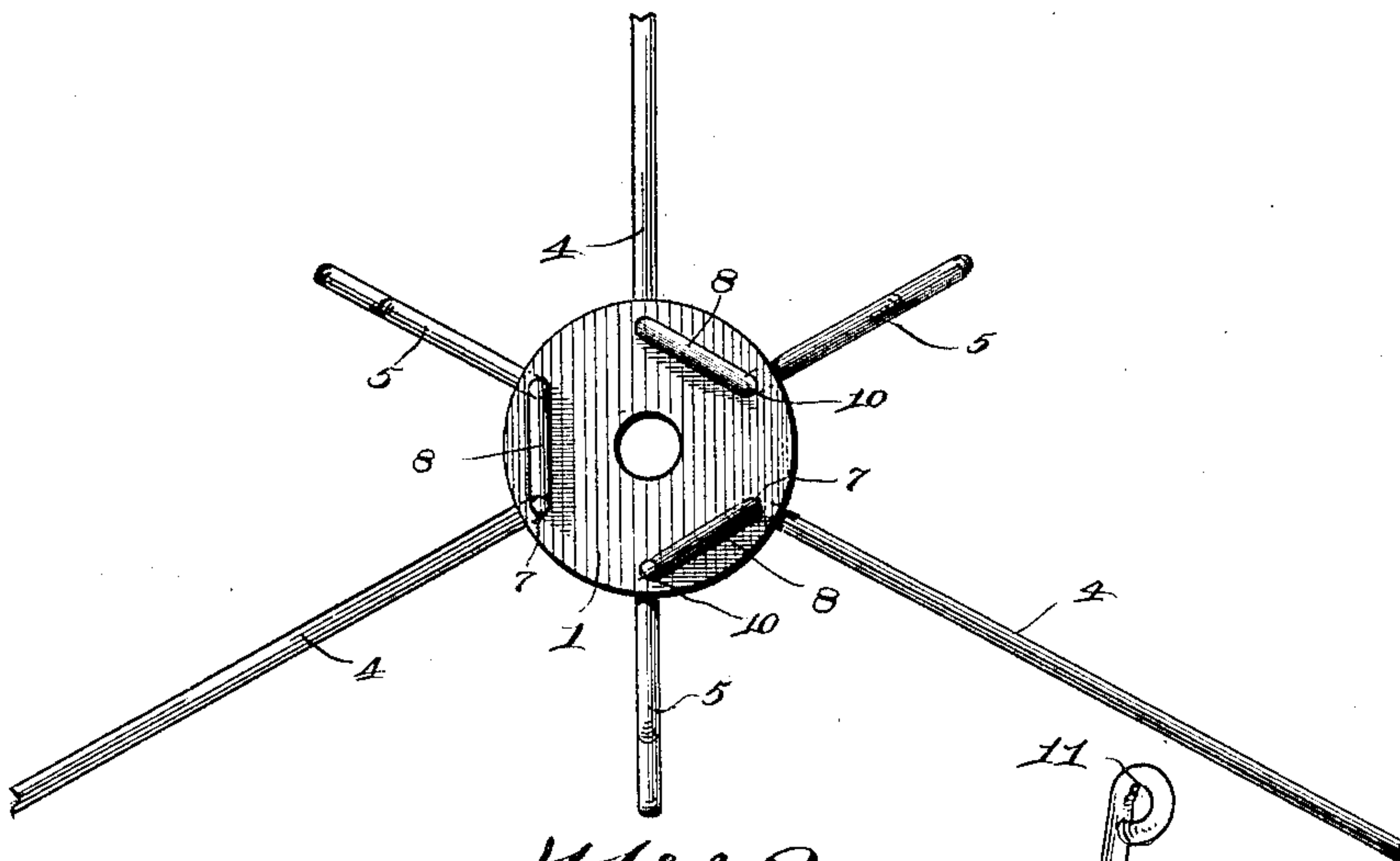
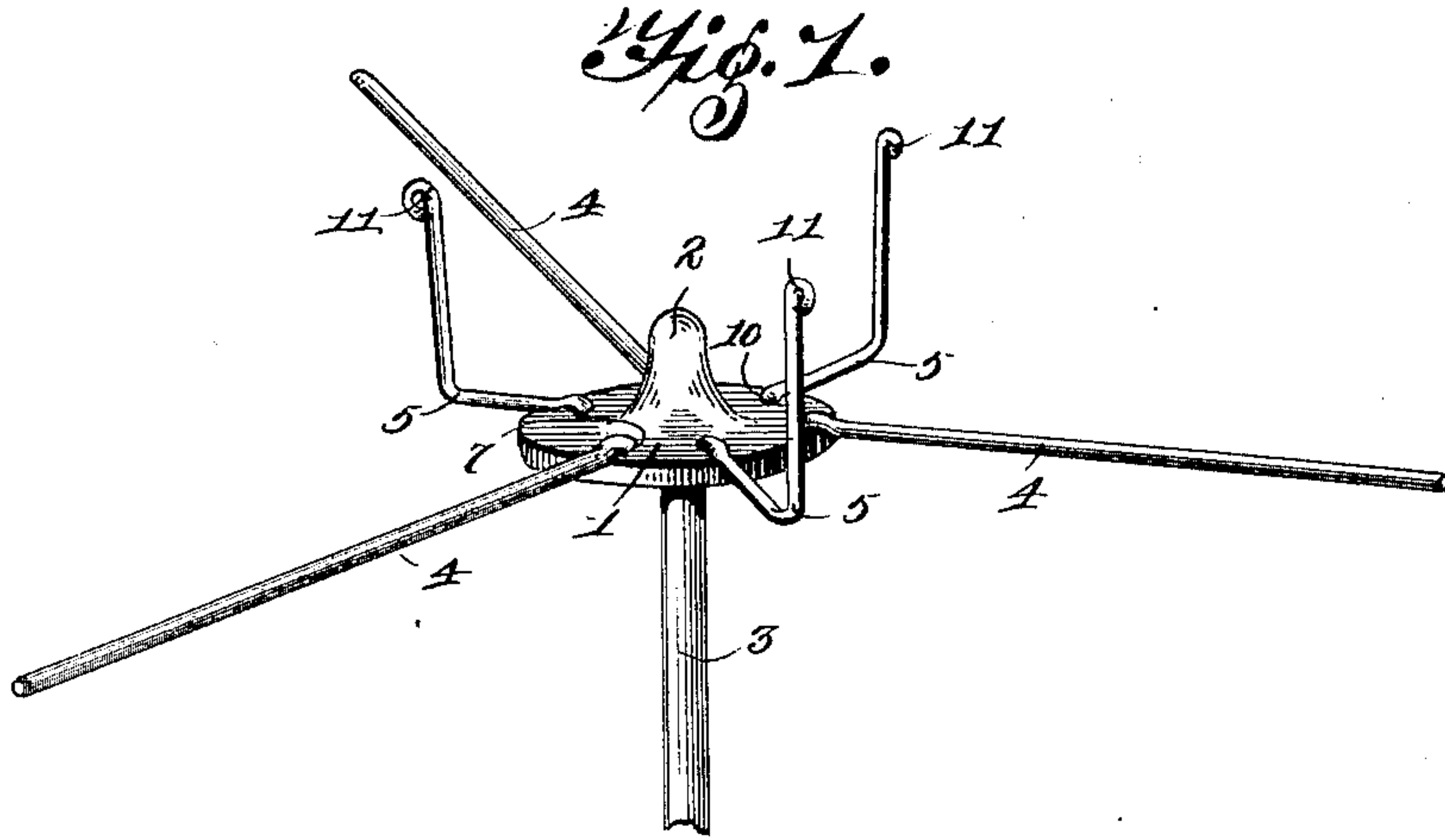
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST VISEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coldwater, in the county of Branch and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Hat-Rack, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hat-racks; and the object of the same is to provide a simple and effective device for supporting a hat by the rim portion thereof in such manner as to prevent it slipping or falling from the position in which it is placed and embodying features of construction of a strong and durable nature and an article that can be produced at a minimum cost of manufacture.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat-rack embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the improved rack. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the wire arms forming a part of the improved device.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a hub or support which consists of a disk of suitable metal having a central upstanding socket 2 to receive the end of a bracket arm or post or a standard 3. The hub is loosely mounted on the said arm, post, or standard, and the latter may be one of a number of similar devices secured or held by a stand, or one of the improved devices may be used alone. Extending from the hub are a series of straight radial arms 4, each having an upwardly-projecting guard 5 as a part thereof. The arms 4 are formed as shown by Fig. 3 and made of suitable stiff wire, and at the inner extremity of the main radial portion of each arm a bend 6 is formed for passage through an opening 7 in the hub, near the periphery of the latter, and from the said bend the wire is continued in a straight member 8 at an obtuse angle to the arm and merges into an upward bend 9, which is passed through another opening 10 and then continued radially over and out from the hub a short distance into the guard. The member 8 forms a supporting-brace for

each arm, and by means of the bends and particular mode of disposing the same in relation to the hub, as set forth, the arms are all held with firmness and will not become loosened, and, moreover, the use of fastening rivets, pins, or other like devices is avoided, and the cost of manufacture is thereby materially reduced and a superior article produced. The arms and guards are braced against downward bending by the weight thereon by passing over and bearing upon the upper surface of the hub, and the said guards also have a slight outward deflection to make them more effective in holding a hat. The socket 2 is of such length that the hub will be thereby prevented from falling off the end of the device engaging the same, and the parts are all well-balanced to prevent tilting or irregular position. The hub is also free to revolve on the supporting device for the same, and all the parts will be made to have a neat appearance by plating and which will also prevent oxidation.

It is intended that the improved device be employed for domestic purposes or to support hats generally and also for displaying hats in stores and other places. When a hat is applied thereto, the guards 5 pass upwardly into the crown and the rim of the hat rests on the arms 4, the said guards serving to maintain the hat in central position by preventing the same from slipping. To prevent injury to a hat engaging the guards, the latter have their upper ends bent over, as at 11, the said ends, owing to the outward deflection of the guards, mainly bearing on the inner portion of the hat-crown.

The preferred form of the improved device has been shown and described; but it will be understood that changes in the form, size, proportions, and minor details of construction will be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A hat-rack comprising a support, a disk-hub rotatably mounted thereon and having a central upstanding socket to loosely fit over the upper end of said support, and a series of radial arms engaging the hub and continuous with upstanding guards intermediate of the planes of the arms.

2. A hat-rack comprising a horizontally-disposed hub with a central upstanding socket for rotatable support of the same, and a series of horizontal arms radially projecting from the hub and having upstanding guards continuous therewith.

3. A hat-rack comprising a horizontally-disposed rotatable hub, and a series of continuous combined arms and guards, each threaded through the hub near the periphery of the latter, and the guard portions of the combined arms and guards located in the intervals between the said arms and at an angle to the latter.

4. A hat-rack comprising a horizontally-disposed hub, and a series of combined radial arms and upstanding guards each formed from a single piece of wire threaded through the hub and comprising a bracing member bearing against the under side of the said hub.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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