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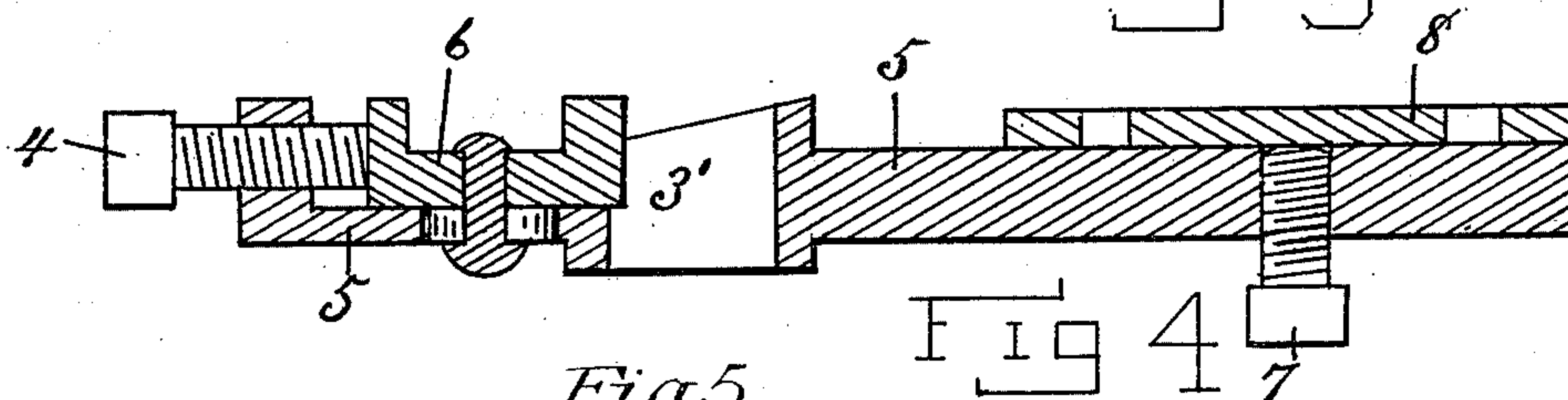
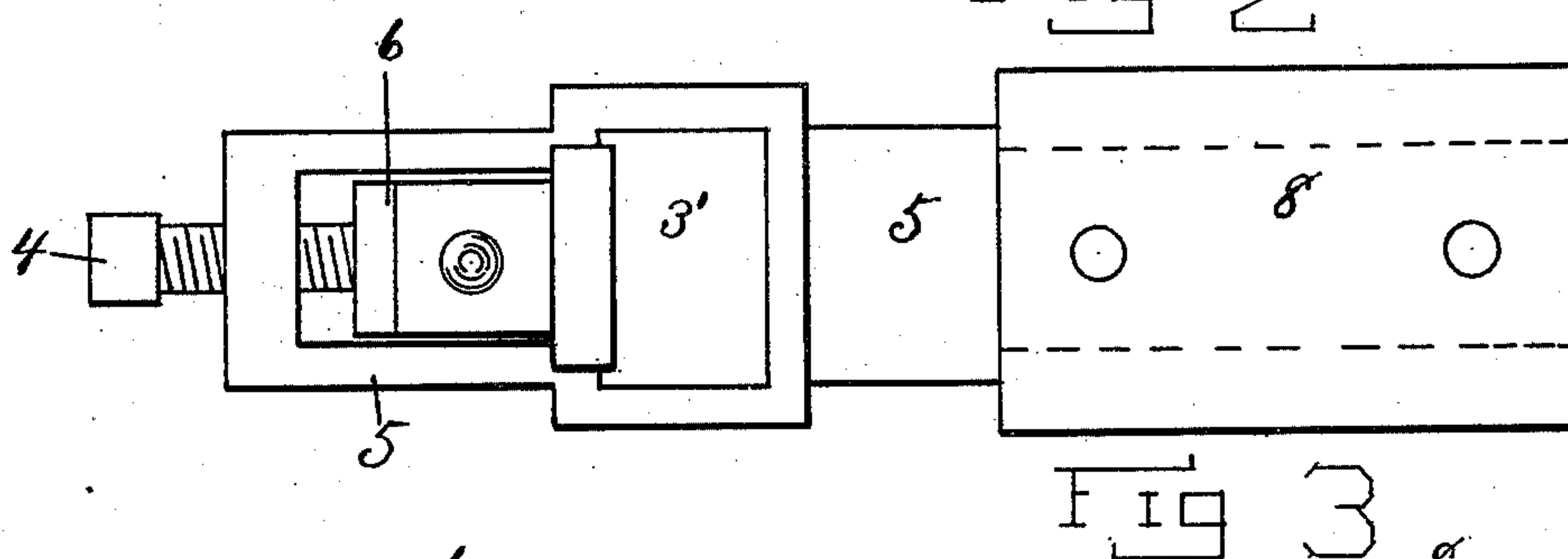
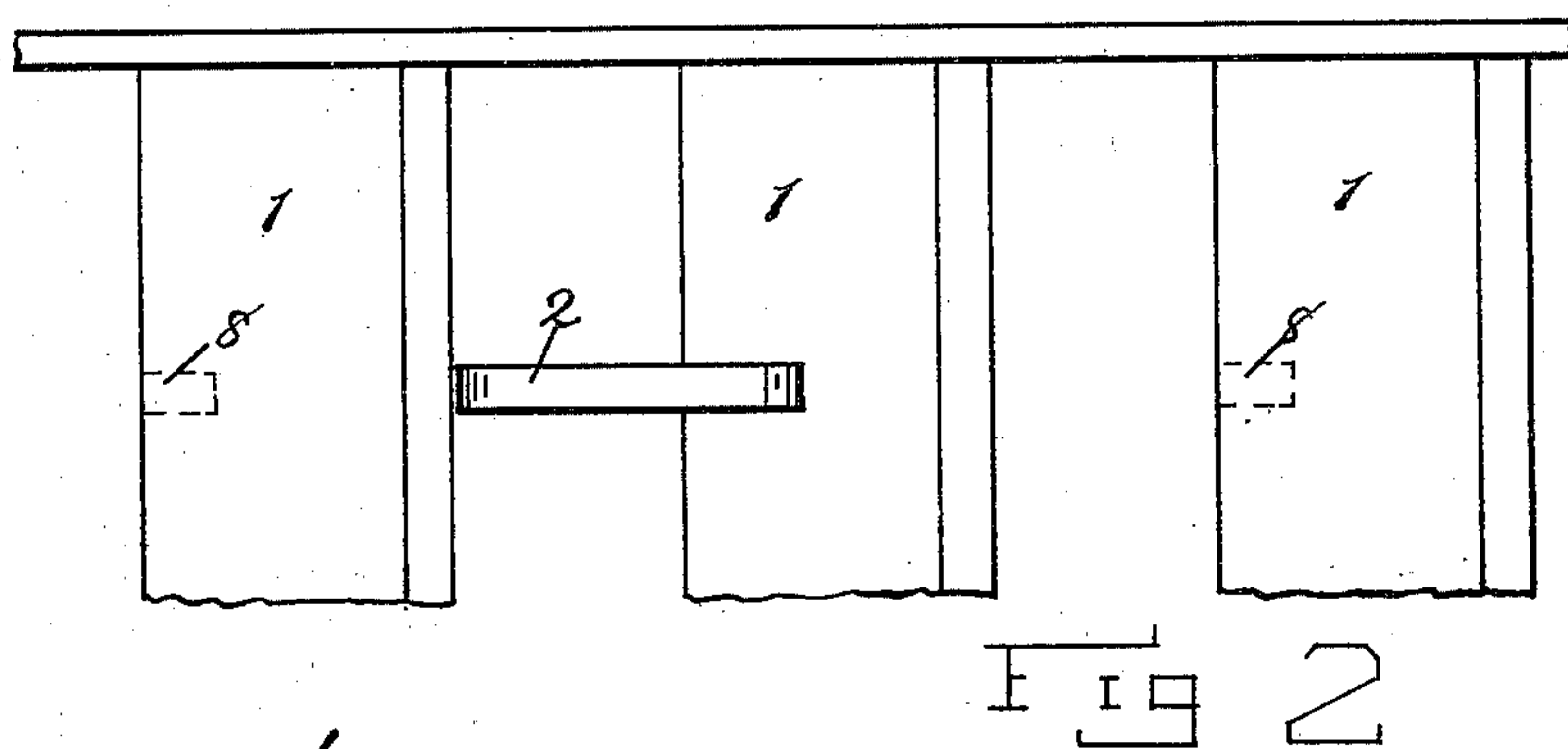
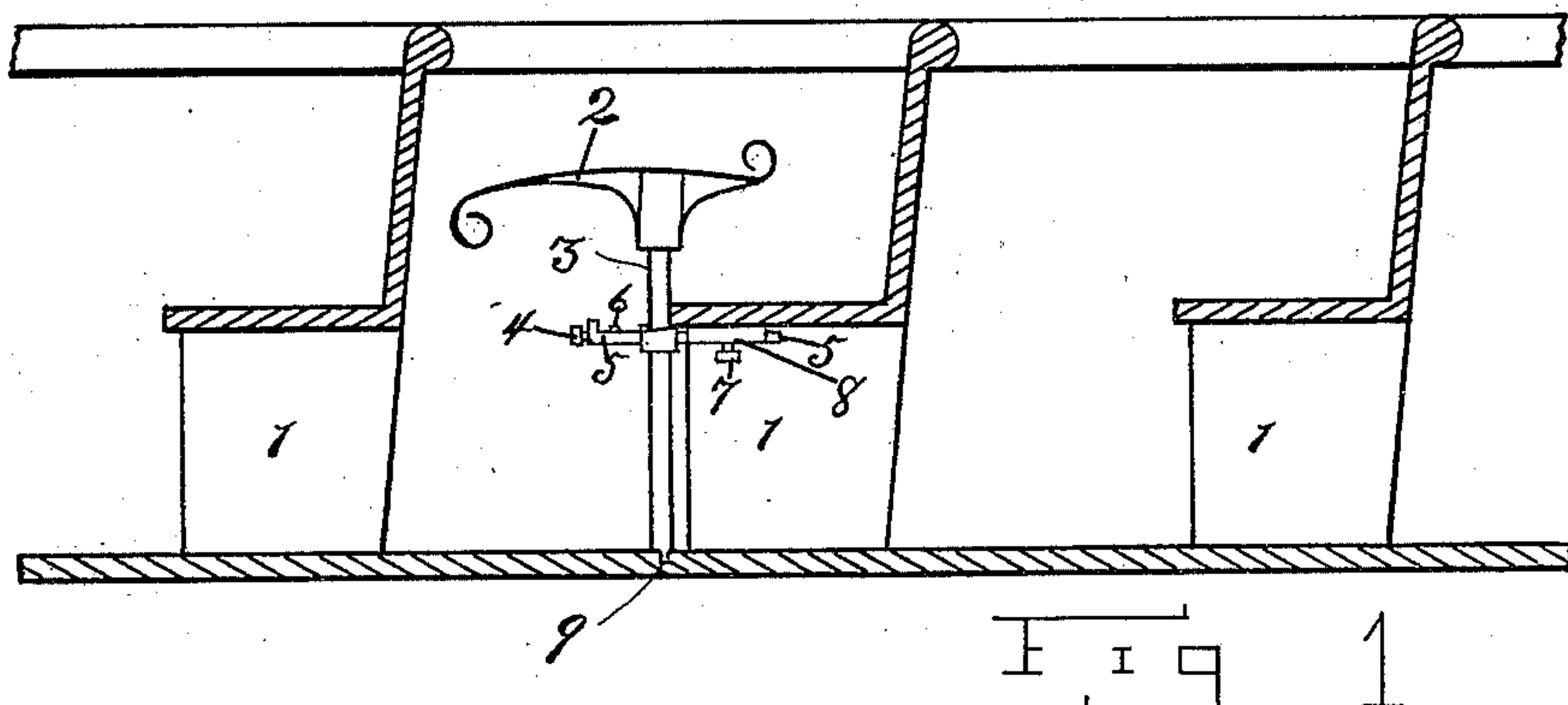


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. DILLON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Albany, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Partitions or Brackets for Pews, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a partition or bracket for use in audience-chambers to divide and separate seatings and to shut off certain of the seatings from use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a vertical sectional view of the pews or seats and a side elevation of my device shown in operative construction; Fig. 2, a top plan view of the same; Fig. 3, a top plan view of the bracket with the arm removed; Fig. 4, a longitudinal sectional view of said bracket without the arm, and Fig. 5 a cross-section of the groove-plate in which the bracket-plate moves and rests.

The numeral 1 shows seats such as are commonly used in churches, and 2 the arm of my bracket, having a standard or leg affixed thereto, preferably by resting securely in a socket in the arm 2, the leg 3 passing through an opening 3' in the bracket-plate 5 and secured firmly and removably therein by a fastening device, preferably consisting of a clamp 6, arranged to be forced against the leg 3 by a set-screw 4. The bracket-plate 5 passes through or into and is adjustable in a holding-plate 8 by means of a groove 10 in the under side of the plate 8 and is adjustable as to position therein by means of the set-screw 7 preferably, which screw simply presses against the under side of the plate 8 and tightens the bracket-plate 5 in the groove 10. The device is set in operative position by fastening the holding-plate 8 to the bottom of the seat of a pew or form by means of screws preferably. The bracket-plate is then inserted in the groove on the under side of the

plate 8 and slides back and forth therein until the set-screw is set home, when its movement is prevented and the bracket-plate 5 is held fast in any desired position. The leg 3, having a sharp pin or stud 9, (see Fig. 1,) is then entered in the opening 3' and the pin or stud forced into the floor and the clamp 6 forced against the leg, which holds the leg firmly in place. The whole device is therefore changeable from place to place along the seat.

The operation is as follows: In churches and audience-chambers where seatings are rented out to frequenters it is desirable to have some arrangement whereby when some of the sittings in a pew are rented and some not to cut off access to those not rented, so they can not be used. To accomplish this, the seatings are rented one after the other from the entrance end of the pew or seat, and where the rented sittings end I place my partition-bracket, as shown, and when so set the rented sittings are partitioned off from those not rented and the unrented ones cannot be occupied, as the arm 2 prevents any one from passing to the unrented sittings. As other seatings are rented out the device is moved farther along the seat or pew, leaving the rented sittings accessible to the lessees. The bracket-plate 5 being adjustable as to length in the holding-plate 8, the device can be adjusted to varying distances between the seats or pews, and is therefore usable in any audience-chamber having seatings suitable for its use.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

An adjustable and removable bracket arranged to form a partition and divide a pew or settee into sittings, consisting of a standard having a pin or stud in its lower end arranged to be forced into the floor and having a socket-piece and a plate, the socket-piece being mounted adjustably in the plate, the plate being arranged to be temporarily attached to the seat and having means for attaching the same thereto, the standard passing through and being held upright in the socket and having a clamping device ar-

ranged to clamp the standard in the socket, the socket-piece being arranged crosswise of the seat in order that it may be extended at will, the vertical standard resting in the
5 socket having an arm attached to the upper end of the standard and standing in a direction crosswise of said seat and extending beyond the edge thereof thus dividing the pew

or settee into sittings substantially as described. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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