

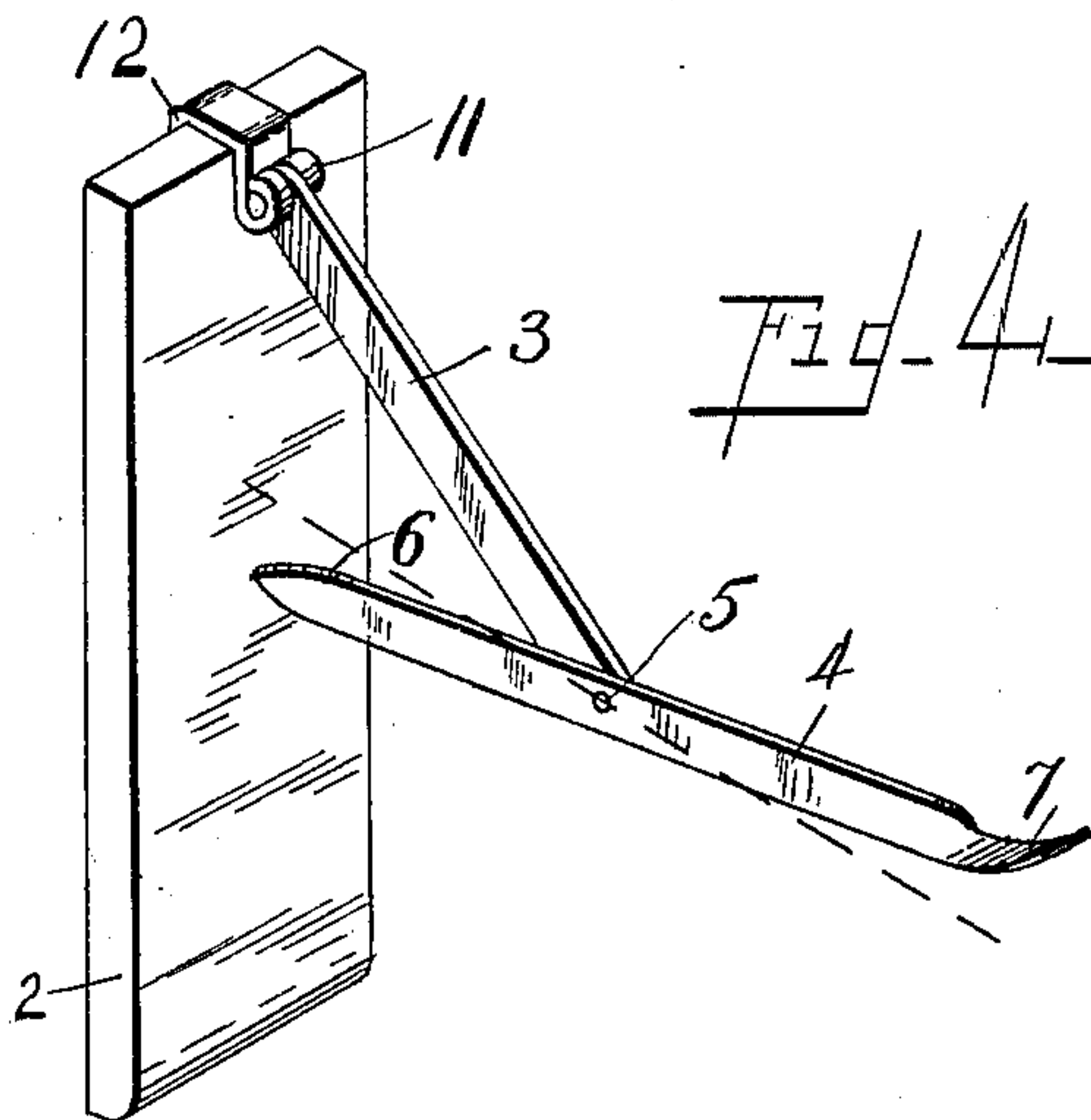
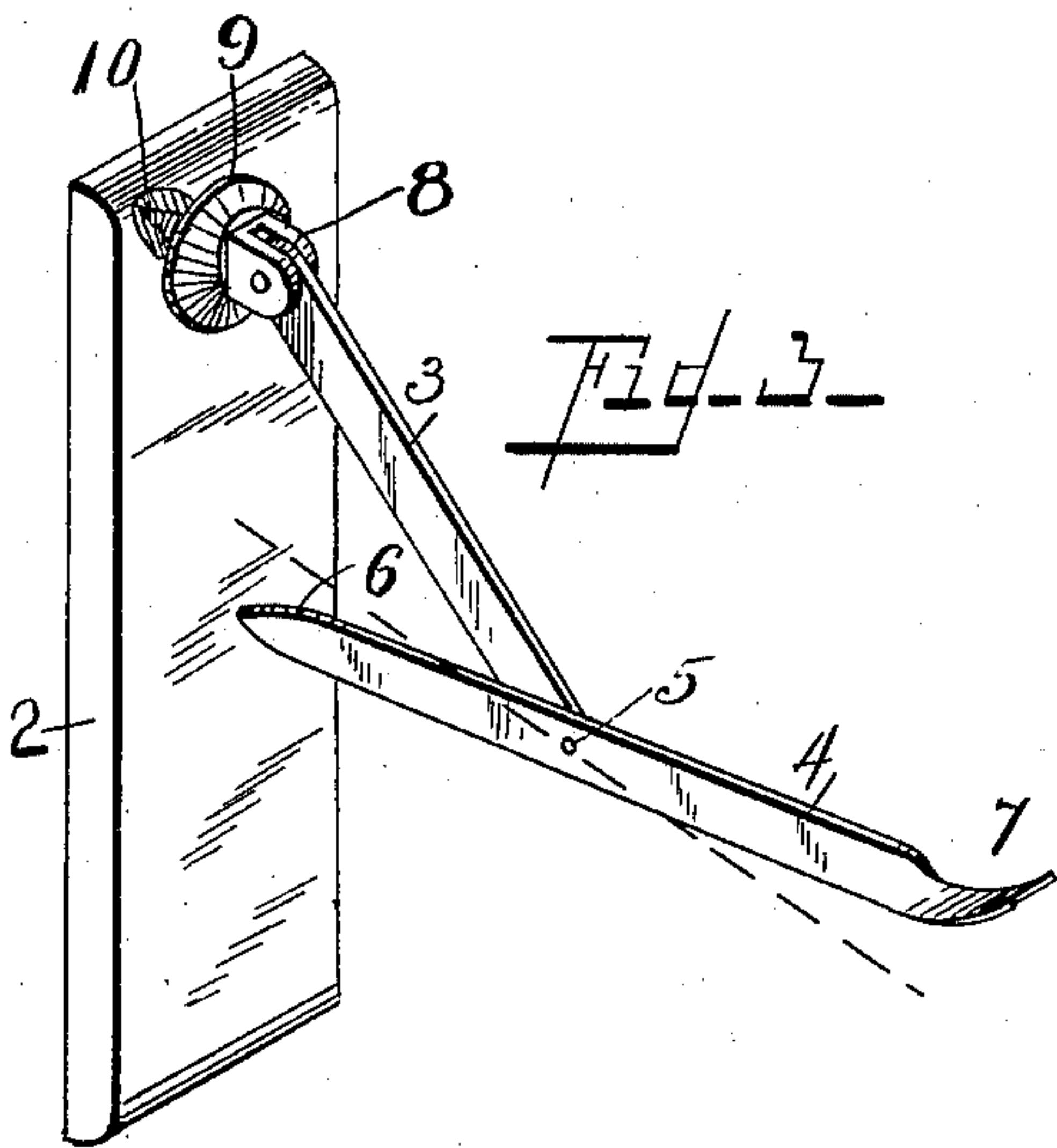
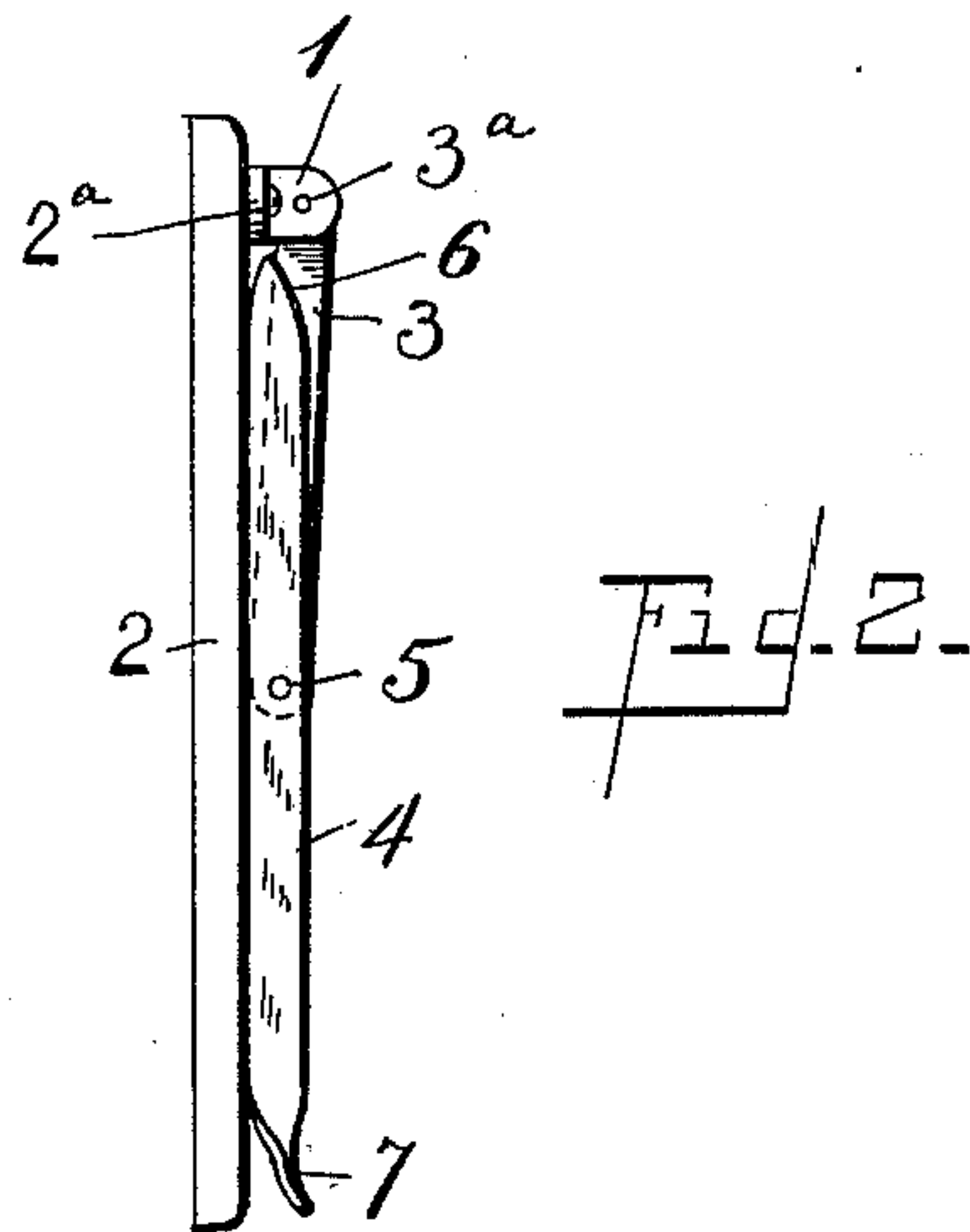
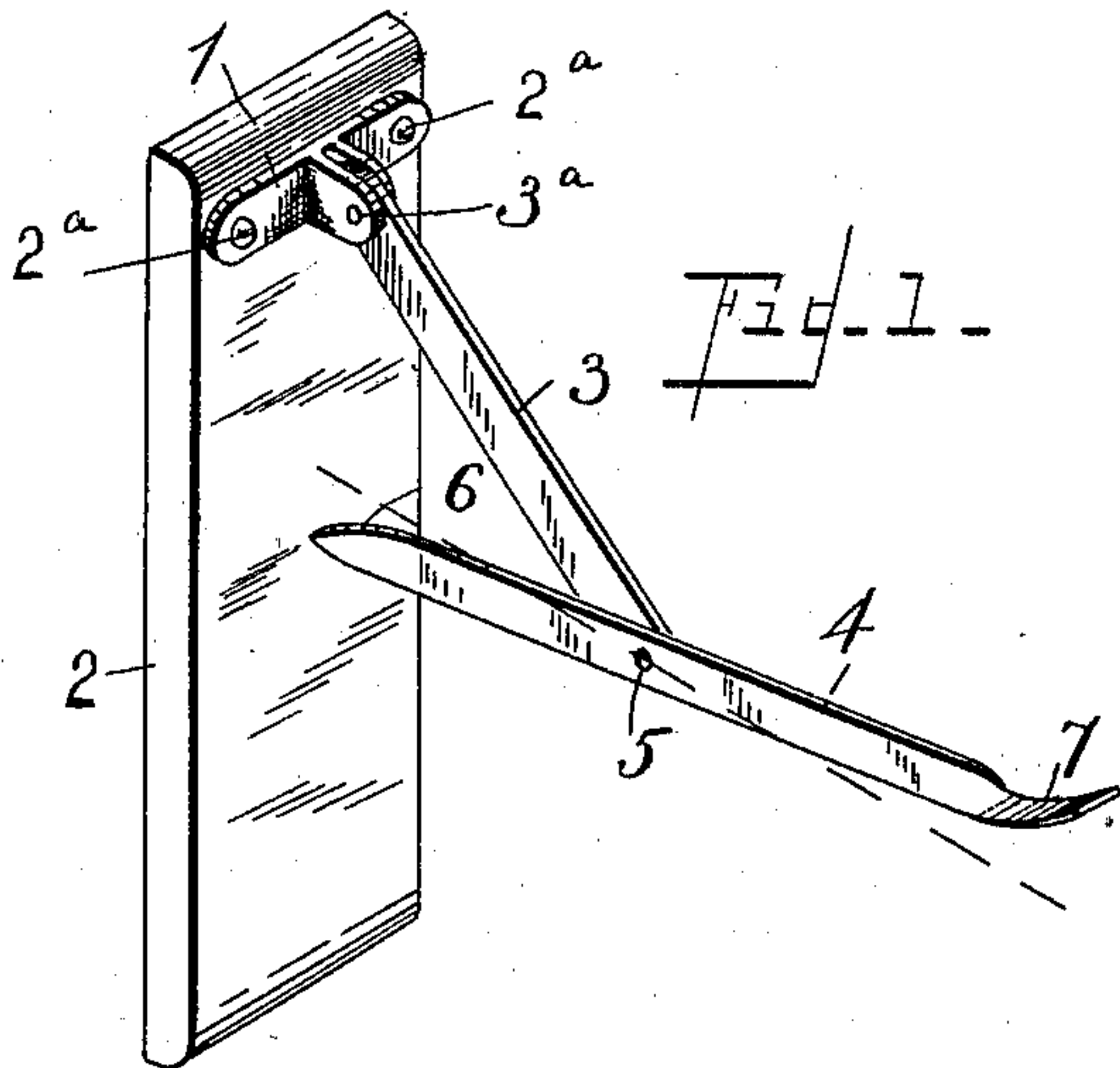
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## CLOTHES-HOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES ACKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rushville, in the county of Schuyler and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to clothes-hooks, or, more specifically, to a collapsible clothes-hook. The object of the same is to produce a device of this character which can be folded up to be out of the way in cleaning or when furniture is placed in front of it. My improved hook is simple in construction and has proved to be efficient in operation.

The novel construction employed by me in carrying out my invention will be completely described, together with several modifications of the same, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved hook shown secured to a base. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same collapsed. Fig. 3 is a perspective of a modified form of my device. Fig. 4 is a second modified form.

Like numerals of reference designate like parts in the different views.

The numeral 1 designates a bifurcated support which is permanently secured to the wall or to a base-block 2 by screws 2<sup>a</sup>. A bracket-arm 3 is pivotally secured to the support 1 at its upper end by a cross-pin 3<sup>a</sup> and extends down and is centrally secured to a supporting-arm 4 by a pivot 5. The inner end of the arm 5 is rounded off or pointed at 6 to adapt it to contact with the wall or the base-block 2 to hold it from slipping, and the outer end is twisted at 7 and so formed as to prevent the clothes being injured. When in use, the foot 6 is placed against the wall at a point just below a horizontal plane passing through the pintle 5. Articles of clothing or other things can then be hung on the head 7. When it is desired to have the hook out of the way, it may be folded up, as shown in Fig. 2, by simply raising the foot 6. It may then be raised up bodily by grasping it near the pintle 5.

It will be noticed that the device is only op-

erative when the inner arm, which extends from the pintle 5 to the block 2, is shorter than the length of a line joining the pintle 5 to the foot of a perpendicular dropped from the pintle 3<sup>a</sup> on the block 2.

In the modified form illustrated in Fig. 3 a bifurcated support 8, having a base 9 and provided with a screw 10, is shown. This support is especially convenient and may be readily screwed into the wall or base-block at any point.

The second modification (shown in Fig. 4) has a bifurcated support 11, which is provided with a hook member 12, designed to engage the edge of a base block or cleat. This form of the device is more readily detachable than the others and may be easily shifted from place to place, as desired.

I do not wish to be limited as to details of construction, as these may be changed in many particulars without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A clothes-hook, comprising the combination, substantially as described, of a rigid bracket-arm pivotally attached at its upper end to a support adapted to be secured to a plane surface, and a supporting-arm pivoted at a point to the other end of said bracket, said point being distant from the inner end of said supporting-arm, a length less than the length of a line joining the said point to the foot of a perpendicular dropped from the pivot in the upper end of said bracket-arm onto the said surface; the said inner end of said supporting-arm being pointed to adapt it to contact with the said surface to hold it from slipping, said arms consisting of straight bars constructed to be folded up parallel to each other.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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