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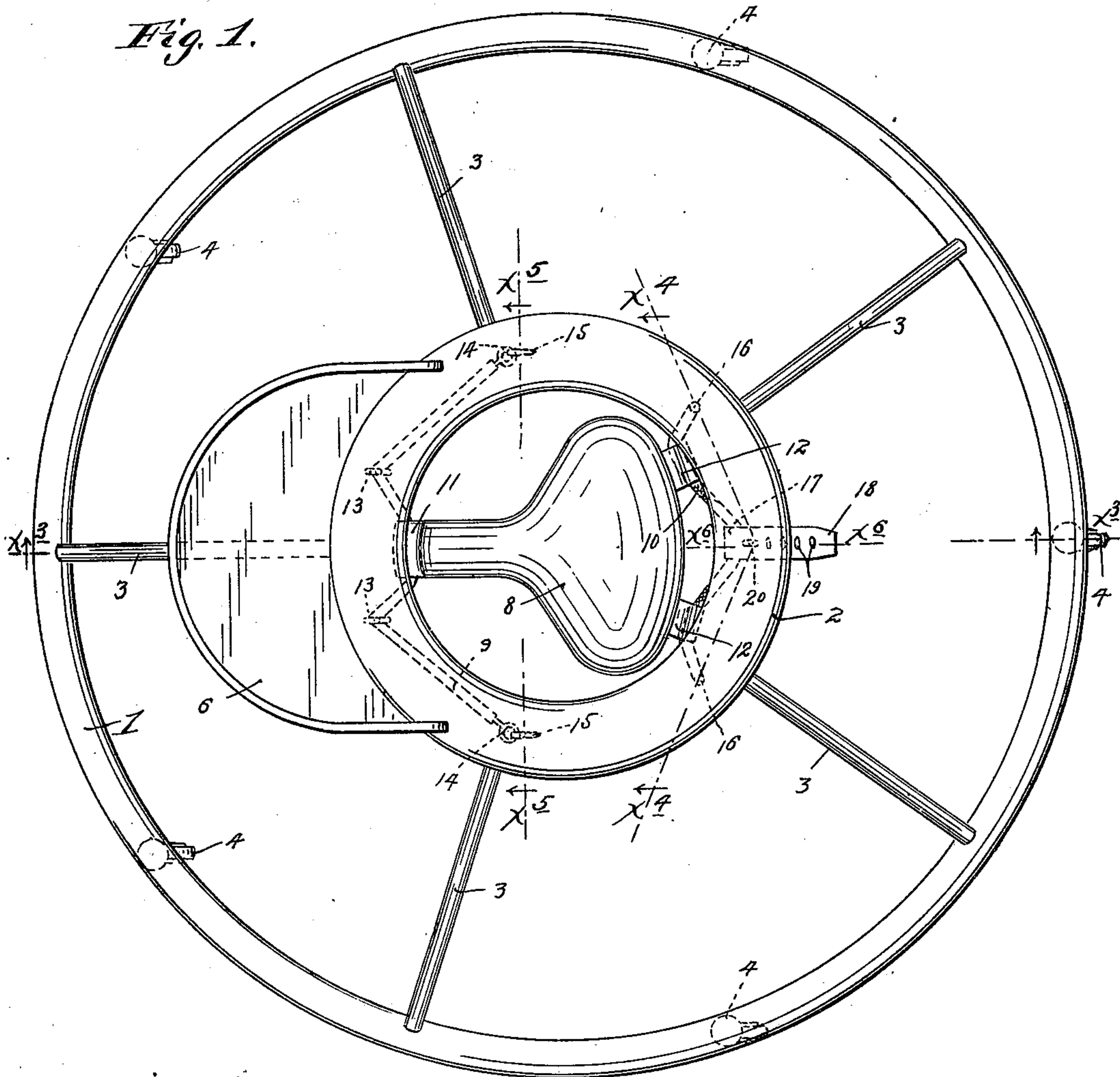


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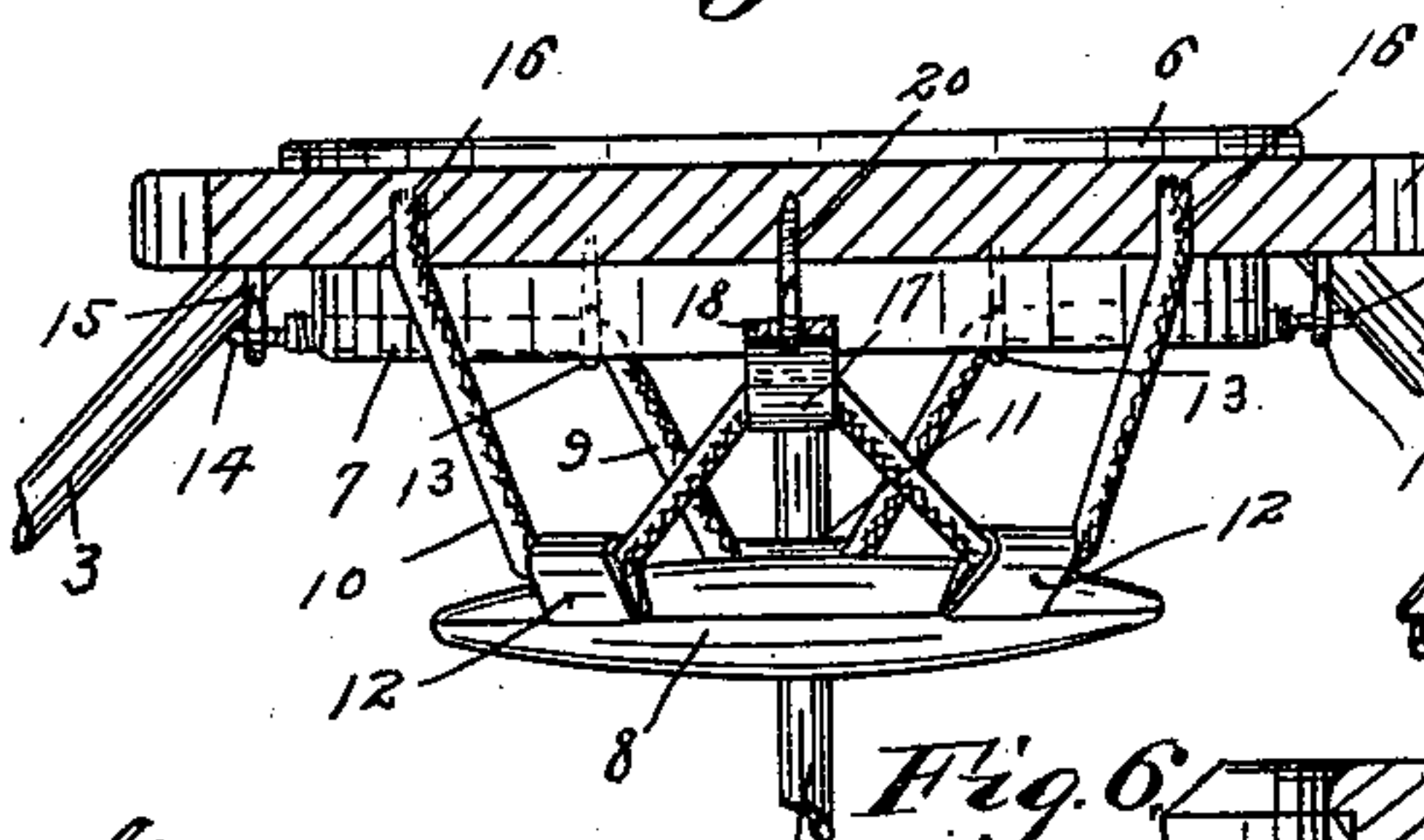


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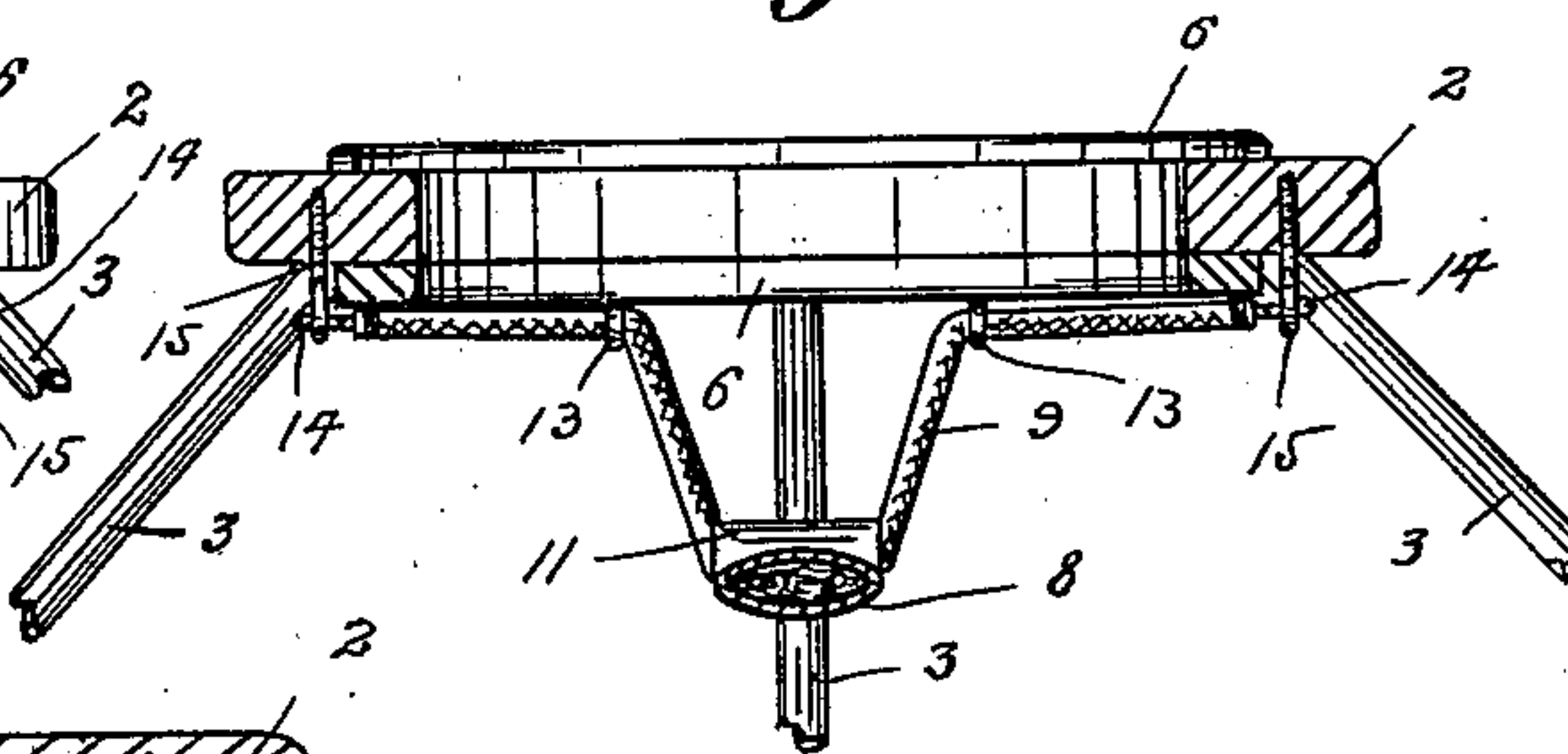
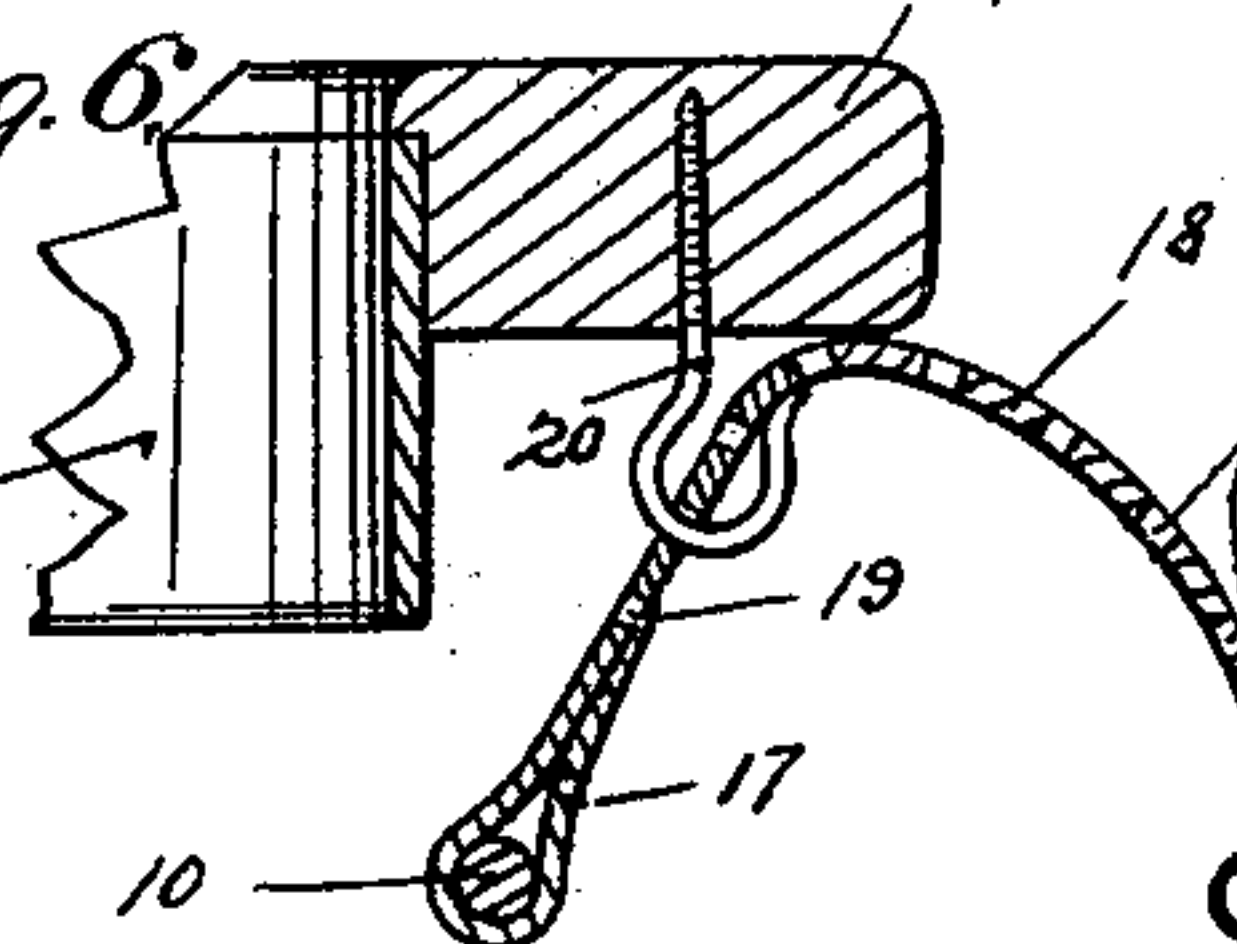


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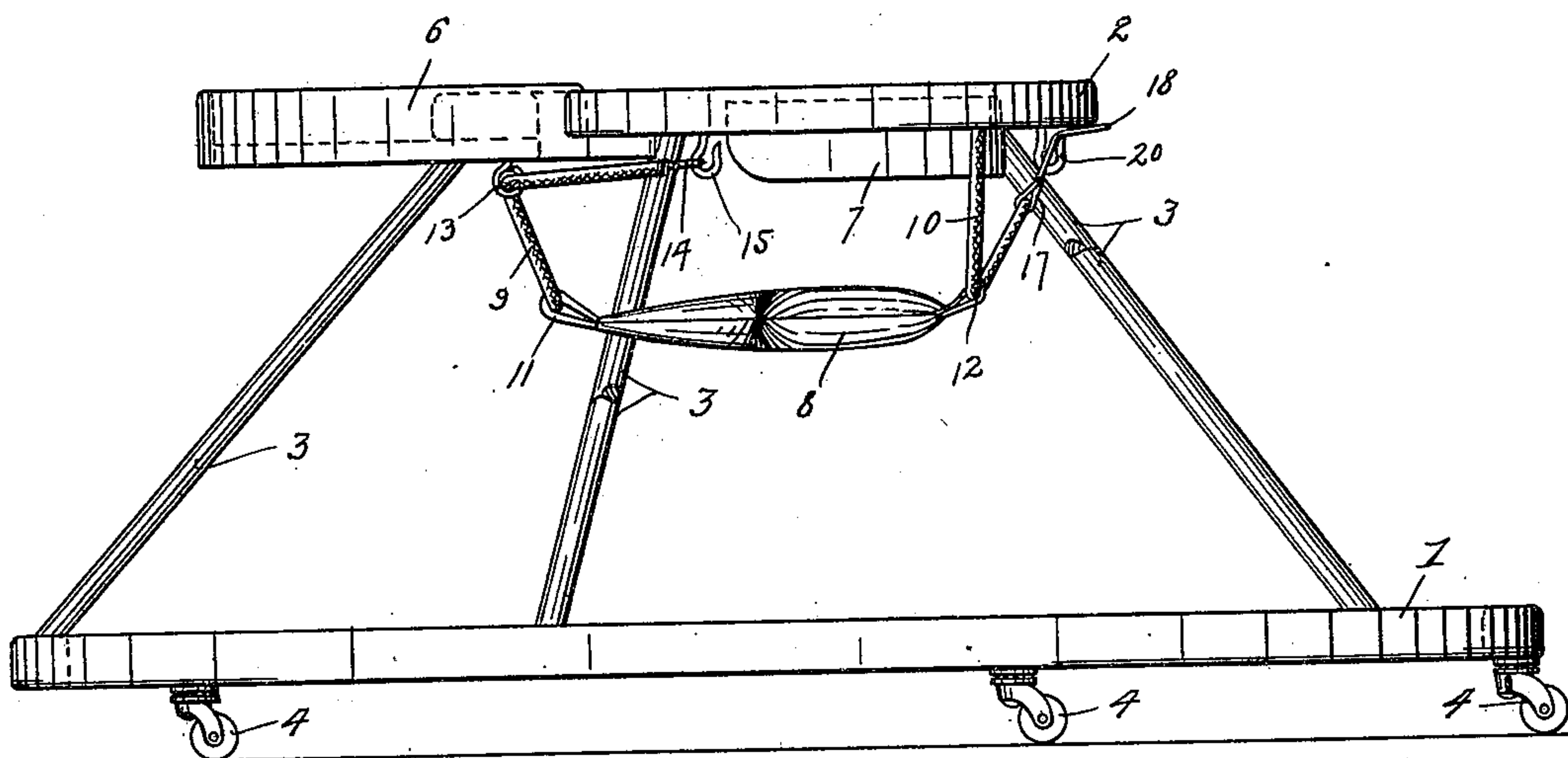
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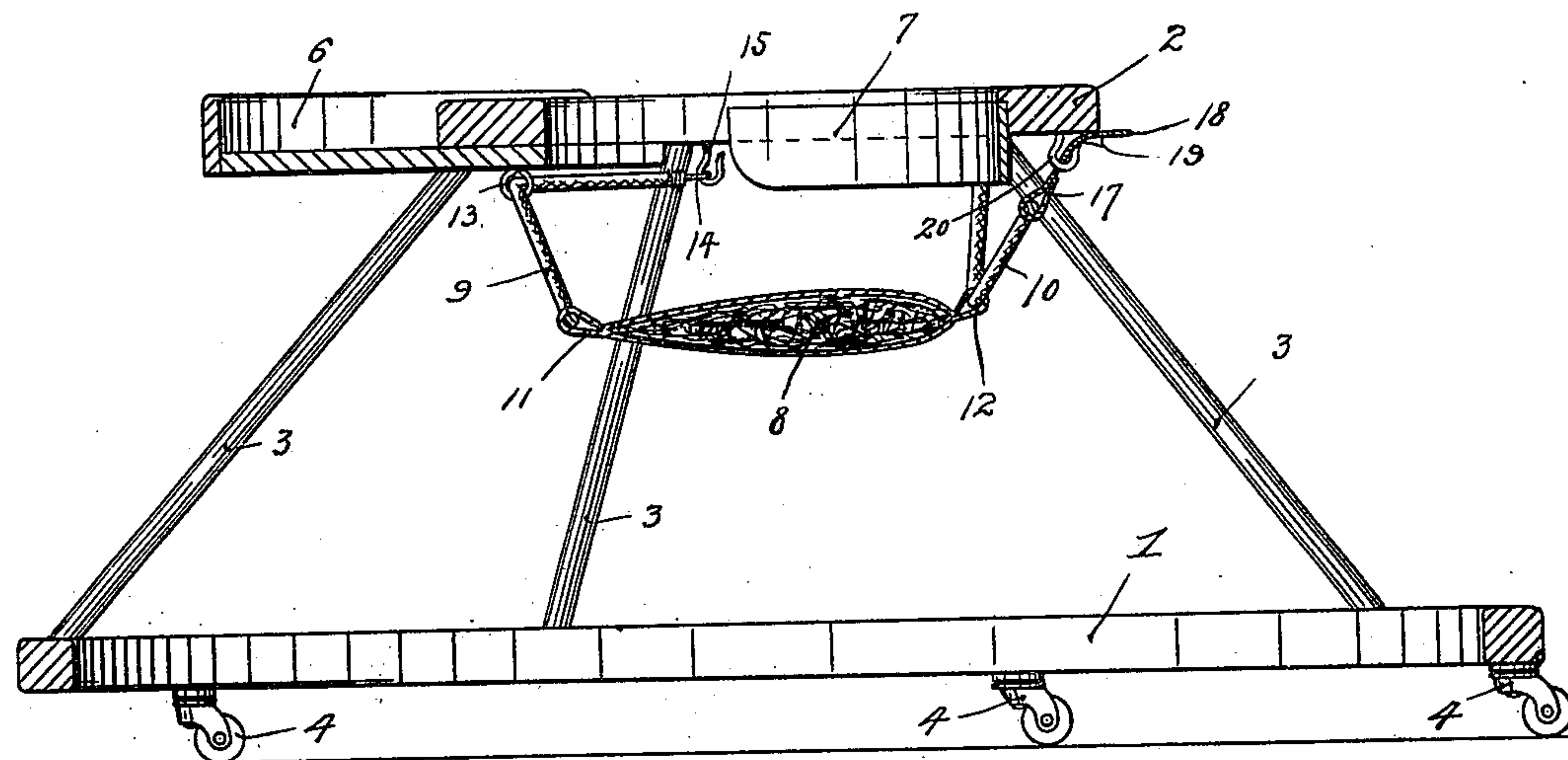
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## BABY-TENDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOY C. HUBBARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baby-Tenders; 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.

My invention relates to what are generally termed "baby-tenders," which are, as is well known, in the nature of light frames adapted to run over the floor and to support a child with its feet touching the ground, so as to push or propel the device.

My invention has for its object to improve the construction of the so-called "baby-tenders," and is particularly directed to the means for supporting the seat.

To the above ends my invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described, and defined in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the complete device; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line  $x^3 x^3$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section taken on the irregular line  $x^4 x^4$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section taken on the line  $x^5 x^5$  of Fig. 1. and Fig. 6 is a detail taken on the line  $x^6 x^6$  of Fig. 1.

The frame of the device is made up of a pair of annular sections or rings 1 and 2, connected by inclined rods or posts 3, which support the smaller member 2 of the two rings a considerable distance above the larger and lower member 1. The lower ring 1 is provided with a plurality of casters 4, adapted to run upon the floor. The upper ring or section 2 is, as is usual, shown as provided with a flanged shelf 6. Preferably the ring 2 is also provided with a segmental and vertically-extended back flange or extension 7, which gives a better support for the child's back.

The seat or saddle 8 is supported at its narrow front end or pommel by an elastic cord or connection 9, and at its rear end it is supported by another elastic cord or connec-

tion 10. The cords 9 and 10 are passed through loops 11 and 12, respectively, formed on the front and rear portions of the saddle or seat 8. There is but one loop 11, while there are two of the loops 12. The cord 9 is passed through guide-eyes 13, secured to the bottom and forward portion of the ring 2, and it is provided at its ends with eyes 14, that are detachably secured to hooks 15, secured in the sides of said ring 2.

The cord 10 is rigidly secured by cement, glue, or otherwise at its ends 16, within suitable seats formed in the rear portion of the ring 2, while at its intermediate portion it is passed through the loop 17 of an adjusting-strap 18. The adjusting-strap 18 is provided with a series of perforations 19, adapting it to be adjustably secured to a hook 20, which is screwed into the rear portion of the ring 2, as best shown in Fig. 6. By means of this adjusting-strap 18 the seat or saddle may be vertically adjusted and may be given either an upward or a downward pitch or incline, as may be desired.

The elastic cords support the seat yieldingly, and cannot entangle with the clothes of the child, and, furthermore, they afford an extremely cheap and efficient construction for supporting the saddle.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

1. In a baby-tender, the combination with the framework made up of the rings 1 and 2 and inclined rods 3, of the saddle 8, having the loops 11 and 12, the elastic cord 9 extended through said loop 11 and supporting the pommel end of the saddle from said ring 2, the adjusting-strap 17 18 19, the flexible cord 10 passed through the saddle-loops 12 and through the loop 17 of said adjusting-strap with its end secured to said ring 2, and the hook 20 secured to the rear portion of said ring 2 and coöperating with the said adjusting-strap, substantially as described.

2. In a baby-tender, the combination with the framework made up of the rings 1 and 2 and inclined rods 3, of the guide-eyes 13 and hooks 15 and 20, secured to said ring 2, the saddle 8 provided with the loops 11 and 12, the flexible cord 9 passed through said saddle-loop 11 and guide-eyes 13 and provided at its ends with eyes 14 engaging the hooks

15, the adjusting-strap 18 provided with the  
loop 17 and with perforations 19 through  
which the said hook 20 is engageable, and the  
elastic cord 10 passed through the loop 17 of  
5 said adjusting-strap 18, through the saddle-  
loops 12 and secured at its ends to the said  
rings 2, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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