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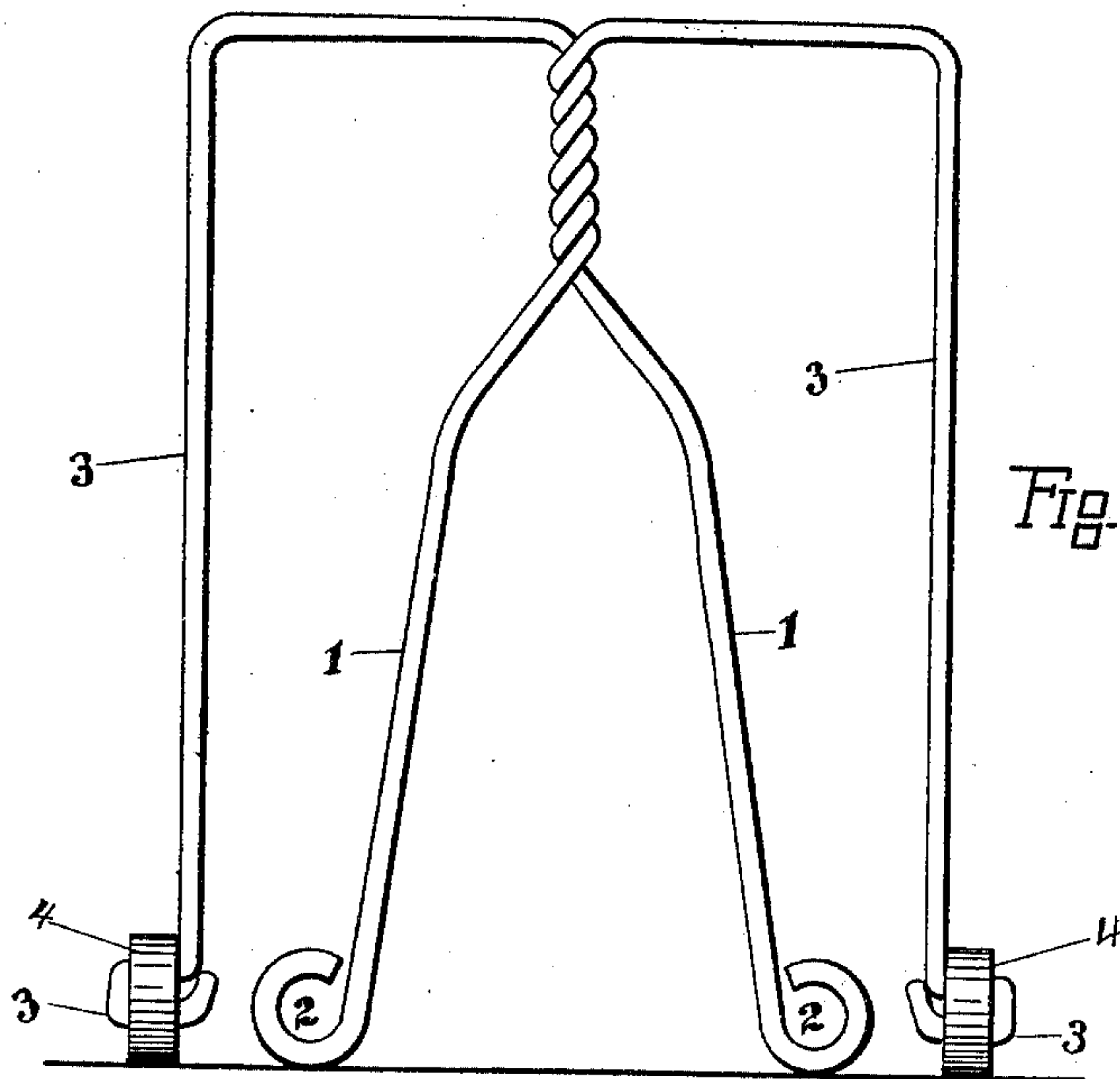


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Fig. 2.

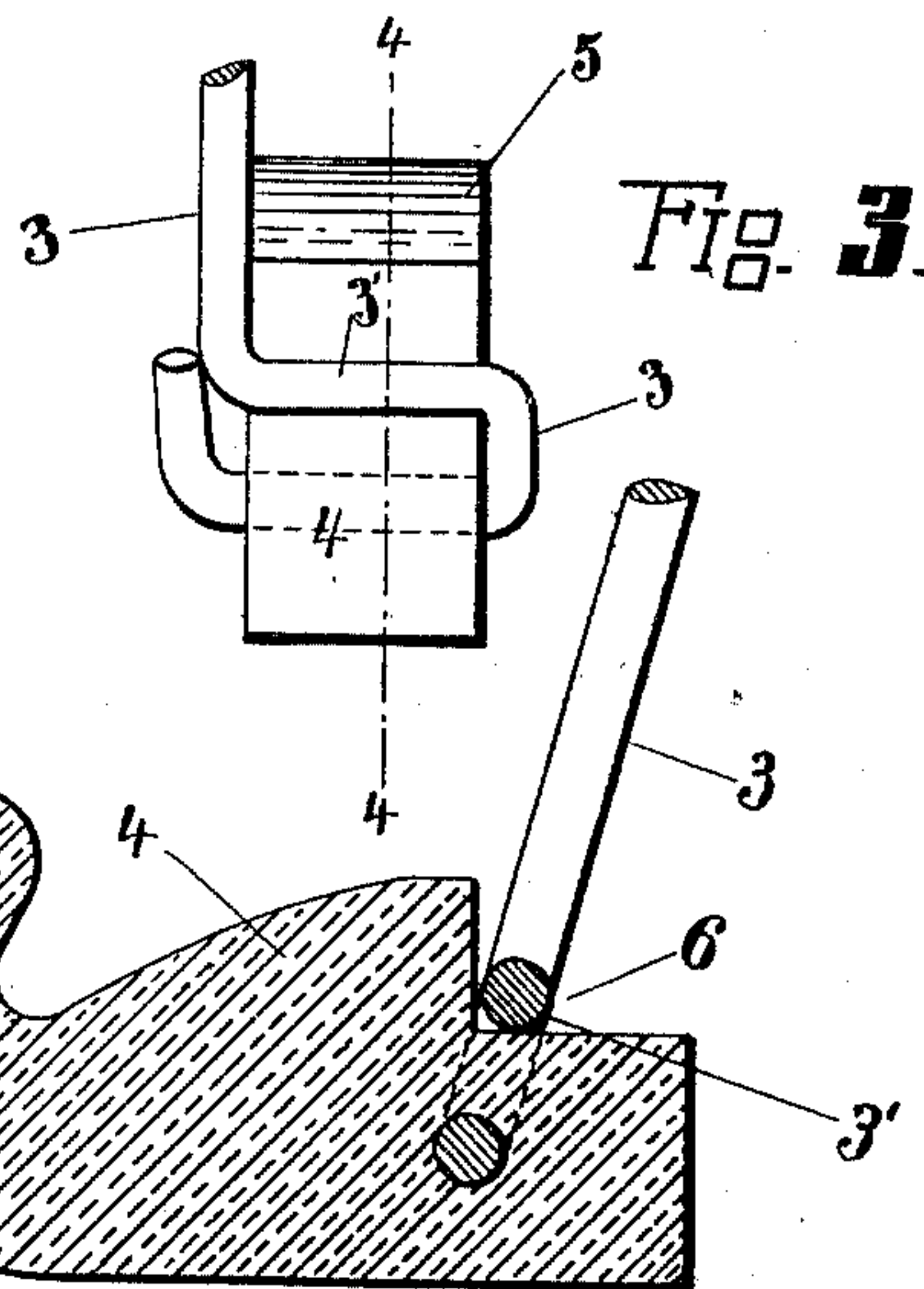
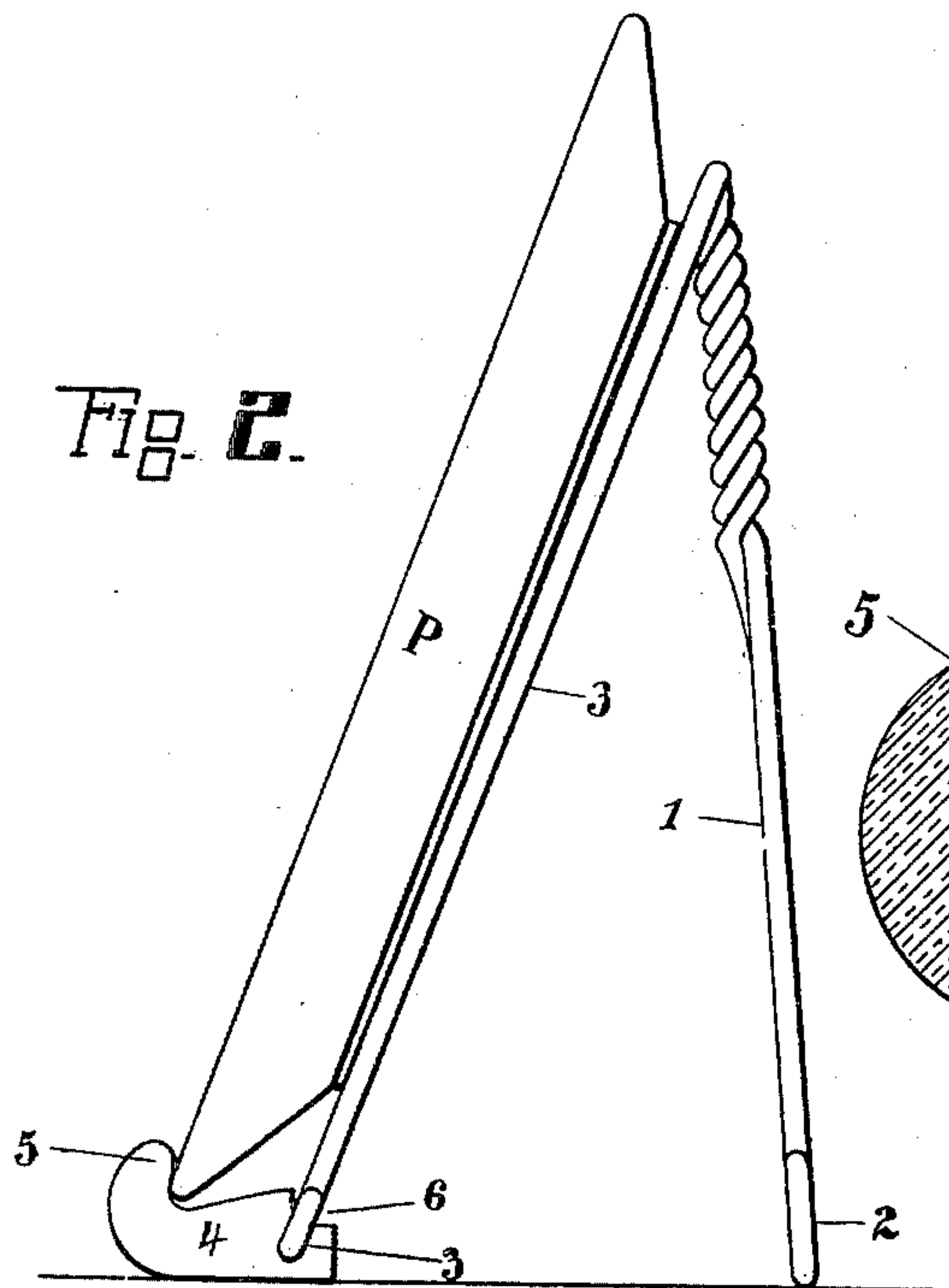


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## PLATE-EASEL AND RACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS KAMINSKI, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plate-Easels and Racks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in plate-easels and hanging racks; and it consists in a novel construction of easel more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the easel. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof and of a plate supported thereby. Fig. 3 is a detail showing rear view of the foot by which the edge of the plate is supported; and Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section on line 4-4 of Fig. 3, the lower end of the supporting-arm being in elevation.

The object of my invention is to construct a plate-easel which possesses the advantage of not obstructing the view of the plate supported thereby, one which will not tarnish or oxidize, and one possessing further and other advantages better apparent from a detailed description of the invention, which is as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 1 represent the wire supporting legs or members of the main frame, said legs terminating in basal yielding or resilient loops 2, preferably coiled outwardly. The upper extensions of the members are twisted together and thence are deflected outwardly in the shape of horizontal extensions, which are subsequently bent downwardly in the shape of inclined arms 3 3. The ends of the latter are passed through the rear portion of the feet 4, each foot being provided with a forward hook 5 to receive the edge of the plate P and a rear angular recess or notch 6, designed to receive the outwardly-deflected portion or offset 3' of the arm 3 before the end of the latter is passed through the foot. The offset 3' thus bearing against the base of the recess 6 serves, in conjunction with the portion passed through the foot, to connect the foot rigidly to the

arm 3 and prevent displacement thereof both vertically and in a horizontal plane.

The foot 4 is made of transparent material, preferably glass or any of the silicates entering into the manufacture of glass, china, porcelain, and the like, the object of the transparent feature being to prevent any obstruction to a full view of the plate behind the hook 5. The object of the particular composition here set forth is to prevent corrosion or tarnishing of the foot, an objection inherent in the majority of easels made wholly of metal, such as silver, brass, nickel, and the like.

It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise details herein shown, nor do I limit the composition of the foot to any particular silicate, it being in the scope of my invention to depart from these in a measure without affecting the nature or spirit of my invention. It is to be further noted that the present easel may be used for supporting other ornaments or devices besides plates, plaques, and the like.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. An easel comprising a wire frame, legs forming a part thereof, forwardly-inclined arms connected to the legs, detachable feet at the lower ends of said arms, each foot comprising a body portion adapted to rest on the supporting-surface for the frame, a forward upturned hook at the outer end of the body portion, the rear end of the body portion having an opening for the passage of the wire, substantially as set forth.

2. An easel comprising a main frame composed of wire supporting members or legs, outwardly-coiled loops at the lower ends thereof, the upper portions of the legs being intertwined and then deflected outwardly, thence downwardly in the form of inclined arms, hooked feet at the lower ends of the arms, the rear ends of the feet having angular recesses or notches, an offset formed in each arm and bearing against the base of said angular offset, the arm being thence passed through the foot, whereby both vertical and horizontal displacement of the foot is prevented, substantially as set forth.



3. In an easel, a foot composed of transparent glass and comprising a body portion, a hook at the forward end thereof, an angular recess or notch at the opposite end, and  
5 having an opening adjacent to the recess for the reception of a suitable wire, substantially as set forth.

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

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