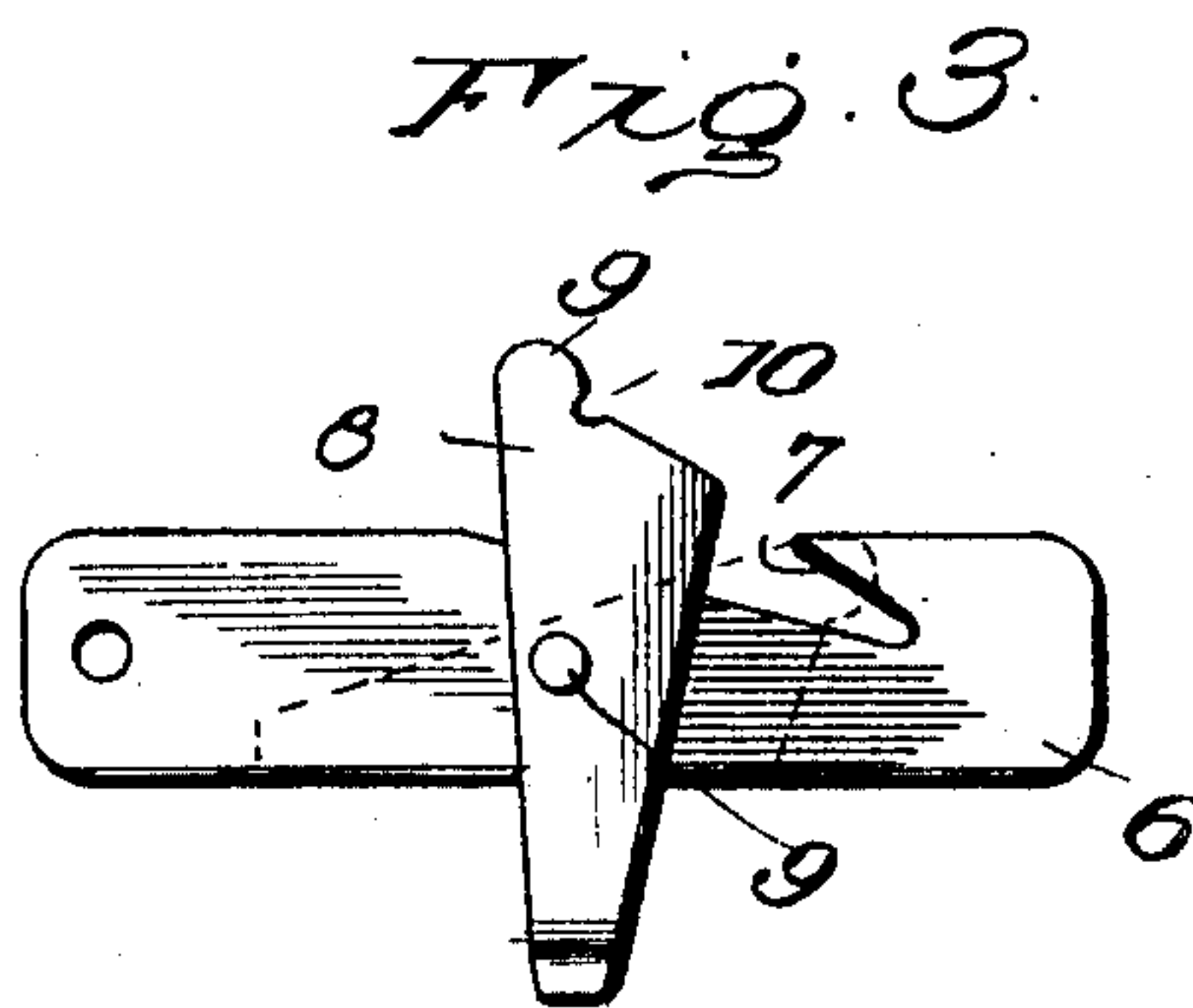
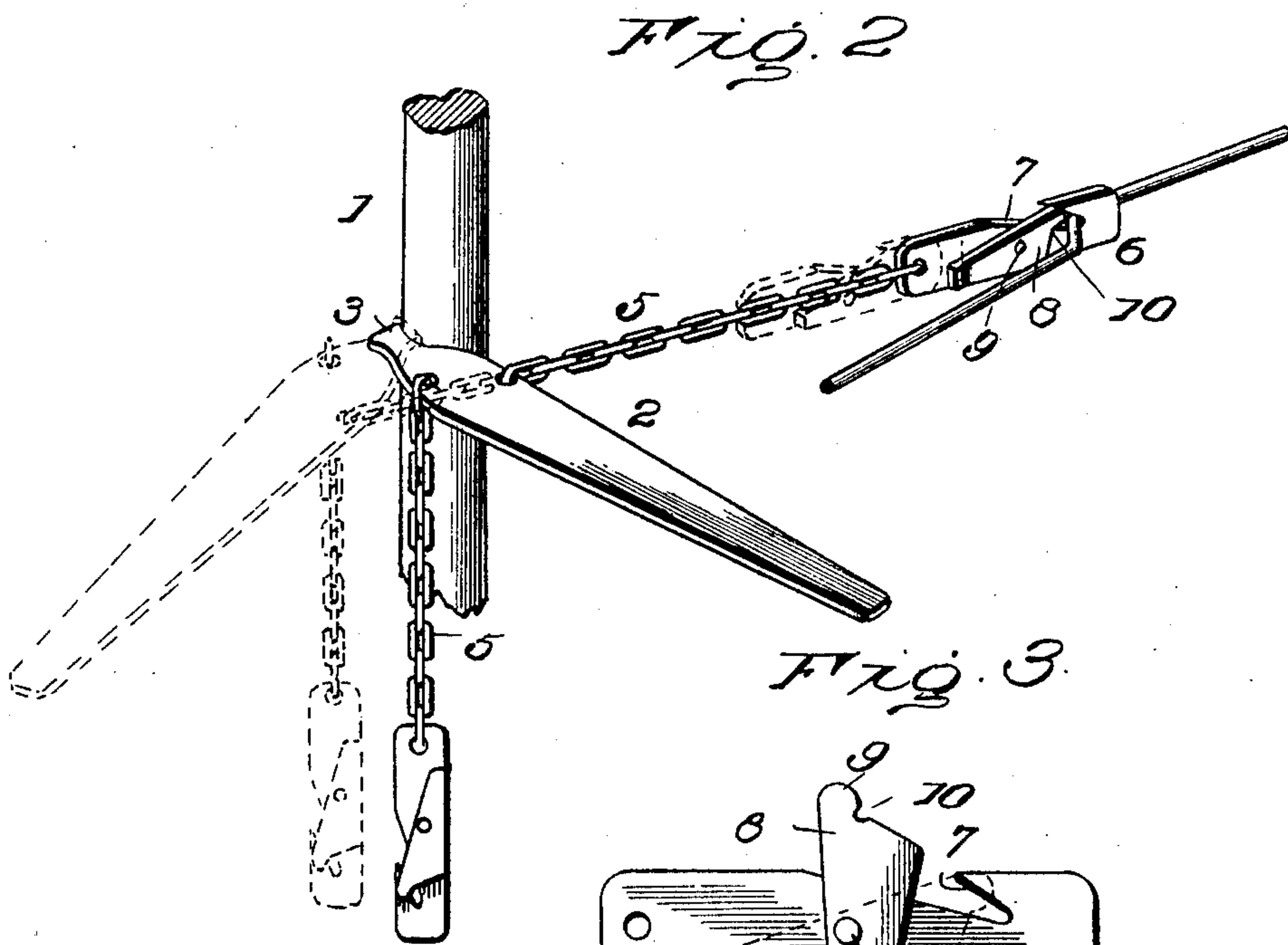
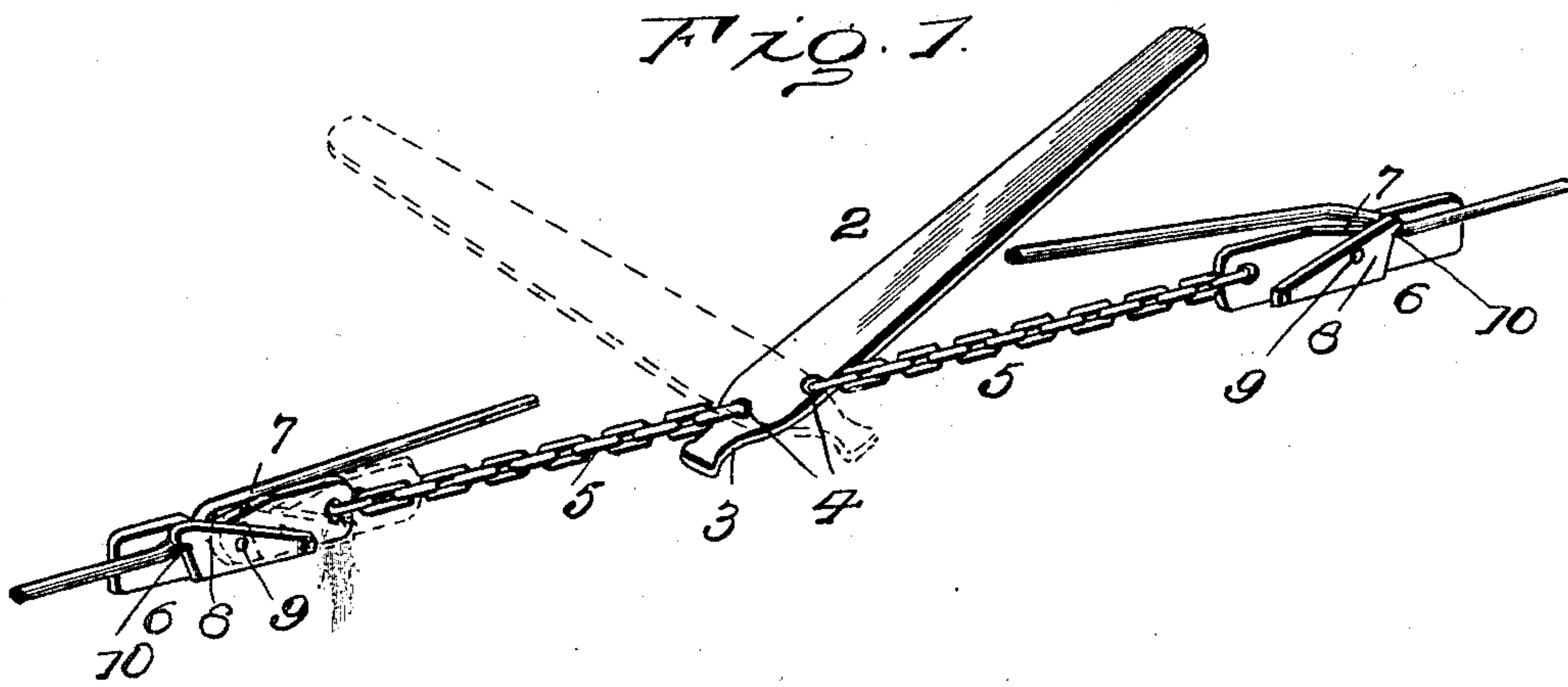


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## WIRE-FENCING TOOL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROGER McCUE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Alpine, in the county of Brewster and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wire-Fencing Tools, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in wire-fence-repairing tools; and it has for its object, among others, to provide a device of this kind that is simple, cheap, and durable by which wire fences may be repaired quickly and thoroughly, the device being very light to enable one to carry it around easily; and with these and minor objects in view my invention consists of the parts and combinations of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter pointed out.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention attached to a broken fence-wire. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same used in connection with a fence-post. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a clamp detached adapted to be used with the tool.

1 is a fence-post broken away.

2 is the main lever or handle of my repairing-tool, which may be of approved pattern as far as the main body thereof is concerned. One end of the lever 1 is reduced and depressions 3 formed in the edge thereof, said depressions being concaved and of such shape that they fit the contour of a post, thereby enabling the operator to slide the tool around the circumference of the post, as will be readily understood from Fig. 2. The lever works in a horizontal plane at right angles to the plane of the post. The lever 2 is provided with two holes 4 about four inches apart near its inner end, said holes being on opposite sides of the lever, and at different distances from the inner end of the lever 5 are chains, attached at one end to the lever 2 by means of the holes 4, as shown in the drawings.

6 is a locking-plate secured to the outer ends of the respective chains 5 and provided with an under or cam cut 7.

8 is a keeper pivoted at 9 to the center of the locking-plate 6, the forward end of which is cut on an angle and provided with a pro-

jection 9, immediately below which is a depression 10. There being a break in the wire the respective locking-plates are secured to the broken ends of the wire, as shown in Fig. 1, and locked in position on the wire by turning the keeper 8 on its pivot until the wire rests in the depression 8. The parts being in this position the lever 2 is swung around in a horizontal plane, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, until the ends of the wire are brought into position for splicing. In view of the fact that the lever may be swung around by pressing the body of the operator against it it will be understood that the hands of the operator are free to make the splice or repair and at the same time hold the wire in its stretched position until the repair is completed, thus obviating the necessity of a helper. When used in connection with a post, the inner end of the lever is placed against the post, the depression 3 fitting snugly against the same and holding the lever thereon against slipping endwise. When used in this position, the lever is swung around in the manner described in connection with Fig. 1.

From the above it will be readily seen that my invention provides a simple yet effective wire-fence repairer that may be readily manipulated by one operator.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a fence-repairing tool, the combination with a main lever, two holes formed in one end thereof, at different distances from said end, depressions formed in the edges of the tool near the inner end beyond said holes, of chains secured in said holes and a wire-lock secured on the other end of said chains.

2. In a fence-repairing tool, the combination with a main lever, concaved depressions formed in each edge and extending to the inner end of the lever, of chains attached to said lever near each edge at different distances from the concaved depressions and a gripping-tool secured to said chains.

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