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Fig. 1

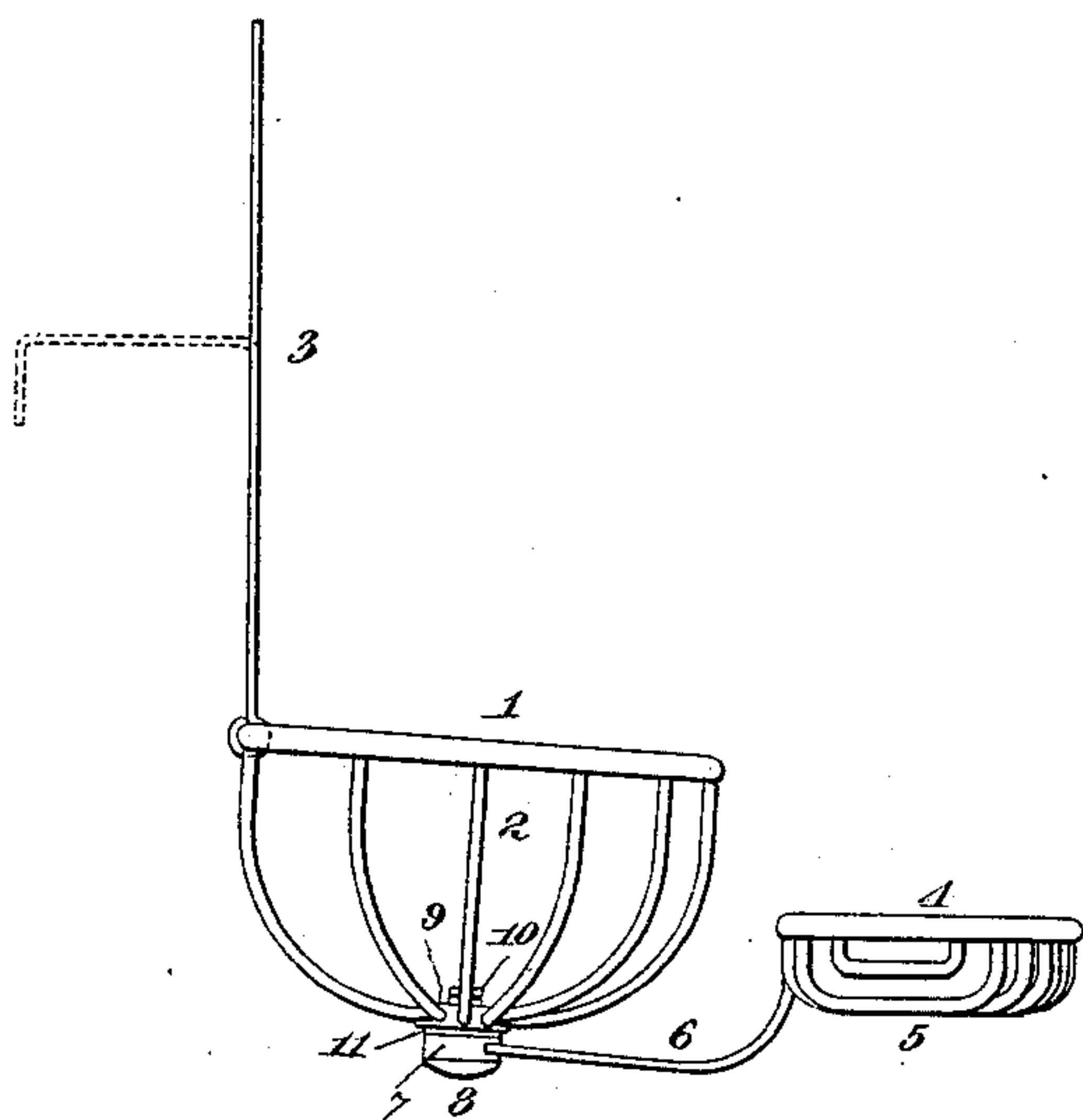


Fig. 2

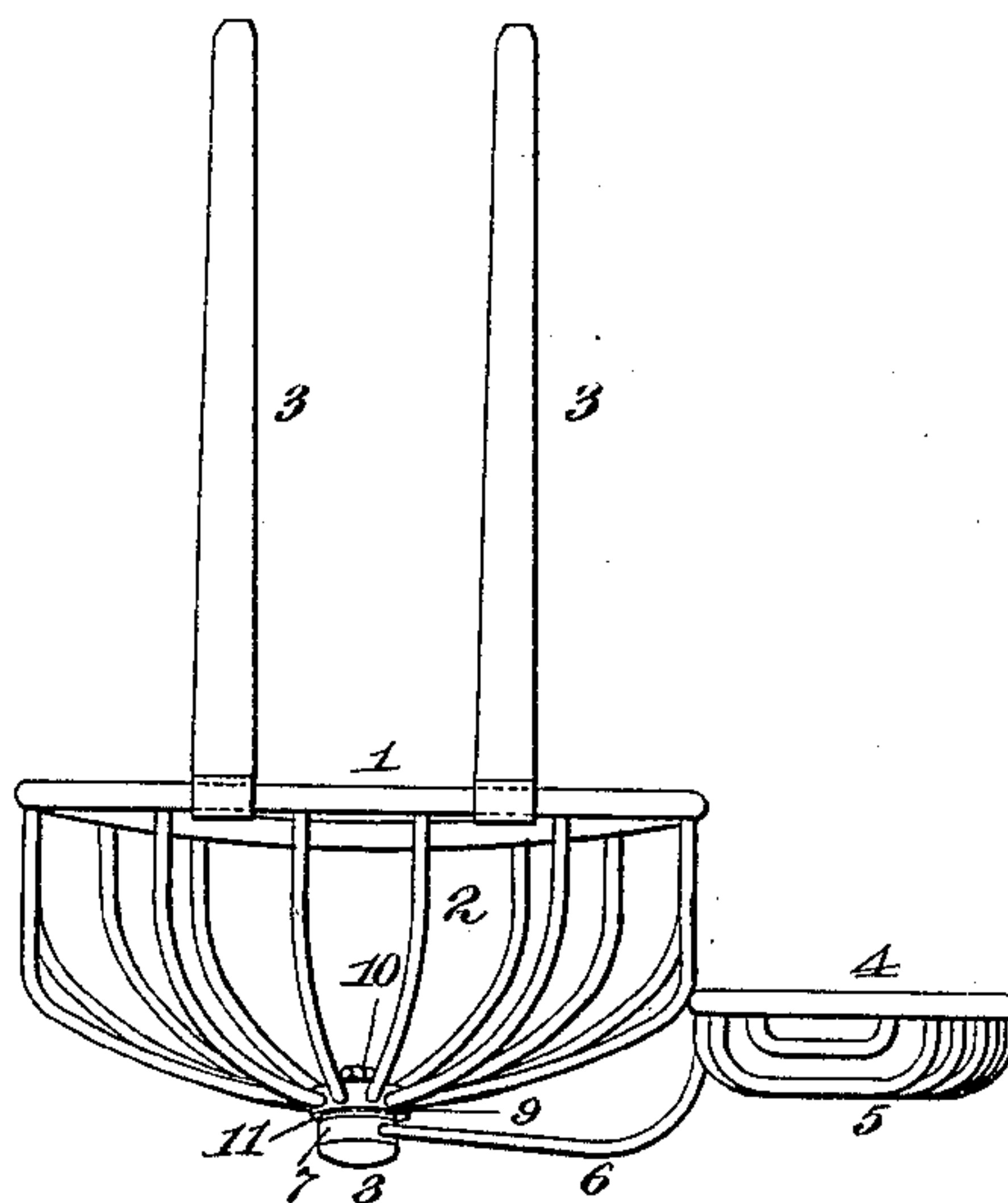


Fig. 3

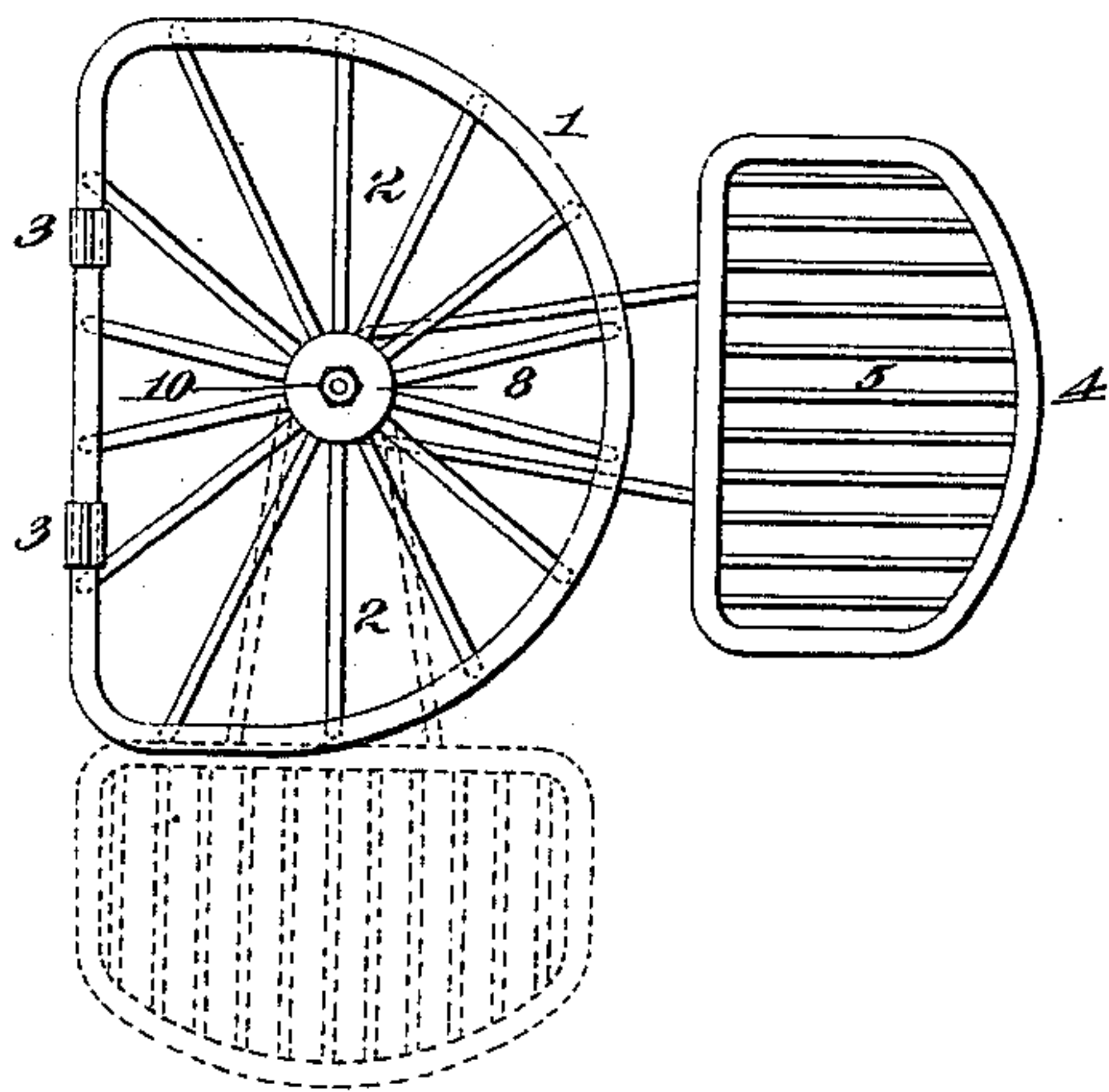
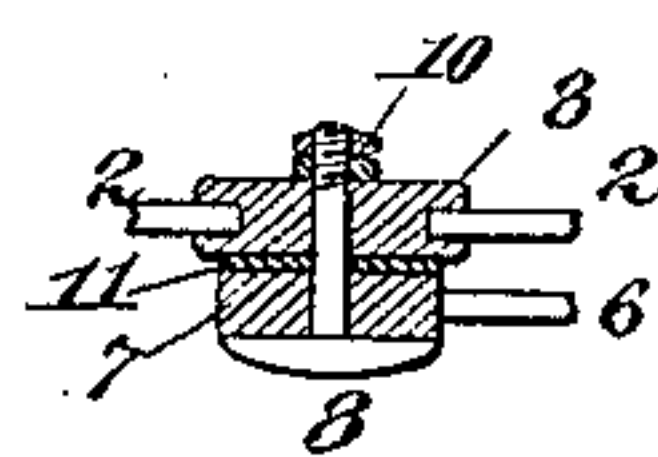


Fig. 4



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COMBINED SPONGE-HOLDER AND SOAP-DISH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN P. STEPPE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Brooklyn, city and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Combined Sponge-Holder and Soap-Dish, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved combined sponge-holder and soap-dish; and the object of the invention is to provide a simple combination of these devices wherein the soap-dish may readily be removed from the sponge-holder when desired and wherein the soap-dish is pivotally supported with respect to the sponge-holder, so that the relative positions of the two may be changed in operation.

In order that the invention may be better understood, attention is directed to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the device; Fig. 2, a front view showing the soap-dish in one of its extreme positions and in engagement with one of the ribs of the sponge-holder; Fig. 3, a plan showing the soap-dish supported directly in front of the sponge-holder, but indicating in dotted lines one of the extreme positions to which the soap-dish is capable of movement; and Fig. 4, an enlarged section of the supporting-joint between the dish and holder.

In all of the above views corresponding parts are represented by the same numerals of reference.

The sponge-holder is provided with a properly-shaped rim or edge 1, to which are secured the ribs 2. The holder is supported by brackets 3, which may be bent over the edge of the tub, as shown in dotted lines, or be received upon nails or hooks when the device is attached to a wall. The soap-dish may also be formed of a ridge or rim 4, to which are secured the parallel ribs 5.

6 6 are bracket-arms by which the soap-dish is supported, said arms being connected at their inner ends to a disk 7, which is mount-

ed on a threaded shaft 8, extending through a bearing 9 at the center of the sponge-holder and to which the lower ends of the ribs 2 are secured. Lock-nuts 10 10 retain the shaft in place. If desired, a washer 11 may be inserted between the bearing 9 and the disk 7. By thus supporting a soap-dish pivotally with respect to a sponge-holder the former can be readily moved pivotally from side to side. In its extreme movements the edge 4 of the soap-dish engages one of the ribs 2 of the sponge-holder, as shown, (see full lines, Fig. 2, and dotted lines, Fig. 3,) so that said movement is limited to prevent the soap-dish from being swung around entirely to engage the tub or wall.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. As a new manufacture, a sponge-holder provided with brackets by which it may be rigidly supported, and a soap-dish pivotally supported at the bottom of the sponge-holder and movable in a horizontal plane with respect to the latter, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new manufacture, a sponge-holder formed with a bearing at its bottom, a shaft mounted in said bearing, and a soap-dish pivoted on said shaft, whereby the soap-dish can be moved in a horizontal plane with respect to the sponge-holder, substantially as set forth.

3. As a new manufacture, a sponge-holder provided with a series of ribs, and a soap-dish pivotally supported by the sponge-holder, movable in a horizontal plane with respect to the same and engaging one of said ribs at either extreme movement, substantially as set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 8th day of December, 1900.

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