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Fig. 1.

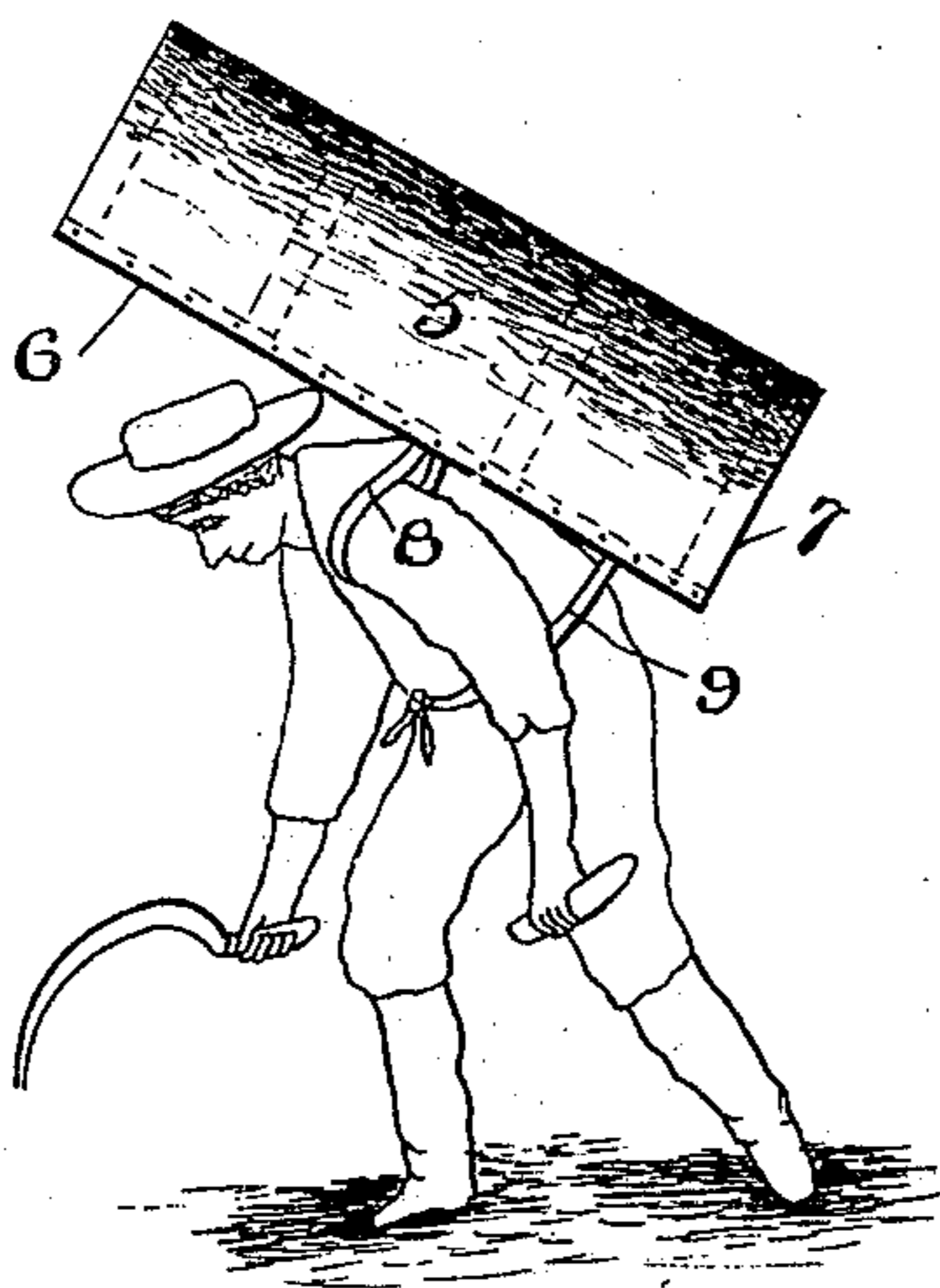


Fig. 2.

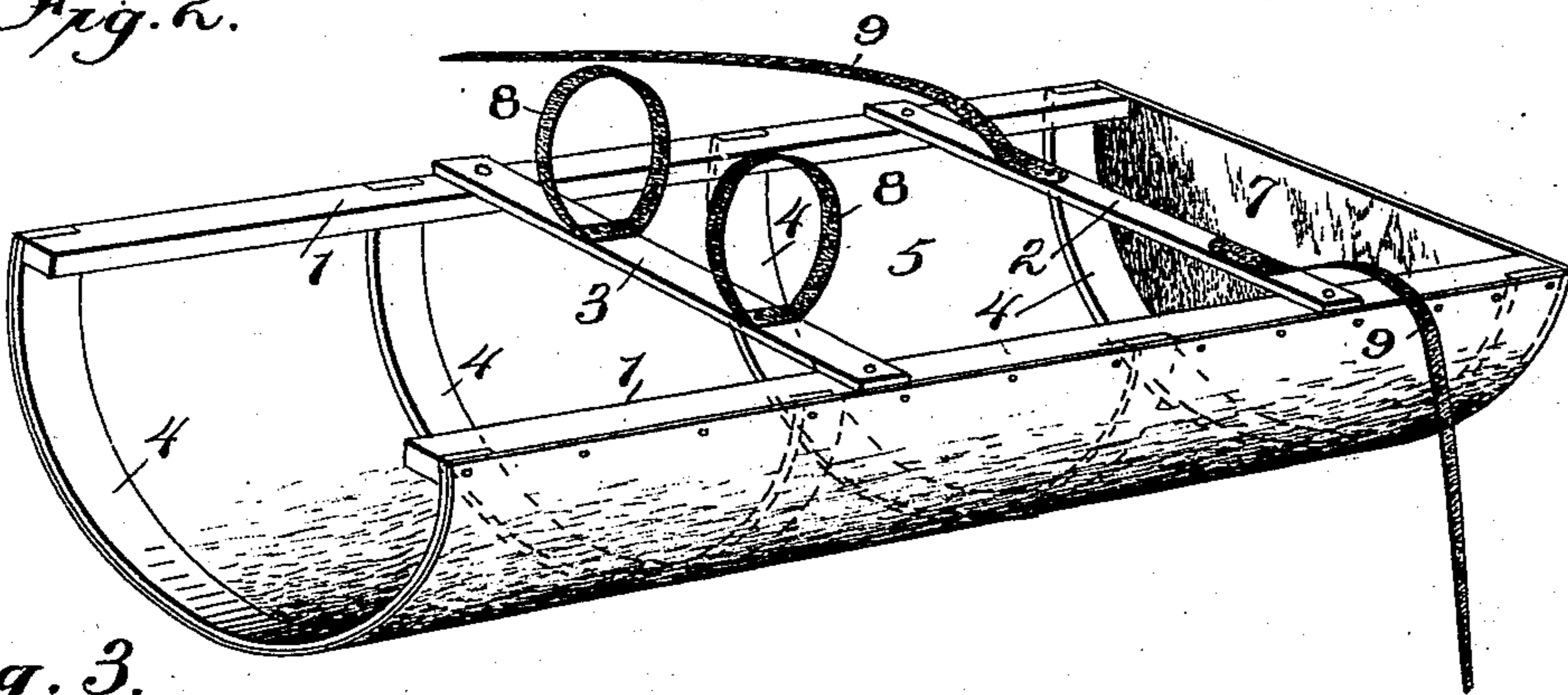
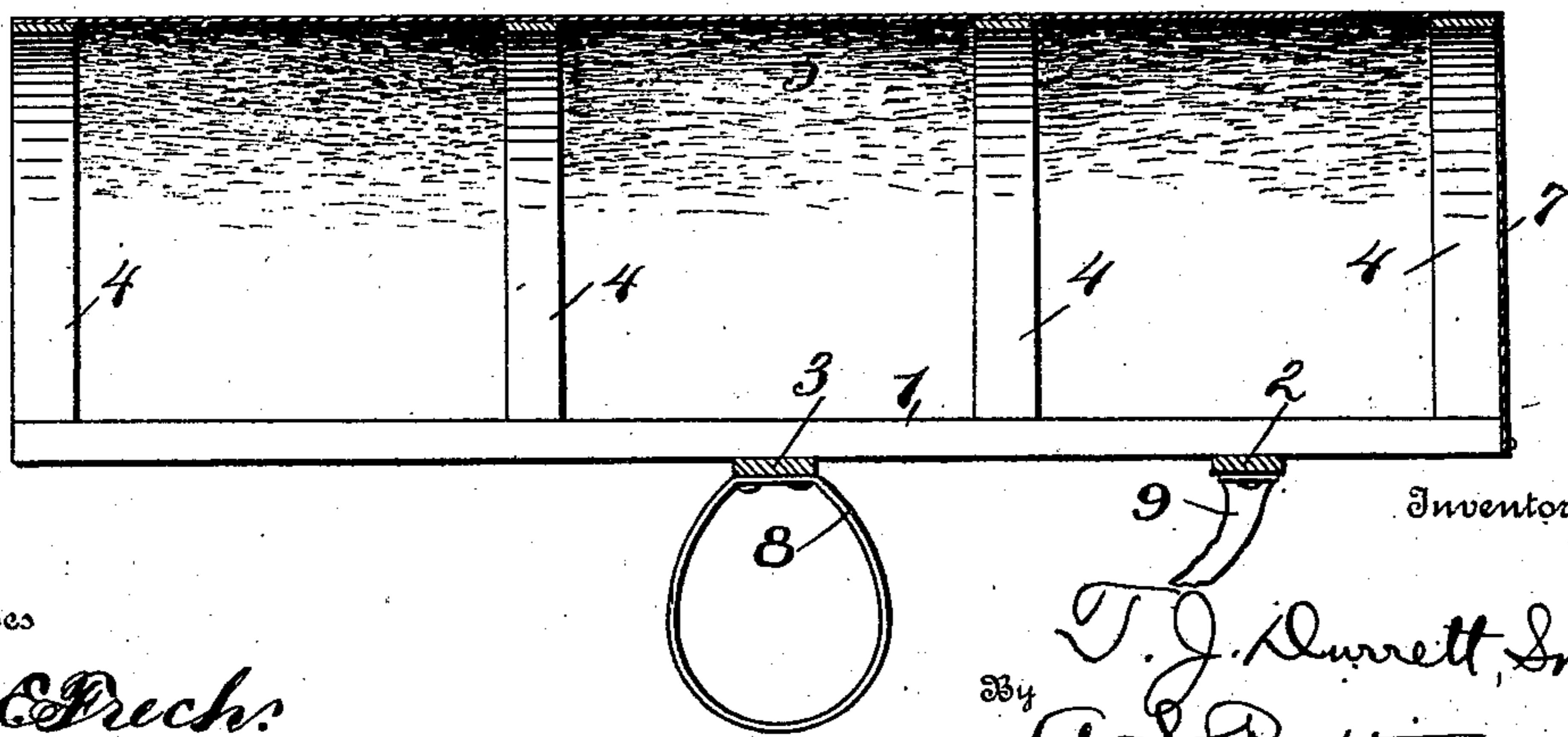


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. DURRETT, Sr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Arcadia, in the parish of Bienville and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Sunshades, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in sunshades, and particularly pertains to a shade constructed to protect the body and head of the wearer from the rays of the sun when working in a stooping position, and to this end is especially adapted for use by cotton-pickers.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved sunshade, showing it placed in position upon a wearer when in a stooping position. Fig. 2 is an inverted perspective view of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the center of my improved shade.

My improved shade is constructed of two longitudinal parallel bars 1, which are composed of light wood, and these two bars are connected by the longitudinal strips 2 and 3. The strip 3 is placed approximately at the center of the two bars 1, and the strip 2 is placed at a point inside of the lower or rear ends of the bars 1 a sufficient distance to have the bars extend sufficiently rearward to have the shade project over the body of the wearer when in a stooping position. A plurality of bowed semicircular strips 4, preferably composed of either light wood or of heavy pasteboard, have their ends tacked or suitably attached to the outer edges of the bars 1. A suitable covering of thin material 5 of the desired color is stretched over these bowed strips and has its edges 6 tacked to the outer edges of the bars 1. The rear or lower end is closed in by the material 7, thus forming a shade in which the upper or forward end projects beyond the head of the wearer and is open, while the rear end is closed to more effectually cut off the rays of the sun from the body of the wearer when in a stooping position.

The shade is attached to the wearer through the medium of the loops 8, attached to the centrally-arranged strip 3, and through which loop the arms of the wearer are passed, and by means of suitable tapes or straps 9 is attached to the lower or rear bar 2, the said rear bar being situated at a point opposite the waist of the wearer and these strips or

straps passed around the waist of the wearer and tied or buckled in the front.

By means of a device of this character the wearer may readily and quickly attach and detach the shade, which is cheap to construct, light when constructed, and effective for the purpose intended.

It will also be noted from the above description that any one can readily from the drawings and specification construct a shade for his own use, since no special tools are required or any special mechanical experience in the making of it. It is also constructed of a material which is a very poor conductor of heat and from which the wearer will receive practically no radiation.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A sunshade consisting of longitudinal parallel bars, bowed strips connecting the outer edges of said bars, a cover over said strips and extending over and covering one end of said frame, a transverse bar connecting the said parallel bars on their side and about midway the length thereof, arm or shoulder attaching loops carried by said bar, a second transverse bar at a point between the first bar and the closed outer end of the frame, waist securing-straps carried thereby, whereby the device is secured to the body with a forwardly-projecting portion adapted to shade the head, and a closed rear end adapted to shade the body, substantially as described.

2. A sunshade consisting of two longitudinal parallel bars, upwardly-extending bowed strips connecting the outer edges of said bars, a cover over said bowed strips and secured to the parallel bars and extending over one end formed by the bowed strips, a transverse bar connected to the parallel bars intermediate their ends, arm-receiving loops carried by said bar, a second transverse bar secured to the parallel bars between the first bar and the closed end, and waist securing-straps carried by said second transverse bar, substantially as described.

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

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