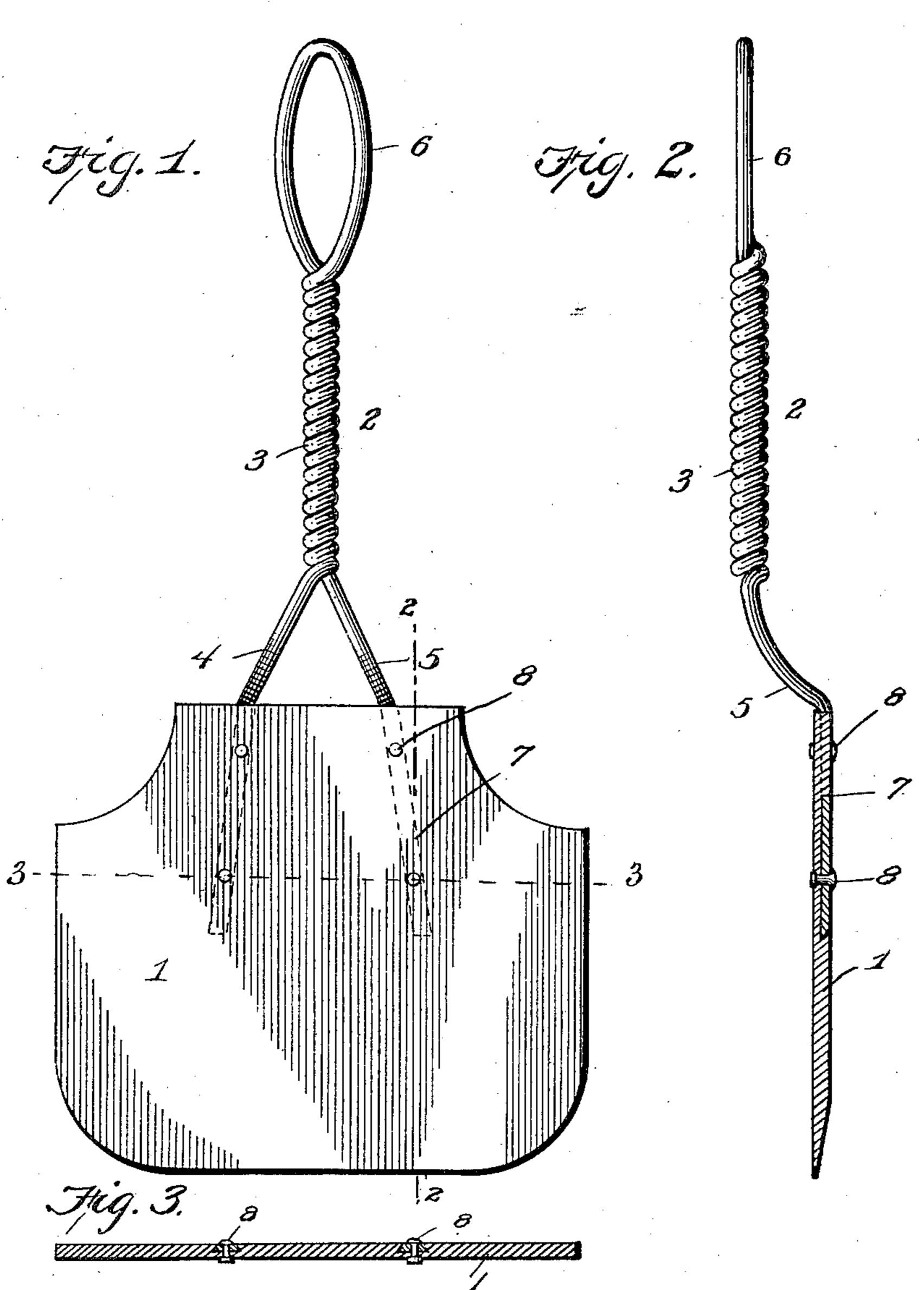
## E. R. THOMAS. PIE LIFTER.

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## PIE-LIFTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Beitknown that I, ELIZAR. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at and whose post-office address is St. Johns, in the county 5 of Clinton and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pie-Lifters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pie-lifters; and the 10 primary object is to provide a device of the character described which will be inexpensive and capable of easy manipulation.

The object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described with a han-15 dle so attached to back or under side of the blade that the same will have a plain smooth surface and not interfere with the free access under the object to be lifted.

To this end the invention consists in the 20 novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pie-lifter 25 constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing the blade in longitudinal section on line 22, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on line 3 3, Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings by numerals of 30 reference, I designates an approximately flat blade, to which is secured the handle 2. This handle is formed of a single strand of thick wire twisted intermediate its length to form a stiff portion 3. The ends of handle are 35 formed into diverging arms 4 and 5, which are inserted in grooves 7, formed in the back or under side of the blade and secured thereto by rivets 8, which are countersunk in the face of the blades, while the intermediate por- 40 tion 3 terminates in an end eye or loop 6, by means of which the device may be suspended upon a nail or hook when not in use.

I claim—

A pie-lifter comprising a flat blade formed 45 with converging grooves in the back and countersinks in the face thereof, a handle formed with arms fitting in the grooves, with a twisted shank, and with a loop at the outer end of the shank, and rivets whereby the 50 arms are secured to the blade, having their inner ends seated in the countersinks.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature

in presence of two witnesses.

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