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Fig. 1.

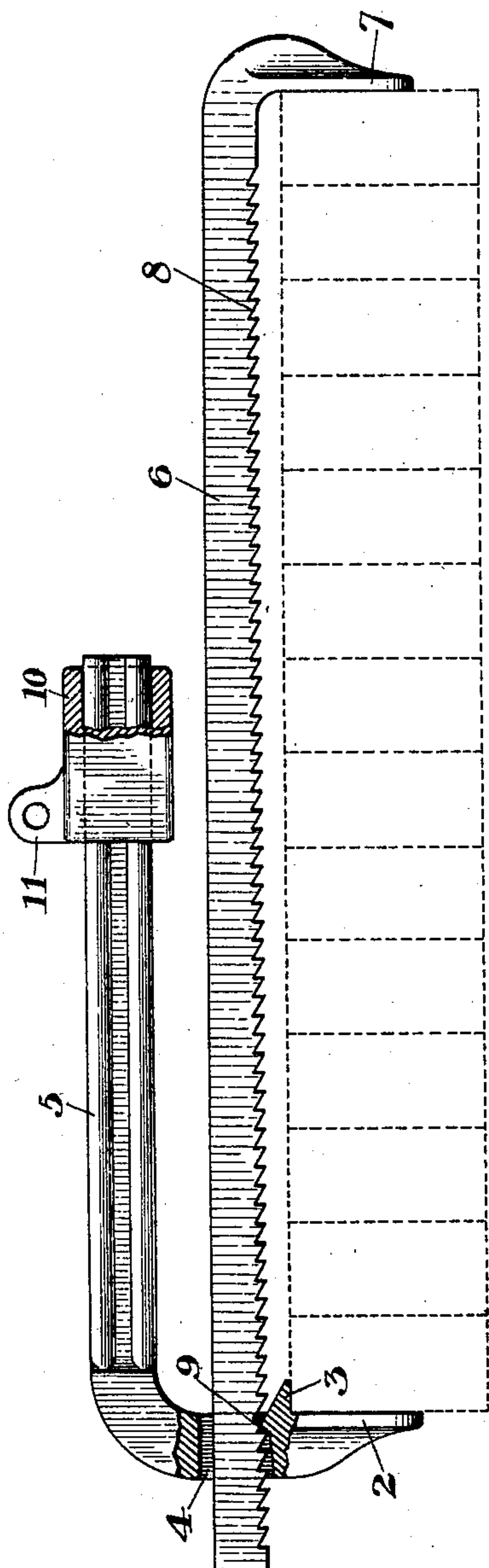
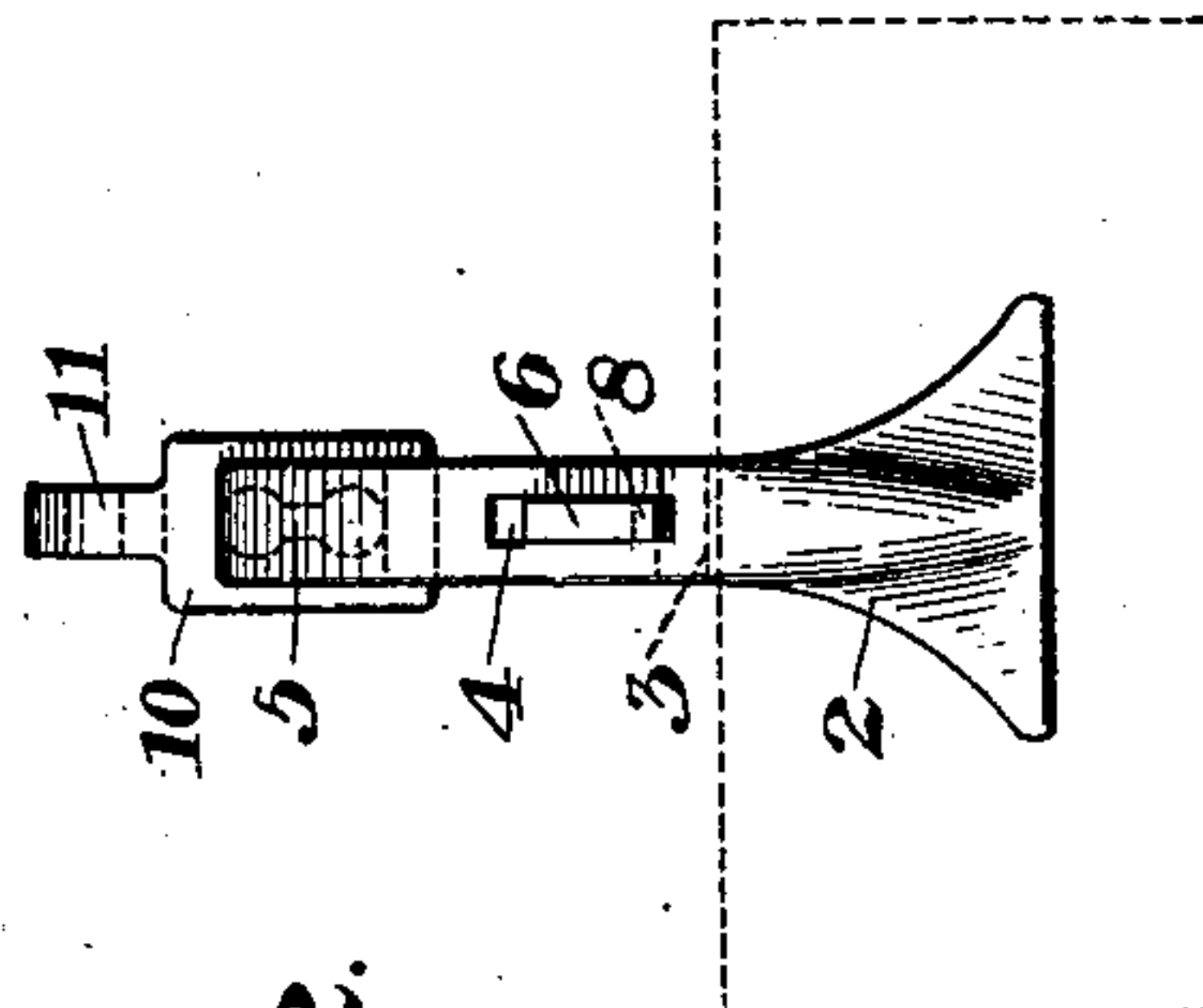


Fig. 2.



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BRICK-CARRIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. McDOWELL, of
Pittsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania,
have invented a new and useful Brick-Carrier,
5 of which the following is a full, clear, and ex-
act description, reference being had to the ac-
companying drawings, forming part of this
specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly broken
10 away, of my improved device; and Fig. 2 is
an end elevation of same.

My invention relates to the devices used for
holding and carrying a row of bricks, and is
designed to afford a cheap, simple, and effect-
15 ive device of this character which may be
adapted to rows of different length and can
be quickly and easily adjusted to support any
length of row at the center.

In the drawings, 2 represents a fixed jaw
20 having an inwardly-projecting shoulder 3, ar-
ranged to fit over the end brick. The stem
of this jaw is slotted at 4 and is thence bent
or curved into the handle portion 5, which ex-
tends at right angles to the plane of the jaw.
25 The stem 6 of the movable jaw 7 is provided
along its lower edge with ratchet-teeth 8,
which engage a tooth 9 in the floor of the slot
of the fixed jaw, through which the stem ex-
tends.

30 The handle 5 is provided with a slide 10,
which fits neatly thereon and can be moved
along to any desired point. The handle is
about one-half the length of the stem 6, so
that when the jaws are clamped upon the end
35 bricks of the row the slide can be moved to a
center of the row no matter what its length
within the limits of the device. The carrying
handle or hook leading to a hoist may be at-
tached to an eye 11 on the slide.

40 The advantages of my invention result from
the quick and easy adjustment of the slide
upon the handle, which enables the lifting
force to be exerted at the center of the row
irrespective of its length, and also from the
45 ratchet connection between the jaws, which
permits an easy and quick adjustment to suit
the length of the row and holds the jaws in
adjusted position.

Many variations may be made in the form
and arrangement of the jaws and their con- 50
nections, the handle, and the sliding member
without departing from my invention.

I claim—

1. A brick-carrier having two jaws, one of
said jaws having a handle arranged to extend 55
over the row of bricks, and a sliding support
mounted on the handle; substantially as de-
scribed.

2. A brick-carrier having a stationary jaw,
a movable jaw connected therewith, a handle 60
extending from the stationary jaw toward the
movable jaw, and a supporting-slide movable
along the handle; substantially as described.

3. A brick-carrier having a slotted station-
ary jaw with a tooth in the slot, a movable 65
jaw having a toothed stem extending through
the slot and engaging the teeth therein; sub-
stantially as described.

4. A brick-carrier having a slotted station-
ary jaw with a tooth in the slot, a movable 70
jaw having a toothed stem extending through
the slot and engaging the tooth therein, a han-
dle extending from the stationary jaw toward
the toothed jaw, and a slide movable along
the handle; substantially as described. 75

5. A brick-carrier having jaws, one of the
jaws being provided with an overhanging han-
dle of about one-half the length of the carrier,
and a slide adjustable along the handle; sub-
stantially as described. 80

6. A carrier having two jaws, one of said
jaws having a connecting-bar extending over
the bricks or material carried, the other jaw
having a handle extending longitudinally
over the connecting-bar, and a supporting 85
device adjustable to different points along the
said handle; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand.

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