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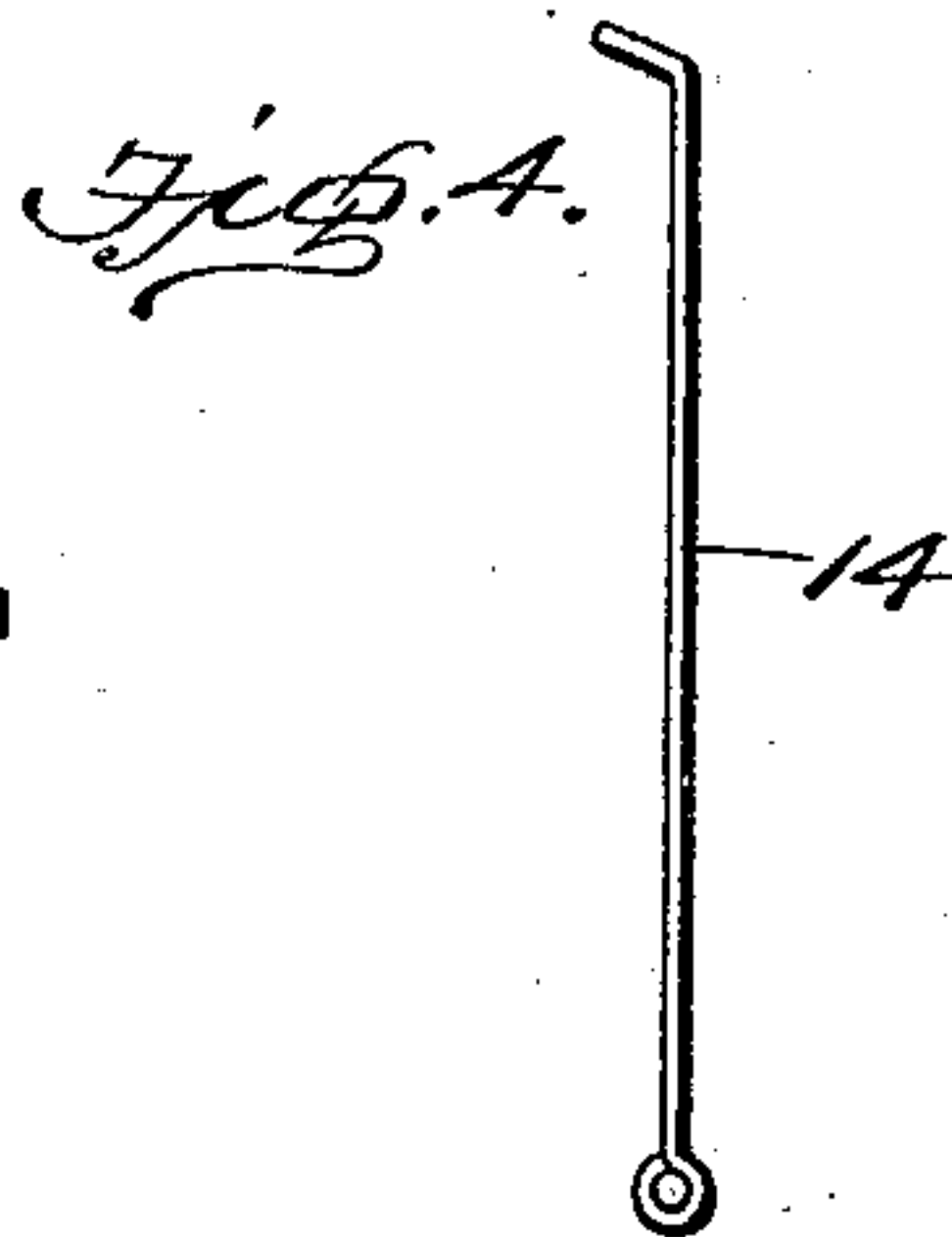
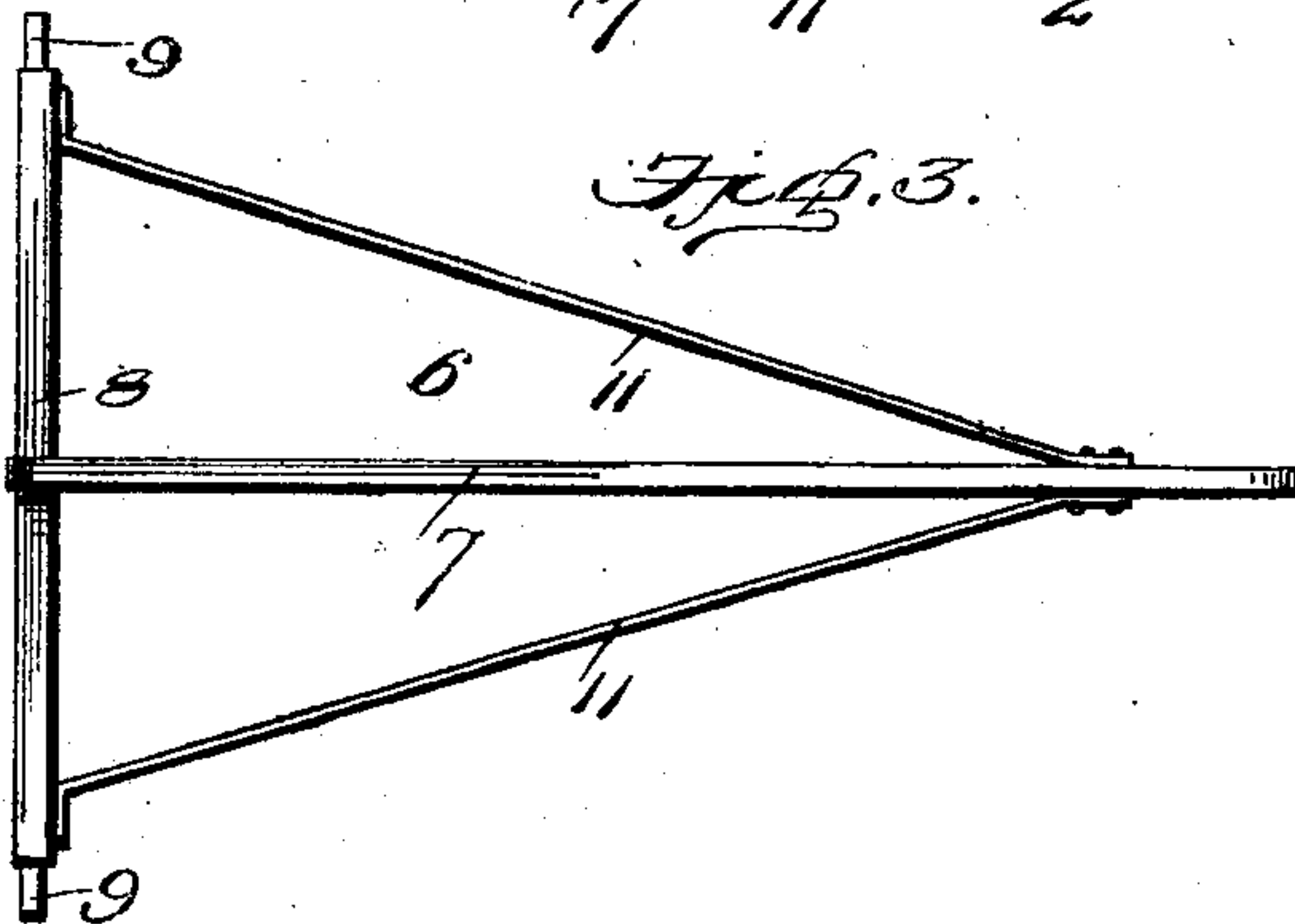
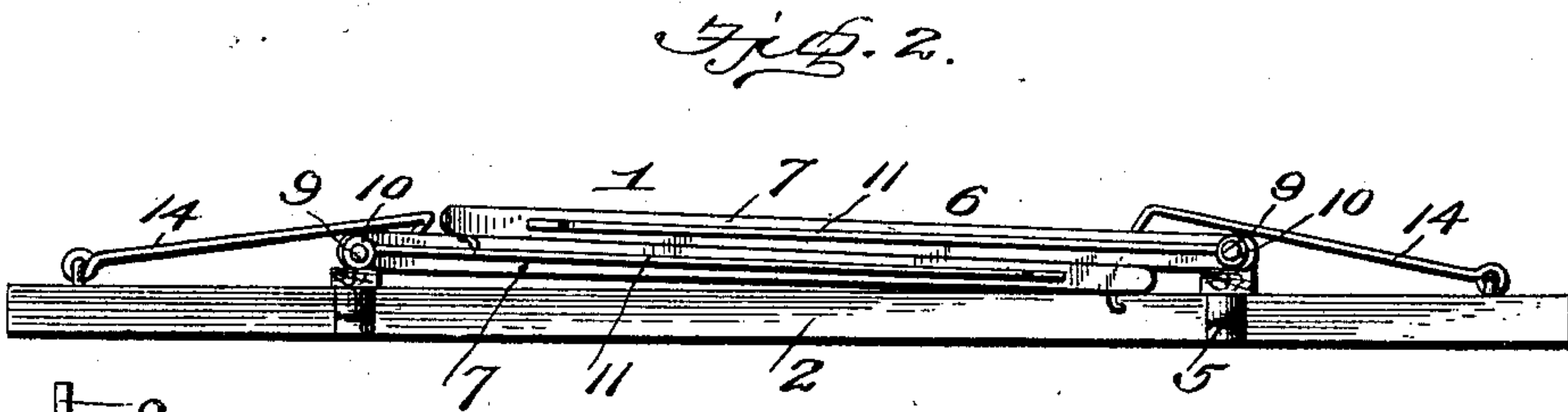
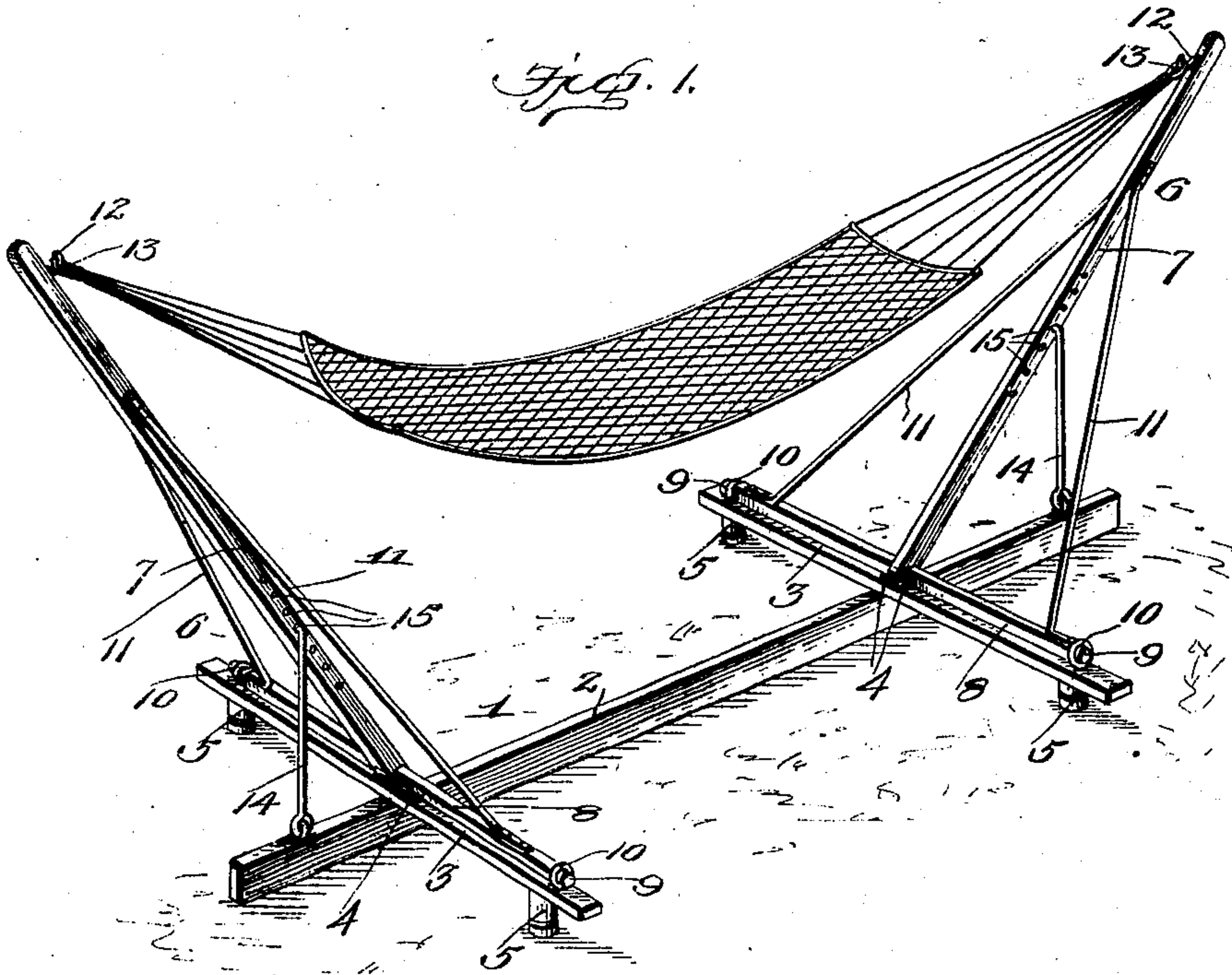
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. MOREHOUSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wasco, in the county of Sherman and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammock-Supports; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to a hammock-support, and more particularly to that class of inventions designed for supporting a hammock in position for use and capable of being folded into small compass for the purpose of storage or transportation.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, comparatively inexpensive of production, and which may be readily adjusted to stretch the hammock to compensate for persons of different weights or for elevating it different distances above the ground.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hammock-support, showing a hammock in position for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the hammock-support folded into small compass. Fig. 3 is a plan view of one of the stretchers, and Fig. 4 is an elevation of one of the adjusting devices or hooks.

Referring to the drawings, 1 denotes the bed-frame, which consists of a longitudinal bar or sleeper 2 and cross-bars 3, secured to said longitudinal bar or sleeper near its ends by bolts 4 or any other suitable means. The cross-bars 3 are preferably provided with support-feet 5.

6 denotes the stretchers, each of which consists of a rod 7, having fixed to its lower end a shaft 8, formed at its ends with trunnions

9, which are journaled in bracket eyes or staples 10, secured to the cross-bars 3.

11 denotes diagonal braces extending from the ends of the shaft 8 and connected at their outer ends with the rod 7. The extreme upper ends of the rod 7 are provided with hooks or other fastening devices 12, with which are connected the rings 13 at the ends of the hammock.

14 denotes an adjusting device, which in the present instance is shown in the form of a hook. To each end of the bar 2 is loosely secured one of these hooks, which is adapted to engage perforations 15, formed in the rod 7, and thereby retain the spreaders in desired adjustment. As shown in Fig. 1, should it be desired to give the hammock a greater stretch than illustrated the hooks are disengaged from the spreaders and the spreaders swung farther outwardly and the hooks then engaged with the outermost holes in the rod 7. If it is desired to allow the hammock to have a greater sag than that shown in Fig. 1, the spreaders are swung inwardly toward each other and the hooks engaged with the innermost holes in the rod 7. For purposes of storage or transportation the spreaders may be folded down into the position shown in Fig. 2 and will occupy but small space.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of the invention will be readily understood without requiring an extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

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

In a hammock, the combination with a base-frame consisting of a longitudinal bar, cross-pieces secured to the longitudinal bar and provided with eyes near their ends, spreaders consisting of rods fixed to shafts, the ends of said shafts being journaled in said eyes,

braces connecting said shafts with said bars,
said rods being provided with longitudinal
rows of perforations, and hooks carried at the
outer ends of said longitudinal bar and adapt-
5 ed to engage said perforations, substantially
as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

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