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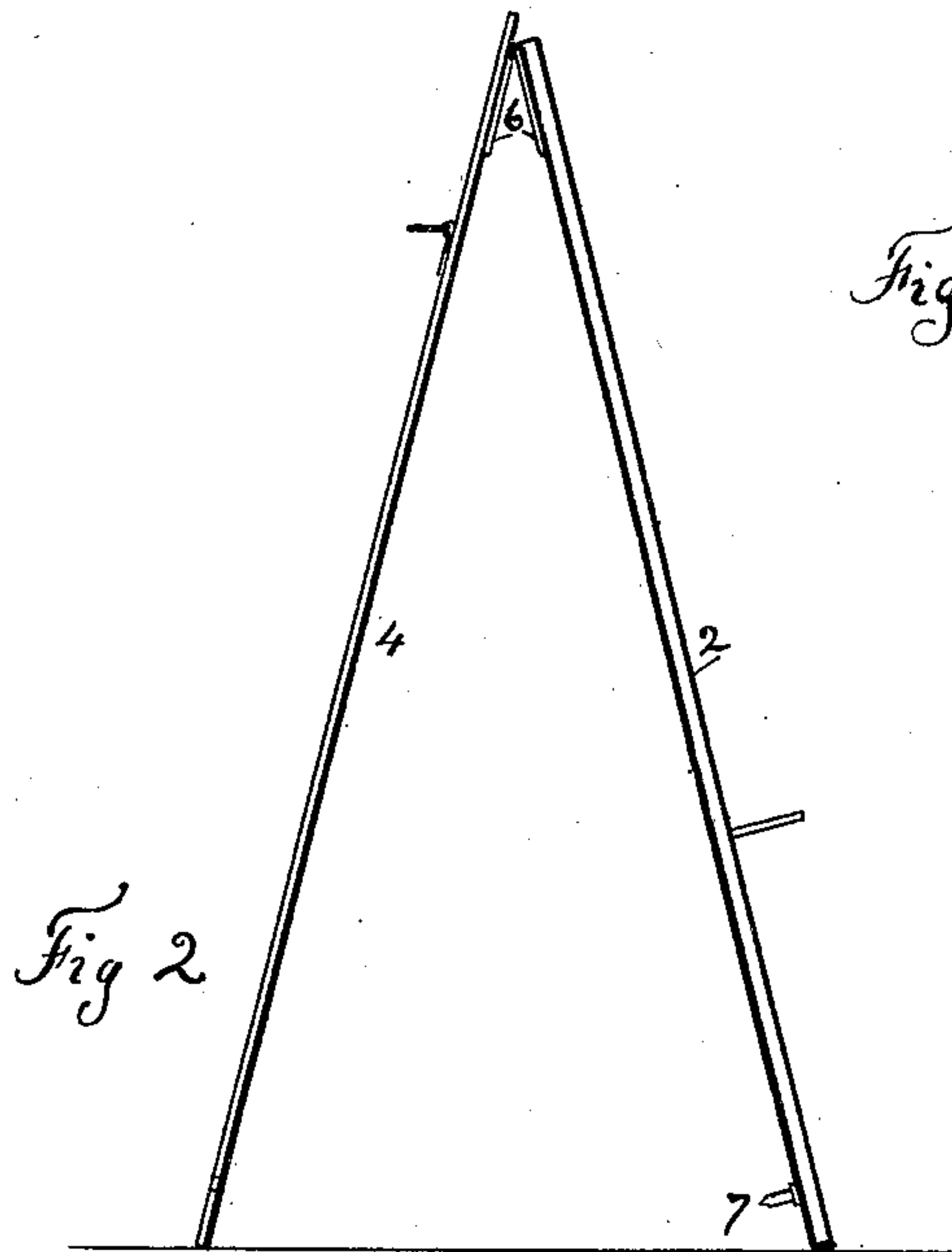


Fig 1

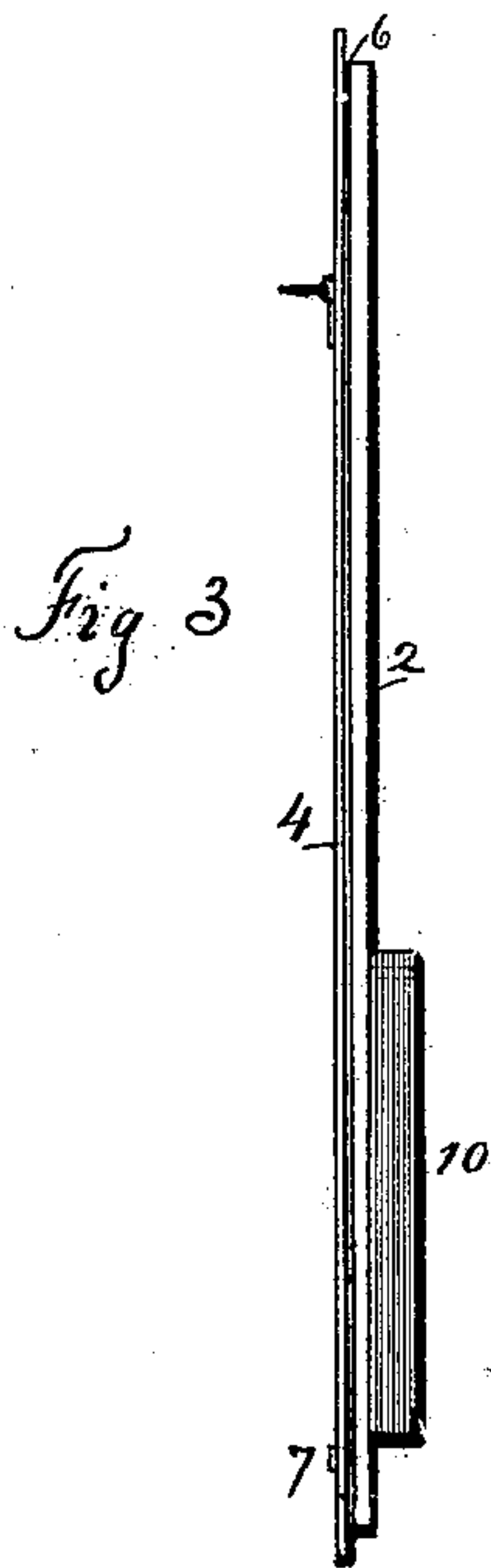
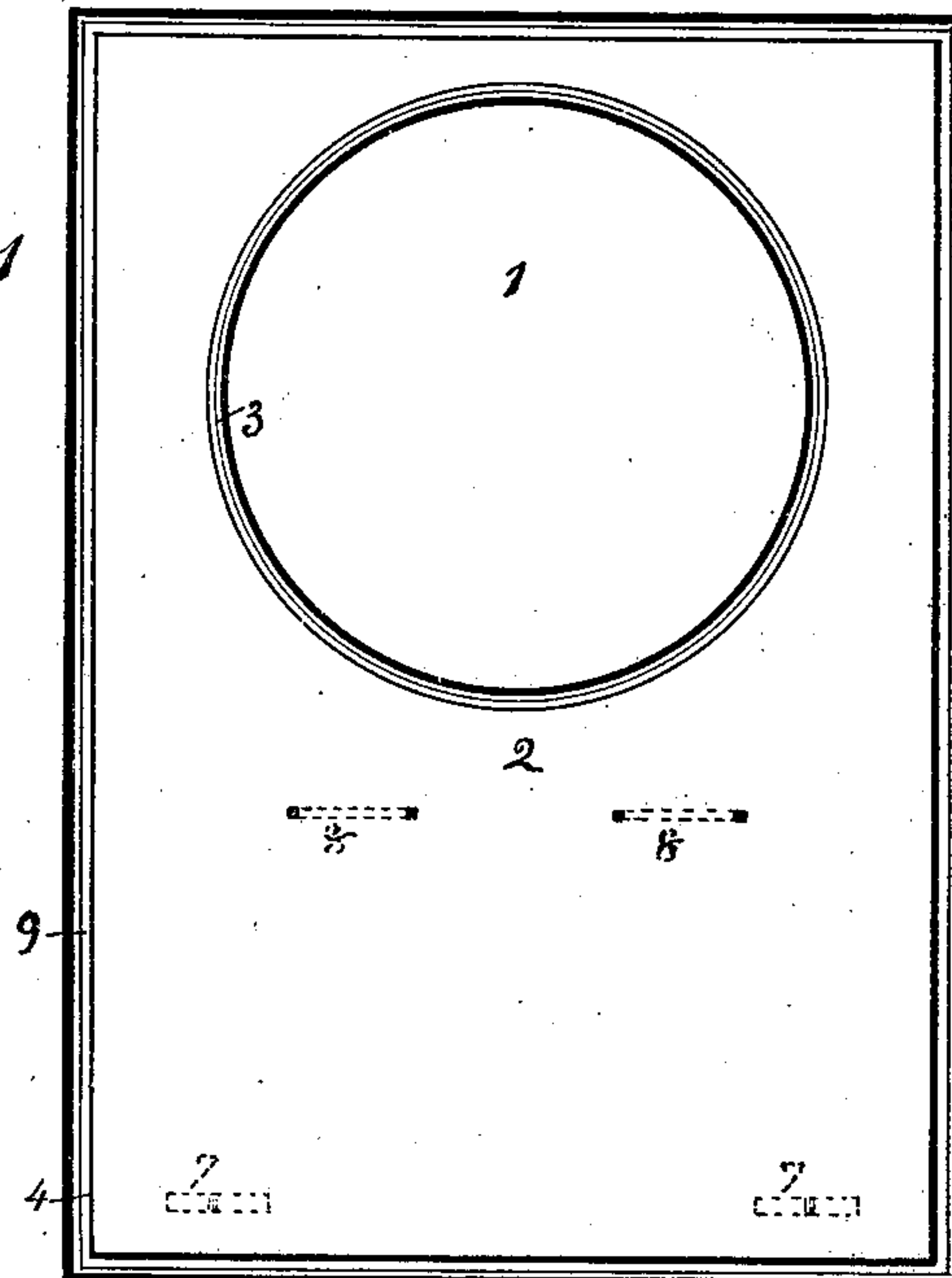
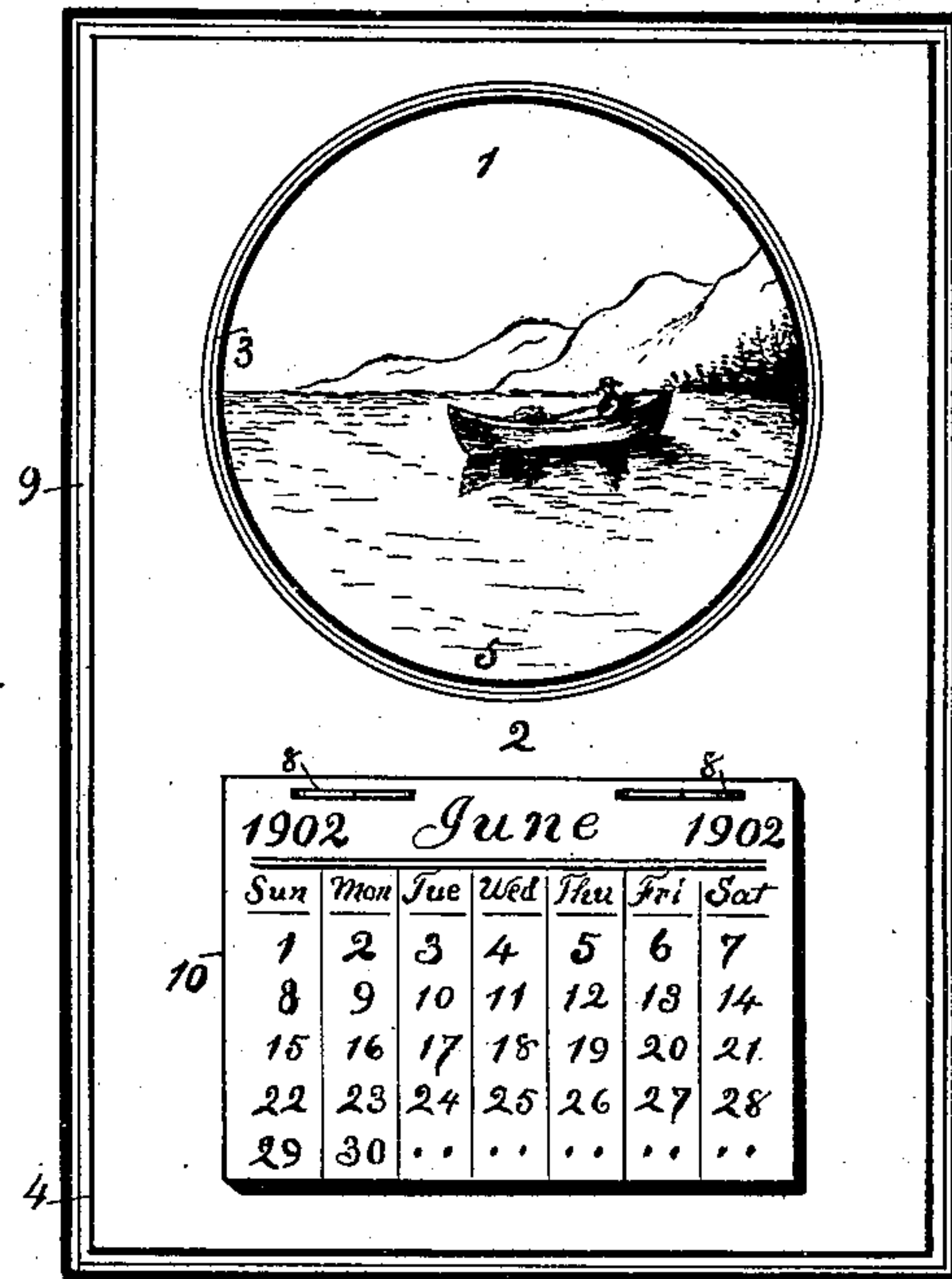


Fig 3

Fig 4



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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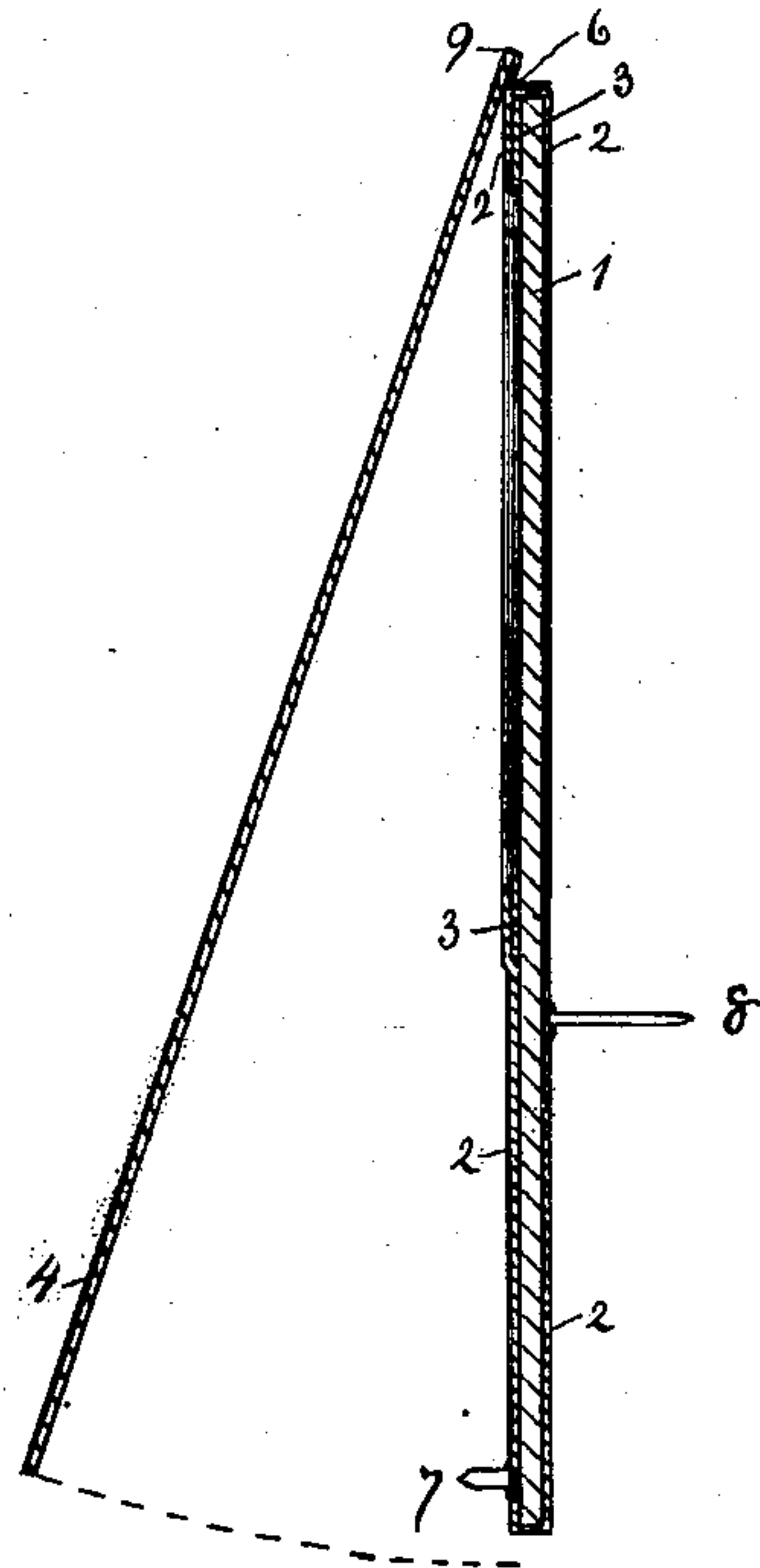


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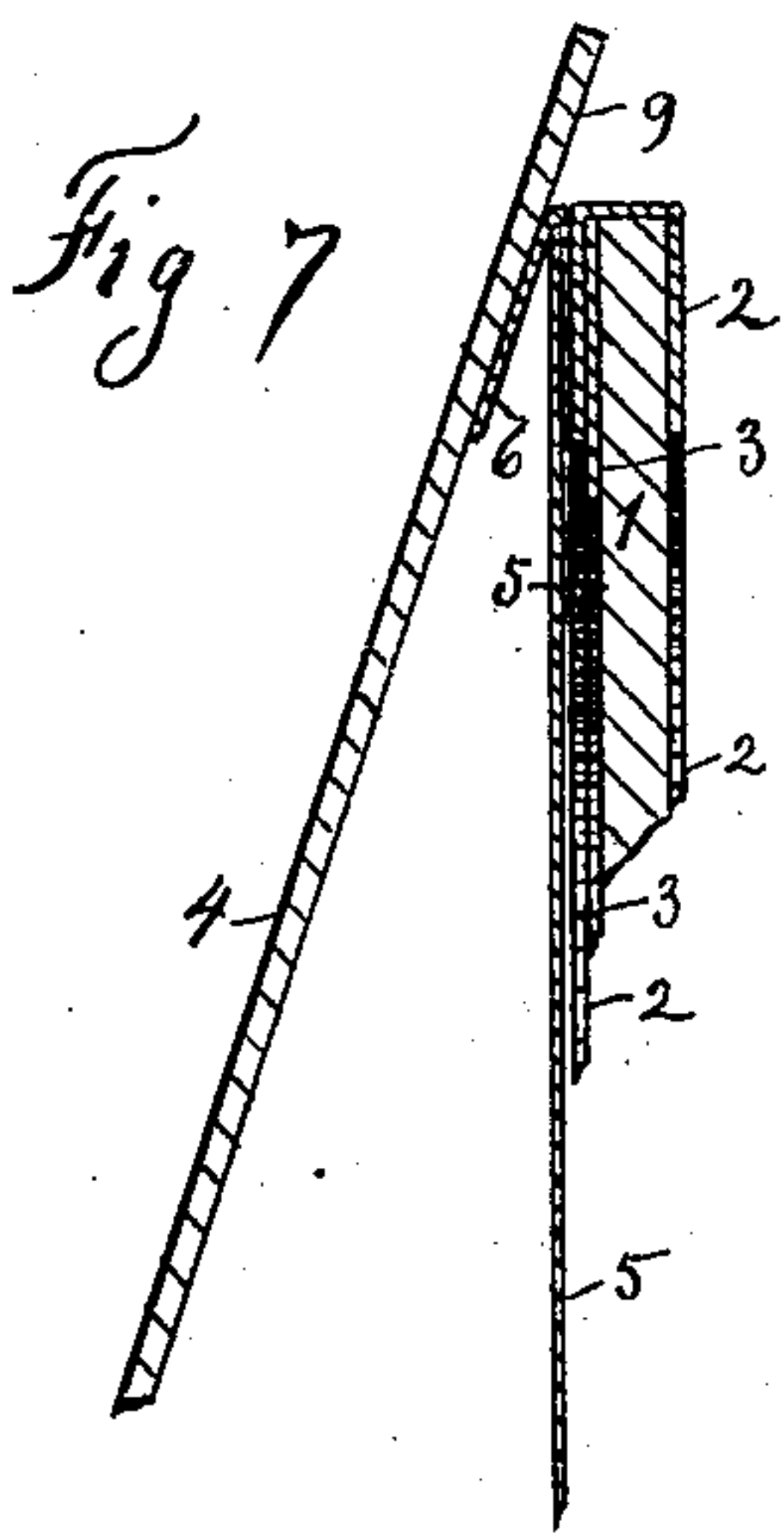


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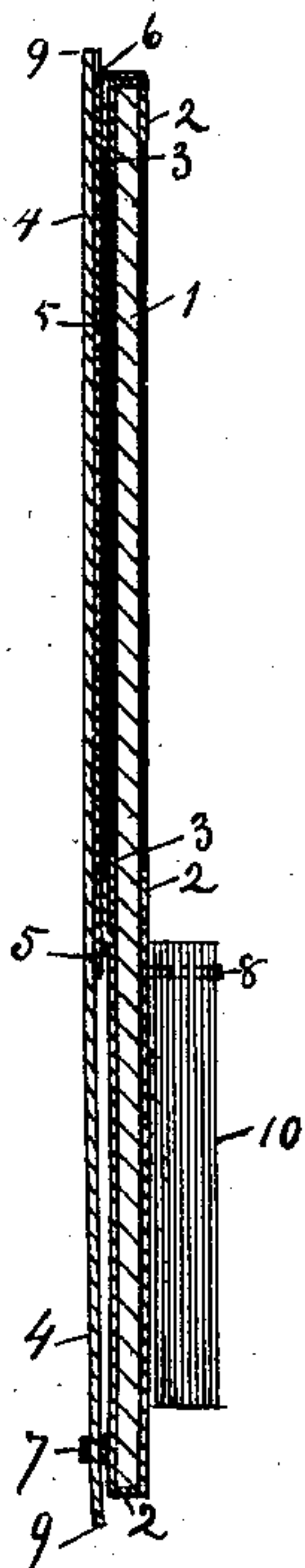


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COMBINATION PICTURE-FRAME.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 713,170, dated November 11, 1902.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FREDERICK LINCOLN STIFF and WALTER GEORGE STIFF, citizens of the United States, and residents of Fall River, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have jointly invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combination Picture-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

The details of manufacture are herein fully set forth in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein like figures of reference refer to like parts.

Figure 1 is a face view of the picture-frame and covering. Fig. 2 is an edge view open to receive a picture. Fig. 3 is a closed edge view. Fig. 4 is a finished face view with picture inserted and a calendar attached. Fig. 5 is a section through the vertical center of Fig. 1, the hinged back board open. Fig. 6 is a section through the vertical center of Fig. 4, all parts temporarily closed. Fig. 7 is a sectional view of a section of the upper part of the frame, showing the hinged back board on a larger scale and its method of clasp-
ing and supporting the picture.

The construction of our invention is as follows:

1 is a sheet of glass or other similar transparent substance.

2 is a covering of paper, leather, or other suitable material, which covers the face, edge, and back of the glass, a suitable opening being made in the back and front of the covering 2, through which the picture is visible.

3 is an interior border made of separate material shaped to correspond with the opening in the covering-paper and showing a plain or fancy edge, as may be desirable. It is secured to either covering or glass.

4 is a backing of pasteboard or other suitable material, which is hinged to the glass on top or side edge by a strip 6 of suitable hinging material.

7 represents edge clips of wire or other suitable material, which secure the hinged back board to the glass after a picture is placed in position.

8 represents face-clips bedded beneath the covering 2, which secure to the face of the

frame a calendar or other illustrative or decorative device, broadly designated in the claims as a "pictorial device."

9 is an outer border made by extending the backing-board a suitable distance all around the glass. This outer border may be printed in suitable design or covered by fancy paper. Both borders are preferably of contrasting colors with the glass covering.

The use of this device is simple. By the use of the hinged back a picture is easily placed and clasped by the hinge in exact position to register with the opening in the covering, or the picture may be directly placed upon the under side of the glass. The back is then closed and secured by the edge clips to the glass. The calendar is secured to the face by the face-clips, and the operation is finished.

This invention is distinguished from so-called "passe-partouts" by the fact that no edge strips are used to secure the parts together, that the interior is readily visible and accessible, that the backing-board extends beyond the frame proper to show a desirable edge, and that a calendar or other illustrative or decorative device may be attached to the face of the frame.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture a picture-frame consisting of a sheet of transparent medium, a covering of suitable material surrounding the same, and framing in an exposed portion of the transparency through which a picture is visible, a backing-piece of suitable material hinged to the covering, fastenings bedded in the front part of the covering to secure a pictorial device thereto, and fastenings bedded in the rear part of the covering to secure the backing-board thereto substantially as described and shown.

2. In a picture-frame the combination of a sheet of glass, a covering for said glass having a front and a rear opening exposing a picture placed under the glass, a hinged back board, means to secure the back board detachably to the covering, an inserted picture, and a pictorial device attached to the face of

the frame, substantially as described and shown.

3. In a picture-frame the combination of
a glass plate, a covering framing in an exposed
5 portion of the glass, an interior border surrounding the exposed portion of the glass, said border being made of separate material, a hinged back board, an interchangeable picture temporarily secured in place by the
10 back board, and edge fastenings temporarily

securing the back board to the frame, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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