

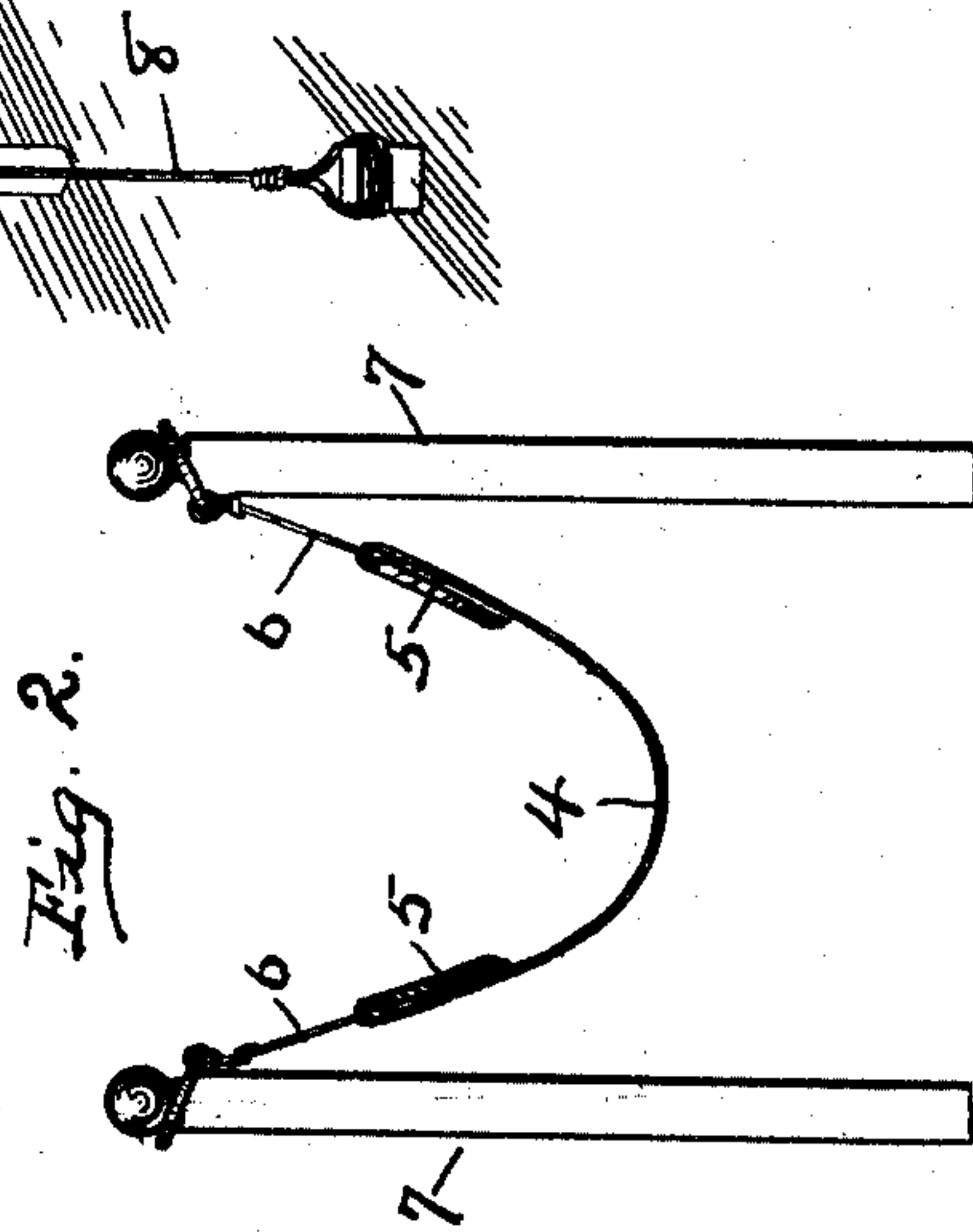
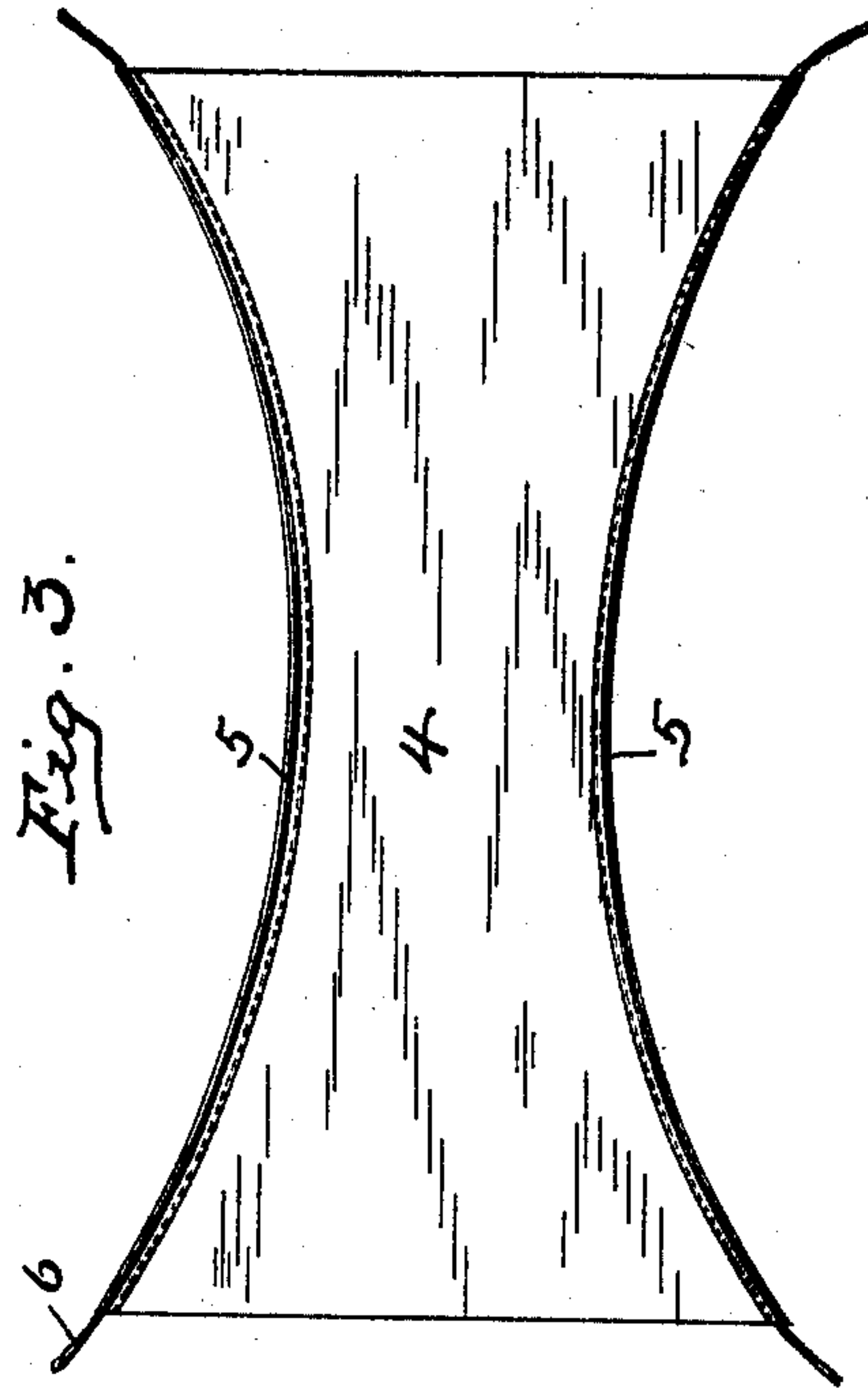
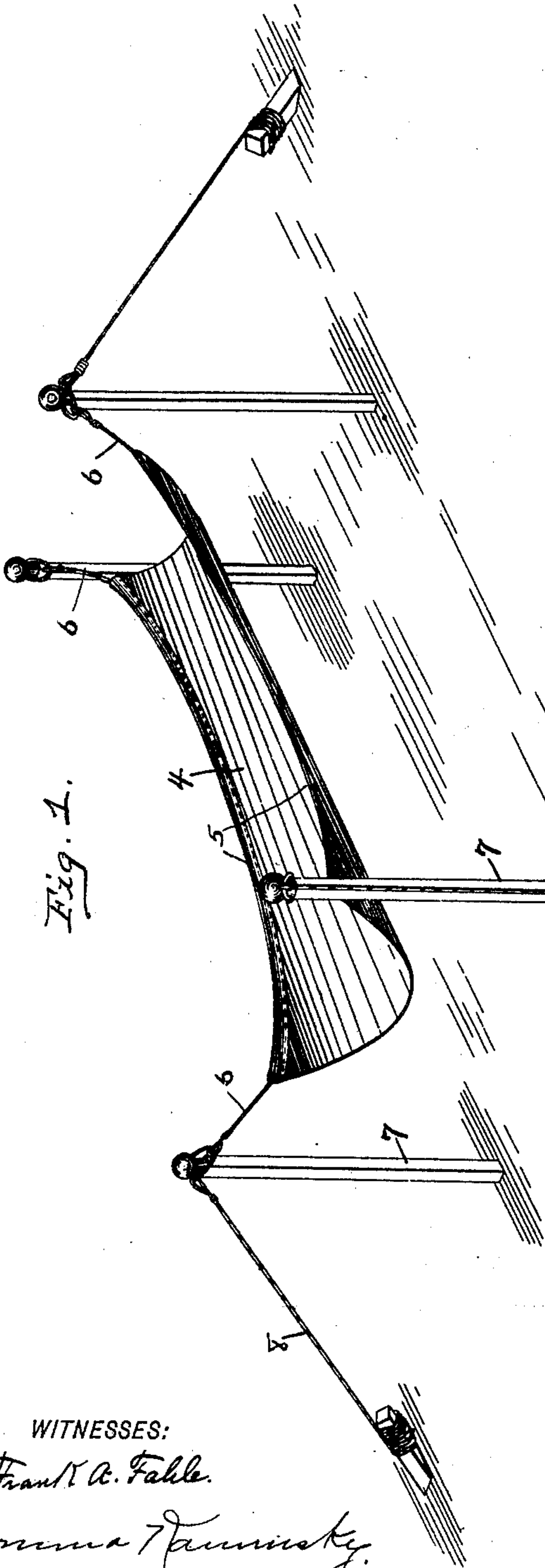
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR POTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Hammock, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hammocks.

The object of my invention is to produce a hammock which when hung in position will form a substantially straight support for the body, being thus free from the uncomfortable doubling common with the usual form of hammocks.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view thereof, showing the hammock swung in position. Fig. 2 is an end elevation. Fig. 3 is a plan of the hammock when flattened out.

In the drawings, 4 indicates the body of the hammock, the sides 5 of which are cut out, as shown, so that the middle portion is somewhat narrower than the ends. These sides are reinforced in any desired manner—as, for instance, by hemming and passing the sustaining-ropes 6 through said hems. The projecting ends of the ropes 6 may be secured to any suitable supports in any suitable manner. In the drawings these ropes are provided with rings which may be passed over the upper ends of the supporting-stakes 7, the said stakes being braced by means of the guy-ropes 8.

It will be readily understood that instead

of the solid hammock-body shown a suitable body of netting may be formed, if desired, my invention consisting of the peculiar form of the said body and not in the material of which it may be made.

The curves of the sides 5 are such that when the hammock is swung in position these curved sides practically conform to the curves of the supporting-ropes 6, this being the case whether the said ropes are secured to the sides throughout their length or only to the ends thereof. By this means the central portion—i. e., that portion between the sides—is supported in straight lines, thus forming a straight support for the body.

If desired, a suitable covering-canvas may be stretched over the tops of the supporting-stakes, thus forming a comfortable shelter.

I claim as my invention—

1. A hammock consisting of a length of flexible material having its sides curved so as to make its middle portion narrower than its ends, the said hammock being capable, when free, of lying flat, substantially as described.

2. A hammock consisting of a length of flexible material having its sides curved so as to make its middle portion narrower than its ends, and supporting ropes or cables passing along and secured to the sides thereof, the said hammock being capable, when free, of lying flat, substantially as described.

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