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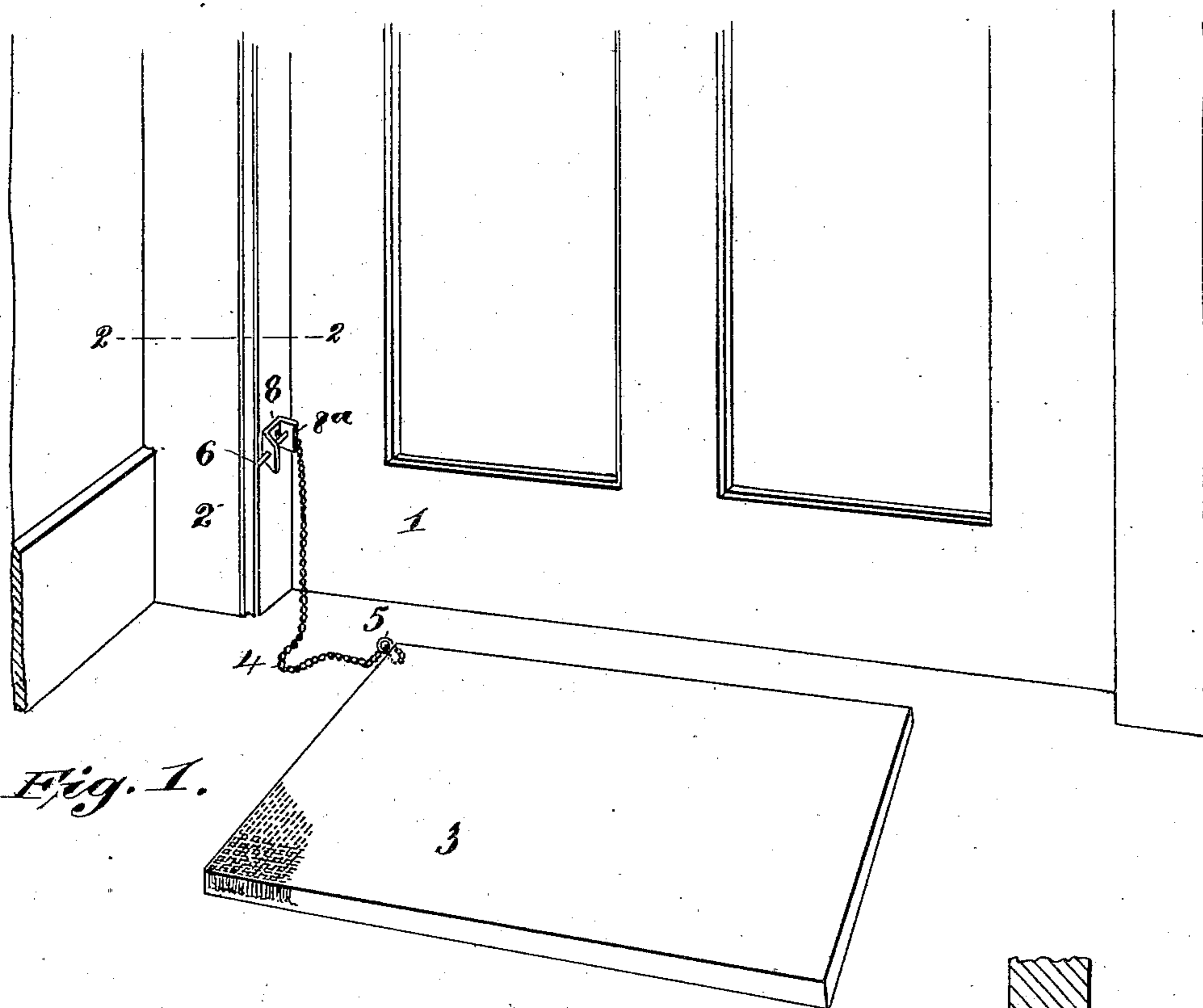


Fig. 1.

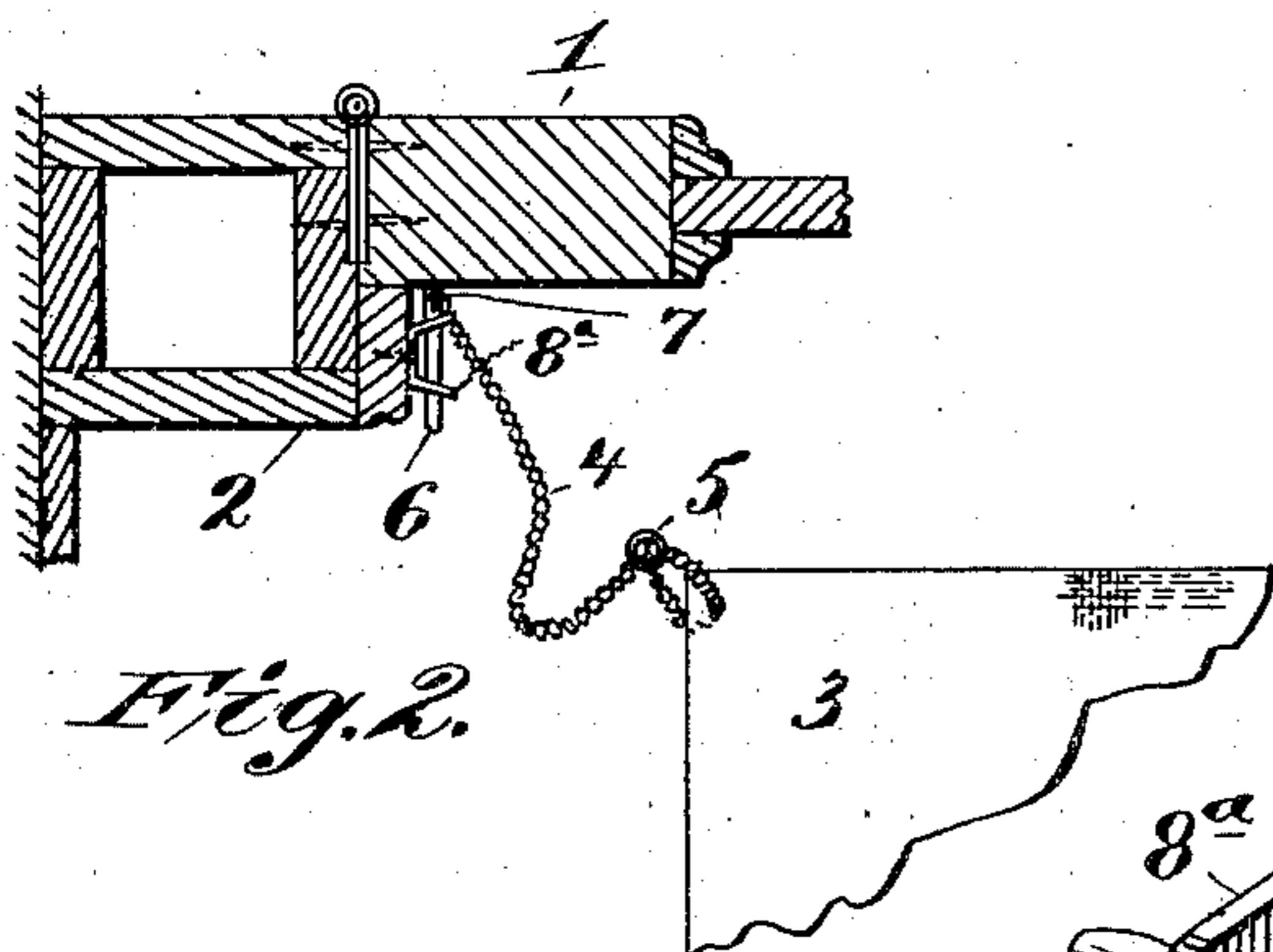


Fig. 2.

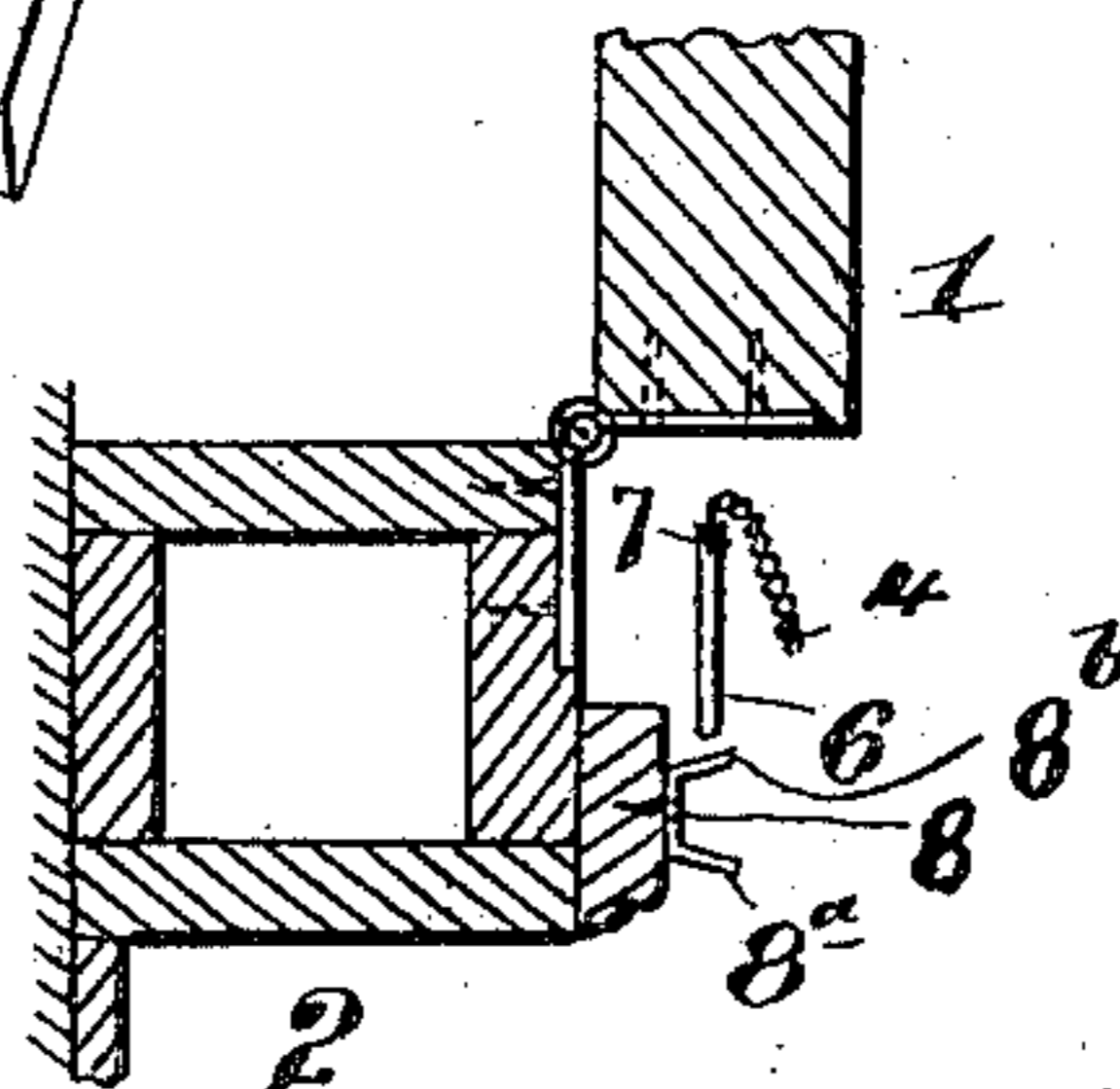


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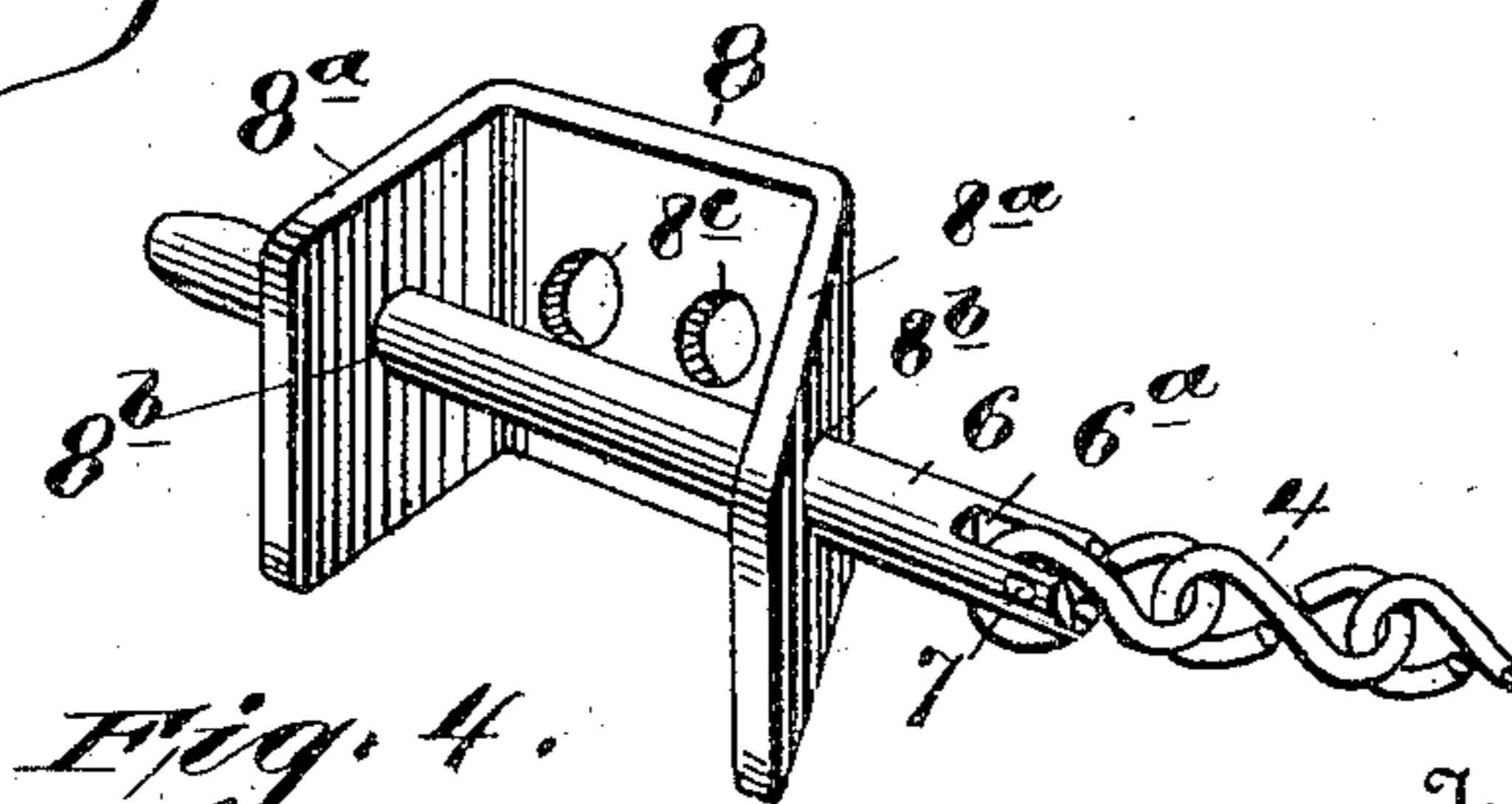


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## DOOR-MAT HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL F. OLIVER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, borough of Brooklyn, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Door-Mat Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide simple and efficient means for holding a door-mat adjacent to a door to prevent the same from being readily stolen; and to this end the invention comprises a flexible connection or chain, means for attaching the same to a door-mat, a pin at the end of the connection, and a keeper adapted to be attached to the door-frame or door and to receive the pin in such manner so as to prevent the same from being withdrawn from its keeper when the door is closed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, wherein Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a doorway holding a mat attached thereto by means of my improvements. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a substantially similar view showing the door open, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a pin and its keeper.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

In the drawings the numeral 1 indicates a door, and 2 part of the frame, all of well-known construction, and 3 indicates a door-mat of any usual form.

At 4 is indicated a chain or other suitable flexible connection adapted to be attached to the door-mat, and for this purpose I have shown one end of the chain as provided with a ring or eye 5, adapted to permit the passage through it of the chain or connection 4. To attach the chain or connection to the mat, the chain is passed through a hole in the mat and then through the ring or eye 5 in the form of a loop (see Fig. 2) and drawn through the ring, as in Fig. 1, thus binding the chain to the mat in loop form. This is a simple means to adjust the chain or connection to a corner of a door-mat, but the chain could be otherwise attached.

At the free end of the chain or connection

4 is secured a pin 6, which, as shown, is connected at one end to said chain and free throughout the rest of its length, and in the arrangement shown the pin is shown slotted or forked at 6<sup>a</sup> to receive part of a link of the chain, a pin or rivet 7 being passed through the forked ends of the pin 6 and through the link of the chain and secured or riveted. (See Fig. 4.)

At 8 is indicated a keeper for the pin 6, which is shown in the form of a plate having its ends turned outwardly at 8<sup>a</sup> and provided with holes 8<sup>b</sup>, which are alined, forming bearings adapted to receive the pin 6. The keeper 8 is shown provided with holes 8<sup>c</sup> to receive screws or nails for holding it to a support.

To use the mat-holder above described, the keeper 8 is fastened to the door-frame close to the door, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, in such position that when the free part of the pin 6 is passed through the holes 8<sup>b</sup> of the keeper from the side next to the door and the door is closed, as in Fig. 2, the pin 6 will be kept from being removed or pushed back from the keeper, because the back end of the pin at its chain end will abut against the door, and thus while the pin is so attached to the keeper and the door is closed the mat is securely retained and cannot be carried away without injury to the holder or the mat. To release the mat, it is merely necessary to open the door so that the pin 6 can be pulled back from the keeper, as indicated in Fig. 3, to permit the mat and its chain together to be removed. Instead of securing the keeper 8 to the door-frame it could be secured to the door-sill or door, and in the latter event it would be placed so near the back edge of the door that when the door is shut the pin 6 while in the keeper will abut against the frame 2, so as to prevent the pin from being withdrawn from the keeper. By having the chain or connection 4 attached to the inner or rear end of the pin 6 it will be seen that the pin can be readily passed into the keeper while the chain hangs between the keeper and the door.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. An article of the character described

comprising a flexible connection, means for attaching the same to a mat, a pin attached to the free end of the connection, and a keeper provided with holes forming bearings to receive said pin, substantially as described.

2. An article of the character described comprising a flexible connection, an eye at one end adapted to receive said connection for attaching the same to a door-mat, a pin secured at one end to the other end of said connection and having its outer end free, and a keeper having bearings arranged to permit said pin to slide lengthwise therein and adapt-

ed to be attached adjacent to a door or door-frame, substantially as described.

3. An article of the character described comprising a flexible connection, means for attaching the same to a mat, a pin attached at one end to said connection, and a keeper comprising a plate having outturned end portions provided with aligned holes to receive said pin, substantially as described.

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