

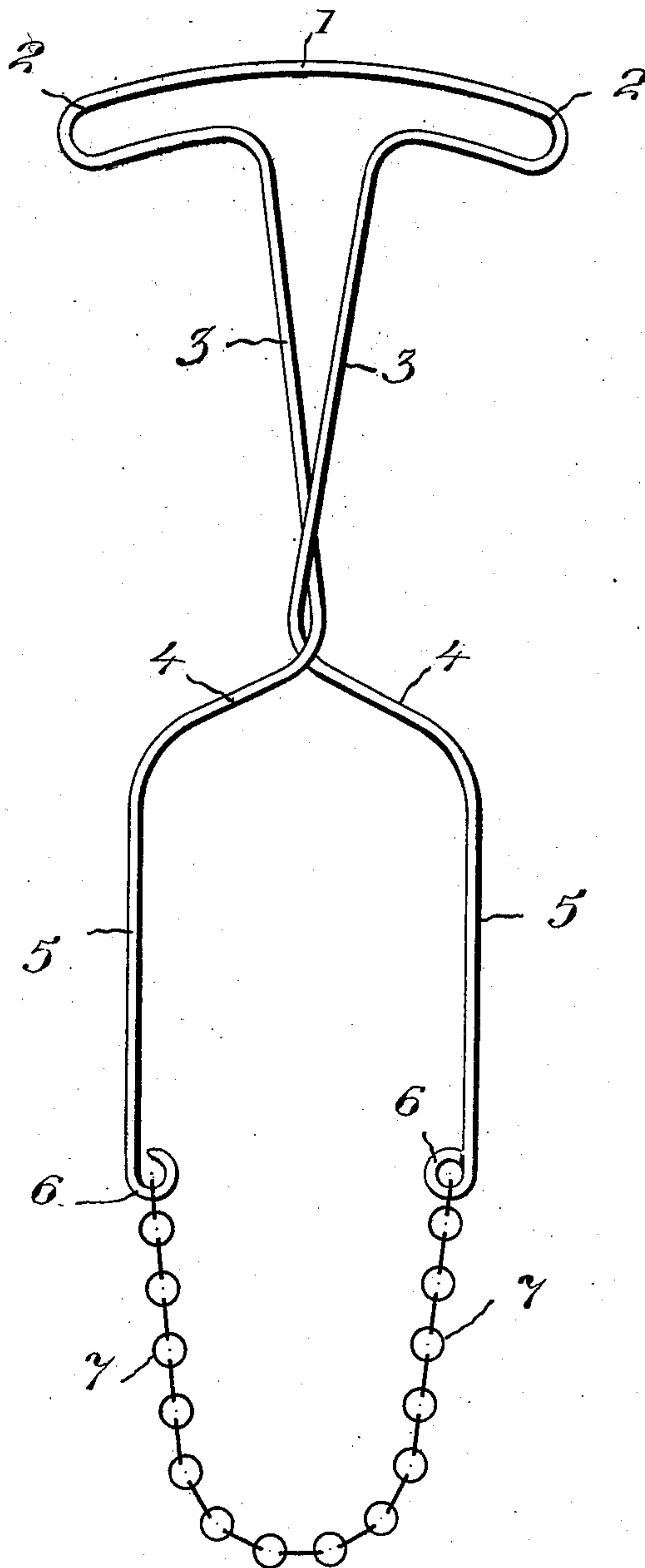
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## HOG-CATCHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LLOYD D. HOWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waynesfield, in the county of Auglaize and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hog-Catchers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in hog-catchers especially adapted for use in catching hogs prior to the ringing operation; and its object is to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this character whereby a hog can be readily caught and securely held by one person in proper position for ringing.

The invention consists in providing a fork having integral arms which are crossed and extend from a looped head. The ends of the fork are connected by a chain or other suitable flexible strip adapted to be placed under the snout of the hog and twisted therearound.

The invention also consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is an elevation of my improved hog-catcher.

Referring to the drawing by numerals of reference, 1 is a head preferably formed of a bar of metal and bent inward at its ends to form loops 2. Oppositely-inclined arms 3 extend from the head and cross adjacent their inner ends, and integral with these arms are oppositely-curved extensions 4. Projecting from these extensions are the tines 5 of a fork, and these tines terminate in eyes 6, which engage the ends of a chain 7 or other suitable flexible strip. In using the device herein described the tines 5 are placed at opposite sides of the snout of the hog, with the chain 7 extending thereunder. The chain is then

drawn upward and twisted about the snout by turning the head 1. After a firm grip has been obtained in this manner the head is secured to a post or other suitable device provided therefor and which has snap-hooks or other suitable fastening means for engaging the loops 2 of the head. Untwisting of the chain is thus prevented and the hog is held securely in position and the ring can be readily placed within the snout.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a head having integral loops at the sides thereof for engagement with securing means, arms extending from the head, tines connected to the arms, and a flexible strip connecting the ends of the tines.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a head having loops at the sides thereof for engagement with securing means, crossed arms extending from the head, oppositely-projecting extensions to the arms, tines integral with the extension and having eyes at their free ends, and a flexible strip secured to the eyes.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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