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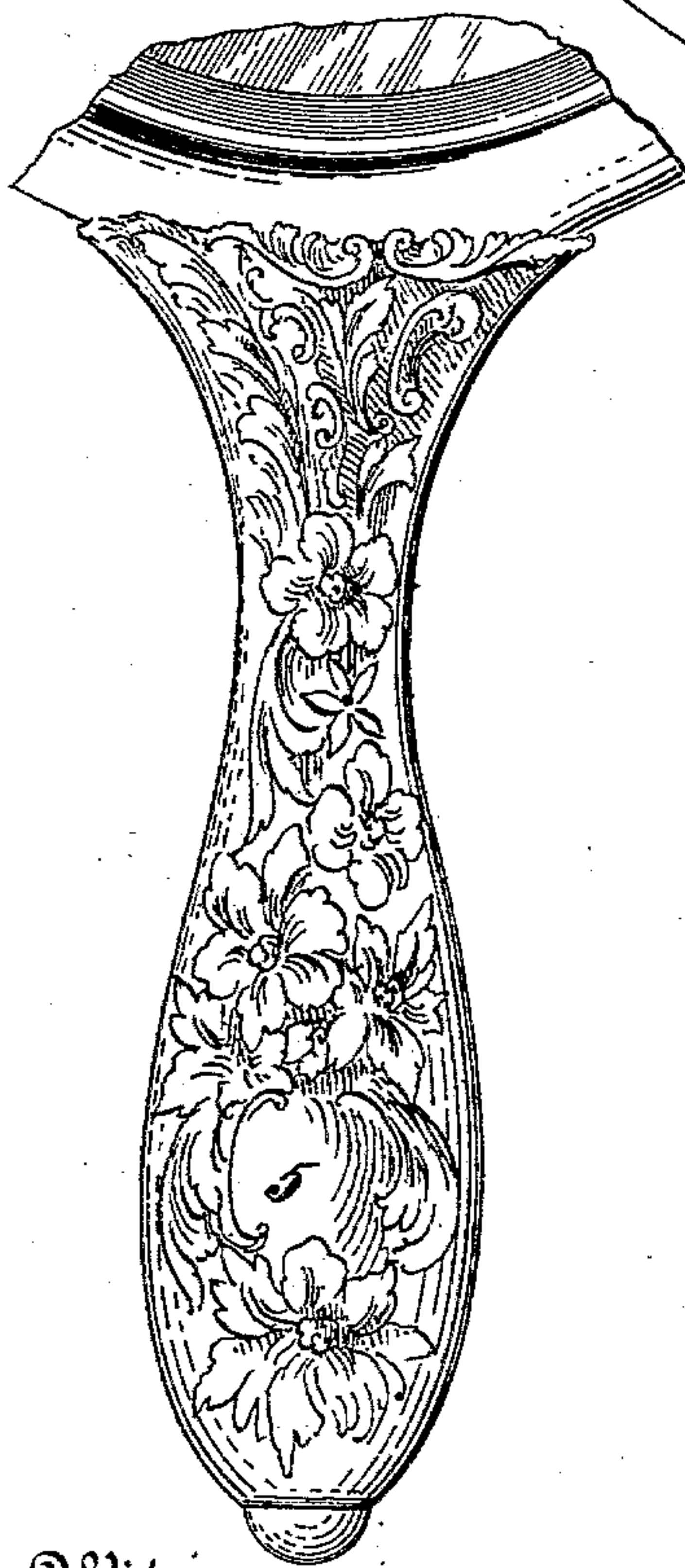
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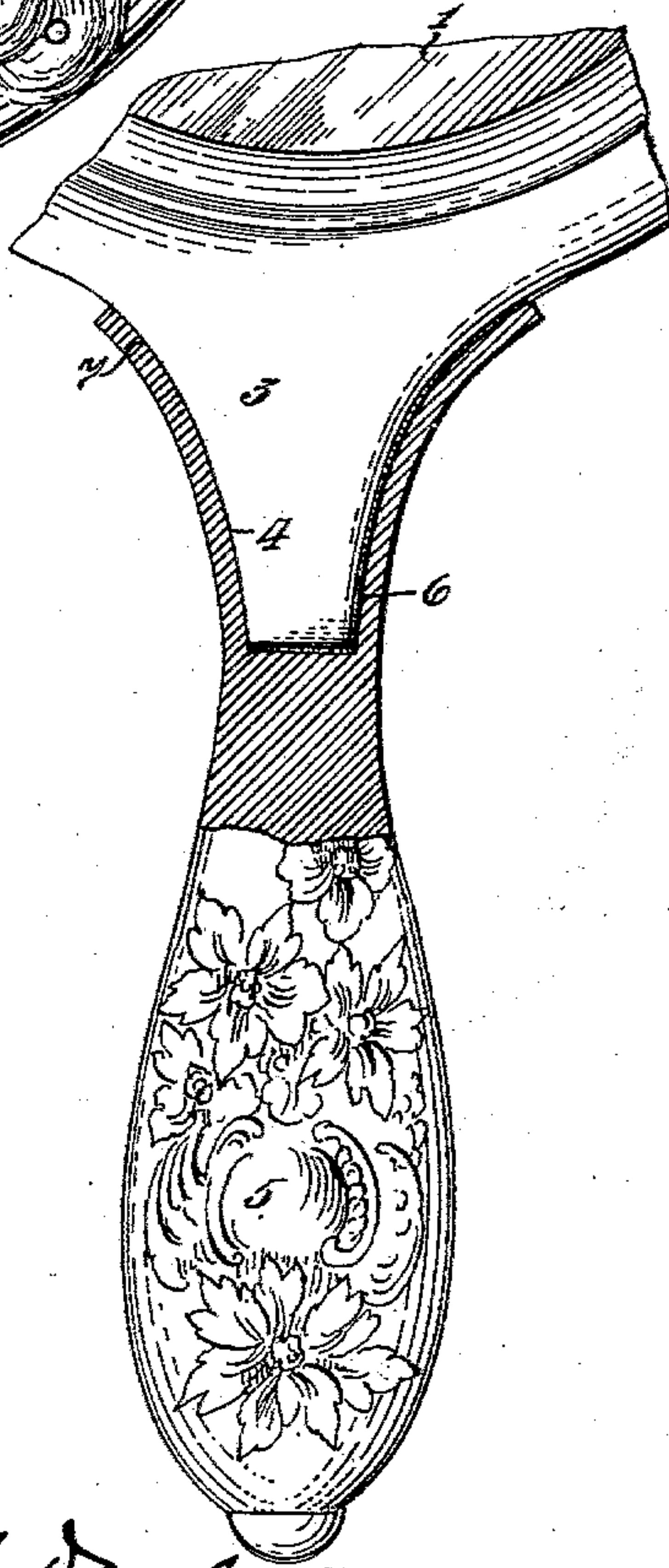
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3.*



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## HAND-MIRROR OR OTHER TOILET ARTICLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. DOWD, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Mirrors or other Toilet Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ornamental toilet articles—such as hand-mirrors, hair-brushes, &c.; and its object is to secure an ornamental wooden back to an ornamental metal handle in a secure and practical manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a back view of a hand-mirror constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 shows a front view of the handle and a portion of the glass and its wooden frame. Fig. 3 is a front view, partly in section to show the joint between the back and the handle.

In the several views like signs identify like parts.

The glass or mirror 1 is secured in a wooden frame or back 2, which is ornamental in form, finish, and style. This back is formed or provided with a tang 3, which fits in a socket 4, formed in an ornamental metal handle 5. Plaster-of-paris or other cement 6 may be used between the tang and the socket to aid in securing them together. The socket has a wide lateral flare, as at 7, to accommodate the tang, which for security should have a wide base, as shown, and may taper to fit the socket.

To prevent the tang from liability of working loose in the socket, I prolong the handle beyond its socket portion to form an ornamental brace 8, which extends along the back and is secured thereto by nails or other headed metal fasteners 9, which may be inconspicuous, so as not to mar the appearance of the article. This brace, it will be noted, is small in comparison with the mirror-back 2, and therefore does not obscure the ornamental form or finish thereof or the ornamental grain of the wood, while the brace and the back may be formed each with reference to the

style or character of the other, so as to form a tasteful and marketable article.

It will be perceived that the brace coöperates with the back and the tang to stiffen the structure, the tendency of the tang to work loose or twist in the socket being overcome and the liability of breakage being avoided, the broad-based wooden tang lending special strength to the structure.

Obviously other ornamental cellular material than wood may be joined to a metal handle and still other variations may be resorted to within the scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A toilet article comprising an ornamental wooden back formed with a tang, and a metal ornamental handle formed with a socket in which said tang fits; said handle being prolonged beyond its socket portion to form an ornamental brace which is secured to said wooden back and coöperates with said back and tang to stiffen the structure.

2. A toilet article comprising an ornamental wooden back formed with a tang, and a metal ornamental handle formed with a socket into which said tang is cemented; said handle being prolonged beyond its socket portion to form an ornamental brace which is secured to said wooden back by headed metal fasteners and coöperates with said back and tang to stiffen the structure.

3. A toilet article comprising an ornamental metal handle formed with a laterally-flaring socket, and an ornamental wooden back formed with a tang tapered to fit in said socket; said handle being prolonged beyond said socket portion to form an ornamental brace extending along said back and secured thereto so as to prevent loosening of the tang in the socket.

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