

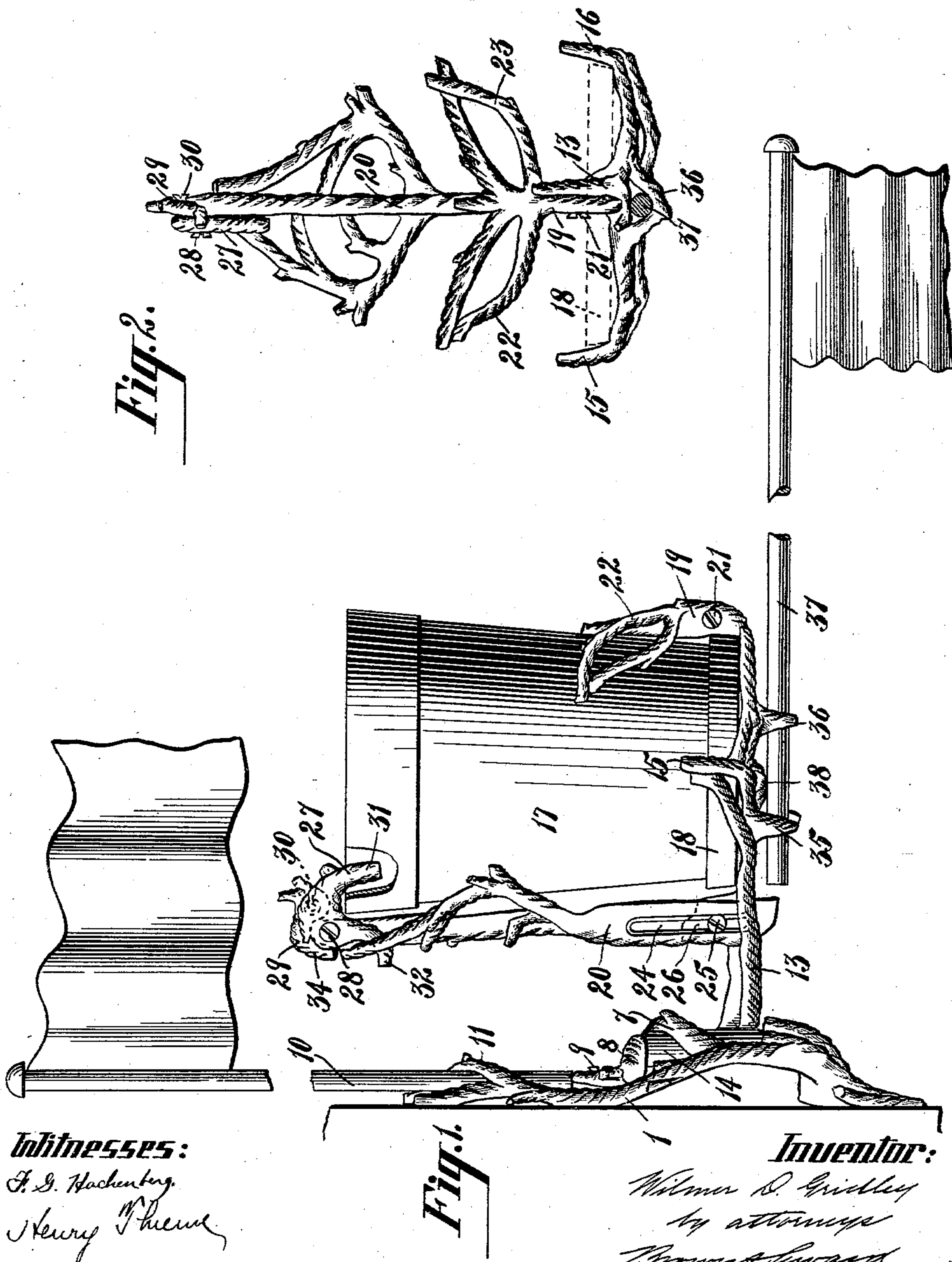
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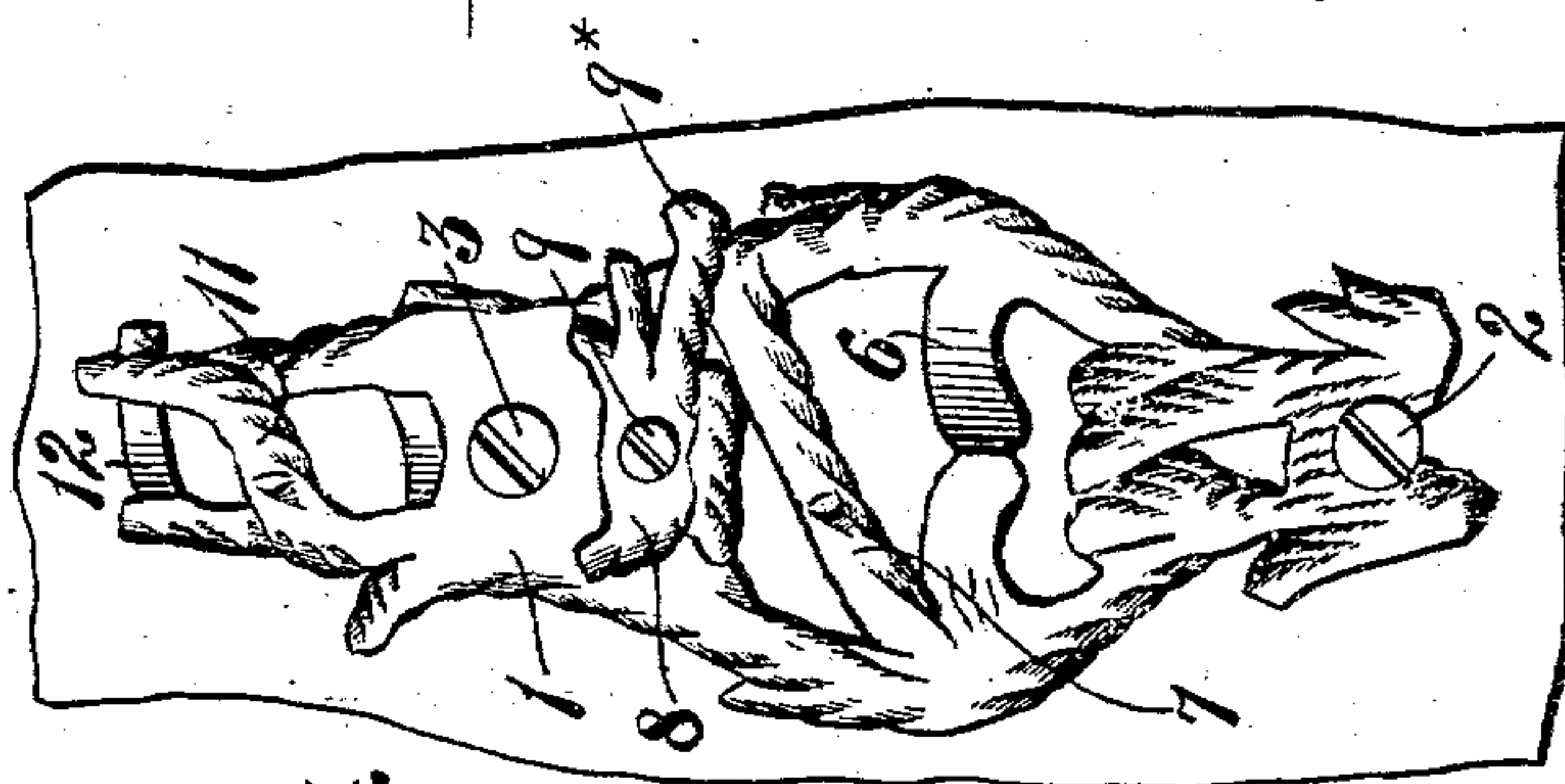
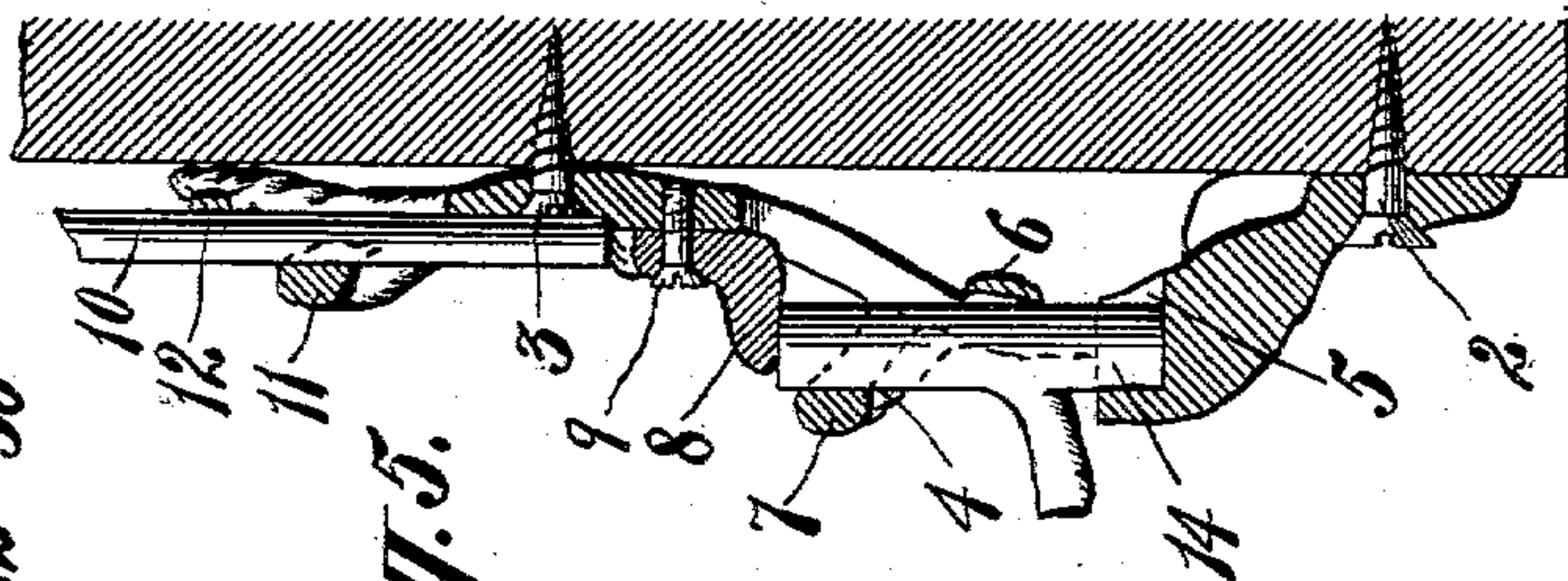
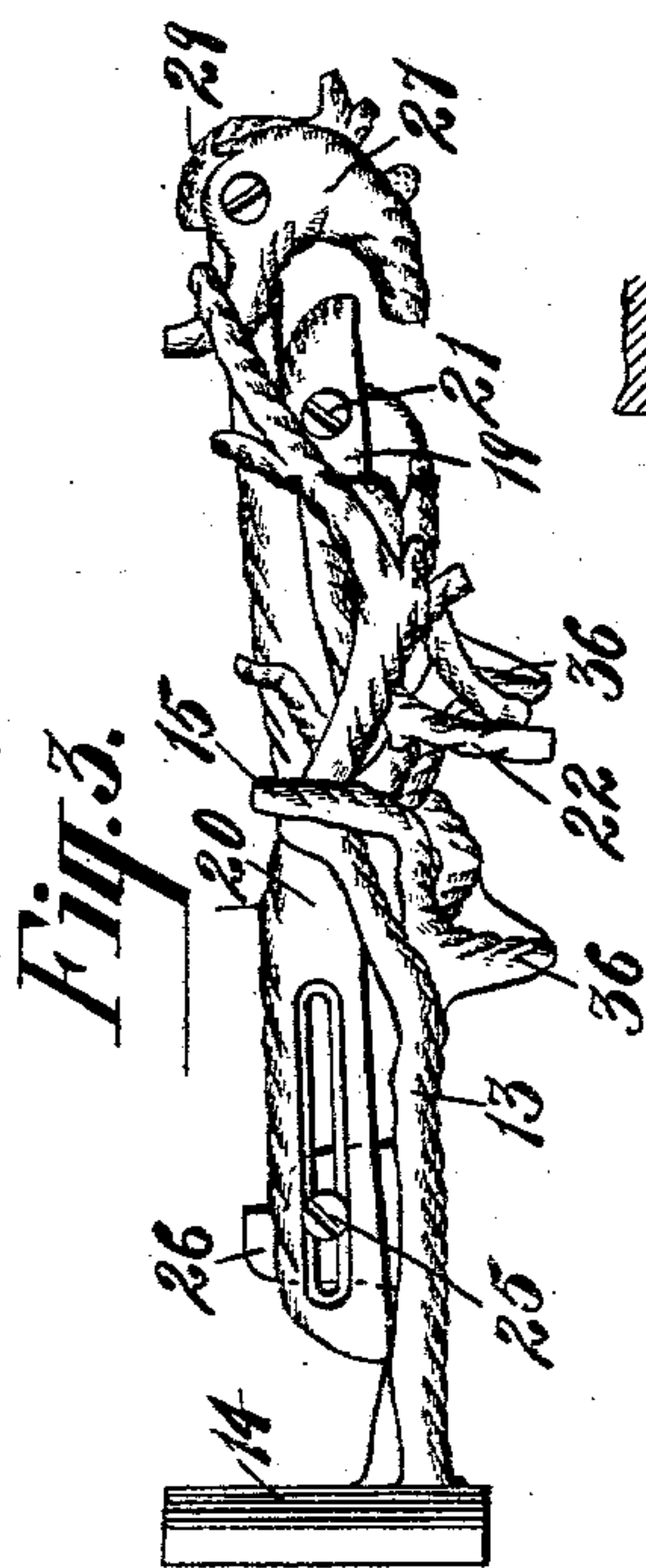
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILMER D. GRIDLEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, in the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Flower-Pot Support, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of my invention are as follows: to provide certain improvements in a flower-pot support whereby the pot may be readily inserted into position upon the bracket-arm and automatically locked thereto, in which the support may be made adjustable for various sizes of pots, and in which the support may be folded into a compact mass when not in use for convenience in packing and shipping the support.

A further object is to provide a flower-pot support which will embody all the advantages above enumerated and at the same time present a very attractive and ornamental appearance, which will add materially to the decoration of the place in which the support is used.

A still further object is to provide a support of the above character which will also serve to support flagpoles in various positions therefrom for still further adding to the decorative feature of the support.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a flower-pot support in side elevation with a flower-pot supported by the bracket-arm, a flagpole also supported by the bracket-arm, and another flagpole supported by the base. Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation of the bracket-arm and its flower-pot-retaining branches. Fig. 3 is a view of the bracket-arm and its branches in their folded position. Fig. 4 is a front view of the base and a portion of the supporting-wall to which it is secured. Fig. 5 is a vertical central section through the same, showing the pintle of the bracket-arm in position in its socket within the base and also showing the lower end of the flagpole supported by the base. Fig. 6 is a detail side view of the upper end of the inner flower-pot-retaining branch, showing the latch and catch in their locked position; and Fig. 7 is a similar view showing the latch and catch in their unlocked position.

The base of the flower-pot support is denoted as a whole by 1 and is herein shown as of ornamental design, representing the branches of a tree bent to form the sockets to be hereinafter described. The base is secured to a suitable vertical wall-support by fastening devices—such, for instance, as screws 2 and 3 passing through the upper and lower portions of the said base into the said wall-support. A socket 4 is provided for the hinged pintle of the bracket-arm to be hereinafter described, as follows: A seat 5 is formed in the lower portion of the base and a branch portion 6 extends horizontally across the base behind the bracket-arm pintle. Another branch portion, 7, of the base extends diagonally across the base in front of the pintle. The reason for extending the branch portion 7 diagonally across the base is to facilitate the insertion of the pintle into position within the socket formed by the seat 5 and branch portions 6 and 7. A swinging latch 8 is pivoted at 9 to the front of the base 1 in position to swing into and out of engagement with the top of the bracket-arm pintle. This latch 8 may be provided with a suitable operating-handle 9*, and it is of ornamental design corresponding with the design of the base. A vertical socket for a flagpole 10 is formed in the outer portion of the base 1 by means of a transverse branch portion 11, extending across the base in front of the flagpole, and a transverse branch portion 12, extending across the base at the back of the flagpole. The bottom of the flagpole 10 is intended to rest upon the latch 8, and thus serve to still further lock the bracket-arm pintle within its socket 4 when the parts are assembled.

The bracket-arm for supporting the flower-pot is denoted as a whole by 13, and the pintle 14 at its inner end serves to removably connect the arm with the base, as hereinabove set forth. This bracket-arm is of ornamental design, representing the branches of a tree so interwoven as to form an enlarged supporting-base for the bottom of the flower-pot. The arm is further provided with upwardly-projecting side branches 15 16 for preventing lateral movement of the pot 17 when in position upon the bracket-arm. This pot 17 preferably rests within a pan or saucer 18. The

pot 17 is further retained in position upon the arm 13 by outer and inner hinged branches 19 and 20. The outer branch 19 is hinged at 21 to the outer end of the arm 13 and is spread to form two wings 22 23 for partially embracing the front of the flower-pot 17 when in use. When the support is not in use, this branch 19 may be folded down into close proximity to the arm 13. This branch 19, as well as the branch 20, is ornamented to represent branches of a tree to carry out the ornamental effect produced by the parts hereinbefore described.

The inner branch 20 has an adjustable hinge connection with the arm 13 between its outer and inner ends, as follows: The branch 20 is provided with an elongated slot 24, through which a screw 25 passes into engagement with an upwardly-extended lug 26 on the arm 13. The upper end of this branch 20 is provided with a catch 27, hinged at 28 thereto, and a latch 29, hinged at 30 to the catch 27. The catch 27 is provided with two lugs 31 32, arranged to embrace the inner and outer walls of the top of the flower-pot when the flower-pot is inserted into its position upon the bracket-arm. These lugs 31 32 are locked in their position to retain the flower-pot upon the bracket-arm by the latch 29, which is provided with a recess 33, which is engaged by the upper end of the branch 20. To release the flower-pot, the handle 34 of the catch is lifted, thus permitting the latch 27 to swing back out of engagement with the flower-pot. When the support is not in use, the branch 20 may be folded down into close proximity to the bracket-arm 13, as shown in Fig. 3.

The slot 24 in the branch 20 serves to permit the branch to be adjusted to different heights of flower-pots, so as to render the support universal within certain limits.

A flagpole-supporting socket is formed along the under side of the arm 13, as follows: Transverse branch portions 35 36 extend across the enlarged portion of the arm 13 beneath the flagpole 37, and a transverse branch 38 extends across the arm 13 above the pole 37. This permits the flagpole 37 to project outwardly from the flower-pot support in a horizontal direction.

It is evident that the form and arrangement of the several parts of the support may be varied to suit different requirements. Hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the form and arrangement herein shown and described; but

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A flower-pot support comprising a base and a bracket-arm carried thereby forming a support for the flower-pot, the said arm having a flagpole-receiving socket therein.

2. A flower-pot support comprising a base

and a bracket-arm carried thereby forming a support for a flower-pot, the said base having a flagpole-receiving socket therein.

3. A flower-pot support comprising a base and a bracket-arm carried thereby forming a support for a flower-pot, the said arm having a horizontally-disposed flagpole-receiving socket therein.

4. A flower-pot support comprising a base and a bracket-arm carried thereby forming a support for a flower-pot, the said base having a vertically-disposed flagpole-receiving socket therein.

5. A flower-pot support comprising a base and a bracket-arm carried thereby forming a support for a flower-pot, the said base and arm having flagpole-receiving sockets therein.

6. A flower-pot support comprising a base and a bracket-arm removably carried by the base, a latch carried by the base for removably securing the bracket-arm thereto and a flagpole-receiving socket in the base arranged to permit the flagpole to rest upon the latch for still further locking the bracket-arm to the base.

7. In a flower-pot support, a bracket-arm arranged to support the flower-pot, and means for locking the flower-pot on the arm comprising branches and a latch and catch carried by one of the branches for embracing the top of the flower-pot.

8. In a flower-pot support, a bracket-arm for supporting the pot, said arm having upwardly-extended lateral branches for embracing the sides of the base of the pot and upwardly-extended branches for engaging the front and back walls of the pot, one of the said branches being provided with means for locking the pot in position.

9. In a flower-pot support, a bracket-arm for supporting the pot, branches carried by the arm and means carried by one of the branches for locking the pot to the arm.

10. In a flower-pot support, a bracket-arm for supporting a pot, hinged branches carried by the arm and means carried by one of the branches for locking the pot to the arm.

11. In a flower-pot support, a bracket-arm for supporting the pot, branches for retaining the pot in position, one of the said branches being adjustable and means carried by the adjustable branch for locking the pot in position on the said arm.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 25th day of July, 1903.

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