

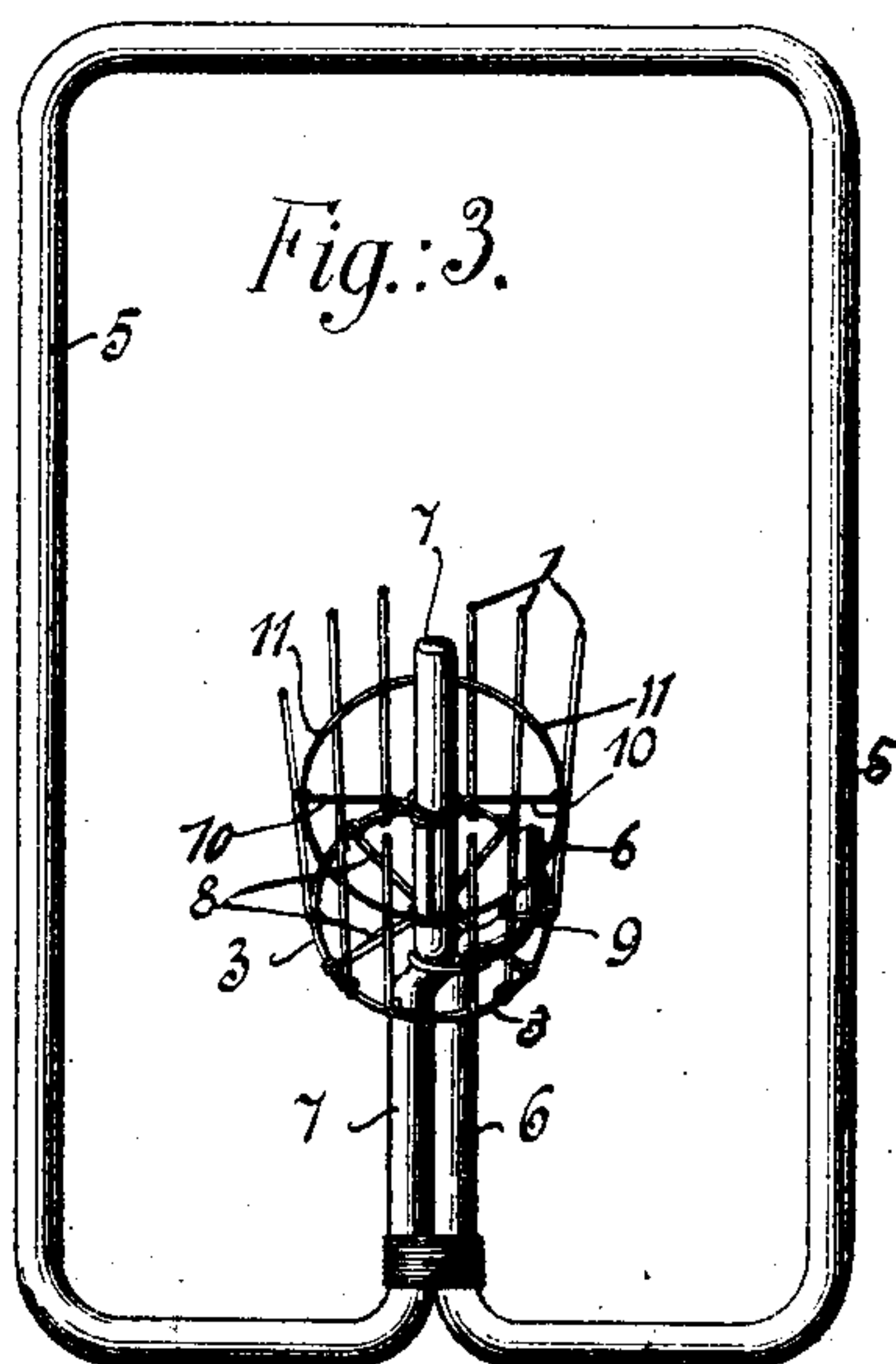
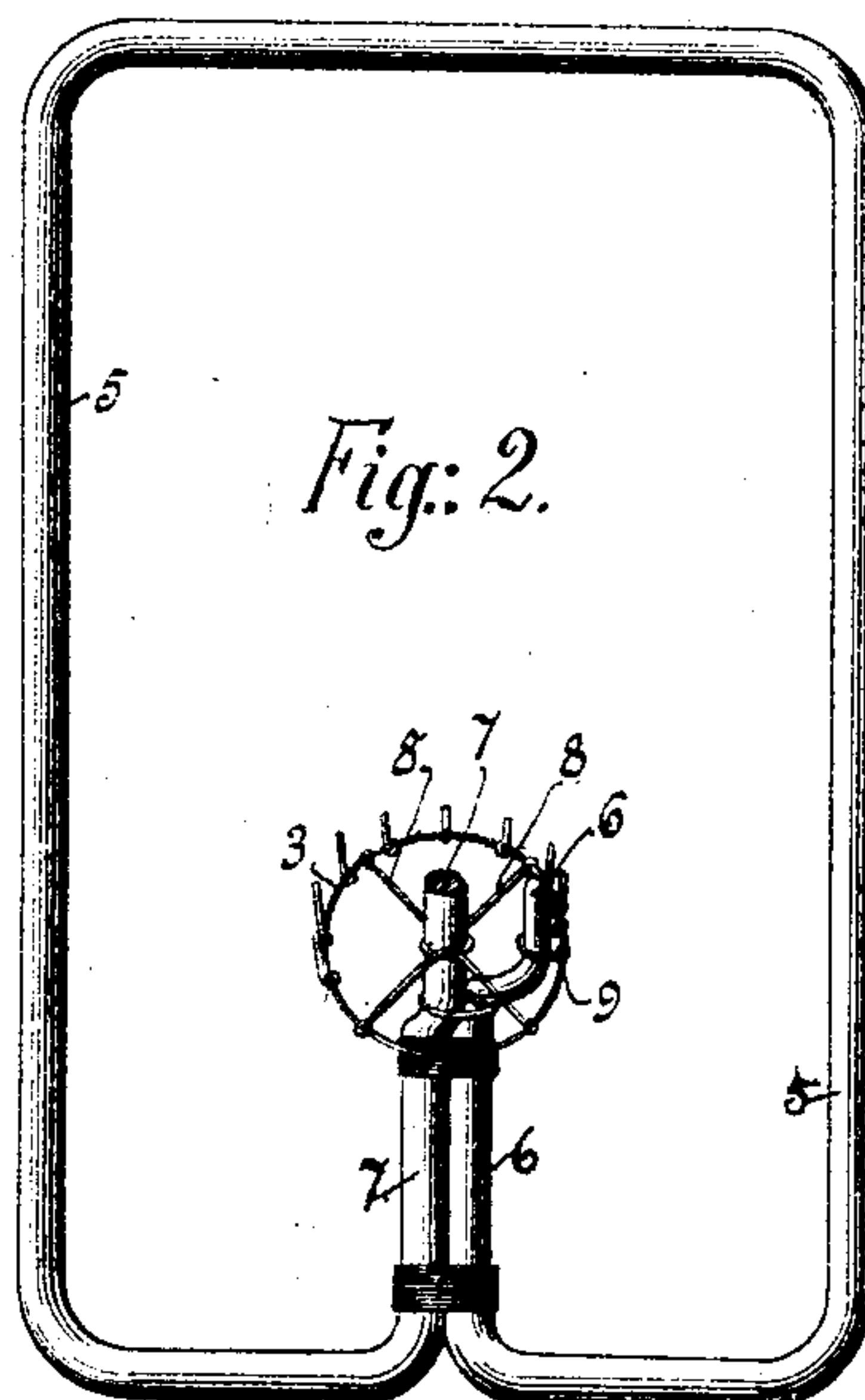
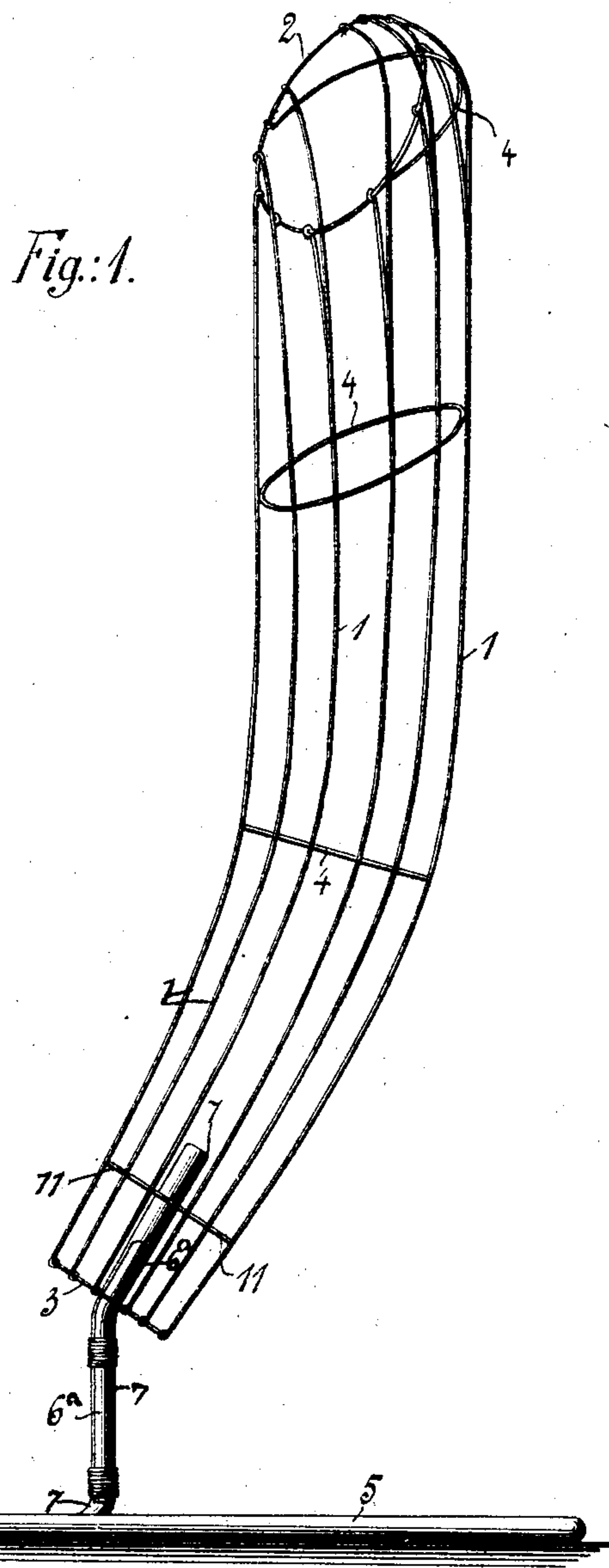
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ETTIE LESSER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sleeve-Drapers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device employed for draping dress-sleeves, and has for its object the construction of a form which shall be more efficient and capable of easier handling and manipulation than prior devices of this character, all as more particularly defined in the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate one embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 is a side view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a top view, certain of the parts being broken away; and Fig. 3 is also a top view.

Similar numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

Sleeve-forms of this class have usually been made of wood or other material, so shaped and constructed that access to the interior was impossible or very difficult. Conformators have, however, been made in skeleton form; but the sleeve portions thereof were not constructed or intended for support upon a base independently of other portions of the conformator. I have devised a sleeve-dra- per which is so constructed and applied to a support or base that access may be conveniently had to all portions of the interior, at the sides, and both ends.

The details of construction and combination of parts are as follows: As shown in the drawings, the form is made of wires 1, the strands being arranged longitudinally and secured at their upper ends to a ring 2 and at their lower ends to a ring 3. The number and shape of the strands and the diameter of said rings are such as to give a contour approximately that of the human arm. The form may be strengthened by suitably-disposed brace rings or pieces 4.

While I have specified wire as the material of which the form is made, it is to be understood that any other material possessing the necessary rigidity and capability of maintaining a permanent shape may be employed, the essential feature being that the form shall be

made of material which will permit an open-work construction, so that when the sleeve is adjusted upon the form it may be sewed from the interior, the open spaces affording access to the material for the proper manipulation of the material and of the drapery or trimming.

The form may be of any suitable size or shape, the top ring 2 being of sufficient size to permit entry of the hand and arm of the operator and the strands of wire or other material spaced apart sufficiently to afford proper working room.

The form above described is applied to and supported by a light, easily-portable, horizontal base, the same being preferably formed of stout wire 5. The numeral 5 designates such stand, which may be circular, rectangular, or other shape and of such dimensions as to afford a stable base when carrying the form. Projecting upwardly from the base are two prongs 6 and 7. If the base is made of wire, the ends of the wire may be bent upwardly in the manner shown to constitute such prongs; although it is to be understood that said prongs may be secured to the base in any suitable manner. In Fig. 1 a supplemental prong 6^a is shown secured to and alongside the longer prong 7, and in Figs. 2 and 3 the prong 6 is shown as one of the upturned terminals of the wire 5, and also bent laterally at the upper end to adapt it for attachment to the sleeve-form at a point adjacent to the periphery of the latter, while the prong 7 occupies a central position. Thus the prongs are spaced apart, so as to more firmly brace and rigidly support the form.

To the lower ring 3 of the form I secure suitable wires 8, which are so formed as to provide an opening through which the prong 7 may project upwardly. A suitable eye 9, formed of wire and secured to the ring 3, provides a seat through which the prong 6 may project. To make the holding means more secure, I provide brace-ring 11, with suitable sustaining-wires 10, so formed as to provide a circular opening through which the prong 6 may project. The transverse radial wires 8 and 10 and circular wires 3 and 11 form skeleton braces, which permit access to the

interior of the form at the lower end, while maintaining it in the required position without wobbling.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A form for draping and trimming dress-sleeves, consisting of a skeleton frame having the contour of a full sleeve and open spaces that permit access to the interior, and a base
10 having two vertical projecting portions which are spaced apart and secured to the lower end of the said frame, at different points, as shown and described.

2. A form for draping and trimming dress-
15 sleeves, consisting of a skeleton frame having open spaces which permit access to the interior, the lower end of the same having transverse braces, and a horizontal base-support constructed of a single piece of wire whose
20 ends are upturned and spaced apart, one, being secured to the said braces and the other

to the side of the frame, substantially as described.

3. A form for draping and trimming sleeves consisting of an open framework of rigid material, a base having a plurality of supporting-prongs projecting therefrom and adapted to engage said form. 25

4. A form for draping and trimming sleeves consisting of an open framework of rigid material, strengthening-pieces secured to said frame, a base having suitable supporting-prongs projecting therefrom and adapted to engage seats in the lower of the said strengthening-pieces. 30

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