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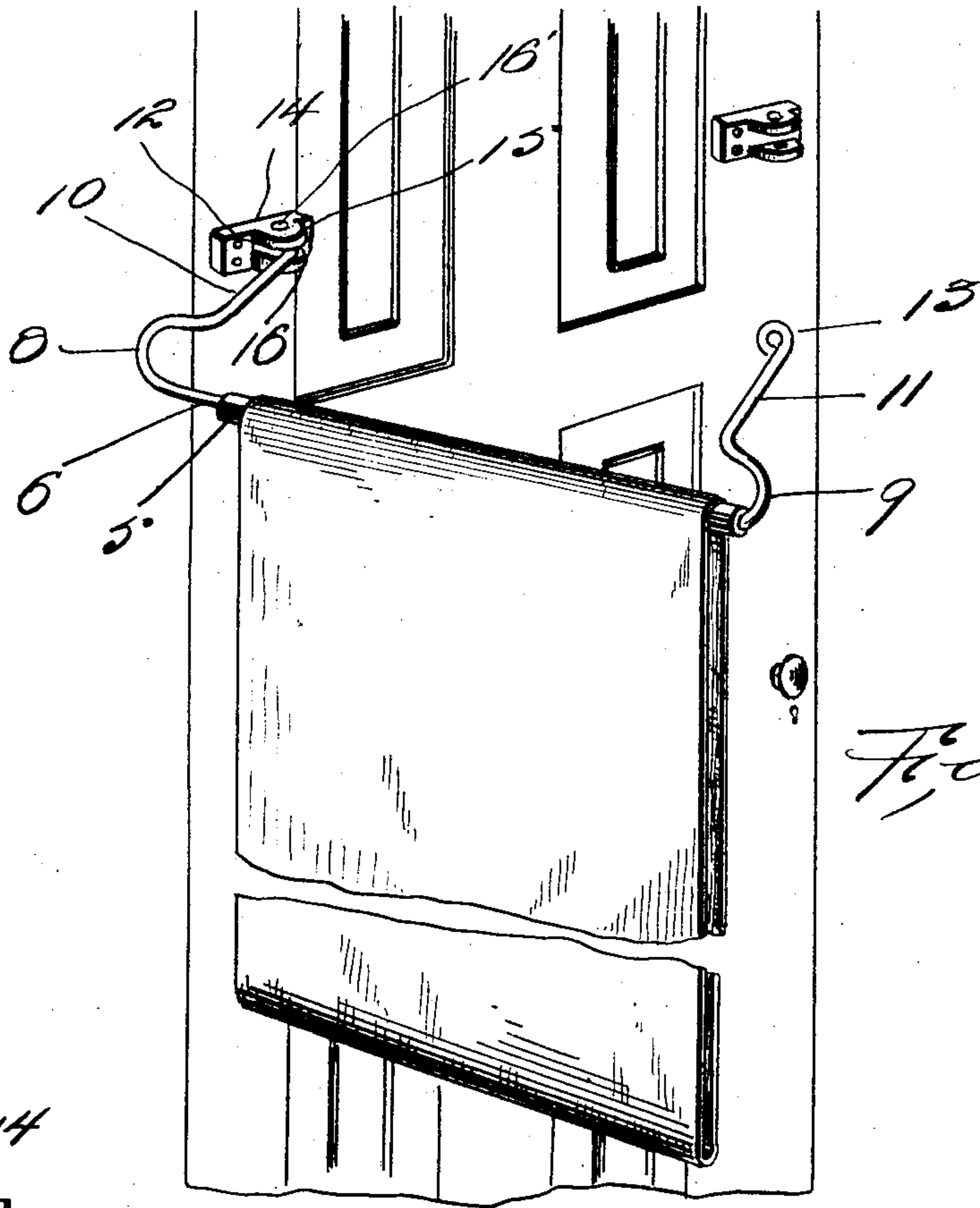


Fig. 1.

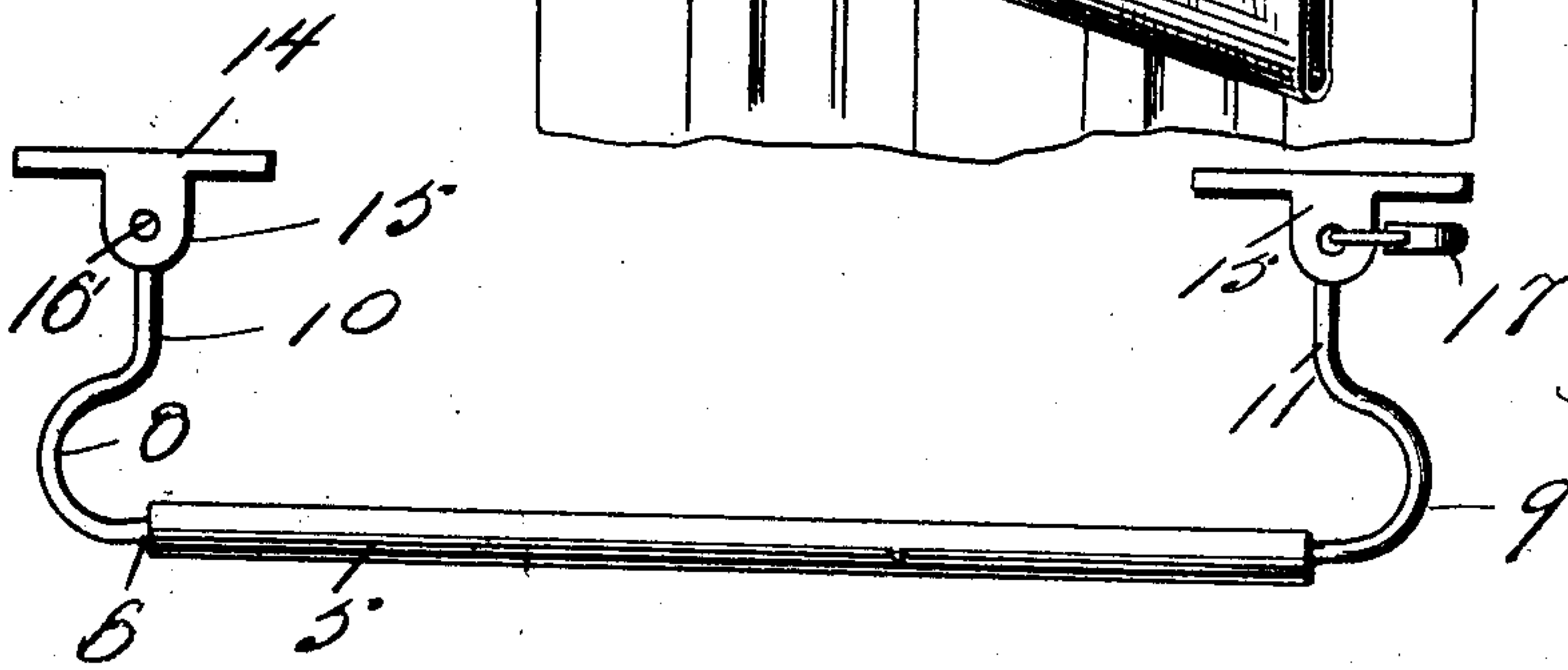


Fig. 2.

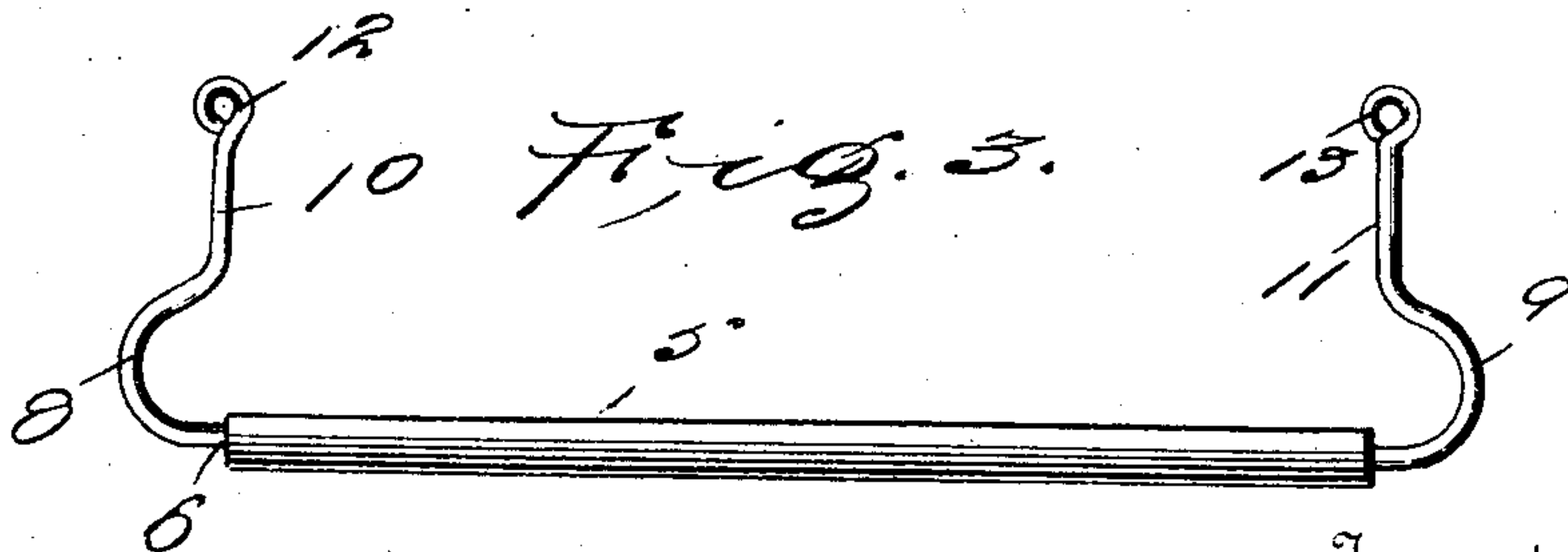


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. BERNARDI, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to towel-holders of that class wherein a roller is employed and over which an endless towel runs, the object of the invention being to provide a construction wherein the parts may be locked in position to prevent removal of the towel and in which the parts when unlocked may be readily swung into position to permit of removal of the towel.

A further object of the invention is to provide a construction which will be simple and durable and may be made at a low cost.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the holder in open position and with a towel engaged therewith. Fig. 2 is a top plan view showing the holder in closed position. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the roller and the frame that carries it.

Referring now to the drawings, the present holder comprises a roller 5, carried by a frame consisting of a rod or heavy metallic wire comprising a central straight portion 6, which passes through the central bore of the roller and on which the roller is rotatable, the wire at the ends of the roller being bent laterally and toward each other in arch form, as shown at 8 and 9, and then rearwardly at right angles to the roller, as shown at 10 and 11, the portions 10 and 11 terminating in eyes 12 and 13. In connection with this frame there are employed two brackets, each including a plate 14, having vertically-spaced ears 15 and 16 projecting therefrom and between which ears are received the terminal eyes of the roller-supporting frame. The ears of the brackets have perforations therethrough, and through the perforations of one pair of ears and

through the corresponding eye of the roller-frame is engaged a pin 16, which forms a pintle upon which the frame may be swung for movement of its opposite terminal eye into and out of position between the spaced ears of the corresponding bracket. These last-named ears are likewise perforated and are designed to receive a padlock 17 in connection with the interposed eye, so that the frame may be held against movement upon the pintle.

When the towel is to be applied to the roller, the padlock is removed and the frame swung to the position shown in Fig. 1, and the towel is then slipped over the roller. The frame is then swung to the position shown in Fig. 2, and the padlock is engaged with the bracket and frame to hold the latter in closed position, at which time it will be impossible to remove the towel.

In practice modifications of the specific construction shown may be made and any suitable materials and proportions may be used for the various parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is—

As an article of manufacture, a towel-holder comprising brackets each including vertically-spaced perforated ears, a wire including a straight central portion and having its end portions bent laterally in a common plane with the central portion and terminating in eyes disposed between the ears of the corresponding brackets, a roller mounted upon the straight portion of the wire and a pintle engaged through the eye at one end of the wire and through the perforations of the corresponding ears and on which the wire is movable with its opposite end into and out of engagement between the ears of the opposite bracket to receive a lock through its eye in connection with the perforations of the adjacent ears.

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

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