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Fig. I.

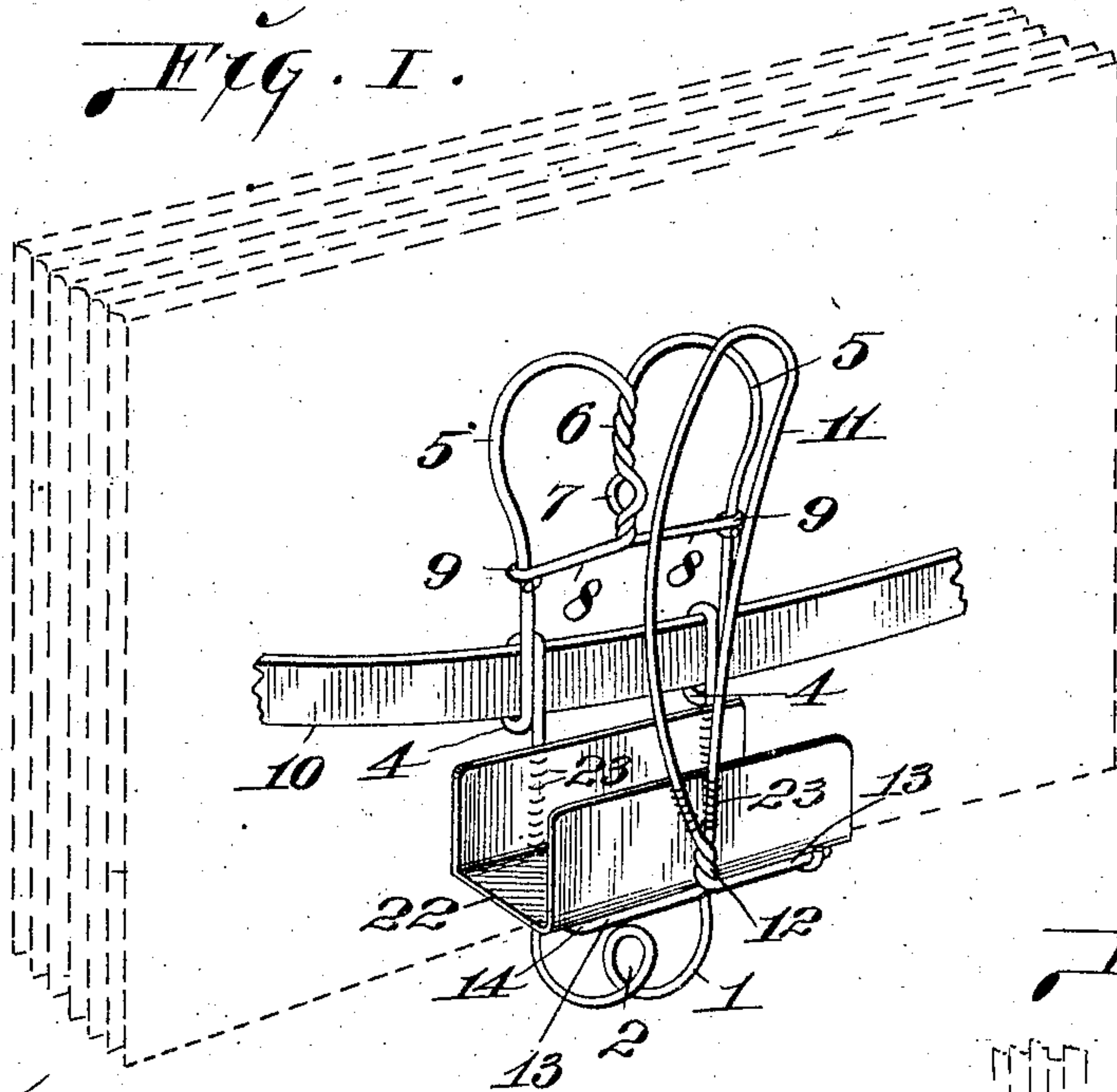


Fig. II.

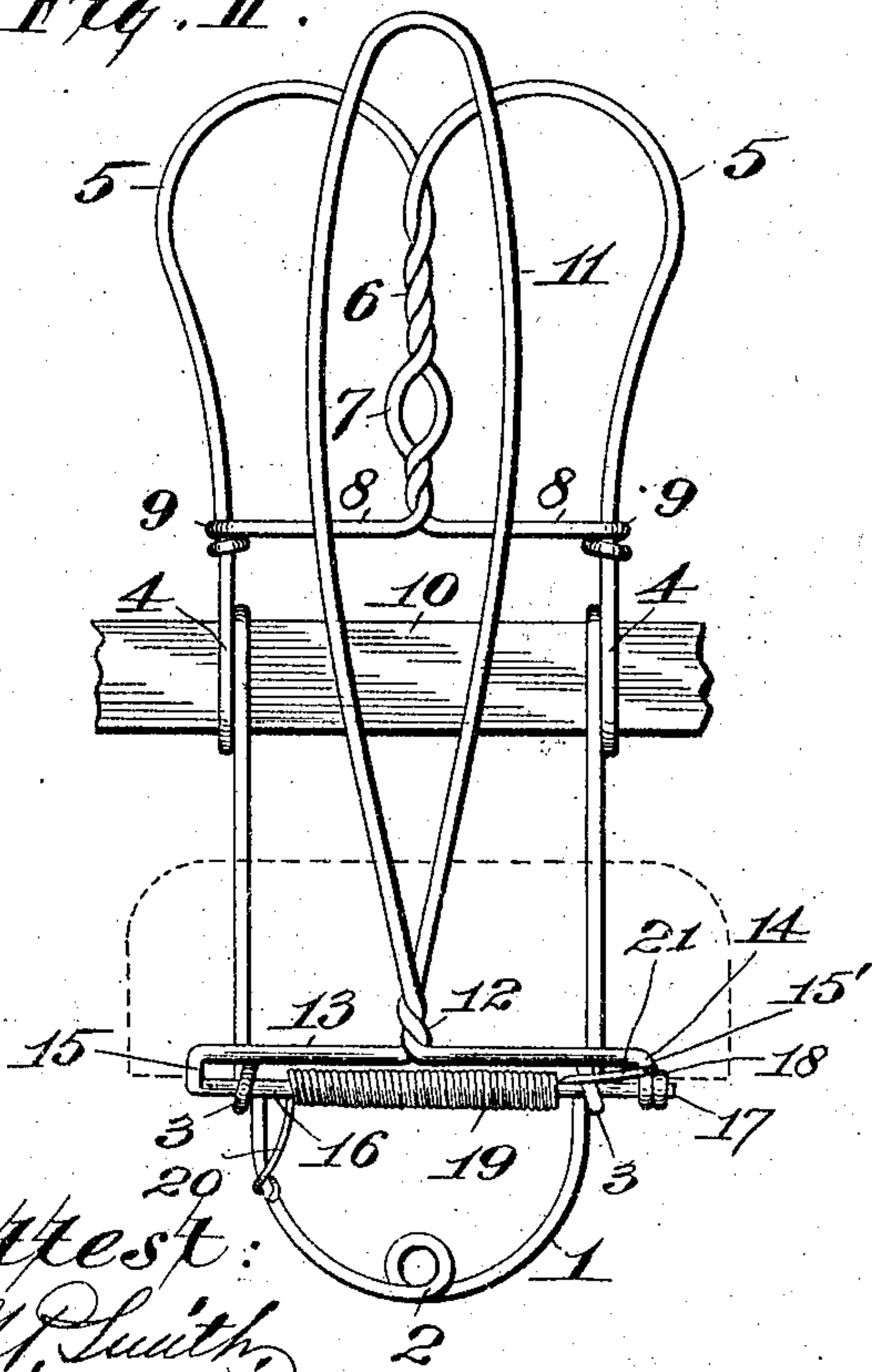
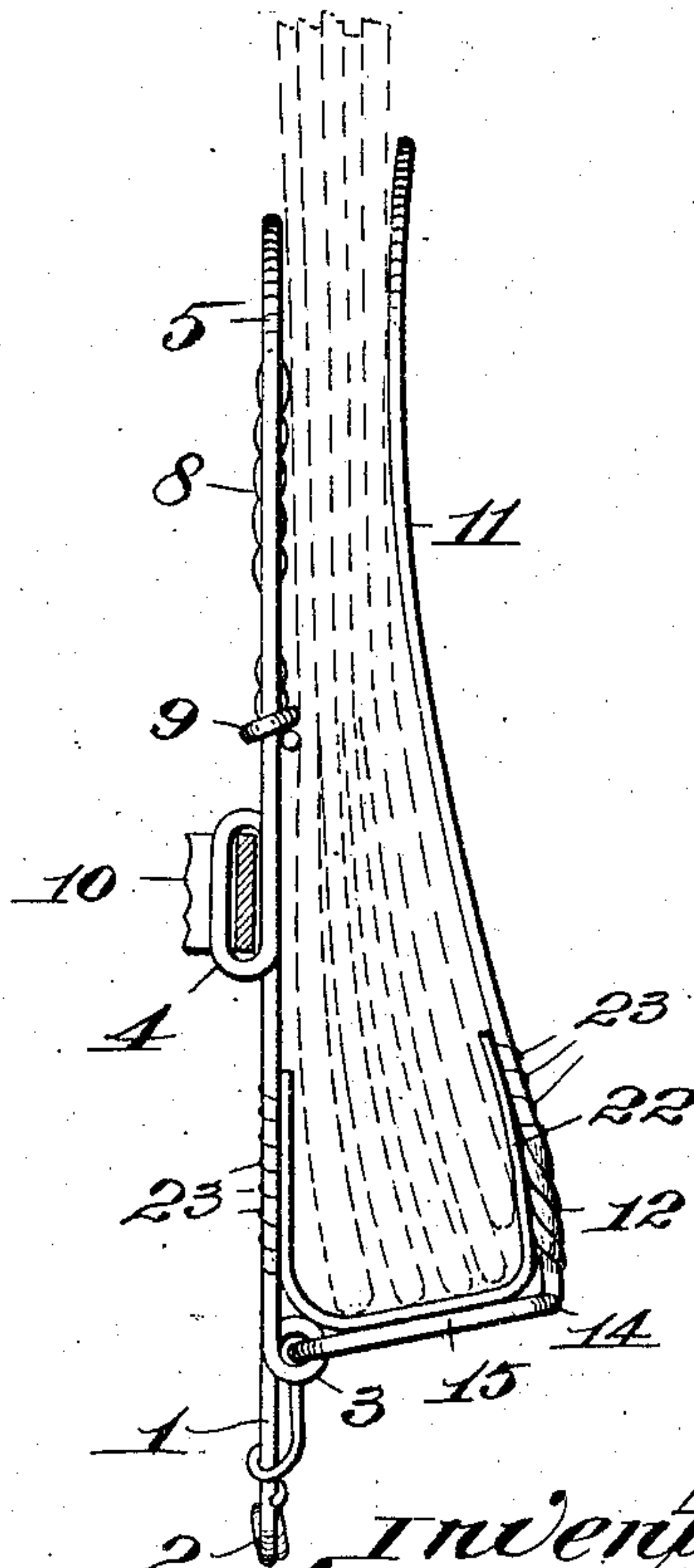


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ZITKO, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Holding Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device for holding papers, it being particularly intended for use by newspaper-venders to be secured to the body of the vender as a support for the papers, from which they may be readily withdrawn singly, while leaving both of the arms of the vender free. The device is also susceptible of attachment to a wall or other fixed support.

Figure I is a perspective view of my paper-holding device. Fig. II is a front elevation of the device. Fig. III is an end view of the device.

The back of my paper-holding device is constructed of a single piece of wire that is bent at a point central of its length into a lower loop 1, having therein an eye 2. The loop 1 also has in its sides ears 3, that extend forwardly from the main plane of the back, and belt-receiving eyes 4, that extend rearwardly from the main plane of the back. The upper end of the back is formed into a pair of loops 5, that are produced by extending the ends of the wire downwardly between the sides of the back and twisting them at 6, the twisted portion having therein an eye 7. From the twisted portion the ends of the back wire extend transversely of the back to the side portions of the back, constituting cross-arms 8, that are formed into coiled terminals 9, which encircle said back side portions. The strap-receiving eyes 4 are adapted to have a belt 10 passed therethrough, by which the paper-holding device may be secured and held to the body of a wearer.

The front of the paper-holding device is formed of a single piece of wire and consists of a clamp loop-arm 11, which constitutes the central portion of the wire, the lower end of the loop being formed into a twist 12. From said twist extends the lateral arm portions 13,

that are bent rearwardly at 14 and are continued in the shape of rearwardly-projecting arm portions 15 and 15'. From the rear end of the arm portion 15 extends a pivot-arm portion 16, that is situated in the ears 3 of the back of the device, the pivot-arm portion terminating at 17 (see Fig. II) at a point outwardly from the ear 3 at the side of the paper-holding device at which the rearwardly-extending arm portion 15' of the front of the device is located. The arm portion 15' terminates in a coil 18, which encircles the end of the pivot-arm portion 16, thereby securing said arm to said portion.

19 is a coil-spring which is wrapped around the pivot-arm portion 16. One end of this spring terminates in an arm 20, that is secured to the lower loop 1 of the back of the paper-holding device, and the other end of the spring terminates in an arm 21, that bears against one of the rearwardly-extending arm portions of the front of the paper-holding device—for instance, the arm 15'—so that the force of the spring is exerted against the front of the device to hold its loop-arm yieldingly in order that it will be caused to exert a pressure toward the back of the device.

22 is an apron that is secured to the back and front of the paper-holding device, preferably by stretching it thereto, as seen in Figs. I and III at 23. This apron serves as a receiving member for the lower portions of papers inserted into the device and prevents them from rubbing against the supporting members against which they are situated, thereby avoiding damage to the papers.

When the device is used by a newspaper-vender as a carrier, the belt 10 is introduced through the eyes 4 of the back of the device, and the belt being secured to the wearer's body the device may be upheld in a position convenient for access in introducing and removing papers therefrom, the papers being securely held due to the spring action existing against the loop clamp-arm 11 tending to retain said arm pressed toward the back of the device.

Where it is desired to use my paper-holding device as a fixed paper-holder, the screws or nails may be introduced through the eyes

2 and 7 of the back of the device and inserted into a wall or other fixed support, and when the device is thus mounted the utility is the same as where worn upon the person of a newspaper-vender.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a paper-holding device, the combination of a back member provided with pivot-ears and belt-receiving eyes, a front member having a portion thereof seated in the pivot-ears of said back member, and a spring connecting the pivot portion of said front member to said back member, substantially as set forth.

2. In a paper-holding device, the combination of a back member having a pair of pivot-ears and a pair of belt-receiving eyes, a front member consisting of a loop clamp-arm, lat-

erally-extending arms and a pivot-arm portion; the latter of which extends through the pivot-ears of said back member, and a spring encircling said pivot-arm portion and engaging said back and front members, substantially as set forth.

3. In a paper-holding device, the combination with a back member provided with means for receiving a belt, a front member pivoted to said back member, a spring connecting said back and front members, and an apron secured to said back and front members at the junction thereof, substantially as set forth.

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