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FIG-1.

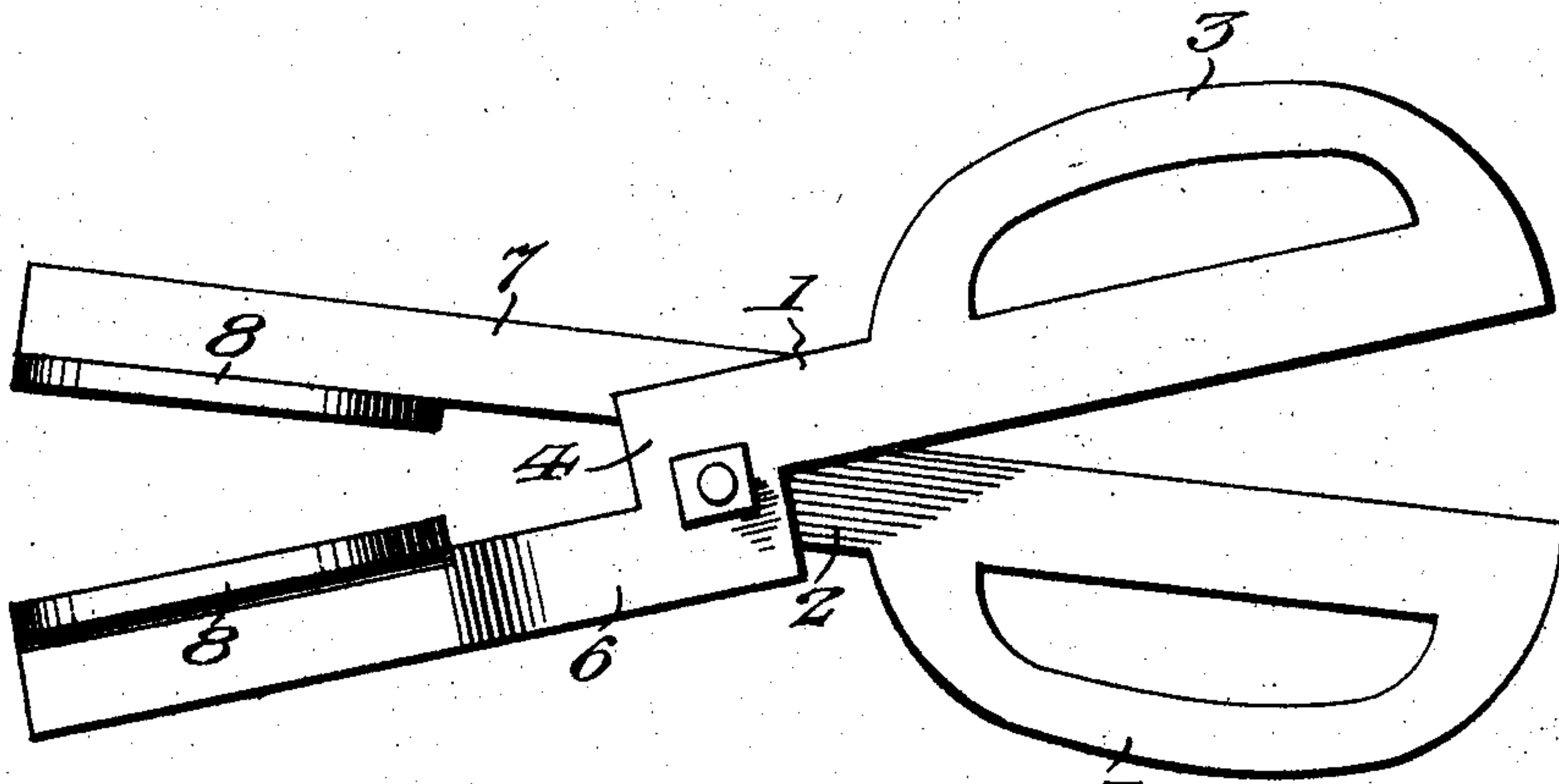


FIG-2.

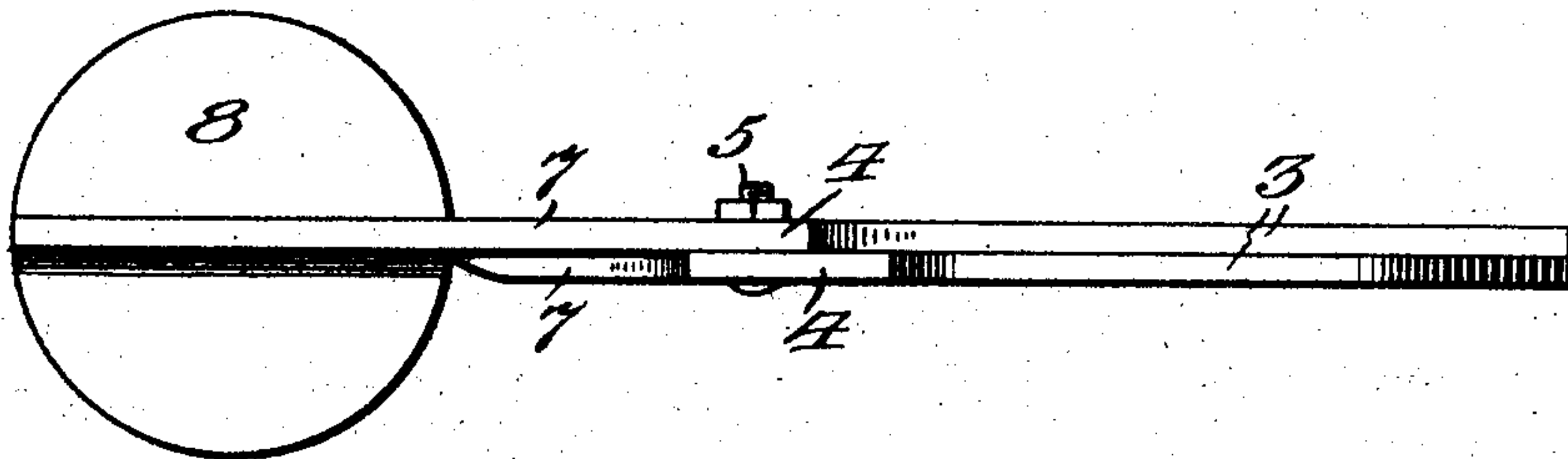
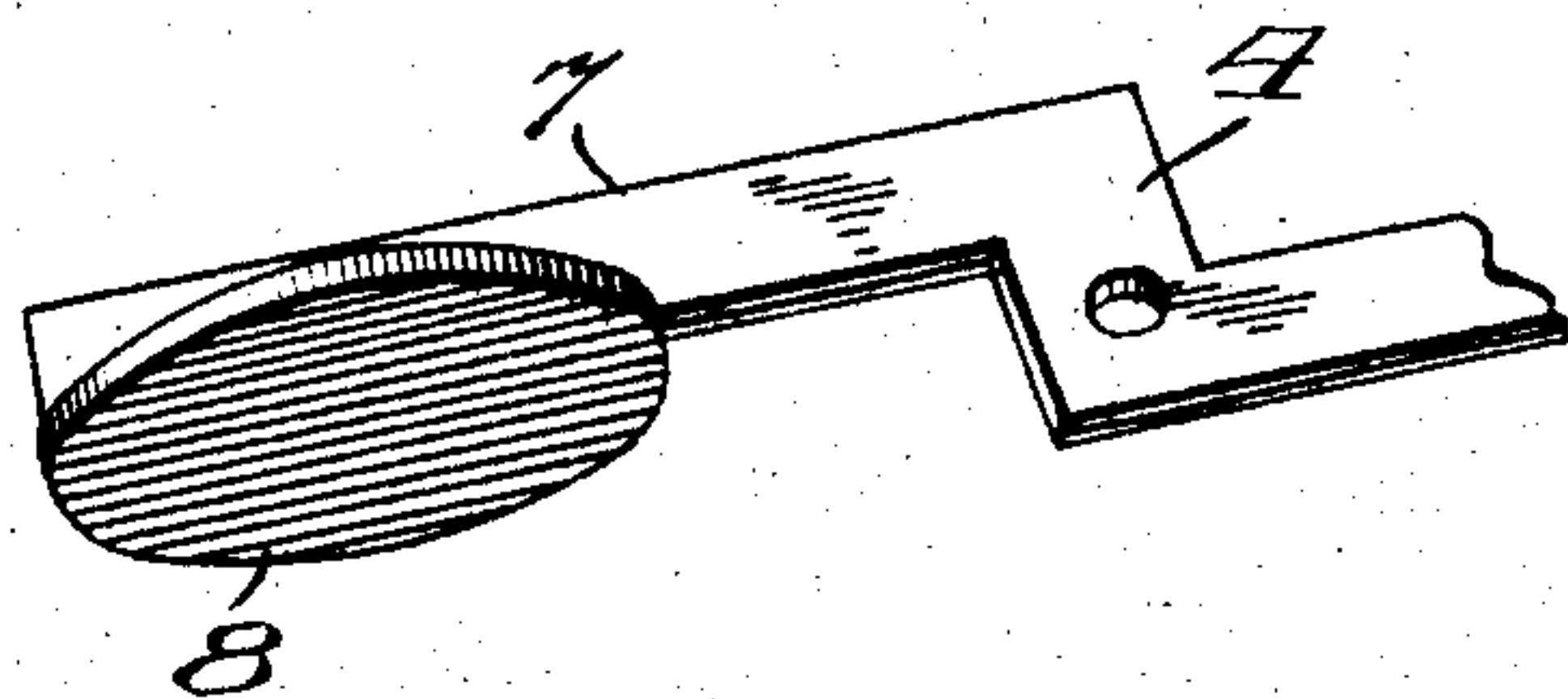


FIG-3.



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## NOTARIAL SEAL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELLEN E. WINPENNY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Notarial Seals, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a notarial seal, and the primary object of the same is to provide a device of this class of light weight and diminutive dimensions to adapt it to be readily carried in the pocket and convenient in its operation in making an impression on a document.

The improved notarial seal is shaped like a pair of pliers and is preferably made of aluminium, the two members being fulcrumed at an intermediate point and having reversely-projecting grips and impression and seal carrying plates at the opposite ends.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a notarial seal embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a portion of one of the members.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numerals 1 and 2 represent two members, each constructed of flat metal and having an elongated grip 3 at one end and an intermediate fulcrum enlargement 4. The grips 3 are in reverse position when the members 1 and 2 are assembled, and the enlargements 4 are applied against each other and connected by a fulcrum pin or bolt 5, having a head at one end and a nut on the opposite end. The shanks of the grips 3 respectively connect with the upper and lower portions of the fulcrum enlargements, and projecting forward from the latter above and below the planes of the shanks of the grips are arms 6 and 7, each carrying a disk 8 at its inner edge, the one disk forming a pressure-plate and the other means for holding the seal. The arms 6 and 7 are connected to the centers of the outer sides of the disks 8, and to bring the latter into alinement it is proposed to laterally deflect the one arm 6 to a limited extent. This lateral deflection is necessary to align the disks in view of the fact that the one

enlargement 4 is placed against the other, and by having the arms 6 and 7 project from the enlargements in the manner heretofore described sufficient space is formed between the inner edges of the said arms and the disks carried thereby to permit the convenient insertion between the disks of documents or papers which it is desired to seal.

It is proposed to form the members 1 and 2 of aluminium in order to lighten the structure, and the dimensions of the parts as an entirety will be diminutive to allow the improved seal to be conveniently carried in the pocket. It will be understood, however, that changes in the proportions and dimensions, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A notarial or similar seal device consisting of flat metal members, each member being provided with an outwardly-extending loop handle or grip at one end continuous with a shank and an arm, the handle or grip having its opposite sides coincident with the adjacent sides of the shank from which it extends, the forward end of the shank and the rear end of the arm of each member merging into each other at an intermediate approximately rectangular fulcrum enlargement to bring the edge of the shank opposite that from which the handle or grip extends in longitudinal alinement with the inner edge of the arm located in advance of said fulcrum enlargement, the two members being disposed in reverse position sidewise against each other and the arm and shank of one member being longitudinally straight and the arm of the other member deflected inwardly in advance of its fulcrum enlargement to bring it in operative alinement with the first-mentioned straight arm, a pivot device extending centrally through the said enlargement, and disks fixed to the inner opposing edges of the arms at the free ends of the latter.

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

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