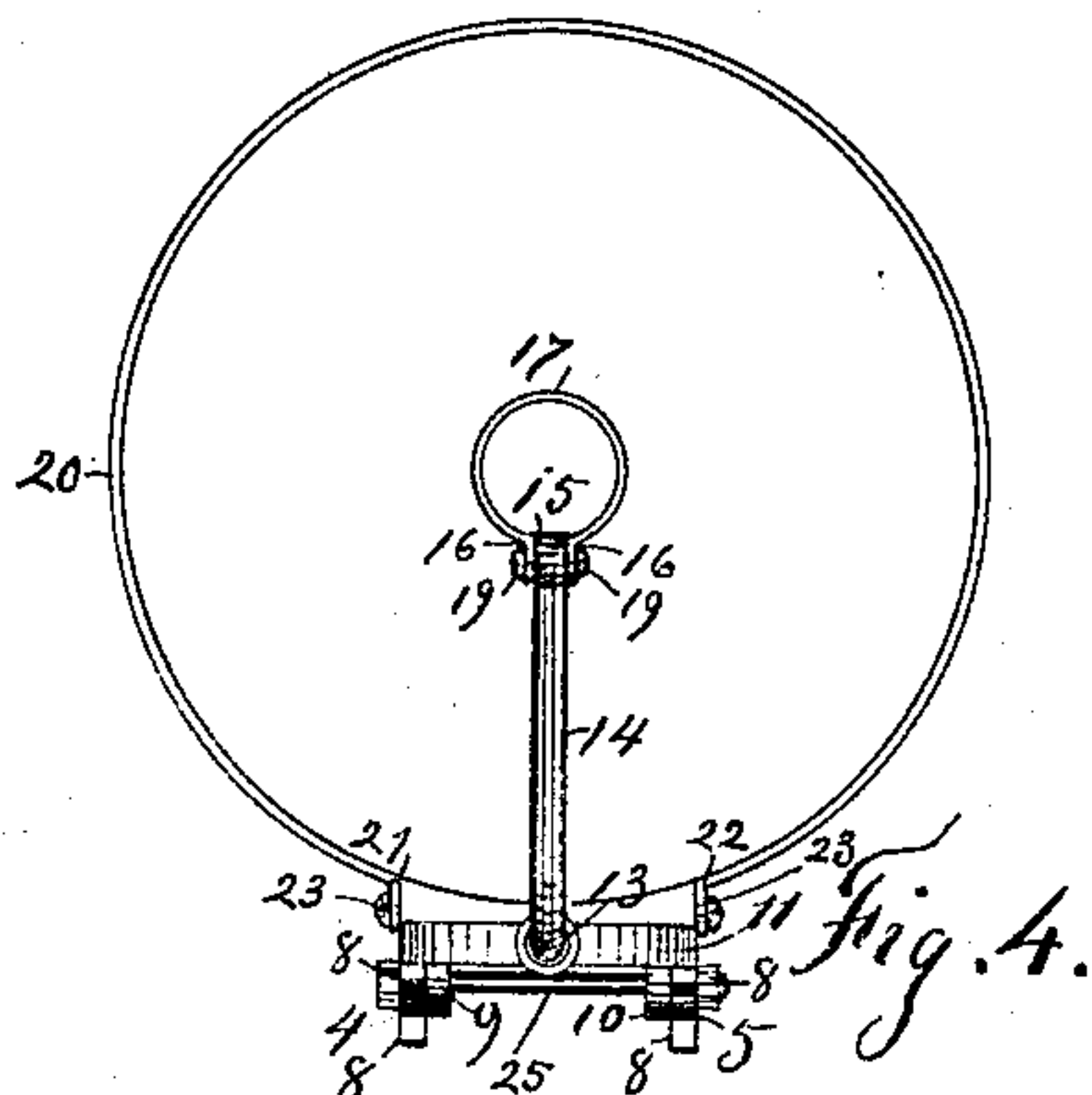
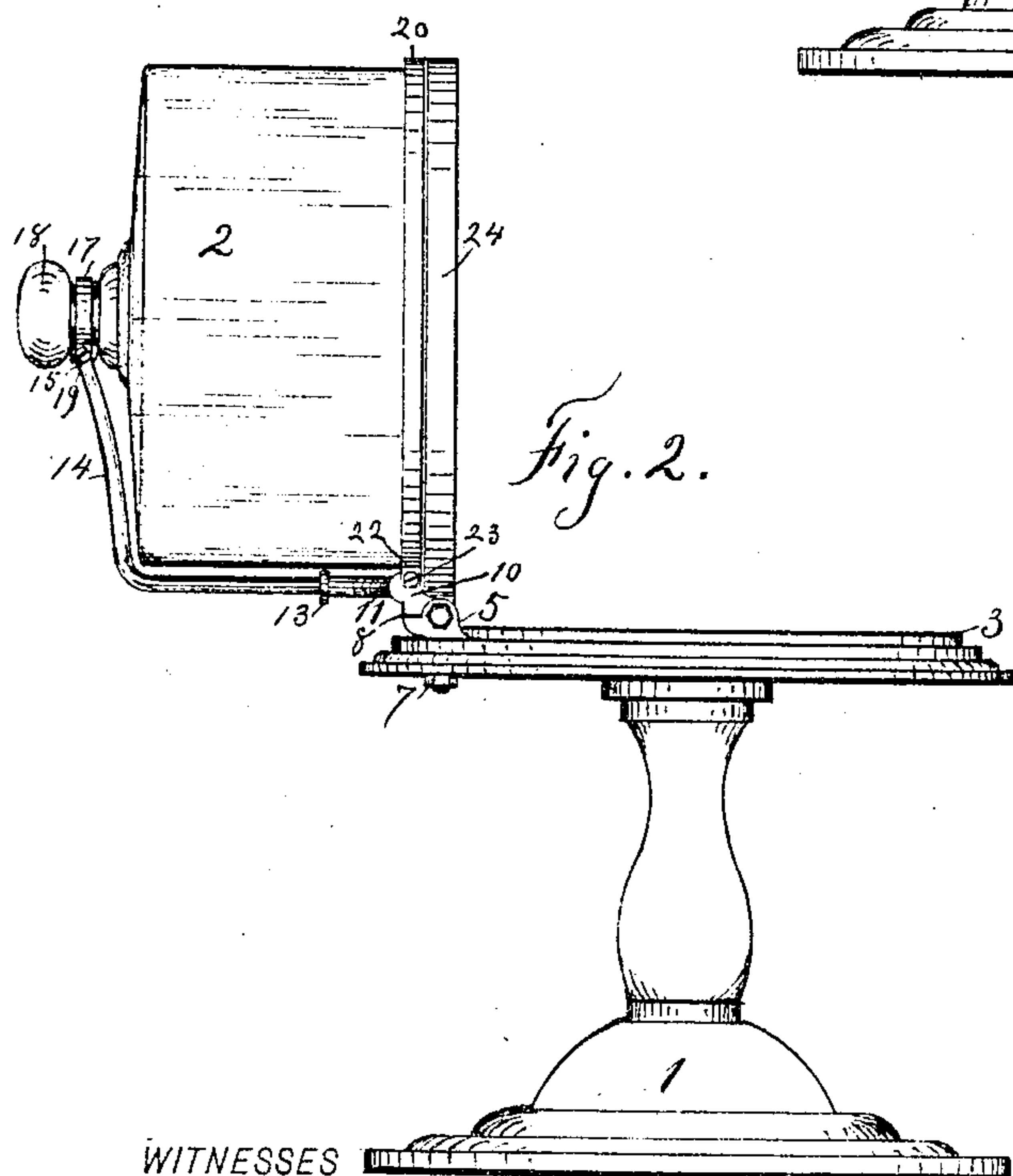
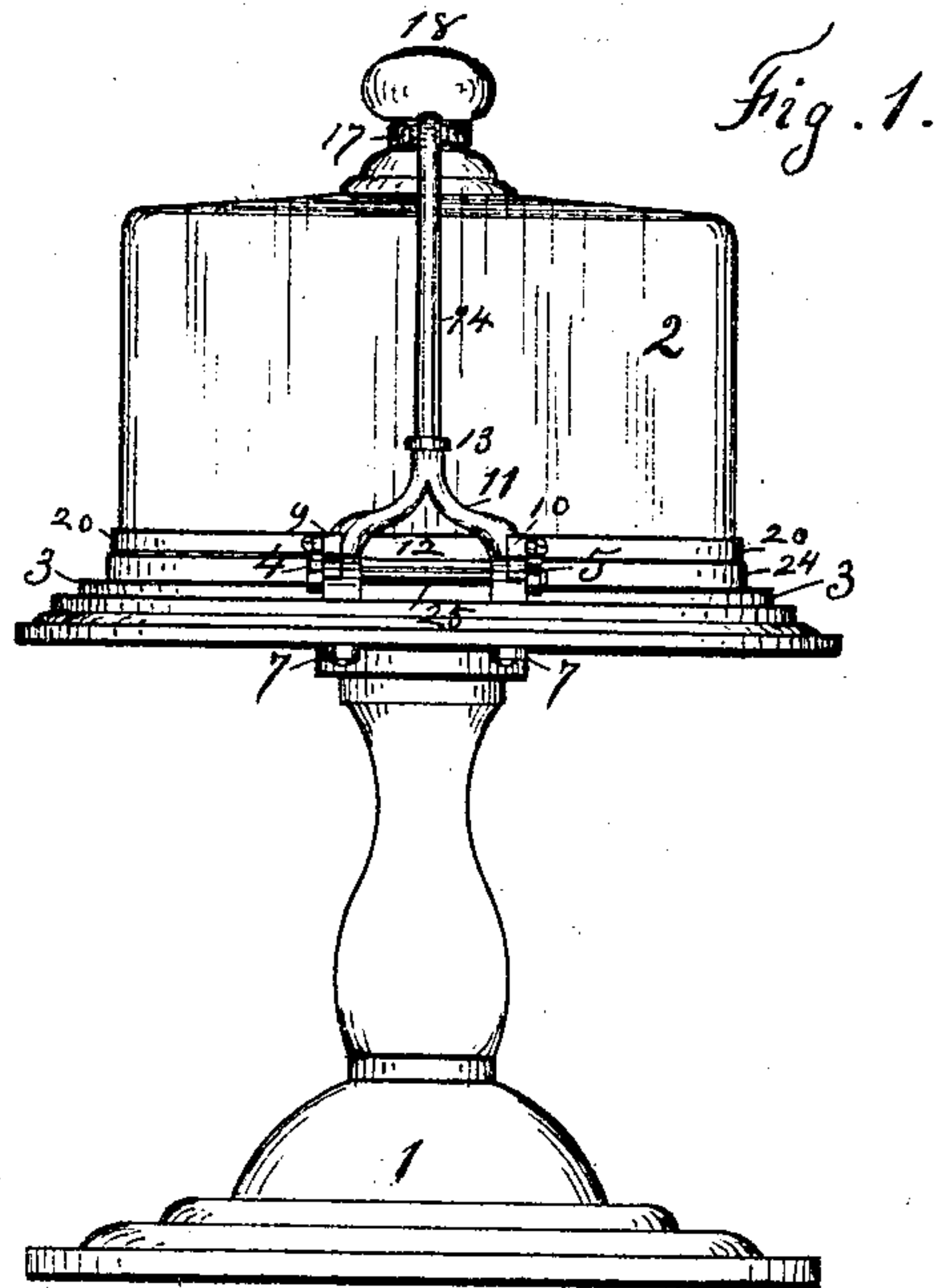
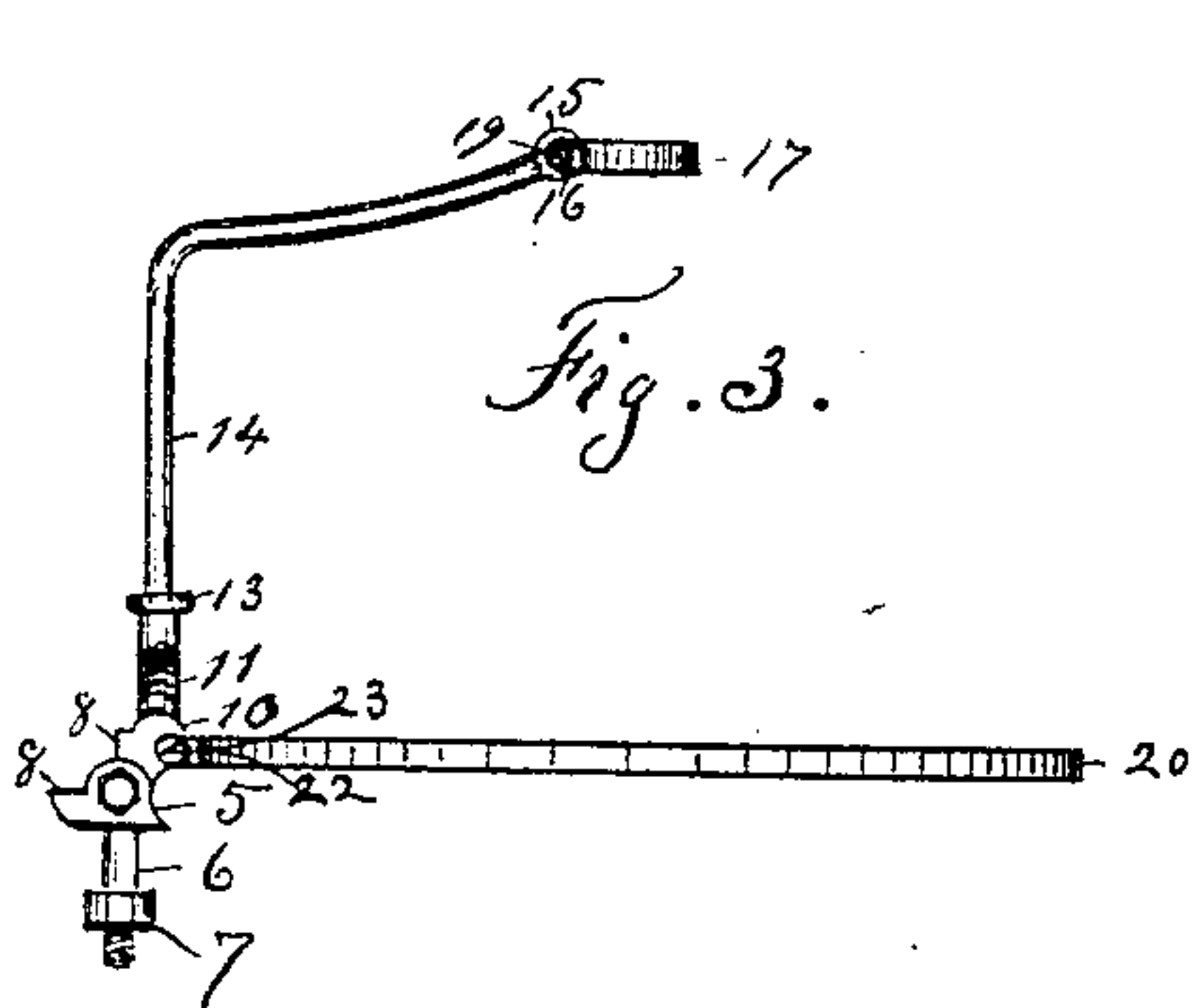


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fall River, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Counter-Fixtures; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of counter-fixtures which are peculiar to displaying and at the same time protecting food articles from air, insects, dust, and kindred deleterious substances which would injure or contaminate them. As now commonly used they consist of a glass cover which is placed over the article directly upon the counter or upon trays or stands to which the covers are adapted. When it is desired to remove any of the covered contents, the glass cover is lifted by hand, and as the counter is usually crowded with other articles there is no place to set the cover down while the attendant cuts, removes, or weighs portions of the article. Consequently it is placed in all sorts of unsuitable places, rendering it liable to get broken and causing much annoyance.

In this invention the method has been adopted of joining the glass cover to the stand by an adjustable and novel stop-hinge and frame device, whereby the glass cover may be thrown back and is supported in safety out of the way, while the attendant may use both hands cutting, weighing, or in temporarily leaving it, with no danger to the glass.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure 1 is an elevation of the fixture on the hinge side closed. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the fixture open. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the hinge, frame, and strap mechanism removed from the fixture. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the same.

Similar reference-numerals denote like parts in the various figures of the drawings.

1 is a stand adapted to hold articles of food.

2 is a glass cover.

3 is a raised rib in which the cover is re-

cessed to prevent oily articles that might run from heat from dripping upon the counter.

4 5 are hinge-lugs provided with tongue-bolts 6 for securing them solidly to the frame by means of the nuts 7. The lugs are provided with stop-seats 8. The upper half of the hinge consists of two corresponding sections 9 10, having similar stop-seats joined by a pyramidal fork 11 and a cross-bar 12, whose inner periphery corresponds to the shape of the glass cover. (See Figs. 1 and 4.) The fork at its apex unites to form a socket 13, which is adapted to receive a bent arm 14, (see Figs. 2 and 3,) which follows the contour of the glass cover up its side and over its top to the usual knob or handle at its center, where it terminates in a flat-sided knuckle 15, adapted to receive the flanged ends 16 of the flexible strap 17, which is passed around the neck of the knob 18 and secured to the sides of the knuckle by the screws 19, as shown. A similar flexible strap 20, flanged in a similar way, incloses the lower section of the glass cover and is secured to the movable section of the hinge at its flanged ends 21 22 by the screws 23. The glass covers are made with a lower shouldered rib 24, which prevents the lower strap from slipping down, and a recessed knob-neck, so that when the flexible straps 17 20 are drawn into position they secure the glass cover firmly in the fixture. A pivot-bolt 25 secures the two sections of the hinge together.

The action of the fixture is obvious.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a counter-fixture the combination of a stand, a glass cover, a hinge connecting the stand and cover, and a bracket-arm, the upper section of the hinge forming a standard for the support of the bracket-arm which is secured to it, said arm being adapted to the shape of the glass cover between its connection with the hinge and any suitable protuberance on top of the cover to which it may be affixed, substantially as described and shown.

2. In a counter-fixture the combination of a stand, a glass cover, and a hinge connecting

them together, the upper swinging section of the hinge consisting of a bracket-arm adapted to the shape of the glass cover, and flexible straps surrounding portions of said cover, and
5 secured to said bracket-arm or hinge, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name

to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 27th day of June, 1904.

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