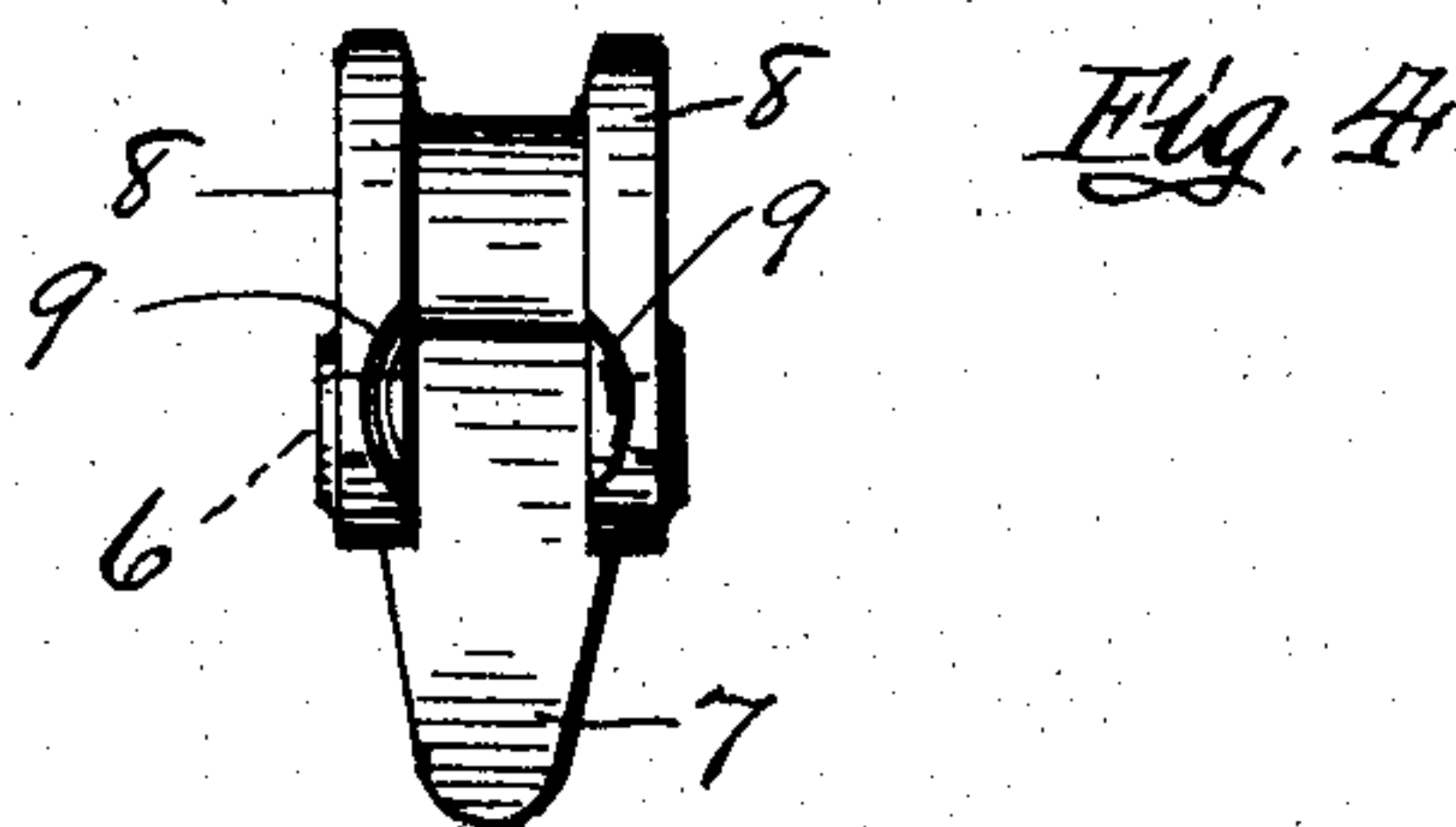
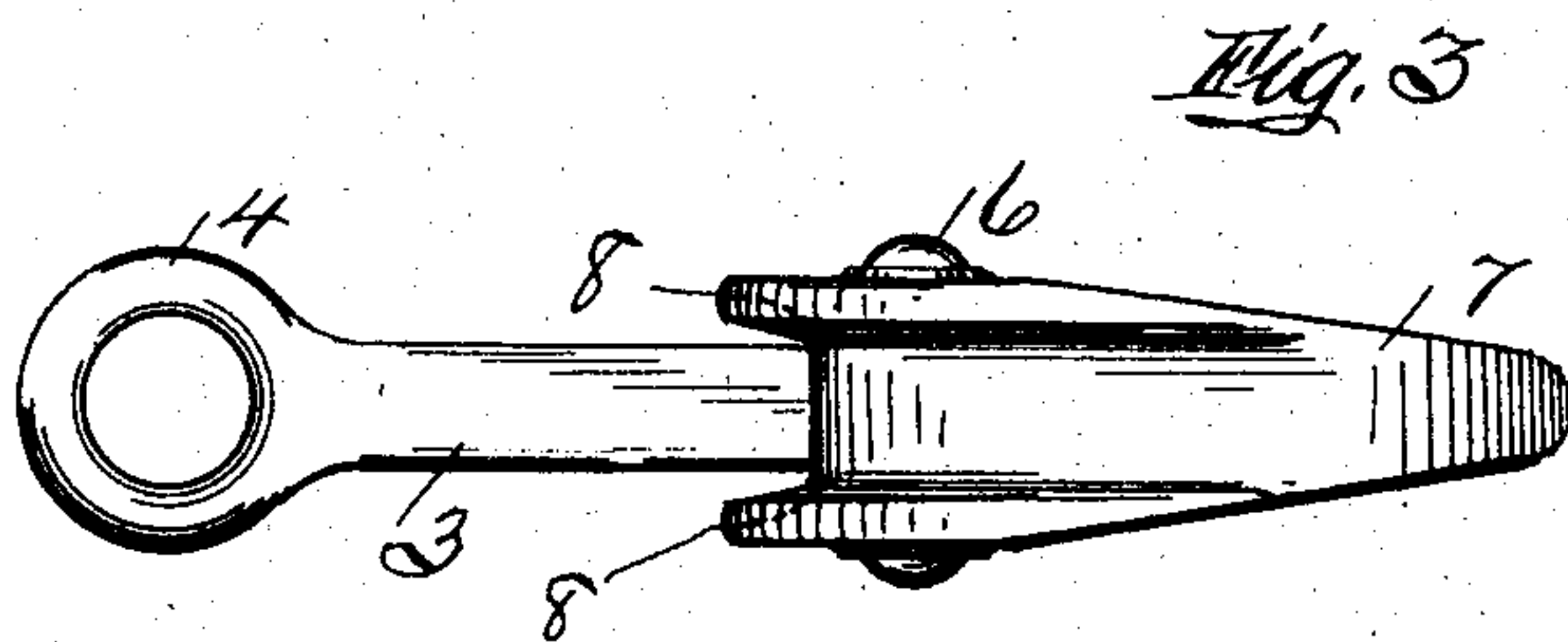
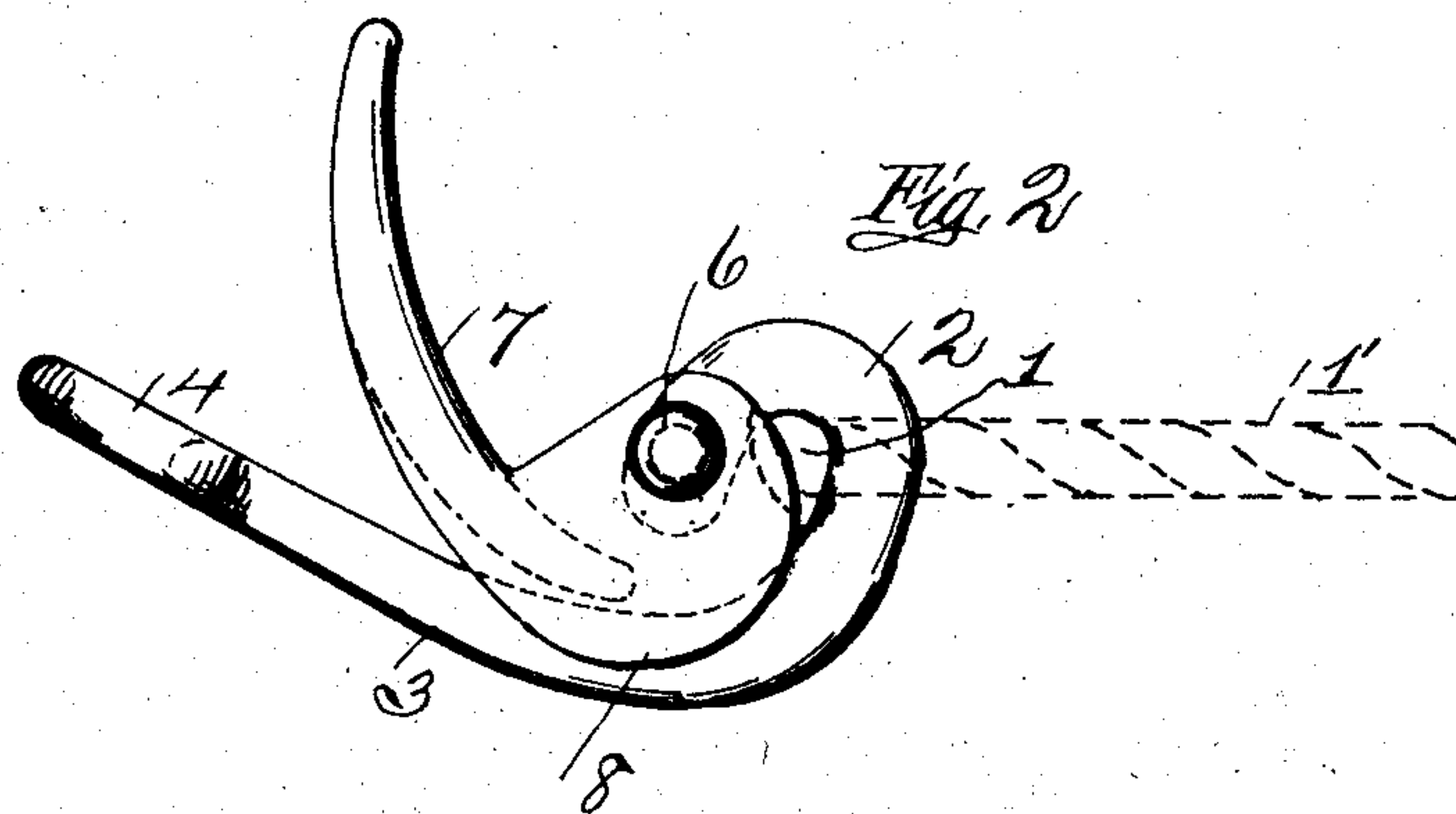
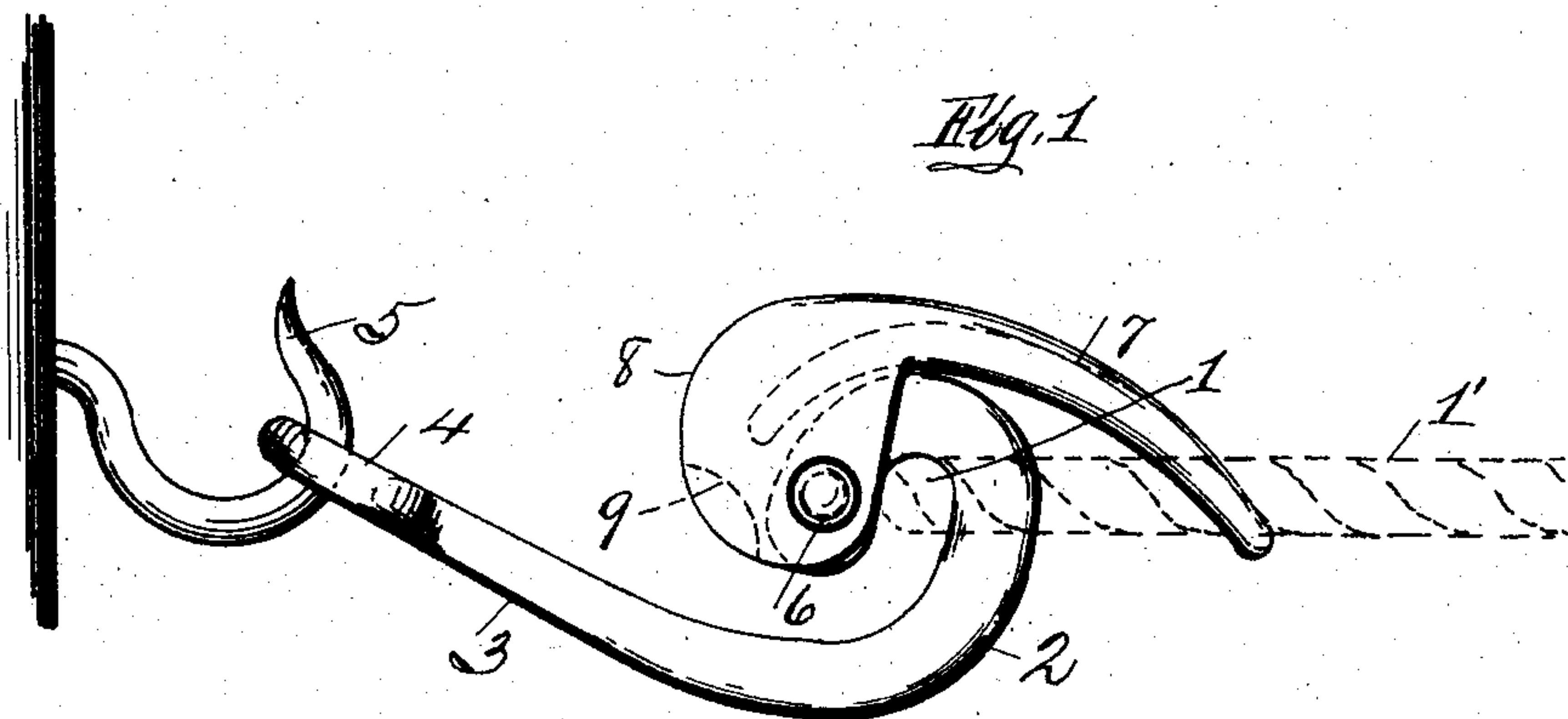


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. KOEPP, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Kensington, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Holders; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved clothes-line holder; and it consists in a hook having eccentrically pivoted thereto a lever adapted to engage with and hold said line rigid within said hook, together with the certain details of construction and combination of parts, as will be fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved clothes-line holder, showing the same open to receive the line, the said view being constructed and arranged in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the position of the parts when closed to secure the line therein. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the holder when open. Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the eccentric lever detached from the hook.

To construct a clothes-line holder in accordance with my invention, I form from suitable material a hook consisting of the upwardly and inwardly bent portion 2, the shank 3, and integral eyelet 4, adapted to engage with a hook or other device 5, securely fixed to a post or other object. Pivoted to the inner end of the bent portion 2 of the hook by means of a rivet 6 is an eccentric lever 7, having outwardly-extending flanges 8 eccentric with said pivot 6, said flanges being provided with recesses 9 on their inner side to engage with the clothes-line 1' and clamp the same in the recess 1, formed by the bend of the hook 2. These flanges 8 overlap the shank 3 of the hook when the eccentric clamp is in position to lock the line 1' within the hook, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 1 of the

drawings, thus locking the two parts together against lateral strain of the line.

In operation the device is attached to a hook 5 or other object, as shown at Fig. 1 of the drawings, and the lever thrown back. The clothes-line is arranged in the recess 1 and drawn taut and the eccentric lever 7 moved about its pivot 6 to the position shown at Fig. 2 of the drawings, thereby causing the flanges 8 to clamp the rope 1' tightly in the recess 1 of the hook 2. The recesses 9 in the flanges 8 will surround and press against the rope without injuring the same.

By this construction and arrangement, as shown and described, I have produced a simple durable clothes-line holder at comparatively small cost.

Various slight modifications and changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention. Therefore I do not wish to confine myself to the exact construction shown and described, but wish to claim all such as would come within the scope of the invention.

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

The herein-described clothes-line holder comprising a hook having an eye at one end for connection with a post or other object, and formed with an opening at the inner end or point, an eccentric clamp member journaled to the point of said hook by a transverse rivet, said clamp member having a lever portion 7, and integral eccentric flanges adapted to embrace, and engage with the sides of the hook, and support the point of the same, thereby locking said clamp member against lateral movement, and radial recesses 9, formed in the inner faces of the eccentric flanges, adapted to engage the rope and lock the same within the hook, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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