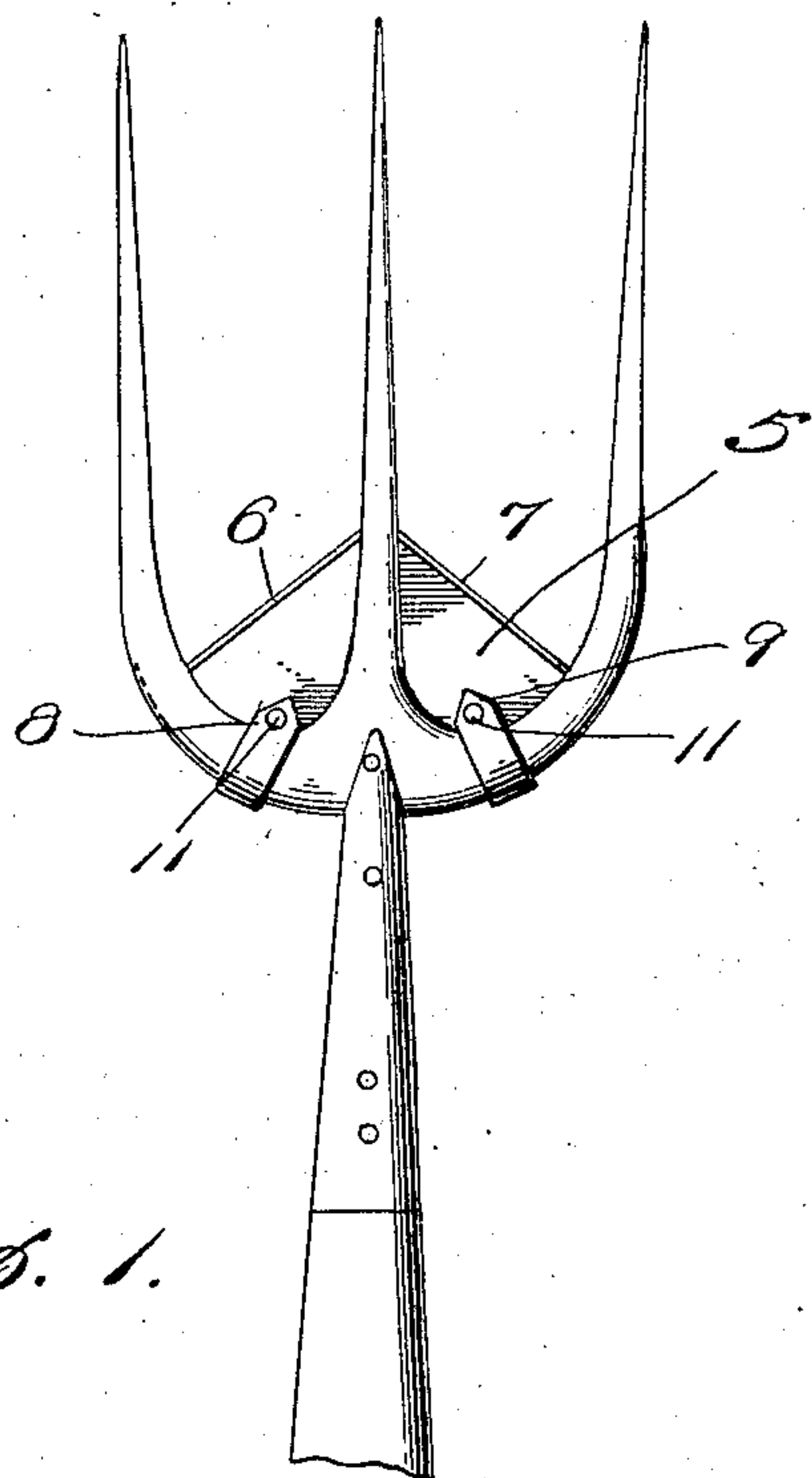


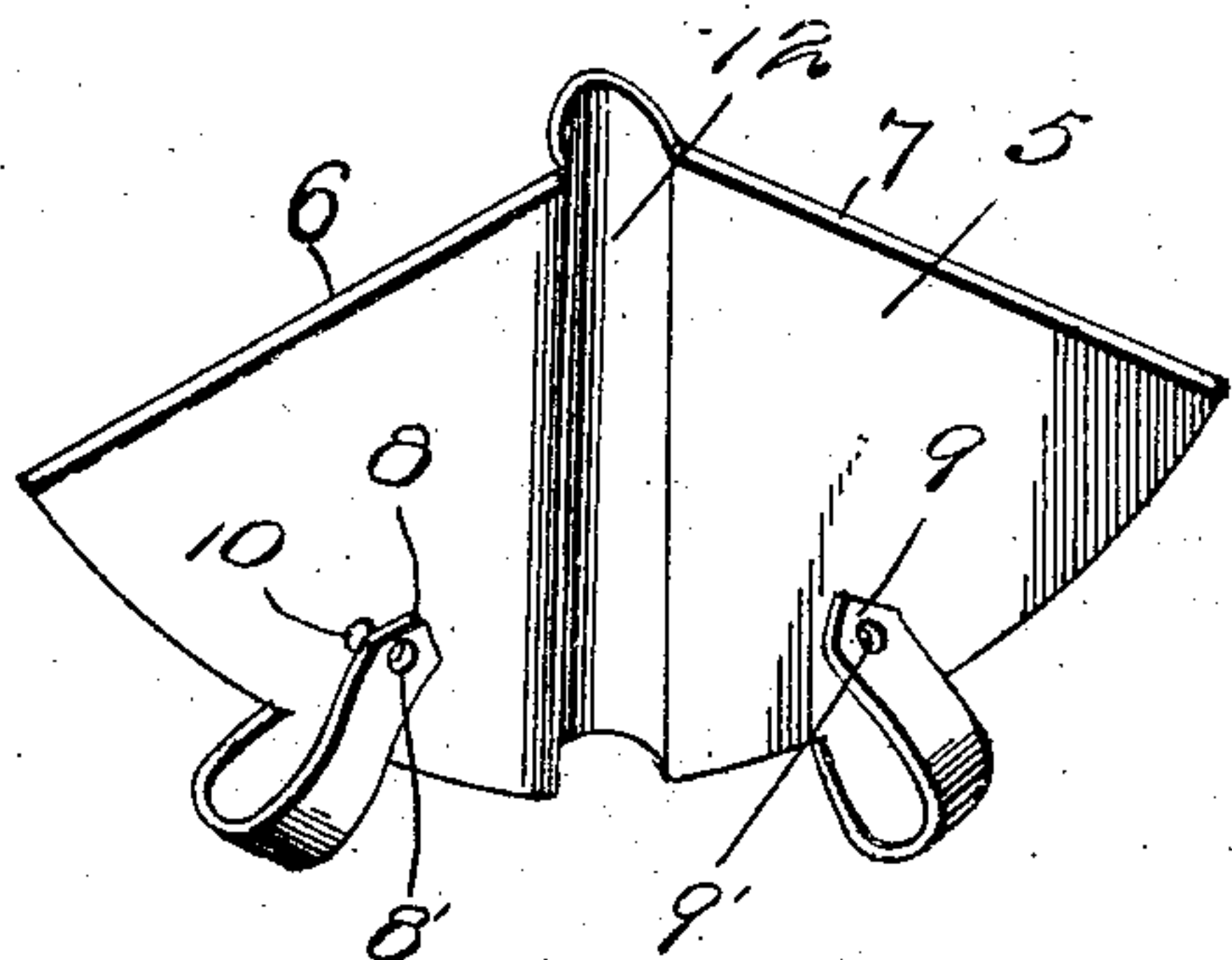
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY M. KARSTEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clearlake, in the county of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fork Attachments; 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 forks, and more particularly to attachments therefor, and has for its object to provide an attachment which may be attached to different forks interchangeably and by means of which the tie of a sheaf or bundle may be cut as the fork is inserted therein.

A further object is to provide such an attachment which may be manufactured at a low figure.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, and it will be understood that any suitable materials may be used and that changes in the specific construction shown and described may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in both views, Figure 1 is a view of a fork with the attachment in place thereon. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment.

Referring now to the drawings, the present invention may be stamped from a single blank, and consists of a segmental metallic plate 5, the straight sides 6 and 7 of which are at an angle of about one hundred and ten degrees to each other and are sharpened, as illustrated.

Extending from the curved edge of the plate, adjacent to the ends thereof, are tabs 8 and 9, which are bent into loops and lie with their free ends over the plate, these ends having perforations 8' and 9' therein which register with perforation 10 in the plate for the reception of bolts 11.

The plate is provided with a central convolution 12 extending from its curved edge to the meeting point of its sides 6 and 7.

In use the attachment is placed upon a fork, as illustrated in Fig. 1, with the central tine of the fork in the convolution and the tabs 8 and 9 engaged with the side tines, and when the fork is inserted in a bundle the sharpened edges 6 and 7 come into contact with the tie and sever it.

What is claimed is—

1. The combination with a fork, of a tie-cutter therefor, said cutter comprising a plate having a central convolution with which the central tine of the fork is engaged, and having upwardly-slanting sharpened edges, said plate having also looped tabs engaged with the side tines of the fork.

2. An attachment for forks, comprising a plate having slanting sharpened edges and looped tabs, said tabs being arranged for engagement with the side tines of a fork with the sharpened edges between said tines, and means for holding the tabs in engagement with the tines.

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

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