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Fig. 1.

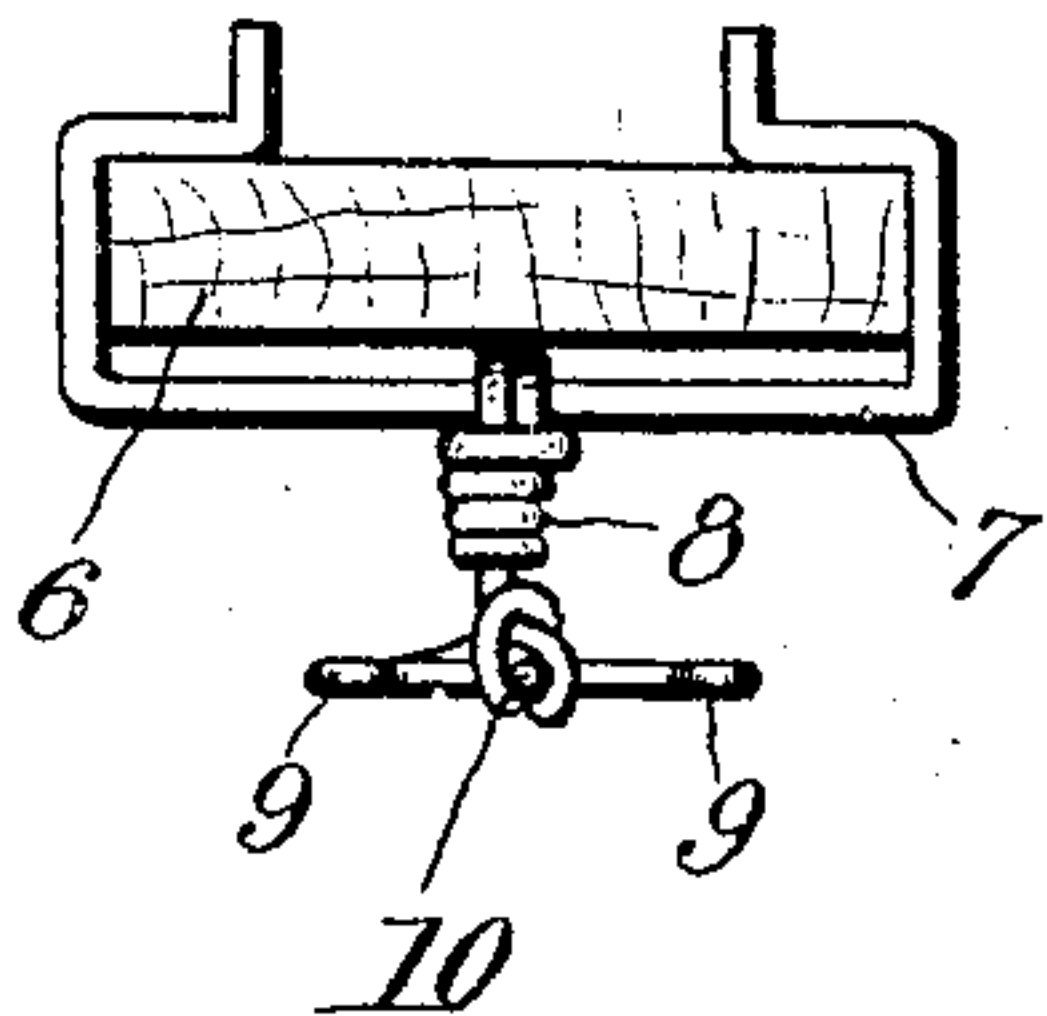


Fig. 2.

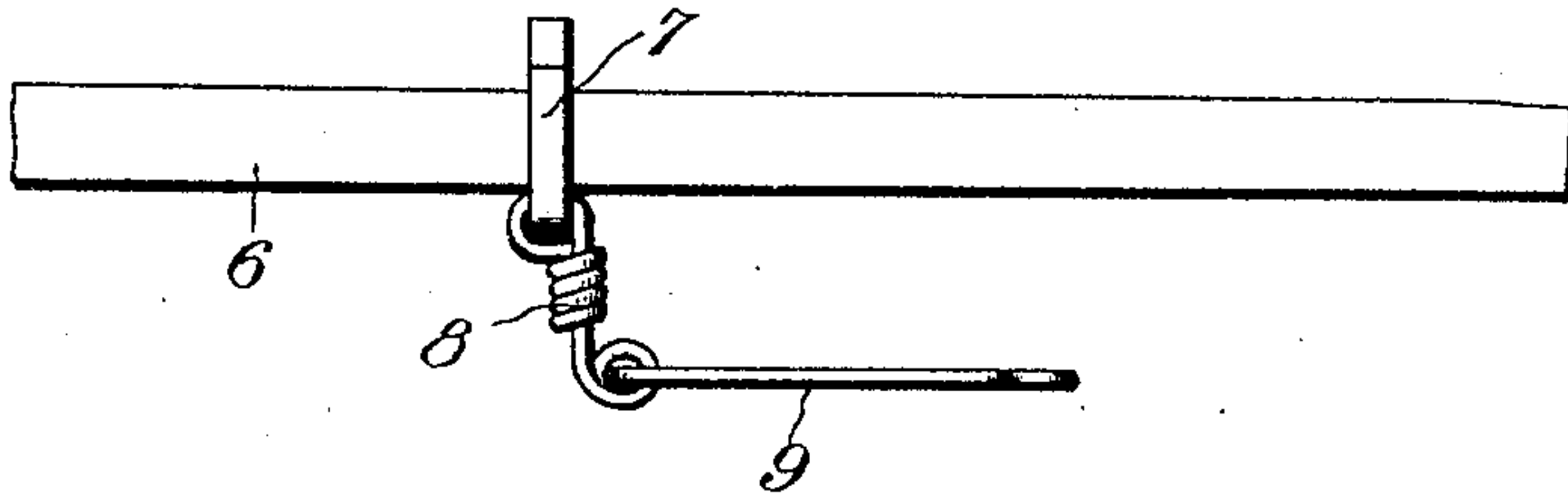


Fig. 3.

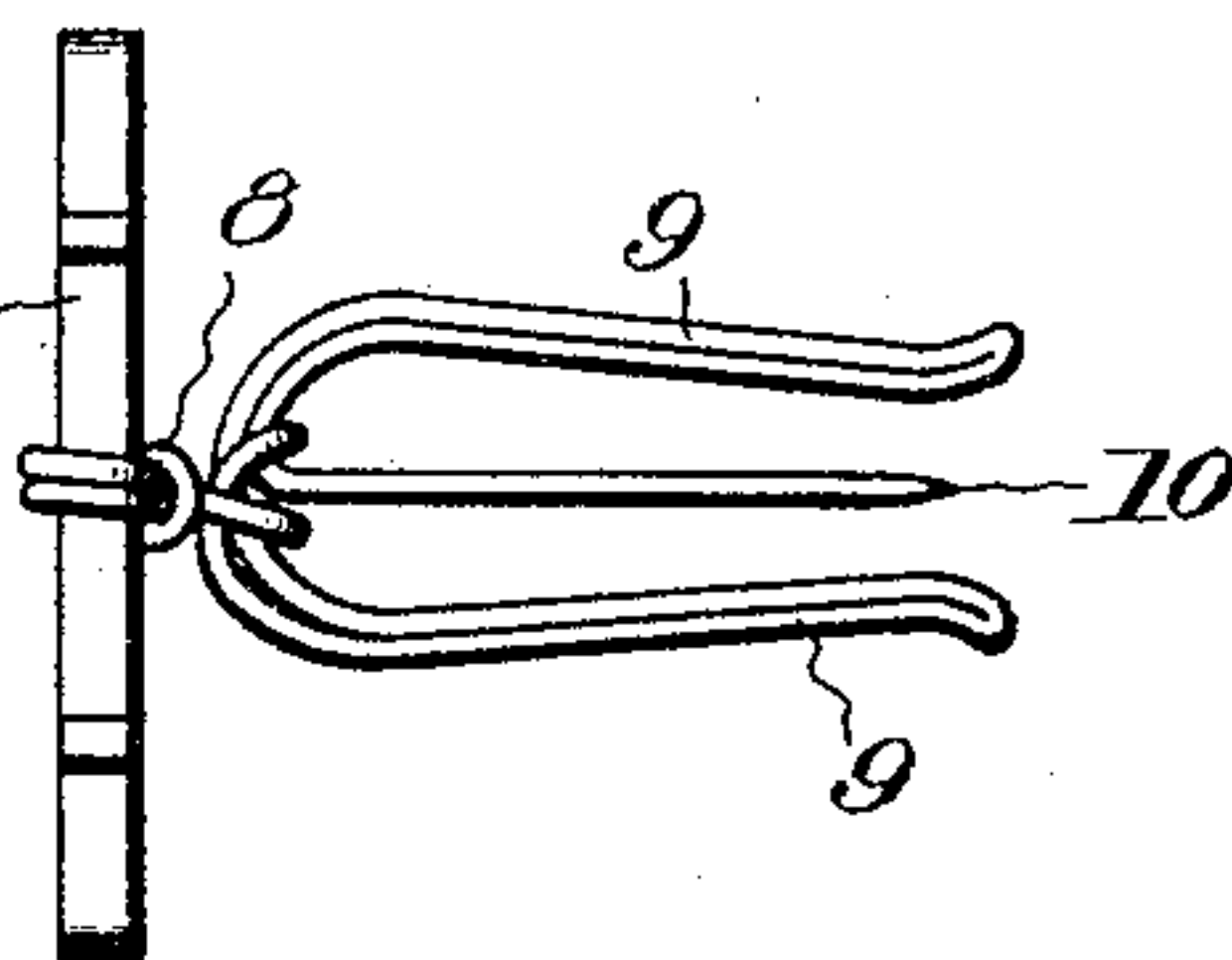
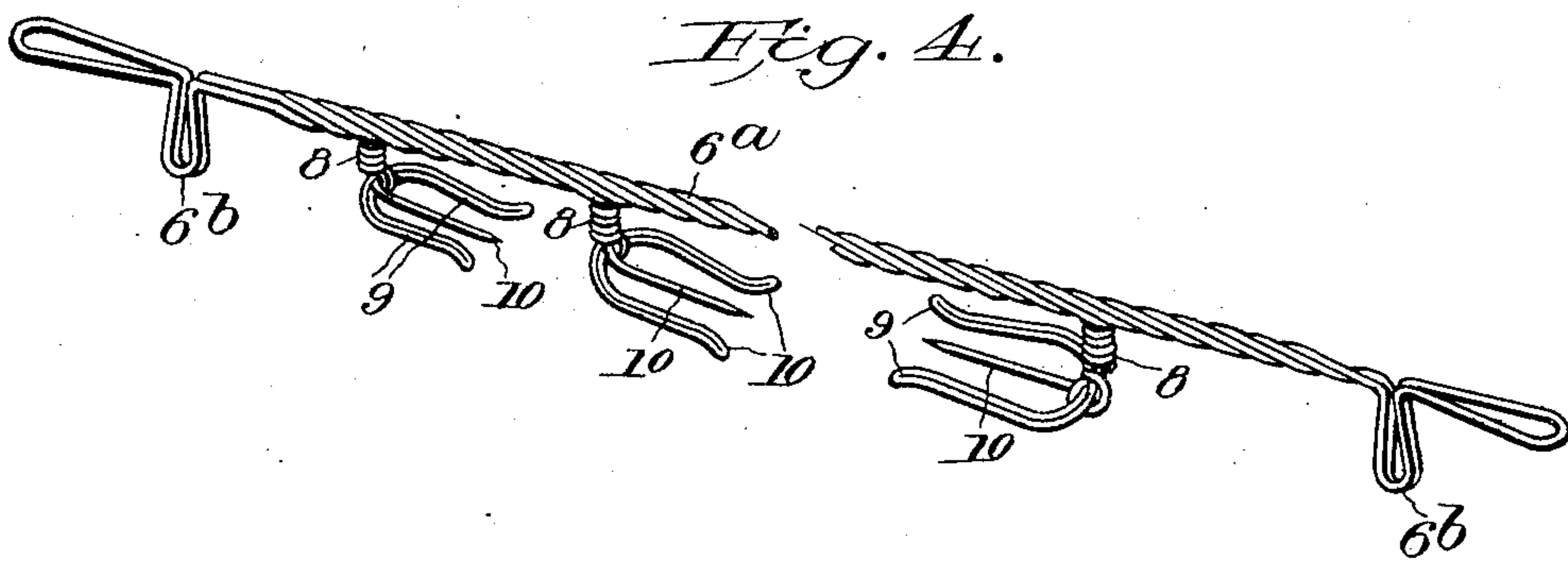


Fig. 4.



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TOBACCO-HANGER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH HOWARD SYLVESTER and PETER WECKBECKER, citizens of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Gadsden and State of Florida, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates particularly to tobacco-hangers used for hanging leaf-tobacco.

In curing Sumatra or other wrapper tobacco it is common to take the leaves off the stalk and hang them upon laths, a number of leaves being strung along each lath by means of a needle and cord, the latter being attached to the end of the lath. When this is done, the cords have to be renewed every season.

The object of our invention is to produce a hanger which will not have to be removed and to which the leaves can be quickly applied or removed.

A further object of our invention is to produce a combined lath and hanger formed of twisted wire.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an end view and Fig. 2 is a side view of one form of hanger applied to a wooden lath, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same hanger removed from the lath. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a combined lath and hanger formed of twisted wire and in which the hanger itself is practically identical with the hanger applied to a wooden lath.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1, 2, and 3 of the drawings, a wooden lath is indicated at 6, to which the hangers are applied. Each lath will contain about twenty hangers, and each hanger will hold about two leaves. A hanger consists of a clip 7, consisting of a strip of metal extending under the lath and having arms projecting around and above the same. To this clip under the lath is attached a hanger formed of bent and twisted wire, preferably in one piece, and comprising a vertical stem 8, bowed horizontal arms 9, extending laterally therefrom, and a pin 10, projecting between the arms. When the hanger is made of one piece of wire, the point of the pin is formed at one end thereof, and the other

end is conveniently wound around the vertical portion 8 to strengthen the same.

In the form shown in Fig. 4, the lath is formed of twisted wire, as indicated at 6^a, and has offsets or shoulders 6^b near the ends thereof to prevent endwise movement of the laths when they are placed in the drying-frames. Instead of using the clips, as with a wooden lath, the stems of the hangers are woven into or through the twists of the wire lath, as indicated in Fig. 4, and are thus fixed thereto, forming a combined lath and hanger which is very light, cheap, serviceable, and durable. The attachment of the hangers in the twists of the wire lath preserves their relative distance and position, which is preferably that shown, half the hangers being pointed one way and half the other, toward the middle.

In use the leaves after being removed from the stalk are strung upon the pins, two to each hanger, between the arms thereof, which hold the leaves in place and prevent them coming off accidentally. The position of the hangers, half directed each way toward the middle, is convenient in removing the tobacco after it is cured. The hands of the gatherer can then be placed at opposite ends of the lath and brought together toward the middle, which will strip the leaves from the pins and sweep the same to a bundle at the middle.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A lath comprising a twisted wire, in combination with wire hangers woven into the twists.

2. The combination with a twisted-wire lath, of wire hangers secured thereto and having pins projecting horizontally and lengthwise of the lath.

3. The combination with a wire lath having depending shoulders near the ends thereof, of hangers depending from the lath and having pins projecting lengthwise thereof.

4. The combination with a lath, of a series of hangers depending therefrom, each hanger having a pin projecting horizontally, the pins of the hangers on each side of the middle part of the lath being oppositely presented toward each other.

5. The combination with a lath, of a hanger made of a piece of wire bent and twisted to form a vertical stem, and bowed horizontal arms extending laterally therefrom, and terminating at one end in a pin projecting horizontally between the arms, and wound at the other end around said stem.

In testimony whereof we have signed our

names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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