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Fig. 1.

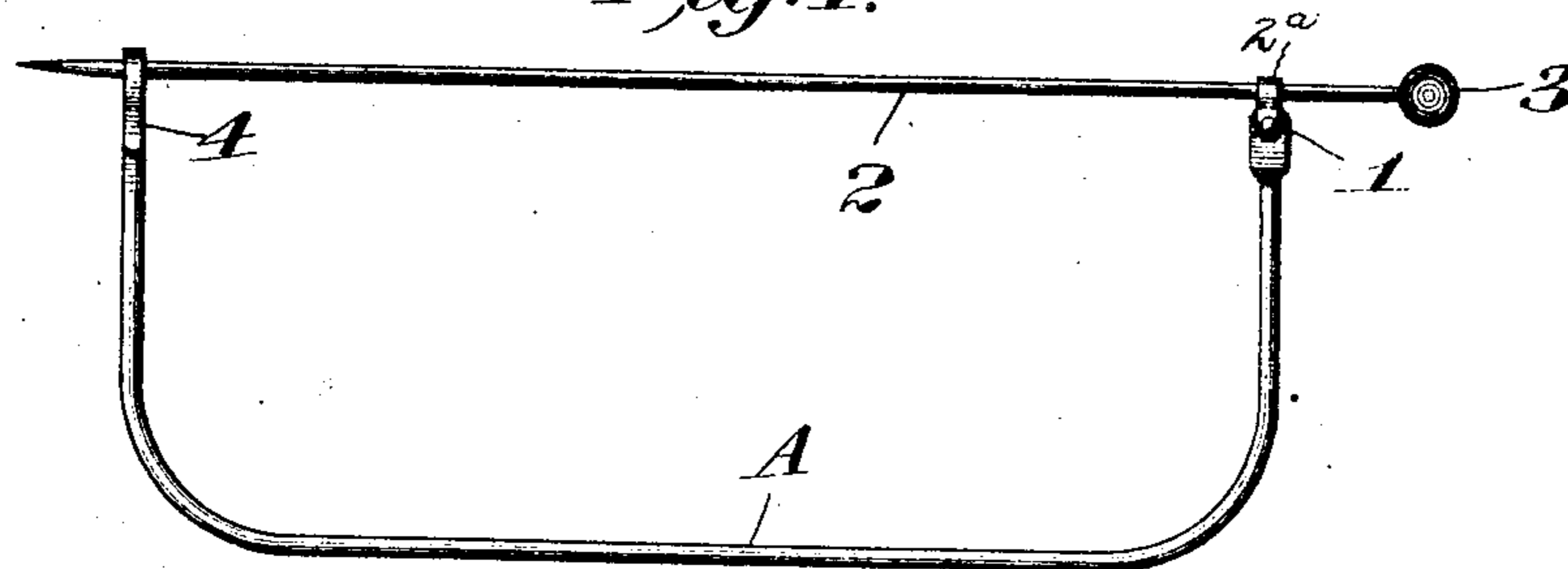


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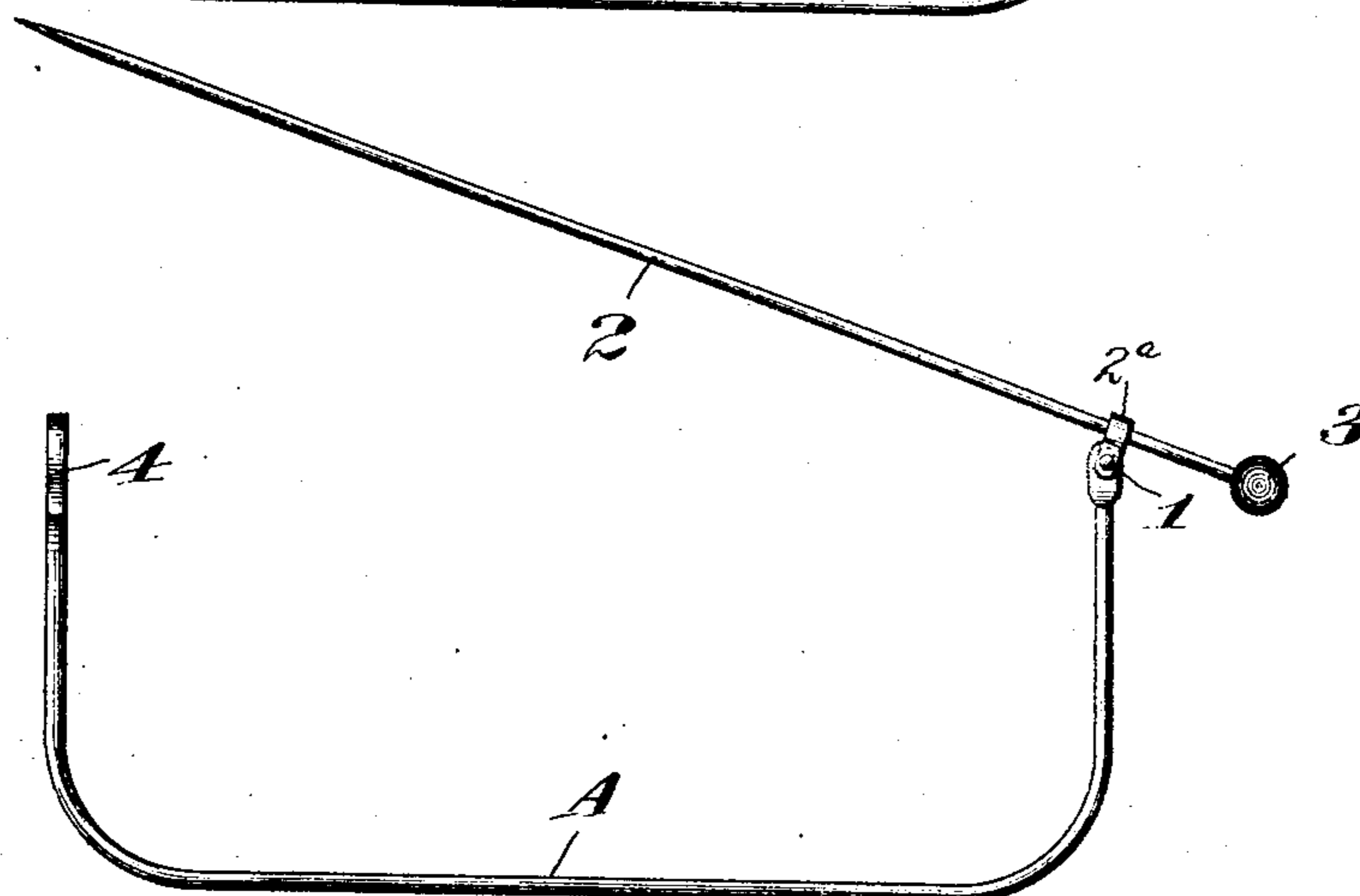


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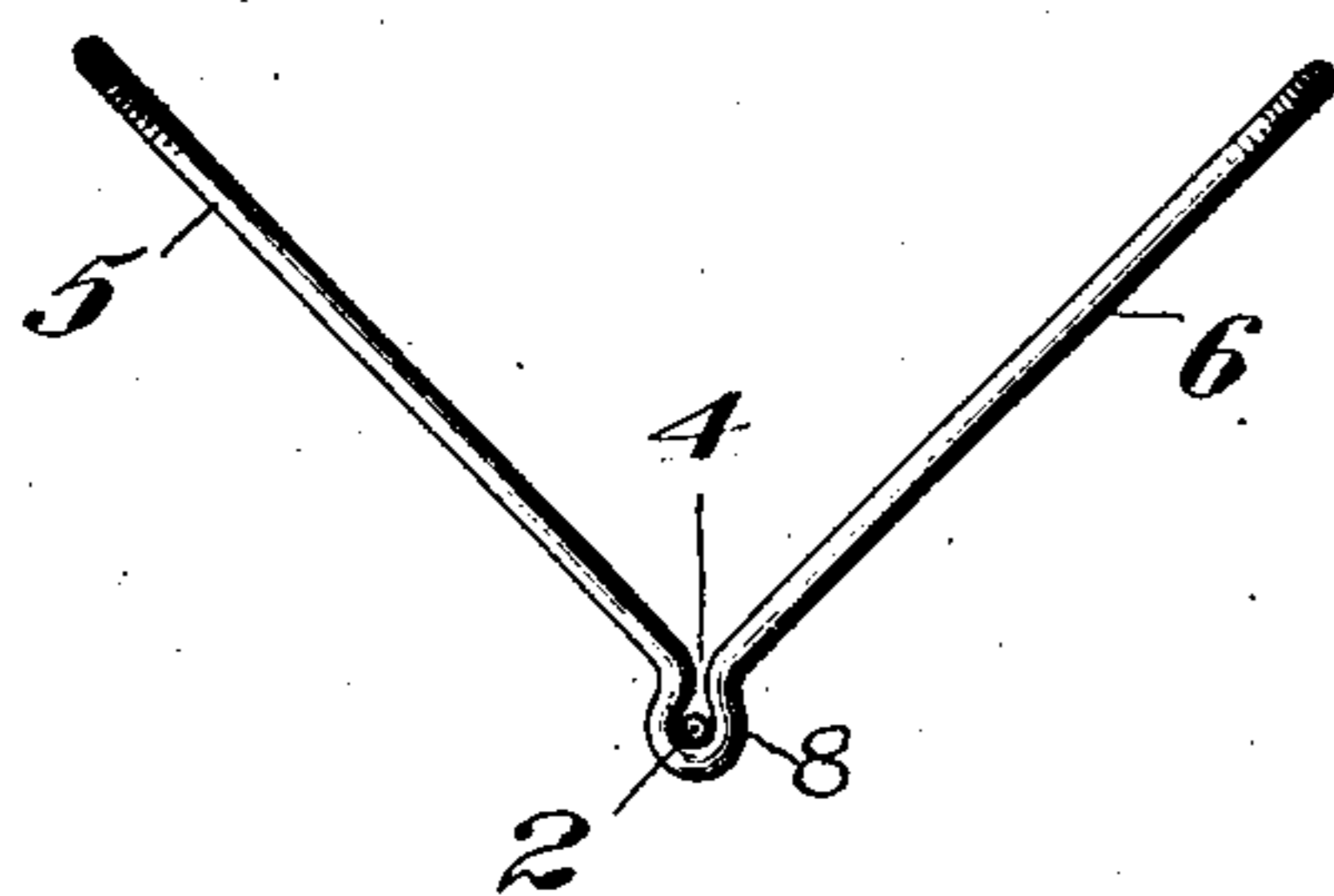
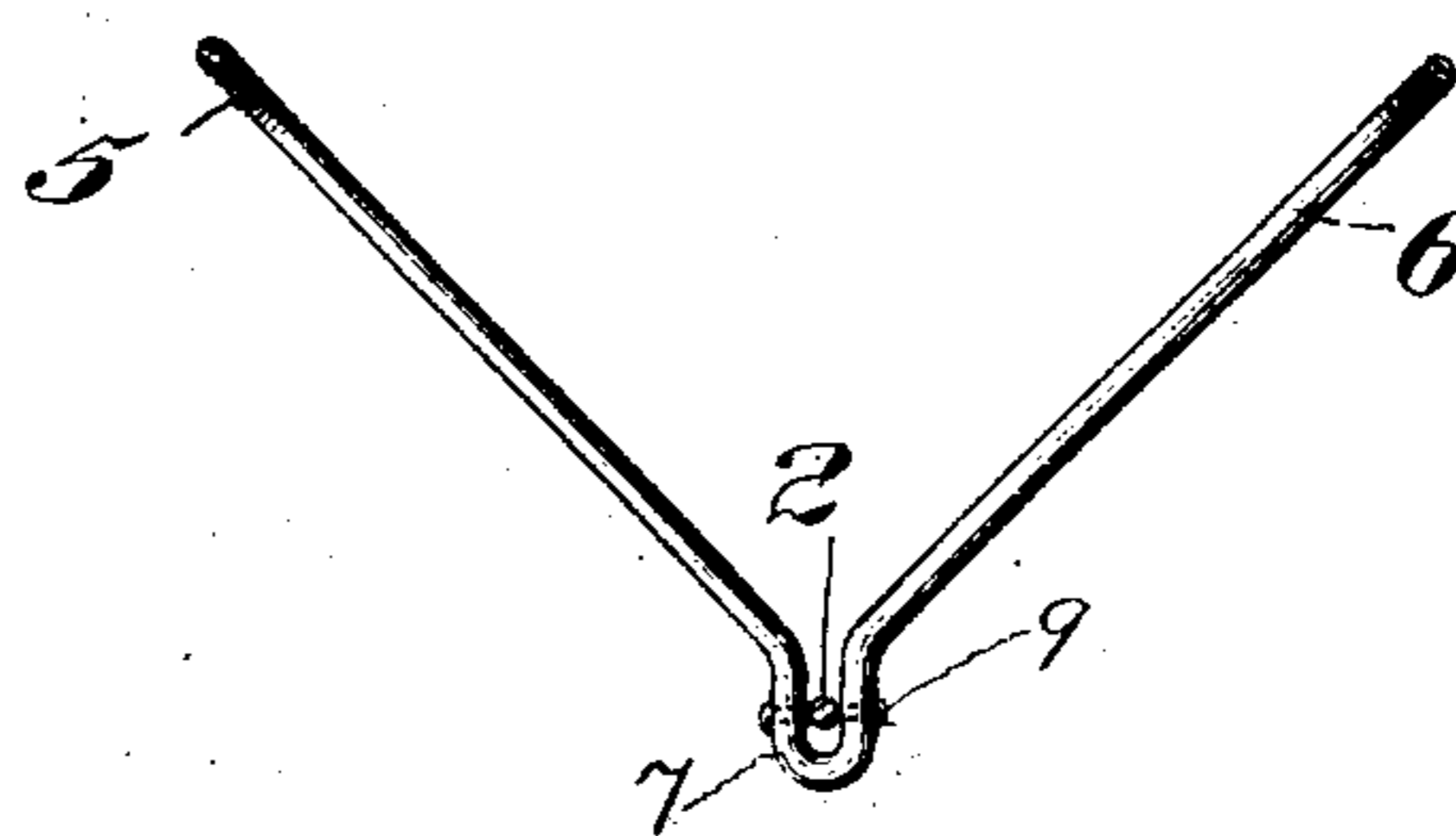


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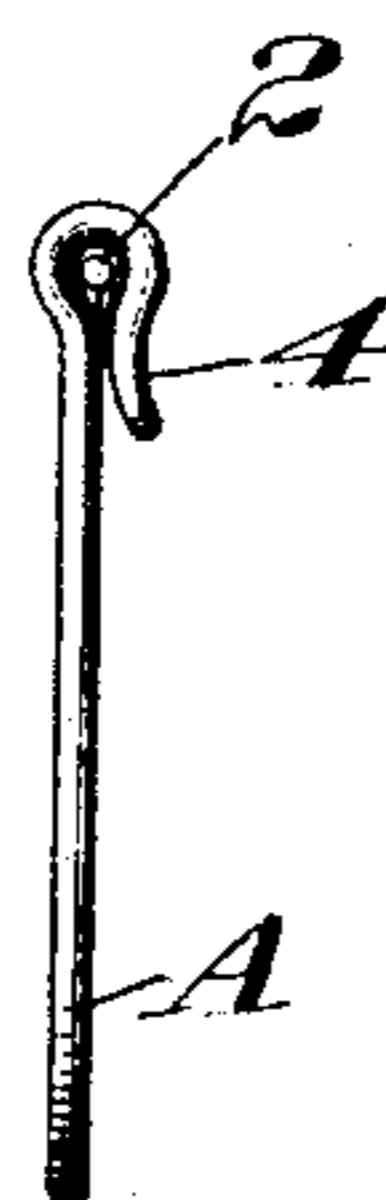


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SINGLETON MACDONALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sherwood, in the county of Irion and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hat-fasteners, the object being to provide an article of this description which when applied to the hat or other head-gear will firmly retain the latter upon the head and prevent the same from being blown loose.

A further object of my invention is to provide a hat-fastener which when in position will positively retain itself in locked position and will not become loosened through accident.

In carrying out my invention I provide a pin designed to pass through the hat in the usual manner, transfixing the coil of hair during its passage, in combination with an arm or bow to which the pin is pivotally secured, the arm passing over the top of the hat and provided at its free end with suitable means for receiving the outer or pointed end of the pin. It is obvious that the bow may consist of a single piece of material, which may be either rounded in configuration or square to accommodate the shape of the hat with which it is worn, or it may consist of two or more portions, and in either case the arms may be ornamented in any suitable manner, or they may be formed of ornamental material in the shape of a wreath, for instance. The arm might also consist of a wire or a flat band, either plain or ornamented—as, for instance, being concealed by a ribbon bow carried by the arm, or in the higher grade the arm may be inlaid with jewels.

To these ends my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, such as will be more fully described hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of my invention in locked or closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the fastener in open position. Figs. 3 and 4 are end views taken from oppo-

site ends of a slight modification. Fig. 5 is an end view of the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, showing the manner of locking the pin; and Fig. 6 is a view showing the application of my improved fastener to the hat.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, A indicates the arm or bow, which in the present instance I have shown as consisting of a wire bent in the form of an arc or of substantially U shape, to one end of which arm, as at 1, is pivotally secured the resilient pin 2 intermediate its ends by means of the link 2^a, one end of which link is rigidly secured to the pin intermediate the ends of the latter, the opposite end of the link being pivotally secured to one of the depending ends of the bent arm or member A. The pin is thus capable of a much freer swinging movement relative to the arm than if the pin were directly pivoted to the arm. It is preferable, as shown, that the pin-head 3 of the pin project a slight distance beyond the pivotal point of attachment in order to provide a suitable and convenient means for placing and removing the fastener. The head of the pin is enlarged, as shown, to facilitate its grasp by the fingers. The free or opposite end of the bow or arm A is provided with a resilient clasp 4, adapted to receive the pointed end of the pin 2, which pointed end projects sufficiently beyond the free end of the bow to admit of a sufficient bearing of the pin in the catch. The bow may be formed of some resilient metal, so as to clamp or clasp the hat firmly when in position to retain it more securely upon the head of the wearer, and, as before stated, the bow can be made of any shape to conform to the shape of the hat with which it is designed to be used, or it may be formed of some ductile metal to enable the wearer to bend the bow into suitable shape. The clasp 4 frictionally engages and locks the end of the pin to prevent the accidental unfastening.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown a slight modification wherein there are shown two bows and 6, which may be formed of a single piece of material, the bows meeting in loops 7 and 8 at their respective ends. The bows diverge from each other, as shown, their ends forming a V. The pin member 2 passes across the

bows between the opposite ends thereof and is received in the loops formed between the V-shaped adjacent ends of the bows, the loop 8 being slightly constricted to form a fastening means for releasably securing the free end of the pin member. The opposite end of the pin member is received in the loop 7 and is pivotally connected to the sides of the loop in any suitable manner, as by means of the stud 9. As shown, the pin member is not connected in the forms shown in Figs. 3 and 4 by means of a link, as in the other views.

In applying my invention the pin is first forced transversely through the sides of the hat, transfixing the coil of hair, and the bow is then swung over the top of the hat, the clasp on the free end of the bow being caused to engage the free end of the pin. In this way the hat is retained on the head not only by means of the pin, as is commonly the case, but in addition thereto the bow passes over the hat and assists in holding the hat down on the head. It is also possible to cause the bow to pass in front of or behind the crown of the hat, the arm or bow being decorated or otherwise ornamented to serve as a bandeau.

From the foregoing it is evident that changes or alterations might be made in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction herein set forth; but,

Having thus fully disclosed my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a hat, of a fastener therefor, comprising a pin member adapted to transfix and pass through the hat and an arm, to one end of which the pin member is pivotally secured, the arm passing outside of and lying in engagement with the hat for assisting the pin in retaining the hat in position, the pin member releasably engaging the opposite end of the arm.

2. The combination with a hat, of a fastener for retaining the hat on the head, the fastener comprising a pin member passing through the hat and an arm of suitable ductile material passing exteriorly of the hat and in engagement therewith to assist the pin member in retaining the hat in position, the pin member being pivotally connected to one end of

the arm and releasably engaging the opposite end of the arm, the arm adapted to conform to the configuration of the hat.

3. The combination with a hat, of a fastener therefor, comprising a pin member passing through the hat, a rigid arm pivotally connected with the pin member and passing exteriorly of and in engagement with the hat to assist the pin member in retaining the hat in position, and means carried by the arm and engaged by the pin member for securing the fastener in position.

4. The combination with a hat, of a fastener comprising a bowed member extending exteriorly of and in engagement with the hat, a pin member pivotally connected intermediate its ends with one end of the bowed member, the pin member adapted to pass through the hat to cooperate with the bowed member in retaining the hat in position, and a fastening means carried by one of the members for releasably securing the free ends of the members together.

5. A hat-fastener comprising a bow of substantially U shape, adapted to pass exteriorly of and in engagement with a hat, and a pin provided with a head, the pin pivotally connected with one end of the bow near one end and a clasp at the opposite end of the bow adapted to releasably engage the pin, the pin passing through the hat and assisting the bow to retain the hat on the head.

6. A hat-fastener comprising a bent member extending exteriorly of a hat, a link pivotally connected to one end of the bent member, a pin secured to the link and extending between the ends of the bent member, and means located at the opposite end of the bent member, for releasably engaging and retaining the pin.

7. A hat-fastener comprising a rigid arm adapted to pass over a hat and a pin movably connected to one end of the arm, the pin adapted to pass through the hat, and means at the opposite end of the arm for releasably engaging the free end of the pin.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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