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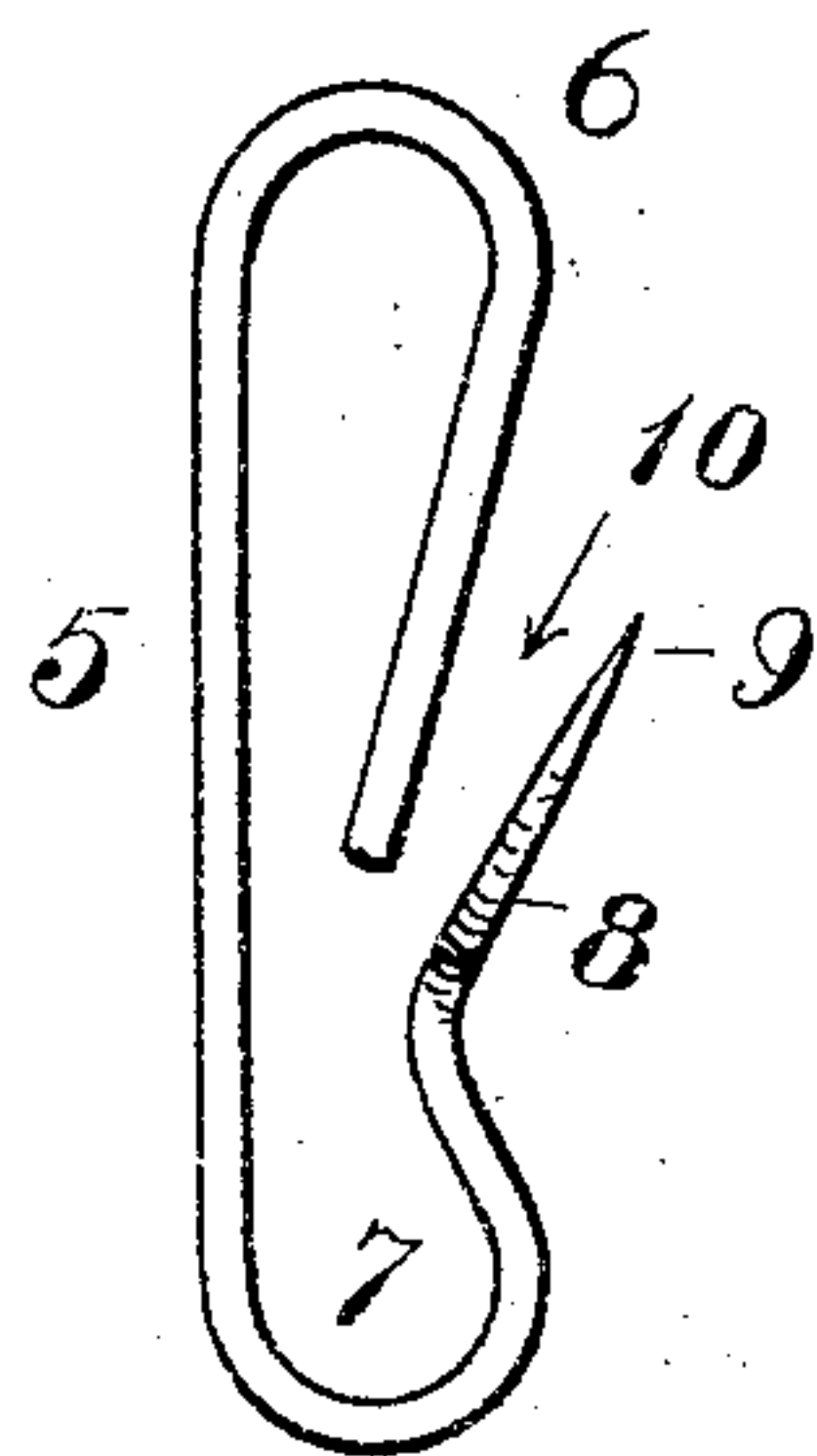


Fig. 1.

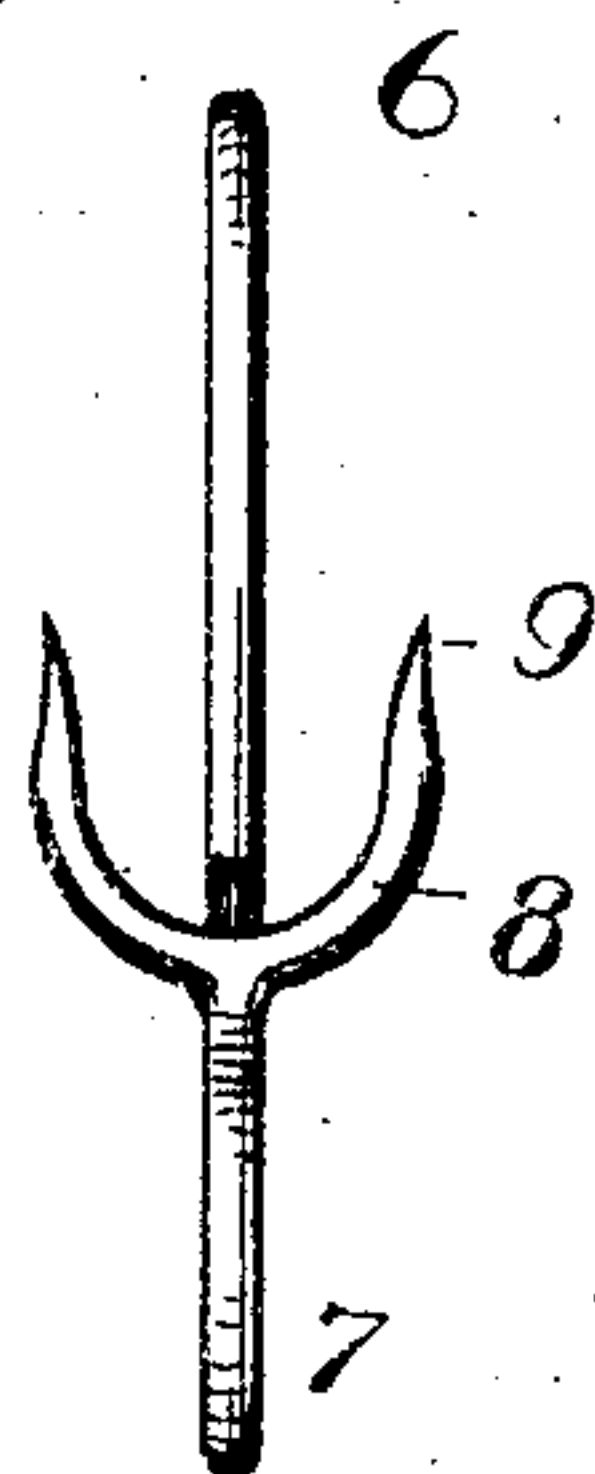


Fig. 2.

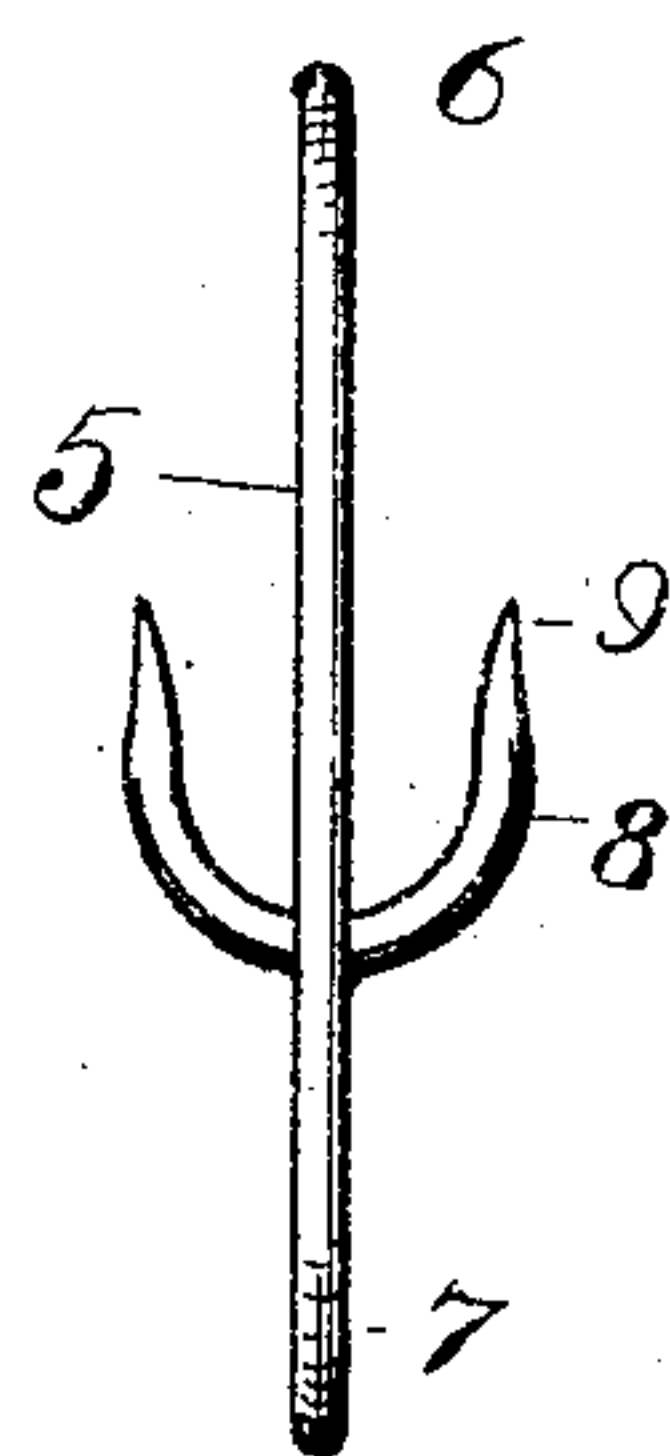


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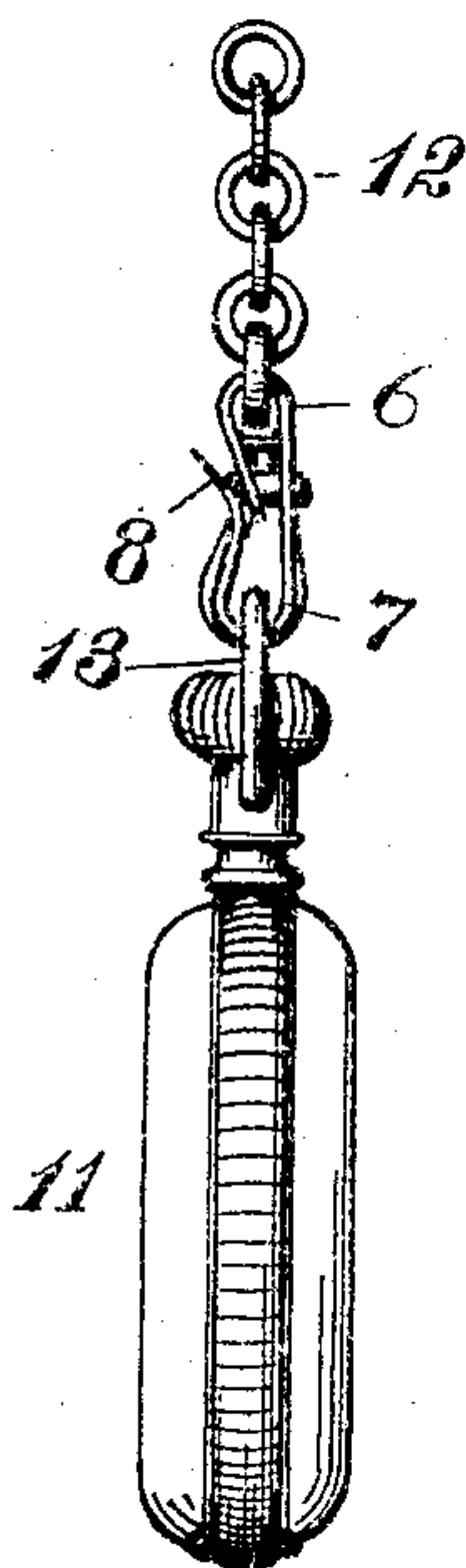


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES K. HOWARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1314 Dean street, Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch - Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a watch-protector; and it belongs to the class of articles wherein the device is attached to the guard or chain of the watch.

It consists of a peculiarly-formed hook or loop having prongs so formed that should an attempt be made to draw the watch from the pocket the prongs will engage with the lining of the pocket, and thus prevent the watch from being withdrawn, as will now be set forth in detail.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the watch-protector. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the rear side, and Fig. 4 is a view of a watch and portion of a chain with the protector attached.

In constructing my invention I employ suitable spring-wire 5 of suitable gage, one end, designated as the "upper" end, being bent backwardly on itself, as shown at 6, so that its end is bent inwardly close to the vertical body or wire. The lower end is also bent upwardly to provide a loop, as at 7, and to this upturned end is secured the base of a U-shaped wire 8, the ends of this wire being pointed, as at 9. These prongs project outwardly and rest nearly parallel with the downwardly-projecting upper end of the wire loop, so as to provide an opening 10, this opening serving as a

means for attaching same to a watch and to the guard or chain.

In Fig. 4 I show a watch 11 with a chain 12 attached. The upper loop 6 is designed to engage with the end link of the chain 12, and the lower loop 7 engages with the watch-ring 13. In this position the prongs 8 project out beyond the chain, so that when the watch rests below the opening of the pocket and an attempt should be made to draw out the watch by means of the chain the prongs will catch in the lining and prevent removal. The user can readily remove the watch from the pocket by inserting the hand between the protector and the outer lining of the pocket, which prevents the prongs from catching in the lining.

What I claim as new is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a wire having a loop at each end, one of the terminals having double prongs projecting outwardly, and having an opening between the prongs and the opposite end of the wire as set forth.

2. A watch-protector comprising a wire having a loop at each end, one of the terminals having two sharpened prongs projecting therefrom, in combination with a watch and chain, the lower loop of said protector being attached to the watch-ring and the other loop attached to the chain, as set forth.

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

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