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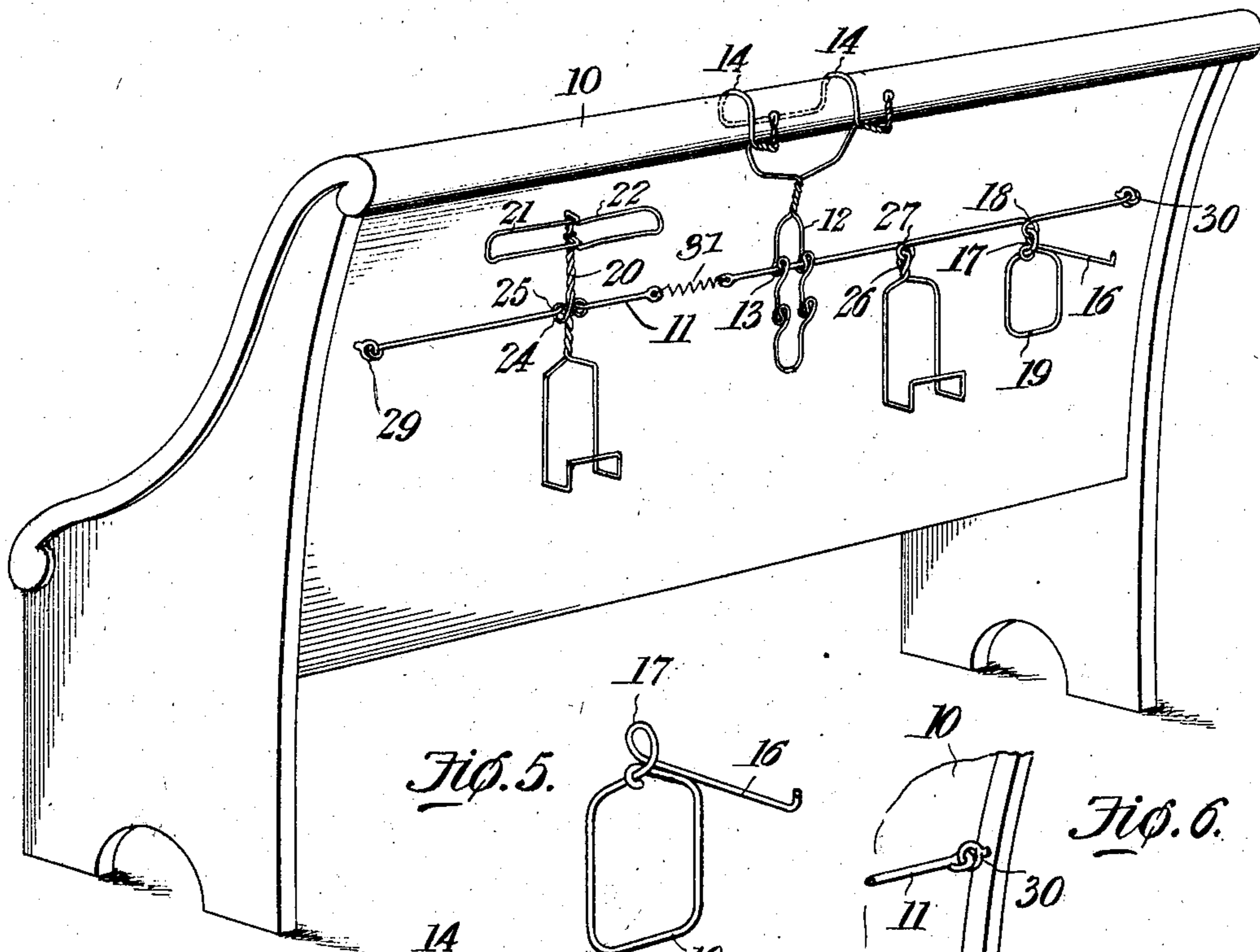


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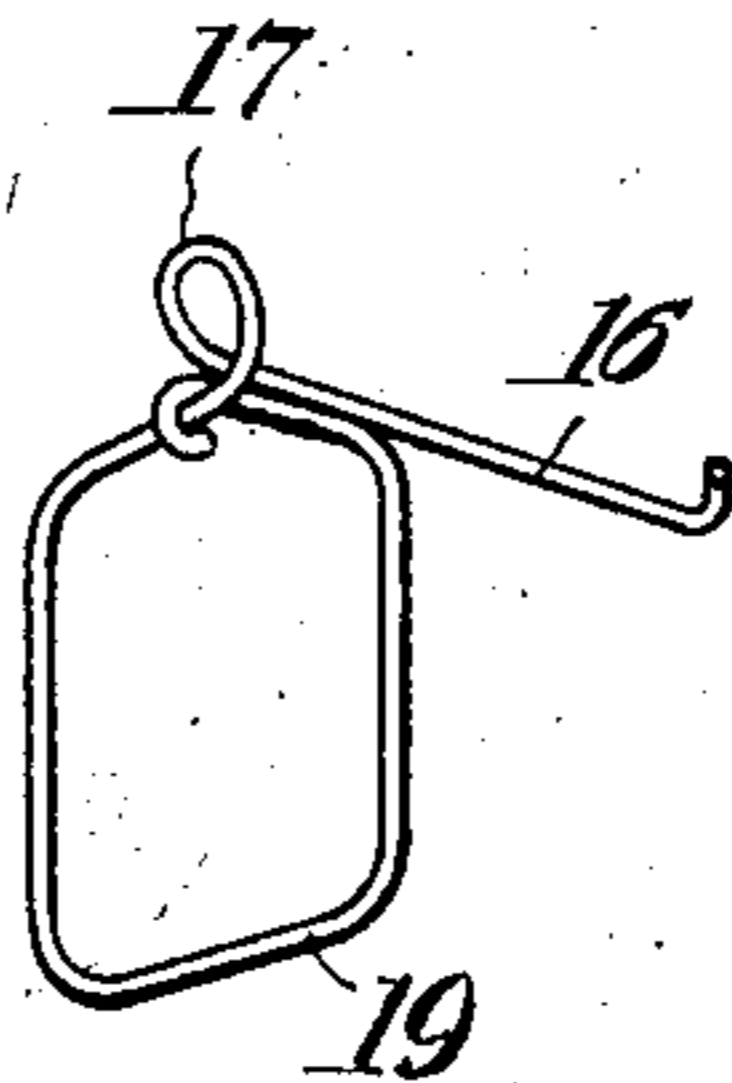


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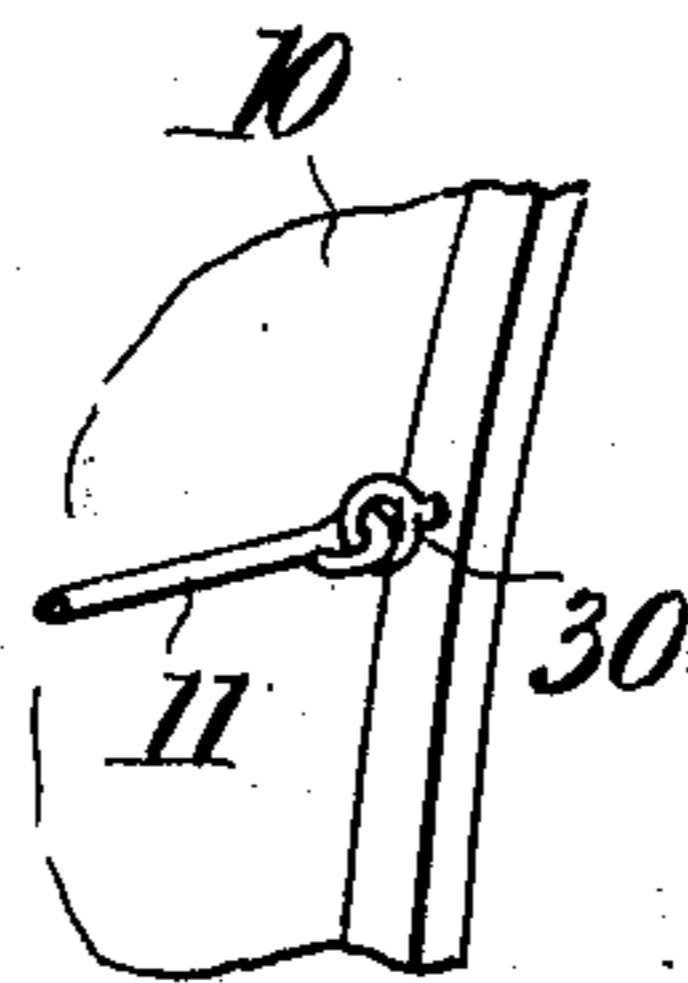


Fig. 2.

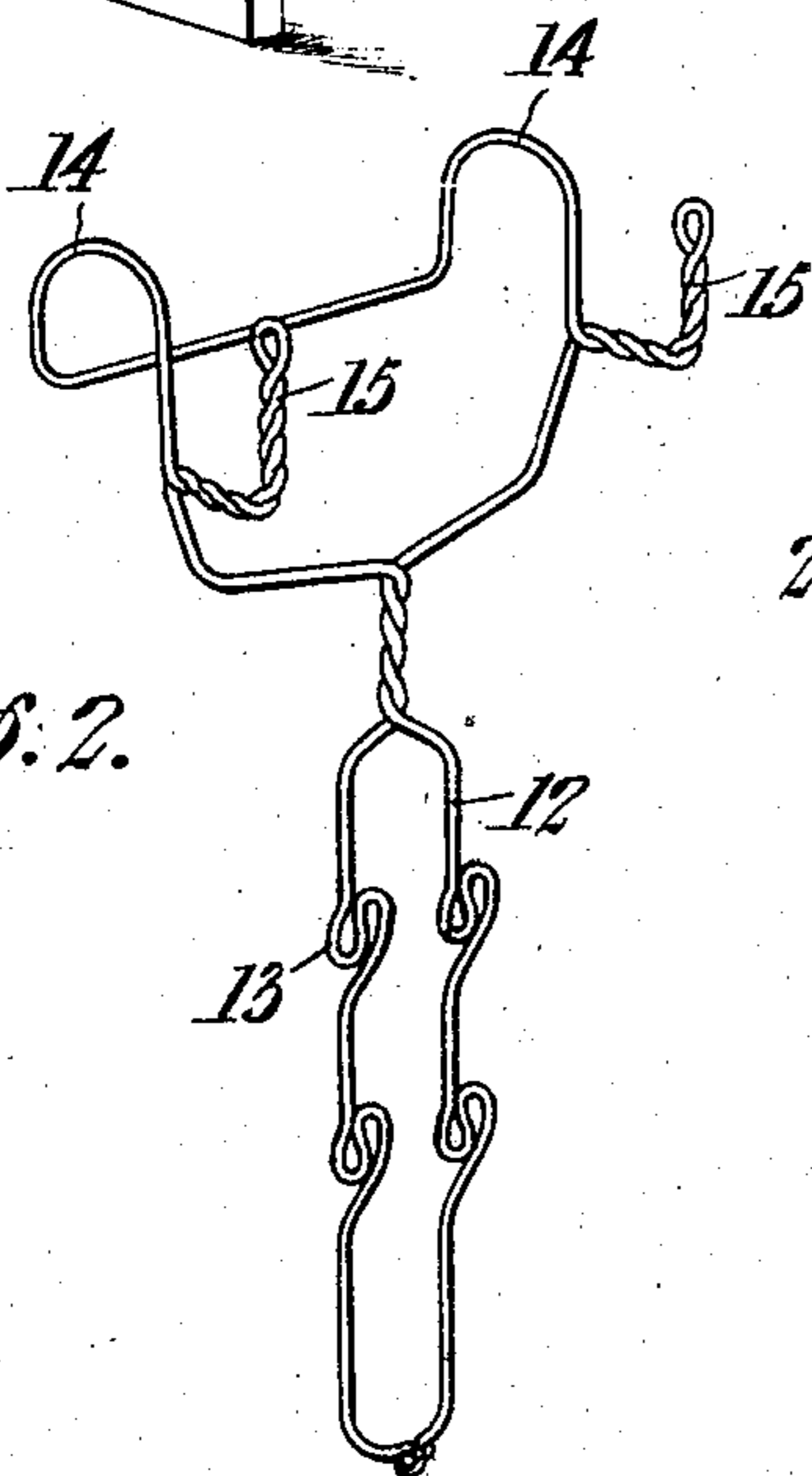


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## GARMENT AND BOOK SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. PADDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at North Hudson, in the county of St. Croix and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Garment and Book Support, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for attachment to the backs of pews in churches, the seats in halls or assembly-rooms, and similar localities for the purpose of supporting the outer garments, books, and like articles of the persons occupying the next pew or seat in the rear, and has for its object to simplify and improve the construction of such devices and produce a device of this character which may be inexpensively manufactured and adapted to any size or form of pew or seat.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and the right is therefore reserved of making all the changes and modifications which fairly fall within the scope of the invention and the claims made therefor.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a church-pew with the improved device applied to the rear side of the back portion of the same. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the combined rod-support and coat or wrap supporting member. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the muff-holding member, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the book-holding member. Fig.

5 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the hat-holding member. Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view illustrating a modification in the matter of attaching the supporting-rod.

The improved device may be employed in churches, halls, and similar localities wherein the seats are formed with continuous backs, such as church-pews as ordinarily constructed, and for the purpose of illustration the device is shown applied to a conventional form of a church-pew 10.

The improved device consists of a rod 11, provided with means, such as screw-eyes 29 30, for attachment to the back of the pew. Various forms of supporting members for the outer garments or wraps, books, and other articles belonging to the persons occupying the pew or seat in the rear of the one to which the device is attached are suspended from the rod 11, each member being formed from a single piece of wire. One form of these holding members is shown in Fig. 2, consisting of a vertical portion with spaced side members 12, having hook-shaped loops 13 bent therein to receive the rod 11, and with a loop 14 at the upper end to hang over the back 10 of the pew, and thus support the rod and prevent it from sagging. The supporting member is also provided with hooks 15, on which to hang coats, cloaks, and other wraps or outer garments, the hooks being formed by entwisting the wire forming the member and curving the entwisted portion upwardly. Another form of these supporting members is shown in Fig. 5, consisting of an arm 16, upturned at the outer extremity and bent into an eye 17 for engaging a loop 18 in the rod 11 and extended into a rectangular guard 19 for resting against the back of the pew, and thus supporting the arm 16 in a substantially horizontal position. Another form of the supporting members is shown in Fig. 3, consisting of a central stock 20, formed of entwisted wires having at one end laterally-extending loops 21 22 for supporting muffs and at the other end bent into a hook-shaped book-supporting loop 23 and with intermediate loops 24 for engaging a bend 25 in the rod 11 to prevent longitudinal movement thereon. Another form of the supporting members is

shown in Fig. 4, consisting of an eye 26 at the upper part for engaging an eye or loop 27 in the rod 11 and with the lower portion bent into a book-supporting loop 28. As many of  
5 each form of the supporting members may be employed upon each rod as required, and the rod may be of any desired length or corresponding to the length or size of the pew or seat to which it is attached.

10 The wire employed may be of any required size or finish and will not detract from the appearance of the pew or seat.

When the rear portions of the ends of the pews extend sufficiently in the rear of the back  
15 member, the fastening means 29 30 may be attached to these projecting portions.

It will thus be obvious that a simple and convenient device is produced which may be cheaply manufactured and readily applied and  
20 which will be very efficient for the purposes described.

The rod 11 is preferably made in two sections that are connected by a tension-spring 31. This permits outward movement of the  
25 rod to an extent sufficient to permit the latter to engage with the loops 13 on the member 12.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

30 1. In a device of the class described, a rod provided with means at its opposite ends for attachment to a support, an intermediate support device having a plurality of members for

engagement with the rod, and comprising a central portion of intertwined wires having at one end a hook for engagement with a sup- 35  
porting means, intermediate portions of the wire-forming loop or hook being bent to form garment-supporting hooks, and garment-supporting members suspended from the rod.

2. In a device of the class described, a rod 40  
provided at its opposite ends with means for attachment to a support, a garment-supporting member connected to the rod and comprising a central stop of intertwined wire having at the top a pair of laterally-extended muff- 45  
supporting hooks at a point above the rod, and provided at a point below said rod with a hook-supporting bend or shelf, and garment-supporting devices carried by the rod.

3. In a device of the class specified, a sec- 50  
tional rod provided at its opposite ends with means for attachment to a stationary support, a plurality of garment-supporting members suspended from the rod, a spring connecting the sections of the rod together, and an aux- 55  
iliary supporting means with which said rod may engage.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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