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Fig. 1.

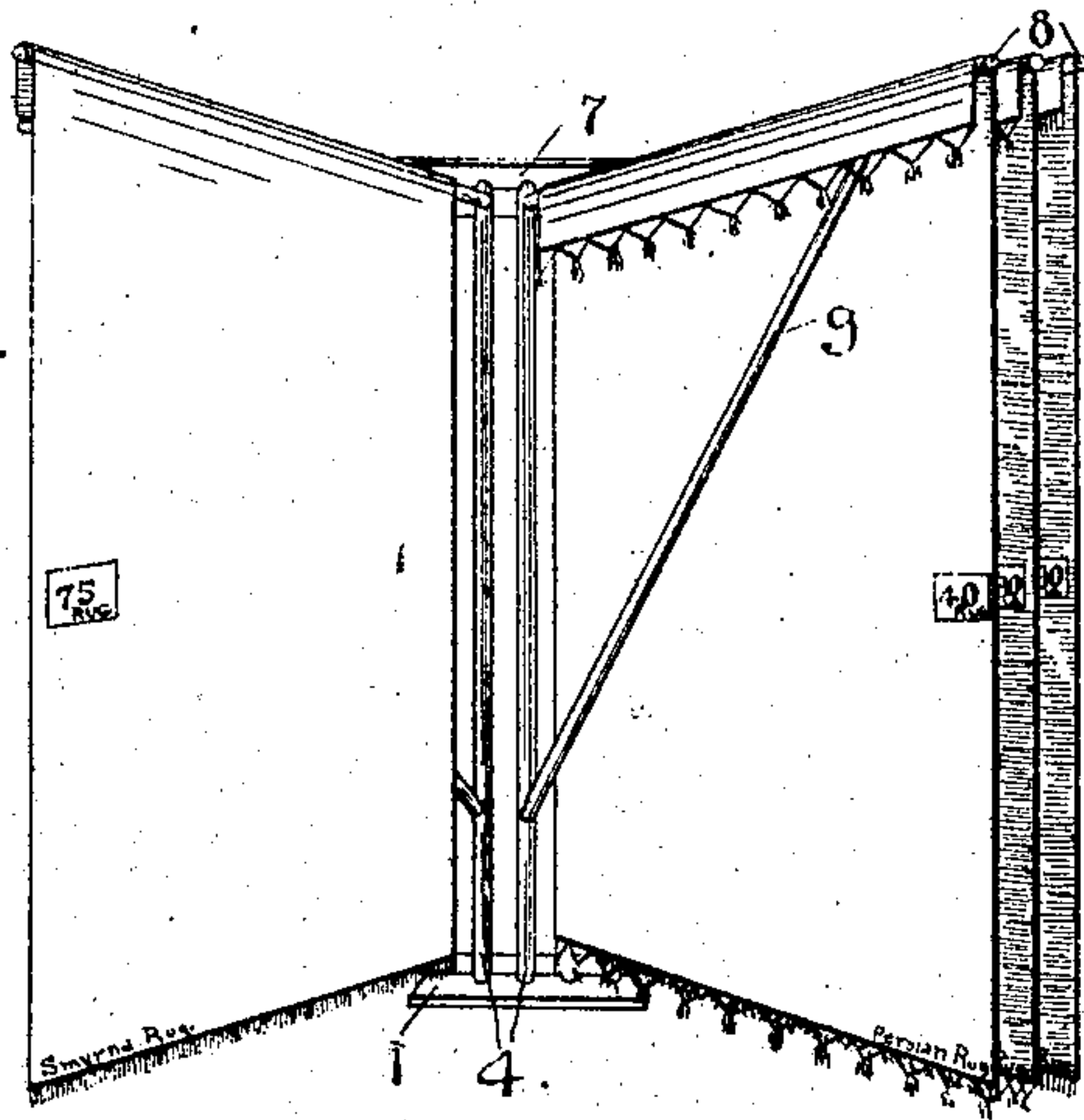


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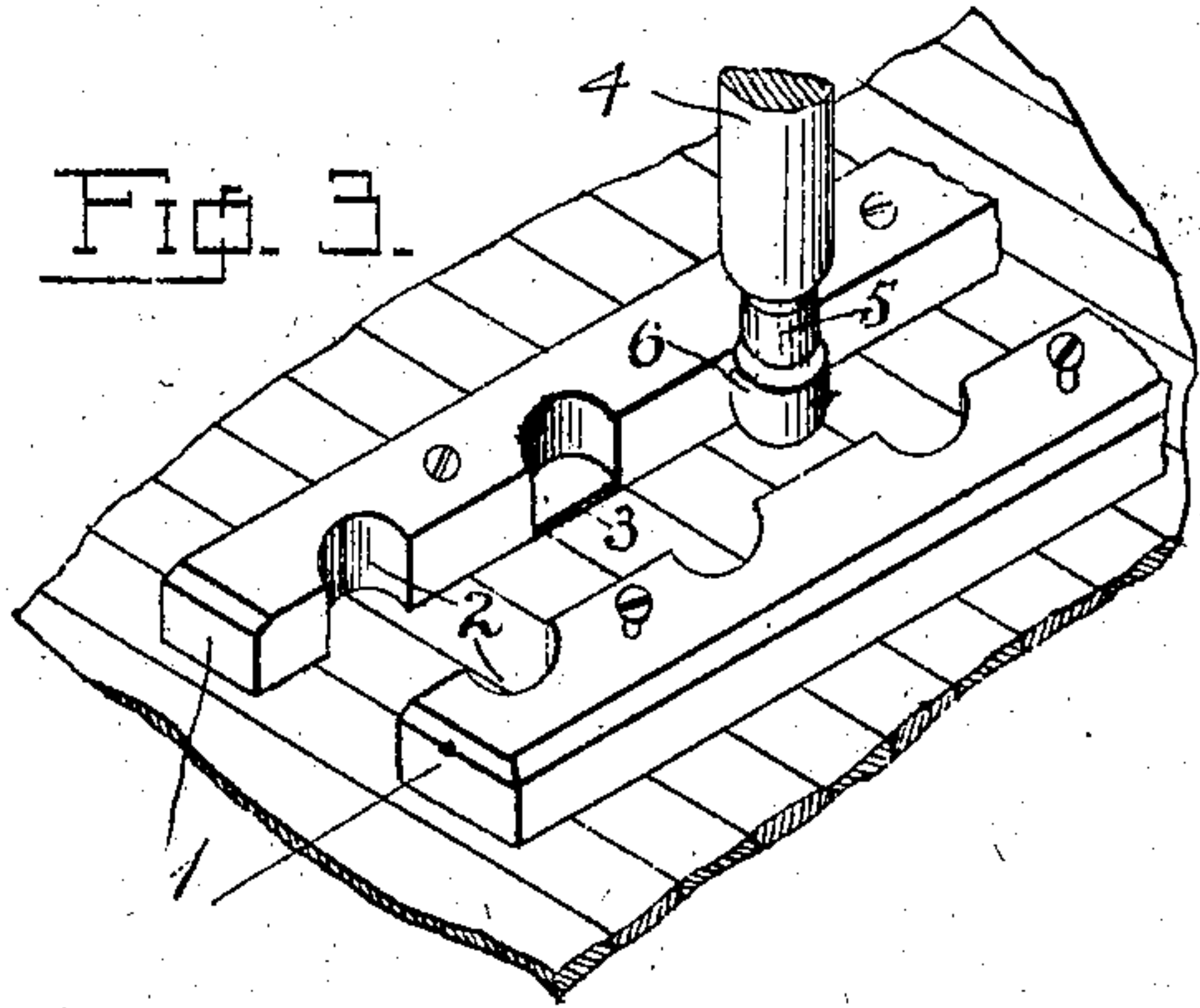


Fig. 2.

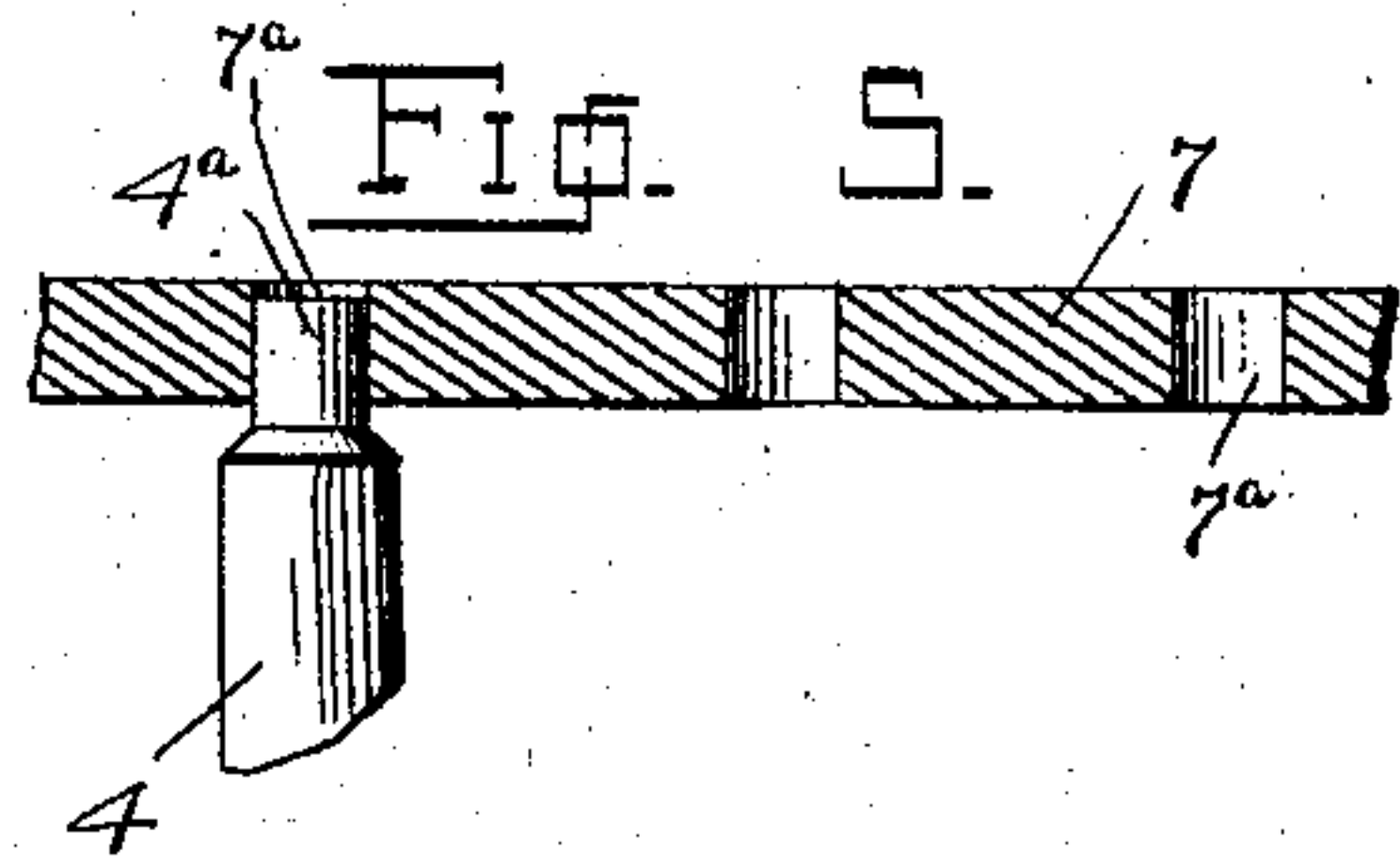
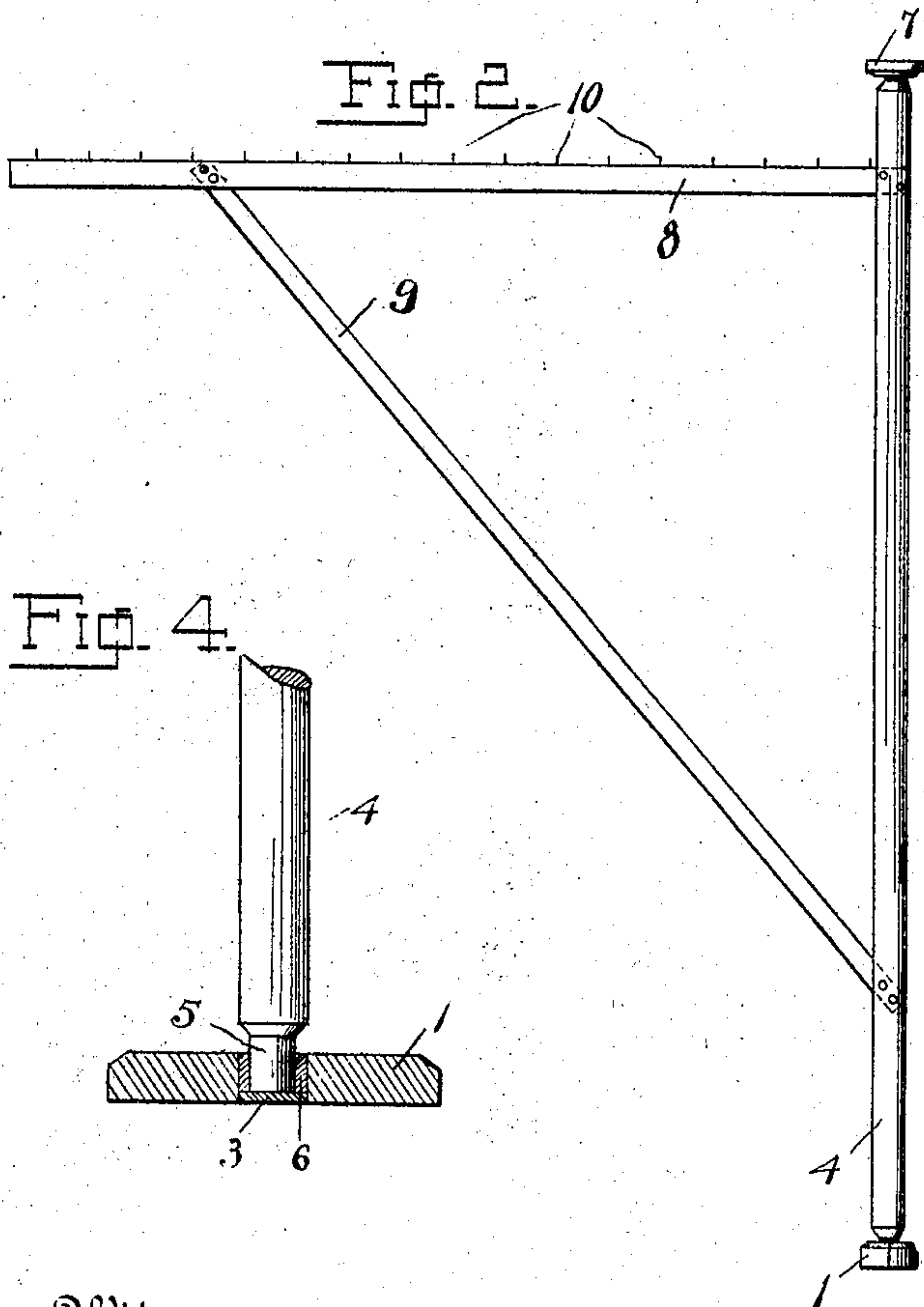
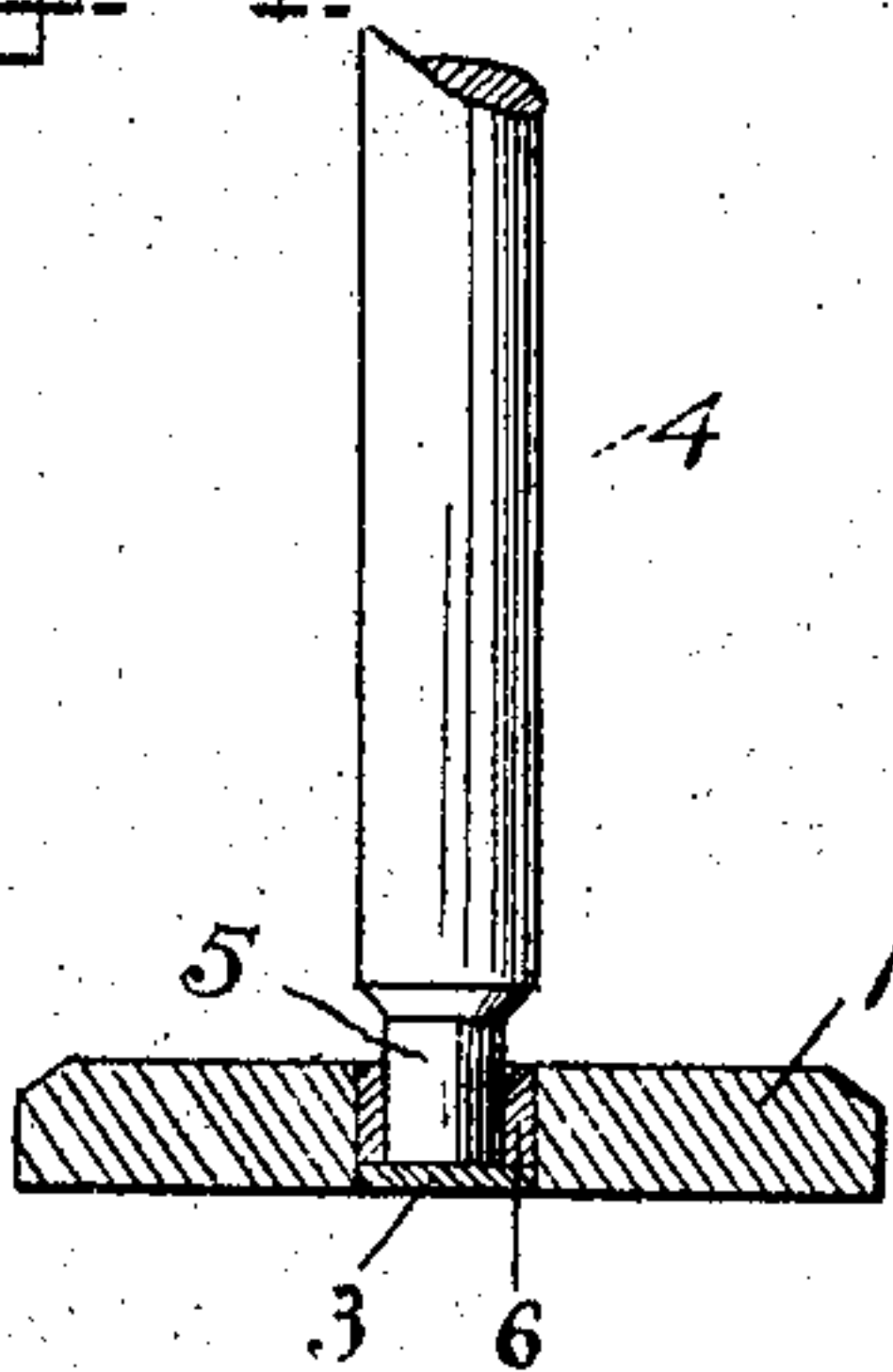


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYMAN P. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Burlington, in the county of Chittenden and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rug-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to rug-holders, and has for its object to provide an improved device of this character in which the rugs, samples of carpet, or other fabrics may be displayed or exhibited to the intended purchaser with a less amount of labor and time, and which will provide a means for displaying such articles in an extremely small space and through means of which the articles will be neatly kept.

In the following specification my invention will be referred to as a "rug-holder" for the sake of clearness and brevity, although the same may be used in any place where it is desired to display rugs, portières, carpets, linoleum, fabrics, or other goods or merchandise of similar character. Such a device is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which like reference-numerals refer to like parts, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved rug-holder, showing the same in open condition and showing rugs suspended therefrom. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of one of the individual holders. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a portion of one of the standards and showing the clamping-blocks separated. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view of one of the standards and its lower bearing. Fig. 5 is a similar view showing the upper bearing.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, 1 represents the base clamping-blocks, preferably screwed, but which may be nailed or otherwise suitably secured to the floor of the room in which the rugs are to be exhibited. The clamping-blocks 1 are provided with semi-circular recesses 2, which register when said blocks 1 are in assembled position and form suitable sockets, at the bottom of which I insert loosely a supporting-washer 3, supporting the standard 4, which is cut away at its

lower end to form a pivot 5, having a protecting-collar 6, comprising an annular band of iron or other metal driven onto the pivot and adapted to rotate in the socket formed by the recesses 2. The lower end of the collar 6 oscillates on washer 3.

There may be any suitable number of standards 4. At their upper ends they are formed with pivots 4^a, which are not provided with collars, and are pivotally seated in sockets 7^a in a strip or block 7 of suitable length, screwed or nailed to the ceiling of the room or other permanent structure, Fig. 5. Blocks 7 may be constructed similarly to blocks 1; but this is unnecessary.

Projecting outwardly from a point near the upper end of each of the standards 4 is a horizontal supporting-arm 8, braced by the diagonal rod or bar 9, extending from a point near the lower end of the standard 4 to a point near the outer end of the arm 8. On the upper side of the supporting-arm 8 I provide a series of sharpened brads or nails 10.

The use of my invention is as follows: In attaching a rug to the holder one end of the rug is thrown over a supporting-arm 8 and the brads or nails 10 are forced through the rug, the same being held on the brads or nails by the weight of the rug. In the use of the holder preferably two rugs will be hung on each supporting-arm. The diagonal brace rod or arm 9 will greatly strengthen the supporting-arms 8, so that they will hold very heavy rugs. Preferably the clamping-blocks and the upper bearing-block are arranged in the exhibiting-room on the diagonal of one of the walls of the room. The advantage of this will be that a better view of the exhibited rugs will be created in a limited space. A further advantage will be to add much to the strength of the exhibitor, since it lessens considerably the strain when the arms are extended. This makes it possible to construct the exhibitor of lighter and less expensive material, which would not be possible were the blocks arranged at a right angle to the walls of the room. By mounting the standards in the manner described—that is, on a pivot at each end—the standards may be easily turned in their sockets, so that the rugs sup-

ported on the supporting-arms may be easily and carefully handled.

With the construction described the supporting-arms may be thrown back into the closed position, as shown at the right in Fig. 1, in which position each arm, and consequently the rug supported thereon, project out beyond the next succeeding arm and rug, so that the intended purchaser might inspect a group of rugs at a glance without it being necessary to disarrange them.

By mounting the standards in the manner described it is possible to remove one or more of the standards from the clamping-blocks and the upper bearing-block without disarranging or removing the other standards. This is done through the removal of one of the clamping-blocks, Fig. 3, whereupon the standard and its collar 6 may be readily extracted from the recesses of the clamping-blocks remaining in position and the pivot 4^a removed from its socket 7^a.

Suitable indicating-marks, such as price or number tickets, may be placed on the margin of the rugs in position so that when the holder

is in closed position these tickets may be readily examined by the salesman so that he can select without delay the rug he desires to exhibit to the purchaser.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a rug-holder, the combination with clamping-blocks, having recesses therein adapted to register to form a socket, and a top bearing-block of a supporting-standard pivoted in said bearing-block, a collar on said standard seated in said socket and a washer in said socket supporting said collar.

2. In a rug-holder, the combination with clamping-blocks having recesses therein adapted to register to form a socket and a top bearing-block having sockets therein, of a supporting-standard engaging a socket in said bearing-block, and a collar on said standard seated in said clamping-blocks.

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