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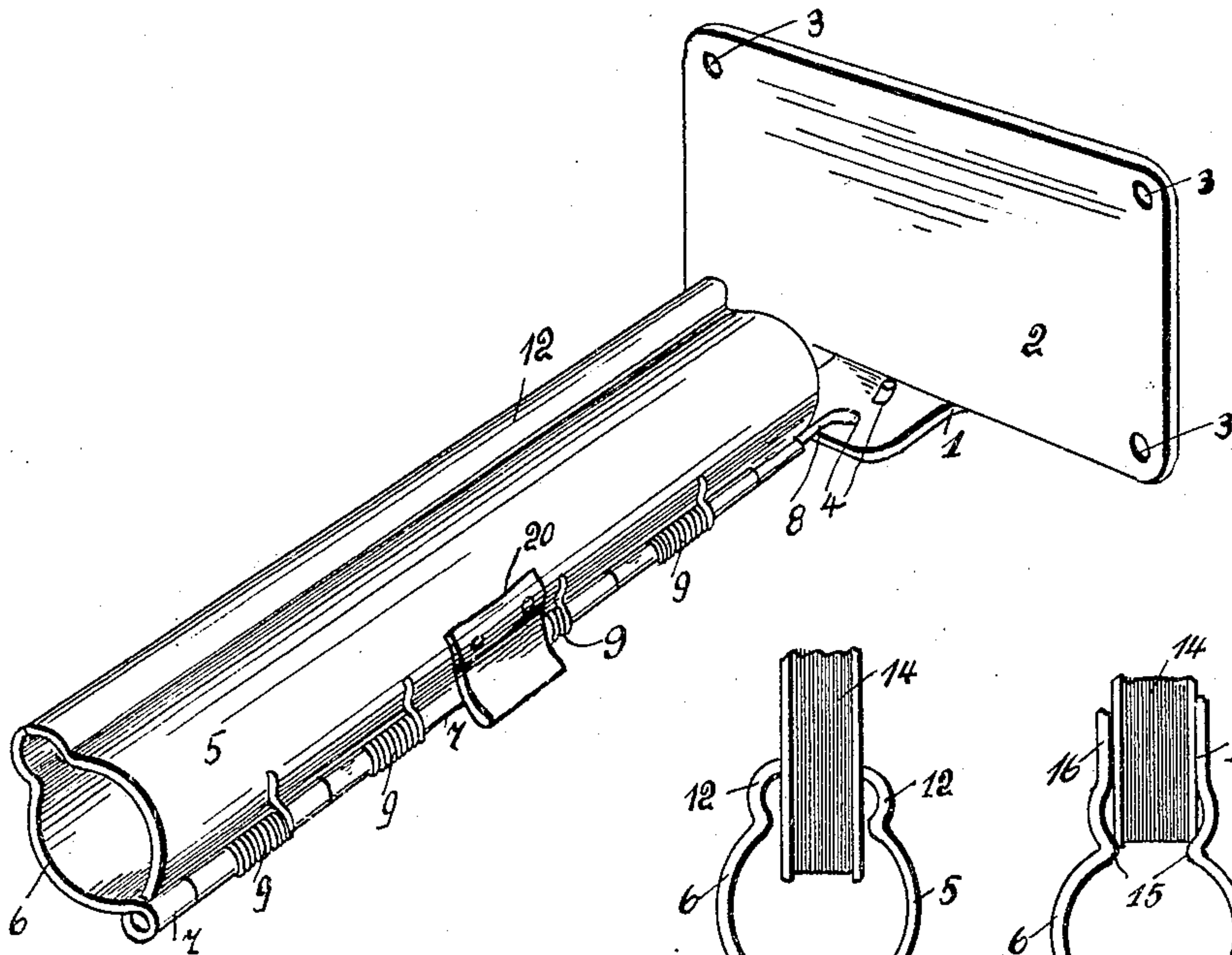


Fig. 1.

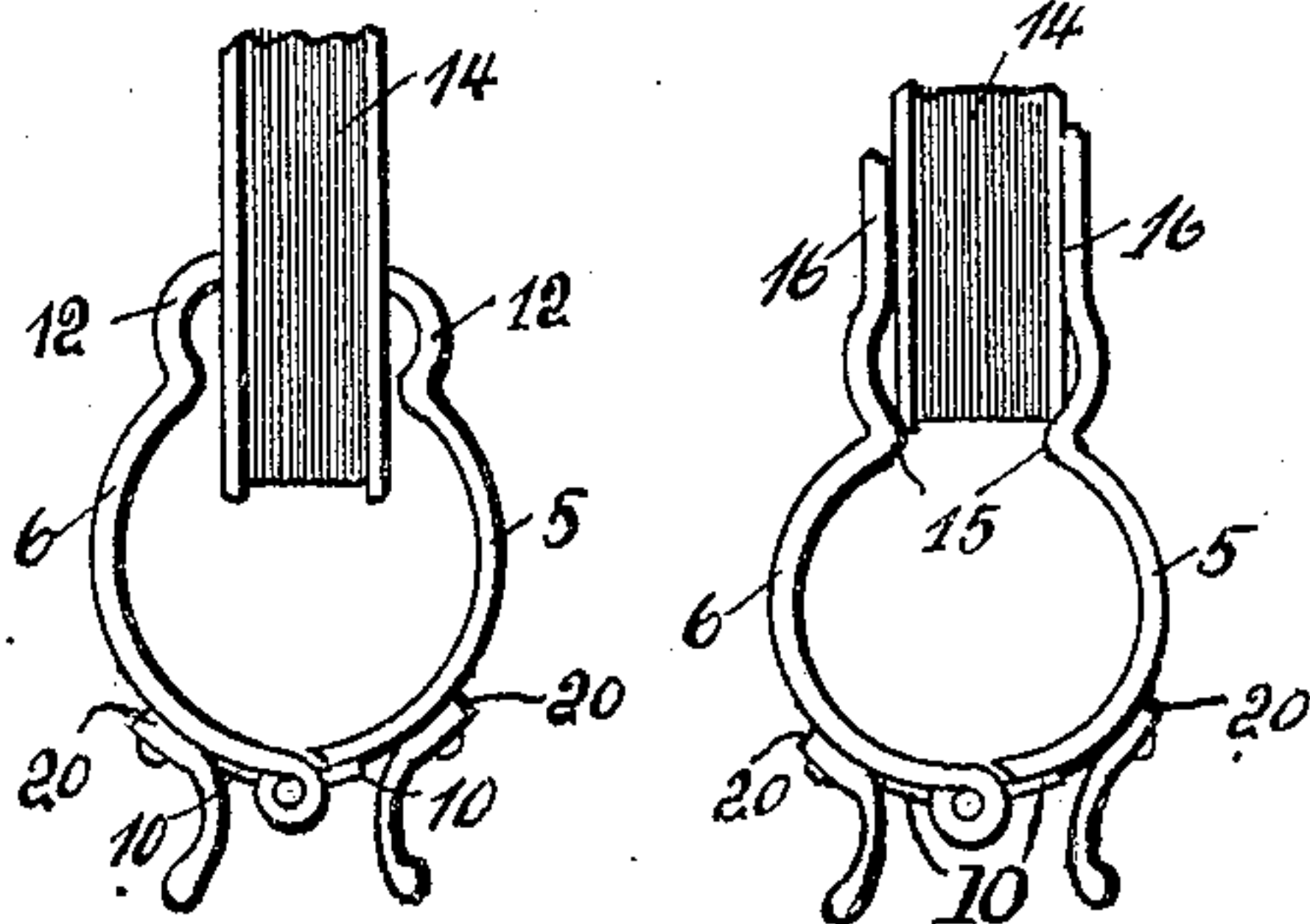


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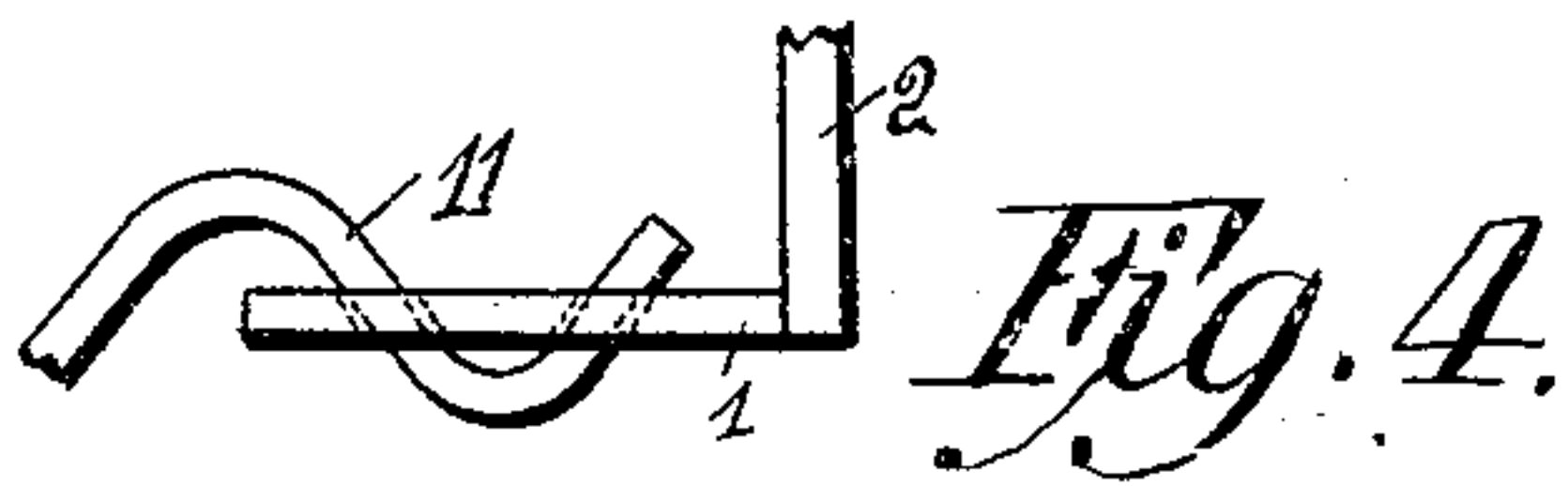


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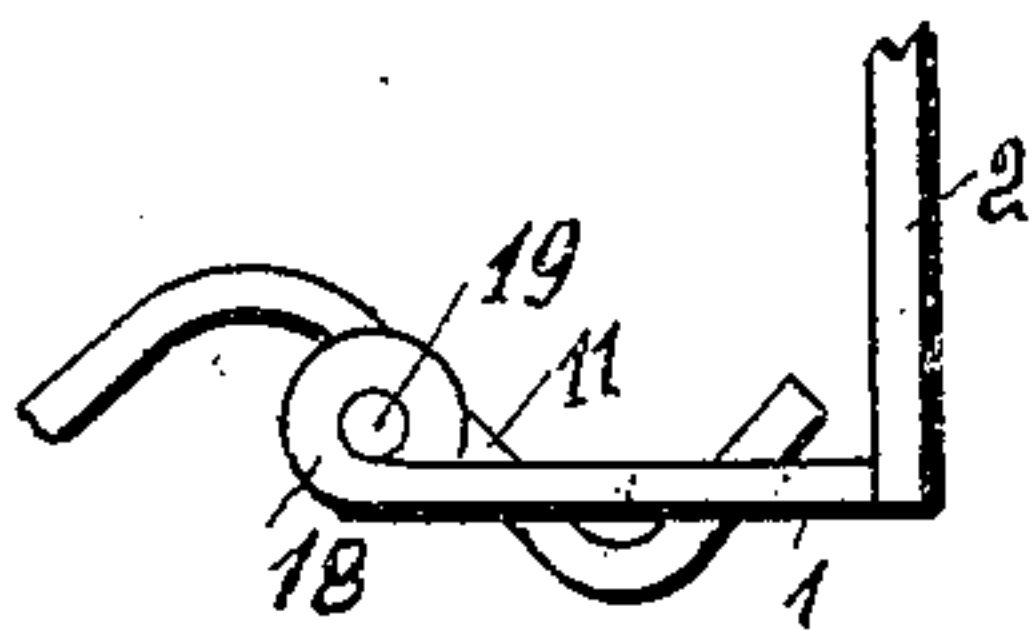


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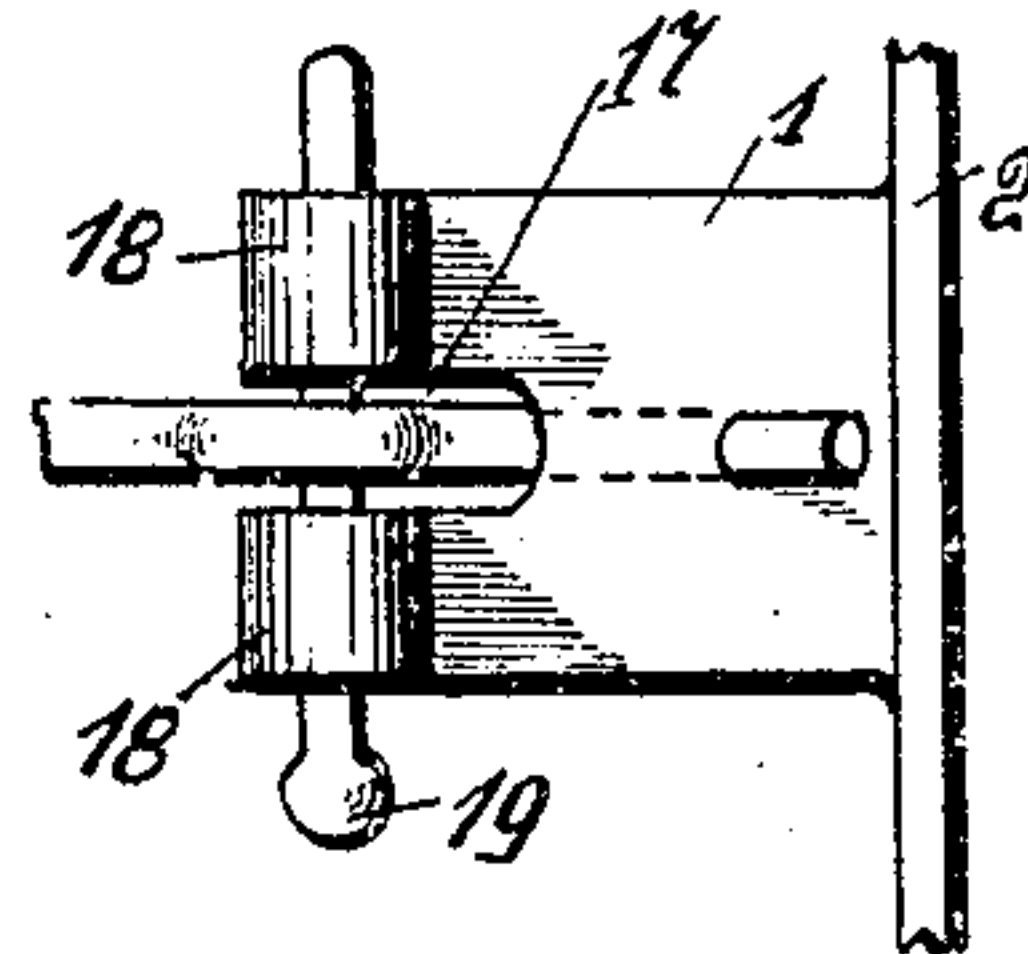


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ANDERSON MORROW, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in book-holding devices, and more particularly to that type of devices which are adapted to support telephone-directories.

15 Another object of this invention is to provide a book-holder particularly adapted for use in connection with telephones, and I have employed novel means for detachably securing a book in my improved holder.

20 A further object of this invention is to provide a book-holding device which can be easily secured to the wall adjacent to a telephone, whereby the device will be particularly useful in supporting the telephone-directory.

25 When used in this connection, my improved book-holder is provided with an advertising medium, and in some instances the book-holding device is constructed whereby it will be readily held at an angle to a wall upon which it is attached, while in other cases it is constructed whereby it can hang parallel to the wall and be out of the way of any one not desiring to use the directory.

35 The invention finally consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically pointed out in the claims, and referring to the drawings accompanying this application like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

40 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved book-holding device. Fig. 2 is an end view of the book-holder proper, illustrating a book as being mounted therein. Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating a slight modification. Fig. 4 is an edge view of a bracket em-

ployed for supporting the book-holder. Fig. 5 is a similar view illustrating a modification, and Fig. 6 is a top plan view of the same. 50

The book-holding device which I have invented is particularly adapted for use in connection with telephones, and I preferably secure the same to a wall adjacent to the telephone and in such position that a directory 55 if held in the device can be easily manipulated in case it is desired to find a number.

The supporting means of my improved book-holder comprises a bracket 1, the body portion of which forms a plate 2, having apertures 3 formed therein, whereby said bracket can be secured to a wall or a suitable support by screws or the like fastening means. The plate 2 is preferably made large enough to accommodate an advertisement, and upon this 65 plate may also be printed the call-number of the telephone which it is used in connection with. The bracket 1 is provided with apertures 4 4, which are horizontally aligned, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawings. 70

The book-holder comprises two hinged members 5 and 6, which are substantially semicylindrical in form. Each member is provided with a plurality of sleeves 7, which are formed by shearing away a portion of the edges and bending the lugs formed by said cut-away portions upon themselves to form sleeves. A rod 8 is employed to hinge the members 5 and 6 together, said rod passing through the sleeves 7 7 and the rod therefore 80 constituting a pintle for the members 5 6, and upon this rod I mount a plurality of coiled springs 9, the ends of which are adapted to engage the members 5 and 6, as indicated at 10 10. The springs 9 9 are adapted 85 to normally hold the members 5 and 6 in a closed position, as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The end of the rod 8 protrudes a slight distance beyond the hinged members 5 and 6 and is bent upon a substantially compound curve, forming a hooked end 11, and this hooked end of the rod 8 is adapted to be engaged in the bracket 1 by inserting the hook in the apertures 4 4 of said bracket. 90

When the hooked end 11 of the rod 8 has been secured in the bracket, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings, the hinged members 5 and 6 will be supported at an angle to said bracket, whereby a book mounted in said members will be supported in a position convenient to a person desiring to use said book.

The confronting edges of the members 5 and 6 are provided with a bead or fluted portion 12 12, and these edges are adapted to engage the book or directory 14 which is to be supported within the members 5 and 6.

In Fig. 3 of the drawings I have illustrated a slight modification, wherein the edges of the members 5 and 6 are bent inwardly to form shoulders 15 15, upon which the binding edge of a book is adapted to rest, and to support the backs of a book I have formed the edges with straight portions 16 16, which are adapted to extend up along the backs of the book a short distance and rigidly support said book. This construction is only used where the books are of considerable depth and the leaves thereof have a tendency to lie in an opened position.

In Figs. 5 and 6 of the drawings I have illustrated a modified form of bracket, which can be conveniently used in places where it is impossible to mount a book-holder which is held outwardly at an angle to its support. The bracket in this instance is sheared, forming a slot 17, and the outer edge of the bracket is bent upon itself, forming sleeves 18 18. In this form the slot 17 is employed in lieu of one of the apertures 4, and in connection with this form of bracket I employ a pin 19. The pin 19 is employed for supporting the book-holder at an angle to the bracket, as illustrated in Fig. 5 of the drawings, the pin being inserted in the sleeves 18 18 to engage under the hook-shaped end 11 of the rod 8, which is inserted in the aperture 4 of said bracket. Should it be desired to allow the book-holder to lie in a plane parallel to its support or hang downwardly from the bracket 1, the pin 19 is removed and as the book-holder is lowered the hooked end 11, which protrudes through the aperture 4 of said bracket, rests upon the bracket 1 and supports the book in a vertical position to said bracket. When it is desired to use the book contained within the book-holder, the book-holder is lifted and the pin inserted in the sleeves 18 18 to support the same in the angularly-disposed position illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

By forming the book-holder of spring-pressed members the books can be easily removed from the holders, and to facilitate this operation I have provided the sides of the semi-

cylindrical members 5 and 6 with suitable gripping-lugs 20.

While I have herein shown my improved book-holder as particularly adapted for telephone-directories and the like, it is obvious that the same may be readily used in connection with paper and magazine files and in such places as it is desired to support a book in such manner that it can be conveniently referred to when desired.

It will be noted that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit and scope of the invention.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device of the type described, the combination with a suitable bracket, of a book-holder detachably secured to said bracket, said book-holder consisting of two spring-pressed semicylindrical members adapted to engage a book, and a rod constituting a pintle for said members and engaging said bracket, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the type described, the combination with a suitable bracket, of two spring-pressed hinged members disposed at an angle to said bracket and adapted to support a book, means to detachably secure said book-holder to said bracket, and means for maintaining the book-holder at various angles to a horizontal line in said bracket substantially as described.

3. In a book-holding device, the combination with a bracket having a large plate adapted for advertising purposes, of a rod detachably secured to said bracket and angularly disposed from said bracket, and two spring-pressed members hinged to said rod and adapted to support a book, substantially as described.

4. In a book-holding device, the combination with an angular bracket having openings formed therein, of a rod detachably mounted in said openings, spring-pressed members hinged to said rod, the edges of said members being formed with a bead adapted to engage a book to be supported between said members, and lugs carried by said members substantially as described.

5. In a book-holding device, the combination of a bracket having two aligned apertures, a rod having a curved end passing through both said apertures and means carried by said rod for attaching a book to the rod.

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

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