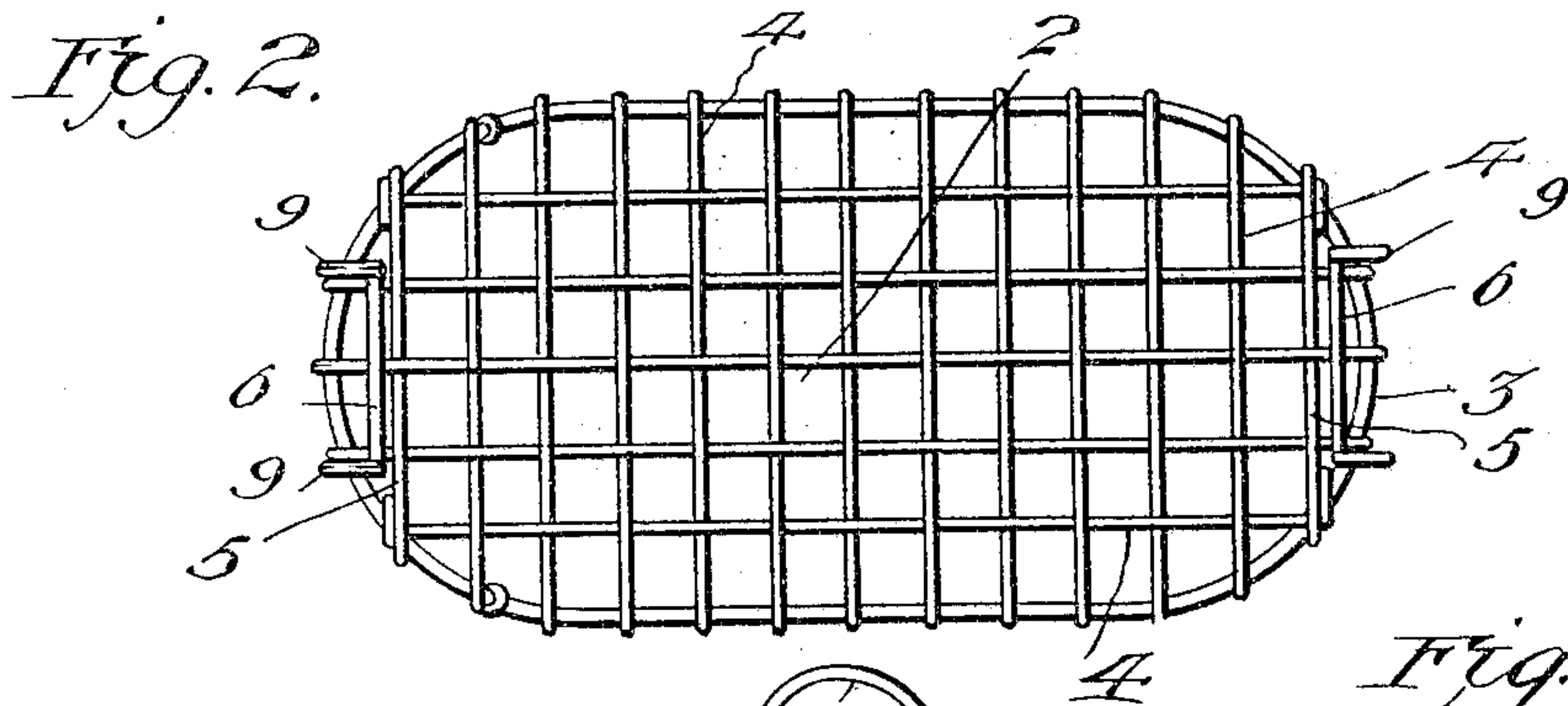
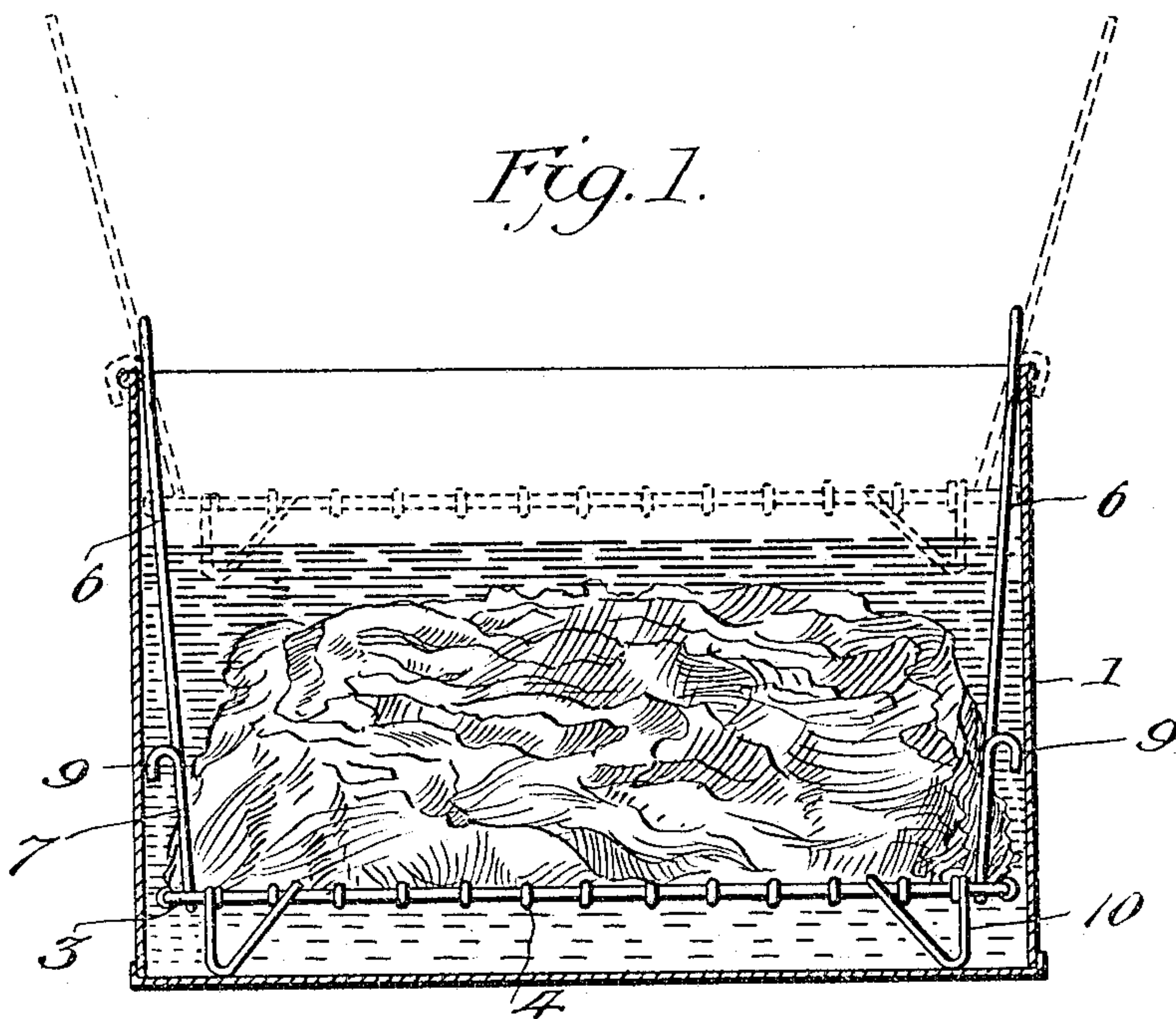


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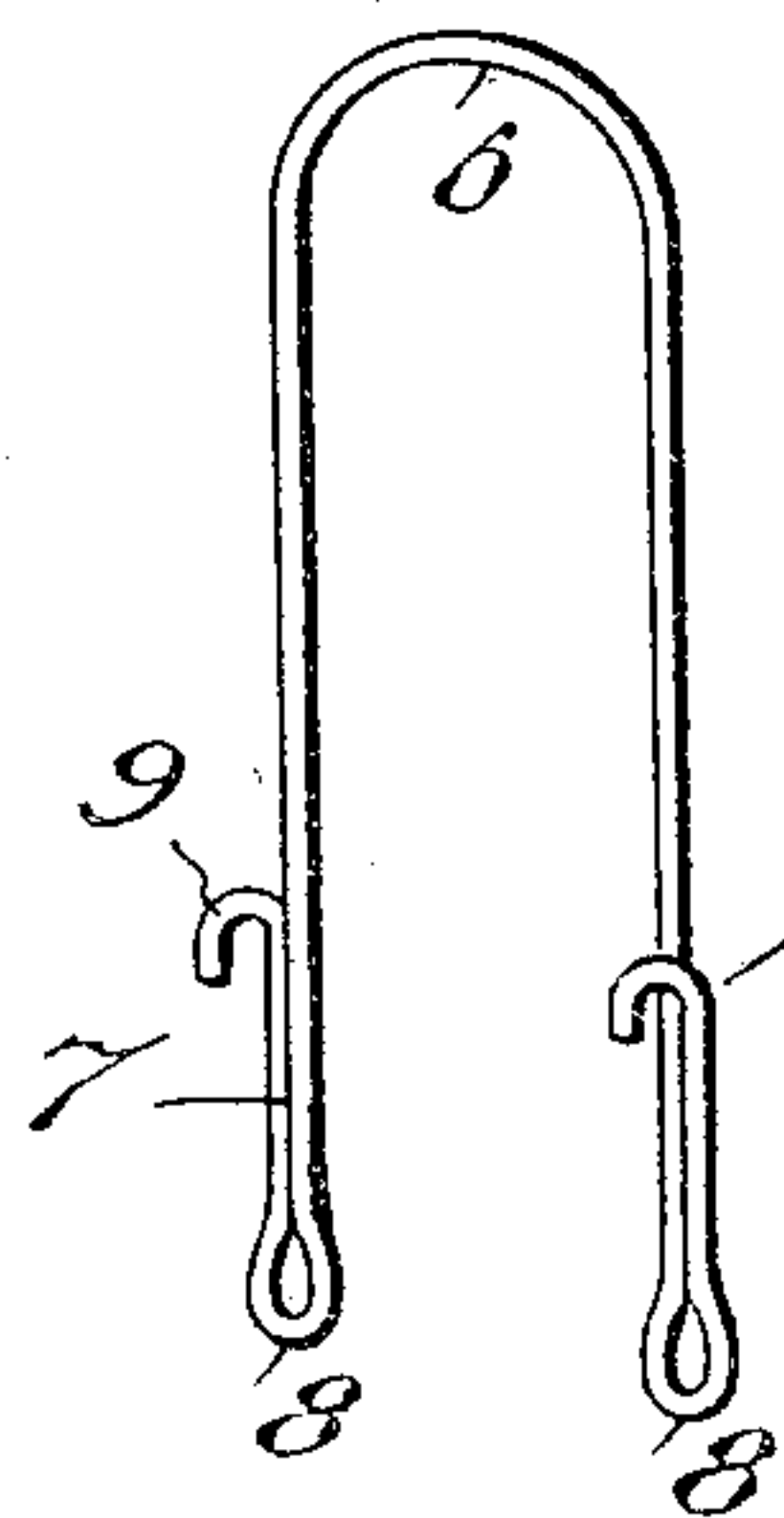
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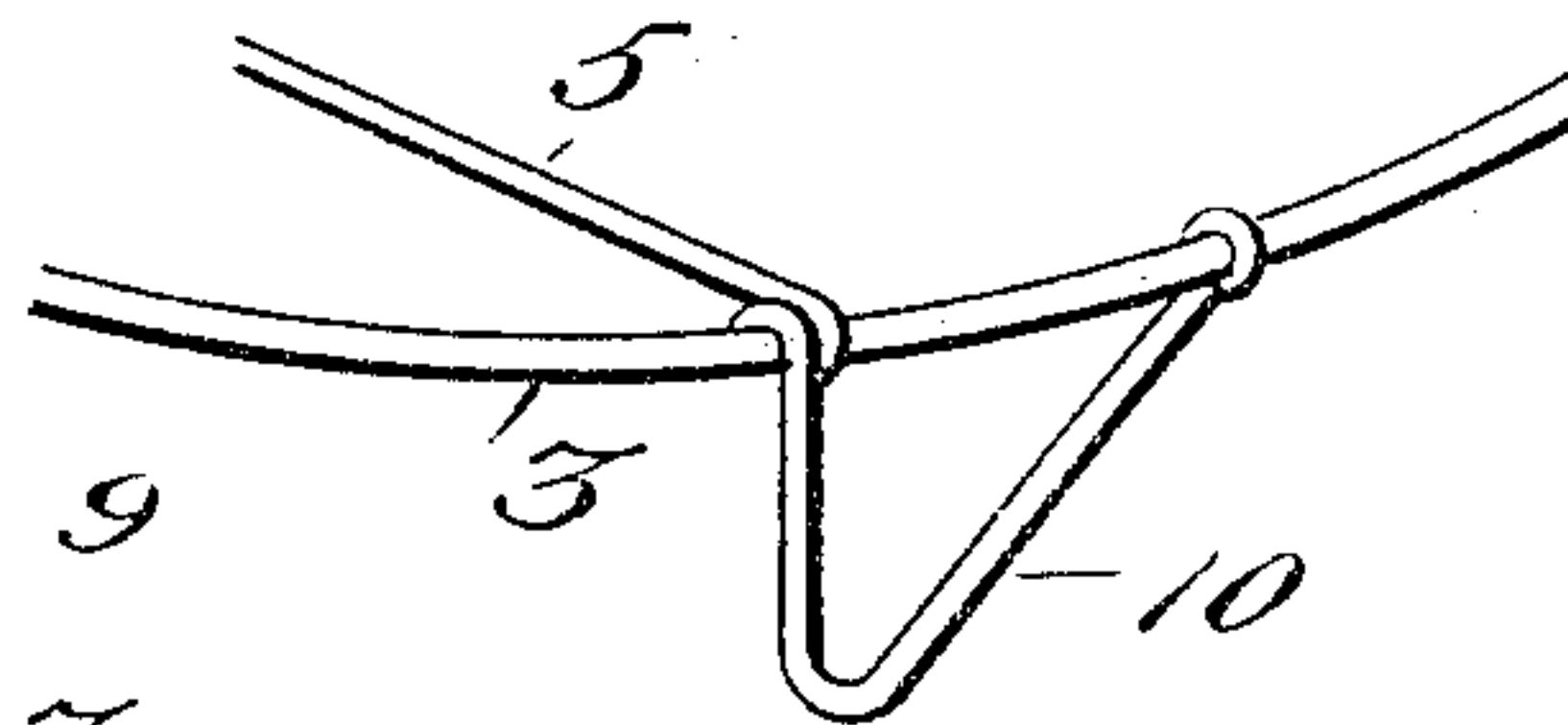
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*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARK WEMPLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Lifters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a support for holding clothing in a washboiler, the object being to enable the clothes after being boiled to be removed in a body from the boiler and suspended above the water by suitable means engaging the edge of the boiler, so that the water may drain from them and fall back into the boiler, thereby enabling them to be handled without danger of being burned by the hot water or steam, which so often happens when the clothes are removed in the ordinary manner by means of a stick.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of a washboiler with my clothing-support in place therein. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the support. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the handles for raising the support. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a detail, showing the means by which the feet are formed to hold the clothes slightly above the bottom.

Similar reference-numerals indicate the several parts of the figures.

1 indicates a washboiler of ordinary form and construction, within which is placed when in use a framework 2, having straight sides and rounded ends, the form being similar to that of the washboiler, but of a size slightly less than the interior of the washboiler. Extending longitudinally and transversely of the framework 2 are a series of wires 4, interwoven with each other and secured to the outer frame-wire 3 by bending, soldering, or other suitable means. Pivoted at each end of the framework 3 is a handle 6, by means of which the frame 2 is placed within and removed from the washboiler. Each handle consists of a single piece of wire bent in U form, the loop 6 being uppermost for convenience in grasping with the hands when the support is to be removed. The free ends of each handle are bent upwardly on itself to form eyes 8, which engage with the outer wire 3 of the framework. The extreme ends of the upturned ends are fashioned into hooks 9, which engage with the top of the boiler when the support is raised to permit water to drain from the clothing.

A wire 5, forming one of the transverse wires near each end of the framework 2, has its ends wound around the outer wire 3 of the framework 2 and then turned downwardly in a straight line for a suitable distance and then upwardly at an angle to the outer wire 3 and fastened thereto, forming thereby feet 10, on which the support rests when placed in the boiler. By means of these feet the support is raised above the bottom of the boiler and a free and more perfect circulation produced thereby, as the hot water is forced to pass up through the clothes and the relatively cooler water down the sides and ends thereof.

The handles, which usually extend above the washboiler after the support has been in place, are folded inwardly upon the clothes to allow the top of the boiler to be placed in position.

It is to be understood that while the feet have been described hereinabove as being formed of cross-wires they may with equal facility be formed on the ends of suitably-placed longitudinal wires. It is well known that devices of this character have been upheld by feet, and I therefore do not lay claim, broadly, to this arrangement; but it is believed to be new to form one or more of the feet integral with one of the wires for supporting the clothes to be boiled. It is also believed to be new to construct the handles of looped wires having their free ends upturned to form hooks for hanging the support on the edge of the washboiler and eyes for pivoting the levers to the framework of the support.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

In a support for clothing, a frame formed of interwoven longitudinal and transverse wires attached to a boundary wire, and feet for said frame constituting integral continuations of one of said interwoven wires, said feet being situated near each end of said frame and formed by bending said continuations in the form of depending loops and providing the terminals of said loops with connecting members embracing the boundary wire.

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

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