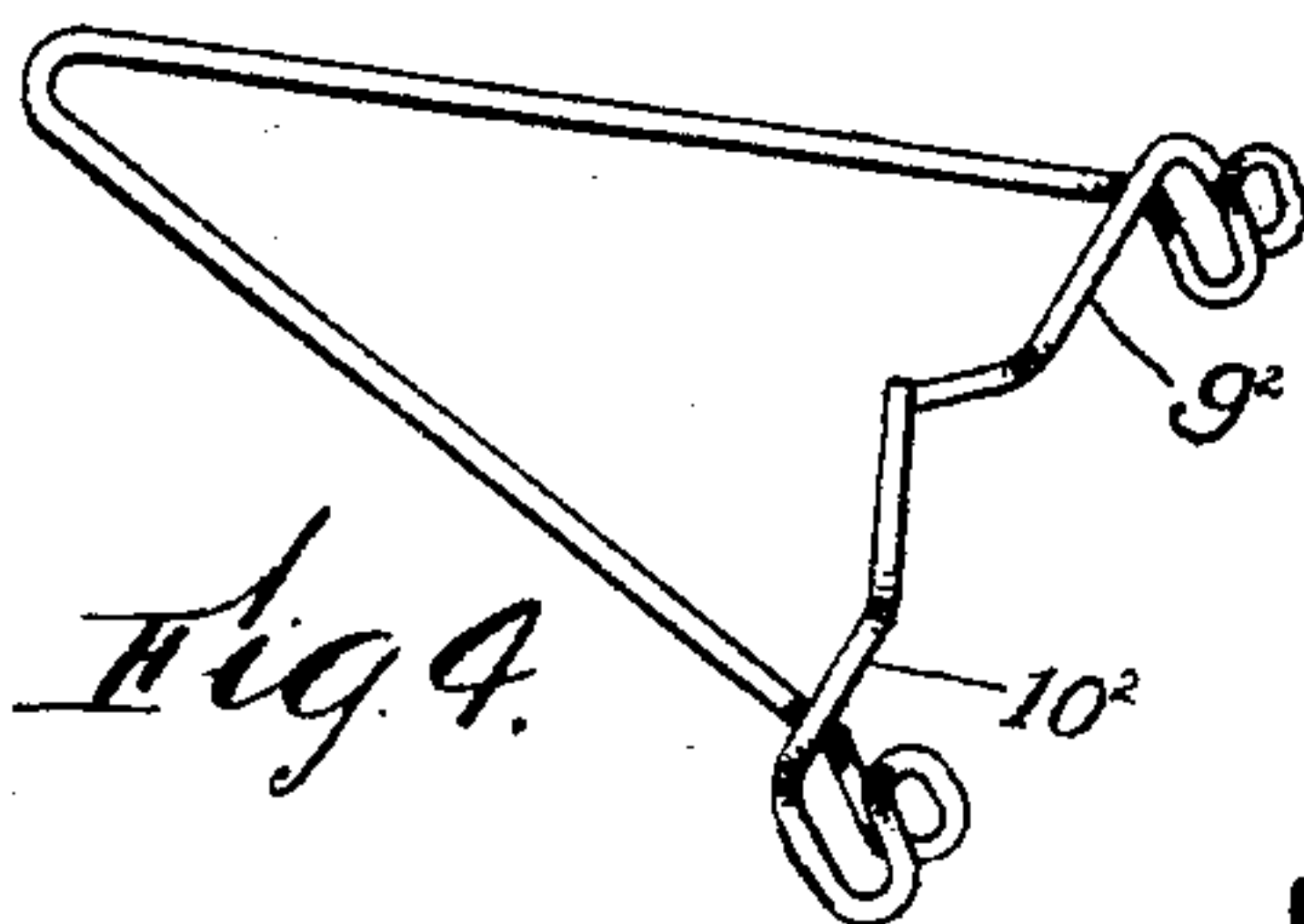
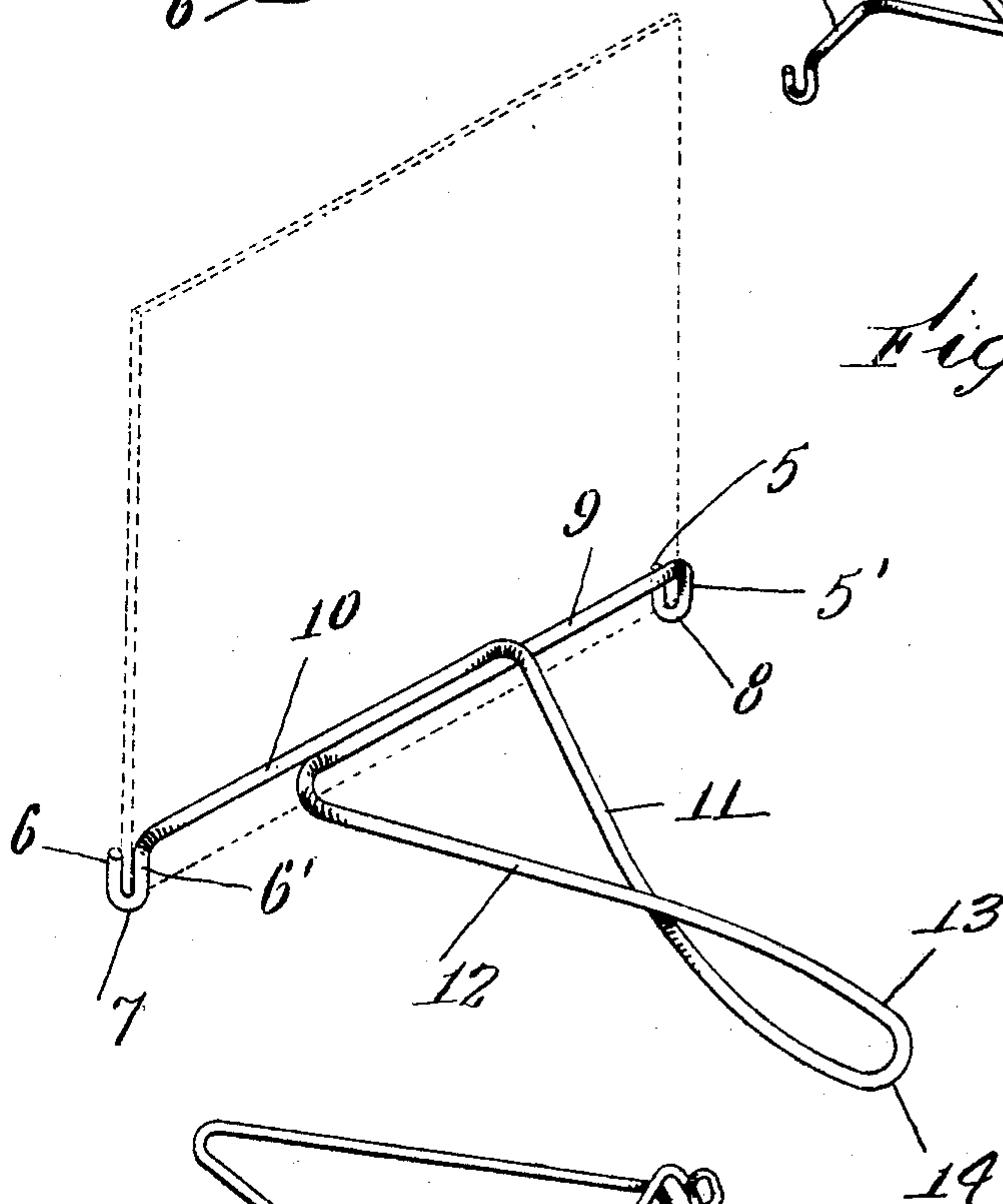
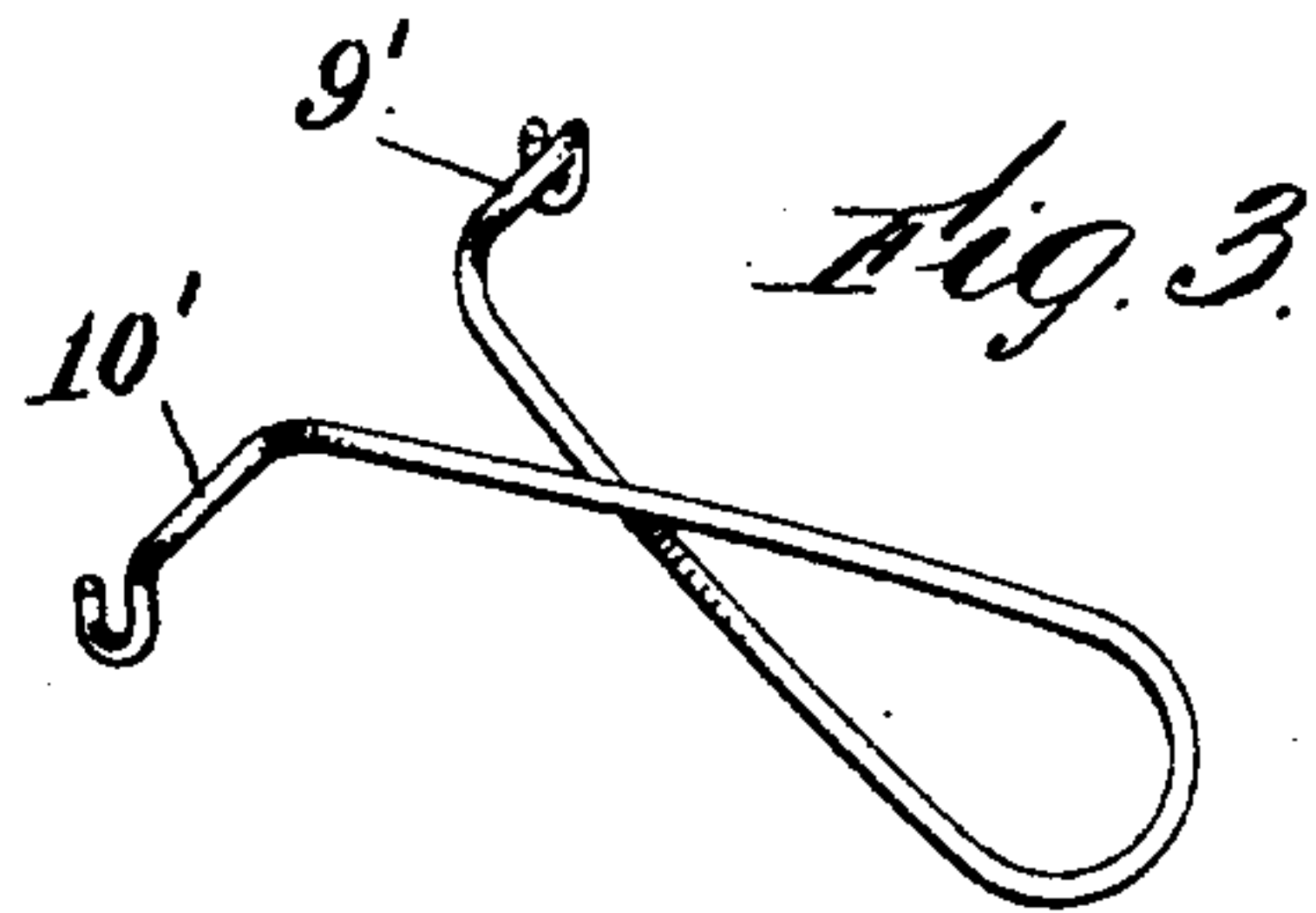
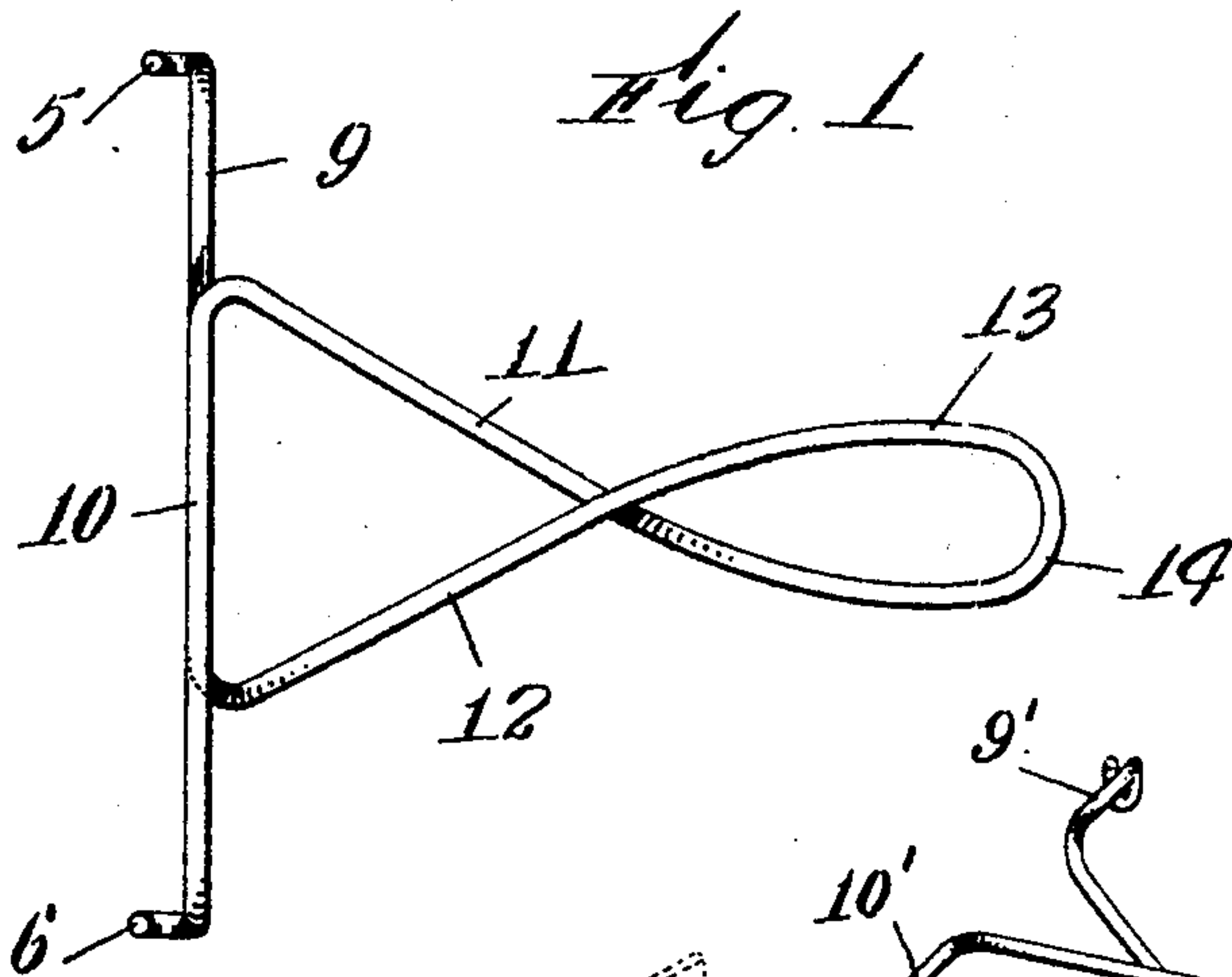


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES O. CHAPIN, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Lombard, county of Dupage, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Card and Merchandise Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a holder for photographs, cards, or other articles of merchandise; and it has for its object to provide a simple and effective device, made of wire or other material, for holding a card, photograph, or other article to be held or placed in view so that same is supported in an upright position on a table, shelf, show-case, or wherever it may be desired to display it.

The device is made of wire or other material, loops being bent up to hold the bottom of the article. These loops are preferably arranged to stand approximately at right angles to the face of the card or other article. The wire extends from said holding-loops behind the card or article held to support the back thereof. These back-supporting sections preferably extend parallel with and a short distance above the bottom edge of the card and for a short distance by and parallel with each other, thus providing a back-support for the article between the loops. This also allows at the same time for adjustment of the loops for different-sized articles, if desired. From these supporting-sections the wire extends back to provide a rest, preferably in the form of a loop, to rest on the table, shelf, or other support and allowing also for said adjustment without impairing the looks, strength, or general form of the holder.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan of my device, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a card in dotted lines held in the holder. Figs. 3 and 4 show modifications.

The loops 7 8 for holding the article are bent U-shaped, the front 5 and back 5' of one loop and the front 6 and back 6' of the other loop being arranged in planes at approximately right angles with the plane or face of the card. The bottoms of these loops are adapted to rest on the table or other support. Back-supports 9 10 extend from the inside upper part of each loop behind the card and preferably parallel with the bottom thereof. They are adapted to bear against the back of the article for a certain distance between the

loops to hold the article in an upright position. They also preferably extend by each other for a certain distance to allow for adjustment of the loops for various-sized articles. It is not, however, essential that they should extend parallel with the bottom of the card or by each other, but may extend in any form and for a short distance only, as shown at 9' 10' in Fig. 3 and 9² 10² in Fig. 4. The loops may be pushed near together for small articles or spread farther apart for larger articles. At the same time the back of the article is always supported by said back-supports 9 10.

The back-rest loop 13 extends back of these back-supports and comprises the sections 11 and 12. These back extensions 11 12 are preferably crossed over each other and formed in the shape of a loop or figure 8. While the back-rest is preferably shown in the form of a loop or figure 8, this particular form is not essential, although it adds to the strength and appearance of the device. With the back supports and rest formed in this way the end 14 of the rest is practically the same distance from the back-supports 9 10 whatever may be the adjustment of the loops 5 and 6.

By my device the card or other article is held loosely by its own weight in the holding loops at approximately right angles to the face of the card, thus preventing marring the face of the card. The back is firmly supported by the back-supports, thus holding the card in an upright position, and the back loop forms a strong support of good appearance and allows for adjustment without altering its effectiveness as a support.

A device constructed in accordance with my invention may be used to hold cards, photographs, signs, books, music, or any article it may be desired to support in an upright position.

What I claim is—

1. In a holder, the combination with back-supports for supporting the back of the article to be held, holding-loops formed integral with said back-supports and extending at right angles therefrom, and a back-rest, substantially as described.

2. In a holder, the combination with the back-supports for supporting the article to be held, of loops for holding said article, and the back-rest bent in the form of a loop, the

wire of said loop being crossed, substantially as described.

3. In a holder, the combination with holding-loops adapted to be adjusted for various-sized cards, the back-supports for supporting the back of the card in whatever adjustment the loops may be placed, and the back extensions crossing each other and forming a

rest in the shape of a loop, substantially as described.

Signed by me at Chicago, Illinois, this 14th day of November, 1904.

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