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Fig. 1.

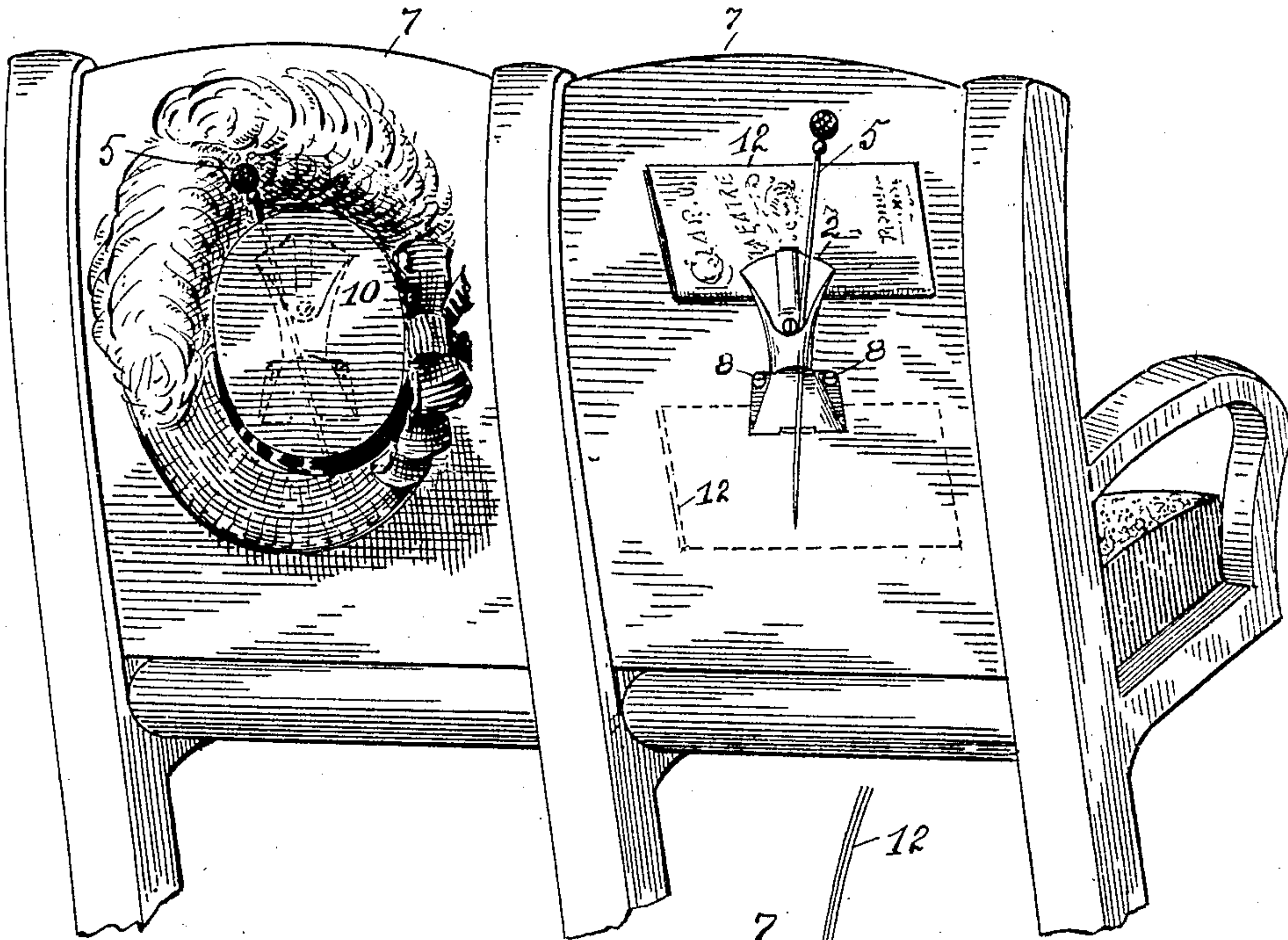


Fig. 2.

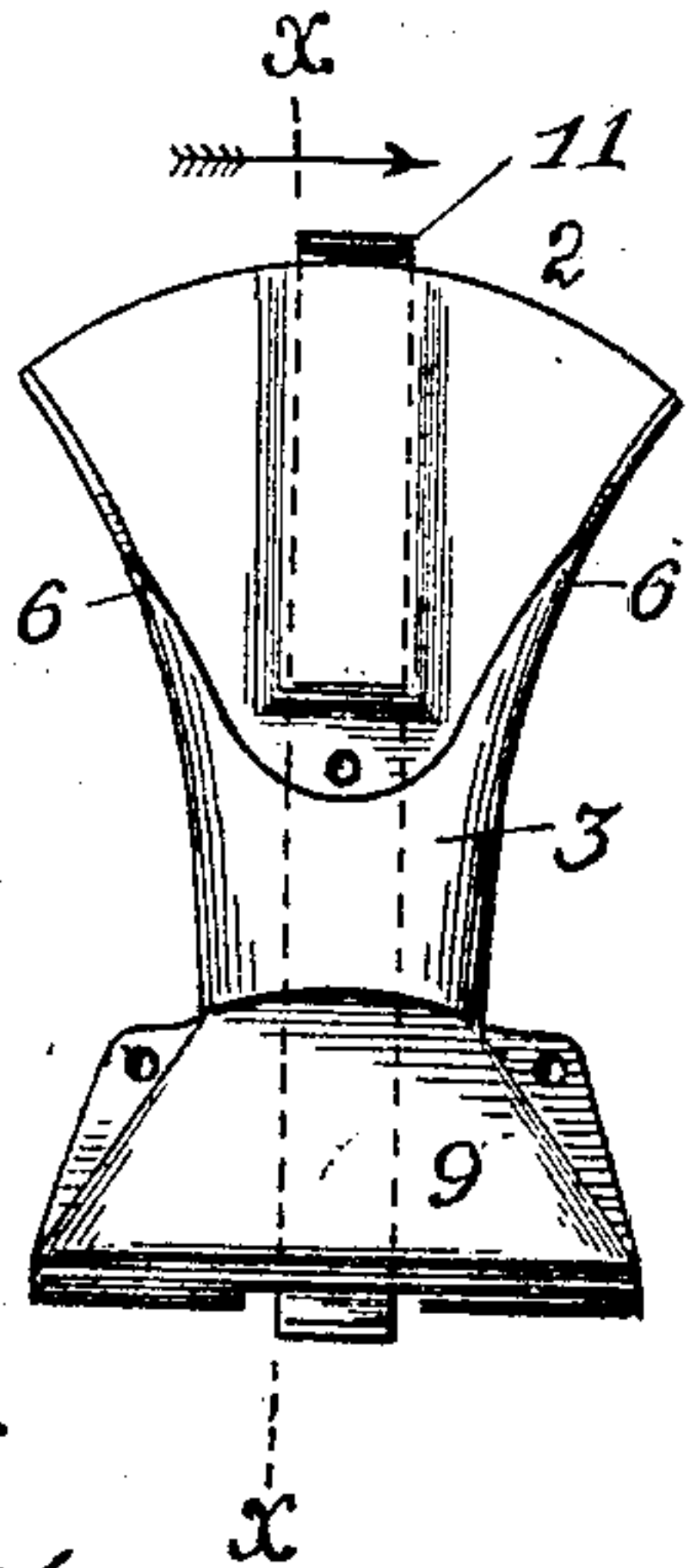
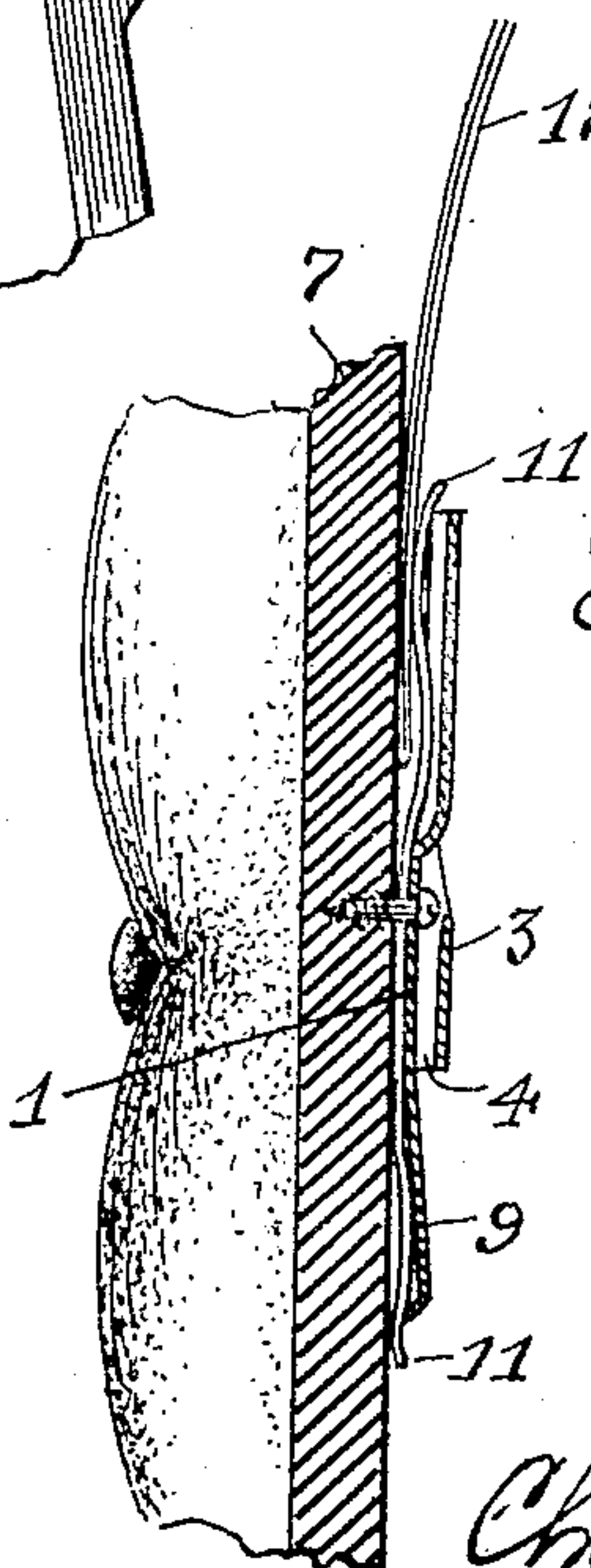


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES BENEDICT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fruitvale, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holding Attachments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The present invention is designed for use in connection with theaters, places of amusement, and public assemblage rooms or halls generally, the purpose of the invention being to provide a device which will enable ladies to dispense with the necessity of having to hold the hat in their laps during the performance or evening entertainment where the custom or rule provides for the removal of the hat during the evening performance and also for the holding of the program or other article of a similar nature in order that the same may be in a convenient place for use when the person takes a seat for the evening entertainment.

Referring to the accompanying sheet of drawings, forming a portion of the present application, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating two of the holders attached to the back of chairs, a hat being illustrated as fastened to one of the holders and a program of the entertainment being secured to the back of a chair by the opposing holder. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the holder detached from a chair-back, the hat and program being removed; and Fig. 3 is a detail vertical sectional view of the holder, taken on line *xx*, Fig. 2 of the drawings.

In the drawings the numeral 1 is used to designate the base-plate of the holder, which is formed with an enlarged head portion 2. To the base-plate 1 is attached the curved plate 3, which forms an elongated pocket 4 for the reception of a hat-pin or other impaling device 5. The side or outer edges of the contracted portion of the enlarged head 2 of the base-plate are upwardly flared or upset, thereby forming gradually inwardly tapered flanges 6, which serve to guide the point of the pin 5 toward the receiving-pocket 4, thereby preventing the pin or impaling device slipping outside of the pocket when hastily moved toward the same.

The holder is preferably attached to the

back 7 of a chair within a theater or other public room or hall by means of small screws 8. However, any suitable means for attaching the holder to the back of the chairs may be employed.

By having the lower portion 9 of the base-plate 1 inclined upwardly the pin or impaling device is forced outwardly below the pocket 4 or away from the back of the chair, thereby preventing the point coming in contact with the chair-back and providing against damage thereto by scratching, as the point of the pin or impaling device is carried beyond the lower edge of the pocket 4 of the holder.

The holder may be constructed of any suitable material, such as copper or aluminium.

The surface of the enlarged head portion 2 of the base-plate may, if so desired, be utilized for the display of advertising matter.

In using the device so far as described as a holder for ladies' hats where the same are required to be removed during the evening performance it is only required that the hat-pin or other impaling device 5 be forced through the hat 10 after its removal from the head and that the projecting portion of the pin or impaling device 5 be inserted within the pocket 4, when the hat will be supported or held in position in the same manner as though pinned to a fabric-surface. Inasmuch as the general practice is to use a hat-pin for securing of the hat to the head of the owner, it is not required that an independent pin be supplied for the purpose of attaching the hat when removed to the holder.

It is the intention to secure a holder to the back of each chair within a theater or public room wherein public entertainments are given, so that the occupant of each seat will be provided with a holder on the back of the seat immediately in advance of the one occupied.

To the under face of the base-plate 1 there is attached a longitudinally-extending flat spring or clamp-plate 11, which is of sufficient pressure to hold an envelop, printed notice, a card, circular, or program 12 between the under face of the enlarged head portion 2 or enlarged lower portion 9 of the base-plate 1 and the back of the chair to which the holder is attached. By this means the program for the performance of the

theater may be distributed throughout the house and secured to the back of each chair at any time during the day prior to the opening of the house for the performance, so that
5 each person attending the theater will find a program attached to the back of the chair immediately in advance of the seat to be occupied.

The described holder is exceedingly simple
10 of construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and will be found convenient and of great service, removing, as it does, the annoyance of having to hold in one's lap throughout the entire performance the removed hat,
15 again dispensing with the necessity of having a person stationed somewhere near the entrance of the theater for the purpose of distributing the programs during the arrival of the audience.

Having thus described the invention, what 20 is claimed as new, and desired to be protected by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a holder for the described purpose, the same comprising a suitable base-plate, of an enlarged head 25 portion thereto, and a reduced body portion, of a curved plate secured to the body portion of the base-plate for the greater portion of its length and forming a securing-pocket on the outer face thereof, said pocket receiving a 30 hat-pin or impaling device for supporting a hat thereby.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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