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Fig. 1.

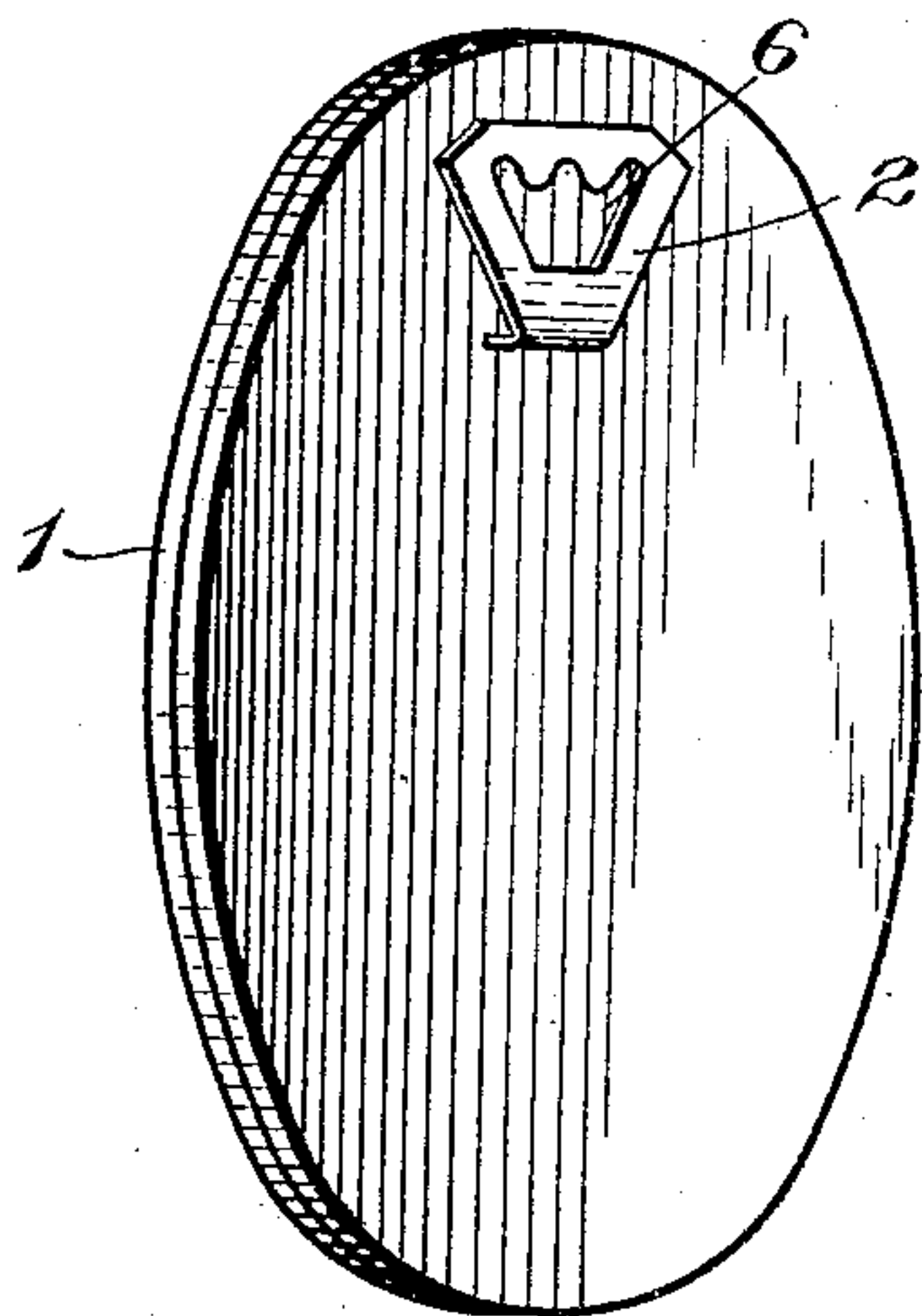


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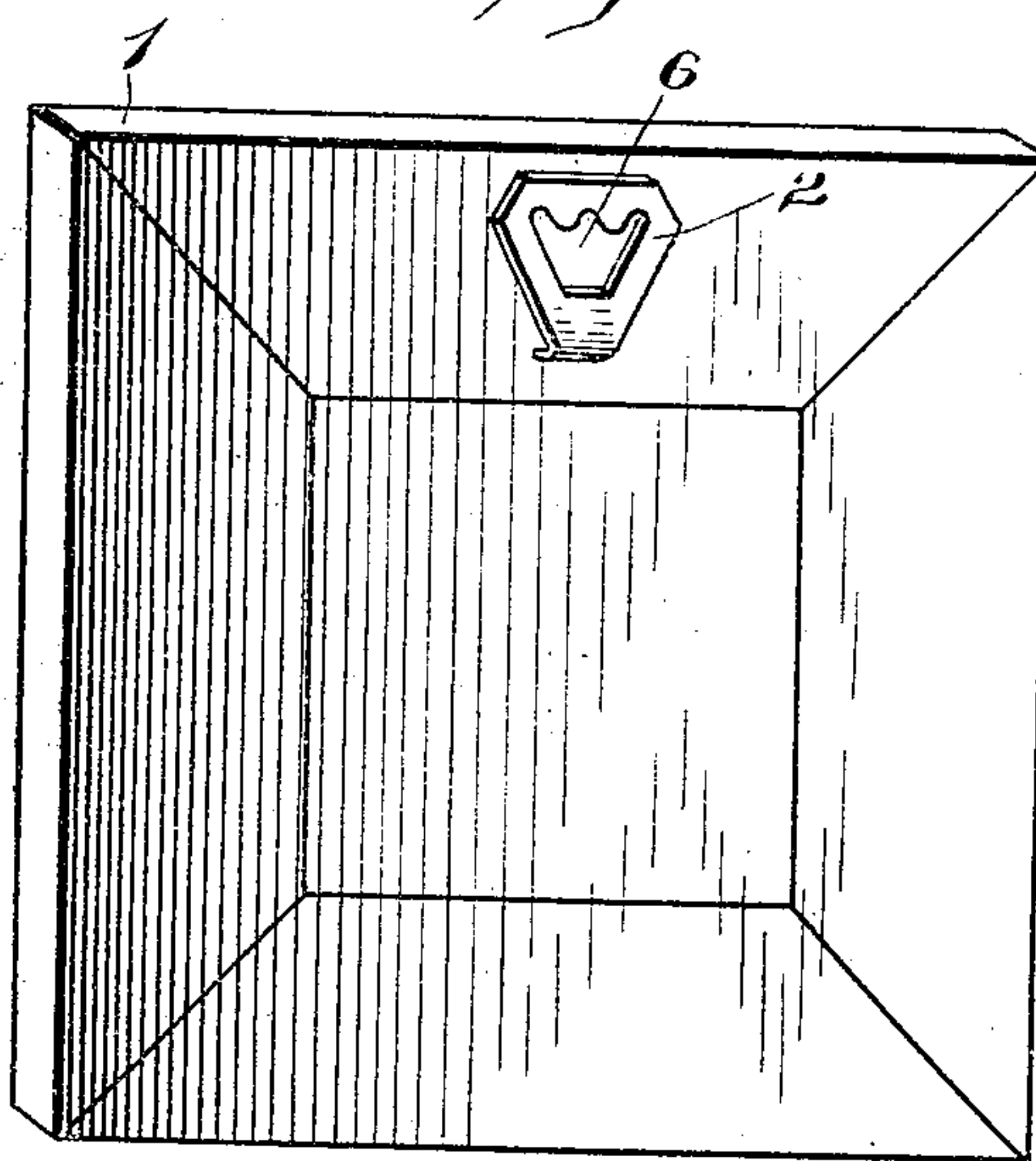


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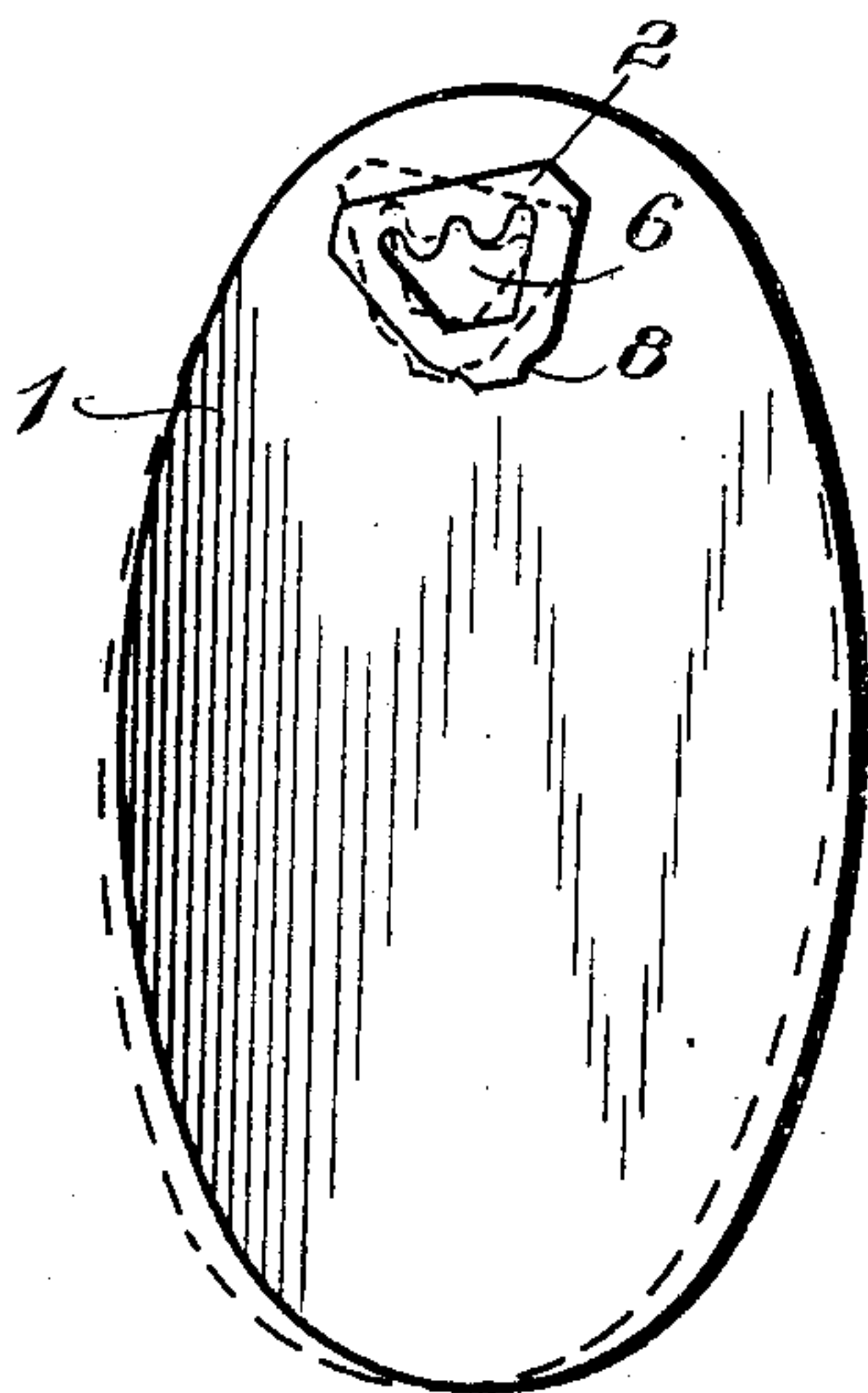


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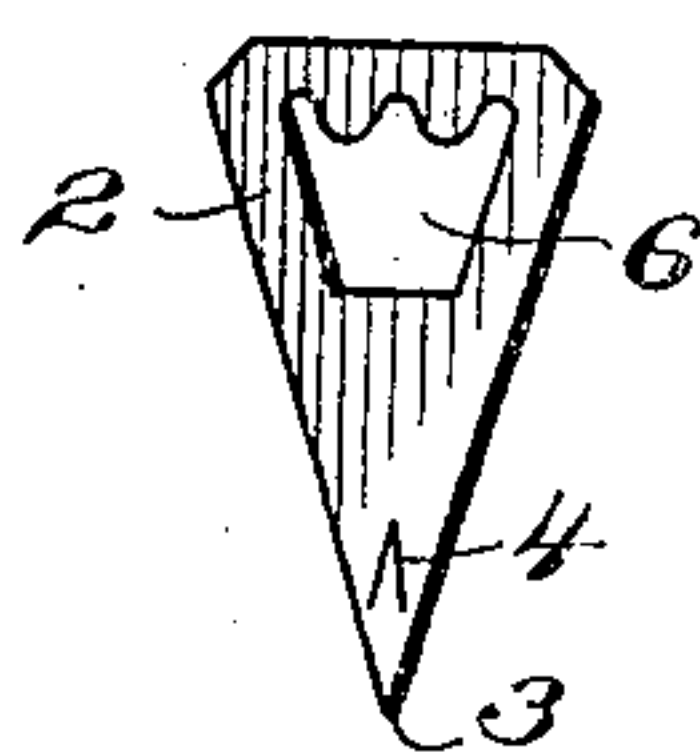


Fig. 4.

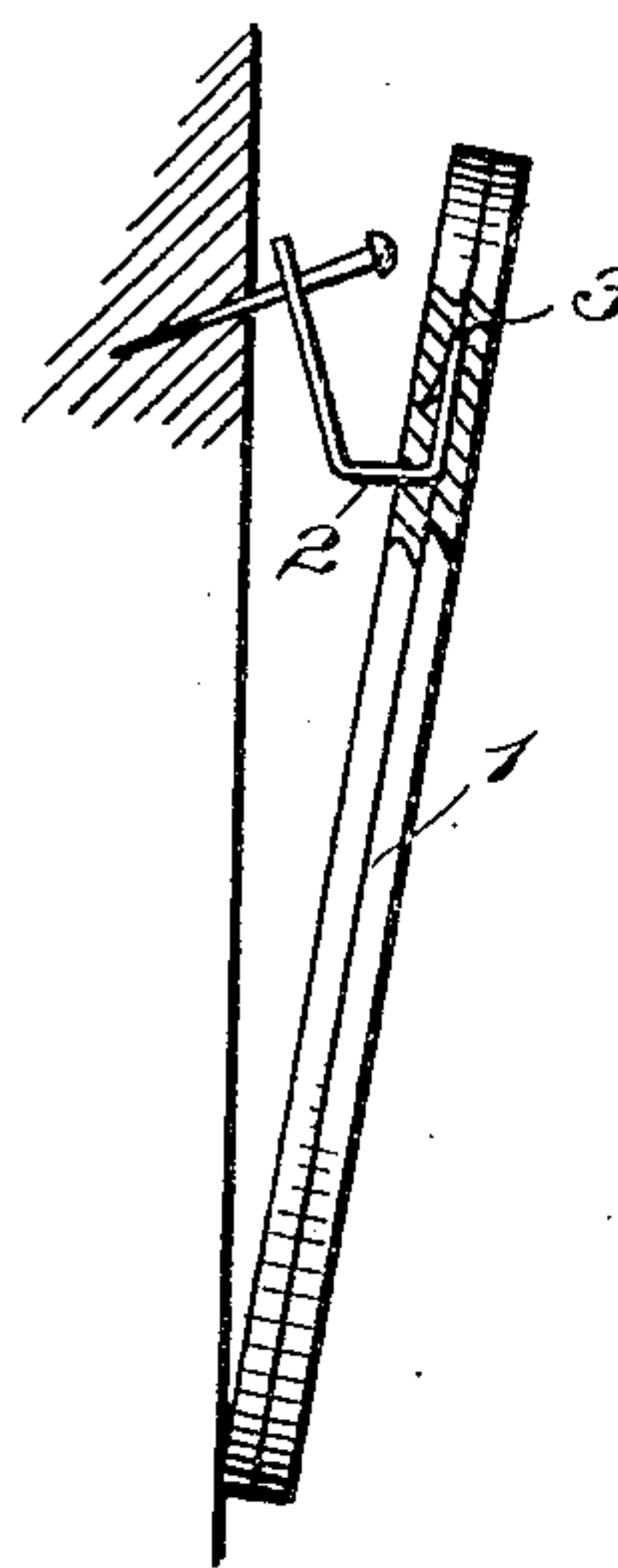
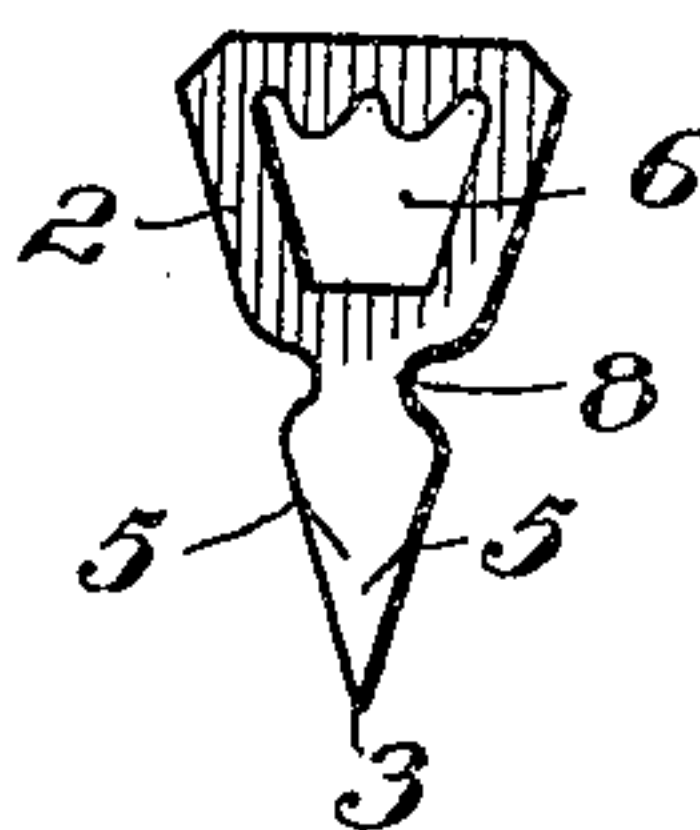


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. PURSELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittston, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to picture-hangers, and has for its object to provide a device of this class which may be quickly and easily applied to a matted picture or the like without marring the picture and which cannot be seen from the front or face of the picture.

A further object of my invention is to provide a picture-hanger which may be quickly and easily applied to any picture where screw-eyes and wire are undesirable; and my invention is particularly designed to be used on unframed pictures, which are ordinarily hung by punching a hole through the mat or picture and passing a string through the same, thereby marring the picture.

A further object of my invention is to provide a picture-hanger which is more reliable, cheaper to manufacture, stronger, and more efficient than the old muddled ringed sticker sometimes applied to the backs of pictures and which usually becomes detached and lets the picture fall.

A further object of my invention is to provide a picture-hanger with which the picture can be adjusted on the nail or brad so as to hang the picture perfectly straight notwithstanding the fact one side may be heavier than the other or the picture-hanger not properly centered.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the picture-hanger stamped out of a suitable sheet metal and provided with novel means for balancing the picture.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the back of the picture, illustrating hanger applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing hanger applied to a framed picture. Fig. 3 is a plan of the back of a picture, showing picture hanging unevenly in dotted lines and evenly in full lines. Fig. 4 is a side elevation showing

picture and wall partly in section, illustrating method of hanging picture. Fig. 5 is a plan of picture-hanger, and Fig. 6 shows a slight modification.

Like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several figures, in which—

1 illustrates a picture, and 2 the picture-hanger.

Referring particularly to Fig. 5, it is seen that the picture-hanger 2 is stamped out of a suitable sheet metal, preferably tin, and is substantially triangular in shape, the portion near the point 3 being provided with a tang or beard cut in said metal and bent outwardly.

A portion of the body of the hanger is cut out, as shown at 6, and in Fig. 5 a series of notches are cut, as shown, the points 5 formed thereby being turned or bent oppositely, while the sides of the hanger are cut away at 8 for a purpose which will be hereinafter described.

Having thus described the construction of the device, its operation is as follows: The point 3 is inserted in the top of the frame or backing of the picture and forced upwardly. The body or upper portion of the hanger is then turned up to tilt the picture at any desired angle, and the picture then hung from a nail or brad driven in the wall and extending through the cut-out portion 6, thereby making it more neat and artistic when hanging in place. It is practically a matter of impossibility to perfectly balance a picture when first hanging same, particularly so if the picture is of any weight. Should, therefore, the picture not hang level, the same can be adjusted on the nail or brad by changing it one notch or more to either side until the proper balance is had. While this range of adjustment will be found generally sufficient, it may happen that a perfect balance cannot be obtained, particularly if care was not taken to center the hanger when inserting the same in the picture. In this instance the metal of the hanger being cut away at 8, which is at the bend of the hanger, the top or body of the hanger may be bent sidewise or laterally, as shown in Fig. 3, in order to throw the center of gravity directly under the point of suspension and perfectly balance the picture.

The tang 4 or points 5 on the edges of the hanger being turned or bent, as shown in Fig. 4, facilitate the retention of the hanger in the picture.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

5 A picture-hanger having a sharp point constructed to enter a picture or picture-frame and a top or body portion constructed to receive a suspending means, said top or body portion being provided with a series of notches

substantially as described and for the purposes set forth. 10

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

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