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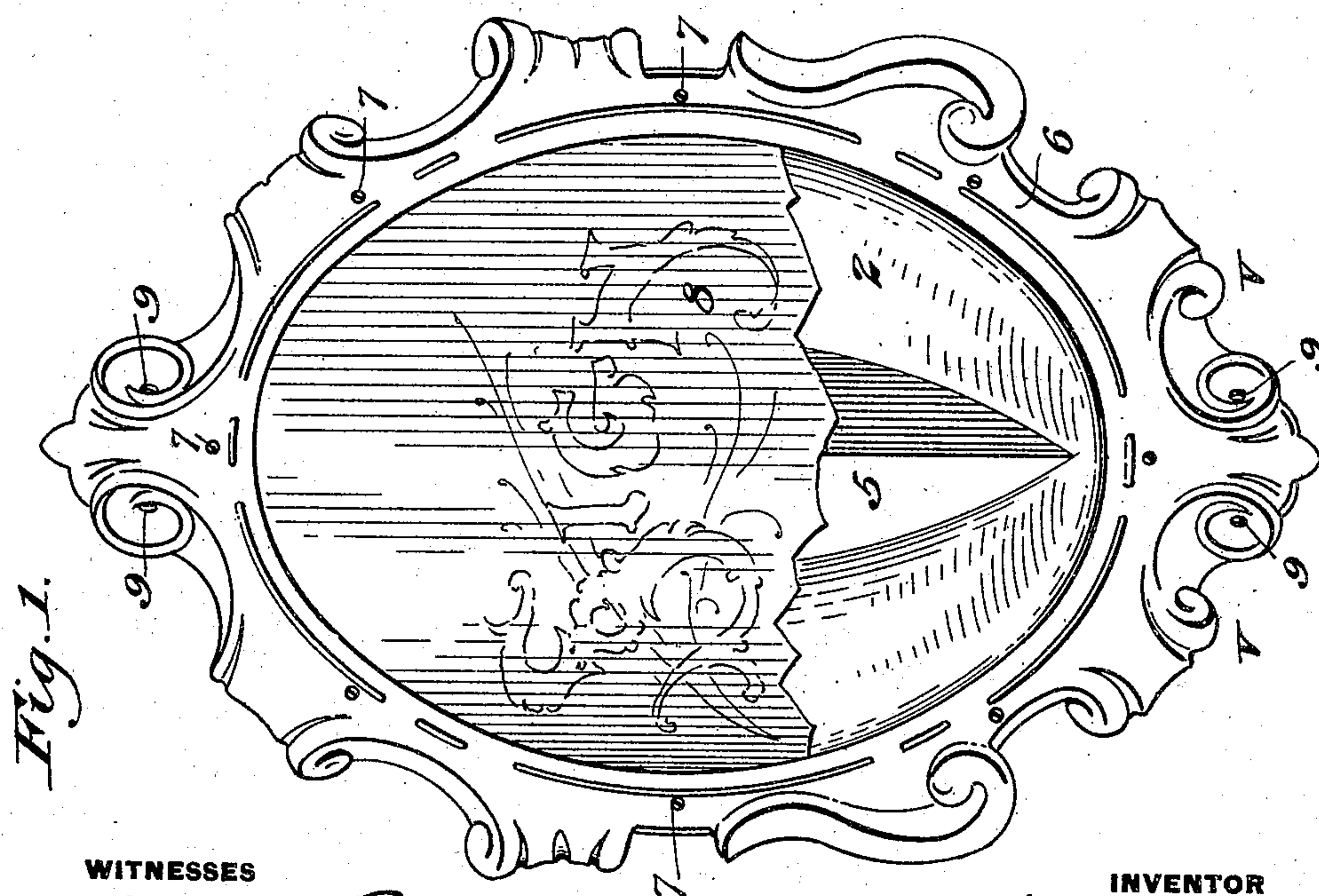
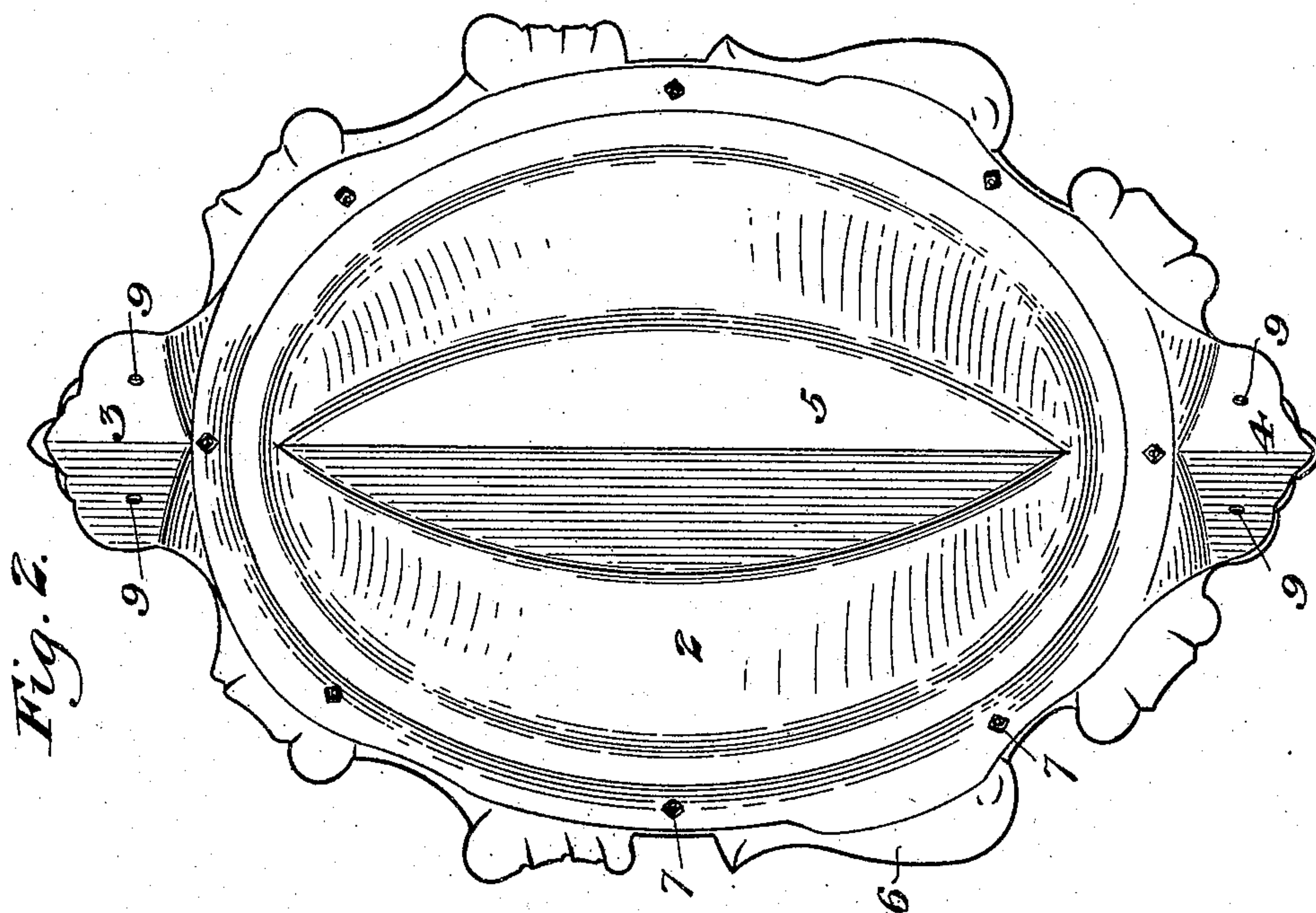
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Fig. 5.

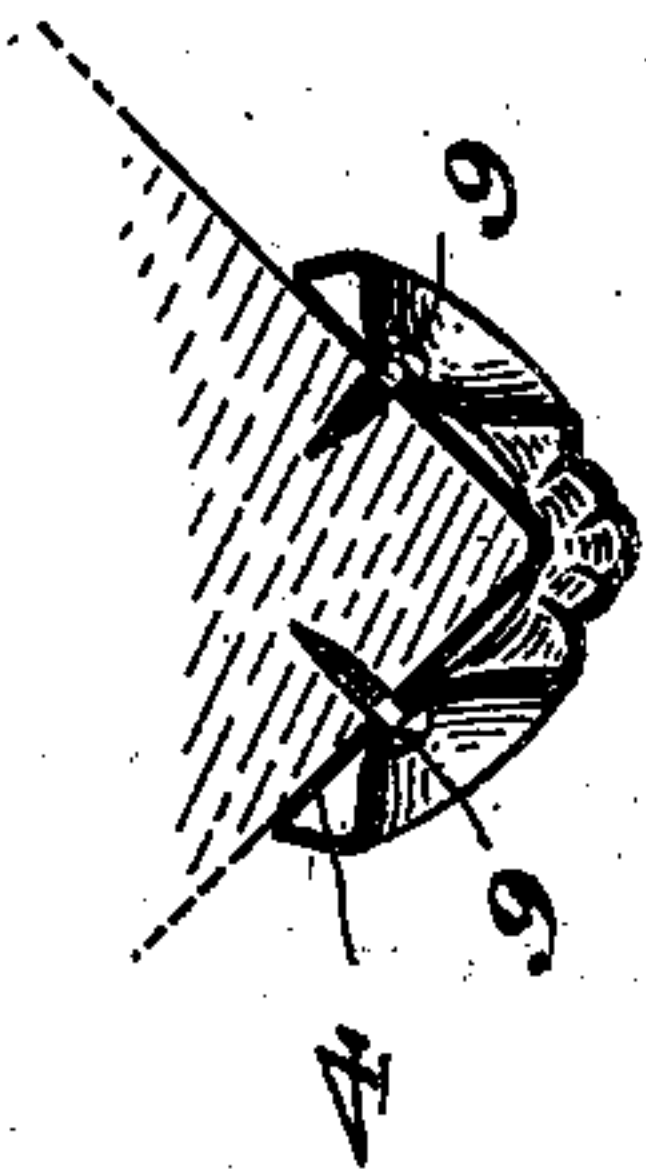


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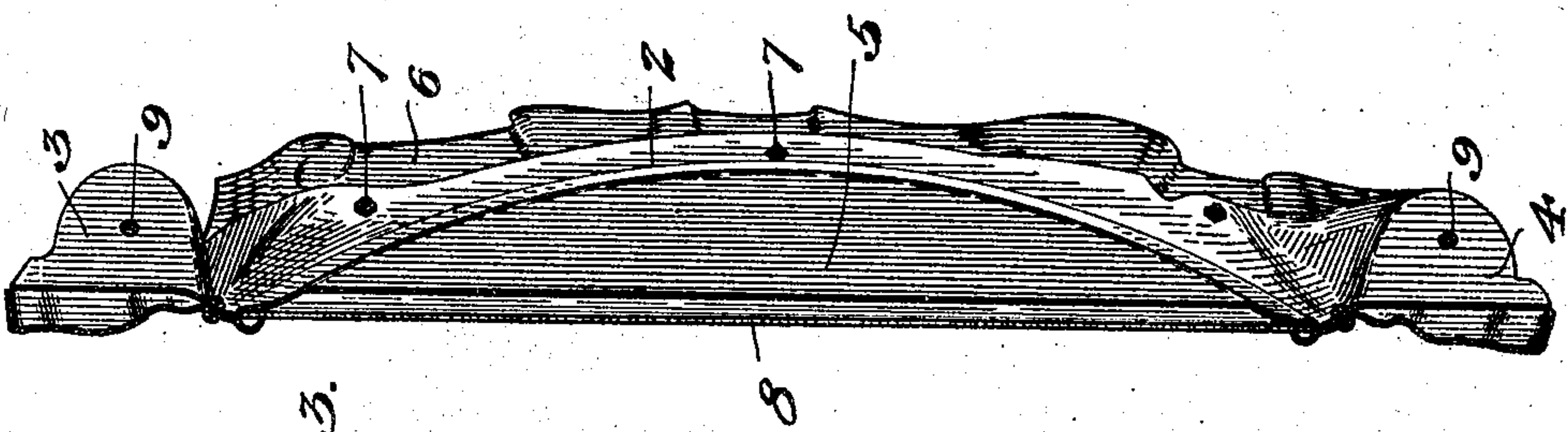
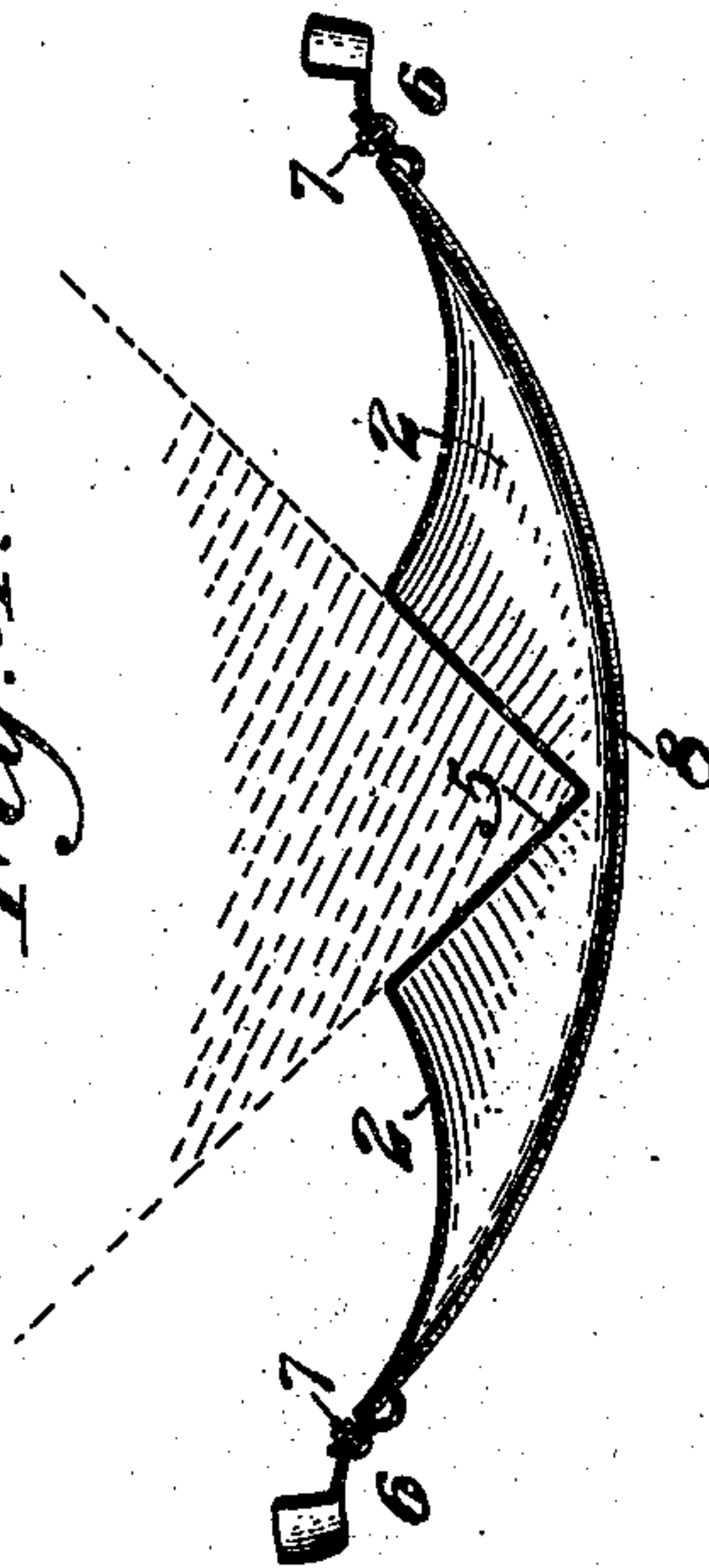


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN L. DAWES, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Sign, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved sign. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section. Fig. 4 is a central cross-section, and Fig. 5 is a detail cross-section on the line V V of Fig. 1.

My invention relates to the class of signs, especially those which are provided with a recess in the rear for attaching to a post or projection.

The object of the invention is to simplify and cheapen the construction and also to strengthen it and improve the appearance.

In the drawings, 2 represents a back-plate, which may be of any desirable shape and in the form shown is of oval or elliptical form with top and bottom projections 3 and 4. This sheet-metal back-plate is stamped or otherwise bent so as to form an angular channel or groove 5 to fit upon the supporting post or projection, and the top and bottom ears 3 and 4 are likewise bent to form extensions of the channel or jog. The frame 6 may be of any suitable shape and size and is preferably formed of stamped sheet metal, made, preferably, in a plurality of pieces. The frame is preferably secured to the back plate by small screw-bolts 7, which extend through the frame and through the edges of the back-plate. The sign proper, 8, which preferably consists of an oval section of a glass cylinder with the inscription and ornamental coloring on its interior, is secured between the edge of the back-plate and frame and is clamped by the screw-bolts which secure these parts together.

In order to secure the sign to the post or column, I preferably provide the top and bottom of the frame with holes 9, the projections 3 and 4 of the back-plate having registering holes, so that nails or screws may be driven through these holes into the wood or material of the support. These holes are preferably formed in the center of the circu-

lar or boss-like ornaments, so that they are not unsightly.

The advantages of my invention result from a simple, strong, and cheap construction, the sign consisting of three parts—namely, the back-plate, the frame, and the sign-body. The use of clumsy woodwork at the back is done away with and the construction is simple and attractive in appearance.

The back-plate may be made in a plurality of pieces and may be complete or cut out in parts. The sign-body may be varied as well as the frame, and many other changes may be made without departing from my invention as defined by the claims.

I claim—

1. A sign having a back-plate with top and bottom projections, said plate and projections being bent to form a channel or recess, a frame secured to the back-plate and arranged to cover the projections, and means whereby the sign may be attached to a support; substantially as described.

2. A sign consisting of a sheet-metal back-plate bent to form a recess arranged to fit a support, a surrounding frame secured to the back-plate, and a sign proper having its marginal portion clamped between one edge of the back-plate and the frame; substantially as described.

3. A sign having a back-plate with top and bottom projections, said plate and projections having longitudinal channels or recesses, an ornamental frame secured to the back-plate and arranged to cover the projections, and a sign proper secured between the edge of the back-plate and frame; substantially as described.

4. A sign having a back-plate with top and bottom projections, said plate and projections being bent to form a vertical channel or recess, a frame secured to the back-plate and arranged to cover the projections, the frame and projections having registering holes to receive screws or securing means; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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