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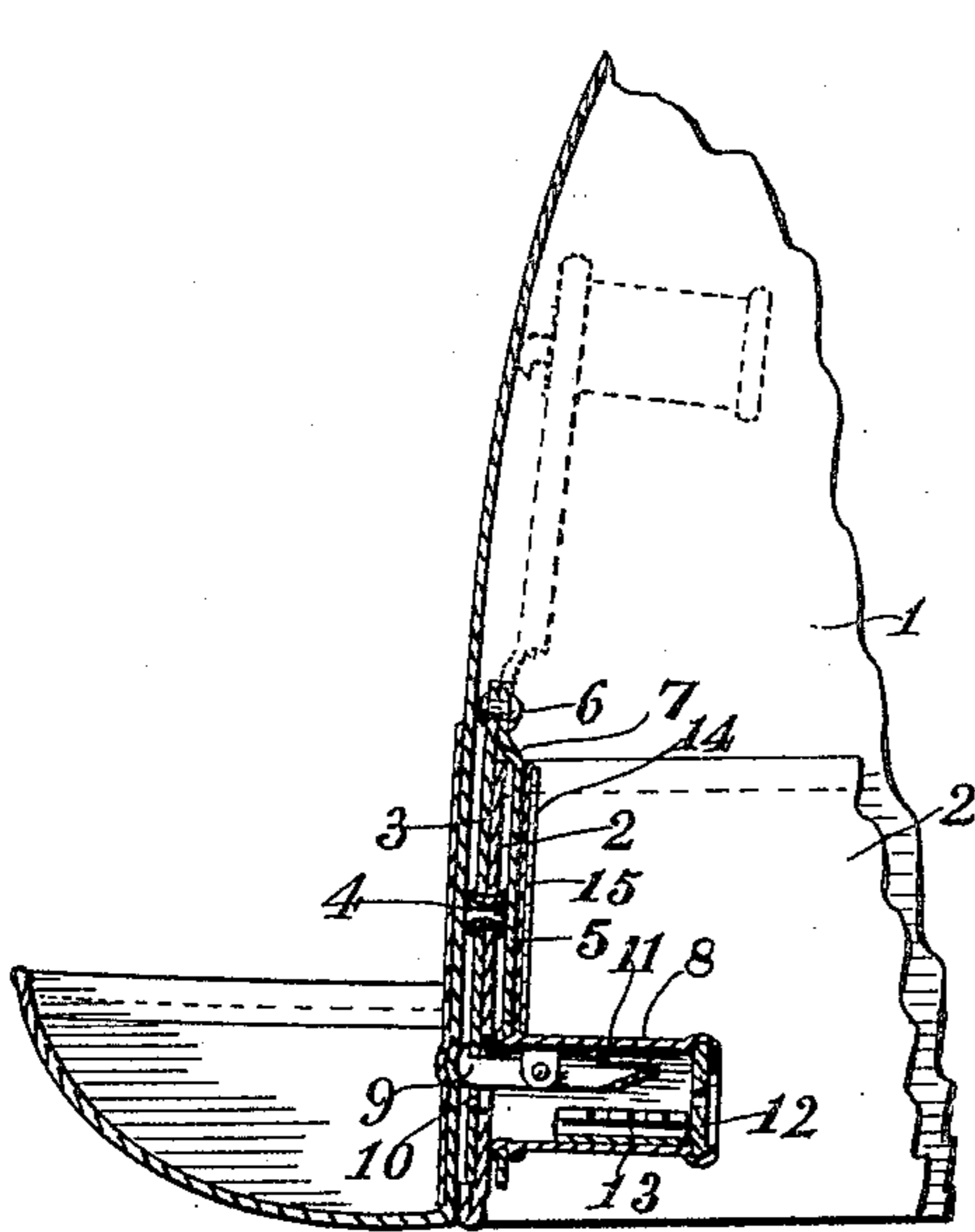


Fig. 1.

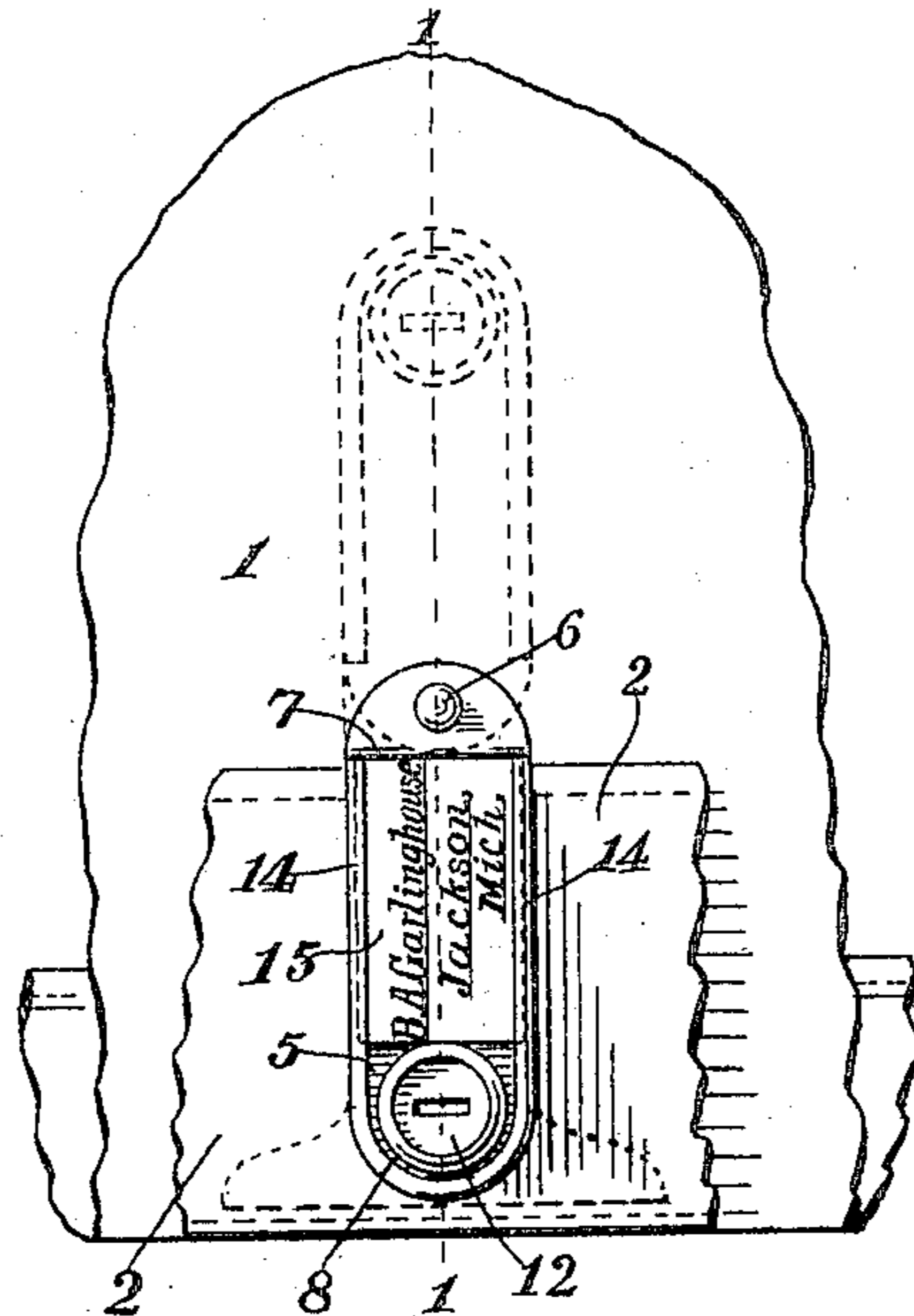


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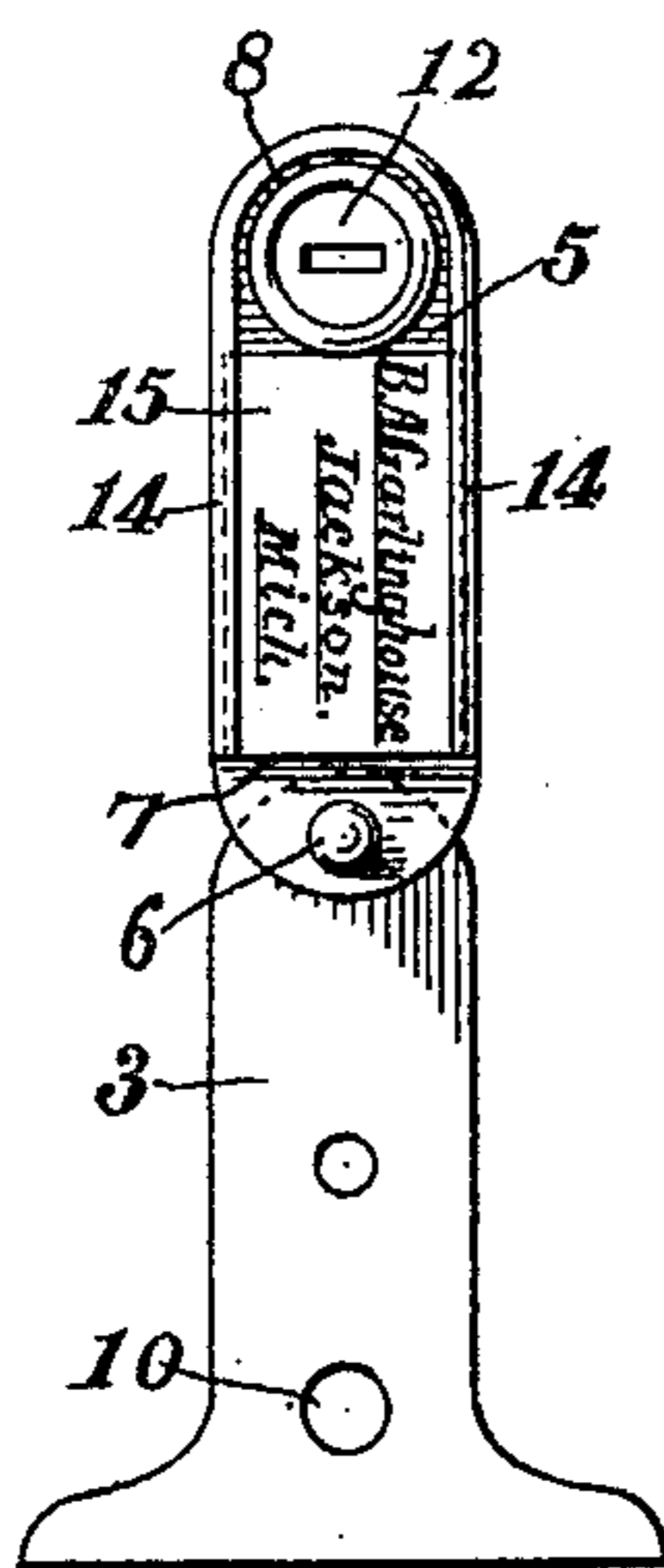


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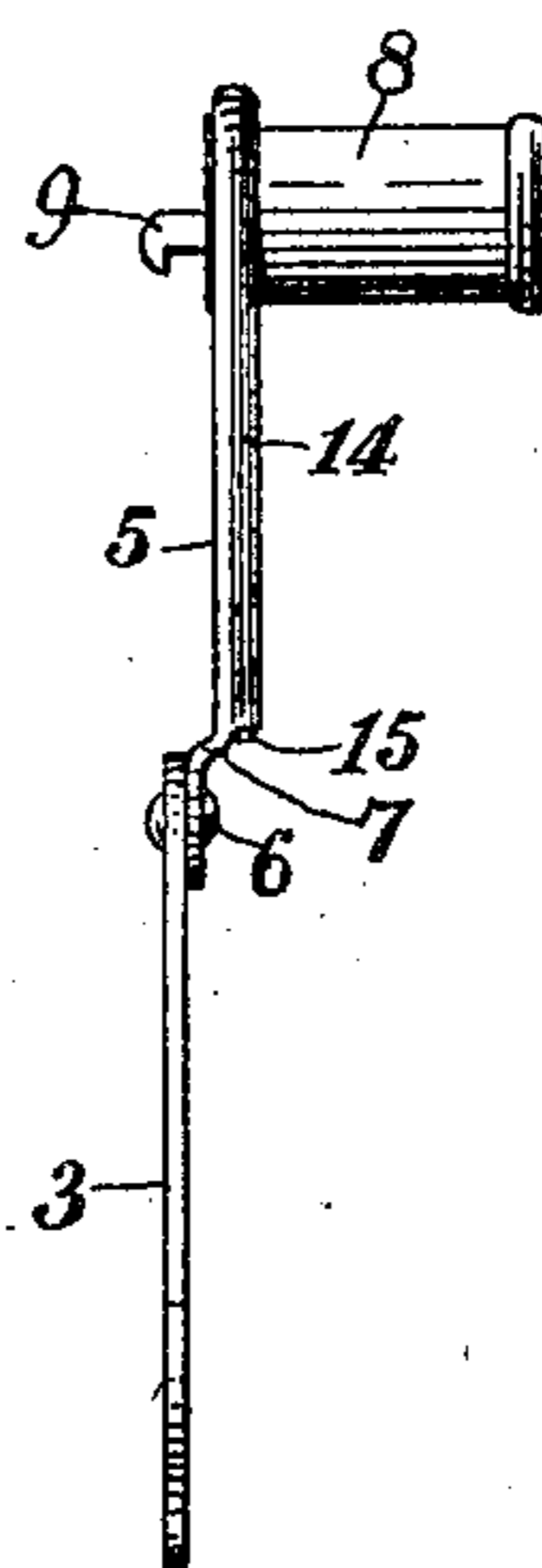


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BURTON A. GARLINGHOUSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Guards and Tag-Holders for Hats; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to improvements in guards and tag-holders for hats; and its object is to provide a device that when adjusted for the purpose will present an obstruction to placing the hat upon a head, which obstruction can only be removed by the use of a key to unlock the same, to adapt the device to hold a tag having thereon the name and address of the owner of the hat or other like inscription, and to provide the device with various new and useful features hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My device consists, essentially, of a stationary plate secured within the hat and preferably between the sweat-band and hat-body, a movable plate pivotally attached to the stationary plate at one end and provided with a lock at the other end and adapted to turn on the pivot and carry the lock into the upper part of the hat out of the way when the hat is worn, and to turn downward and be secured in position by the lock, which lock projects inward, and when in this lower position effectually prevents placing the hat upon a head until the lock is released and moved to the upper position.

My invention consists also in various details of construction and operation which will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a portion of a hat with my device attached, the same being shown in vertical section on the line 1 1 of Fig. 2; Fig. 2, an elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a detail of my device detached from the hat, and Fig. 4 the same shown at right angles to Fig. 3.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

1 represents a portion of a felt hat such as ordinarily worn; 2, a portion of the sweat-band of the same.

3 represents a plate, adapted to be inserted between the sweat-band and body of

the hat, preferably of inverted-T shape, with its lower end laterally extended and resting upon the junction of the sweat-band with the hat-body to retain the plate in vertical position. This plate is preferably secured in place by an eyelet or rivet 4, being shown as secured to the sweat-band only. The rivet or eyelet may be extended through the body of the hat and beneath the outer band of the same, or the plate may be secured in any other convenient manner. The lateral extension at the bottom may also be omitted if more than one fastening is used. The upper end of the plate 3 preferably projects above the sweat-band 2, and to this end is pivotally secured, as at 6, one end of the movable plate 5, having an offset 7 of about the thickness of the sweat-band and being provided with inwardly-turned flanges 14 at its respective sides, forming grooves in which may be inserted a card or tag 15, on which may be inscribed the name and address of the owner of the hat or like other inscription. This tag can be omitted, if preferred, and the inscription be on the plate 5 instead. These flanges also extend around the movable end of the plate rendering the same quite rigid and forming a finish to the same. A small cylindrical lock 8 is mounted on the movable end of the plate 5, which lock may be of any preferred construction, a simple form being shown, consisting of a hook 9, pivotally supported within the lock and projecting therefrom to extend through openings 10 in the sweat-band 2 and plate 3 and to engage the edge of said opening in the plate, and thus securely hold the lock in place until the hook is released by a key. 11 is a spring to hold this hook in engagement. 12 is a rotative key-hole plate, and 13 a key-guard.

By means of a suitable key (not shown) this hook may be released and the plate sprung outward to remove the hook from the openings 10 and the plate turned upon the pivot 6 into the upper part of the hat, with the lock out of the way. When the plate and lock are turned downward in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and locked in place, it is obvious that no one will by inadvertence or mistake be likely to appropriate the hat, for the obstruction in the hat, will prevent him from placing it upon the head and also draw his attention to the inscription on the tag or holder.

The frictional contact of the plates will sustain the lock in its upper position, and the

flexibility of the plate 5 near the pivot will permit it to spring inward to release the hook from the opening 10.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with a hat, an inwardly-projecting member, means for adjusting the same either in the upper part of the hat or in the lower part of the same at pleasure, and a key-operated lock to secure said member in the lower position.

2. In combination with a hat, a tag-holder pivoted at one end to a support fixed in the hat, and a lock attached to the movable end of the said holder, and projecting inward therefrom to present an obstruction when in lowered position.

3. In combination with a hat, a plate secured within the hat, a second plate movably attached to the first-named plate, and a lock carried by the second plate and adapted to hold the plates in fixed relation and also adapted to project inward and form an obstruction when so locked.

4. The combination of a plate having an opening and adapted to be secured within a hat, a second plate pivoted at one end to the first plate, and a lock attached to the pivoted plate and having a key-operated member engaging the edge of the plate surrounding said opening to hold the plates in fixed relation.

5. The combination of two plates pivot-

ally connected at one end, one plate being adapted to be secured within a hat, and the other plate adapted to hold a tag, and a lock carried by the tag-holding plate, and adapted to connect the plates near their ends opposite the pivot.

6. The combination of two plates pivotally connected at one end, one of said plates being adapted to be secured within a hat and having an opening near the other end, the other plate having folded edges forming grooves to receive a tag, and a lock mounted on the said plate and projecting therefrom, said lock also having a key-released hook to enter said opening and engage the edge of the plate.

7. In combination with a hat, a plate having a laterally-enlarged lower end and an opening and secured between the sweat-band and body of the hat, a second plate having an offset and folded edges and also pivoted to the upper end of the first-named plate, and a lock mounted on the movable end of said second plate and having a key-released hook adapted to enter openings in the sweat-band and the first-named plate and engage the edge of the plate surrounding the opening in said first plate.

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

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