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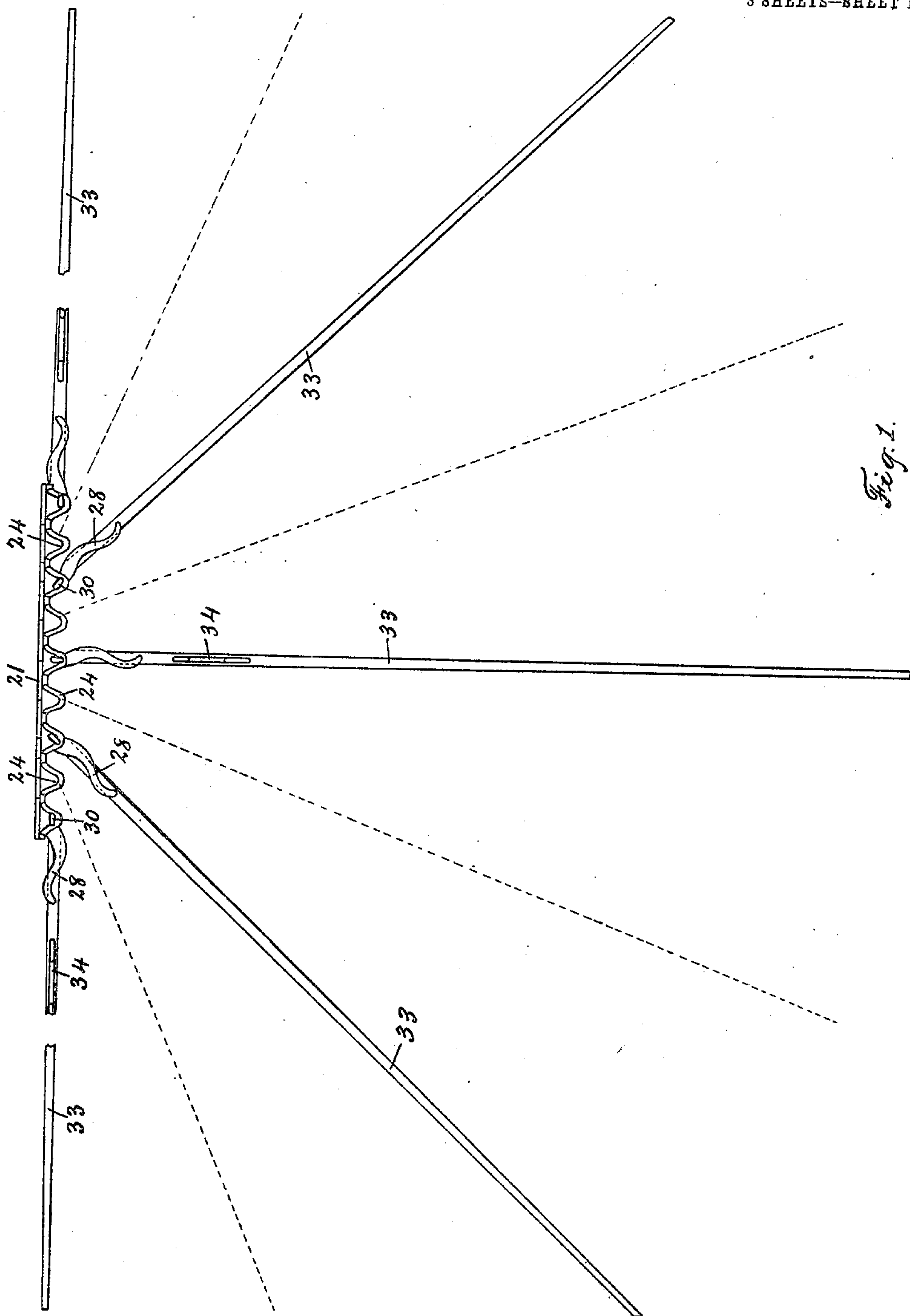
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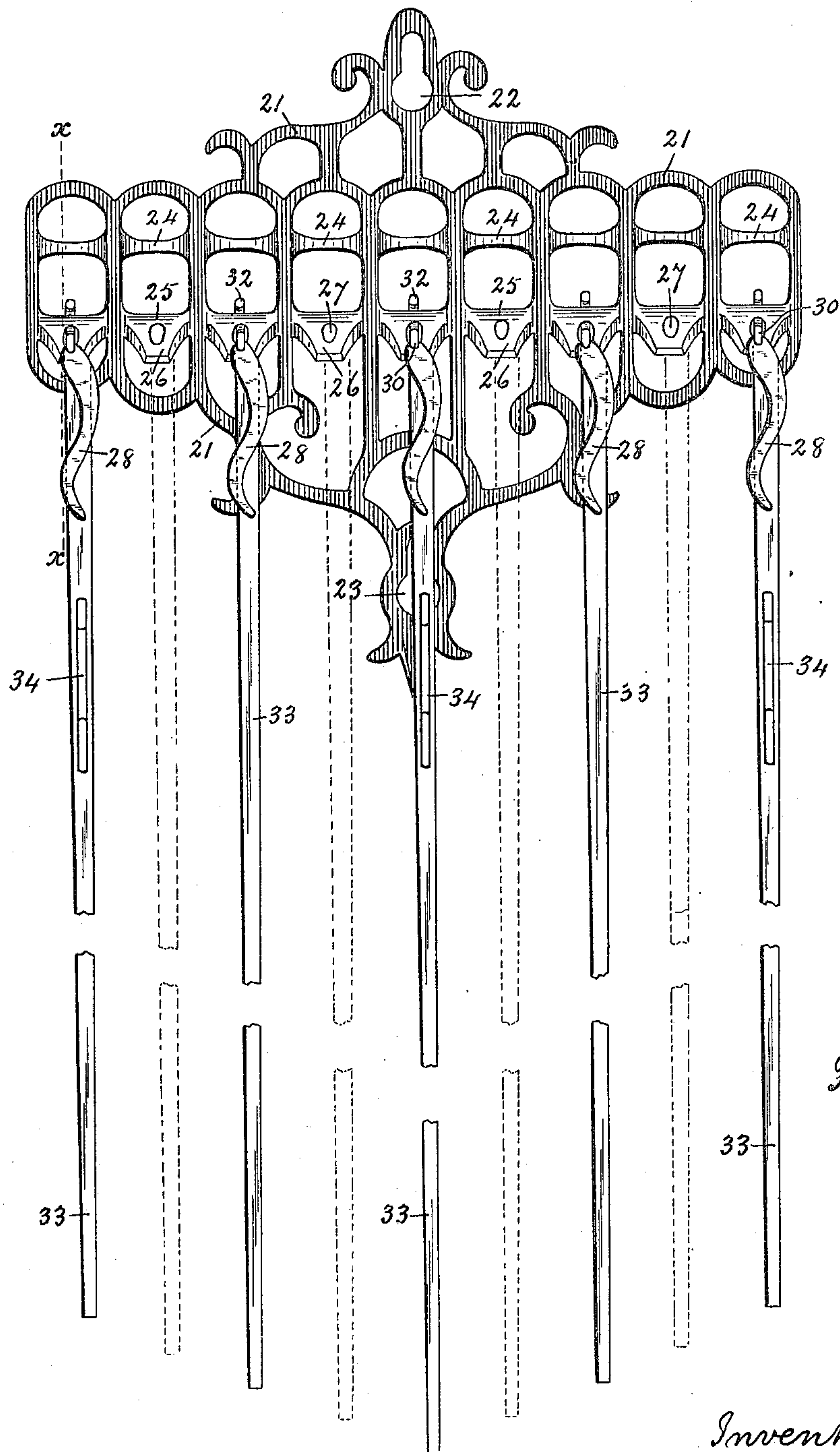


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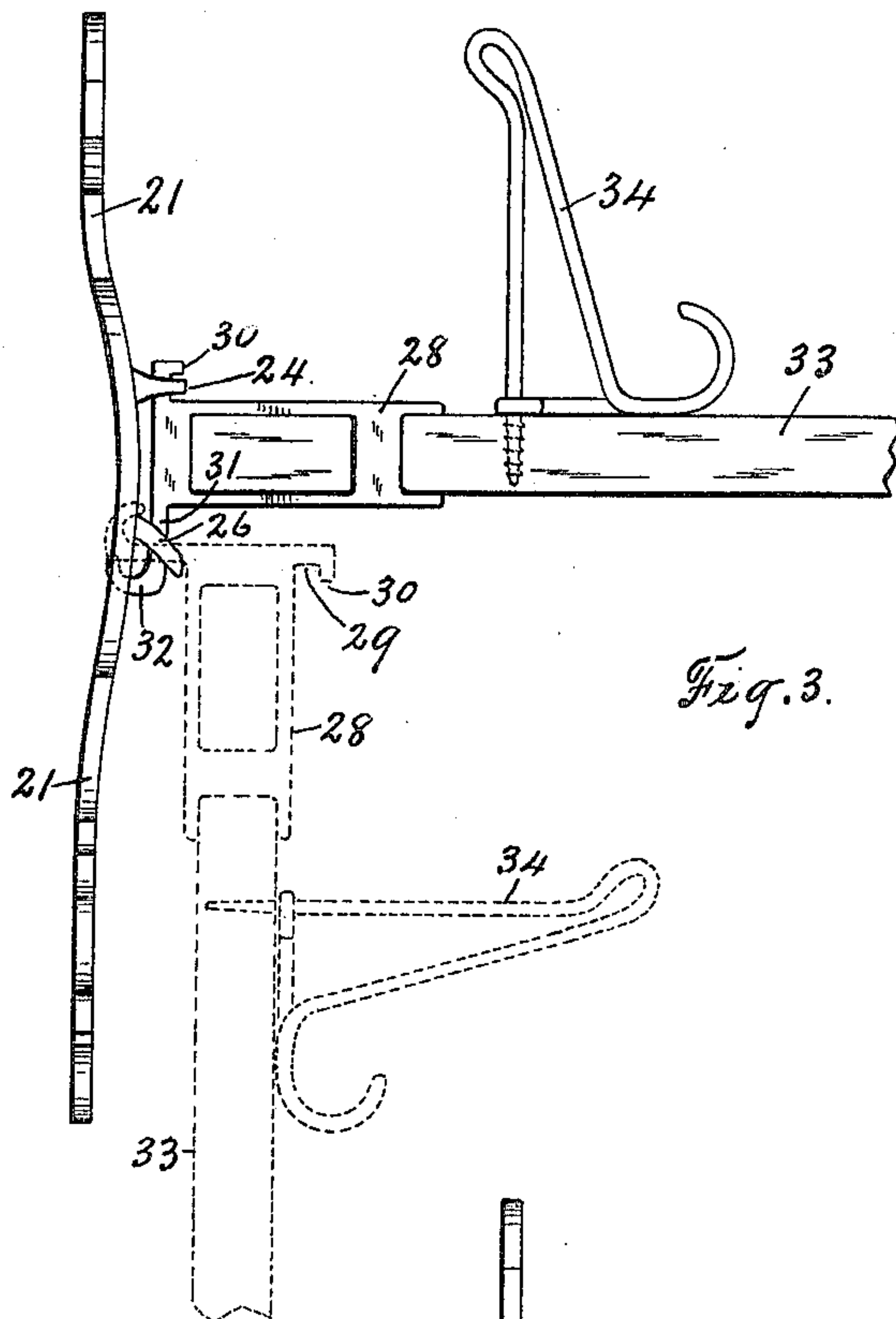


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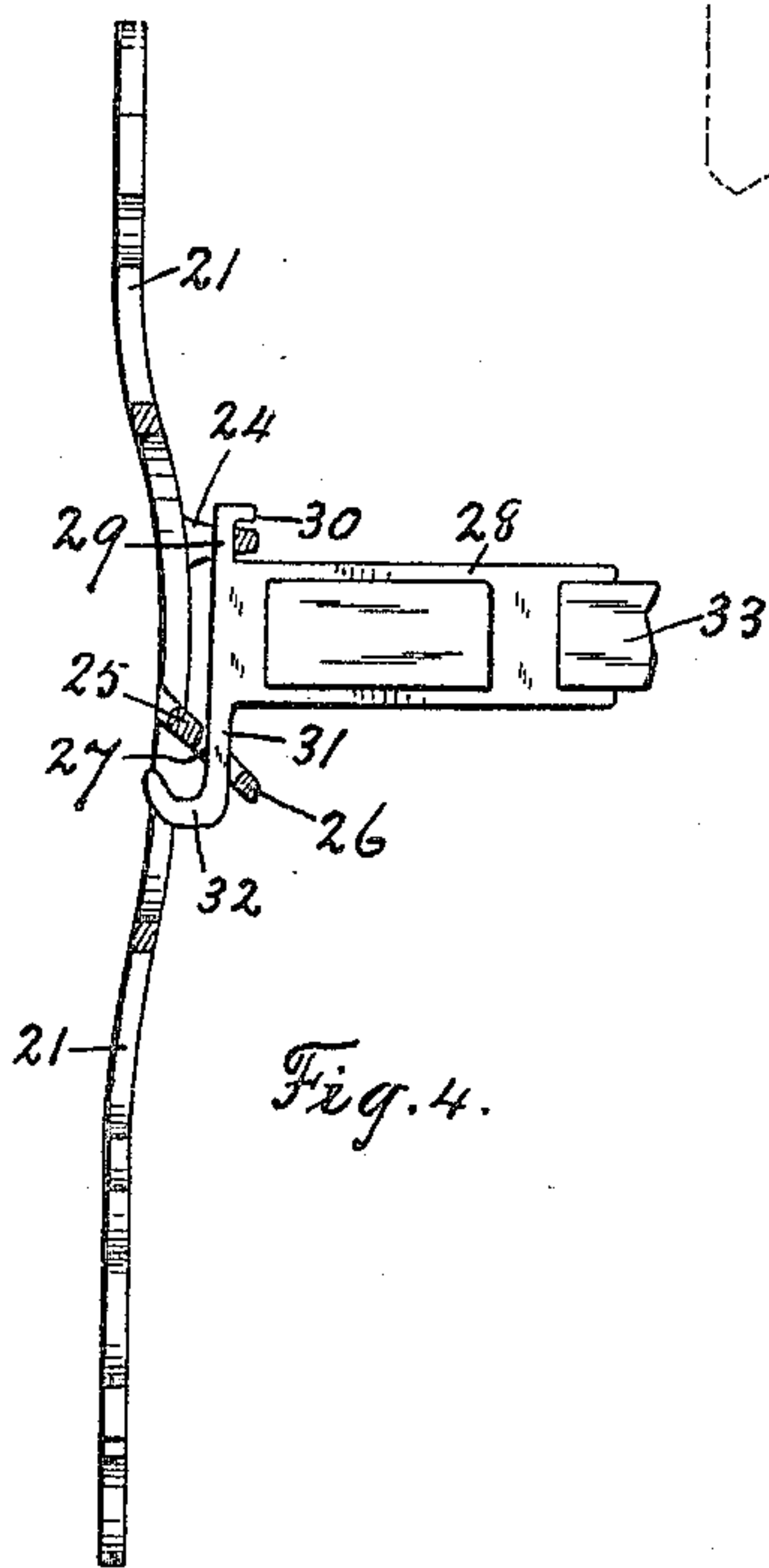


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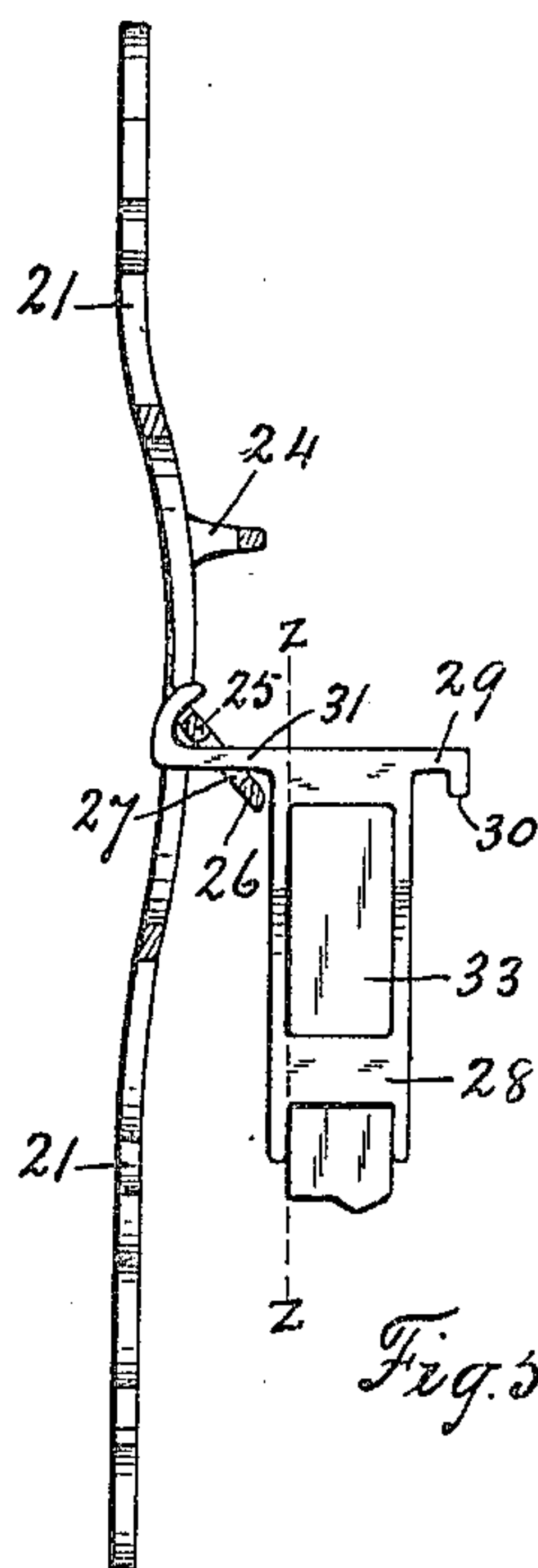


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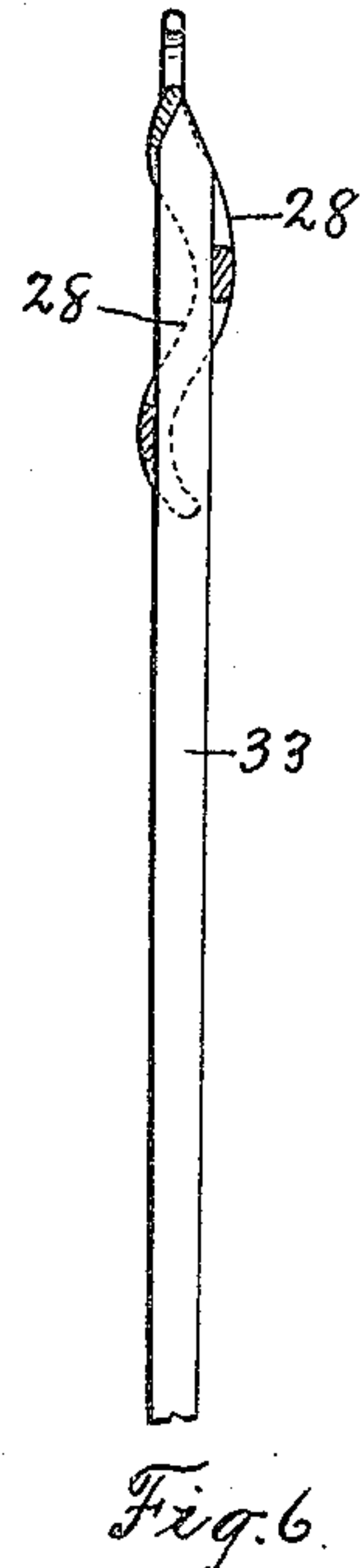


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. PUGSLEY, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Folding Clothes-Drier and Hat and Coat Holder Combined, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device on which clothes are suspended to dry when desiring to free them from moisture.

The object is to provide a device of the character described that will give a very large extent of arms on which to hang or support the clothes to be dried, at the same time one that will be compact and have a handsome and ornamental appearance; one that when not in use may be folded to occupy a very small space; one the clothes-supporting arms of which are provided with hat and coat hooks, so that when said arms are folded against their base or body an efficient hat and coat holder is provided on which to hang hats, coats, or other wearing-apparel; one that is simple, strong, and durable; one that will occupy very little space, be inexpensive to manufacture, and one that can be readily, easily, and instantly adjusted from its folded to its extended position, or vice versa; and it consists of a clothes-drier the clothes-supporting arms of which are provided with hat and coat hooks, so that when said drier is not in use and folded to occupy very little space the hat and coat hooks are in position to securely hold and support hats and coats or other wearing-apparel when hung thereon; and it also consists of the improved construction and novel combination of parts of the same, as will be hereinafter first fully set forth and described and then pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a clothes-drier embodying my invention, showing the clothes-supporting arms extended. In this view dotted lines are shown indicating where additional arms may be inserted in order to increase the clothes-supporting capacity of this device. Fig. 2 is an enlarged front view of same, showing the clothes-supporting arms

folded and the device adapted to form a hat or coat holder. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail side view of Fig. 1, in which the clothes-supporting arms are shown extended and the device adapted to be used as a clothes-drier. The dotted lines in this view show the clothes-supporting arms folded and the device adapted to be used as a hat and coat holder. Figs. 4 and 5 are detail vertical sectional views on the line $x x$ of Fig. 2, illustrating the holders of the clothes-supporting arms in their extended and folded positions, respectively. Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view on the line $z z$ of Fig. 5, illustrating the securing of the clothes-supporting arms to their adjustable holders.

In the accompanying drawings the numeral 21 designates a body formed of metal or other suitable material and cut away, as shown, or it may be formed solid and any design displayed thereon to give the device a handsome and ornamental appearance.

22 designates an upper and 23 a lower key-hole - slot, (shown particularly in Fig. 2,) which are adapted to engage with screws (not shown) suitably arranged on and secured to a wall or other suitable support to firmly hold and secure said body 21 in an elevated position. This body 21 is also provided with a series of forwardly-extending loops 24, which extend forward from and in a horizontal line across said body 21, and said body 21 is also provided with a series of cross-bars 25 and with a series of inclined lugs 26, in which the hole or opening 27 is formed, and said lugs extend forward in an inclined direction from said body one in front of each of said cross-bars 25, and one of said cross-bars, and said lugs are in line vertically with each of the loops 24 for the purpose which will be hereinafter set forth.

28 designates an arm-holder formed of metal or other suitable material and with an upwardly-extending shank 29, on the outer end of which shank 29 a shoulder 30 is formed, as shown particularly in Fig. 5, and said shank 29, provided with said shoulder 30, is adapted to be projected freely through any of the loops 24, as shown in Fig. 4, when required, and said arm-holder 28 is also provided with a downwardly-extending shank

31, on the outer end of which a hook 32 is formed, and said shank and said hook are adapted to be projected freely through the hole or opening 27 in the forwardly-extending inclined lug 26, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and when said shank 31 is projected through said opening 27 and said arm-holder folded against the body 21 the hook 32 is adapted to engage with the cross-bar 25 opposite the lug 26, through the opening in which lug 26 said shank 31 extends, as shown in Fig. 5. This arm-holder 28 is formed hollow, and 33 designates a clothes-supporting arm which is adapted to be firmly secured in said holder, as shown in Fig. 6.

34 designates a hat or coat hook which is secured to the upper or front face of said arm 33, as shown particularly in Fig. 3. This device is readily, easily, and instantly adapted to be used as a hat and coat holder or for drying clothes, as follows: By grasping the arm 33 and inverting it the hook 32 of the holder 28 may be readily and easily projected through the opening 27 in the downwardly-inclined lug 26, and said lug being downwardly inclined said holder, as well as said arm, may be readily and easily adjusted to the position shown in Fig. 5 and by dotted line in Fig. 3. When in this position, the shank 31 will rest on the lug 26 and the hook 32 engage with the cross-bar 25, which will securely engage said holder 28, as well as the arm 33, secured thereto, to the body 21. When in this position, said arm 33 will be in a vertical position and the hat and coat hook 34 in a horizontal position to provide an efficient device for holding hats, coats, or other wearing-apparel. When the arm-holder 28 and arm 33 are in the position just described and while the shank 31 still remains in the opening 27 in the lug 26, by raising the outer end of the arm 33, with the lug 26 as a pivot, until said arm 33 is in a horizontal position and then while in this position raising the arm, as well as the arm-holder, vertically until the shank 29 and shoulder 30 are projected through the loop 24 and then drawing the shoulder 30 forward until it engages with the upper side of the loop 24, as shown in Fig. 4, the holder and arm will be firmly and easily retained in a horizontal position, on which clothes may be placed to dry, and by providing a number of holders and arms, together with corresponding loops 24, cross-bars 25, and inclined lugs 26 on the body 21, will give a very large arm capacity for holding clothes while airing or drying, and when said device is not required for drying clothes by raising the outer ends of the arms 33 the shoulders 30 may be disengaged from the upper face of the loops 24, when the shank 29 and shoulder 30 will readily and easily pass downward through said loop 24, when by permitting the

arm to be pivotally lowered the hook 32 will engage with the cross-bar 25 and the shank 31 rest on the inclined lug 26 to firmly and securely hold said arm in this position and the arms folded compactly into a very small space and out of the way, and when said arms 33 are in this position, as before described, the hat and coat hooks 34 are brought to a horizontal position, as shown by dotted line in Fig. 3, which provides a neat, handy, and convenient hat, coat, or other wearing-apparel holder—one that will be simple, strong, durable, and inexpensive to manufacture, one that will provide a very efficient device when adjusted for either purpose for which it is intended, and one that can be readily and easily removed from or placed on the wall or other support.

While in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, there is illustrated one form of construction embodying this invention, which is preferred, it is understood that the elements therein shown may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a device of the class described, a body provided with one or more cross-bars, and with one or more downwardly and forwardly inclined lugs in each of which an opening is formed, in combination with one or more arm-holders each provided with a downwardly-extending shank on the outer end of which a hook is formed, for engagement with said cross-bars and said lugs, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes specified.

2. In a device of the character described, a body provided with one or more downwardly and forwardly inclined lugs in each of which an opening is formed, and with one or more forwardly-extending loops spaced apart from and above said lugs, in combination with one or more arm-holders each provided with a downwardly-extending shank for engagement with the openings in said inclined lugs, and with an upwardly-extending shank formed with a shouldered end for engagement with the upper face of said loops, and a clothes-supporting arm secured to each of said clothes-supporting-arm holders, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes specified.

3. In a device of the class described, a body provided with one or more cross-bars, one or more downwardly and forwardly inclined lugs, in each of which an opening is formed, and one or more forwardly-extending loops spaced apart from and above said lugs, in combination with one or more arm-

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which a hook is formed for engagement with
said lugs and one of said cross-bars, and with
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In testimony whereof I have signed in the
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