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Fig. 1

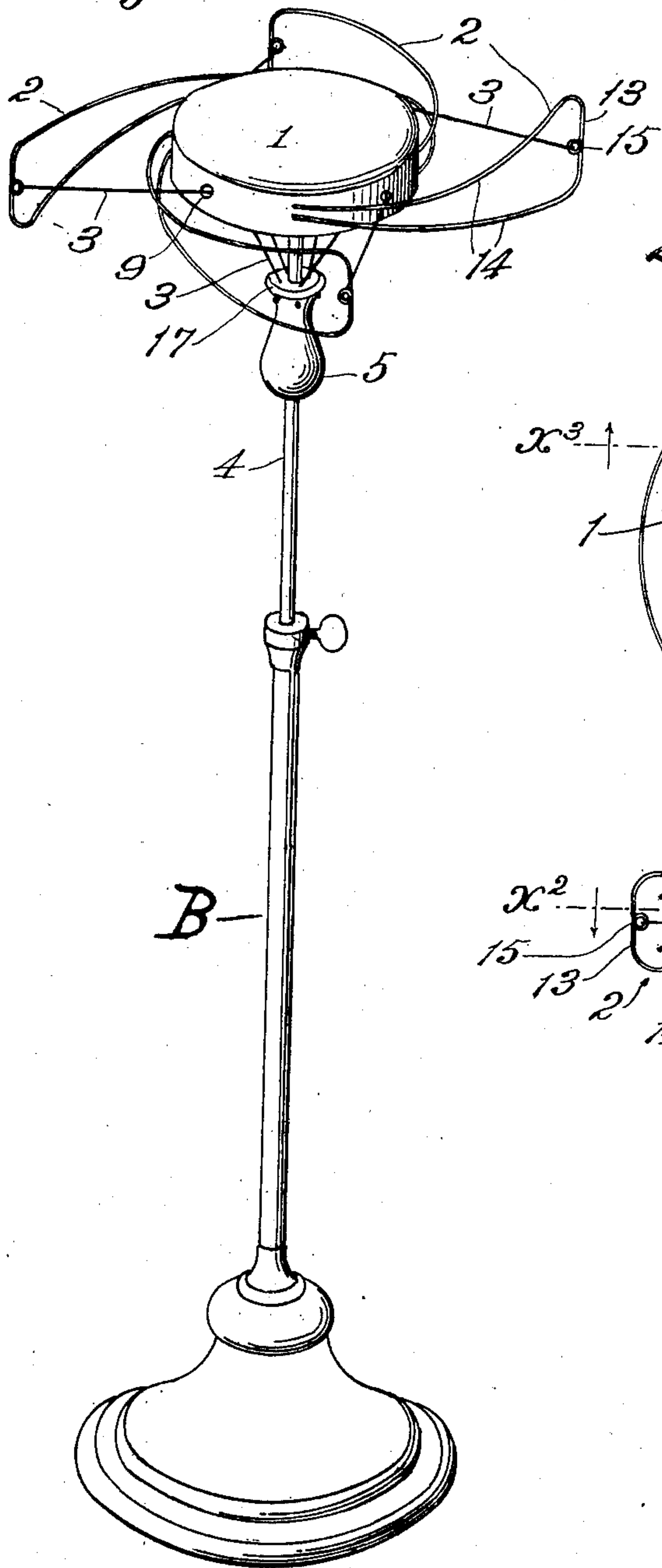


Fig. 2

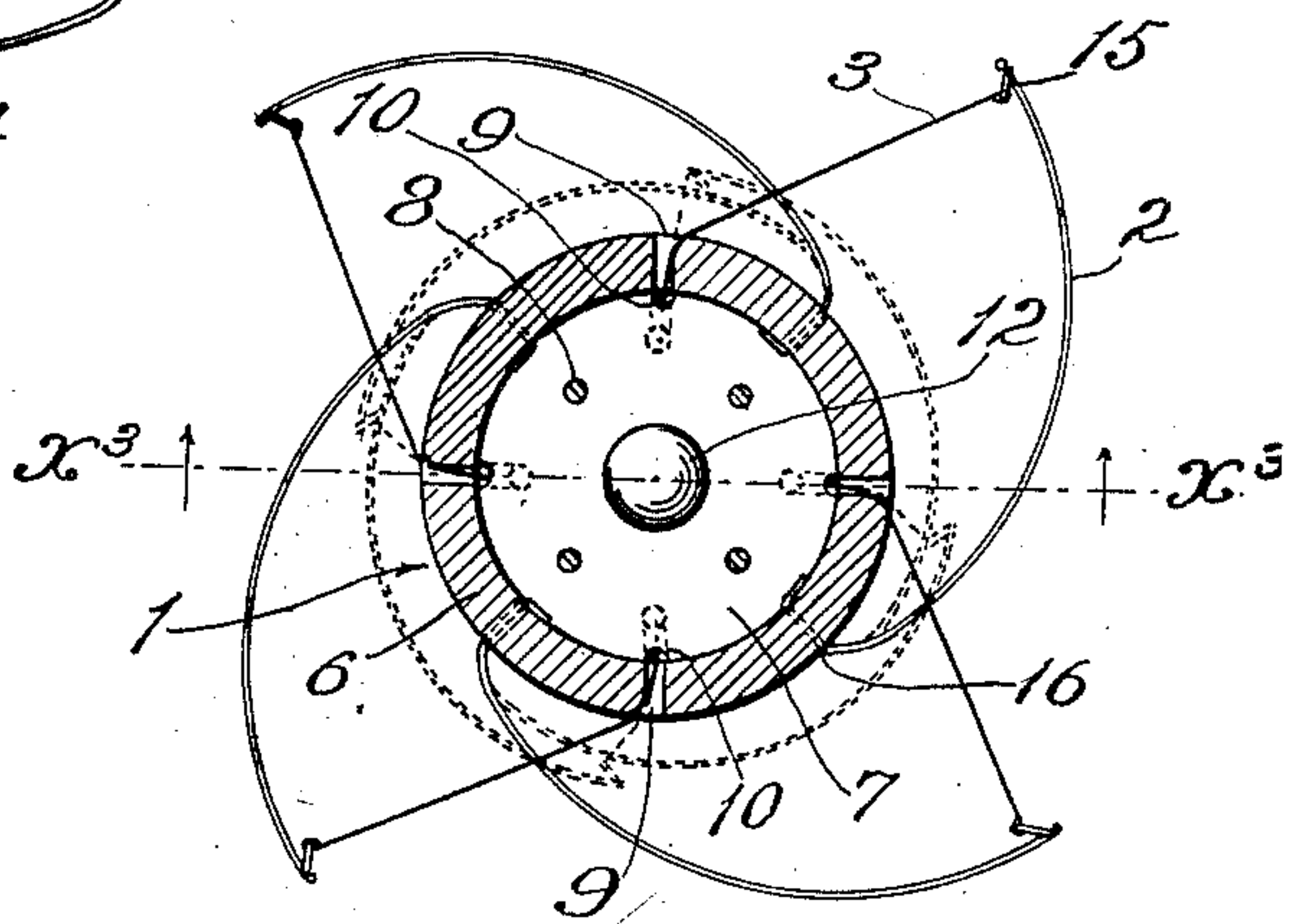
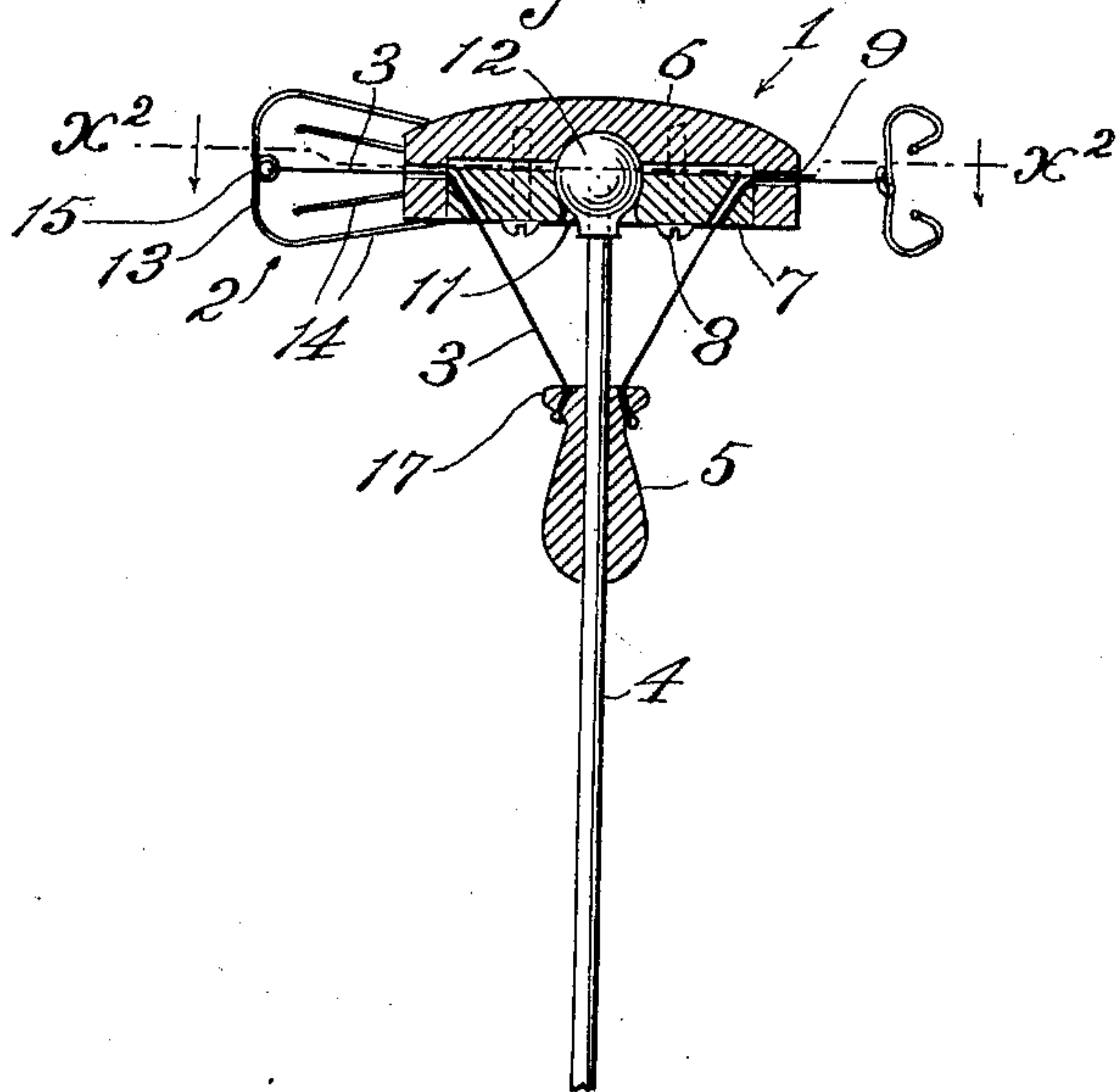


Fig. 3



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MYRON GEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Trimming and Display Hat-Stand, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is applicable to various uses, but is more particularly intended for holding ladies' hats for display and for trimming in millinery stores and shops. It is also adapted for holding ladies' hats in trunks and for holding men's hats for display and for other purposes.

An object of this invention is to largely dispense with the inconvenience of holding hats on the knee while designing and arranging the trimming; also, to provide a hat-stand which can be used for holding a hat or bonnet while draping, thus doing away with the necessity of placing the hat or bonnet on the head of a helper for that purpose.

So far as I am aware there has been heretofore no hat-holder devised for milliners' use which combines in one appliance the functions of securely holding the hat in place and adaptability for instant adjustment to various positions without any material displacement from its position vertically above the support.

An object of this invention is to supply the want heretofore felt in this regard.

The invention may be variously embodied.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention in the form I now deem most desirable.

Figure 1 is a view of my invention as it is applied for the use of milliners. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan on line  $X^2 X^2$ , Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line indicated by  $X^3 X^3$ , Fig. 2.

1 is the flat disk-like body of the hat-holder, provided with adjustable members, such as the spring-arms 2, which form lateral resilient extensions of said body to engage the inside of the hat. 3 designates means for retracting said members.

4 is a support to which the body 1 is jointed.

5 is a handle for retracting the hat-holding members 2.

The support is preferably in the form of a standard B, as shown in the drawings, and the body 1 is preferably jointed thereto by a universal joint of the ball-and-socket form located in a plane common to the body and

the ends of the arms, so that the hat may be tilted without any material displacement from its position vertically above the support. The body shown is formed of a cap 6 and a plate 7, fastened in the bottom thereof by means of screws 8. The rim of the cap is perforated with holes 9, and the plate is perforated with holes 10 and 11, the latter being at the center of the plate to receive the standard 4, which is passed through said perforation 11 and terminates in a ball 12 inside the cap. The cap and the plate may be concaved to form sockets for the ball or may be left plain, if desired. By tightening the screws 8 the ball will be clamped friction-tight between the plate and the cap, so that the body can be moved by application of sufficient force for that purpose, but will remain in any desired position until forcibly changed. The purpose of this is to allow the hat to be supported at different angles directly above the standard or base for display and for trimming. The adjustable members 2 are preferably resilient and are formed of spring-wire bent in a cross-limb 13 and two side limbs 14, which converge from the cross-limb toward the body and are attached to the body, the members 2 thus formed being arranged to project tangentially from the rim of the cap. The spread of the members 2 will be sufficient to cause said members to forcibly engage the inside of the hat to hold the hat firmly on the holder. The cross-limbs 13 are preferably bent to form an eye 15 at the middle of said cross-limb, and the flexible connections 3 are desirably cords fastened inside the eyes, respectively, and passed through the body and fastened to the handle 5, which is preferably perforated lengthwise to run upon the standard 4.

The body 1 is preferably circular, and the members 2 are preferably curved, as shown in Fig. 2, so that when the retracting means 3 are operated the members 2 will be brought to a circular form, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2.

In practical use the milliner or hat trimmer will first retract the members 2 by the means provided for that purpose and will then place the hat on the body 1 and then release the members 2, which will adjust themselves to the inside of the crown of the hat and will firmly hold the hat on the holder. The operator may readily tilt the hat in any direction by taking hold of the body 1 and moving it for that purpose, while the handle 5 rises to



permit the cords 3 to be drawn up more on one side than on the other. When it is desired to remove the hat, the operator will draw down on the handle. Thereupon the members 2 will be retracted and the hat may be removed.

The body and other parts may be made of any suitable material and form. The cap and plate may be stamped from sheet metal and the wires which form the hat-holding members may be seated in holes 16 in the rim or may be otherwise fastened. The handle may have a perforated flange 17 at the upper end in which the connections 3 are fastened. By locating the universal joint at the top of the standard and close to the plane of the top of the body and its arms, as shown, any great displacement of the hat from a central position above the standard while the hat is either tilted or upright is avoided, thus best serving the use of the trimmer and draper and economizing space in display-windows and increasing the facility of display.

I claim—

1. A hat-holder comprising a support, a disk-like body mounted on the support by a joint located substantially within the body, and means on the body for engaging a hat.
2. A hat-holder comprising a support, a disk-like body mounted on the support by ball-and-socket joint located substantially within the body, and means on the body for engaging a hat.
3. A disk-like body provided with movable hat-holding members and mounted on a support by a universal joint located within said body.
4. A disk-like body comprising two parts and means adjustably holding said parts together, hat-holding means on the body, and a support having a ball in said body adjustably clamped between said parts.
5. A body, spring members projecting therefrom and terminating substantially in the plane thereof, and retracting connections extending from said body to the outer ends of said members and adapted to bend said members.
6. A body, spring hat-holding members projecting therefrom and flexible means connected with the outer ends of said members and running in said body for retracting said members.
7. A standard, a body mounted to tilt thereon, spring hat-holding members on the body, flexible means adapted to bend said members connected with said members and running in said body, and means running along the standard below the tilting body and connected with said flexible means.
8. A body provided with ways, curved spring-arms extending tangentially from the body and around the same and terminating in free ends and flexible means running

through the ways and connected with the free ends of the arms to retract the same.

9. The combination of a standard, a body adjustably mounted to tilt thereon, resilient hat-holding members projecting from the body, a handle below the tilting body adjustable on the standard, and flexible retracting means adapted to bend said members horizontally toward the body and connected with the handle and hat-holding members.

10. A body provided with resilient tangential arms for engaging a hat, a perforated handle, means connected with the handle and running through the body and connected with the ends of the arms for retracting the hat-engaging arms, and a standard extending through the handle and jointed to said body.

11. A body provided with ways, curved springs extending tangentially from the body and having one end secured thereto and the other end free, and flexible means running through the ways and connected with the free ends of the springs to retract the same.

12. In a hat-holder, a support, a cap mounted thereon, resilient arms fastened to said cap and projecting tangentially therefrom, and flexible connections fastened to the outer portion of said arms and extending downwardly through said cap.

13. In a hat-holder, a body, members formed of wires respectively bent in one end limb and two side limbs converging toward and fastened to the body, and flexible connections fastened to the end limbs respectively and having a running connection with the body for drawing said members toward the body.

14. A hat-holder comprising a hollow cap having perforations in its rim, resilient members projecting from said rim, a perforated plate fastened in the cap, a standard extending through the plate and terminating in a ball inside the cap, means for holding the ball friction-tight, flexible connections fastened to the resilient members and passed through perforations in the rim and plate, and a handle fastened to said connections.

15. In a hat-holder, a body, members formed of wires respectively bent in one end limb and two side limbs converging toward and fastened to the body, the end limbs being bent respectively to form eyes, and flexible connections fastened in the eyes, respectively and having a running connection with the body for drawing said members toward the body.

16. A hat-holder comprising a hollow cap having perforations in its rim, resilient members projecting from said rim, a perforated plate fastened in the cap, a standard extending through the plate and terminating in a ball inside the cap, flexible connections fastened to the resilient members and passed



through perforations in the rim and plate and extending downwardly therefrom, and a handle fastened to said connections.

5 17. A hat-holder provided with an arm adapted to bend in a horizontal plane, and a cord fastened to said arm to bend the same horizontally.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at Los Angeles, California, this 21st day of April, 1905.

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In presence of—

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