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Fig. 1.

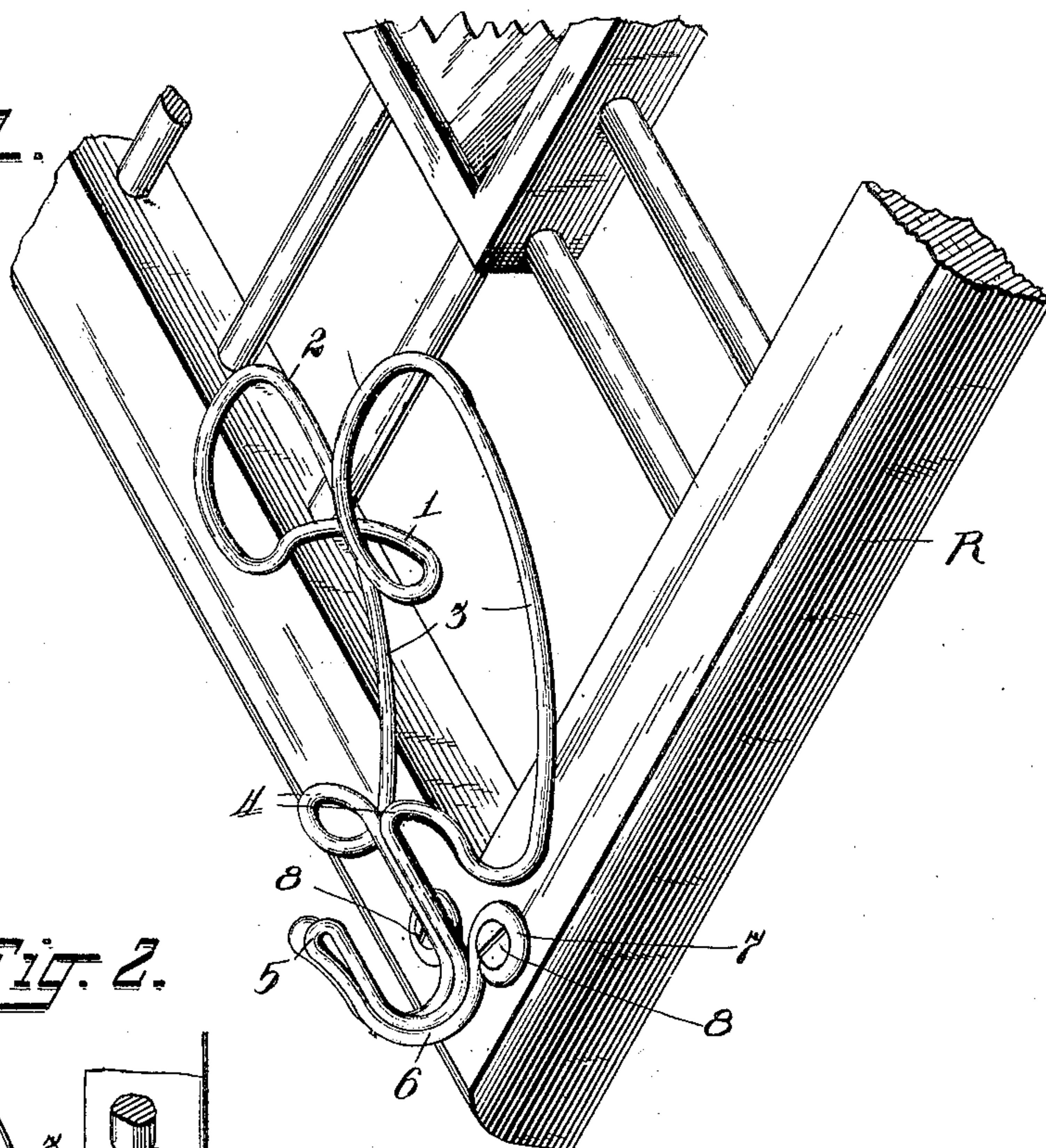


Fig. 2.

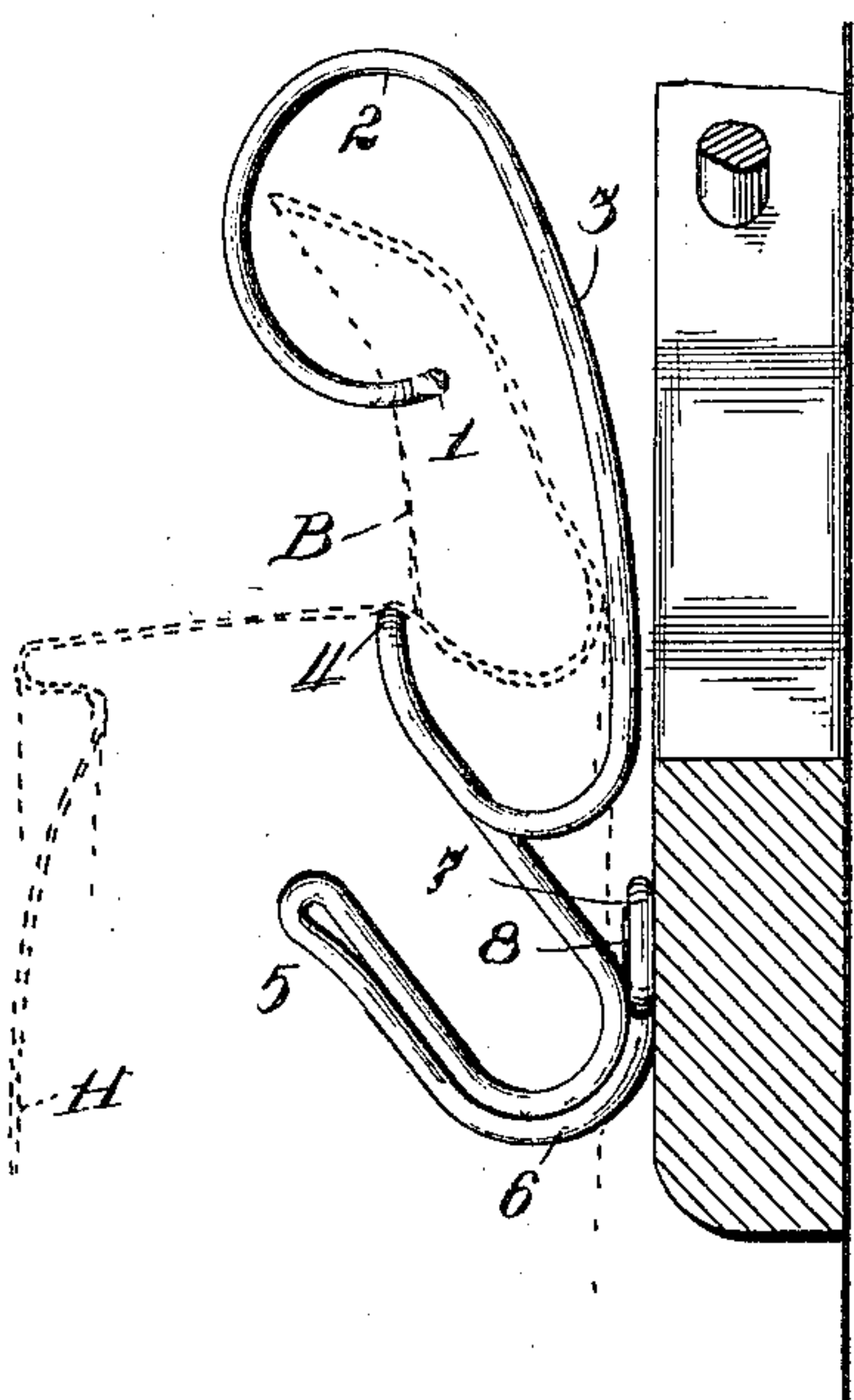
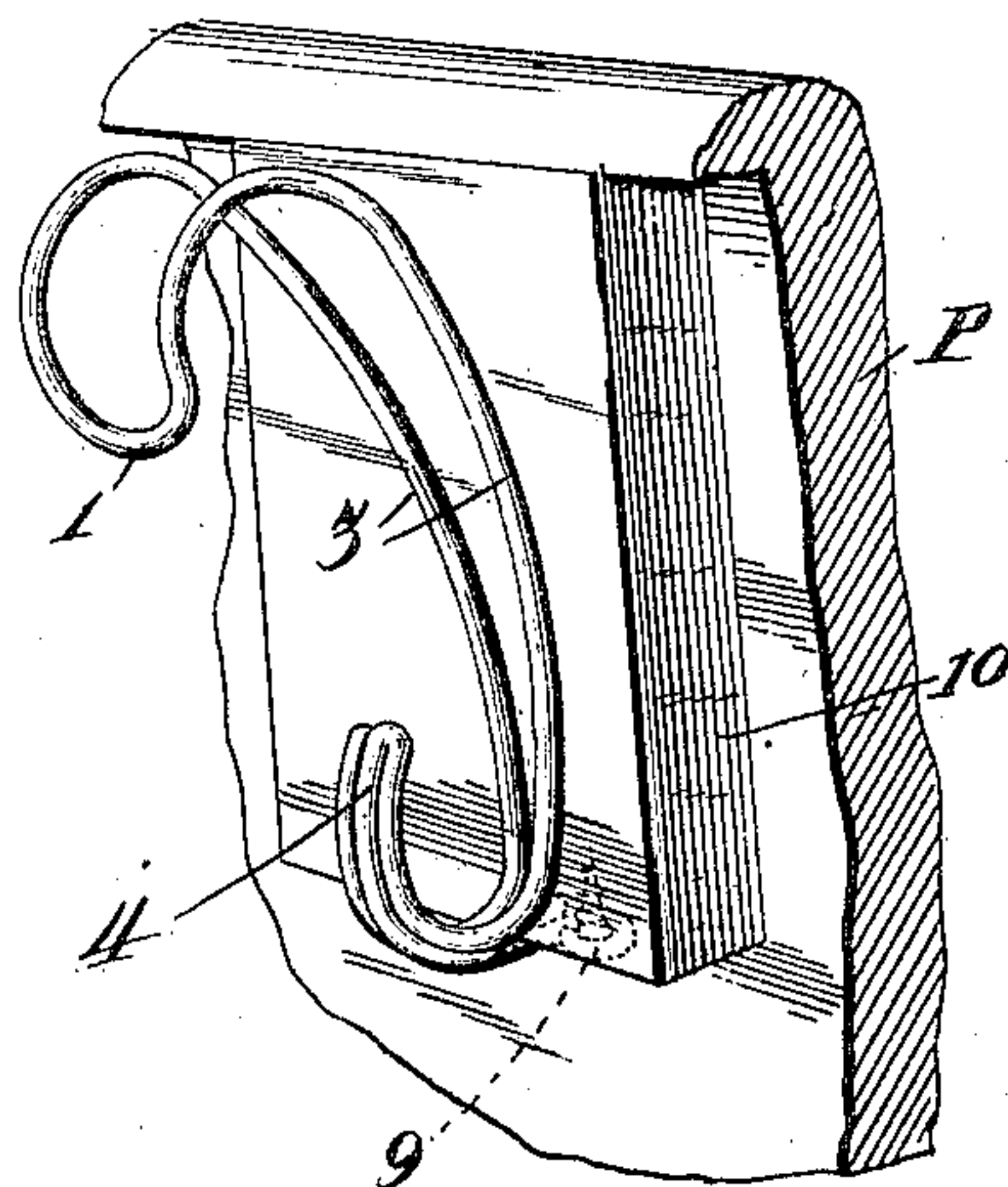


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY S. MILLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Keokuk, in the county of Lee and State of Iowa, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hat and coat racks, the object being to provide a simple device for application to a wall, a wall-rack, a church-pew, or the like for supporting a hat and coat or a hat only, as the case may be, a secondary object being to provide a device which may be made of light  
15 material at a small initial cost and which at the same time will be effectual in the performance of its functions.

With these objects in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a fragment of an ordinary hat-rack, showing the lower end thereof with my improved hook for suspending a hat and coat attached to its lower end. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the frame and shows the hook in side elevation; and Fig. 3  
30 is an illustration of another exemplification of the invention, it being shown attached to the back of a church-pew.

My improved device is preferably composed of a single piece of wire bent at or near  
35 the center to form an inturned hook 1 in the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Thence the wire is given a return-bend at 2 2 and extended downwardly to form the main body portion 3 3 and from there upwardly to produce the upwardly-extending horns 4 4, and  
40 between the hook 1 and the horns 4 4 the brim B of the hat H is held, as indicated in dotted line in Fig. 2.

In the form of device illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 from the horns 4 4 the ends of the wire are turned backwardly and downwardly and thence outwardly to form the coat-hook 5, and the extreme ends are brought back parallel, as at 6, and bent to form the eyes 7 7, which receive screws 8 8, by means of which the device is either fastened to the wall, woodwork,  
50 or a suitable rack R, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In Fig. 3 the device is practically the same

as the upper portion of the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, which means that the lower hook 5 is omitted, and the extreme  
55 ends of the wire are bent to form eyes 9 9, which are secured by screws or other means to the lower edge of a block or similar support 10, secured to the back of the pew P. 60

From the foregoing it will be seen that a very simple inexpensive device is fashioned from a single piece of wire and given the functions hereinbefore specified—namely, of holding a hat-brim and likewise the hanging-  
65 loop of a coat in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and a hat-brim alone in the slightly-different construction shown in Fig. 3.

Of course various forms of hooks are now on the market for supporting hats and coats; 70 but the essential element of this invention is to provide means for engaging a hat-brim at both edges, thus lessening the liability of its accidental displacement and at the same time permitting the hat to hang down out of the  
75 way and as close as possible to the support to which the rack is attached.

It is evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing  
80 from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction herein set forth; but,

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 85

As an article of manufacture, a hat and coat rack composed of a single piece of wire bent at the center to form the downwardly and inwardly extending hook 1, thence the  
90 return-bends 2, 2, the main portion 3, 3, the latter being spread apart, the upwardly-extending horns 4, 4, and terminating at the ends in the eyes 9, 9, by which the hat and coat rack is secured in place, the horns 4, 4,  
95 projecting toward the inner end of the hook 1, and the hook extending outwardly some distance beyond the vertical plane of the horns 4, 4.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 100 in presence of two witnesses.

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