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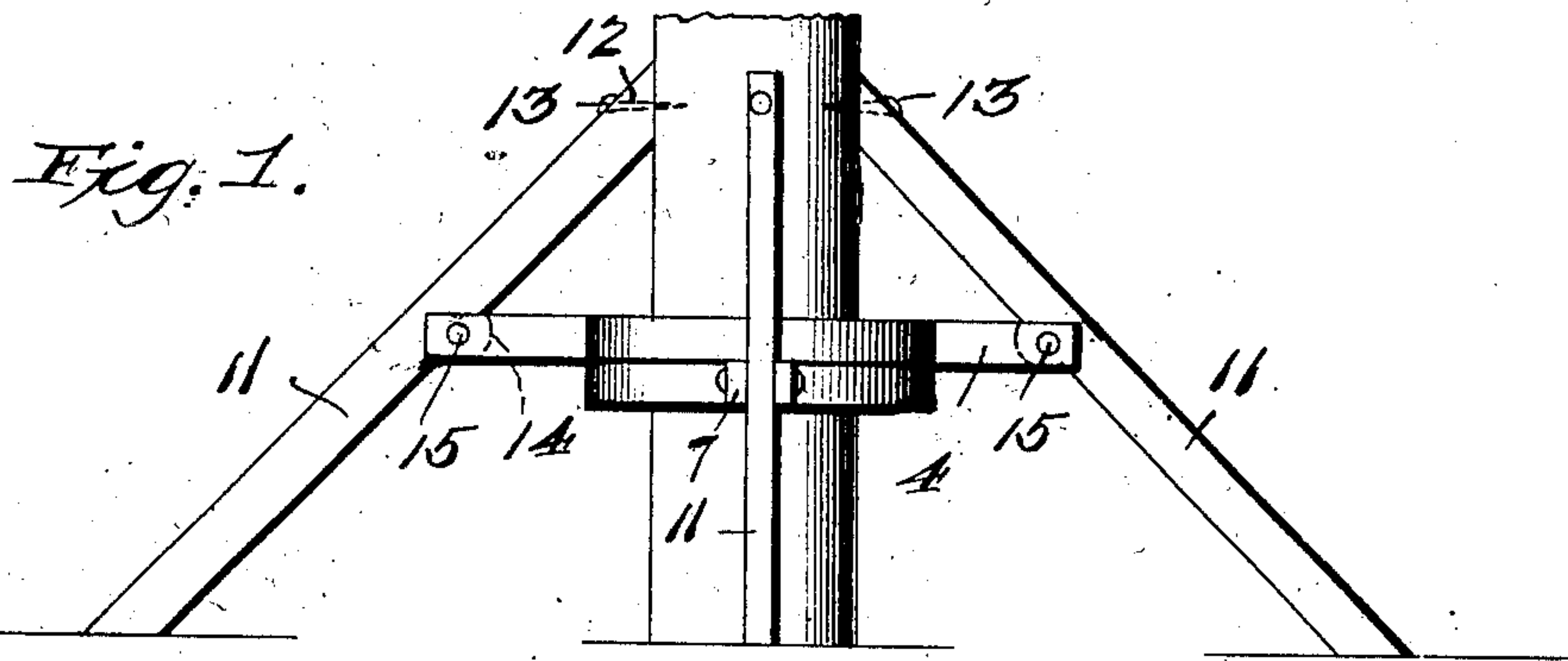


Fig. 2.

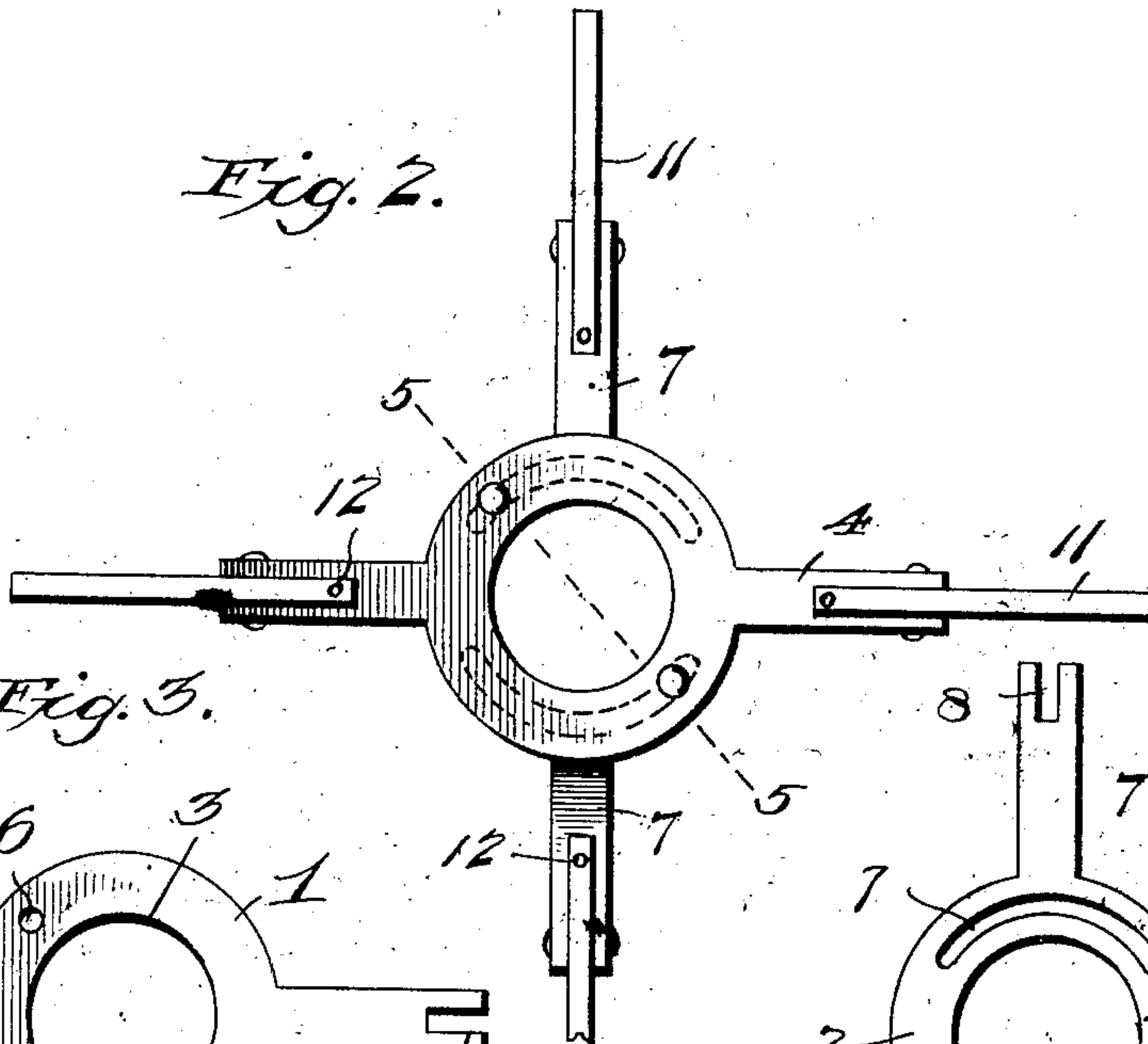


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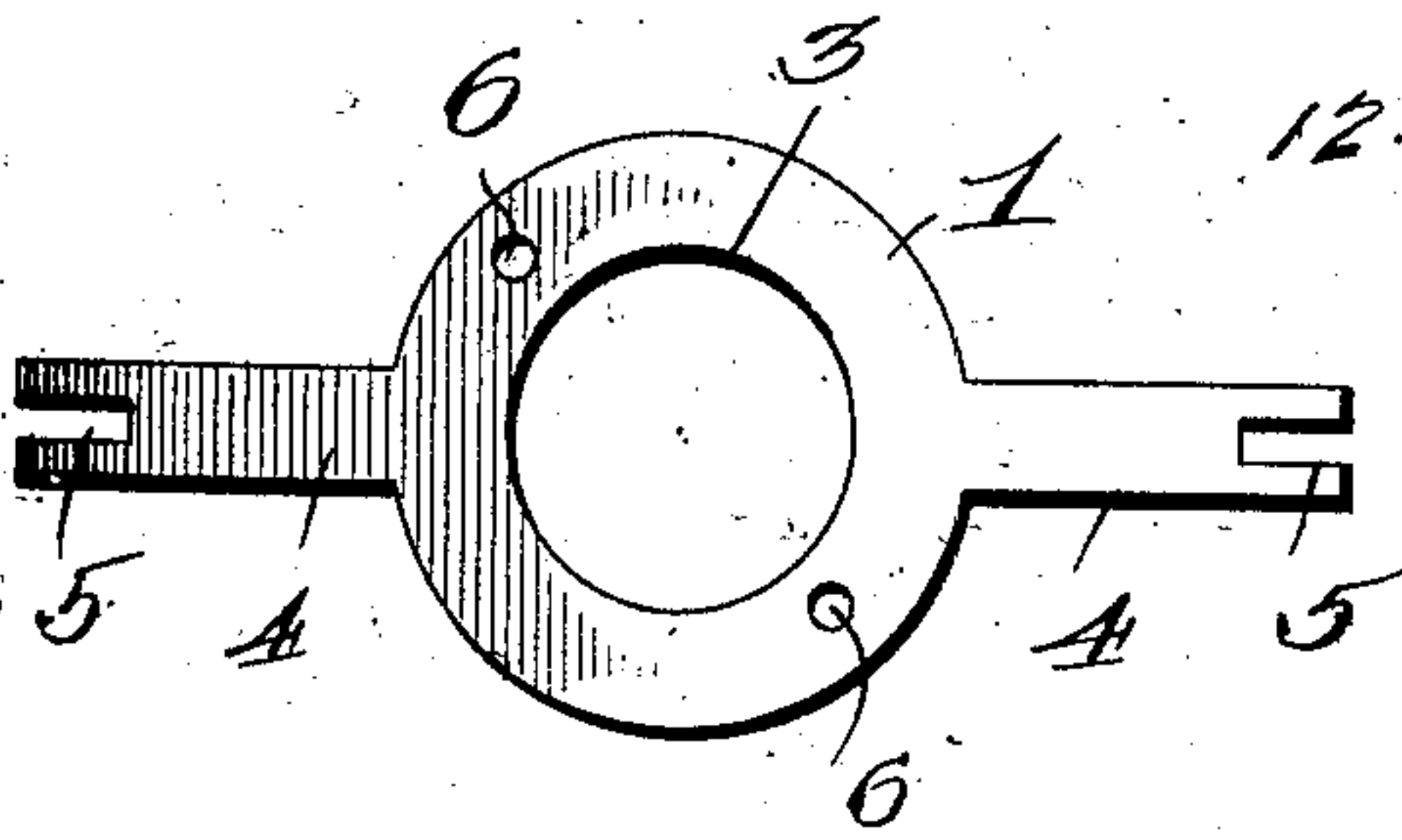


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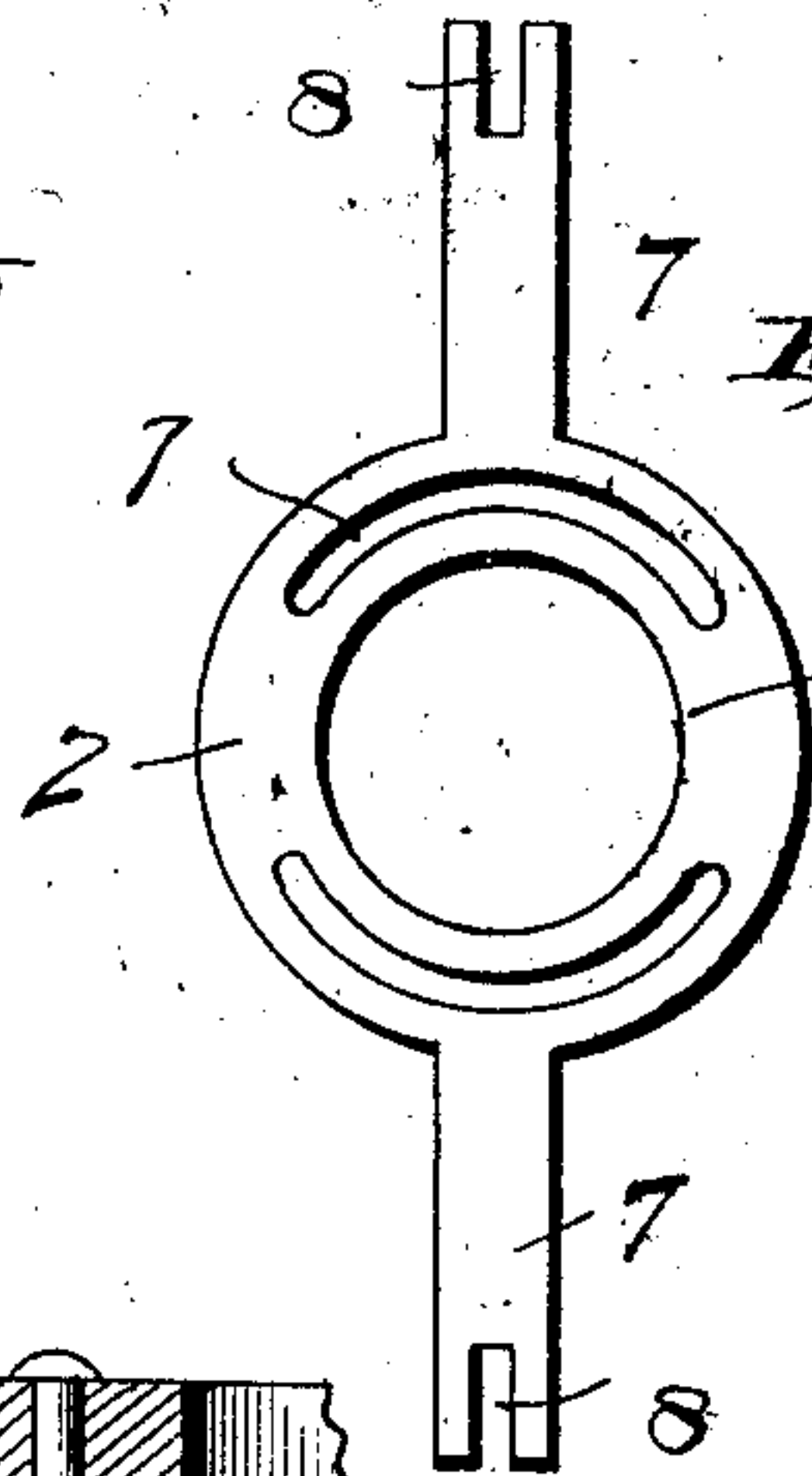
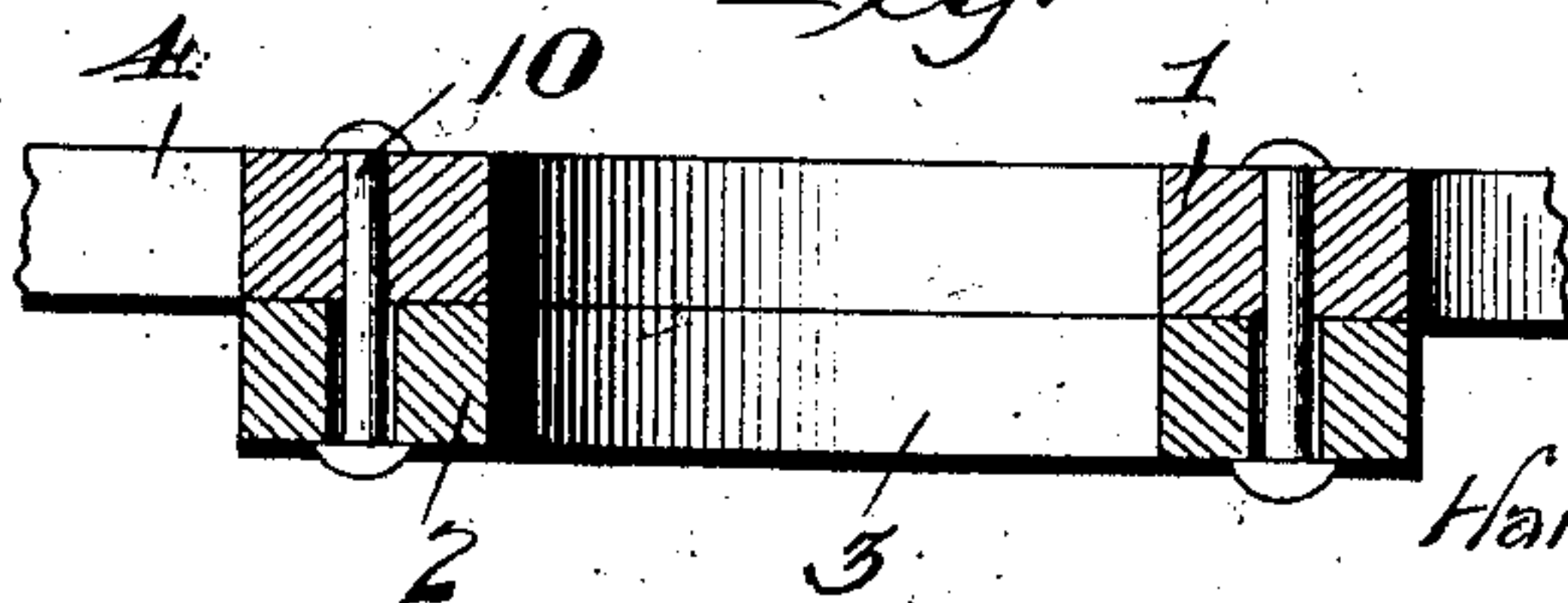


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY J. NEFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Supports or Stands for Christmas Trees or the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a support or stand for Christmas-trees and the like; and the primary object of the same is to provide an organization of cooperating parts for the purpose set forth simulating a tripod having movably-connected members to adapt the complete device to be reduced to compact form for convenience in transportation and storage when not in use, but also capable of expeditious arrangement for receiving and reliably supporting a Christmas tree or other device in upright position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a support or stand for a Christmas tree or the like composed of strong and durable members of a simple nature.

With these and other objects and advantages in view the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a stand or support embodying the features of the invention and shown as holding a Christmas tree or analogous device in upright position therein. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the stand or support, showing a portion thereof broken away. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail plan views of the upper and lower center members of the stand or support. Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section on the line 5 5, Fig. 2, on an enlarged scale.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

The numerals 1 and 2, respectively, designate upper and lower center members, which are preferably circular in contour and have coinciding central openings 3 of sufficient diameter to permit the easy movement there-through of the trunk of a Christmas tree or other device adapted to be supported thereby. The upper member 1 has diametrically-opposed arms 4, forming a part thereof and terminally bifurcated or longitudinally slotted, as at 5. The circular body of the member 1 also has formed therein diametrically-opposed openings 6. The member 2, like the

member 1, has a pair of diametrically-opposed arms 7 with terminal longitudinal slots or bifurcations 8, and the circular body thereof is formed with opposite segmental slots 9, of equal length and adjacent to the arms 7. The center members 1 and 2 are movably connected by coupling or attaching bolts or pins 10, which are passed through the openings 6 and are movable in the slots 9, the said bolts or pins being headed over at opposite ends against the upper side of the center member 1 and the lower side of the center member 2, as clearly shown by Fig. 5.

In the outer end of each of the arms 4 and 7 a stay or leg 11 is intermediately fulcrumed and has at its upper end an opening 12 for the insertion therethrough of a nail or other fastening 13. It is preferred that each stay or leg 11 be formed with a lug or boss 14 at its inner edge to fit in the slot or bifurcation of each arm and to receive a pivot-pin 15, and thus permit the several stays or legs to be closely folded over on their respective arms. The stays or legs may be of any length desired; but it is proposed to give them such longitudinal extent that they will serve with stability in conjunction with the center members in holding a tree or other device in an upright position.

In preparing or arranging the stand or support for use the center member 2 is turned on the center member 1 until the arms 7 are in planes at right angles to the arms 4. The tree-trunk or other device is then inserted through the coinciding openings 3, and the legs are disposed at an angle, as shown by Fig. 1, and secured to the tree-trunk or other device by driving the nails or other fastenings 13 through the openings 12 into the tree-trunk or other device, and thus prevent movement of the said legs and hold the tree or other device in stable upright position. When it is desired to remove the tree or other device from the stand or support, the legs 11 are loosened by detaching the nails or fastenings 13, and the center members may be then adjusted so as to bring the arms 4 and 7 in alinement, as well as the legs carried by said arms. This adjustment and disposition of the cooperating parts, as just set forth, will result in a compact reduction of the stand or support for convenience in carrying the same or storing it in a small space. In view of the capability of reducing the stand or support within a comparatively small compass a large

number of the stands or supports may be packed for shipment within a comparatively small receptacle.

The stand or support may be ornamented 5 by painting and embellishing the same with any preferred design. It is preferred that the stand or support be painted green to render the same consonant in color with a Christmas tree; but it will be understood that this 10 is merely a matter of choice and subject to variation. The stand or support may also be used for other purposes, and it is proposed to vary the proportions, dimensions, and minor details to accommodate various applica- 15 tions thereof.

What I claim is—

1. In a stand or support of the class set forth, the combination of center members, one having segmental slots and a central 20 opening therethrough and the other a central opening coinciding with the central opening of the first-named member and also provided with openings registering with the segmental slots, means for connecting the two members, 25 and stays or legs movably held by the said center members.

2. In a stand or support of the class set forth, the combination of movable center members, one of which has segmental slots 30 and a central opening therethrough, and the other a central opening coinciding with the central opening of the first-named member and also provided with openings registering with said slots, means for movably connect- 35 ing the members, both members having dia-

metrically-opposed arms, and stays or legs movably held in the outer extremities of said arms.

3. A stand or support of the class set forth, involving center members held in rotatable 40 relation and provided with coinciding central apertures and diametrically-opposed arms, and stays or legs movably held by the said arms and having openings in their upper ex- 45 tremities to receive fastening devices, the device to be held by the stand or support being inserted through the said apertures.

4. A stand or support of the class set forth, comprising center members held in rotatable 50 relation, the one member having segmental slots therein and the other provided with openings to register with said slots, connecting devices extending through the openings and engaging the slots, and stays or legs mov- 55 ably cooperating with the said center mem-

5. In a stand or support of the class set forth, the combination of center members having coinciding openings and held in rota- 60 table relation, each center member being provided with diametrically-opposed arms with outer bifurcated extremities, and stays or legs pivotally held in the outer bifurcated ex- 65 tremities of said arms.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 65 in presence of two witnesses.

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