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Fig. 1.

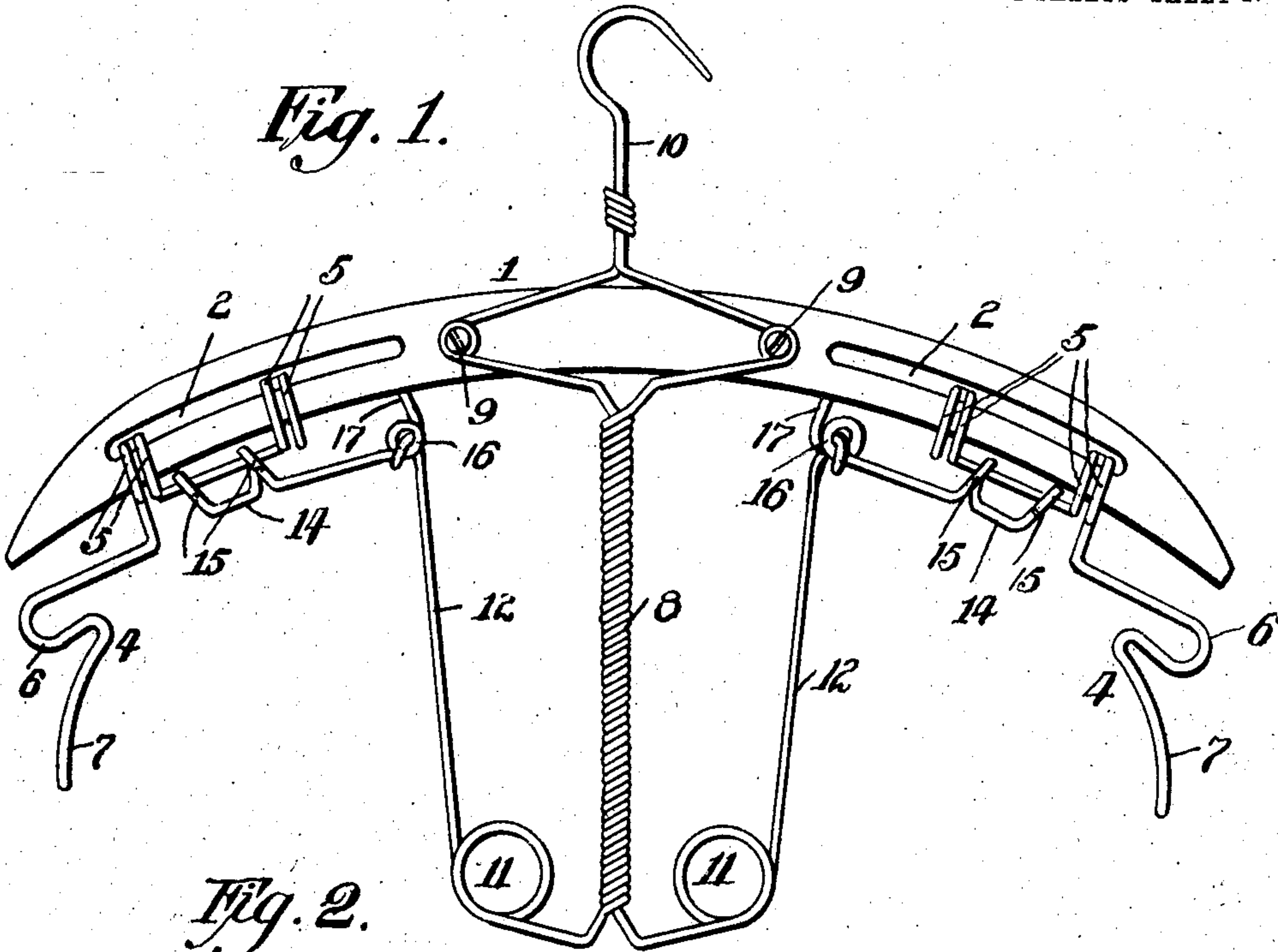


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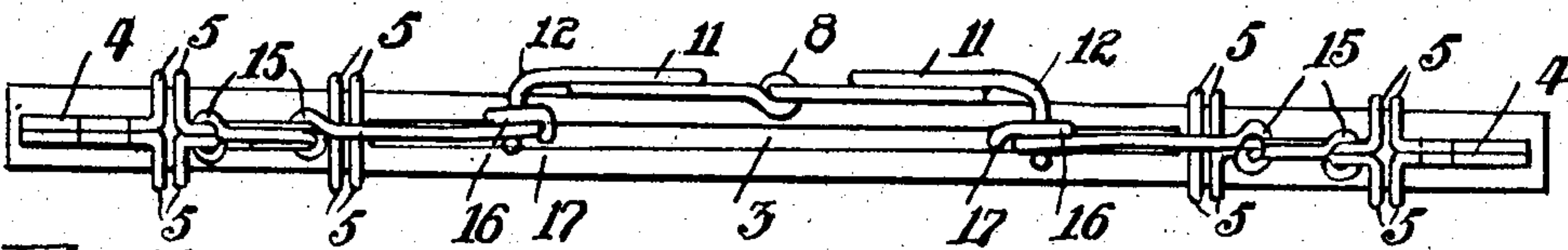


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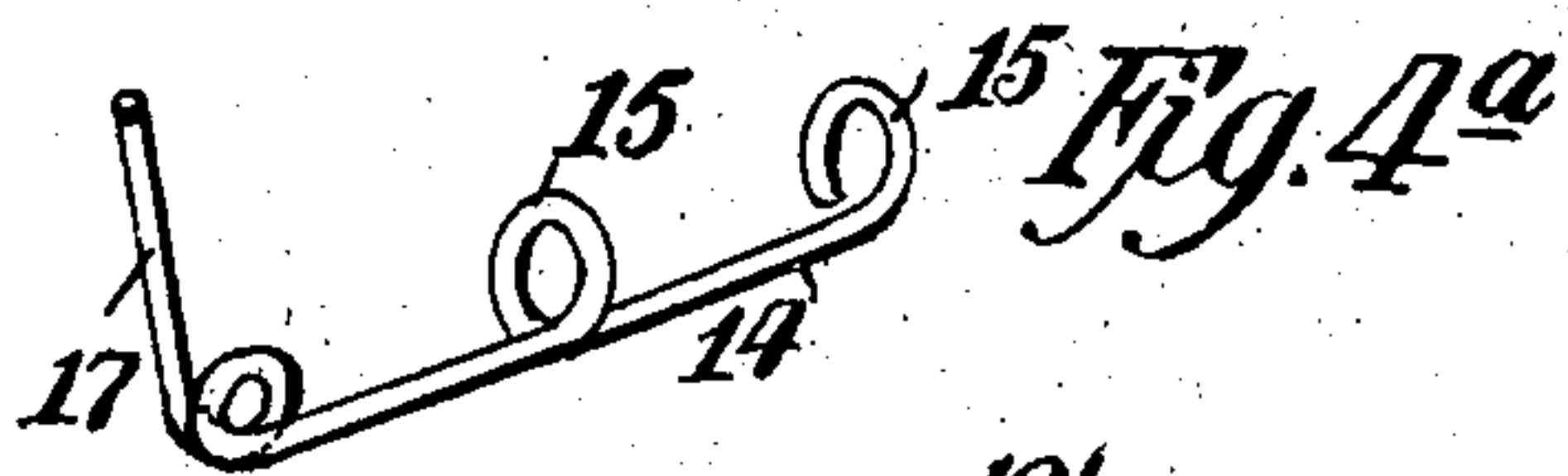
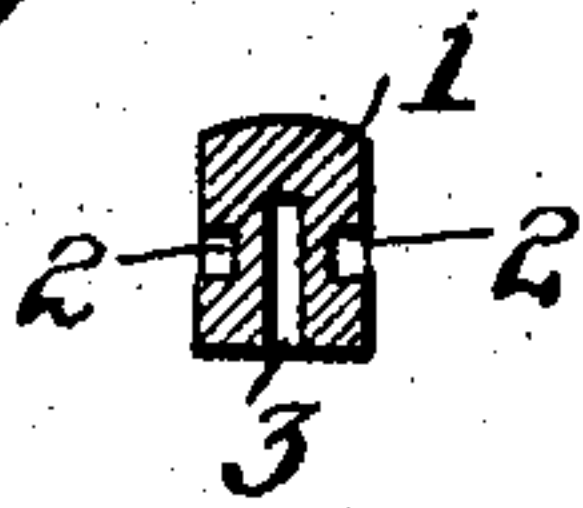
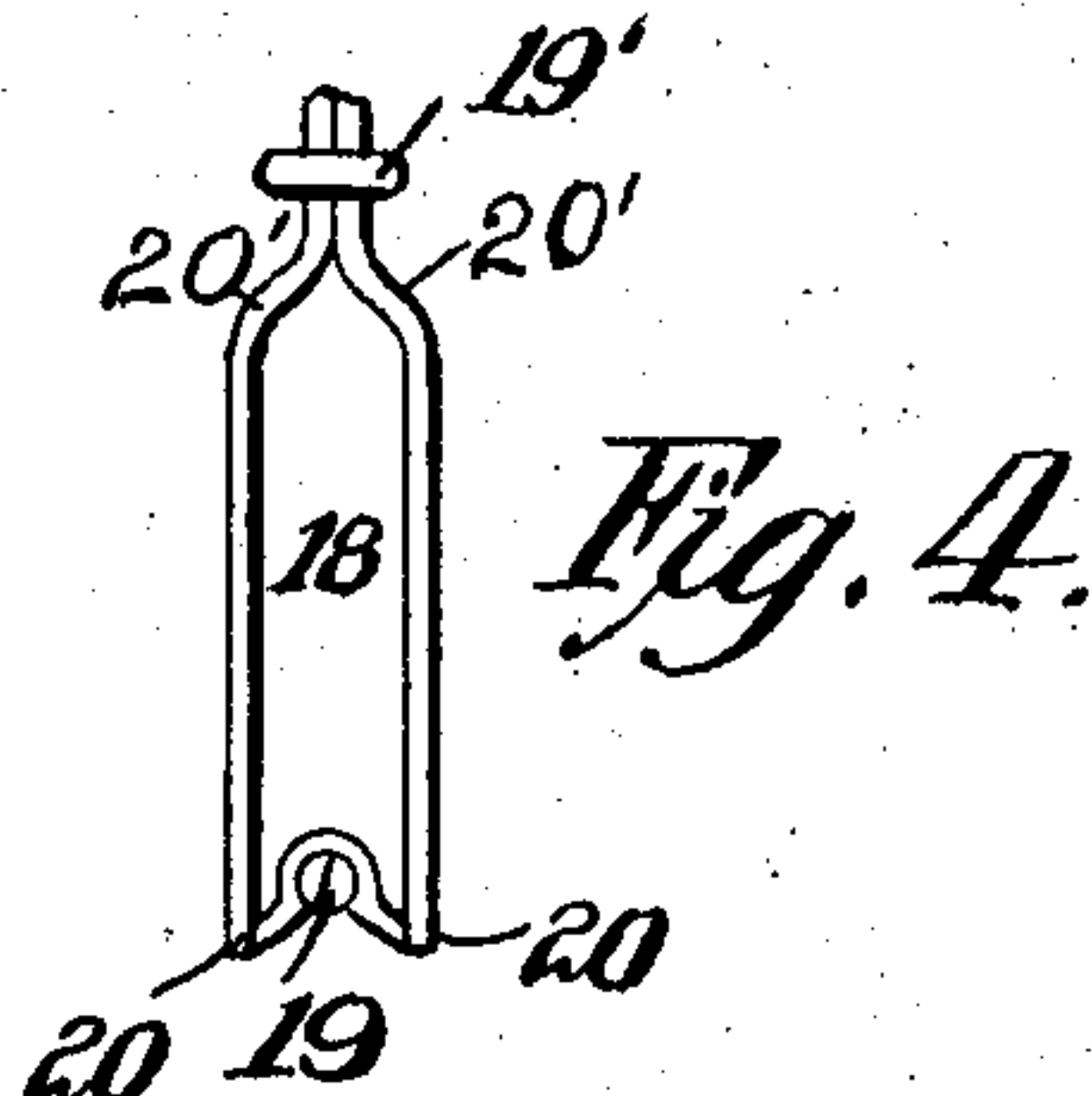
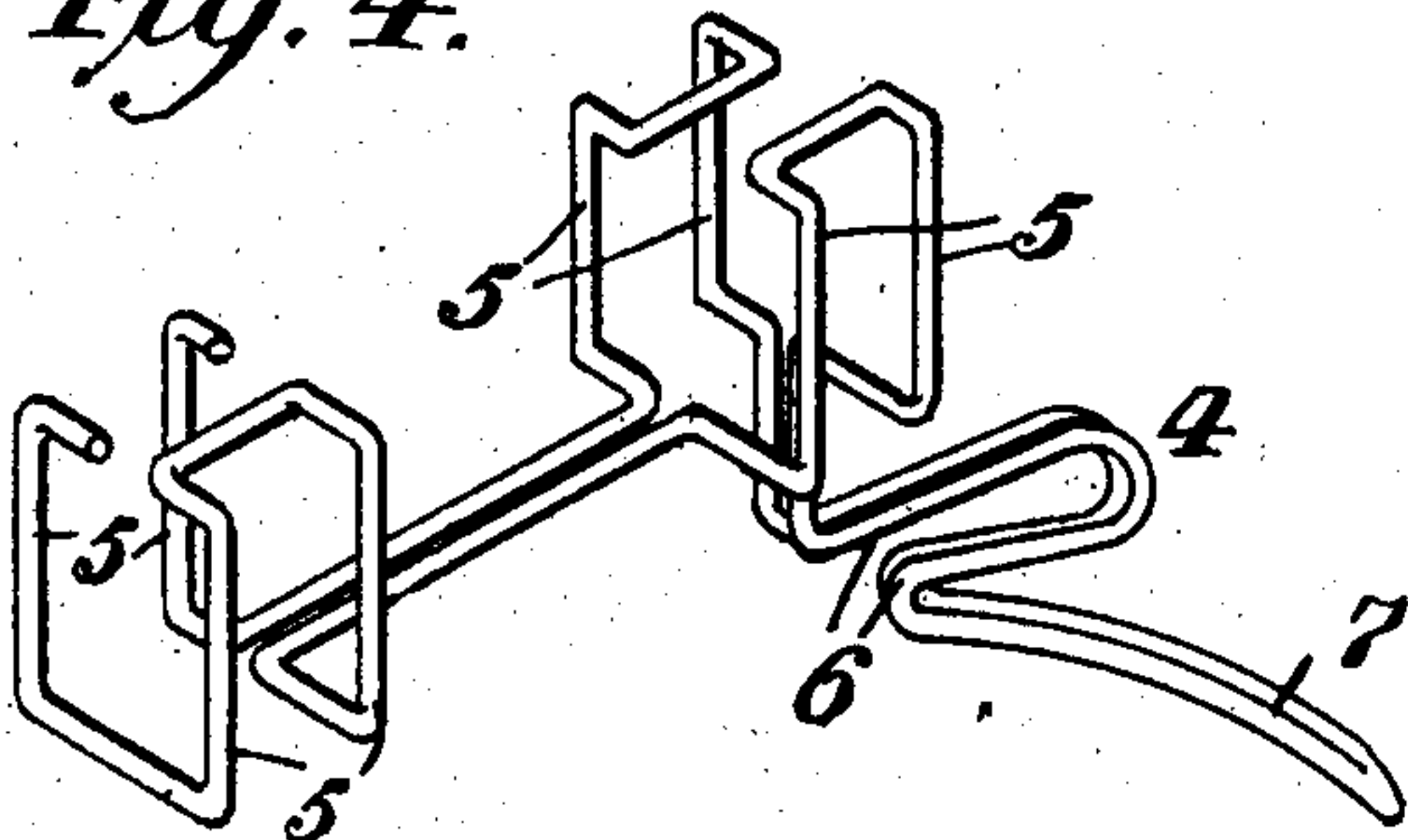


Fig. 4b



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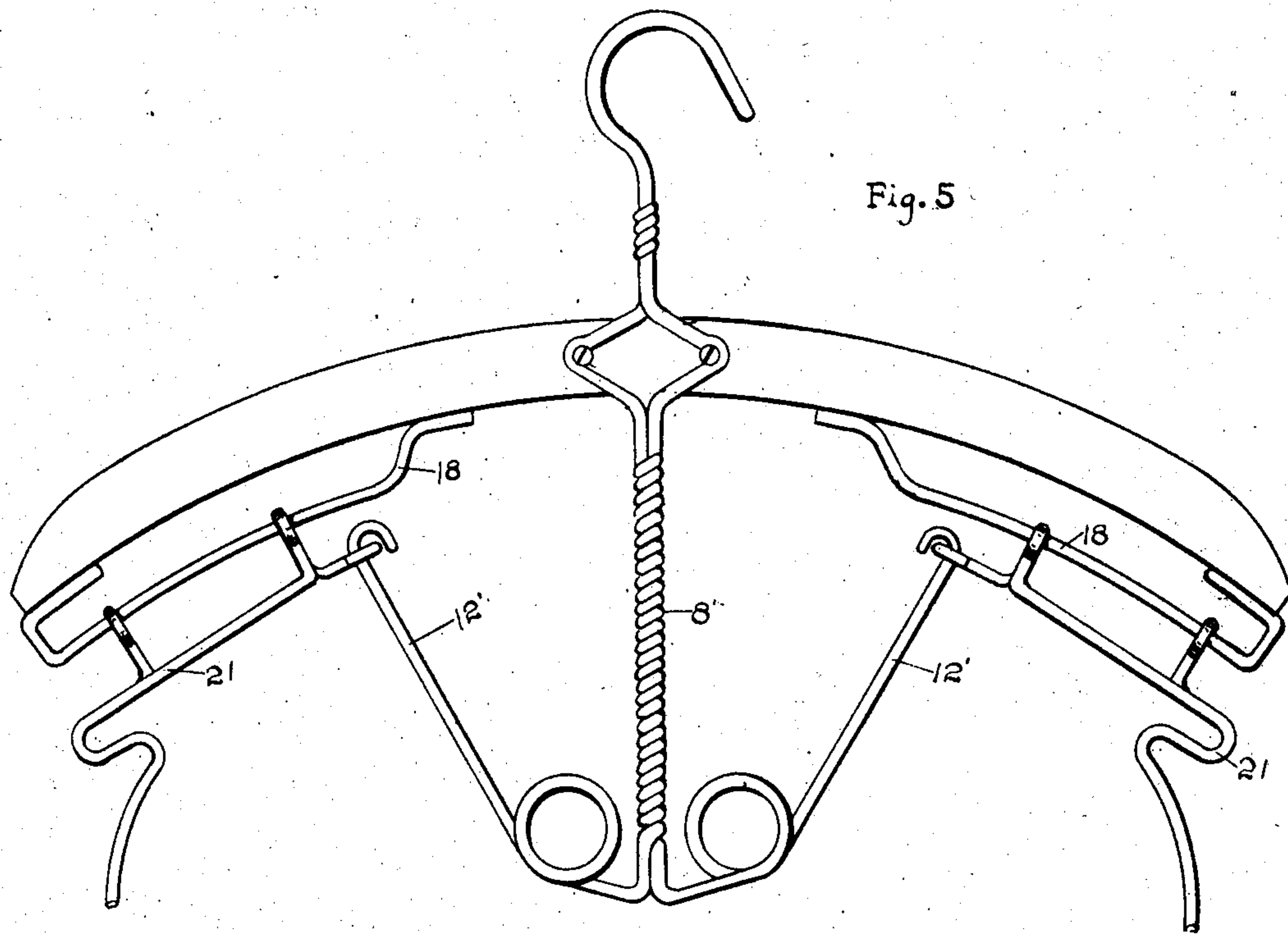
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR H. HAWK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Greensburg, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports, of which the following is a specification; reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment-supports; and the primary object of the invention is the provision of novel means for supporting a coat and skirt or the like garments whereby
15 they will retain their shape and not become sagged or creased by hanging from a suitable support.

To this end I have devised a support for garments, particularly coats and skirts,
20 which can be easily and quickly manipulated to engage a skirt and then placed within a coat to support the same in its proper shape.

Briefly described, my improved support consists of a cross-head, upon which a coat is
25 adapted to rest, and adjustably connected to said cross-head are skirt-hangers which are adapted to engage the waistband of a skirt and support the same in conjunction with a coat. In connection with the cross-head I
30 employ a hook-shaped member by which the garment-support may be suspended from a suitable support.

The above construction will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically
35 pointed out in the claims; and, referring to the drawings accompanying this application, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

40 Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved garment-support. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the cross-head of the support. Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view of one of the guides
45 of another form of garment-support. Fig. 4^a is a perspective view of one of the connecting links. Fig. 4^b is a similar view of one of the hangers. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of another form of garment-support.

50 To put my invention into practice, I construct my improved garment-support of a curved cross-head 1, which in the present instance, reference being had to Figs. 1 to 3; inclusive, is constructed of wood and has its
55 sides adjacent to each end provided with

grooves or slots 2 2, while its underneath face is provided with a groove or slot 3.

Pieces of wire are employed to form skirt-hangers 4 4, a skirt-hanger being mounted in the grooves 2 2 at each end of the cross-head
60 1. The hanger 4 is formed by bending a piece of wire to provide side arms 5 5, which are bent inwardly to engage in the grooves 2 2 at each end of the cross-head. The piece of wire forming each skirt-hanger is bent out-
65 wardly into a compound curve, as at 6, and then bent downwardly, as at 7, the downwardly-bent portion of the hangers being adapted to engage a skirt-band and that portion of the skirt adjacent thereto and support
70 the same in a natural position.

The cross-head 1 is provided with a depending wire stem 8, which is formed by the two strands of a piece of wire. Each one of the strands is secured, as at 9, to the cross-head
75 1, while the upper portion of the stem 8 terminates in a hook-shaped member 10. The lower ends of the strands 8 are bent to form loops 11 11, the extreme ends 12 12 of the stem 8 being bent upwardly at an angle to
80 said stem.

Connecting-links 14 14 are employed to connect the skirt-hangers 4 4 with the ends 12 12 of the stem 8, each link being formed by a piece of wire which is bent over the hangers
85 4 4, as at 15, while its opposite end is bent to form a loop 16 and an upwardly-extending guide-prong 17, the guide-prong engaging in the slot 3 of the cross-head, while the ends 12 of the stem 8 engage in the loops 16 of each
90 link.

The loops 11 11 serve functionally as springs for forcing the ends 12 12 of the stem 8 outwardly toward the ends of the cross-head 1, and in this manner the skirt-hangers
95 will be normally held in the ends of the grooves or slots 2 2 at each end of the cross-head 1.

In placing a coat upon the curved cross-head 1 the ends of the cross-head are placed
100 in the arms of the coat, while the shoulder portion of the coat and the collar rest upon the cross-head, thus retaining a coat in its natural position, conforming to a person's body. To place a skirt upon the support,
105 the ends 12 12 of the stem 8 are pressed inwardly until the skirt-band is placed upon the hangers 4 4, the waistband of the skirt having been previously fastened at the placket in order that when the ends 12 12 of
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the stem 8 are released the hangers will engage the skirt-band and support the skirt in a suspended position until released by the hangers or by unfastening the skirt.

5 In Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawings I have illustrated another form of construction wherein the grooves 2 2 and 3 of the curved cross-head are dispensed with, and in lieu of these grooves or slots I employ guides 18 18,
10 said guides being secured to the underneath face of the cross-head 1 by screws 19 or staples 19' or the like fastening means. Each guide is made of a single piece of wire which is bent, as at 20 20', in order that its ends
15 may be secured to the underneath face of the cross-head, and prior to placing the guides 18 18 in engagement with the cross-head hangers 21 21 are slidably mounted upon each guide and connected to the ends 12' 12' of the
20 stem 8', it being observed that in this instance the strands of the wire forming the stem are twisted to form a more rigid structure.

I preferably construct the metallic portion
25 of my improved garment-supports of strong and durable wire, which may be rendered non-corrosive and polished to present a neat and attractive appearance.

It will be noted that various changes may

be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. 30

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment-support embodying a curved cross-head, a depending stem carried by said cross-head, a hook-shaped member carried by said cross-head, skirt-hangers slidably mounted upon said cross-head and connected to the ends of said stem, the ends of said stem
40 serving to force said hangers outwardly toward the ends of said cross-head, and means carried by the hangers to guide said hangers on the cross-head, substantially as described.

2. A garment-support embodying a curved cross-head, hangers slidably mounted upon said cross-head, a hook-shaped member carried centrally of said cross-head, and a depending stem having laterally-extending spring-arms connected to said hangers to expand said hangers, substantially as described. 50

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

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