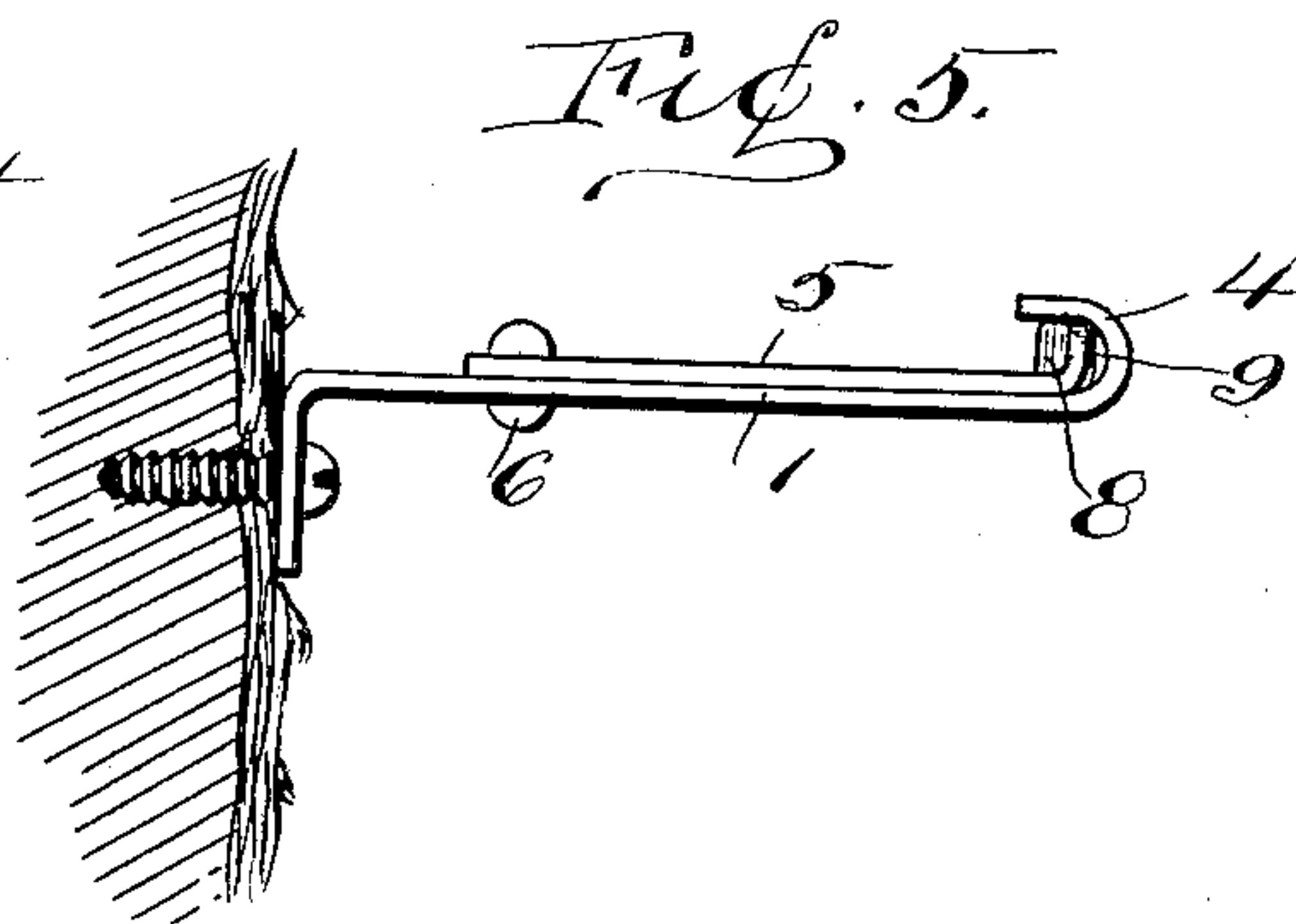
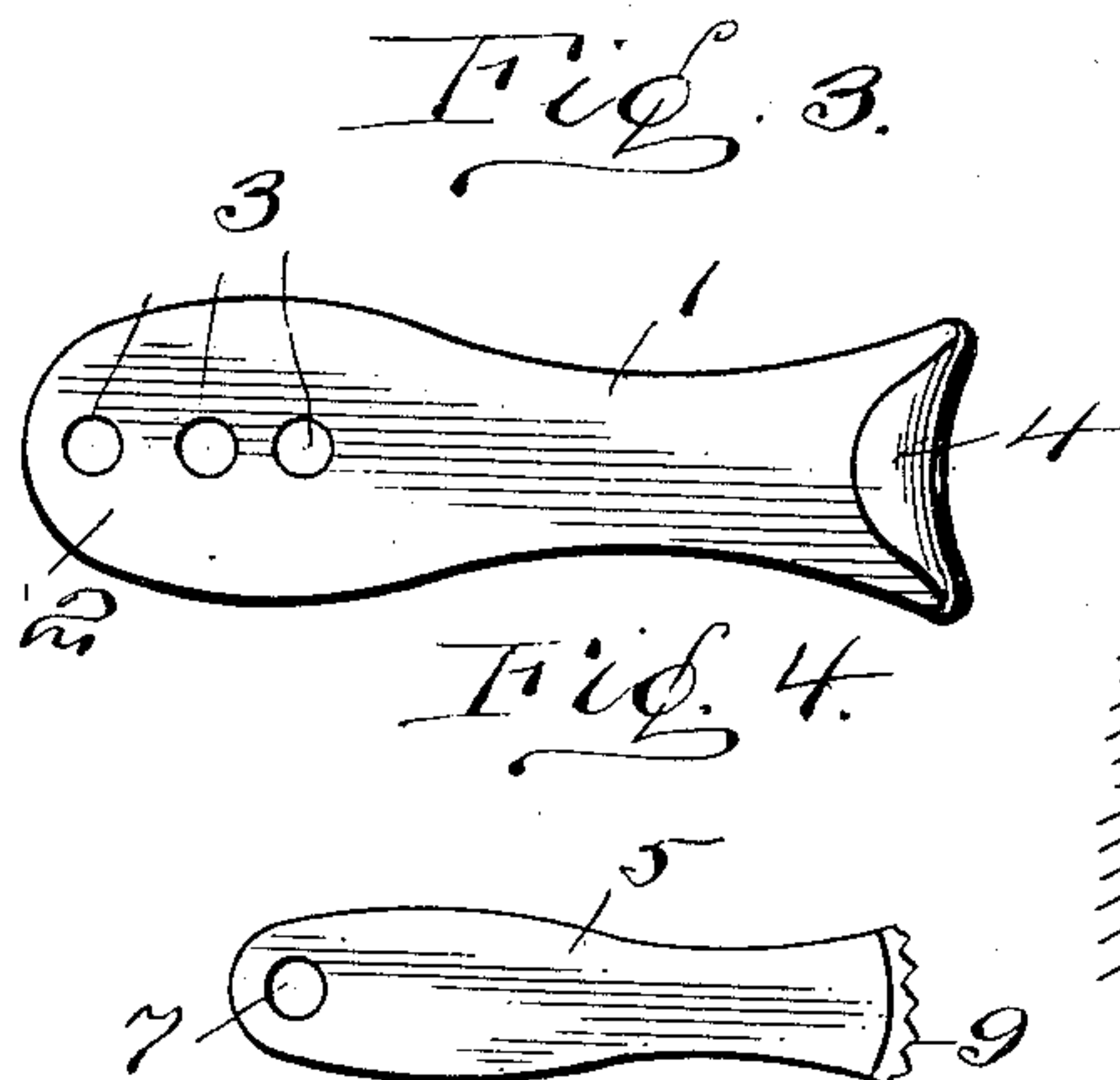
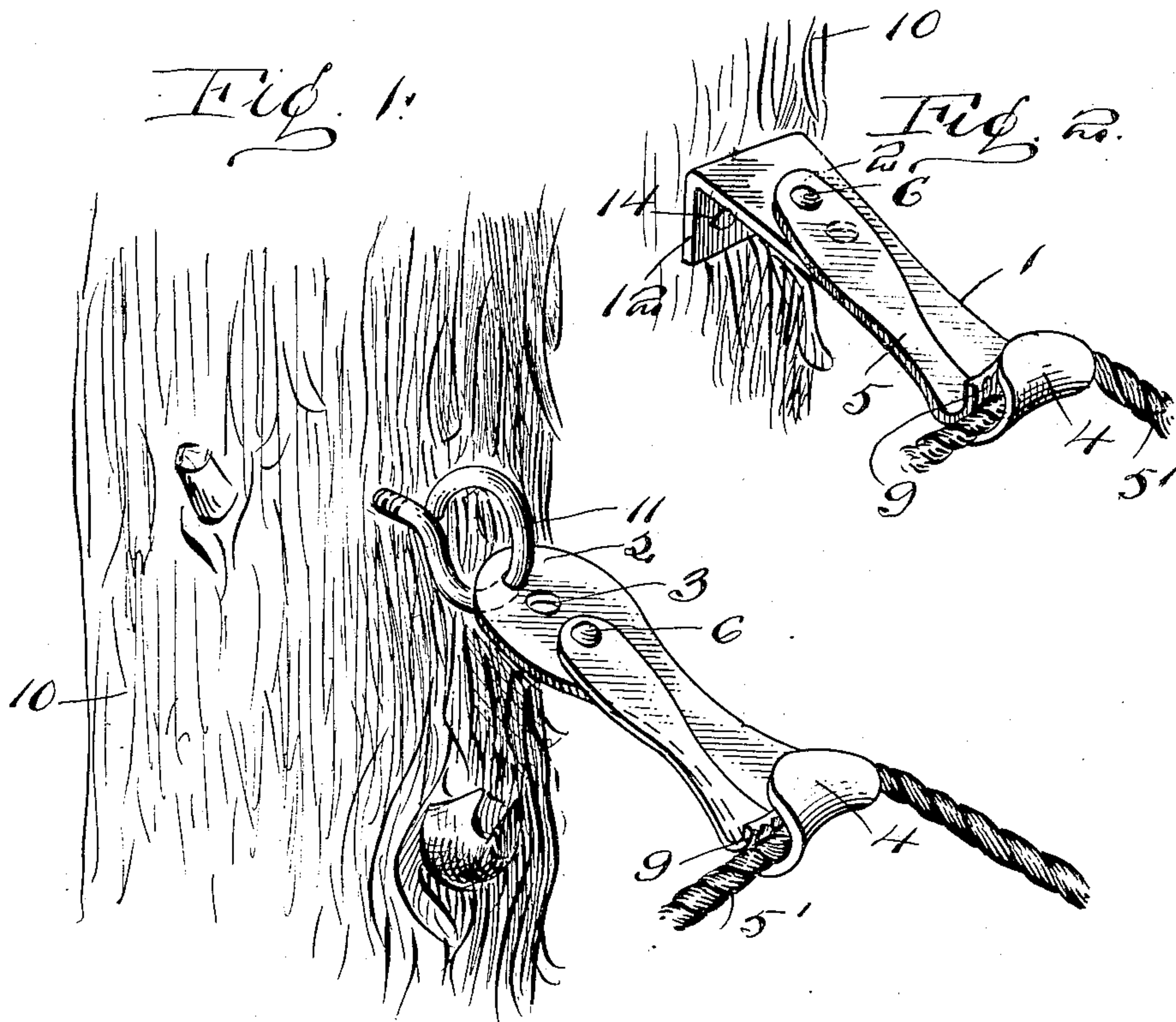


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*To all whom it may concern.*

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. POTTER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wilksburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Line-Holders, 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 clothes-line holders; and the invention has for its primary object the provision of novel means for detachably connecting a clothes-line to a suitable support, as a post, fence, or similar object.

15 Another object of this invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive holder which will be positive in its action and free from all danger of being injured by constant use and the forces of nature when exposed.

20 The detailed construction, together with the many advantages thereof, will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically claimed, and, referring to the drawings accompanying this application, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

25 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder as loosely secured to a post. Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the holder permanently fixed to the post. Fig. 3 is a plan of the main part of the holder; Fig. 4, a similar view of the pivoted member thereof, 30 and Fig. 5 a side elevation of the holder shown in Fig. 2.

35 To put my invention into practice, I construct my improved holder of a plate 1, having an enlarged end 2, which is provided with a plurality of apertures or openings 3, said apertures or openings being in alinement with one another. The opposite end of the plate 1 is bent upwardly to form a curved hook 4, over which a clothes-line 5' is adapted to engage.

40 A member 5 is pivotally mounted on the plate 1 by a rivet 6 or equivalent fastening means, said rivet passing through an opening 7 formed in the end of the member 5 and the innermost opening 3 of the plate 1. The opposite end of the member 5 is bent upwardly, as at 8, and roughened or serrated, as at 9, to

press and wedge the line 5' within the hook 4 when the member 5 is swung into engagement with the line 5'.

55 In Fig. 1 of the drawings I have illustrated the holder as being connected to a post 10 by a screw-eye 11, said eye passing through one of the openings 3 of the plate 1. In Fig. 2 of the drawings the rear end of the plate 1 is bent downwardly, as at 12, and secured to the post 10 by screws 14 or similar fastening means.

60 By the provision of the extra opening 3 in the plate or member 1 the pivoted member 5 may have its securing-rivet 6 passed through either one or the other of the inner openings 3, and thus bring its serrated free end 9 closer to or farther away from the upturned end 4, so as to the more readily adapt member 5 for engagement with lines of different diameters.

65 From the foregoing it will be evident that I have devised an extremely simple and efficient clothes-line holder to which a line can be easily and quickly attached.

70 Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

75 As a new article of manufacture, a line-holder, comprising a thin flat metallic plate and having a series of alined apertures adjacent one end, and having its outer end bent upwardly and rearwardly over the plate to form a hook, an attaching member engaging in the outermost aperture of said series of apertures, and a gripping member formed of a thin metallic plate and pivotally secured to the first-mentioned plate by a fastening member extending through another of said series of apertures, the said gripping member 80 lying flat on the upper face of the first-mentioned plate and adapted to swing laterally on its pivot thereon, the said gripping member having its forward end bent upwardly at right angles to the body of the gripping member and having said upturned end serrated or provided with teeth, substantially as described.

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

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