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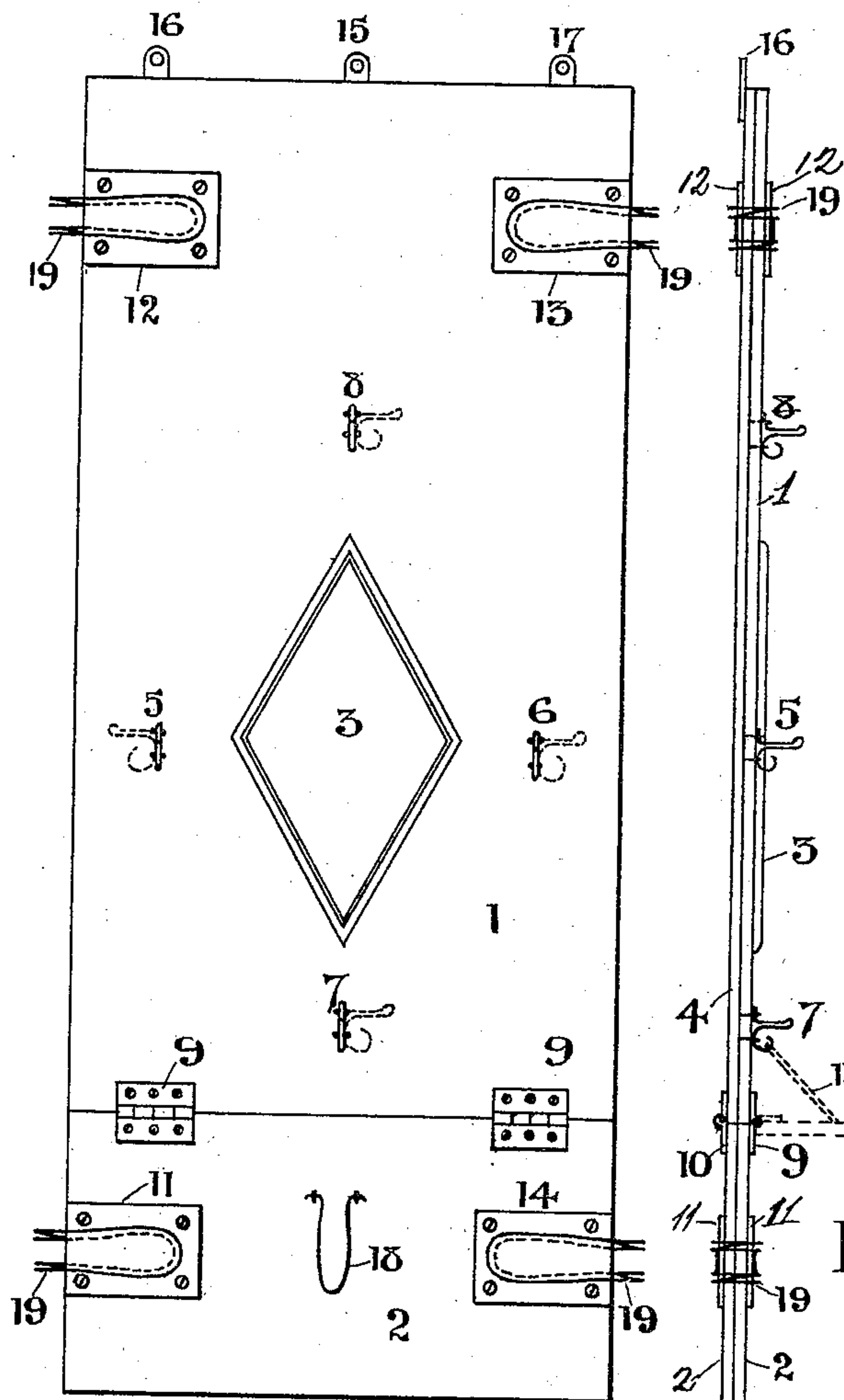


Fig. 1.

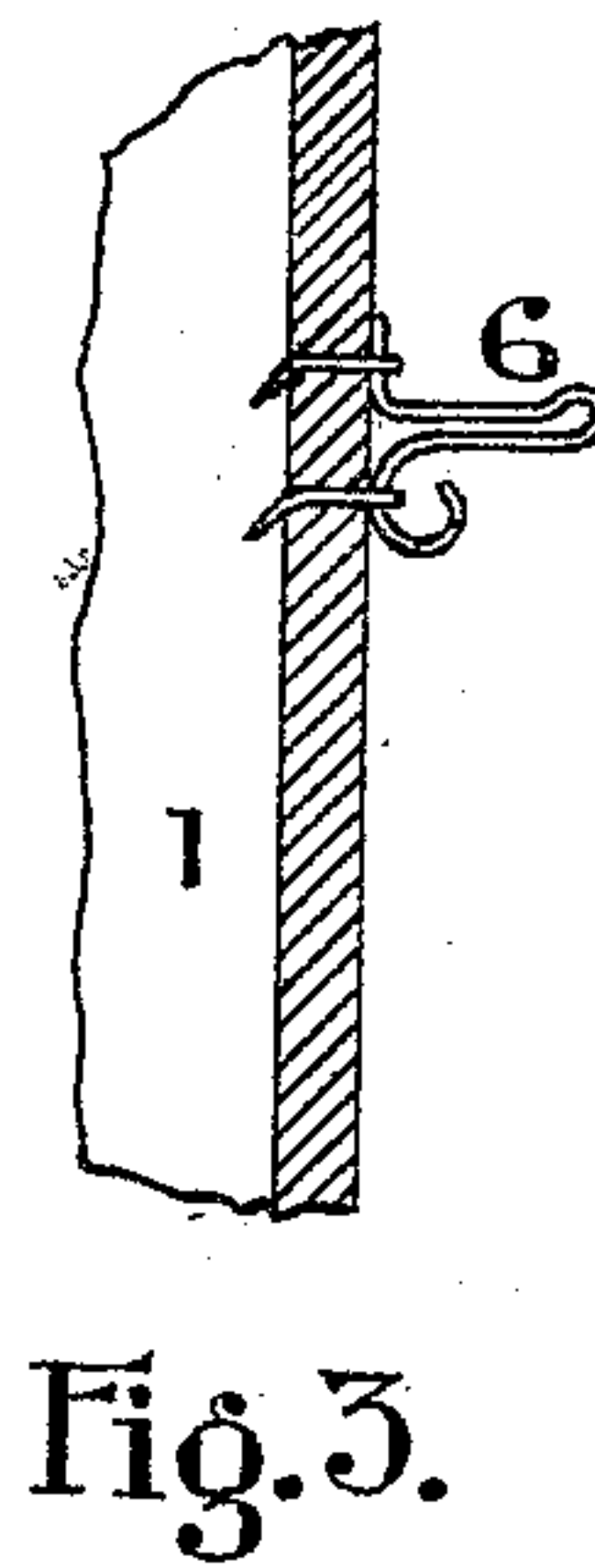


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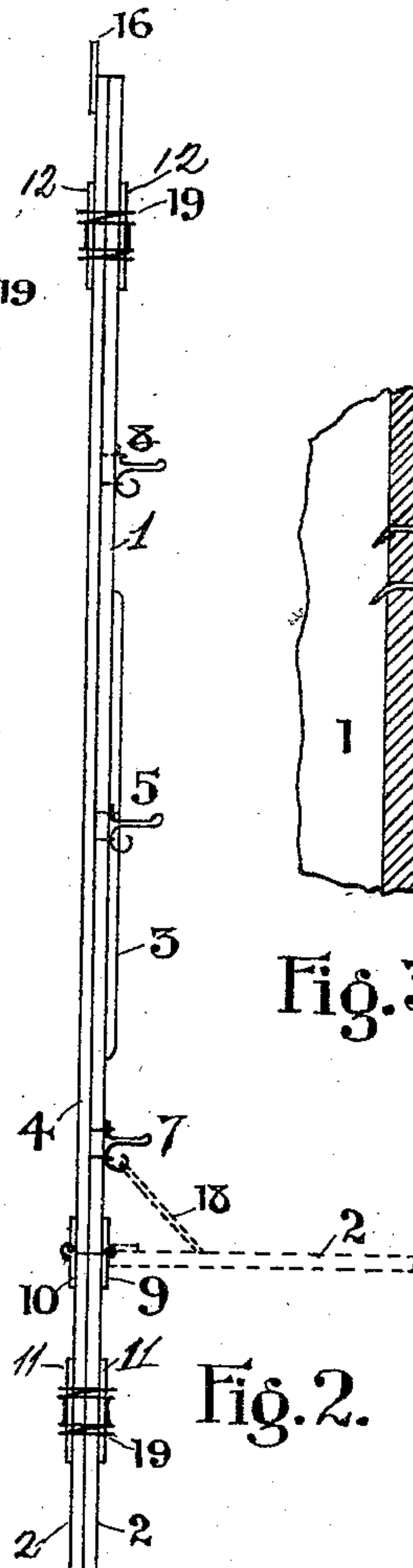


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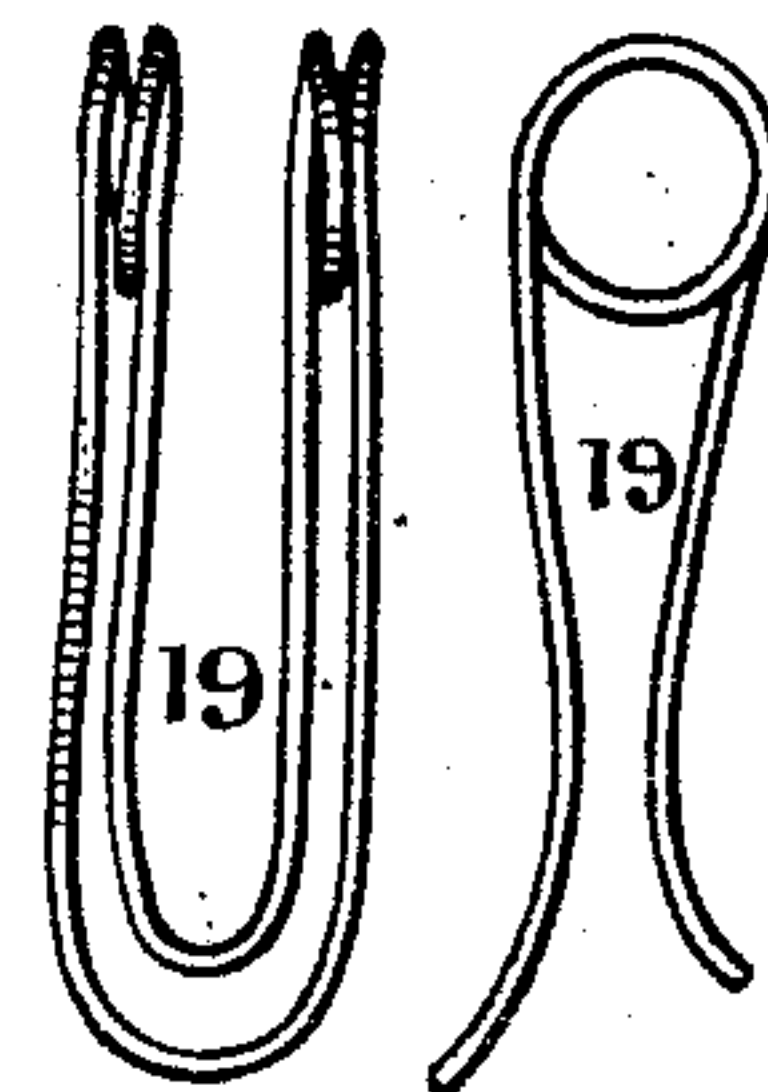


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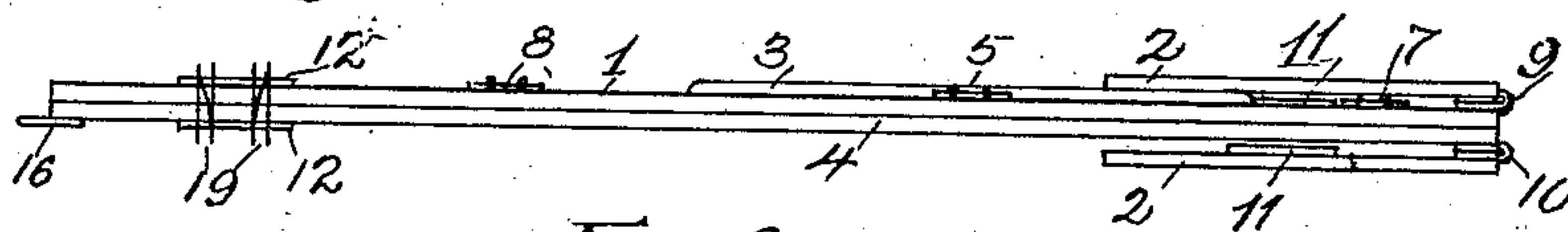


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL J. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ekron, in the county of Meade and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Toilet-Companion, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toilet articles for men; and the objects of my improvement are to provide a convenient toilet-companion especially for traveling men who frequently find meager toilet accommodations; to provide for pressing and creasing trousers while traveling; to provide for hanging the clothing; to provide a shelf for laying articles upon and for setting a mug and other appurtenances for shaving; to provide a mirror above the shelf, simplicity of construction, comparative inexpensiveness of manufacture, lightness, compactness, and durability. These objects I attain by means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view; Fig. 2, an edge view; Fig. 3, a sectional detail view; Fig. 4, a plan view of the clamping-spring; Fig. 5, an edge view of the clamping-spring, and Fig. 6 an edge view showing the device folded.

Similar reference-numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

The flat boards 1, 4, and 2, the mirror 3, and the hanging-hooks 5 6 7 8 constitute the body of the invention. The elongated thin flat boards 1 and 4 are preferably made of veneered wood in order to prevent their warping. To one end of each of these long boards is hinged a shorter board 2 of the same thickness and of the same material as the longer boards. One side of each of these sets of boards is left plain without any appliances, so that they may be placed close together. The hinges which join the longer and shorter boards are placed on the outside, so that the short boards may be folded over onto the longer boards, as shown in Fig. 6, in order to shorten the device for putting in a trunk or suit-case. Near the free ends of the longer boards 1 and 4 are secured flat metal plates 12 and 13, and similar plates 11 and 14 are secured about the middle of each of the shorter boards 2. Over these plates are slipped compression-springs 19, adapted to

clamp the sets of boards together with a yielding and continuous pressure, so that when trousers are placed between the boards they may be continuously and thoroughly pressed and creased. The legs of the trousers may be pressed between the longer boards when the shorter boards are folded, and the device thus arranged may be placed in a trunk or suit-case and the trousers undergo the process of pressing and creasing while one is traveling or while they are stored away. One of the shorter boards 2 is provided on its front with a foldable loop 18, having hooks on its free ends adapting it to be secured to the board by means of staples which may be clenched on the rear of the board. On the front of one of the longer boards, 1, are suitably disposed and foldably secured hanging-hooks 5, 6, 7, and 8. These hanging-hooks are disposed about the four corners of a mirror 3, which is placed on the front face of the board. These hooks are fastened with staples in a similar manner to loop 18, as shown in Fig. 3. The shorter board 2, which carries the loop 18, may be disposed at right-angles to board 1, and secured in this position by placing loop 18 over the lower part of the hanging-hook 7, thus forming a shelf for a mug and other appurtenances for shaving or for placing any articles that may be desired.

The use of my device will now be understood. If trousers are to be pressed, clamping-springs 19 are slipped off from the plates, when the sets of boards may be separated, the trousers placed between them, and springs 19 replaced so as to clamp the set of boards firmly together. If the clothing is to be hung up and no accommodations therefor are at hand, the device may be hung upon a nail by means of one of the eyes 15, 16, and 17, secured to the upper end. Hooks 5, 6, 7, and 8 may then be swung out perpendicularly to the face of the device and the clothing hung thereon. If it is desired to lay one's watch or other articles upon a shelf, the front shorter board 2 may be suspended to form a shelf, as previously described. In making the toilet the use of mirror 3 is obvious, and the shelf may be used for holding a shaving-mug and other appurtenances for shaving. When the toilet is completed, the device may be taken down and folded, as shown in Fig. 6, and placed in a trunk or

suit-case, occupying very little room, and at the same time may be pressing a pair of trousers.

Having thus descibed my invention, so
5 that any one skilled in the art pertaining thereto may make and use it, I claim—

A toilet-companion comprising in combination two independent long flat boards, a short flat board hinged to the end of each of
10 the long flat boards, separate clamping-springs applied over the edges of said long

and said short boards to clamp the two sets of boards together, foldable hanging-hooks secured to the front of one of said long boards, a hinged loop secured to the front of one of the short flat boards, and hanging-eyes secured to the free end of one of said long boards, substantially as specified. 15

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