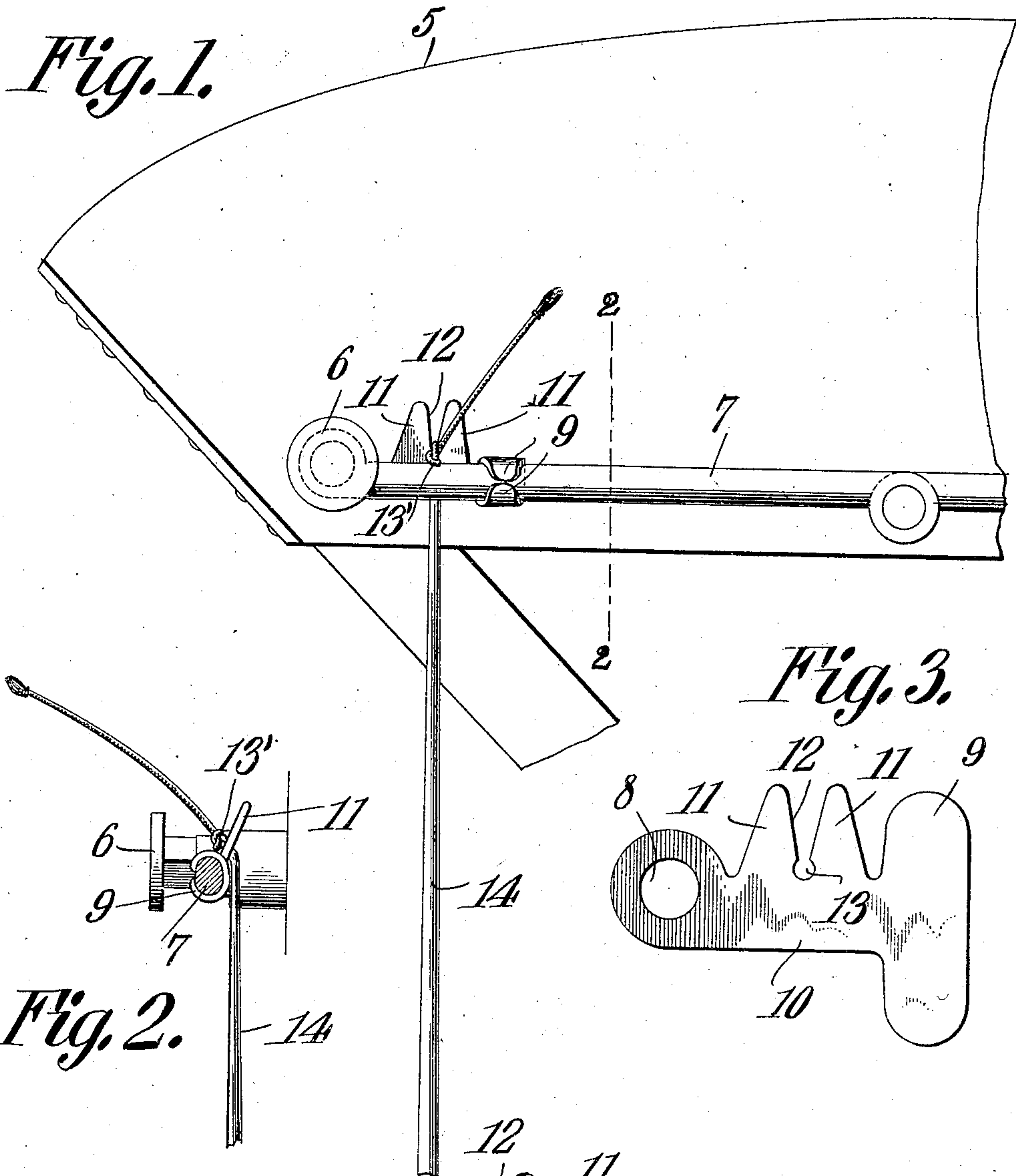


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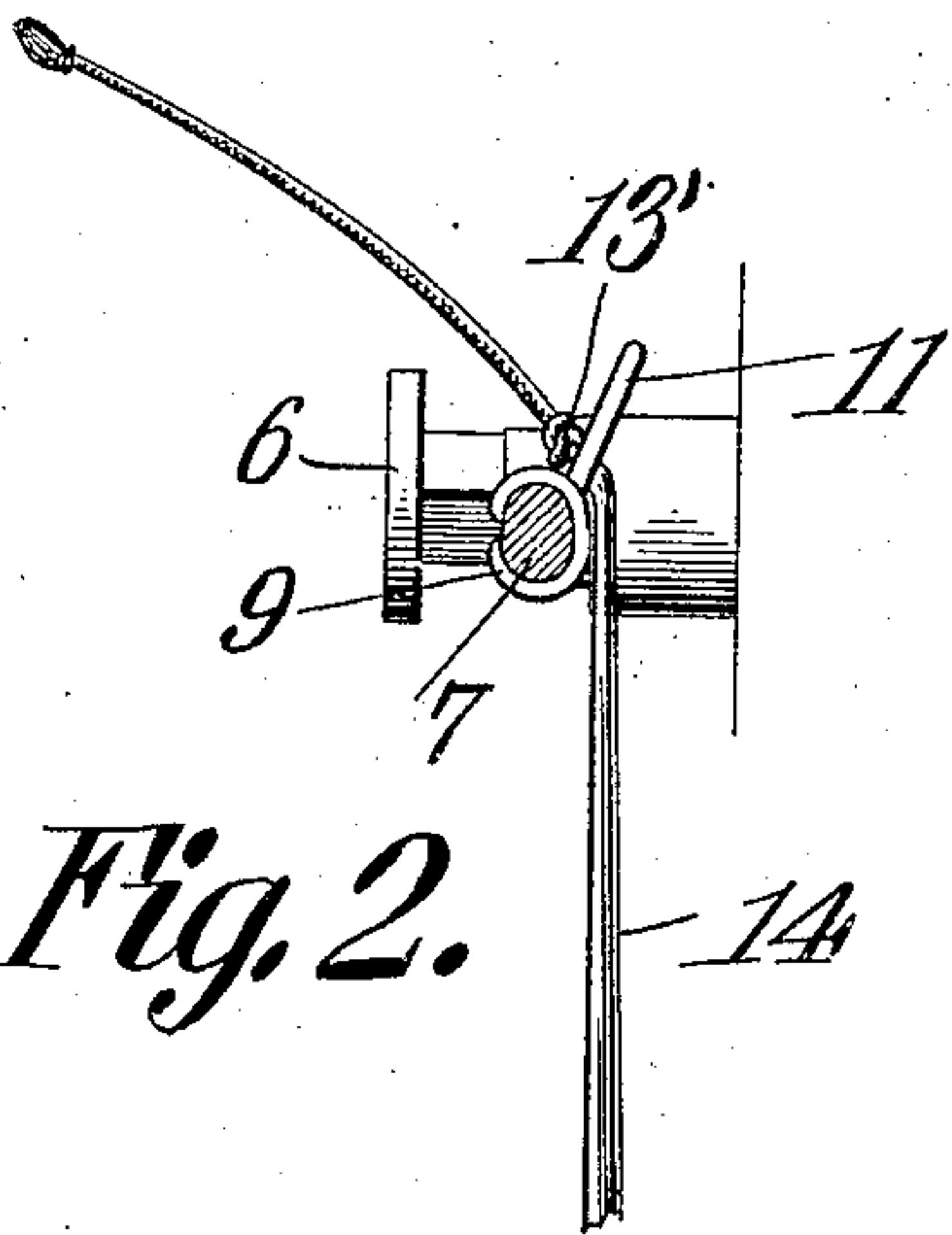
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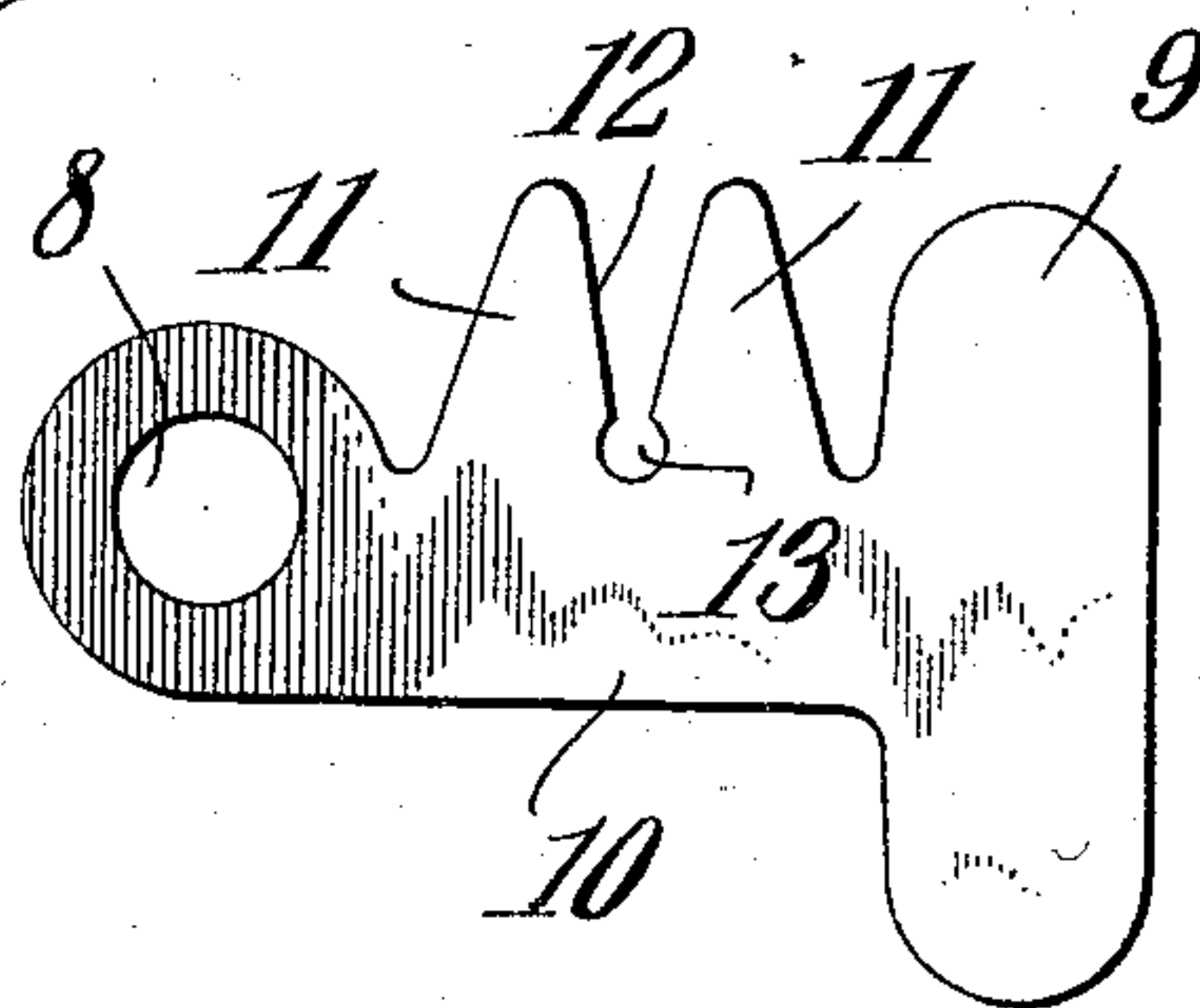
*Fig. 1.*



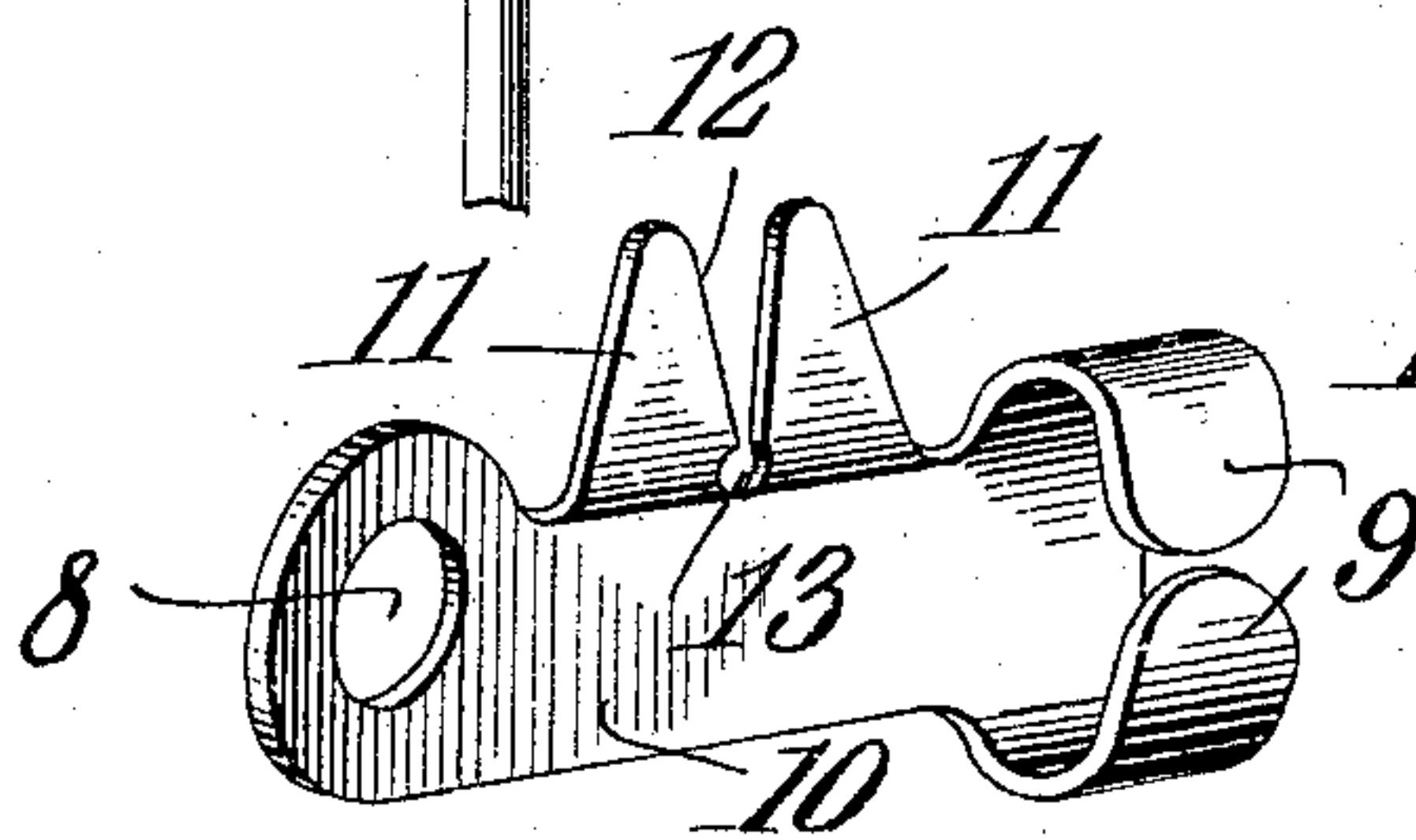
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE KELLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gilman, in the county of Iroquois and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Whip Holder or Hanger, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to whip holders or hangers, and has for its object to provide a comparatively simple and inexpensive device of this character particularly designed for attachment to a vehicle-top and by means of which the whip may be suspended by the lash so as to prevent bending of the same when not in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder having an opening formed in one end thereof for the reception of the prop-bolt of the vehicle and provided with a pair of spring-arms adapted to engage the adjacent pivoted brace of the vehicle, said holder being formed with vertically-disposed clamping-fingers adapted to receive the lash end of the whip, whereby the whip may be suspended from the top of the vehicle and maintained in a vertical position by the weight of the handle.

A further object of the invention is to generally improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability, and efficiency, as well as to reduce the cost of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a whip holder or hanger constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the same in position on a buggy-top. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the holder is formed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the holder detached.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

The improved holder is principally designed for attachment to carriages, wagons,

and other vehicles and by way of illustration is shown applied to a buggy-top of the ordinary construction, in which 5 designates the buggy-top, 6 the prop-bolt, and 7 the horizontally-disposed braces pivotally connected with the prop-bolt in the usual manner. The holder is preferably formed of a single piece of metal, one end of which is provided with an opening or perforation 8 for the reception of the prop-bolt 6, while the opposite end thereof is formed with a pair of oppositely-disposed spring clamping-arms 9, adapted to engage the walls of the brace 7, as best shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Extending laterally from one longitudinal edge of the plate 10 is a clamping member, preferably in the form of a pair of spaced fingers 11, the adjacent edges of which are spaced apart and inclined or beveled, as indicated at 12, to facilitate the introduction of the lash end of the whip, there being a circular opening 13 formed at the juncture of the inclined faces of the fingers to accommodate the knot 13' on the whip 14.

In operation the head of the bolt 6 is removed and the holder placed in position on the shank of the bolt, with the arms 9 embracing the adjacent brace 7, after which the head of the bolt is replaced, thus locking the holder in position on the buggy-top, as best shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

Attention is called to the fact that the free ends of the fingers 11 are bent laterally, so as to occupy the space between the brace and the adjacent wall of the buggy-top 5, thereby permitting the whip to be suspended from the inner side of the brace 7.

In using the device the lash end of the whip is introduced between the free ends of the fingers 11 and pressed downwardly until the knot 13' bears against the walls of the opening 13, and in which position the whip will be supported from the buggy-top and maintained in a straight position by the weight of the lower end of the handle of said whip. In order to remove the whip, it is merely necessary to exert a slight upward movement on the lash end of the latter when the whip may be quickly removed, as will be readily understood.

While the holder is especially designed for use in connection with buggies and similar vehicles, it is obvious that the same may be used for displaying whips in stores or used wherever a device of this kind is found desirable.



From the foregoing description it will be seen that there is provided an extremely simple, inexpensive, and efficient device admirably adapted for the attainment of the 5 ends in view.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. The combination with a vehicle-top 10 having a prop-bolt and brace, of a holder having clamping-arms embracing the brace and provided with laterally-extending fingers adapted to engage the lash end of a whip, said holder being locked in position on the vehicle-top by engagement with the prop- 15 bolt.

2. The combination with a vehicle-top having a prop-bolt and brace, of a holder secured to the prop-bolt and provided with oppositely-disposed arms adapted to engage

the brace, said holder being provided with a 20 clamping member adapted to receive the lash end of a whip.

3. A holder formed of a single piece of metal having one end thereof provided with an opening and its opposite end formed with 25 clamping-arms, one end of the plate being provided with laterally-extending fingers the adjacent edges of which are spaced apart and inclined or beveled for engagement with the 30 lash end of a whip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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