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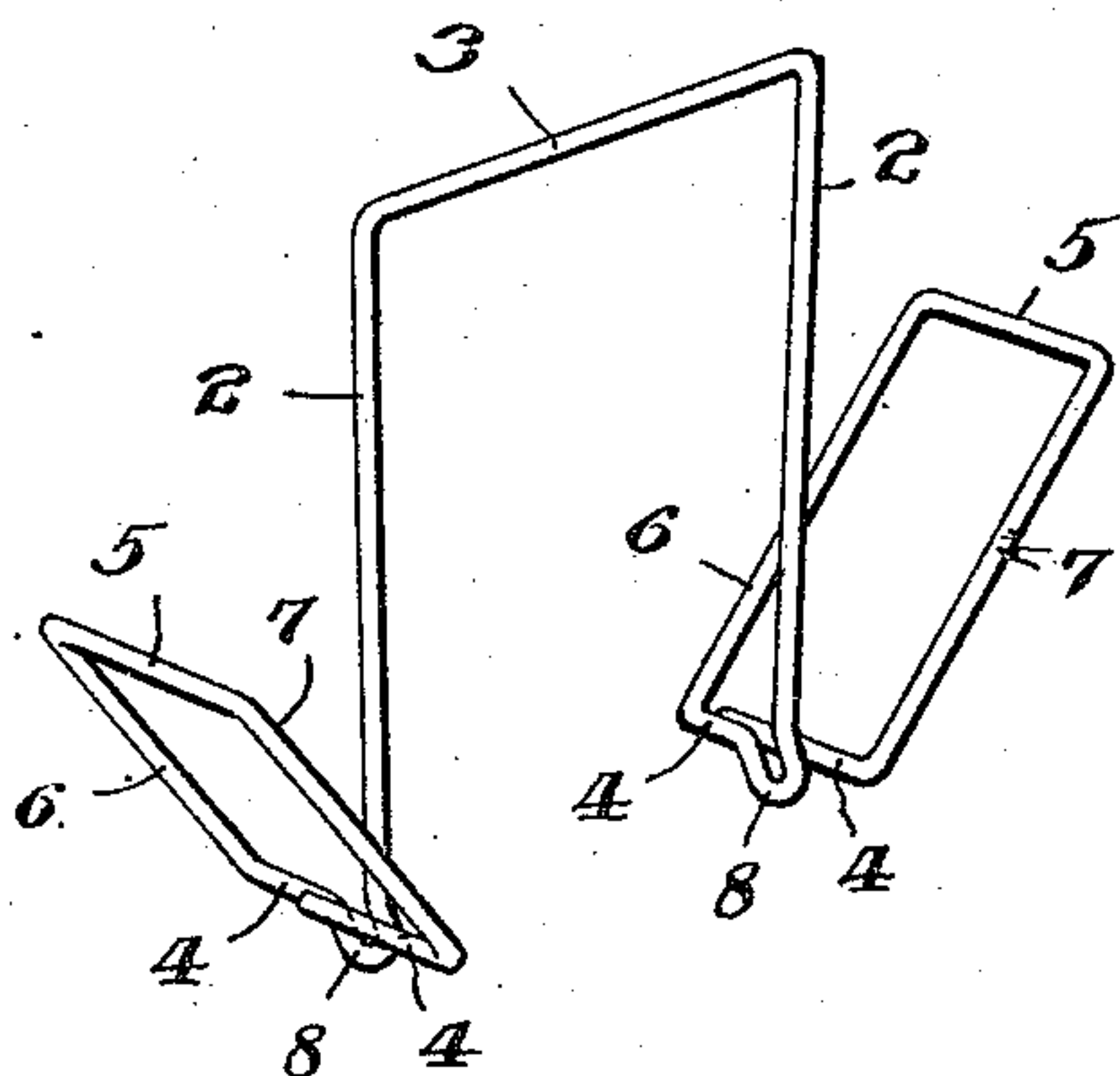
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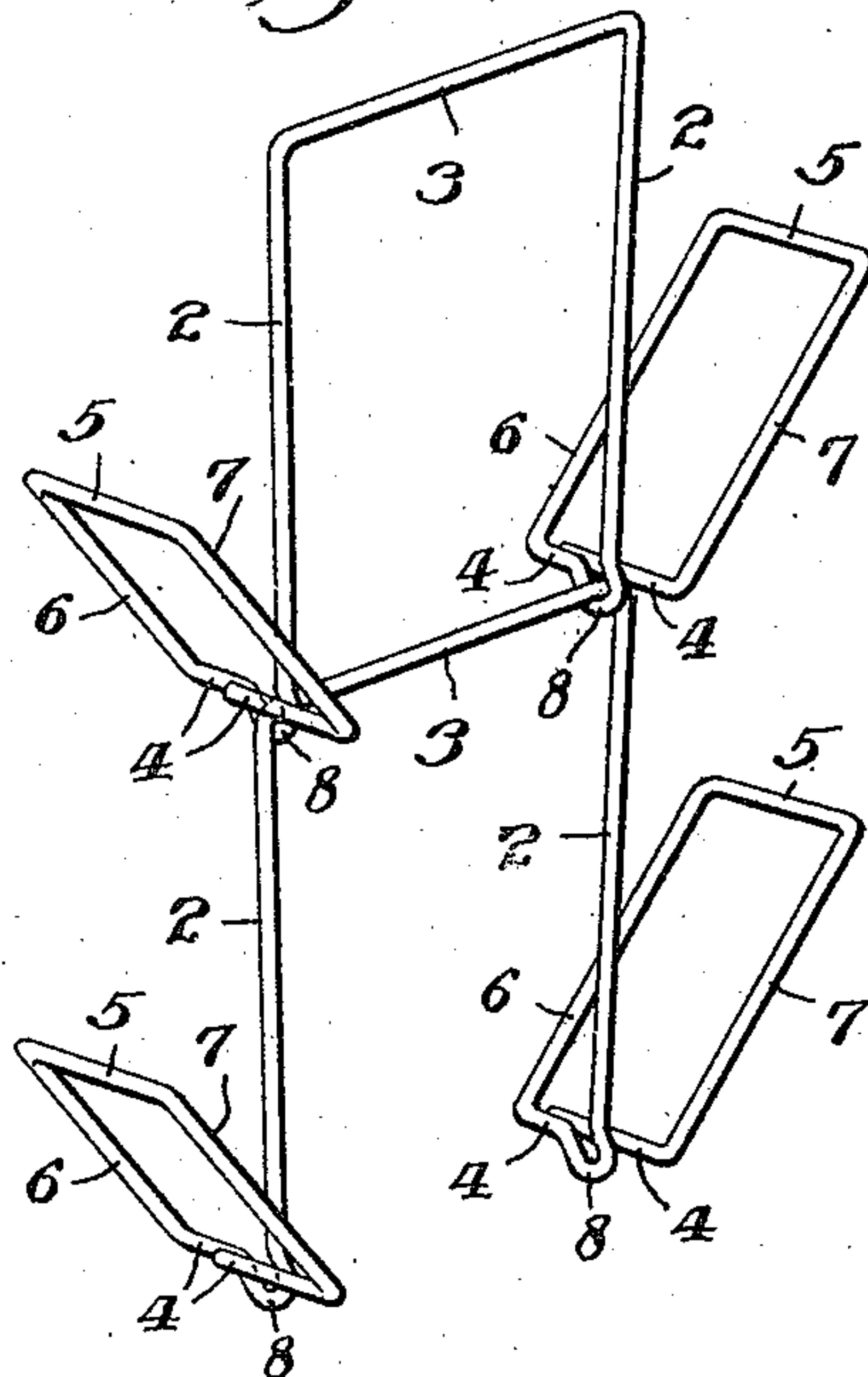
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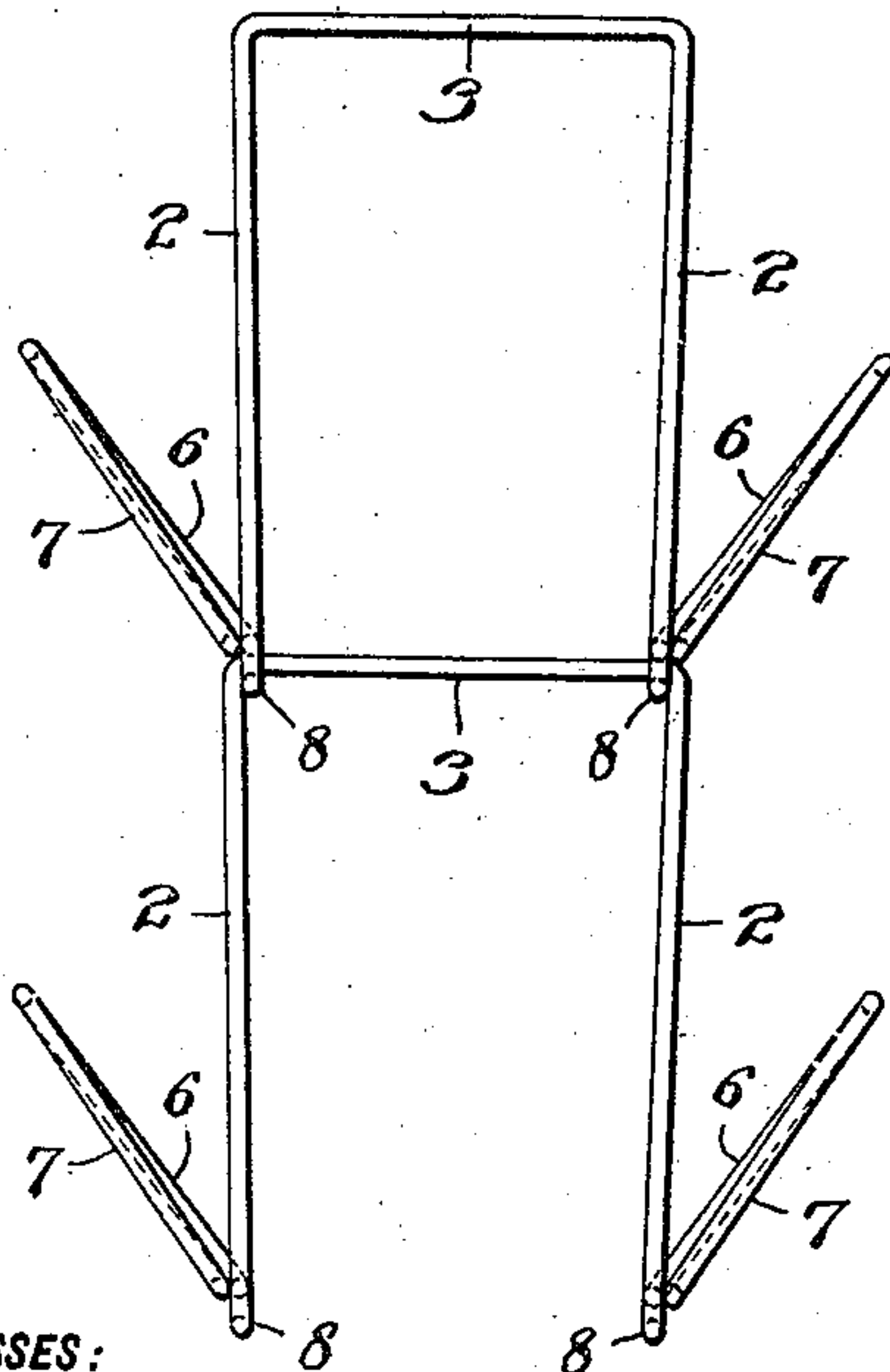
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



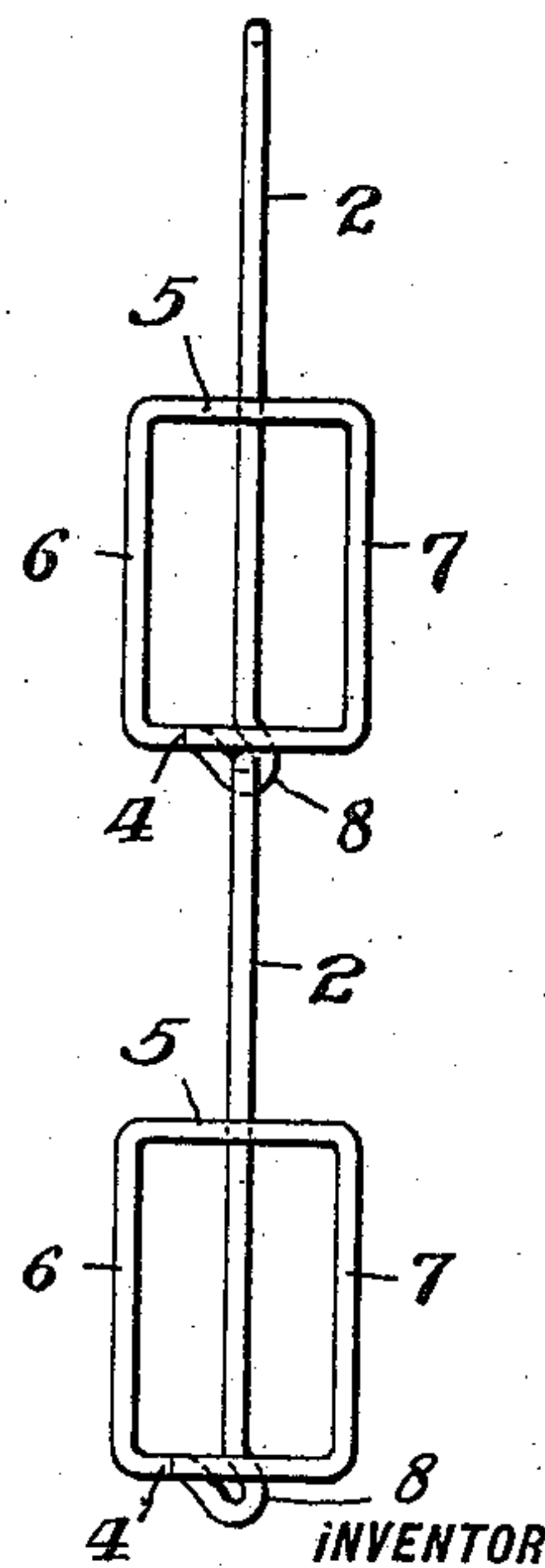
*Fig. 3.*



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*Fig. 4.*



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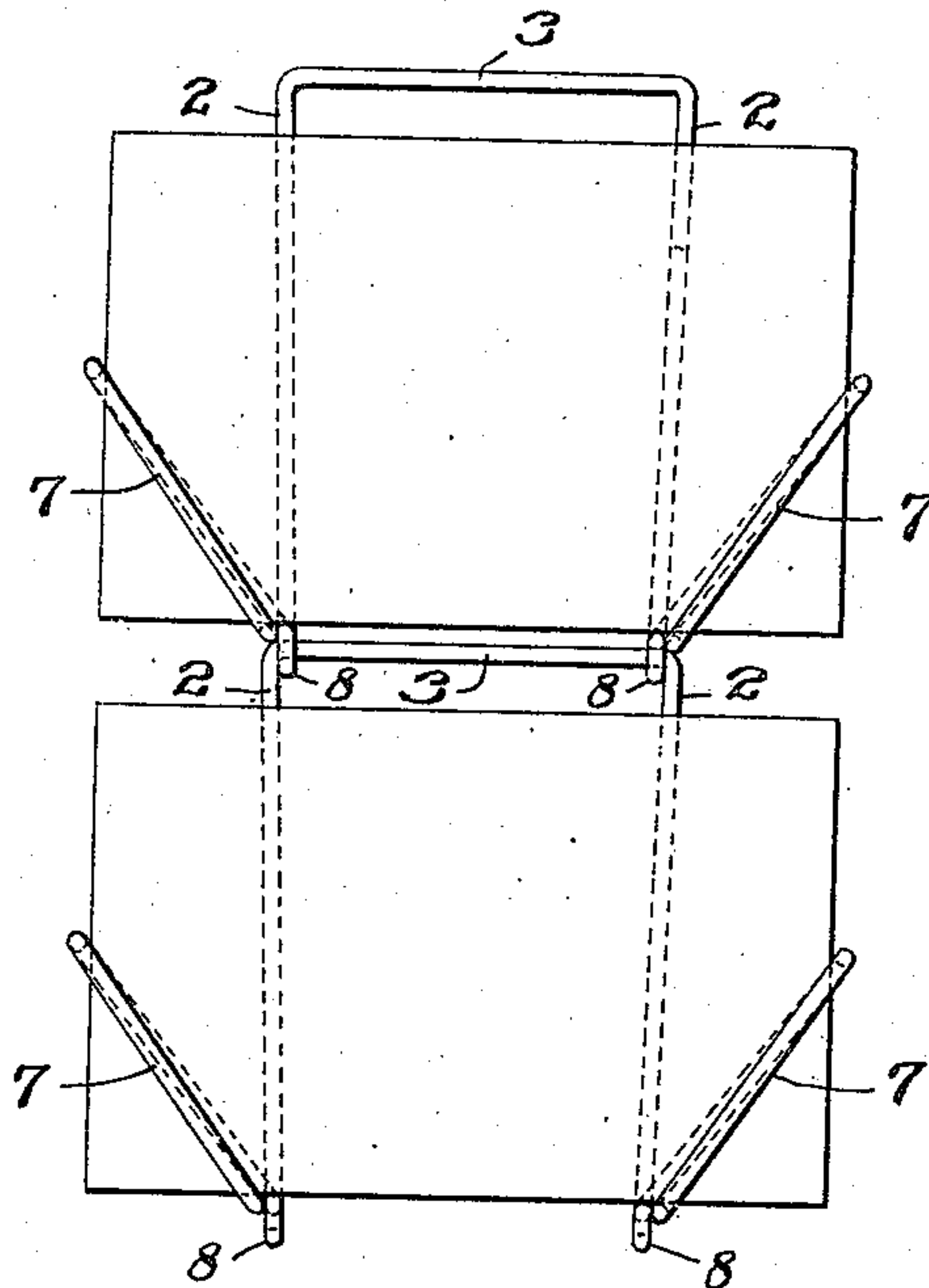


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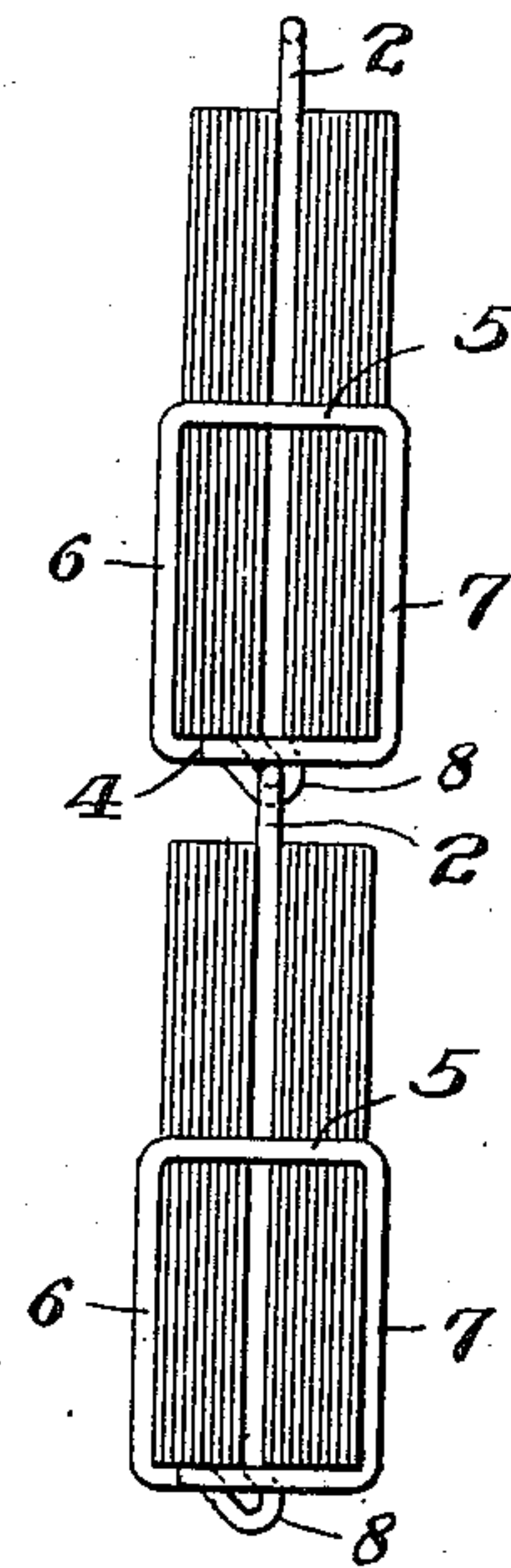


Fig. 7.

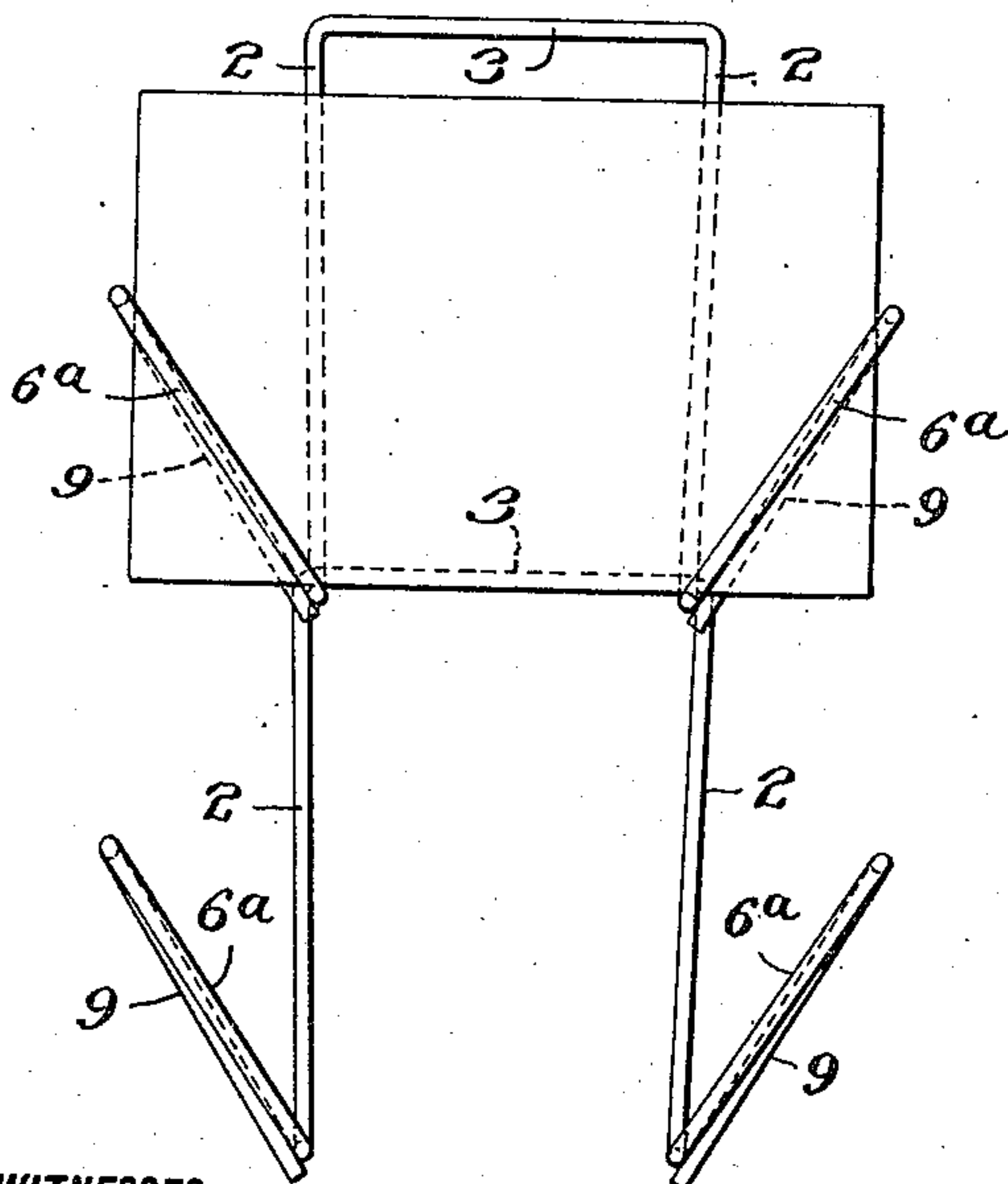
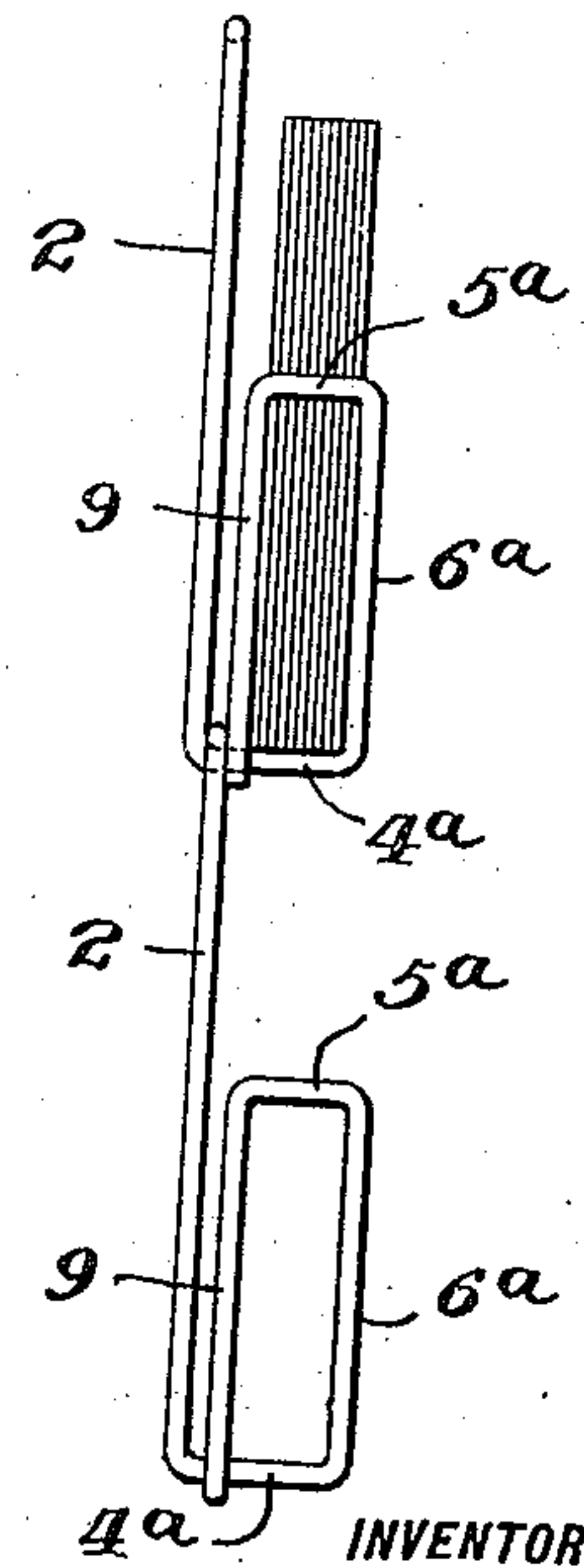


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW V. GROUPE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Holders for Cards or Similar Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders for the display of cards or similar articles.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive holder fashioned of wire to receive and store a number or pack of cards or similar articles in a manner to permit them to be withdrawn from the holder and at the same time expose to view the outermost card of the pack.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder with means for supporting back to back two sets or packs of cards or similar articles so that the outermost card of each pack may be withdrawn from the holder and the front face of the outermost card of each pack will be exposed to view.

A further object of the invention is to provide a series of such holders with means whereby they may be linked together or supported one above the other.

The invention consists in the novel construction of the holder and series of holders hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of two holders of the form shown in Fig. 1 linked or joined together. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the holders shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the holders shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing packs of cards or similar articles in place upon the holders. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the holders and cards shown in Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is an elevation of two holders of another form, linked or joined together, embodying my invention, and showing a pack of cards or similar articles in place upon the upper holder. Fig. 8 is a side elevation of the holders shown in Fig. 7, showing a pack of cards or similar articles in place upon the upper holder.

In the form of holder shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2 2 designate a pair of legs, joined together at their upper ends by a con-

necting member 3, the legs and member constituting the body portion of the holder in the present embodiment of my invention. Projecting from the lower portions of the legs 2 2 are outwardly-extending inclined loops, their lower ends 4 constituting bottom supports, their upper ends 5 constituting side stops, and the inclined sides 6 6 and 7 7 constituting two pairs of face-stops for the articles to be displayed and stored. The inclined loops are oppositely disposed with relation to each other and they are arranged to have their openings intersected by a vertical plane common to both loops, so as to receive the lower corners of the cards or other articles. One pair of face-stops 6 6 is arranged in one vertical plane and the other pair of face-stops 7 7 is arranged in another vertical plane, the planes of the face-stops being adjacent the positions to be occupied by the outer faces of the two packs of cards when in the holder. The body portion extends centrally through a vertical plane between the planes of the face-stops, said body portion serving as a means to keep the two packs of cards separated. The bottom supports 4 4 and side stops 5 5 extend through the space between the planes of the face-stops 6 6 and 7 7, so that when the cards or similar articles are introduced to the holder they will rest upon the bottom supports and be held in place thereon by the side stops and face-stops.

In constructing the holder shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 the wire is bent to form the legs 2 2 and their connecting member 3. It is then bent to form loops 8 at the lower portions of the legs 2 2, then outwardly at right angles to the legs to form portions of the bottom supports 4 4, then diagonally outward to form one pair of face-stops 6 6, then parallel to the bottom supports 4 4 to form the side stops 5 5, then parallel to the face-stops 6 6 to form the other pair of face-stops 7 7, then inwardly to meet the portions of the bottom supports 4 4, the last-mentioned bends completing the bottom supports 4 4 and extending over the loops 8.

The holders are fashioned to be joined or linked together in series, so that any number may be suspended together, one from the other.

In joining the holders together or building up the holders in series the holder being



added is connected to the top of a lower holder. In making this connection the member 3 and legs 2 2 of the holder being added are passed between the legs 2 2 beneath the connecting member 3 of the lower holder and the loops 8 8 of the holder being added is moved into engagement with the connecting member 3 of the lower holder, the face-stops 7 7 and portions of bottom supports 4 4 springing outwardly to permit the member 3 to enter the loops 8 8. After the member 3 has entered the loops 8 8 the portions of bottom supports spring back into place and serve as guards to retain the member 3 within the loops 8 8 and to prevent the cards or similar articles from entering the loops 8 8.

In the form of holder shown in Figs. 7 and 8 the legs 2 2 and connecting member 3 are employed, but the inclined loops to receive the lower corners of the cards or similar articles are designed to support but one pack of cards adjacent the legs 2 2 of each holder.

In constructing the holder shown in Figs. 7 and 8 the wire is bent to form the legs 2 2 and connecting member 3. It is then bent at right angles to the legs 2 2 to form bottom supports 4<sup>a</sup> 4<sup>a</sup>, then diagonally outward to form face-stops 6<sup>a</sup> 6<sup>a</sup>, then parallel to the bottom supports 4<sup>a</sup> 4<sup>a</sup> to form side stops 5<sup>a</sup> 5<sup>a</sup>, then parallel to the faces-tops 6<sup>a</sup> 6<sup>a</sup> to form back-stops 9 9, the back-stops 9 extending to the bottoms of the bottom supports to provide a space between the legs 2 2 and back-stops 9 9.

The holders shown in Figs. 7 and 8 may be joined together by engaging the member 3 of one holder with the bottom supports 4<sup>a</sup> 4<sup>a</sup> between the legs 2 2 and back-stops 9 9 of another holder, the back-stops 9 9 preventing the member 3 from entering the loops to be occupied by the cards.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that any number of holders may be suspended together in series from any suitable support to receive and support packs of cards or similar articles in a manner to permit them to be withdrawn from the holders and that very little of the face of the outermost card of each pack will be covered by the holders.

I claim—

1. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire bent to form a body portion and two oppositely-inclined loops to receive the lower corners of the cards, the tops of said loops being in one horizontal plane and the bottoms of said loops being in another horizontal plane, and one side of one loop and one side of the other loop being in one vertical plane, and the other side of one loop and the other side of the other loop being in another vertical plane.

2. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire bent to form laterally-dis-

posed legs and a connecting member and two oppositely-inclined loops to receive the lower corners of the cards, the tops of said loops being in one horizontal plane and the bottoms of said loops being in another horizontal plane, and one side of one loop and one side of the other loop being in one vertical plane, and the other side of one loop and the other side of the other loop being in another vertical plane.

3. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire bent to form a body portion, bottom supports, side stops, and outwardly and oppositely inclined face-stops connecting the bottom supports with the side stops.

4. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire first bent to form a body portion, then away from the body to form bottom supports, then upwardly from the bottom supports to form face-stops, then away from the face-stops to form side stops, then downwardly to form other face-stops, and then inwardly to form other bottom supports.

5. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire bent to form face-stops, arranged in different vertical planes, a central body portion arranged in a vertical plane between the planes of the face-stops, and bottom supports and side stops extending through the space between the planes of the face-stops.

6. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire bent to form a body portion and inclined loops to receive the lower corners of the cards, the body portion being arranged in a plane intersecting the openings in said loops.

7. A holder for cards or similar articles comprising wire bent to form a body portion arranged in a vertical plane, bottom supports and side stops intersecting the plane of the body portion, and face-stops connecting the bottom supports with the side stops on each side of the plane of the body portion.

8. A series of holders for cards or similar articles, each holder comprising wire bent to form a body portion, bottom supports, side stops and outwardly and oppositely inclined face-stops connecting the bottom supports with the side stops, and means for suspending the holders one from the other.

9. A holder for cards or similar articles, comprising wire bent to form a pair of legs and a connecting member forming a body portion, and inclined loops to receive the lower corners of the cards, the body portion being arranged in a plane intersecting the openings in said loops.

10. A series of holders for cards or similar articles, each holder comprising wire bent to form a body portion and oppositely-inclined loops to receive the lower corners of the cards, said loops having their openings



intersected by a common vertical plane and means for suspending the holders one from the other.

5 11. A series of holders for cards or similar articles, each holder comprising wire bent to form face-stops arranged in different vertical planes, a central body portion arranged in a vertical plane between the planes of the face-stops, and bottom supports and side stops

extending through the space between the planes of the face-stops, and means for suspending the holders one from the other.

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

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