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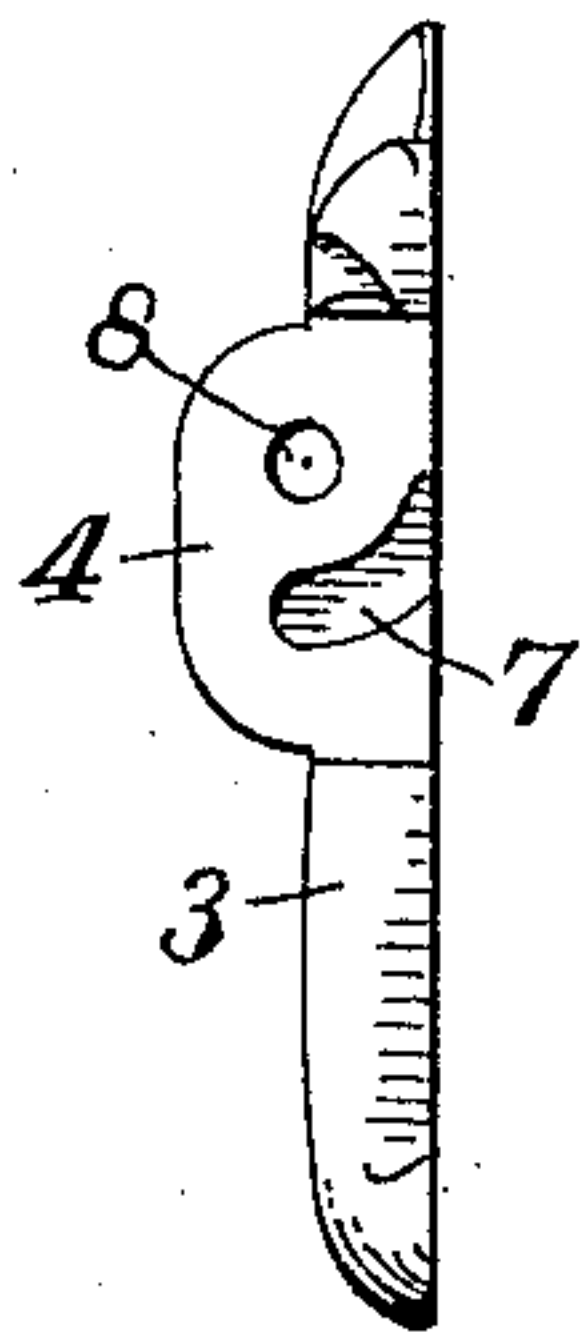


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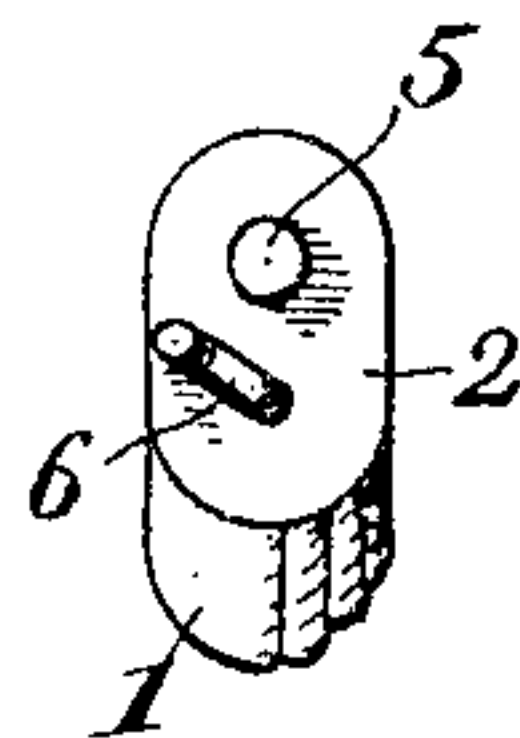


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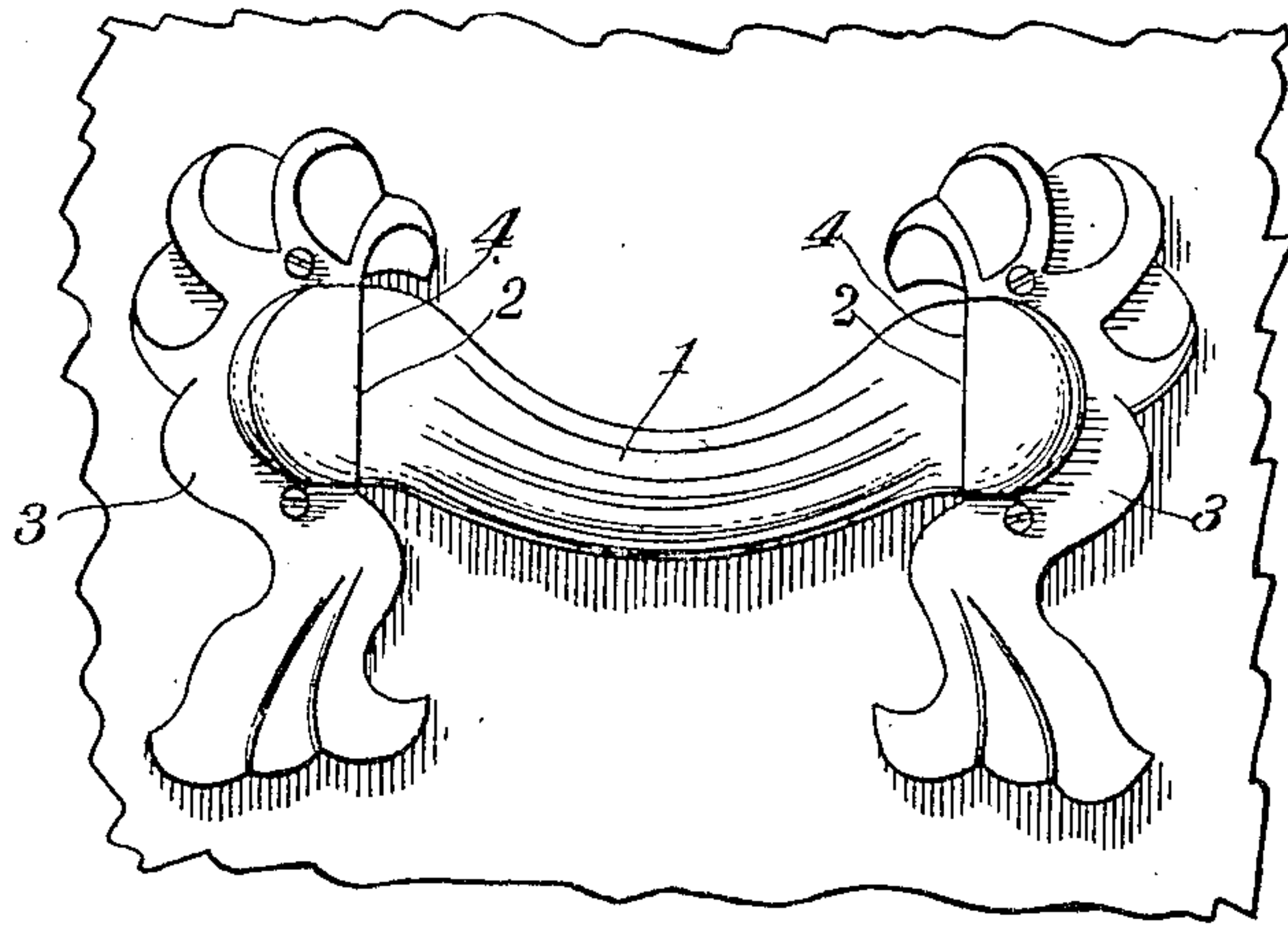


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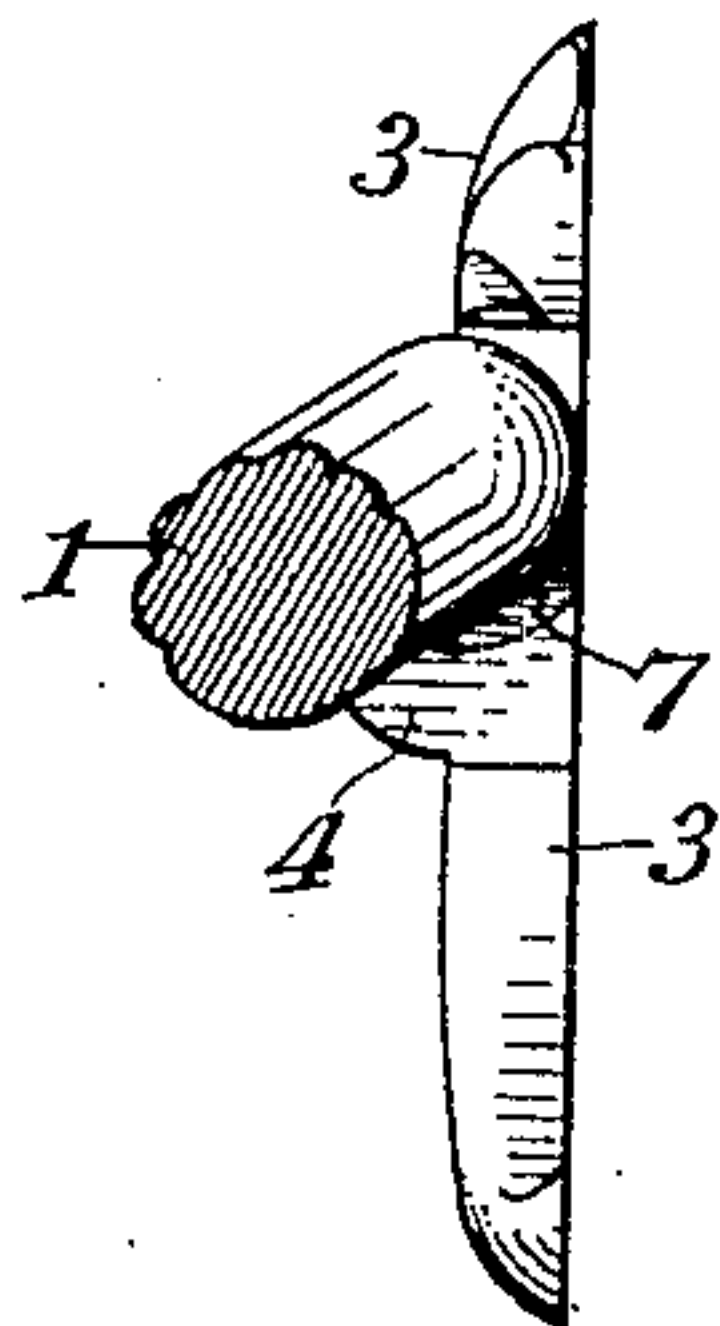


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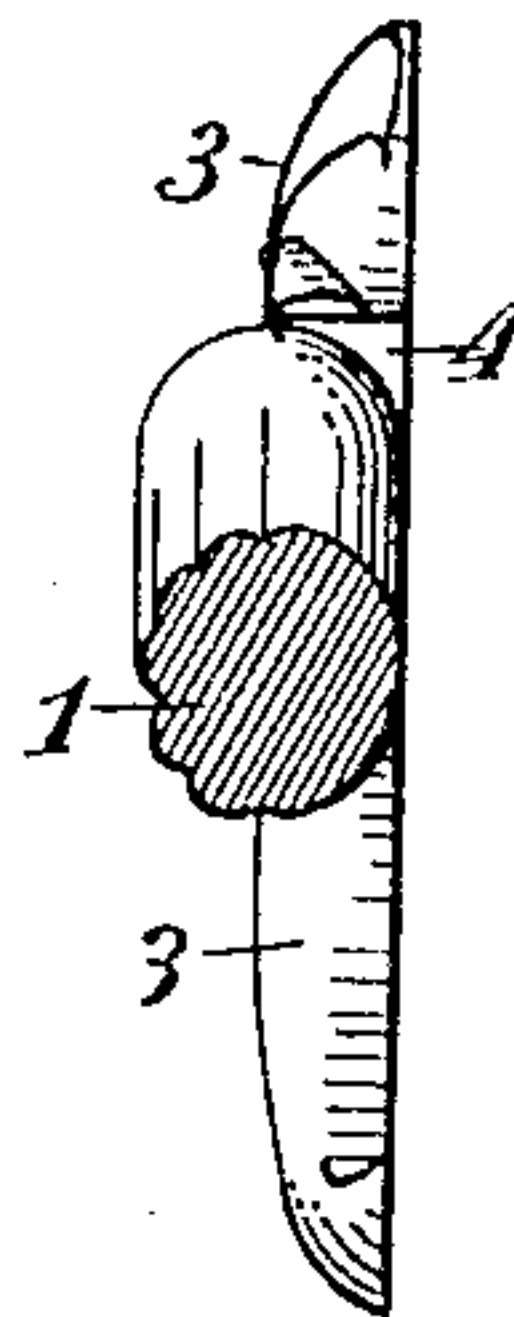


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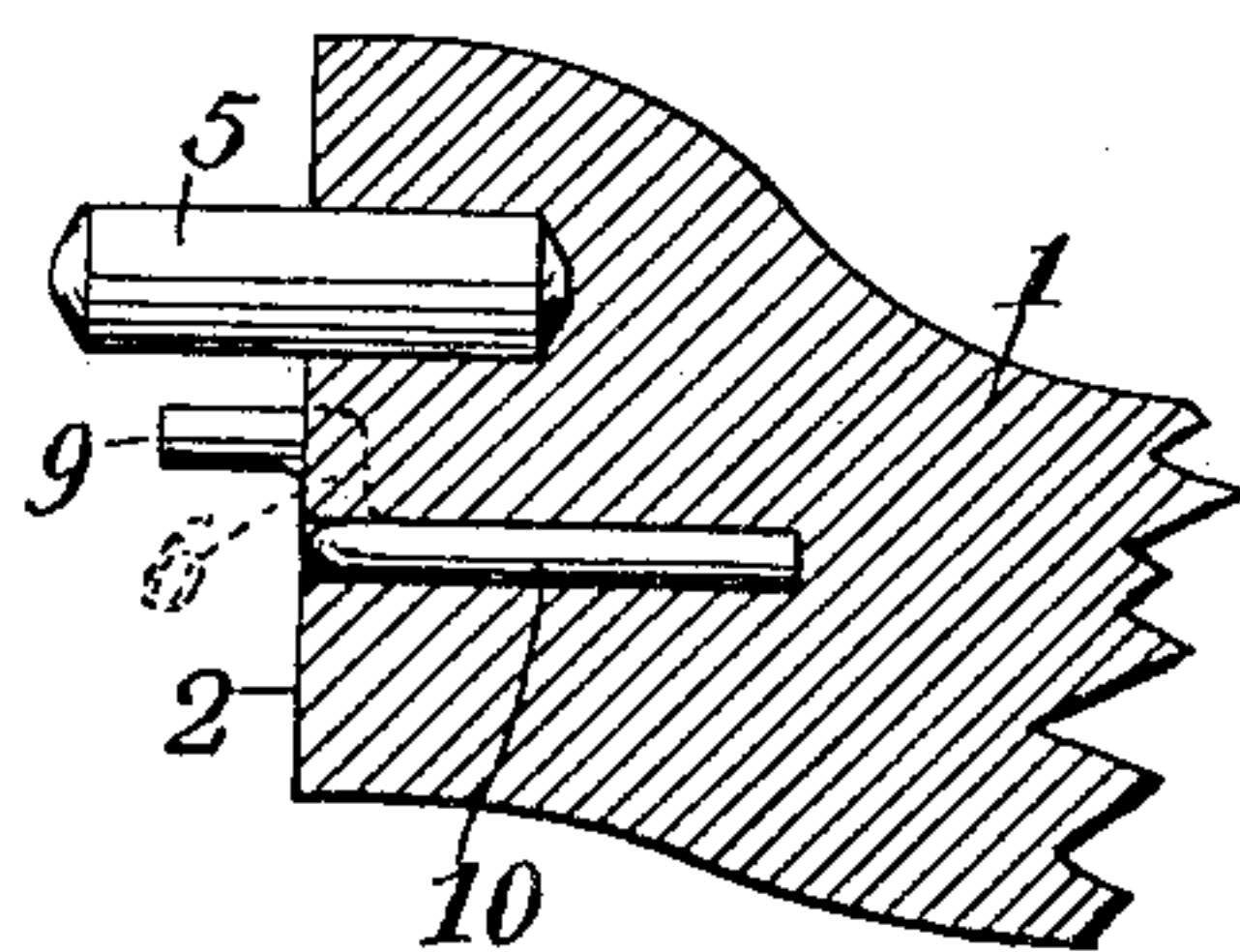


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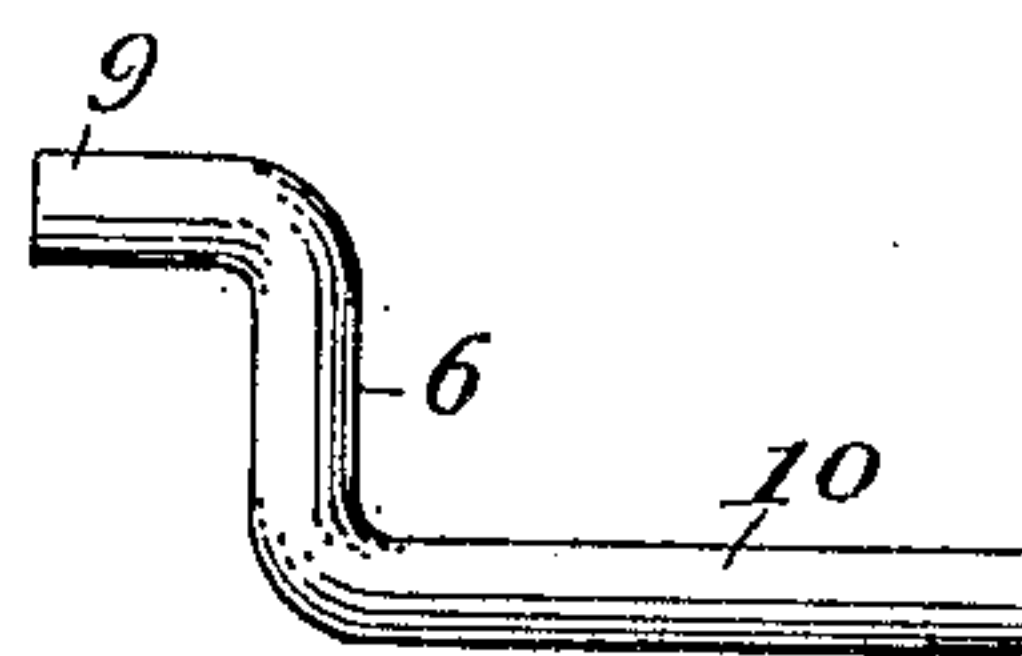


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## CASKET-HANDLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. WALKER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Casket-Handles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in casket handles and more particularly to such handles when made substantially of wood, and its object is to provide the same with substantial pivots having a limited movement, and to provide the same with certain new and useful features, hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1. is an elevation of a device embodying my invention; Fig. 2. an elevation of one of the brackets shown at right-angles to Fig. 1.; Fig. 3. an elevation of one of the ends of the handle opposite the side of the bracket shown; Fig. 4. a detail of one of the brackets and the portion of the handle adjacent thereto in open position; Fig. 5. the same in closed position; Fig. 6. an enlarged detail of one end of the handle shown in vertical section; and Fig. 7. an enlarged detail of the stop inserted in the handle.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

1 represents the handle proper consisting of a downwardly and outwardly curved member having its respective ends in planes at right angles to the axis of its pivots and each end presenting a flat surface 2 opposite to a corresponding surface 4 on each bracket 3, said brackets being adapted to be attached to the casket in any convenient manner, preferably by screws as shown in Fig. 1. These opposing flat surfaces 2 and 4 on the brackets and the handle are preferably somewhat elongated vertically or oval in form and near the upper axis of each is located the pivot of the handle which consists of a dowel pin 5 fixed in the handle and inserted in an opening 8 in the bracket and rotative therein.

To limit the outward movement of the handle and rigidly hold the same when in use, a curved slot 7 concentric with the axis of the pivots is formed, which slot extends from the inner surface of the bracket to near the lower axis of the surface 4 and is engaged by a stop fixed in the handle, which stop consists of a rod bent twice at right angles, having the shorter end 9 adapted to engage and traverse the slot 7, its middle portion 6 being embedded in the end of the handle and extending to the lower axis of the oval, the rod being bent again at right angles and extended inward within the handle as at 10, whereby it is securely held in the handle and forms a stop to limit the outward and upward movement of the same by engagement with the end of the slot 7.

It will be noted that this device is well adapted to be manufactured wholly of wood except the stop referred to and provides a strong and substantial structure well adapted for the intended use.

What I claim is:

1. In a casket handle, a handle member having plane end surfaces at right angles to its axis, brackets having plane surfaces opposite to the ends of the handle and curved slots concentric with the axis of the handle, pivot pins connecting the handle and bracket, and stops fixed in the handle and traversing the slots.

2. In a casket handle, the combination of a handle having plane end surfaces at right angles to its axis, brackets each having a plane surface opposite the respective end of the handle and each also having an opening for the pivot pin and a curved slot concentric with said opening, pivot pins in the ends of the handle and in said openings, and stops each comprising a rod bent twice at right angles and having one end traversing the slot in a bracket and having its other end and its middle portion inserted in the handle.

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

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