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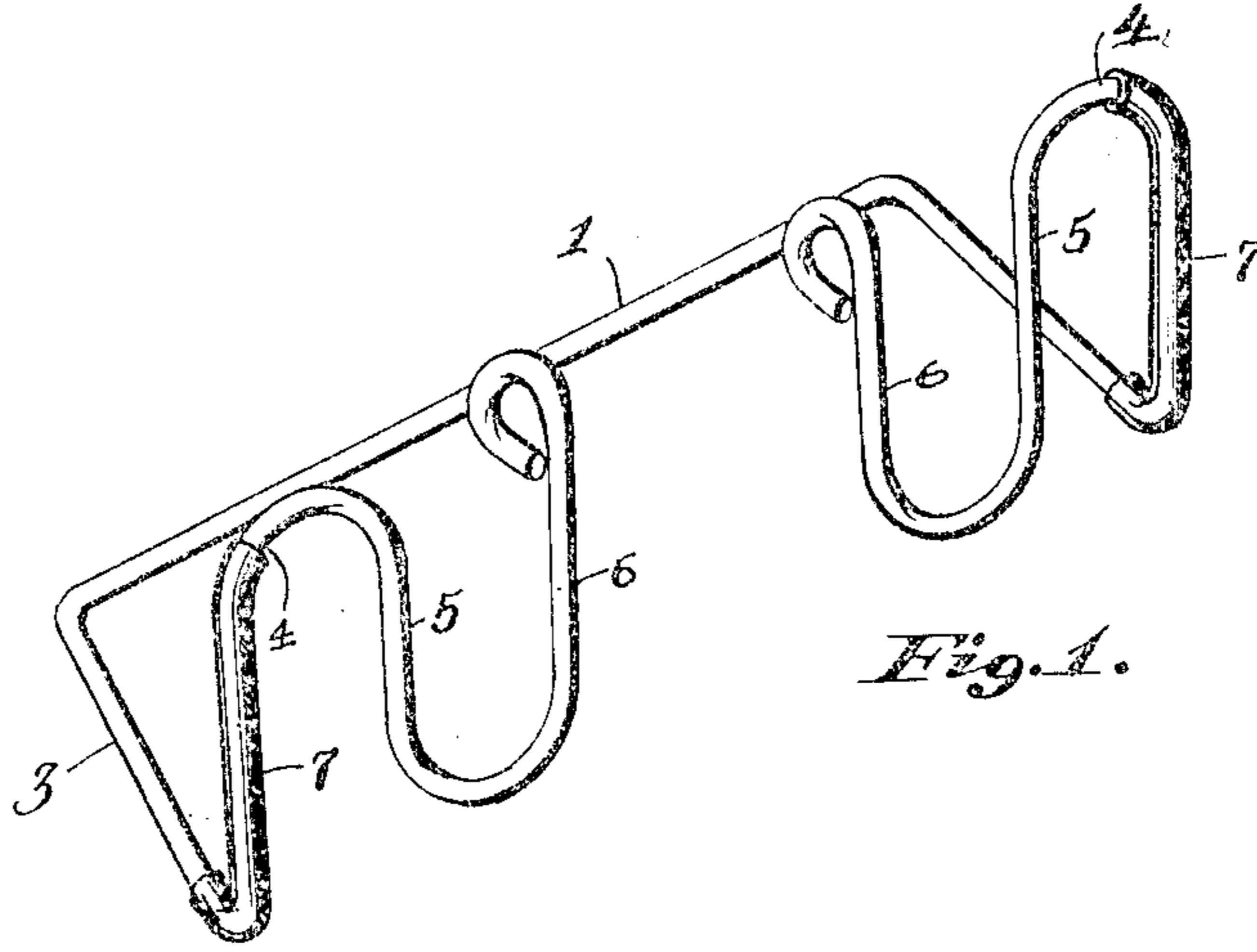


Fig. 1.

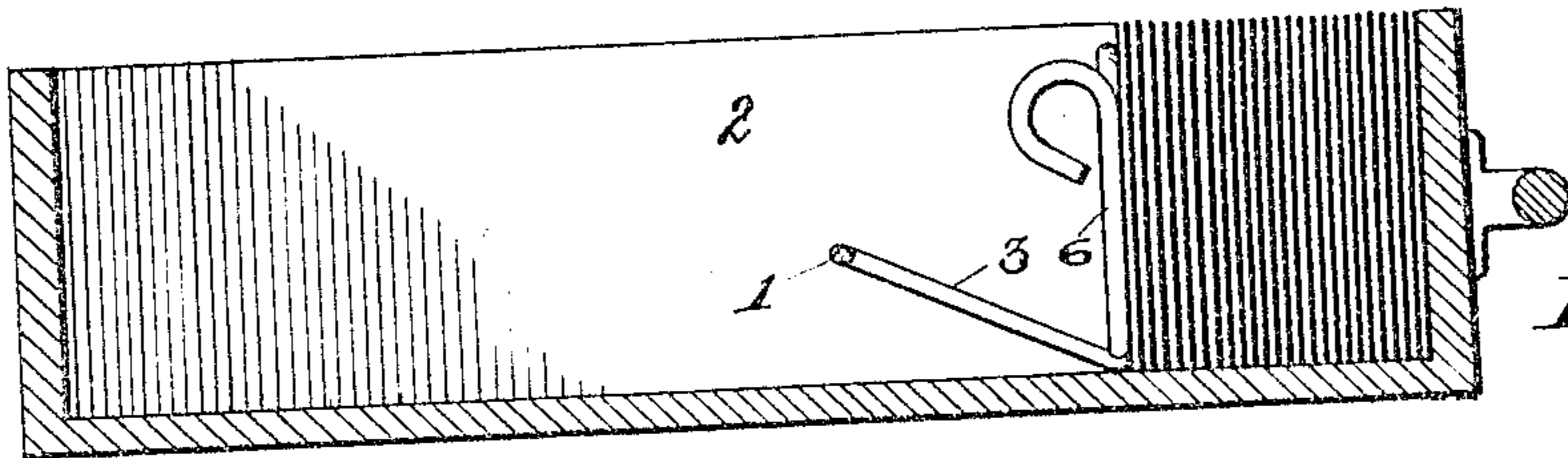


Fig. 2.

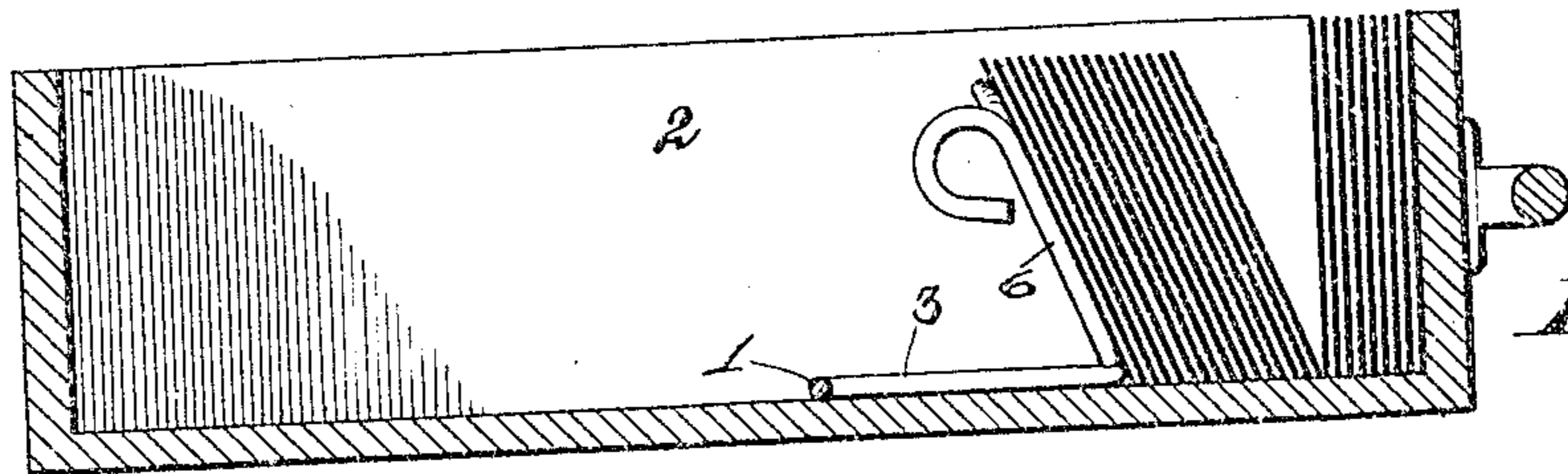


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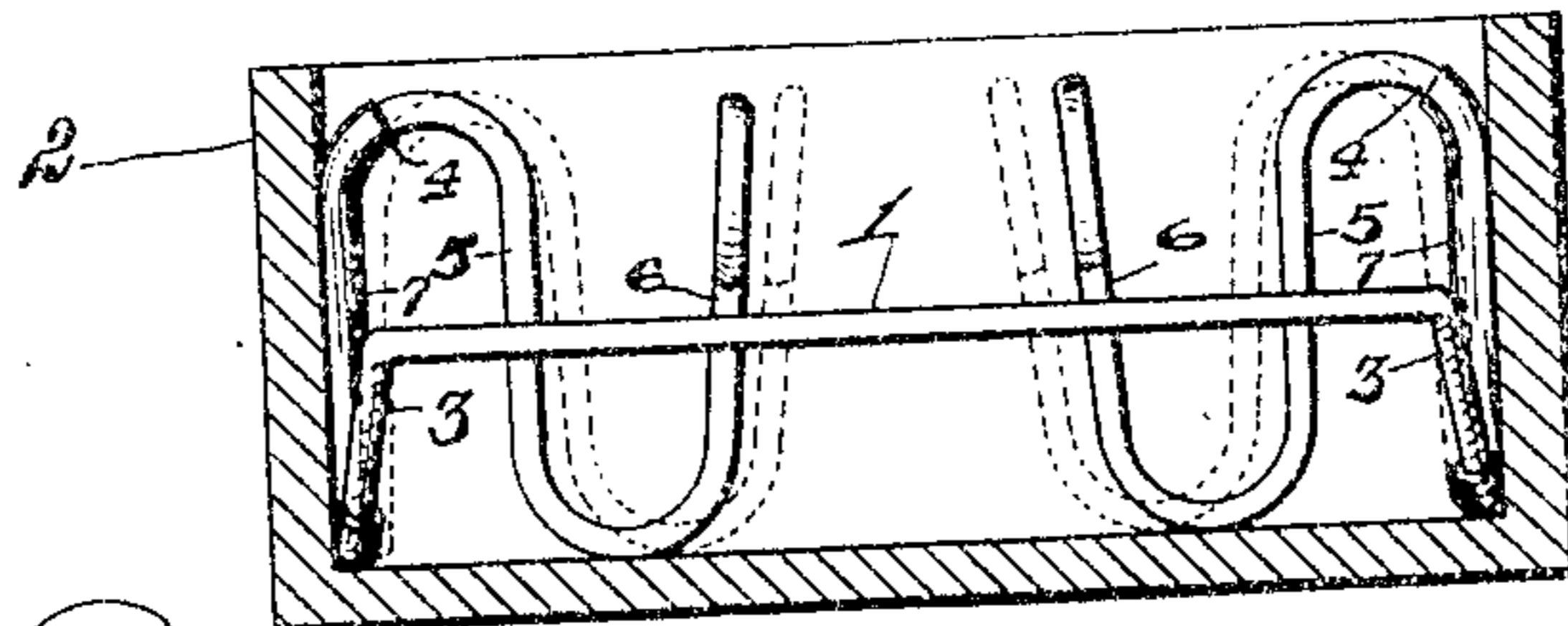


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. KIMES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alliance, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Followers and Holders for Files; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification.

The present invention has relation to followers and holders designed to be used in connection with card index files, bill files and analogous uses.

The object of the invention is to hold any desired number of cards, envelopes or like articles in a drawer, such as are commonly used in filing cases. The case or drawer, however forms no particular part of the present invention, except that a drawer or case of some kind must necessarily be used in connection with my improved follower and holder.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 is a detached perspective view of the holder and follower. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a drawer or case showing a number of cards placed in position and the follower located within the case in position to clamp or bind the cards or other articles in close compact form. Fig. 3 is a similar view, except the follower is brought into position to release the cards. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the case or drawer showing the follower placed in position with reference to the drawer and illustrating the rear side of the follower or holder.

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

In the accompanying drawing, 1 represents the rear bar, which bar is formed of a length somewhat shorter than the width of the case or drawer 2. From the ends of the bar 1 extend the angled portions 3, from which extend members 4, 5, and 6 all of which parts are formed integral and of spring wire or metal.

For the purpose of providing means for holding the follower at the desired point of adjustment within the drawer 2, the various curved and spaced members 4, 5 and 6 are originally formed so that the members 4 will come in contact with the inner side faces of the drawer 2, by which arrangement the fol-

lower will be frictionally held at the desired point of adjustment. It will be understood that the members 4, 5 and 6 will provide proper backing or support for the various cards or other like articles that are to be placed or held in the drawer or case 2. The members 3 of the follower or holder are located at an acute angle to the members 4, 5 and 6 and are so located for the purpose of providing a means for holding the members 4, 5 and 6 in the position illustrated in Fig. 3 when the bar 1 and the members 3 are brought down upon the bottom of the case thereby holding the members 4 and 5 into such a position that the tops of the various cards will be free or released, when any particular card or other article can be easily withdrawn.

When it is desired to clamp the cards as illustrated in Fig. 2 the follower is brought into the position illustrated in Fig. 2 and when in that position the members 4, 5 and 6 will come against the rear face or back of the rearmost card. When it is desired to remove the follower or holder or to adjust the follower the top or upper ends of the members 6 are drawn toward each other, which in turn moves the member 4 away from the sides of the drawer or case 2 after which the follower can be adjusted or removed as desired.

For the purpose of preventing the marring of the inner faces of the inner case and at the same time provide better frictional contact the members 4 are inclosed in the tubes 7, which tubes are formed of some flexible or yielding material such as rubber.

For the purpose of reducing friction during the time the follower is shifted from the position shown in Fig. 2 to the position illustrated in Fig. 3 or vice-versa, the members 3 are located at an acute angle to the bar 1, as best illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4 by which arrangement the principal contact point is at the junction or bend of the members 4 and 5.

It will be understood that the members 4, 5 and 6 are duplicated, or in other words, two series are formed and by spacing the series or separating the series they can be extended or compressed as desired.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A follower and holder for files of the class described said follower consisting of a bar, angled portions located at the ends of

the bar and said angled portions provided with integral alternating curved portions, said alternating curved portions located at an angle to the members extended from the
5 bar, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A follower and holder of the class described formed of a single piece of spring wire, consisting of a straight portion, angled
10 portions leading from said straight portion and located at an acute angle to said bar portion, and integral curved card backing portions consisting of two series and the series spaced from each other, substantially
15 as and for the purpose specified.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a follower of the class described formed of a single piece of spring material, backing members alternately connected together at
20 their bottom and top ends and members extended at an angle to said backing members

and an integral bar connecting said angled members, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. As an improved article of manufacture, 25 a follower of the class described formed of a single piece of spring material, backing members alternately connected together at their bottom and top ends and members extended at an angle to said backing members and an
30 integral bar connecting said angled members, and the outer backing member provided with elastic covering, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have
35 hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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