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FIG. 2

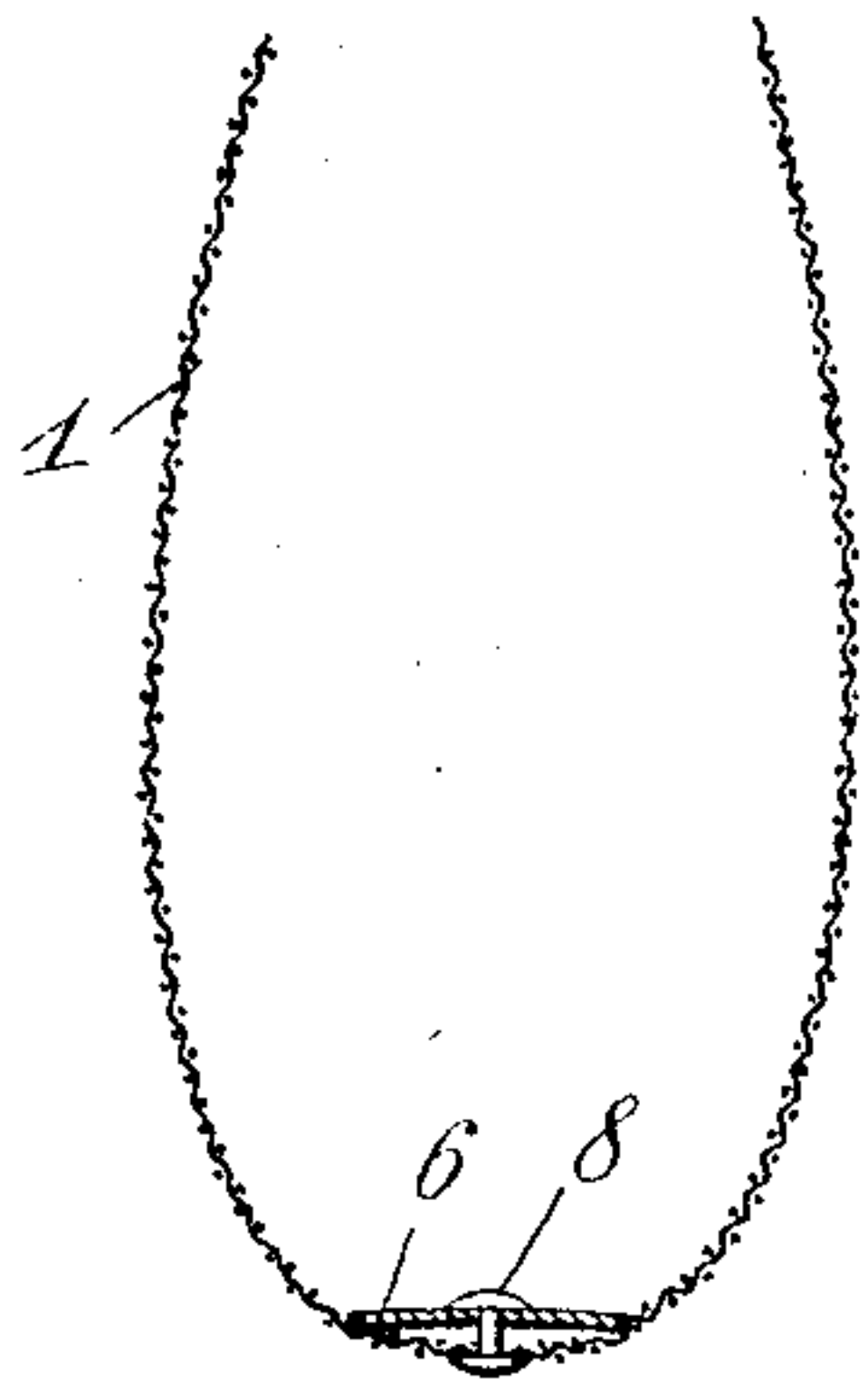


FIG. 1

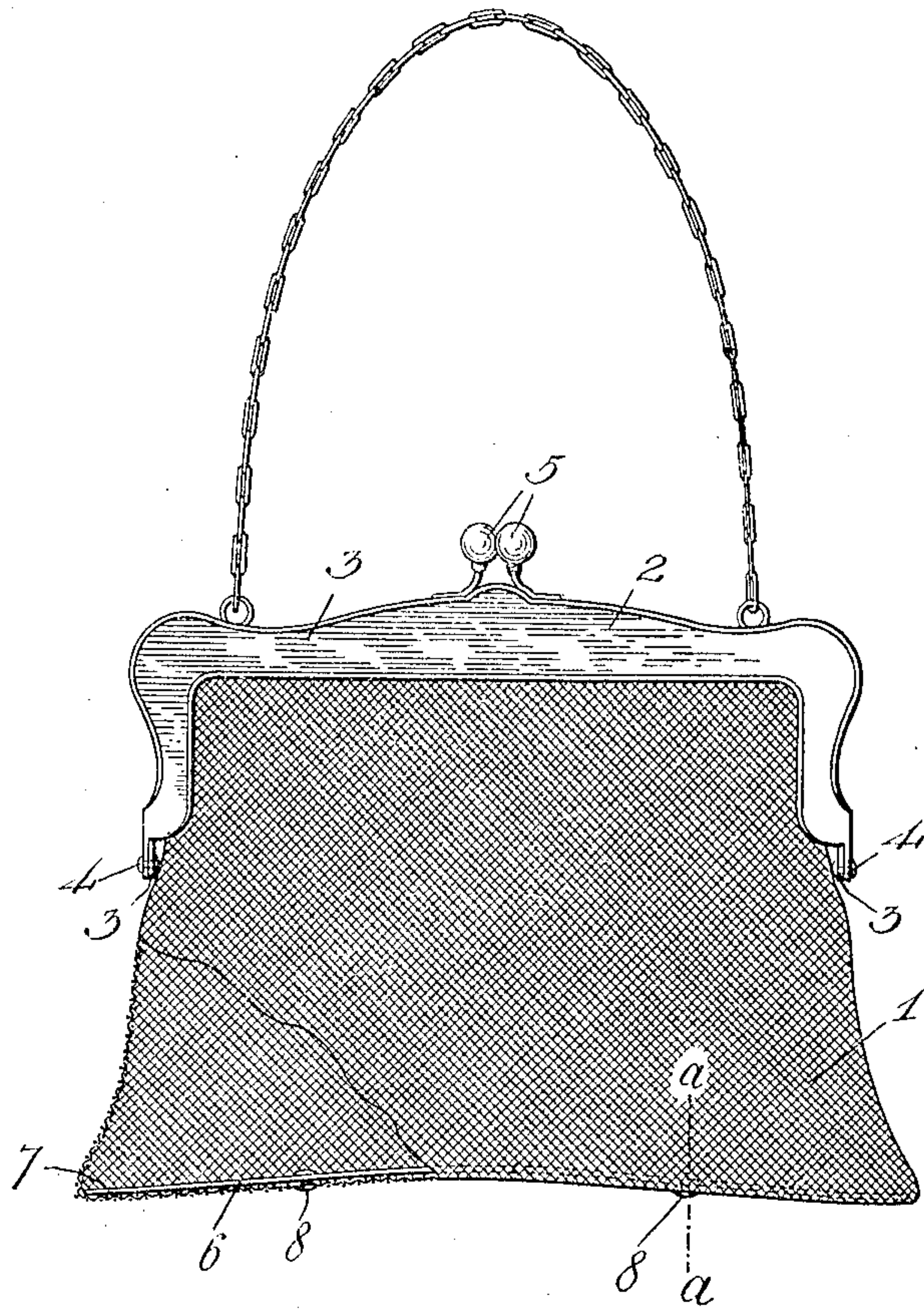
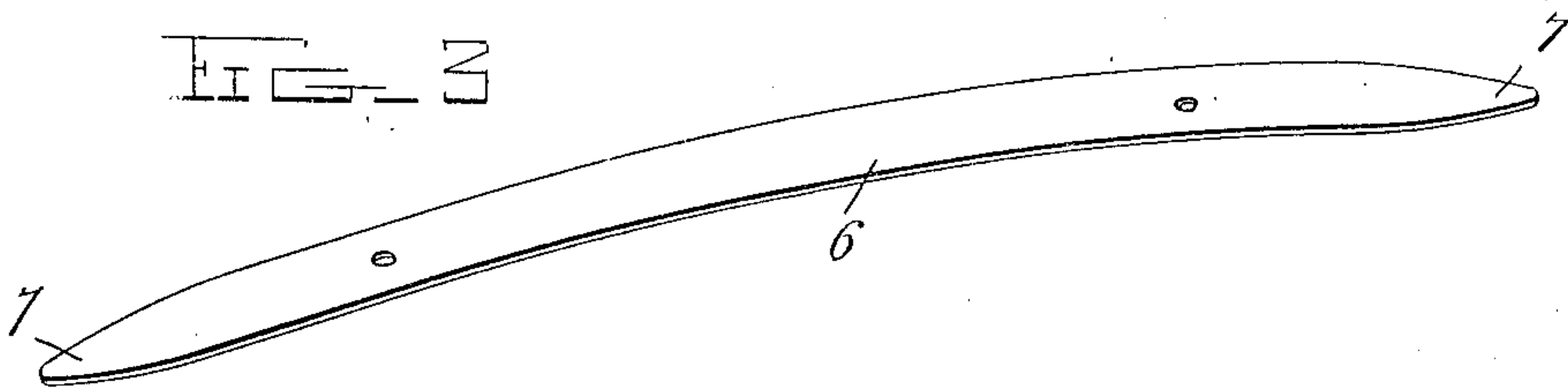


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ANTHONY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Attleboro, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Hand Bag or Purse; and I do 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 is an improved hand-bag or purse of the construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is partly an elevation, and partly a sectional view of a hand-bag or purse embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a detail transverse sectional view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the stiffening bar.

The body 1 of my improved purse or hand-bag is made of woven wire fabric, of any suitable metal, and if such fabric is made of base metal, the same may be plated with a precious or non-corrodible metal, if preferred. At the mouth of the purse or hand-bag is a frame 2, composed of a pair of members 3, hinged together, as at 4, and provided with the usual clasps 5. The body of the bag or purse is made of a single piece of material, and the bottom thereof is seamless. To keep the bag or purse in shape, I provide a stiffening bar 6, which is made of spring sheet metal, is of a length somewhat greater than that of the bottom of the bag or purse, is placed in the bottom of the bag or purse and has its ends pointed, as at 7, and inverted in the lower corners of the bag or purse, is slightly bowed or curved upwardly in the

bottom of the bag or purse and is secured thereto at points intermediate its ends by headed studs 8. The said stiffening bar is of considerable breadth, so that it forms in effect a false bottom that serves to support the weight of the contents of the bag or purse, relieves the bottom thereof of such weight, and prevents the bag or purse from losing its shape. Moreover, said stiffening bar serves to keep the bag or purse in shape when empty.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention, as defined by the appended claims.

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

A bag or purse composed of flexible material and having an elastic stiffening bar in its bottom, said bar having pointed ends engaged with the lower corners of the bag or purse, and fastening members for securing the bar in place.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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