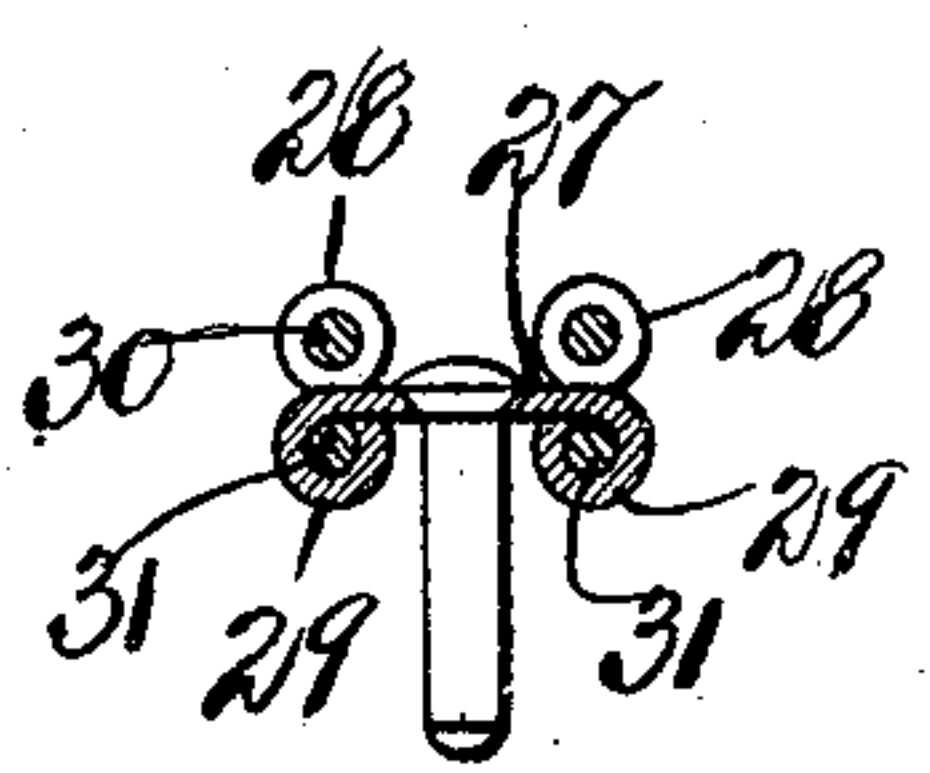
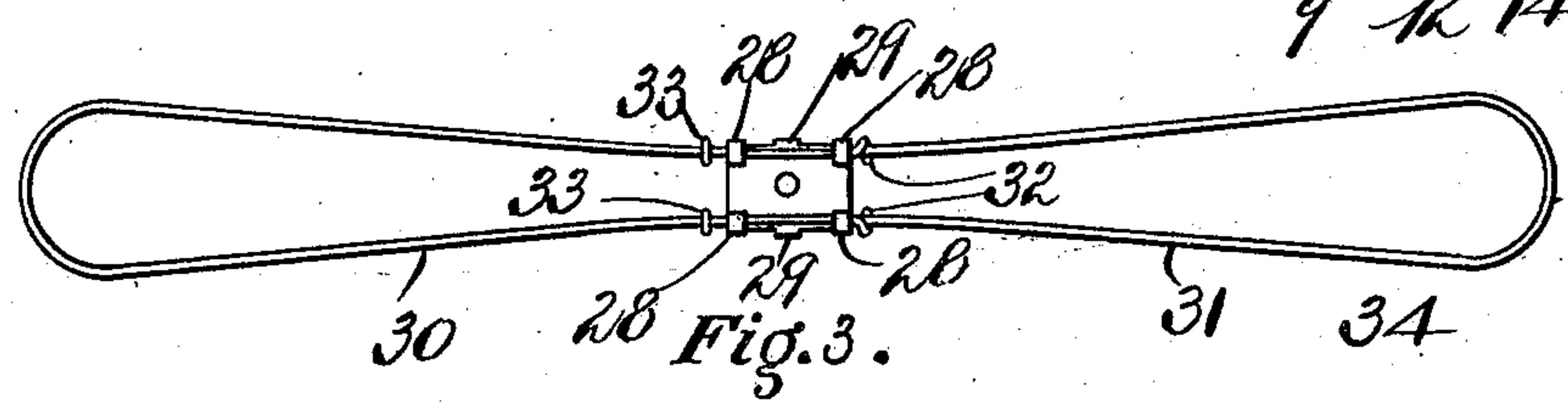
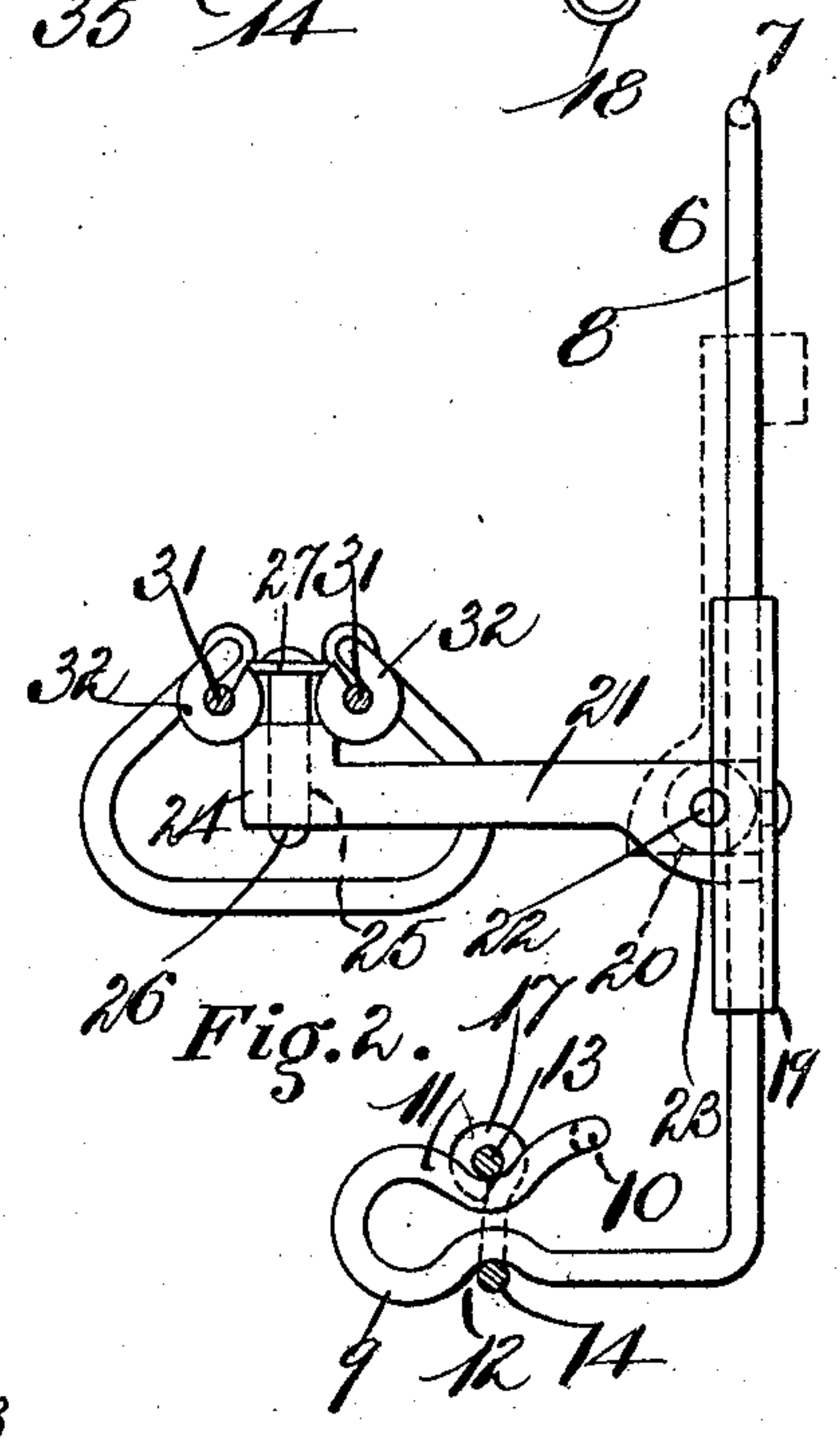
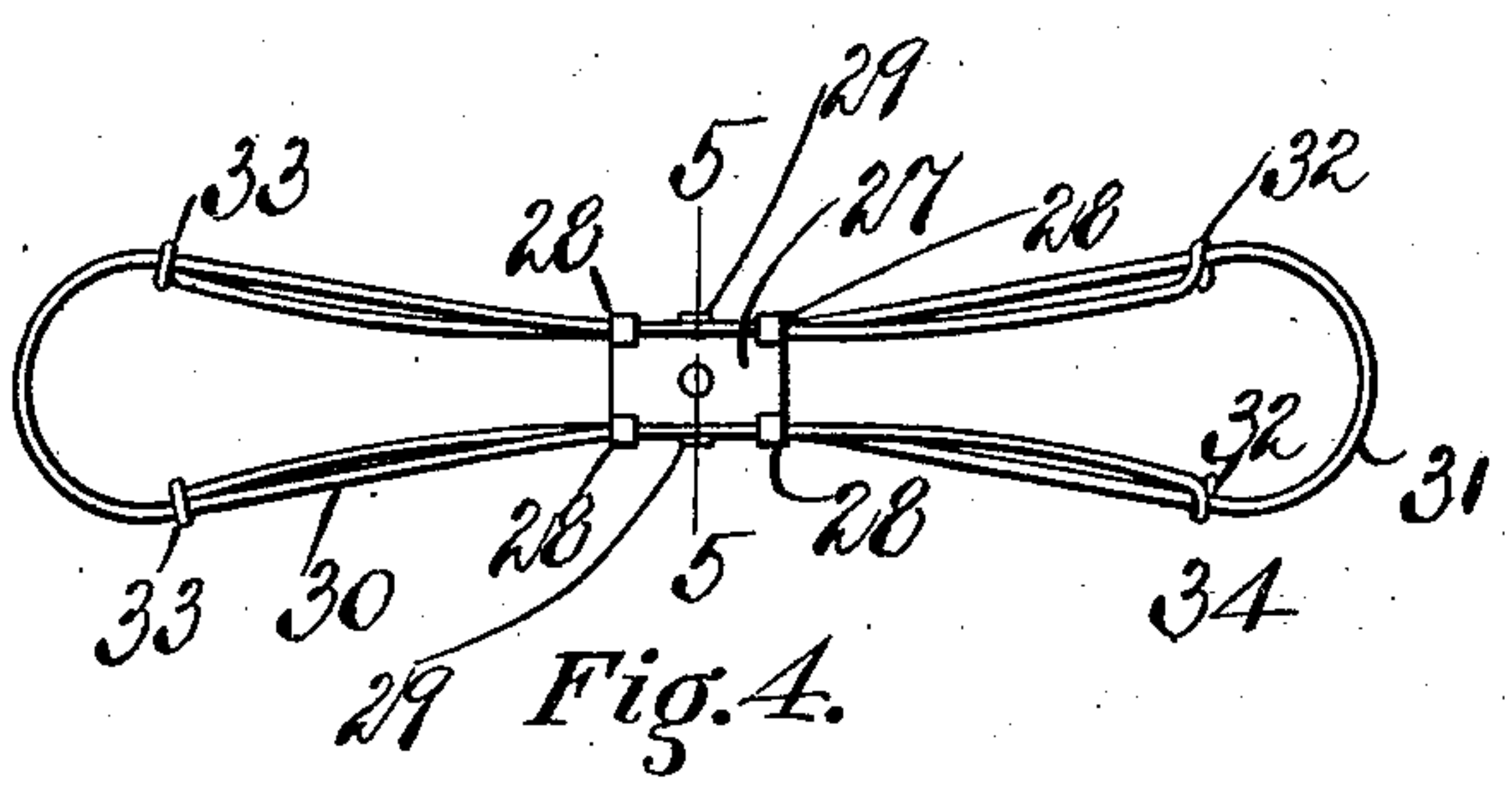
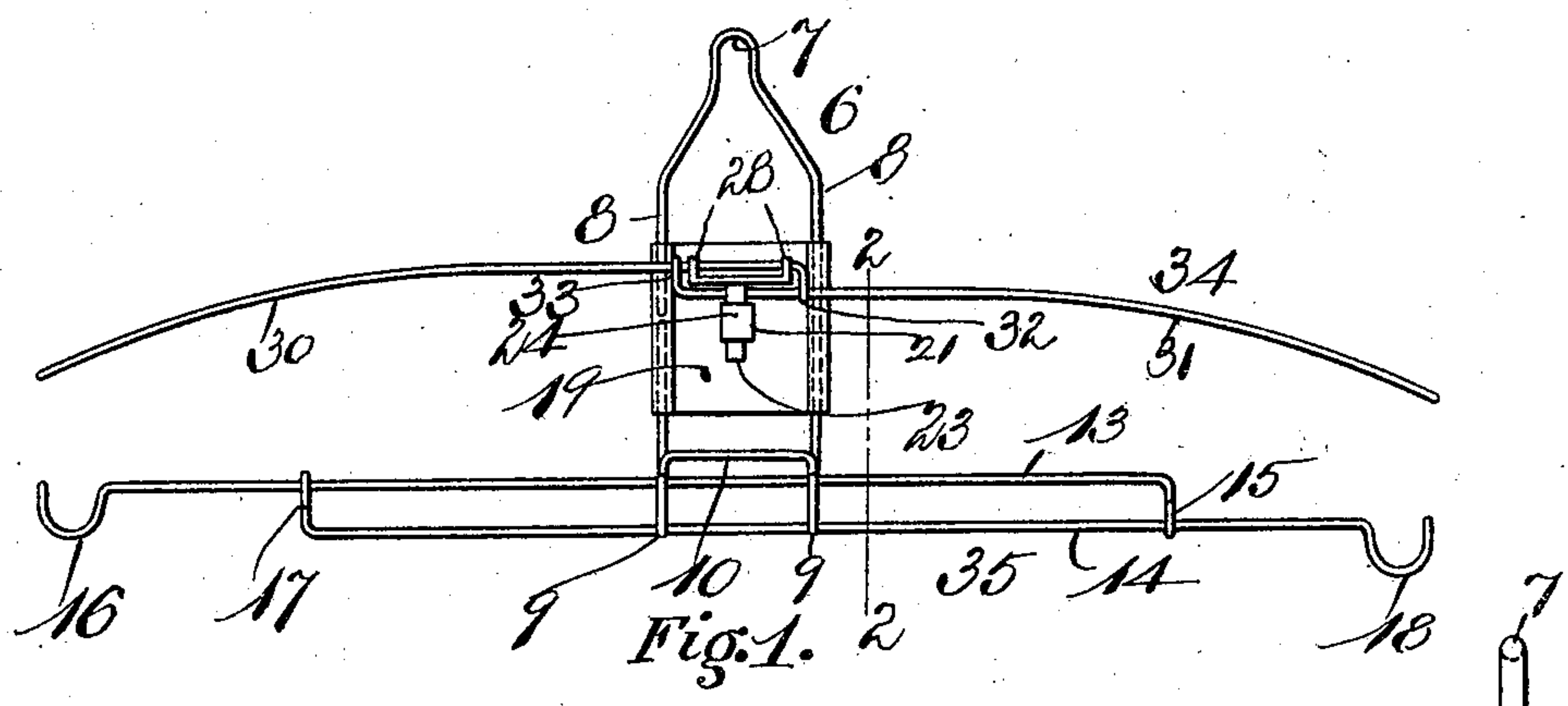


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED J. BUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved hanger for clothing, the same being adapted for supporting coats, trousers, waist-coats and hats.

The object of the invention is to provide a device adapted for the purpose hereinbefore set forth which is so constructed that when the parts are assembled the same may be attached to a stationary support or to the wall of a room, and further the object of the invention is to provide a device of the character set forth, the different parts of which are capable of being separated from each other to admit of the same being packed in a small space, either for shipment or in case it is desired to carry the same in a trunk or valise while traveling.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts set forth in the following specification and particularly pointed out in the claims thereof.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved clothes hanger. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking toward the left in said figure. Fig. 3 is a detail plan of the coat supporter with the U-shaped arms extended. Fig. 4 is a detail plan of the coat supporter with the U-shaped arms drawn together. Fig. 5 is a sectional elevation taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

In the drawings, 6 is a bracket preferably formed of a single wire and adapted to be fastened to the wall of a room or other stationary support by means of a screw or hook. Said bracket 6 is constructed of a piece of wire bent between its ends to form an eye 7, with two side members 8, 8 extending downwardly from said eye, then projecting forwardly at the lower end of said side members to form two lugs 9, 9 connected together by a cross-piece 10. The lugs 9, 9 are each provided with depressions 11, 12 in the tops and bottoms thereof, respectively, to receive and hold two wires 13 and 14. The wire 13 is bent downwardly at one end and formed into

an eye 15 and has a hook 16 at its opposite end. The wire 14 is bent upwardly at one end to form an eye 17 and has a hook 18 formed at the opposite end thereof. The wire 13 extends through the eye 17 and the wire 14 extends through the eye 15, so that said wires 13 and 14 are slidable upon the lugs 9 and engage each other at opposite sides of the bracket 6, respectively, engaging between their connecting points the depressions in said lugs, and forming, as a whole, a garment supporter 35.

The wires 13 and 14 form together a support for a garment, such as a coat, and the hooks 16 and 18 form additional means whereby articles of clothing may be suspended therefrom.

The side members 8, 8 are connected together by a plate 19 to which is rigidly fastened an ear 20. An arm 21 is pivoted upon a pin 22 rigidly fastened to the ear 20. Said arm has a lug 23 projecting downwardly therefrom which prevents the arm from rocking below a horizontal position upon its pivot by reason of the same abutting against the front face of the plate 19, as illustrated in Fig. 2. The free end of the arm 21 has a boss 24 thereon provided with a hole 25 extending therethrough and adapted to receive a pin 26 fast to a plate 27. The plate 27 has ears 28, 28 turned upwardly thereon at opposite ends and upon opposite sides thereof. Said plate also has ears 29, 29 turned downwardly upon opposite sides thereof.

Two U-wires 30 and 31 are supported upon the plate 27 and are adapted to slide longitudinally thereof upon said plate, the upper U-wire 30 being adapted to slide in the ears 28, 28, while the lower U-wire 31 is adapted to slide in the ears 29, 29, the free ends of said U-wires extending beyond the opposite ends, respectively, of the plate 27. The U-wire 30 has eyes 32, 32 formed upon the free ends thereof which encircle the two branches or legs of the U-wire 31, and the free ends of the U-wire 31 are bent to form eyes 33, 33 which encircle the legs of the U-wire 30, so that the U-wires 30 and 31 are adapted to slide upon the plate 27 and are guided and adapted to slide upon each other, whereby the length of the coat supporter 34 may be increased or diminished, as desired, to fit coats of varying widths, or to reduce the total length of said coat supporter when it is desired to pack the same into a small space.

It will be understood that the term "coat supporter" is used to indicate as a whole the plate 27, with its pin 26 and the two U-wires 30 and 31 slidably attached thereto. It will be noted that when the coat supporter 34 is supported upon the arm 21, the pin 26 is rotatable upon said arm in the hole 25 and said coat supporter is, therefore, swiveled upon the arm 21. Said coat supporter may be readily detached from the arm 21 by removing the pin 26 from the hole 25, and the arm 21 may then be used as a hat hook.

When it is desired to separate the different parts, the coat supporter 34 is removed, as hereinbefore set forth, from the arm 21 and the garment supporter 35 is removed from the lugs 9, 9 by springing the wires 13 and 14 apart sufficiently to detach said garment supporter from said lugs. The arm 21 is rotated to the position indicated by dotted lines (Fig. 2). The coat supporter and the garment supporter are then reduced to their least length and the whole device is then in condition to be packed into a small space.

It will thus be seen that my improved clothes hanger is capable of being used either for coats, trousers or hats, and that the different parts thereof may be detached one from the other and packed in a small space, rendering the device convenient in use and also convenient for shipment or for use in traveling.

When the device is in use it is hung upon a hook or screw which projects through the narrow portion or eye 7 of the bracket 6 and the coat supporter arms and garment supporter arms are extended to the desired distance according to the garment which is to be hung thereon, or, if desired, garments may be hung, such as trousers and the like, upon the lower or garment supporter 35 while a hat may be hung upon the hook 21 after the coat supporter 34 has been removed therefrom.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire by Letters Patent to secure is:

1. A clothes hanger comprising a bracket adapted to be fastened to a stationary support and constructed of a piece of wire bent between its ends to form an eye, with two side members extending downwardly from said eye, then projecting forwardly from the lower ends of said side members to form two lugs connected together and provided in the top and bottom thereof with depressions, and two wires slidably connected one to the other engaging between their connecting points the depressions in said lugs, said last named wires projecting laterally beyond said lugs upon opposite sides, respectively of said bracket and adapted to support a garment placed thereon.

2. A clothes hanger comprising a bracket adapted to be fastened to a stationary support and constructed of a piece of wire bent between its ends to form an eye, with two side members extending downwardly from said eye, then projecting forwardly from the lower ends of said side members to form two lugs connected together and provided in the top and bottom thereof with depressions; two wires slidably connected one to the other engaging between their connecting points the depressions in said lugs, said last named wires projecting laterally beyond said lugs upon opposite sides, respectively, of said bracket and adapted to support a garment placed thereon, a plate connecting said side members together, an arm pivoted to said plate, and a coat supporter detachably supported on said arm.

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

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