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FIG. 1

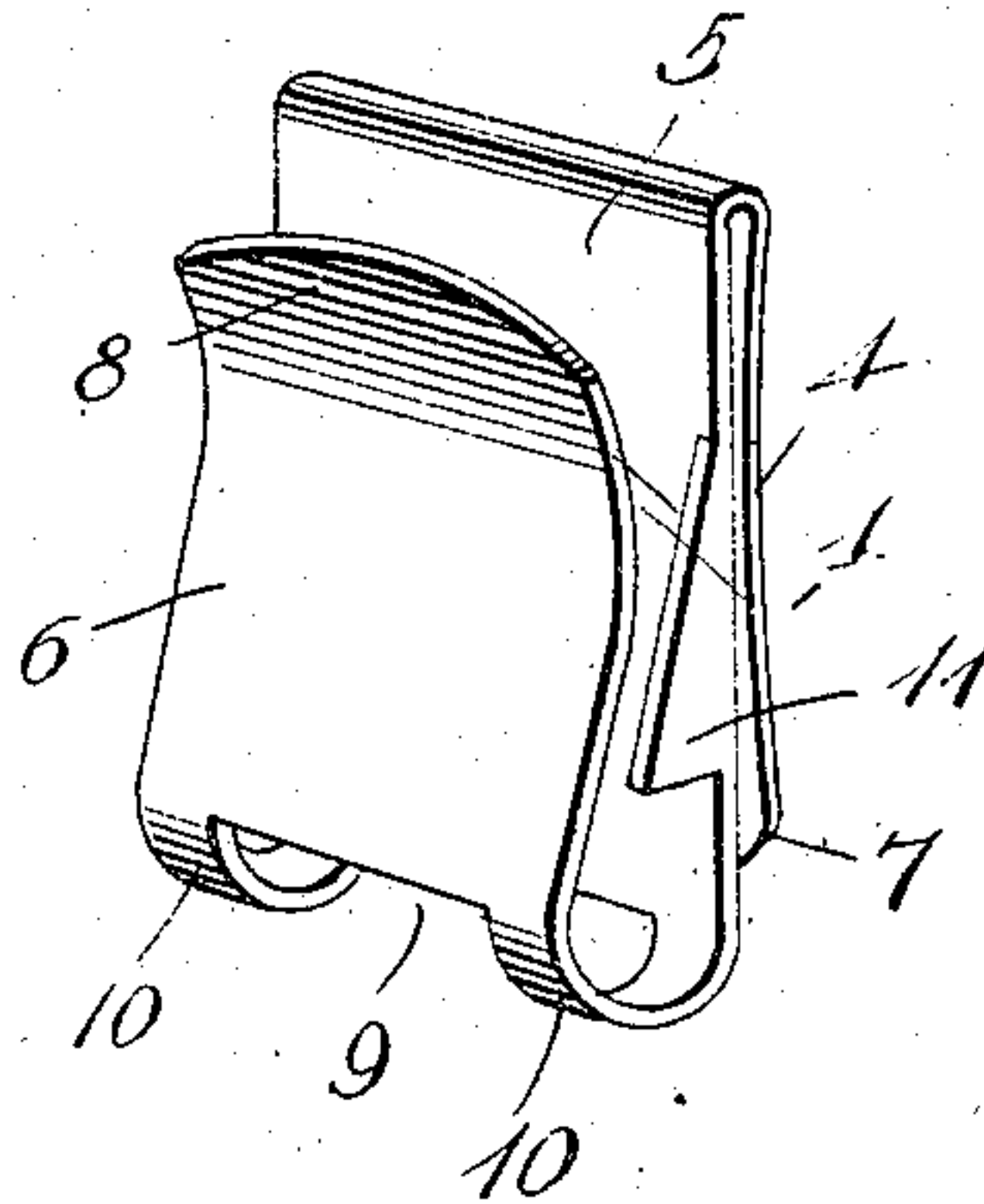


FIG. 2

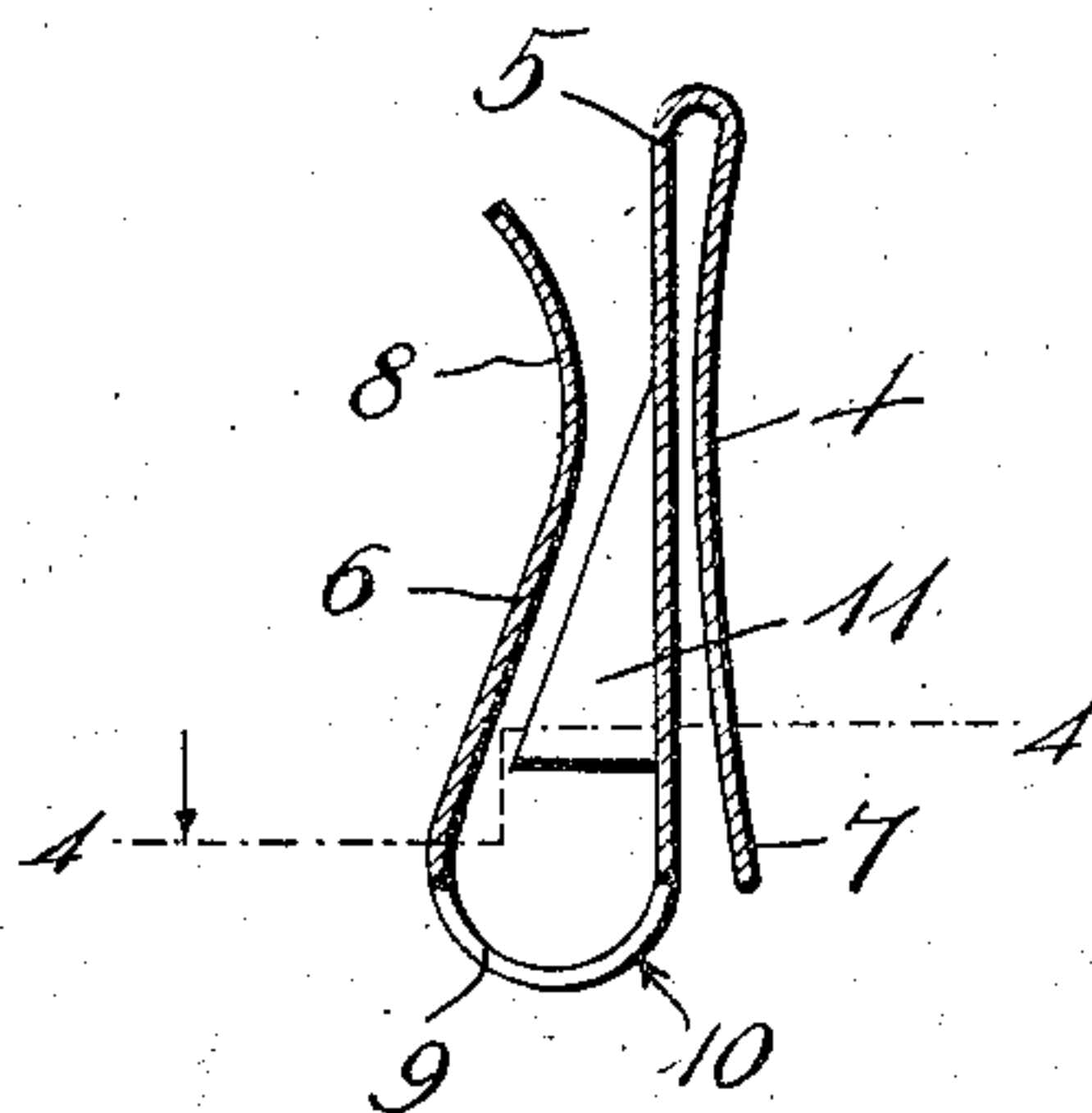


FIG. 3

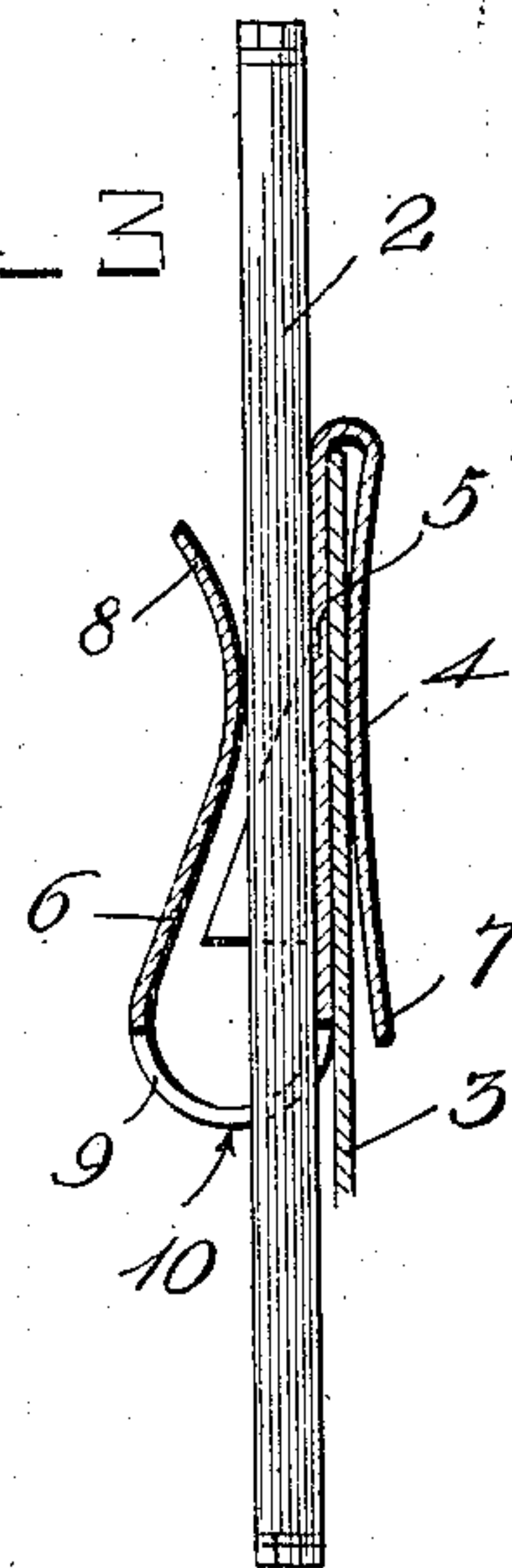
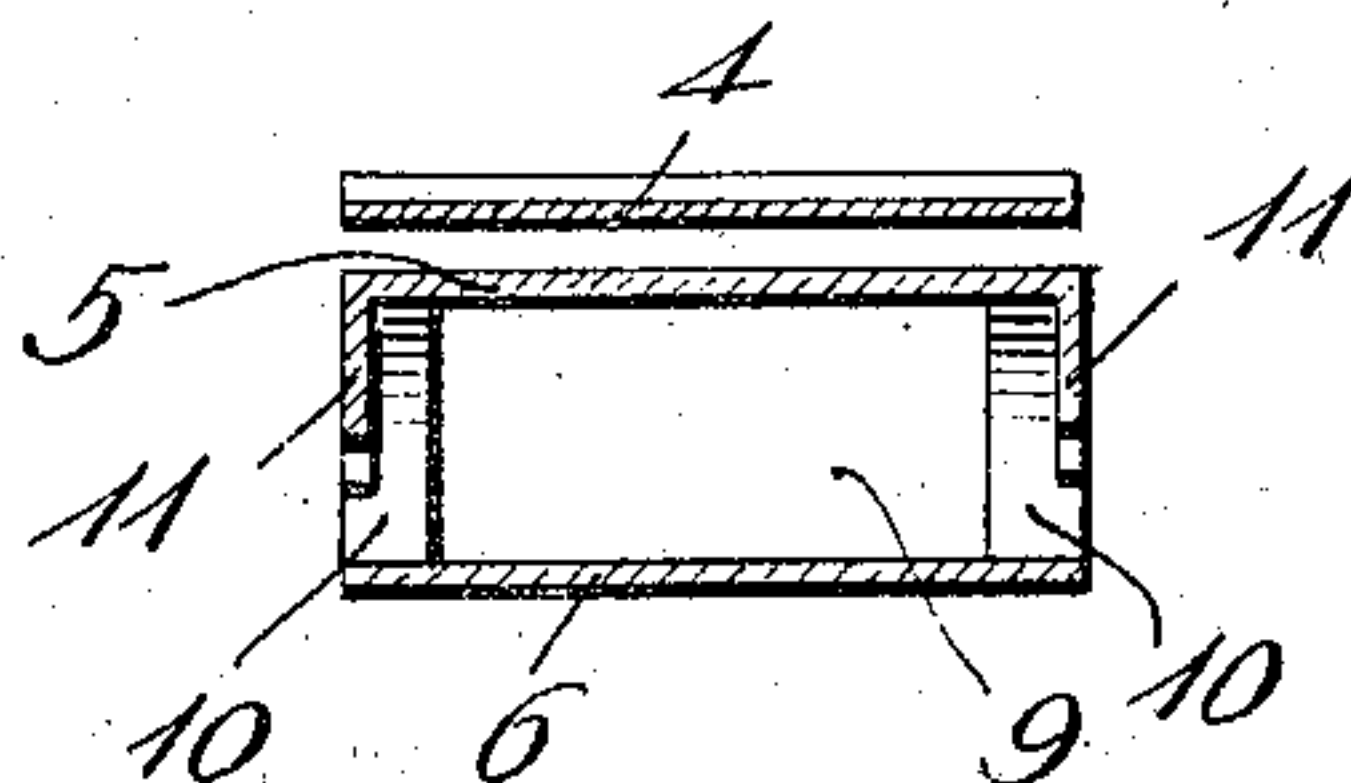


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERT V. WINSOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Davenport, in the county of Scott and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rule-Holders; 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.

This invention relates to tool holders which are adapted to be removably secured to the clothing of a workman in convenient position for holding any small tool, but more particularly a rule.

The device is formed from a flat strip of material which is doubled or bent upon itself so as to provide a yielding clamp for engaging with the tool and preventing its accidental removal, and it is also provided with means for attaching it either temporarily or permanently to the clothing of the workman.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tool holder; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same; Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view showing the holder applied to a portion of the clothing of a workman and having a rule held therein; and Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line 4-4 of Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrow.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates a sheet of metal of sufficient width to engage with a tool, as a rule, 2, and preventing its being accidentally removed therefrom. The material from which the clasp or holder is formed possesses sufficient resiliency to be held in place by frictional contact with the clothing as the overalls, 3, if desired, and also to hold the rule in position. As shown the strip of material is bent or folded upon itself twice, so as to form three walls, 4, 5 and 6, and 4 and 5 are located so close together as to engage with the material of the overalls, 3, with considerable pressure, while the wall, 6, stands out such a distance from the wall, 5, as to permit the insertion of the rule, 2, between said wall, 5, and the wall, 6. The free end of the wall 4 is slightly curved out as shown at 7 for enabling it to be

readily engaged with the material of the overalls, and the free end of the wall 6 is curved outwardly as shown at 8 to permit of the free insertion of the rule. The bend between the walls 5 and 6 is preferably cut away to form an opening, 9, between two connectors, 10, through which opening the rule is adapted to be inserted with its entire end extending into a pocket of the overalls any desired distance. In addition to forming a receptacle through which the rule may be inserted, the form of the opening, 9, in said bend reduces the amount of material between the walls 5 and 6 sufficiently to prevent the wall 6 from engaging with the rule with too great a pressure. At each side of the wall 5 and inwardly bent to form end walls for the spaces between the walls 5 and 6, are triangular flanges, 11, which are adapted to hold the rule against displacement and to guide the same into the opening, 9. By constructing a clasp or holder in this manner, a holder is employed which may be quickly secured to any desired portion of the clothing of a workman in convenient position for receiving and holding any tool which it is adapted to receive. This will prevent the accidental loss or removal of the tool, as, for instance, the dropping of a rule by a carpenter.

The device is inexpensive and affords a convenient means for advertising, as well as holding tools.

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

A rule holder formed from a strip of spring metal curved or bent upon itself to form two clamping walls and having a retaining wall, the curved portion between the clamping walls being cut away to form two connectors at the edges of the holders with an opening therebetween, the front wall of the clamp being curved outwardly at its lower end and bent inwardly and having its upper end flared outwardly and the other wall of the clamp having a forwardly extending triangular flange upon each edge, the point or upper end of each flange being adjacent to the point

of greatest inward curvature of the front wall and the bottom of the flange being between the rear clamping wall and the greatest outward curvature of the front wall, and
5 the retaining wall being adapted to hold the clamp in position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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