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Fig. 1.

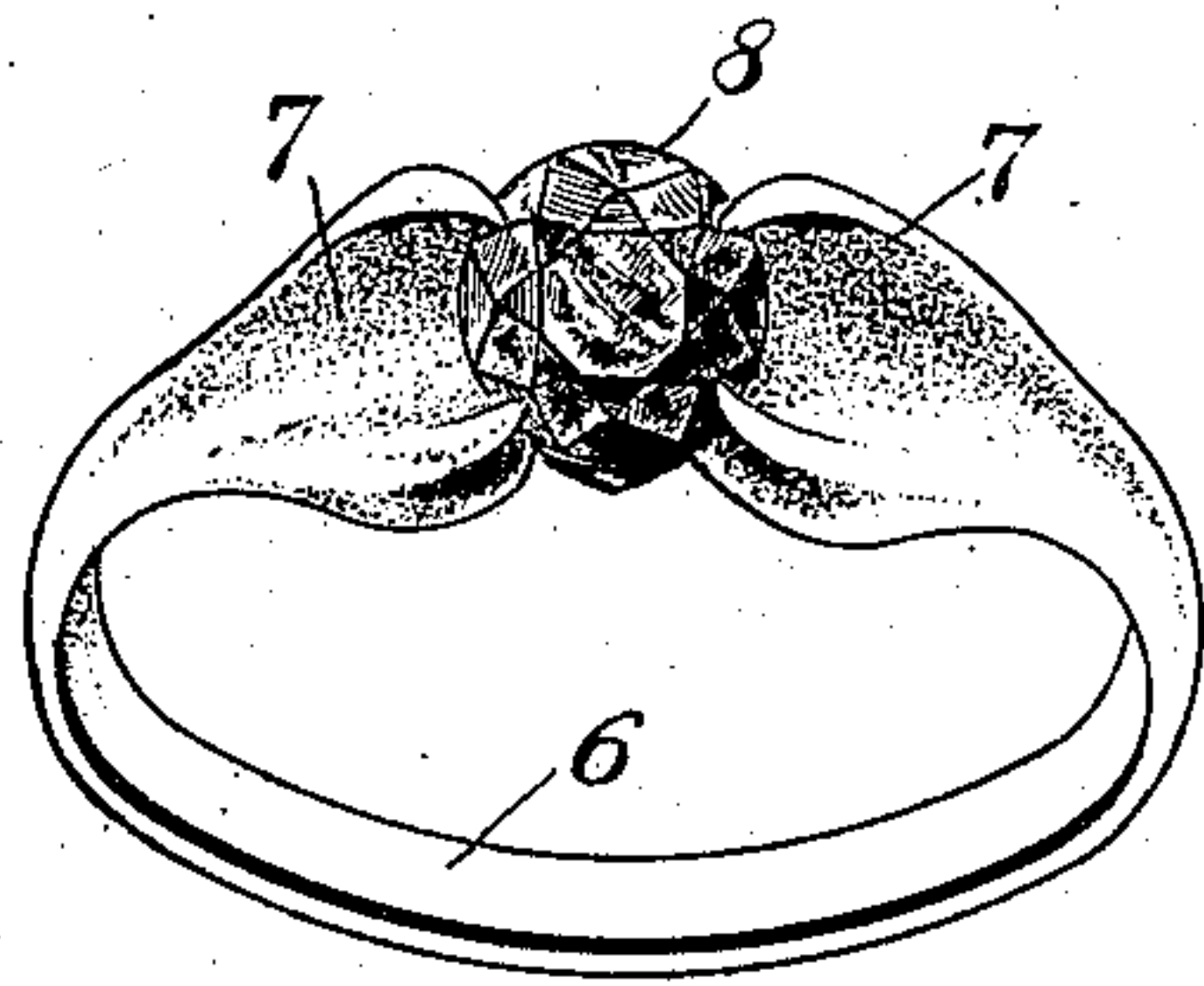


Fig. 2.

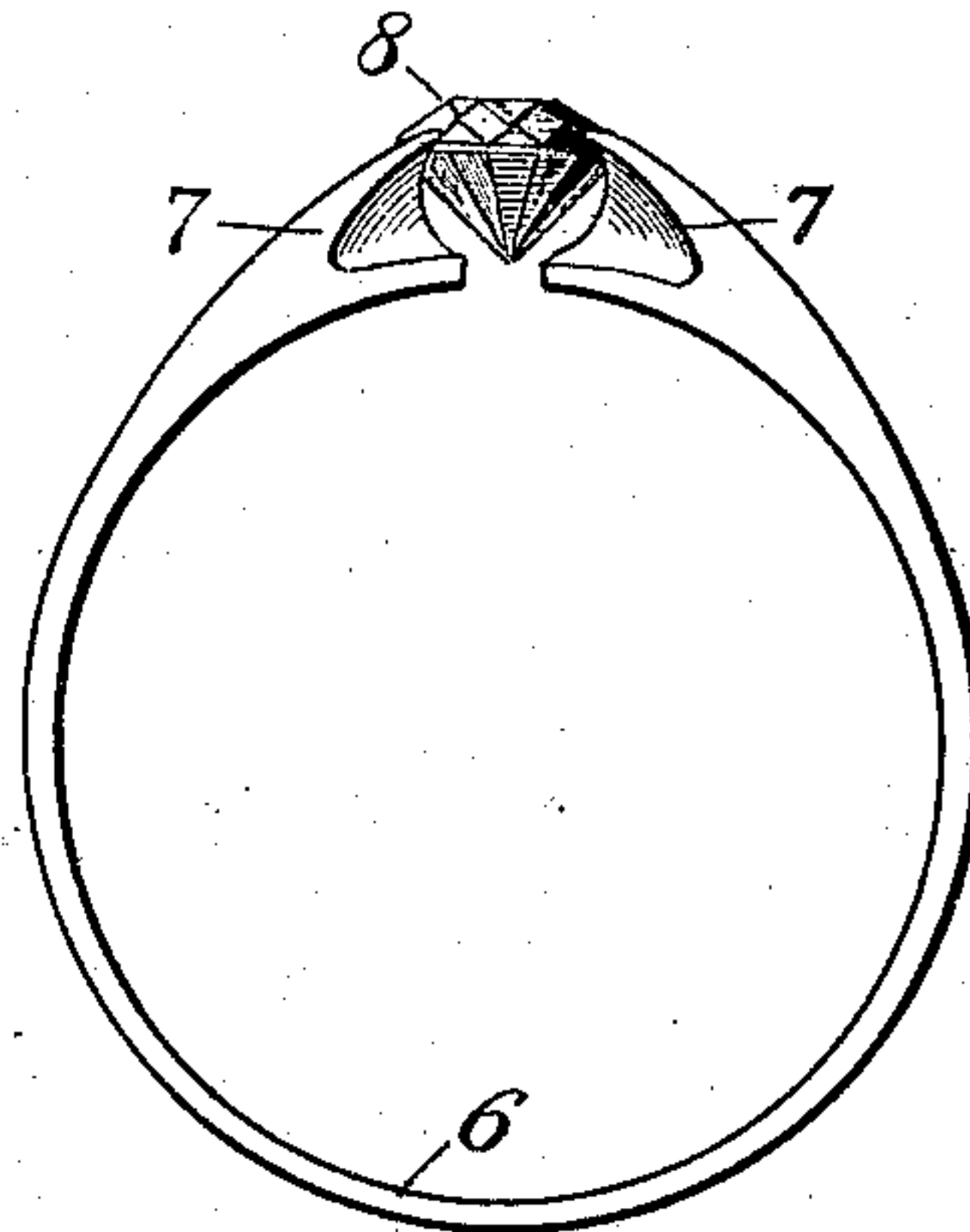
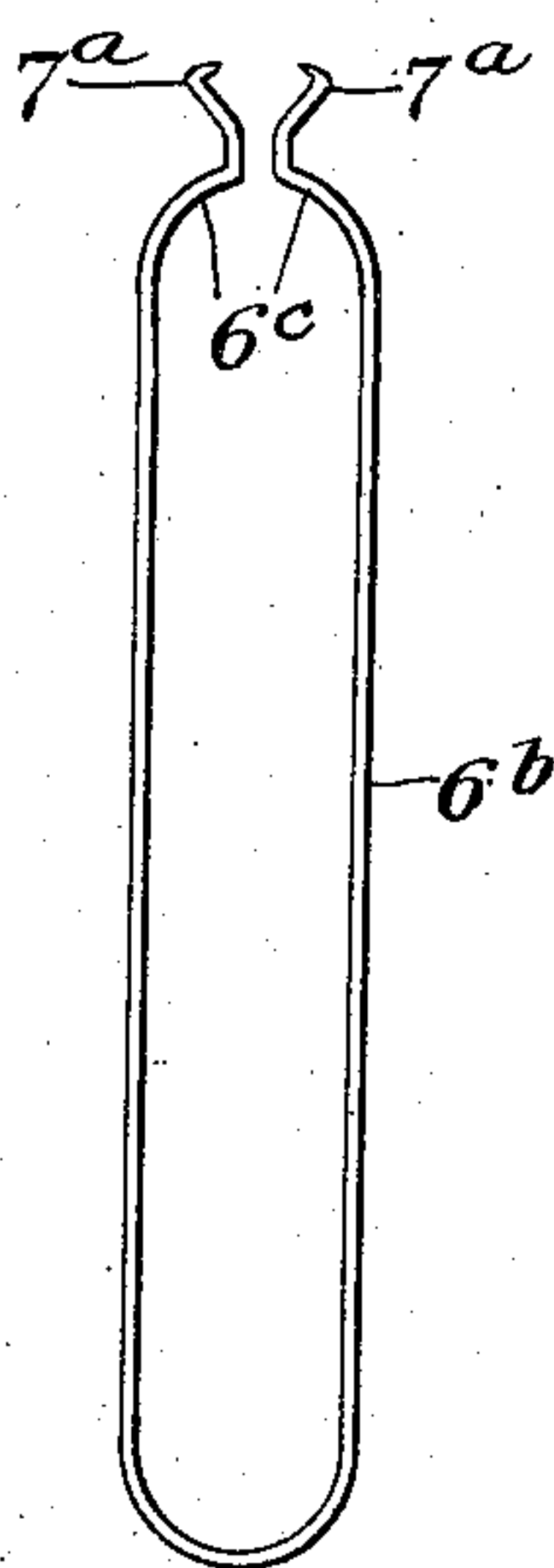


Fig. 3.



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## JEWEL-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED T. HUNT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of the Bronx, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Jewel-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to jewelry holders, my more particular object being to produce a device suitable for exhibiting jewels in such manner as to give the same the appearance they would have when worn upon a ring mounted upon the fingers.

To this end my invention relates more particularly to the production of an annular member, more or less analogous to a finger ring and provided with gripping jaws movable relatively to each other for engaging and releasing jewels.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my device in which an integral annular member representing the body of a ring is provided with jaws adapted to spring apart for the purpose of engaging and disengaging jewels; Fig. 2 is a side view of the same; Fig. 3 is a plan view of another form in which the body representing the ring has the form of tweezers having a portion serving as a handle and also a portion for fitting upon the finger.

The member 6 is of spring metal and represents the body of the ring. This member is unclosed, however, and is provided with gripping jaws 7 which engage a jewel 8. By forcing the jaws 7 apart the jewel 8 may be removed and another of the same or of a different size inserted instead. The jewel being mounted in position as indicated, the device is placed upon the finger in the same manner as a finger ring and the effect produced upon the eye by the jewel is the same as when the jewel is mounted permanently in a ring.

In Fig. 3 the jaws 7<sup>a</sup> are mounted upon the terminals of a comparatively long spring member 6<sup>b</sup>, which are provided with portions 6<sup>c</sup> for engaging the finger, these portions being curved.

My device is used as follows:—The device above described is used by jewelers in dis-

playing jewels to prospective customers. A person wishing to buy a jeweled ring can very seldom find the metallic ring with the jewel already mounted in such form as to suit his taste and requires that some change be made in order to bring the completed ring into conformity with his ideas. A person having large fingers may, for instance, desire a comparatively thin ring provided with a large jewel, whereas a person having long fingers of small diameter may prefer a comparatively thick ring provided with a small jewel. In order to enable the jeweler and the customer to see the equivalent of a ring provided with a particular style or size of jewel without the necessity of mounting the jewel permanently in a ring, the jeweler picks up one of the devices of the kind above described, forces the gripping jaws apart so as to engage the jewel sought to be exhibited, and then places the device carrying the jewel upon the finger. If this jewel is not satisfactory another may be substituted, there being no change whatever in the device except as regards the identity of the jewel. A dozen or more jewels may thus be exhibited in succession upon the same finger without the necessity for mounting or dismounting a single jewel in the sense in which the term is ordinarily used.

The device above described is also useful for enabling a jeweler to display his loose stock of gems without the expense of mounting the same permanently.

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

A device of the character described, comprising a single integral piece of spring metal bent around so that its ends are comparatively close together, and provided internally with a surface for engaging the finger, said ends being provided with gripping jaws provided with prolongations extending toward each other at their tips and having surfaces for engaging oppositely-disposed portions of a jewel.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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