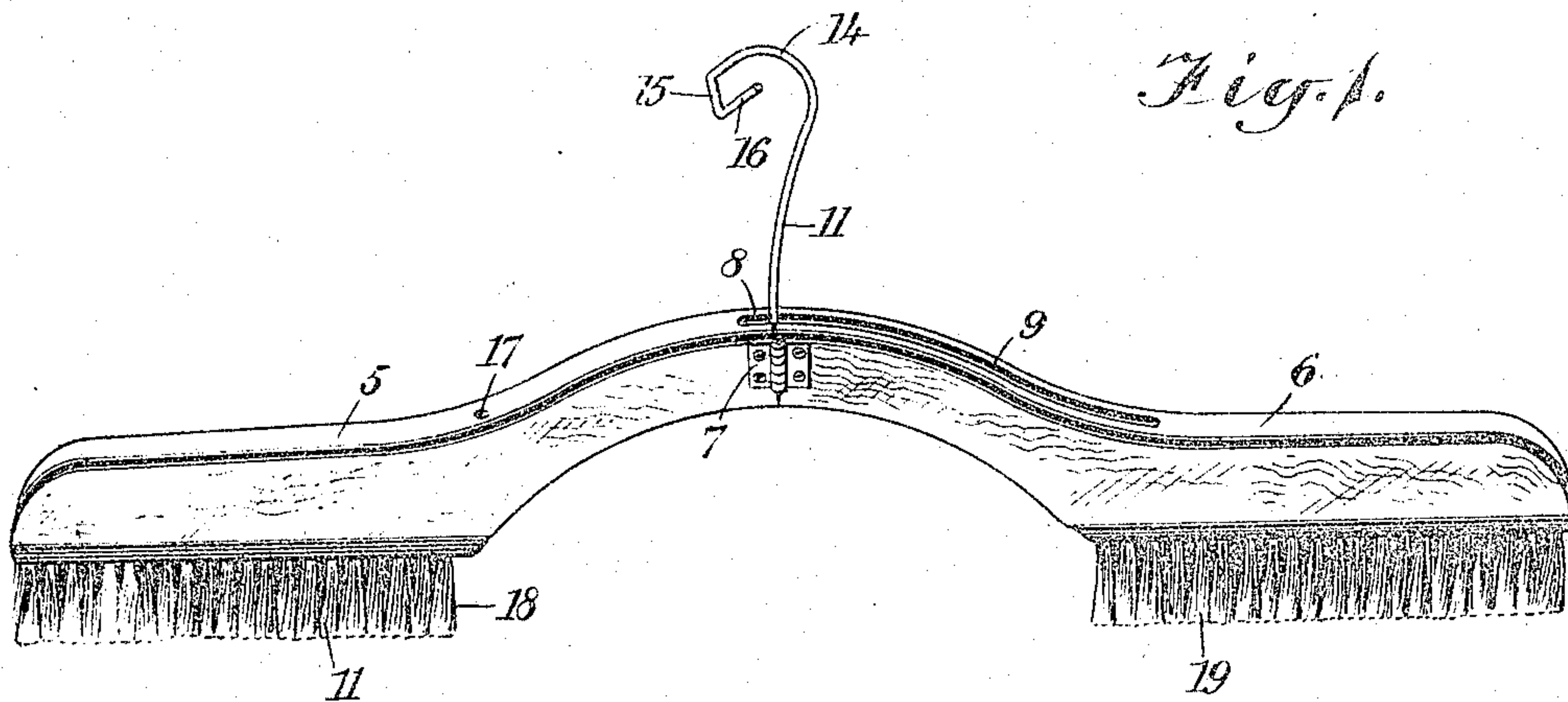


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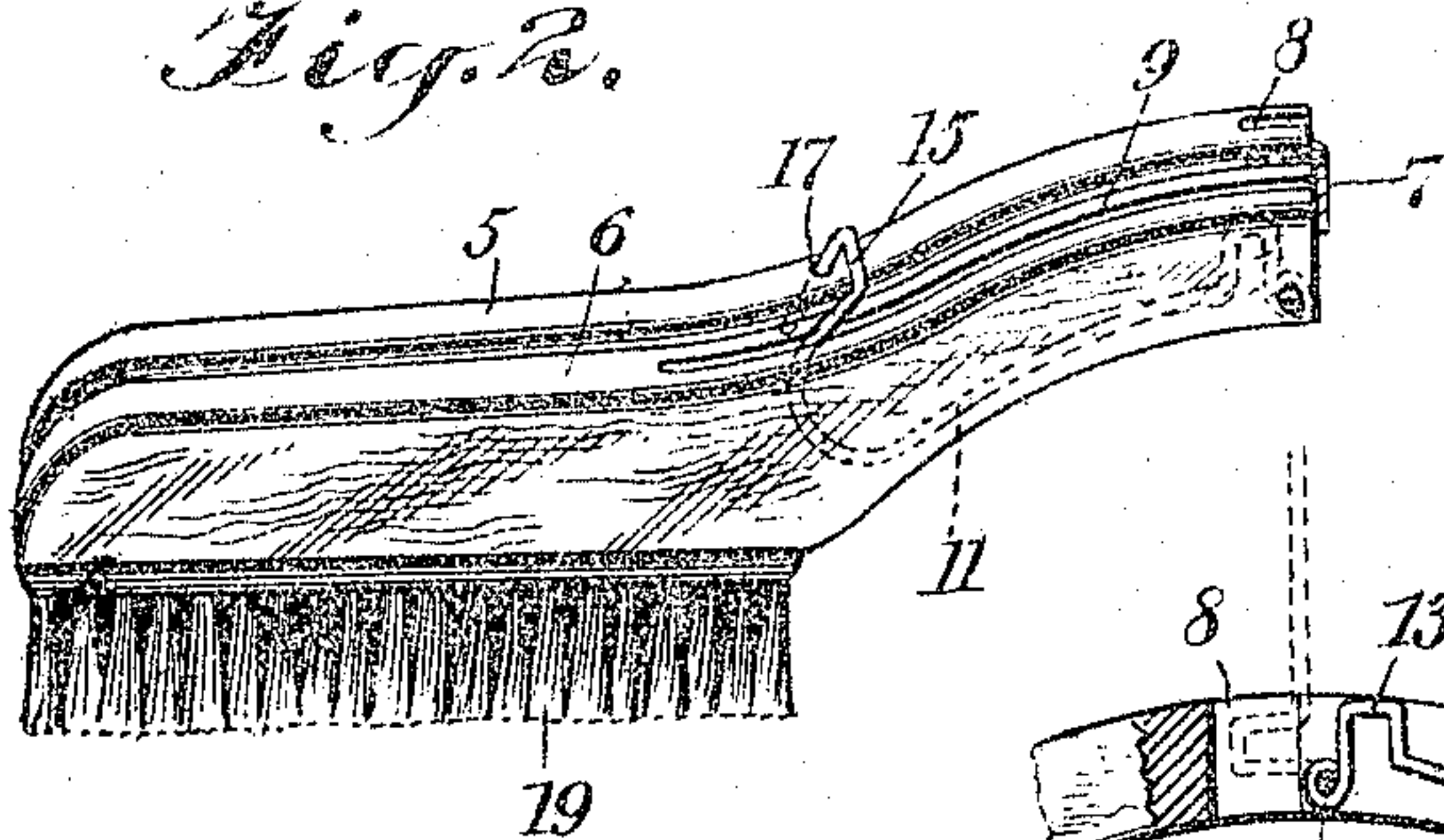
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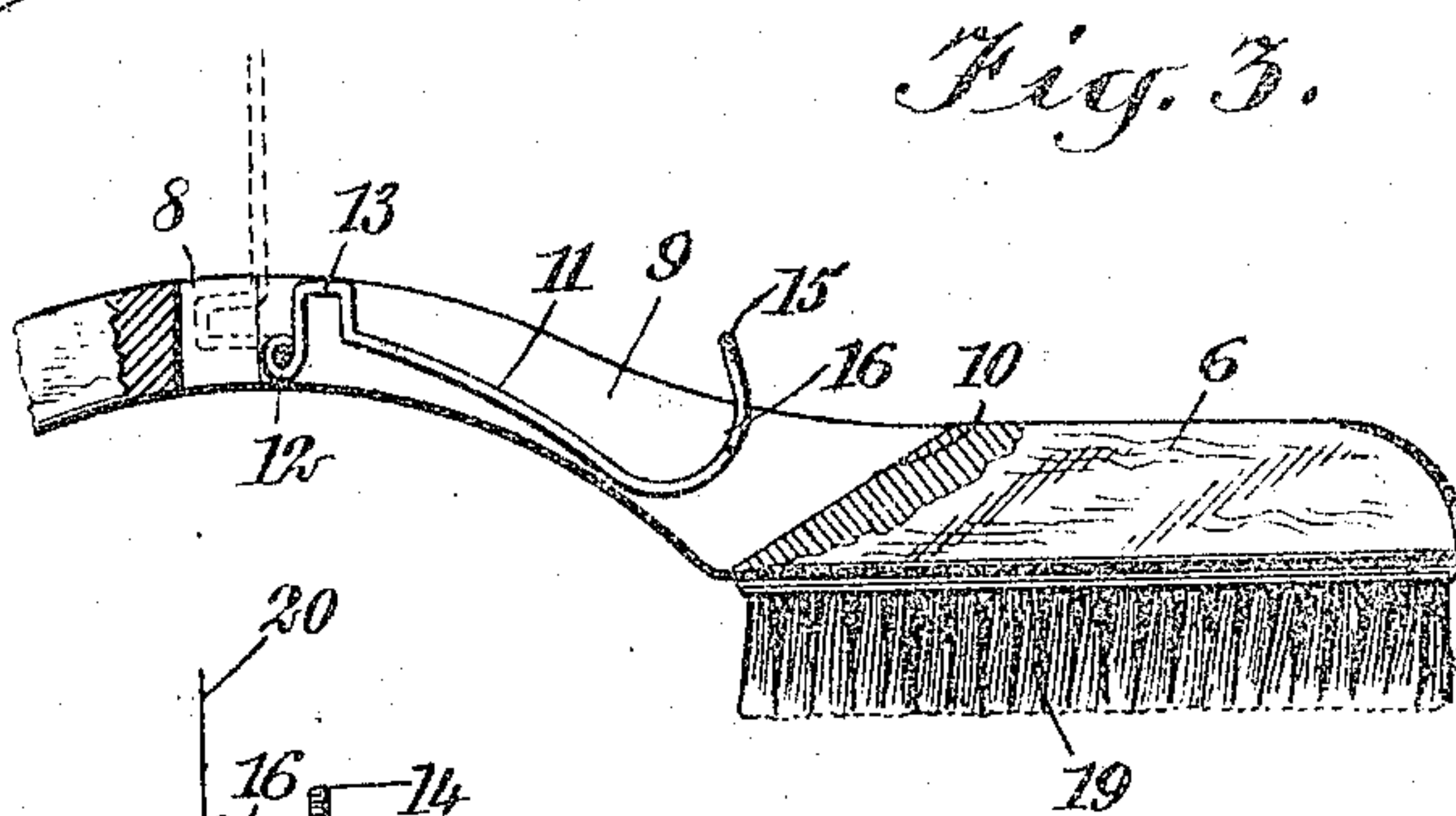
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*Fig. 1.*

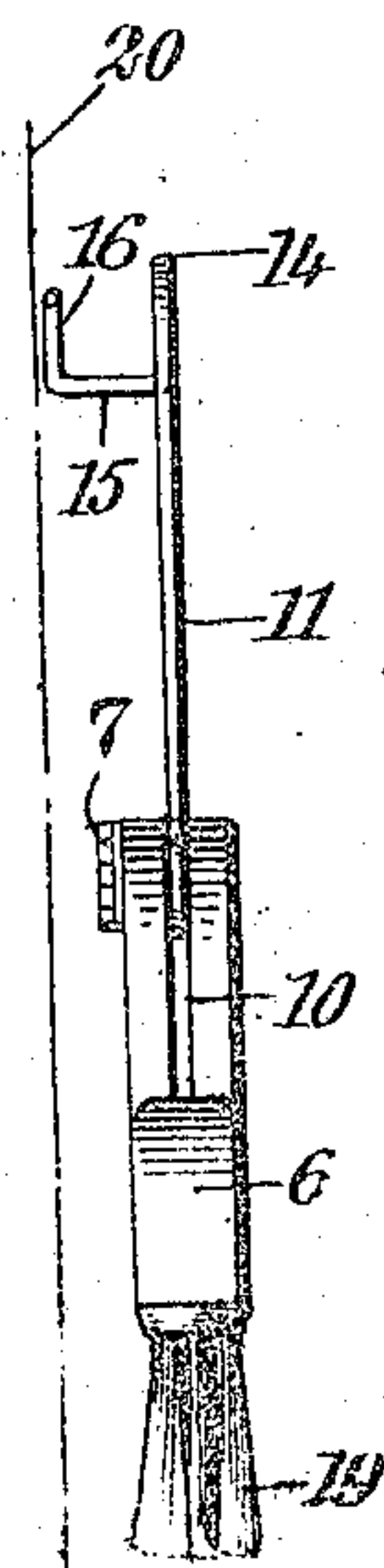


*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOHN MORRISON, Jr., and MATTHEW P. BENSON, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Upper Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Combined Wardrobe Appliance, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention relates to wardrobe appliances, our more particular purpose being to produce a combinational device capable of use in several distinct relations.

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 showing one of our combination wardrobe appliances complete, and ready for use more particularly as a garment hanger; Fig. 2 shows the same device when folded and ready to be packed by a traveler or carried in the pocket, the device occupying a form in which it may be used as a double brush; Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevation showing the device ready for use as a garment hanger and also showing the pivotally supported metallic member used for securing the movable parts in predetermined relations and for other purposes; and Fig. 4 is a side elevation showing the device ready for use in hanging a garment so as to space the latter from a wall.

Two brush backs 5, 6 are connected together by a hinge 7 and are adapted to fold, as indicated in Fig. 2. The brush back 5 is provided with a slot 8 and the brush back 6 with a slot 10, the latter being much longer than the slot 8. These two slots register with each other when the brush backs occupy the position indicated in Figs. 1 and 3. A slot 9 terminates in an obliquely disposed wall 10 of the brush back. A metallic member 11, made preferably of spring wire, is neatly fitted into the slot 9 and is mounted upon a pivot 12 extending across this slot. The member 11 is provided with an angular portion 13 adapted to pass into the same, when the member 11 is swung outwardly and upwardly, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3. The member 11 is provided with a curved portion 14, a straight portion 15, and an arcuate portion 16, all of these parts being integral. The brush back 5 is provided with a hole 17 disposed obliquely, as indi-

cated in Fig. 2, and adapted to receive the arcuate portion 16 of the metallic member 11. The brush backs 5, 6 are provided with bristles 18, 19 of different degrees of fineness, so as to virtually constitute two brushes, one coarse and the other fine.

At 20 (Fig. 4) is shown a wall. The portion 15 of the metallic member is of such length that when the metallic member 11 is used in hanging a garment close to the wall 20, the garment is spaced from the wall, as indicated in Fig. 4. The curved portion 14 of the metallic member 11 is of suitable shape to enable an article, such as a derby hat, to be rested thereupon.

Our invention is used as follows: The operator (for instance, a traveler) carries the device normally folded, as indicated in Fig. 2. In this condition it may be used as a clothes brush. By unfolding the device and swinging the metallic member 11 upward, as indicated in Fig. 1, the angular portion 13 (Fig. 3) passes into the slot 8 and locks the two brush backs 5, 6 rigidly in relation to each other. The traveler may now use either the bristles 18 or the bristles 19, accordingly as he may desire to employ a soft brush or a stiff brush. The curved part 14 may be brought into engagement with a nail for the purpose of hanging the device. In such case, the latter is employed as a garment hanger. With the parts closed, as in Fig. 2, the arcuate portion 16 enters the hole 17 and locks the two brush backs together, so as to avoid their misplacement.

It will be noted that our device contains two complete brushes capable of being united into a single brush, and also capable of forming, when extended, a garment hanger having specified advantages.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a garment hanger, the combination of a pair of brushes connected together and each provided with a slot, and a metallic member pivotally mounted within one of said slots and adapted to enter the other for the purpose of holding said members rigidly in alinement with each other.

2. The combination of a pair of mating brush members hinged together and adapted to be folded and unfolded, and a metallic fastening member connected with one of said brush members and provided with a portion for engaging the other brush member, said



metallic fastening member extending in a lateral direction from said brush members, for the purpose of spacing the brush members from a wall.

5 3. In a garment hanger, the combination of a plurality of separate brush members hinged together end to end and adapted to fold side by side, and a fastening member pivotally mounted upon one of said brush  
10 members and provided with a portion for engaging the other brush member so as to lock said brush members together end to end, said fastening member being further provided with means for locking said brush  
15 members together side by side.

4. In a garment hanger, the combination of a pair of brush members connected together and movable in relation to each other, each of said members being provided with a  
20 slot, said slots being so positioned as to reg-

ister with each other when said brush members are disposed end to end, a fastening member mounted within the slot of one of said brush members and provided with a portion for projecting into the slot of the 25 other brush member when said slots are in registry with each other, said fastening member being provided with a distinct portion adapted to reach from one of said slots to the other for the purpose of holding said 30 brush members together when folded side by side.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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