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FIG. 1.

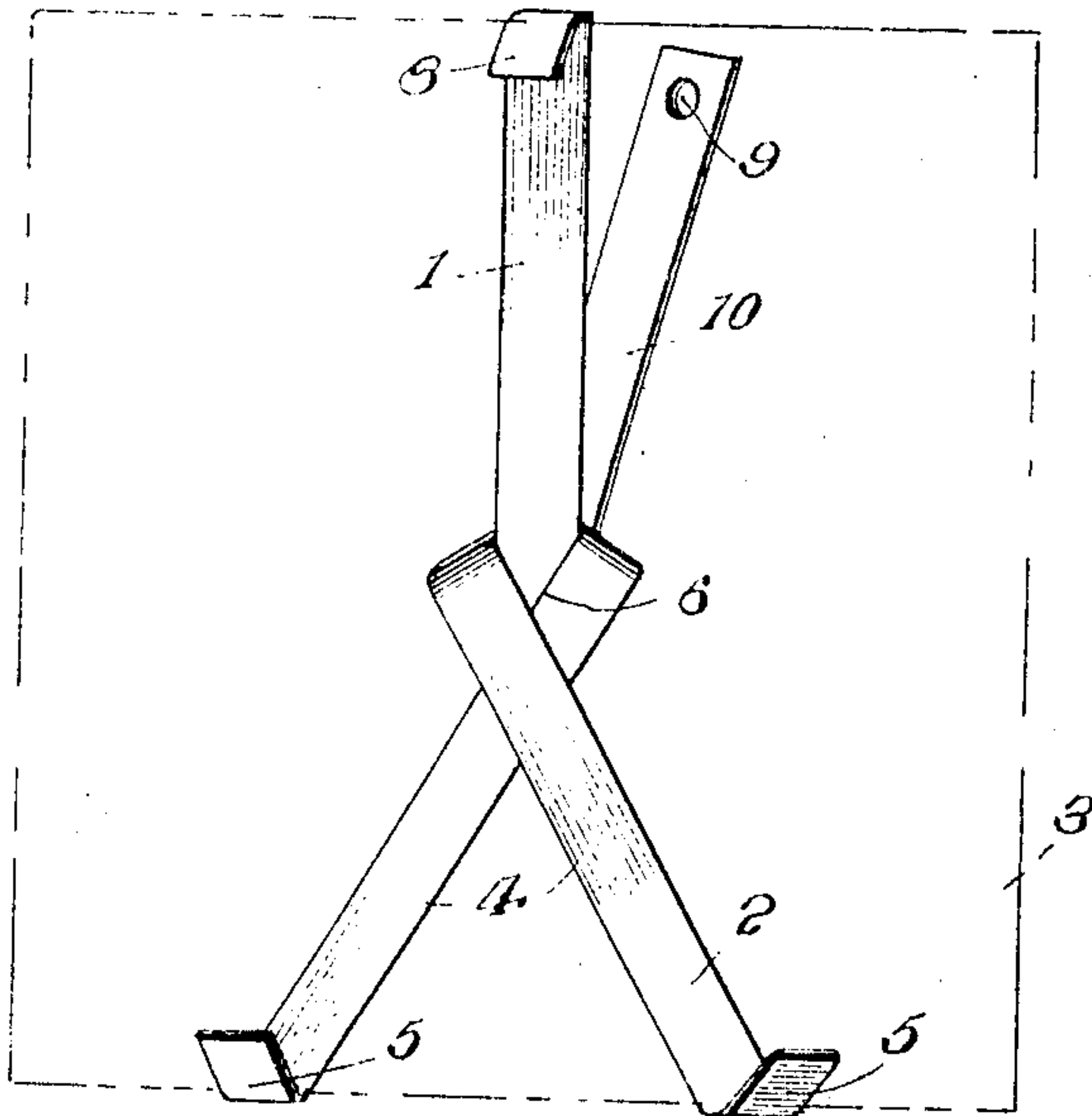


FIG. 3.

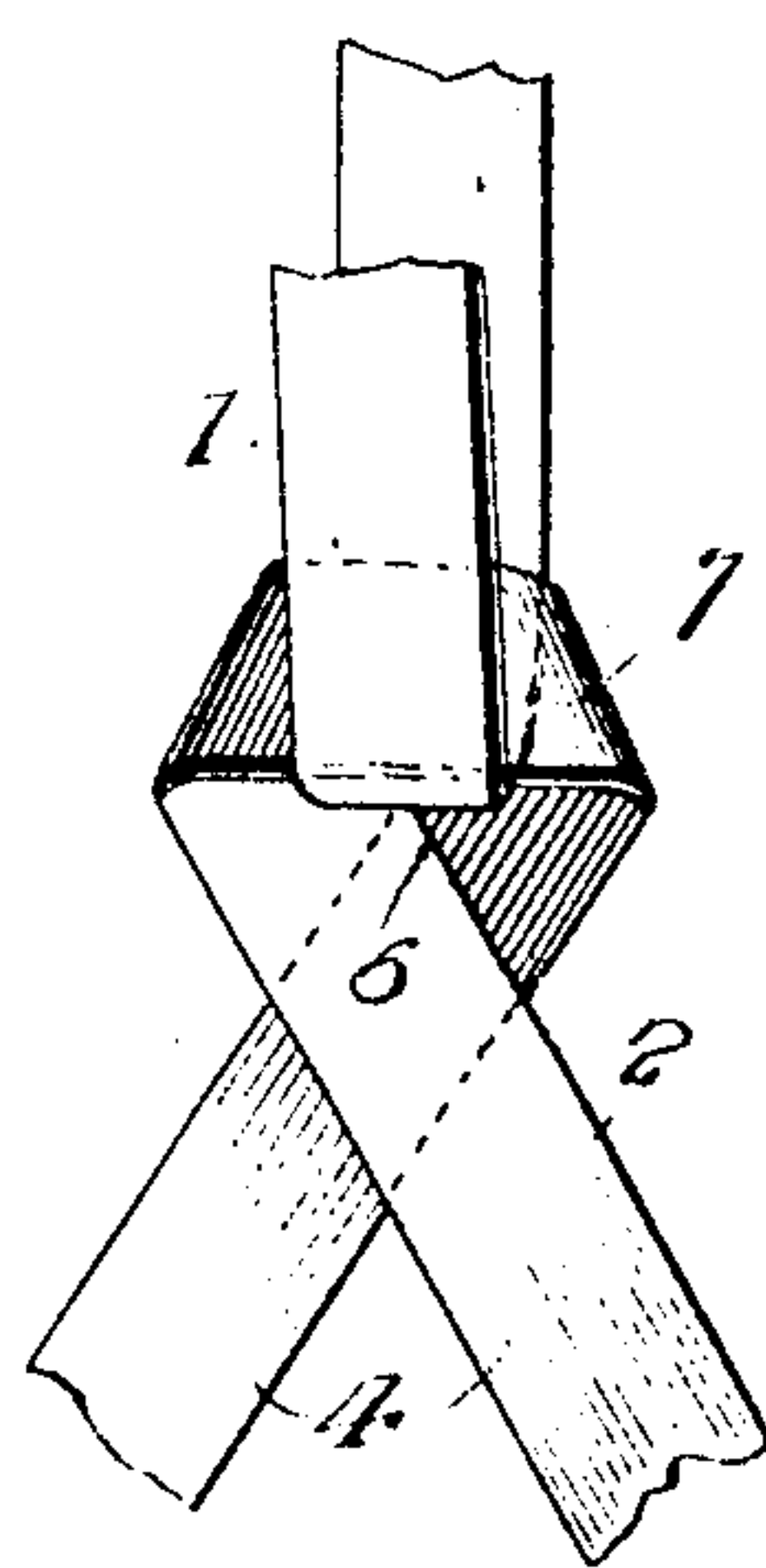


FIG. 2.

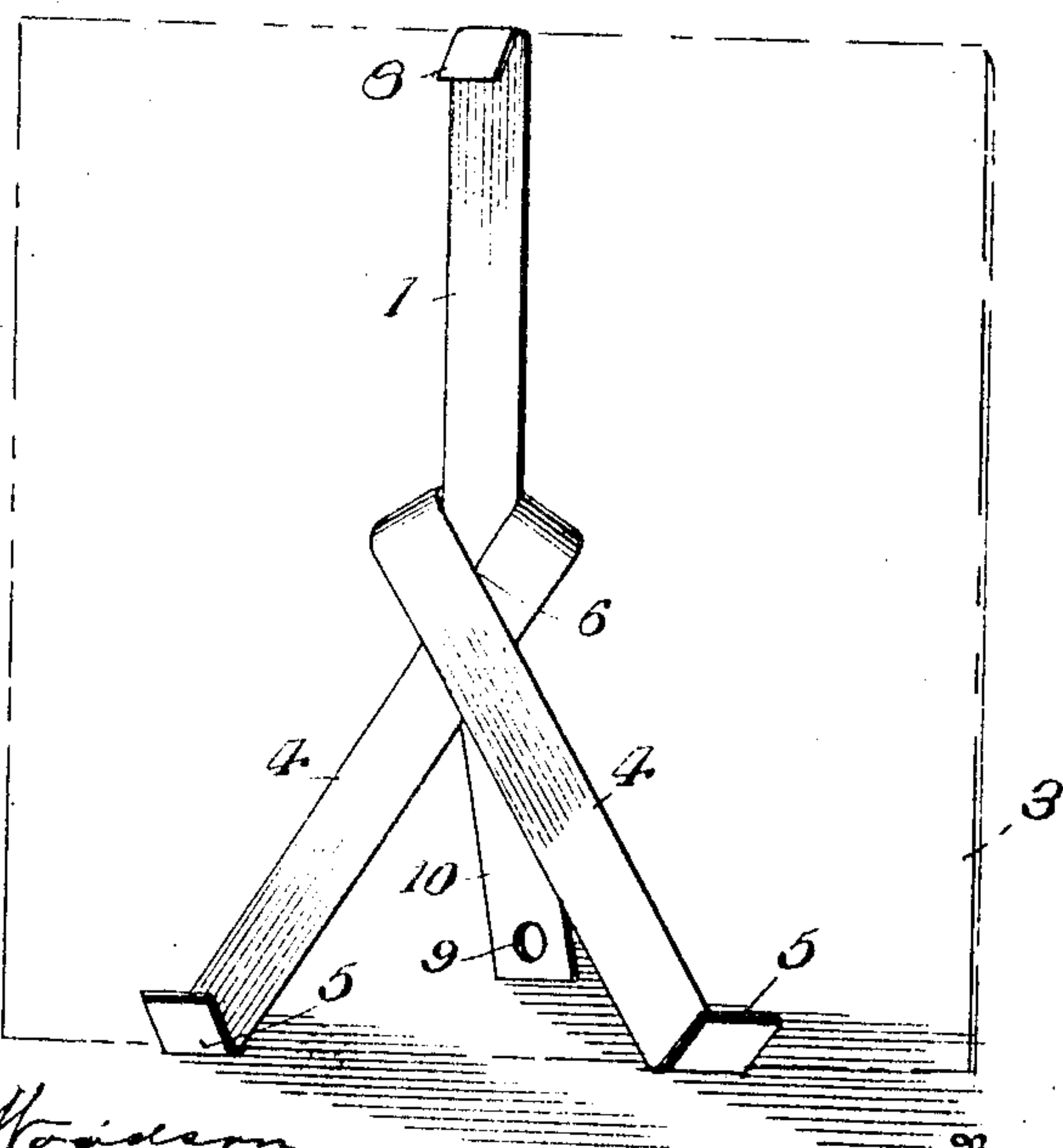
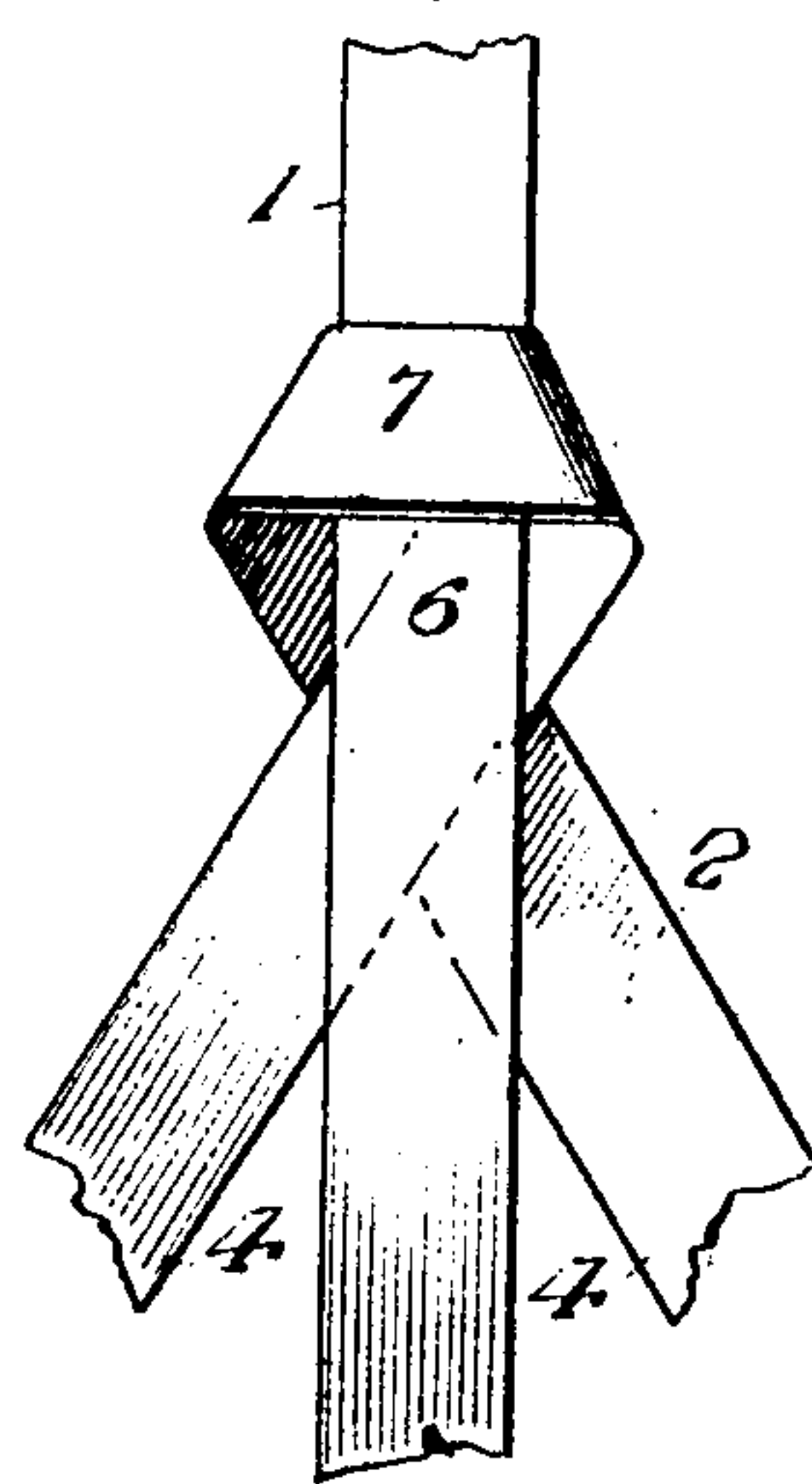


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GROVER N. MARVIN, citizen of the United States, residing at Oberlin, in the county of Decatur and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture - Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to a combination picture easel, holder and hanger, and has for its object to provide a simple device of this character which can be easily and quickly applied to a picture or card and which will form a cheap and effective means whereby the same may be supported in an upright position or suspended upon a wall.

A farther object of the invention is to so design the picture holder that it can be readily formed from strips of sheet material or wire and can therefore be manufactured and placed upon the market at a comparatively small cost.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the picture holder in the position assumed when suspended from a wall or vertical support. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the manner in which the holder operates to support a picture in an upright position upon a horizontal support. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the connection between the complementary members comprising the picture holder, showing the manner of bending the same when used as indicated in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the manner of bending the members when used as indicated in Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

A picture holder constructed in accordance with the present invention comprises essentially two complementary sections 1 and 2 which are provided at their outer extremities with means for engaging opposite edges of a picture or card 3, the inner portions of the said sections having an interlocking connection and providing a means for supporting the card in an upright position or hanging the same upon a wall or other vertical support. The complementary section 2 of the picture holder is formed with the diver-

ging arms 4, the extremities of which carry hook members 5 engaging an edge of the card 3, while at their meeting ends an eye 6 is formed. In the specific construction of this section 2 it will be observed that the same is formed from a single strip of sheet material, or a single wire, the central portion of which constitutes a cross bar 7 at the inner end of the section 2, the opposite end portions of the strip being folded laterally and angularly to form the diverging arms 4 which cross each other at their inner portions and have their outer extremities bent rearwardly to form the before mentioned hook members 5. The opposite complementary section 1 is in the nature of a strip having one end thereof bent backwardly upon itself to form a claw or hook member 8, while the opposite end is formed with an opening 9. In applying the two sections 1 and 2 to a card or picture 3 the inner end of the strip or wire 1 is passed through the eye 6 of the section 2 and drawn inwardly until the hook members 8 and 5 are brought into engagement with opposite edges of the said picture. The portion of the strip 1 extending through the eye 6 is then bent backwardly in order to securely lock the complementary sections 1 and 2 together and at the same time form the arm 10. When it is desired to hang the picture against a vertical support the arm 10 is bent against the section 1 and the opening 9 in the end portion thereof caused to engage a nail or other projecting member upon the said vertical support. Should it be desired however to hold the picture in an upright position upon a shelf or horizontal support the arm 10 is caused to diverge outwardly from the back of the picture and thereby form the usual supporting leg or prop.

Owing to the peculiar construction of the picture hanger it will be observed that the same is adapted to be applied to various sizes of pictures or cards and forms a simple and effective means for supporting the same in the desired manner.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A support for pictures and the like comprising a pair of complementary sections, one of said sections being formed with an eye and comprising a pair of arms designed to engage an edge portion of the picture, while the opposite complementary section is formed of a flexible strip adapted to pass through the said eye of the first mentioned section, the

flexible strip being designed to be either returned and suspended from the wall, or deflected outwardly to form a prop for the picture.

5 2. A support for pictures and the like comprising a cross bar having laterally disposed arms projecting therefrom, the said arms crossing each other to form a loop, and a flexible strip passing through the said eye and designed to be bent around the before mentioned cross bar, said strip being provided with means for engaging an edge of the picture.

15 3. A support for pictures and the like comprising a cross bar the end portions of which

are bent laterally and angularly to form diverging arms which cross each other and are provided at their extremities with means for engaging an edge of the picture, and a flexible strip adapted to be bent around the before mentioned cross bar and constituting a support for the picture, one end of the flexible strip being provided with means for engaging an edge of the picture. 20

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 25

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