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Fig. 1.

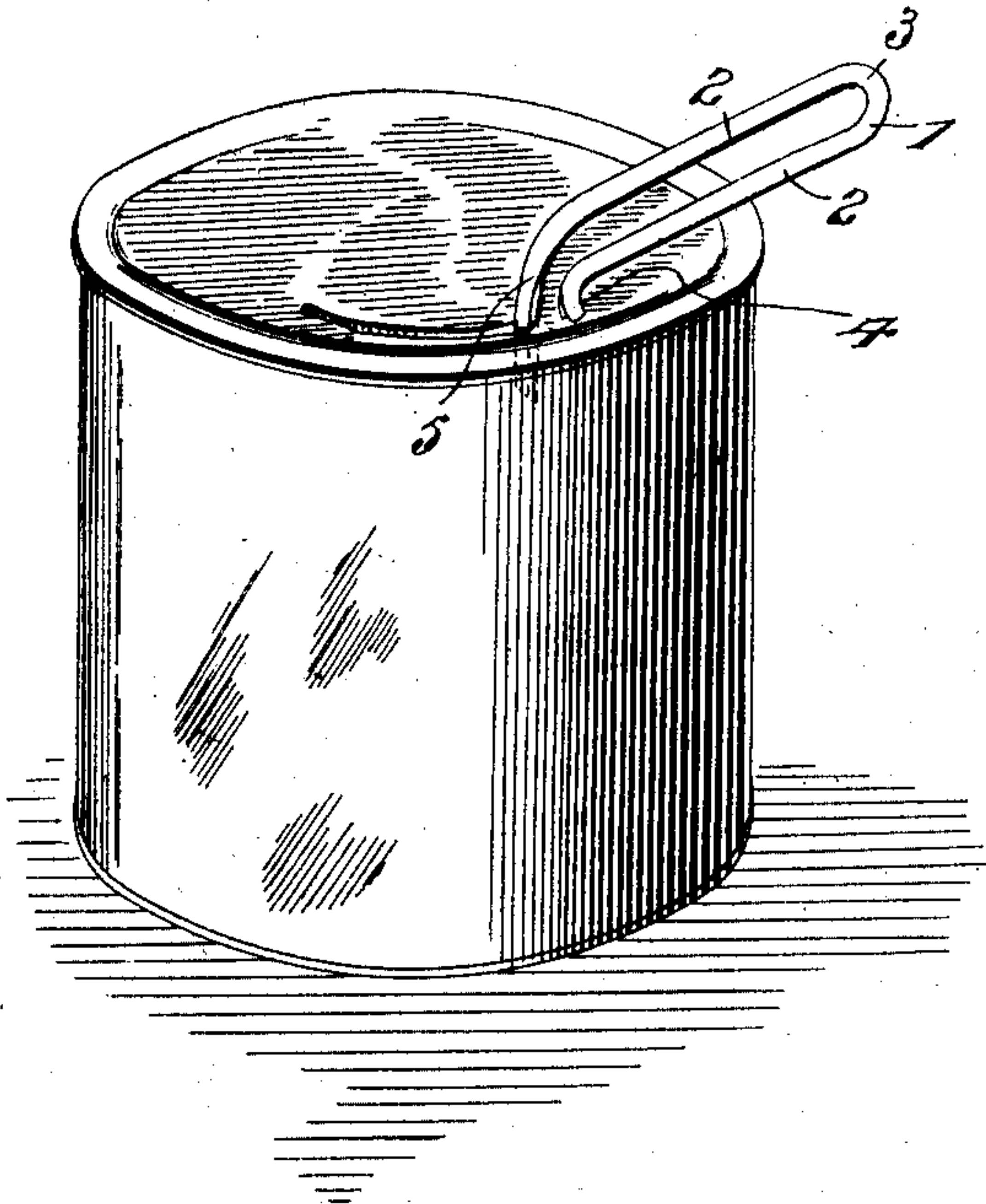


Fig. 2.

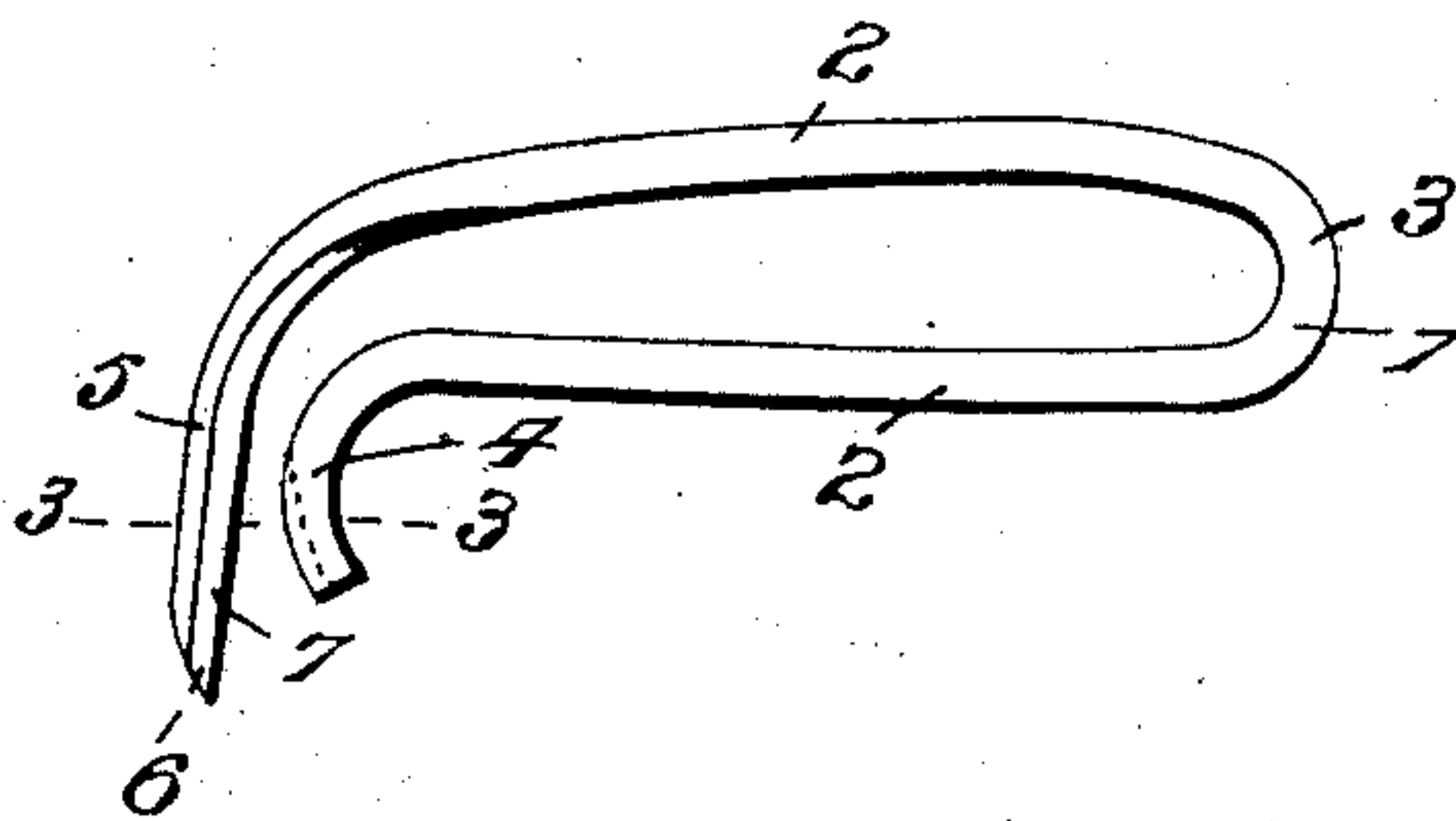


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOWBER D. JACKSON, citizen of the United States, residing at Harrington, in the county of Kent and State of Delaware, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can - Openers, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention is in the nature of an improved can opener which is peculiarly designed so as to be readily formed from a single length of wire or similar material.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a can opener of this character which is extremely inexpensive of construction and which is of a compact nature, thereby producing an article which can be furnished by manufacturers with canned goods.

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 application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a can opener constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of 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.

The can opener embodied in the present invention is designed to be formed from a single length of wire or analogous material which is doubled upon itself at an intermediate point to form the handle 1. As will be observed from the drawing this handle comprises a pair of spaced sides 2 connected at one end by a curved portion 3, such construction having the advantage of imparting a yielding quality to the handle which enables the same to be firmly grasped by the operator. The free ends of the sides 2 are bent laterally in the same direction to form the arms 4 and 5 which are spaced from each other, the outer arm projecting beyond the

arm 4 and terminating in a point or prong 6. The side of the outer arm 5 adjacent the inner arm 4 is sharpened as indicated at 7 to form a cutting edge and the inner arm 4 is curved to form a rolling fulcrum for the implement. In the application of the device the prong 6 is thrust through the can and the can opener turned in the desired direction. When the handle 1 is then moved forwardly the inner fulcrum arm 4 rolls upon the can and causes the cutting edge 7 to form an incision in the can. This operation is repeated until the can has been completely opened.

The curved fulcrum arm 4 is shown in the present instance as provided with a groove 8 facing the cutting edge 7 and designed to receive the same and protect it from injury should the said arm 4 be forced into engagement with the arm 5 when the handle is gripped in use.

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

1. A can opener formed of a single length of wire and comprising a handle formed with spaced sides, corresponding ends of the sides being bent laterally to form spaced arms, one of the arms terminating in a prong and being formed with a cutting edge while the opposite arm is curved to form a fulcrum.

2. A can opener formed of a single length of material doubled upon itself at an intermediate point to form a handle comprising spaced sides connected by a curved end, the free ends of the sides being bent to form laterally projecting arms, one of the arms being curved to form a rounded fulcrum while the opposite arm projects beyond the first mentioned arm and terminates in a prong, the second mentioned arm being sharpened to form a cutting edge.

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

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