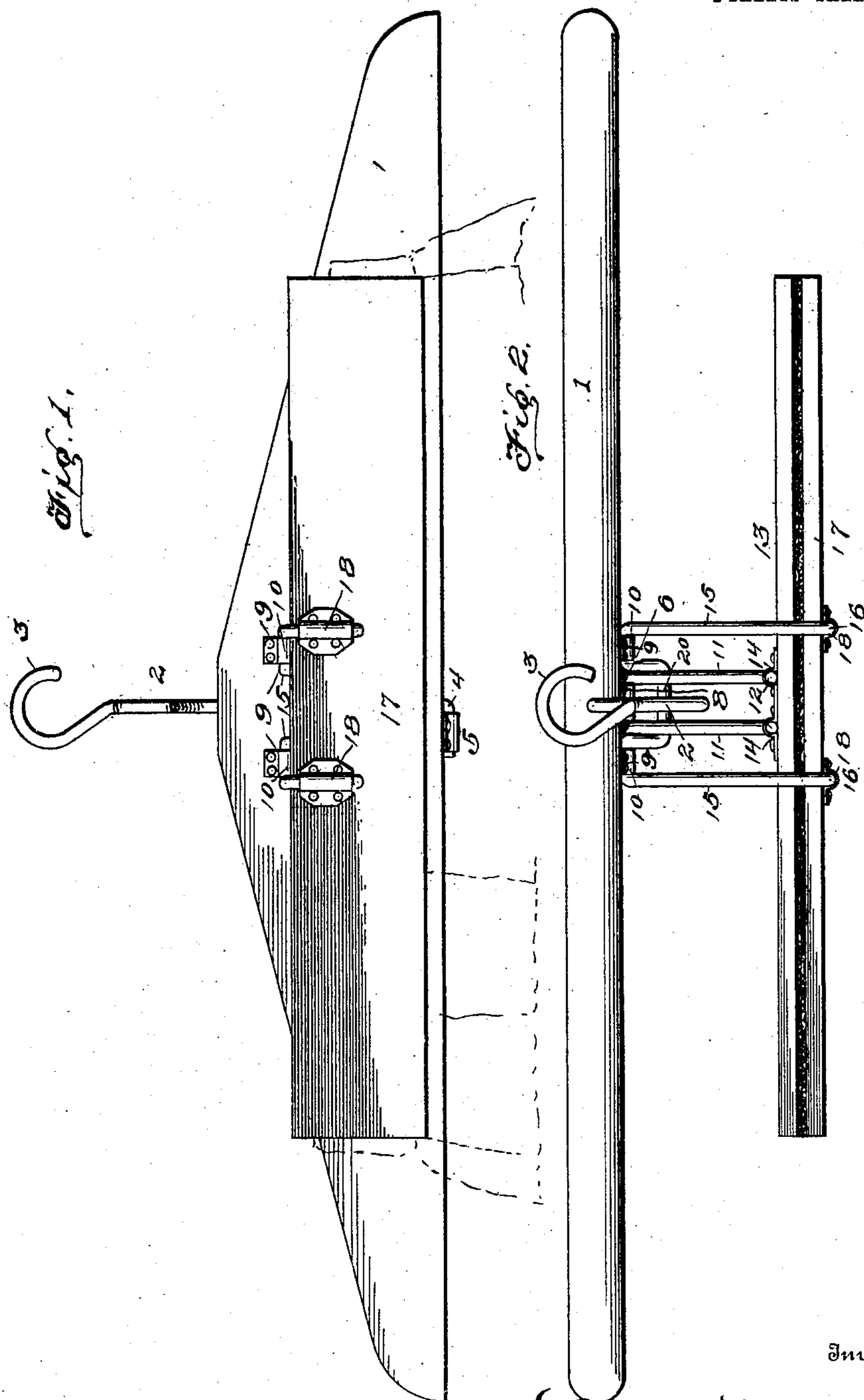


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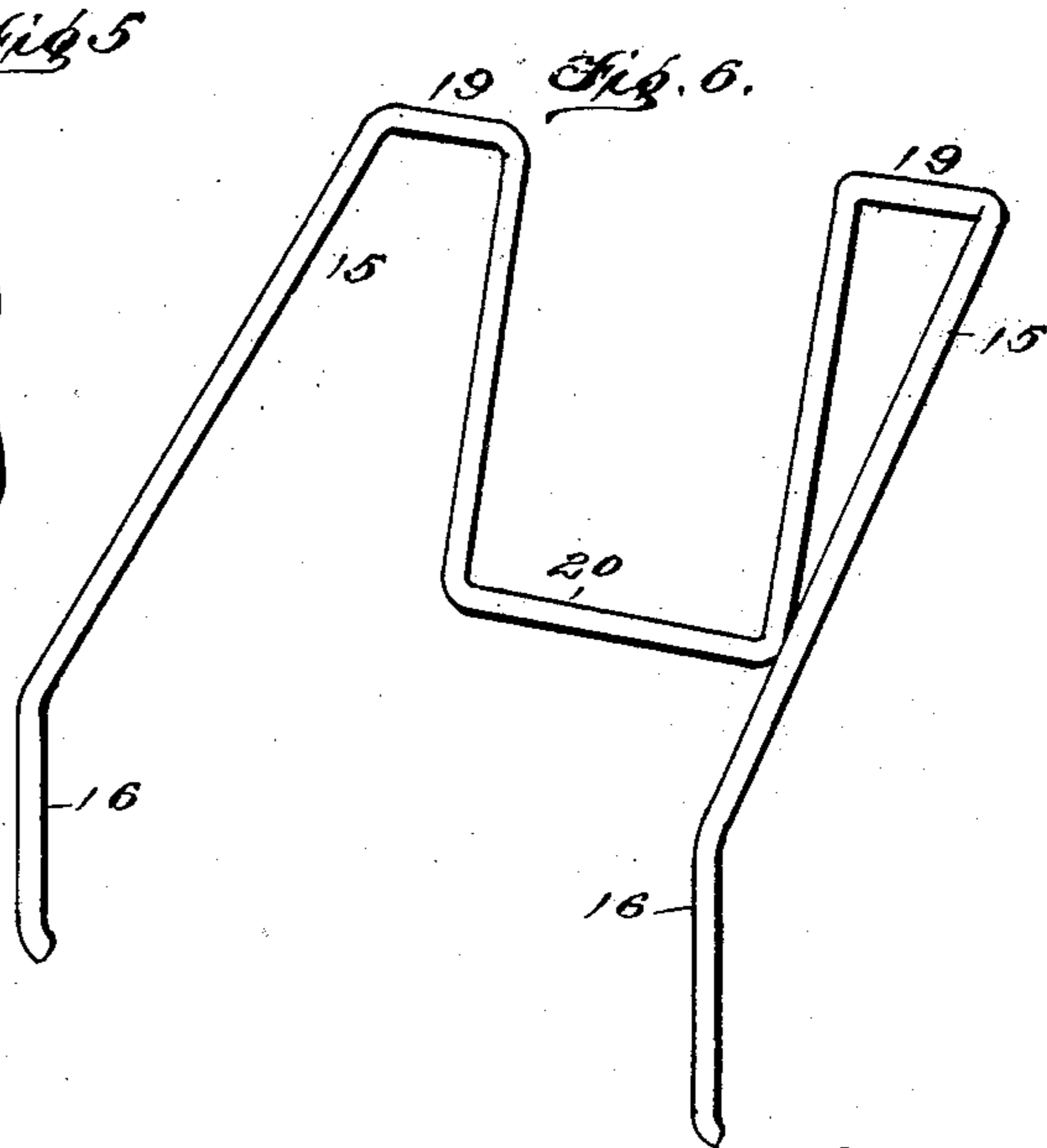
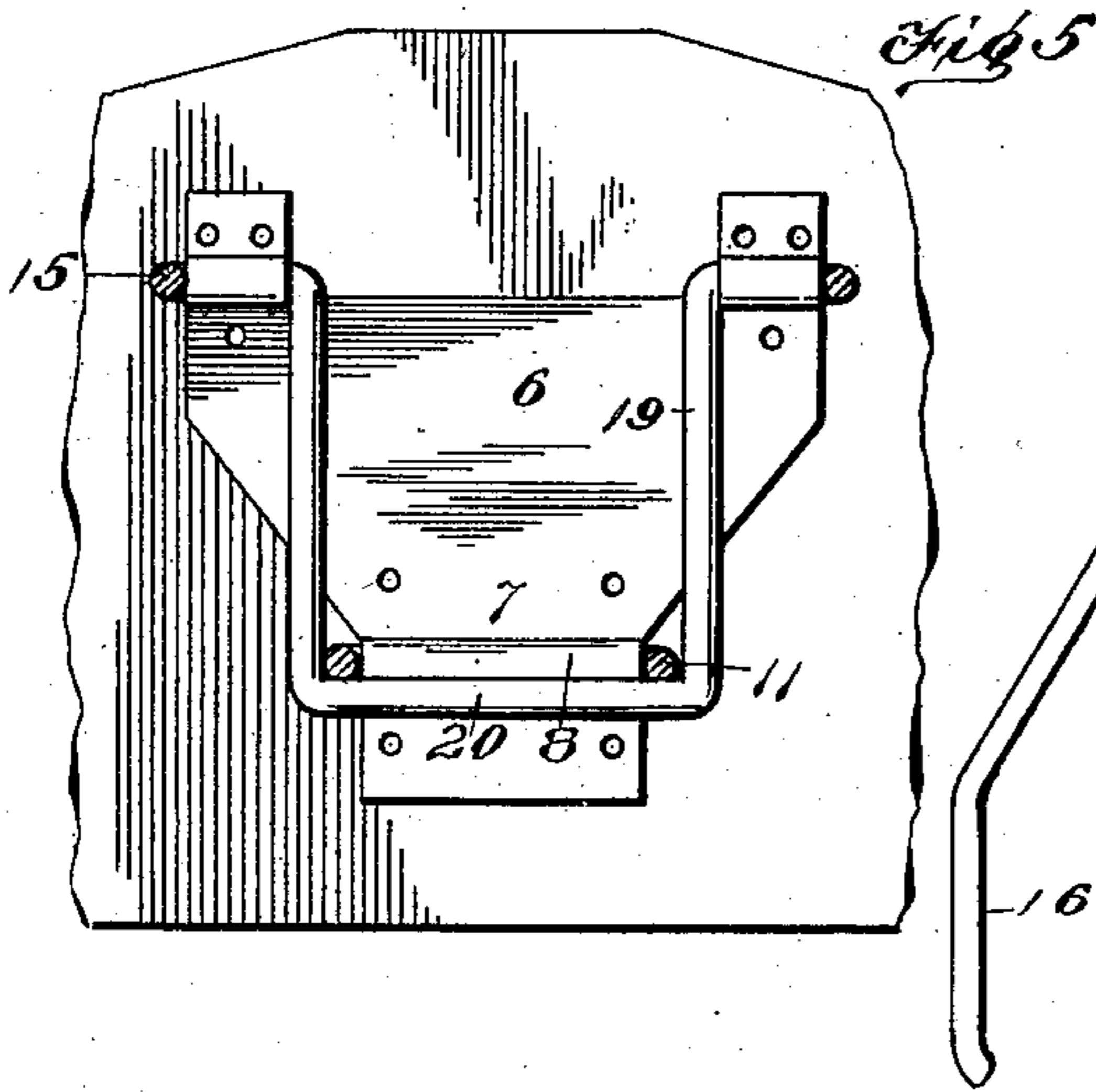
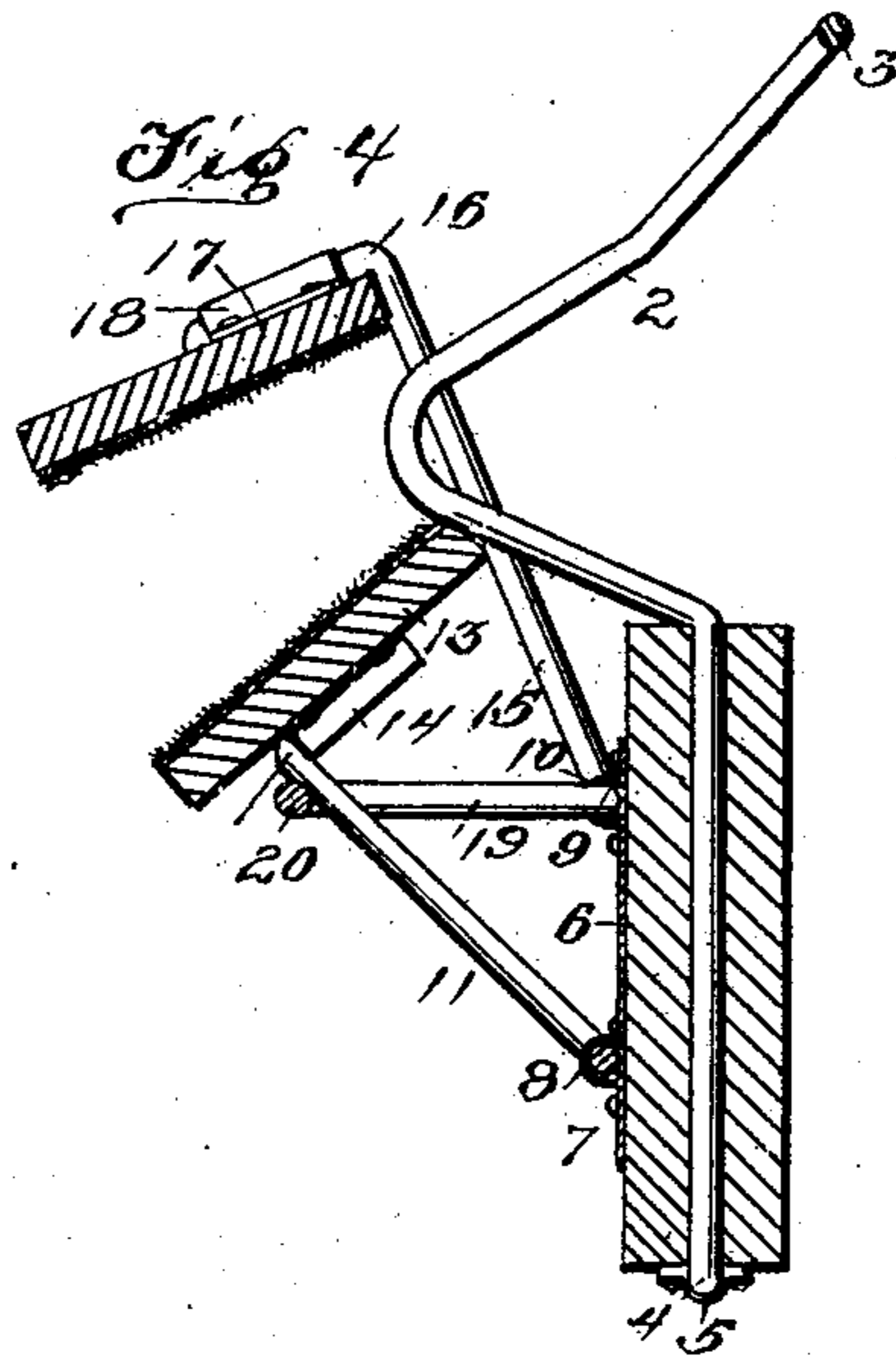
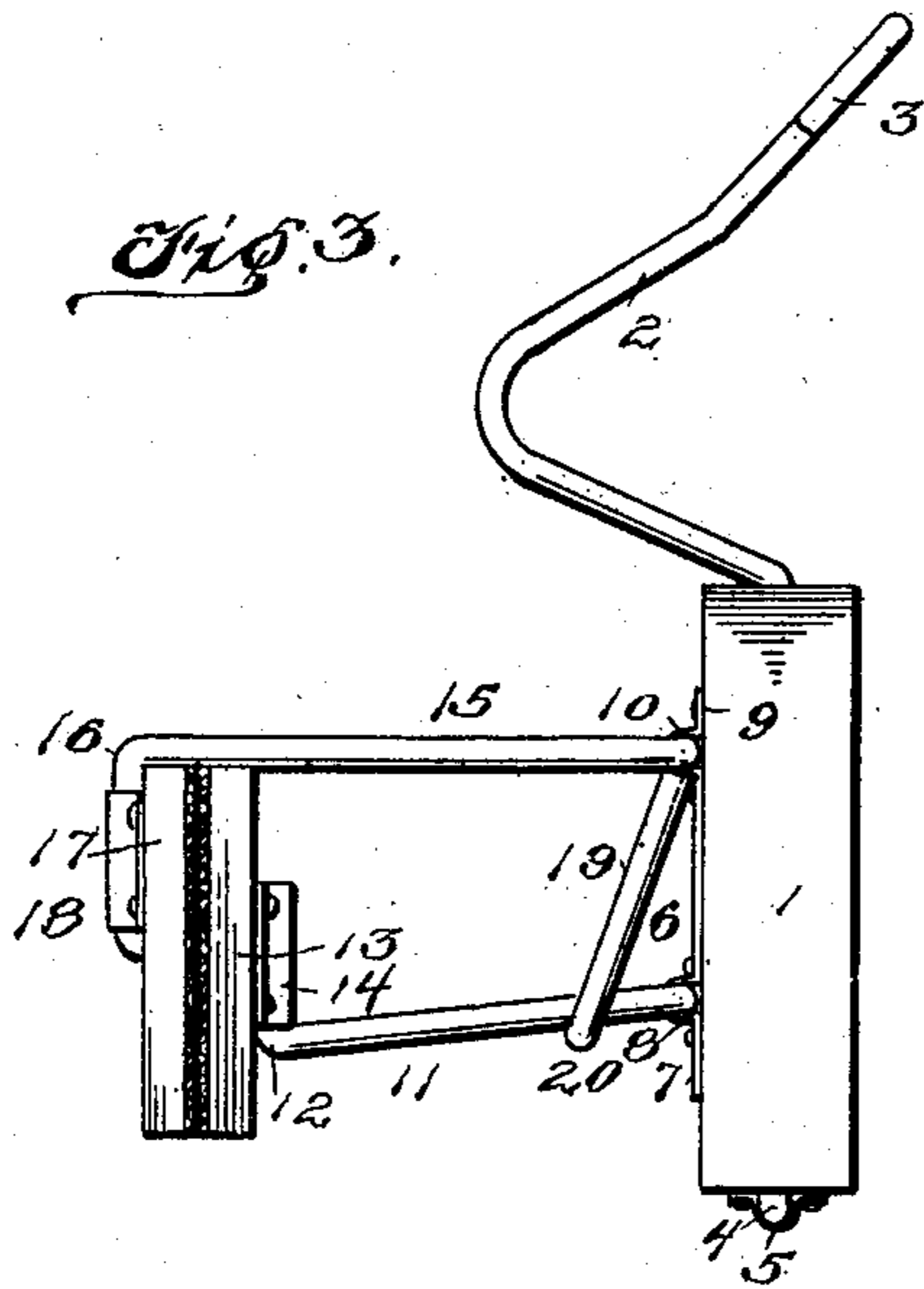
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTIN WATERSTRAUT, citizen of the United States of America, residing at Burr Oak, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in garment supports and it is primarily the object of the invention to provide a novel device of this character whereby the weight of the garment to be supported will in itself assist in the retention of the garment to the form employed.

Furthermore, it is an object of the invention to provide a novel device of this character comprising members movable one with relation to the other, the same being brought into operative position by gravity or by the weight of the garment supported.

Finally it is an object of the invention to produce a device of the character noted, which will possess advantages in points of simplicity, efficiency and durability, proving at the same time comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, in which—

Figure 1, is a view in front elevation of the invention, a garment being indicated in dotted lines; Fig. 2, is a top plan view of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, is an end elevation; Fig. 4, is a sectional view of the device; Fig. 5, is an enlarged fragmentary view, partly in elevation and partly in section of the invention, illustrating the mountings of the brackets employed in the invention and their relation one to the other. Fig. 6, is a view in perspective of one of the brackets employed in the invention, said brackets being shown detached.

In the drawings 1, denotes a hanger to be employed for coats, jackets, and the like having projecting upwardly centrally the width thereof, the retaining hook 2, which is formed of wire preferably in the shape illus-

trated, although this supporting hook of course can be replaced by any ordinary or desired hook.

The hook as illustrated comprises a strip of wire having the approximately V-shaped central section extending upwardly of the hanger and terminating in the hook 3, which is slightly to the rear of the hanger. This is done to give a slight incline to the hanger when in operative position in order to facilitate the operation of the parts to be hereinafter described. This arrangement of the hook to cause the inclination of the hanger is not, however, absolutely essential, but it has been found in practice to enhance and benefit the operation. This hanger may be of any form and material, as the requirements of practice may necessitate. It is to be observed that in order to have a strong connection between the retaining hook 2, and the hanger, the lower portion of the wire is extended entirely through the hanger and has an extended portion 4, bent against the under edge of the hanger. This bent portion is tightly engaged by a strip 5, secured to the under edge of the hanger, whereby the hook proper is held at all times in its proper position.

Centrally of the front face of the hanger is a plate 6, having an extension 7, centrally of its lower edge forming a bearing 8, and extensions 9, adjacent the sides of its upper edge forming bearings 10. Mounted in the lower bearing 8, is the base of a U-shaped bracket 11, terminating in upturned portions 12, which are held to a clamping strip 13, by a strap 14. Mounted in the upper bearings 10, is a second U-shaped bracket 15, which terminates in downturned portions 16, secured to the outer surface of a second clamping strip 17, by straps 18. The bracket 15, is of greater width than the first bracket 11, as is plainly shown in the drawings.

The base 19, of the bracket 15, is provided with a depending U-shaped bracket 20, which extends beneath the first bracket 11. At all times said bracket 11, is in contact with the base of the extension of the bracket 15. By this means the inner clamping member 13, is held against undue downward movement.

When a garment such as a skirt or trousers is to be held by the clamps, the outer clamp is elevated which also elevates the lower clamp and the movement of the one clamp

with relation to the other is eccentric. The garment is then released and the weight thereof will cause the two clamping strips to tightly bind thereagainst as will, it is thought, be fully understood. It is in this operation that the inclination of the hanger prove of advantage.

In order that the clamping strips may in no way injure the fabric of the garment supported thereby, they have their opposed or inner faces lined with velvet or other soft material. It is also to be observed that the clamping supporting device is directly in front of the hanger device. By this means, a simple and efficient article is presented for supporting two garments within a minimum space.

What I claim is:

1. The combination in a device of the character described, of a support, a bracket hingedly secured to the support, a clamping strip carried by the bracket, a second bracket hingedly secured to the support above the first named bracket, a second strip secured to the second bracket adapted to contact with the first named strip, and means carried by

the second named bracket for controlling the movement of the first named bracket.

2. The combination in a device of the character described, of a support, a clamping means carried by the support, said clamping means comprising two members eccentrically movable one with relation to the other, and means carried by one member for limiting the movement of the other.

3. The combination in a device of the character described, of a support, a clamping means carried by the support, said clamping means comprising two members eccentrically movable one with relation to the other, and means carried by one member for limiting the movement of the other in one direction and imparting movement thereto in an opposite direction.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses this 19th day of September 1907.

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