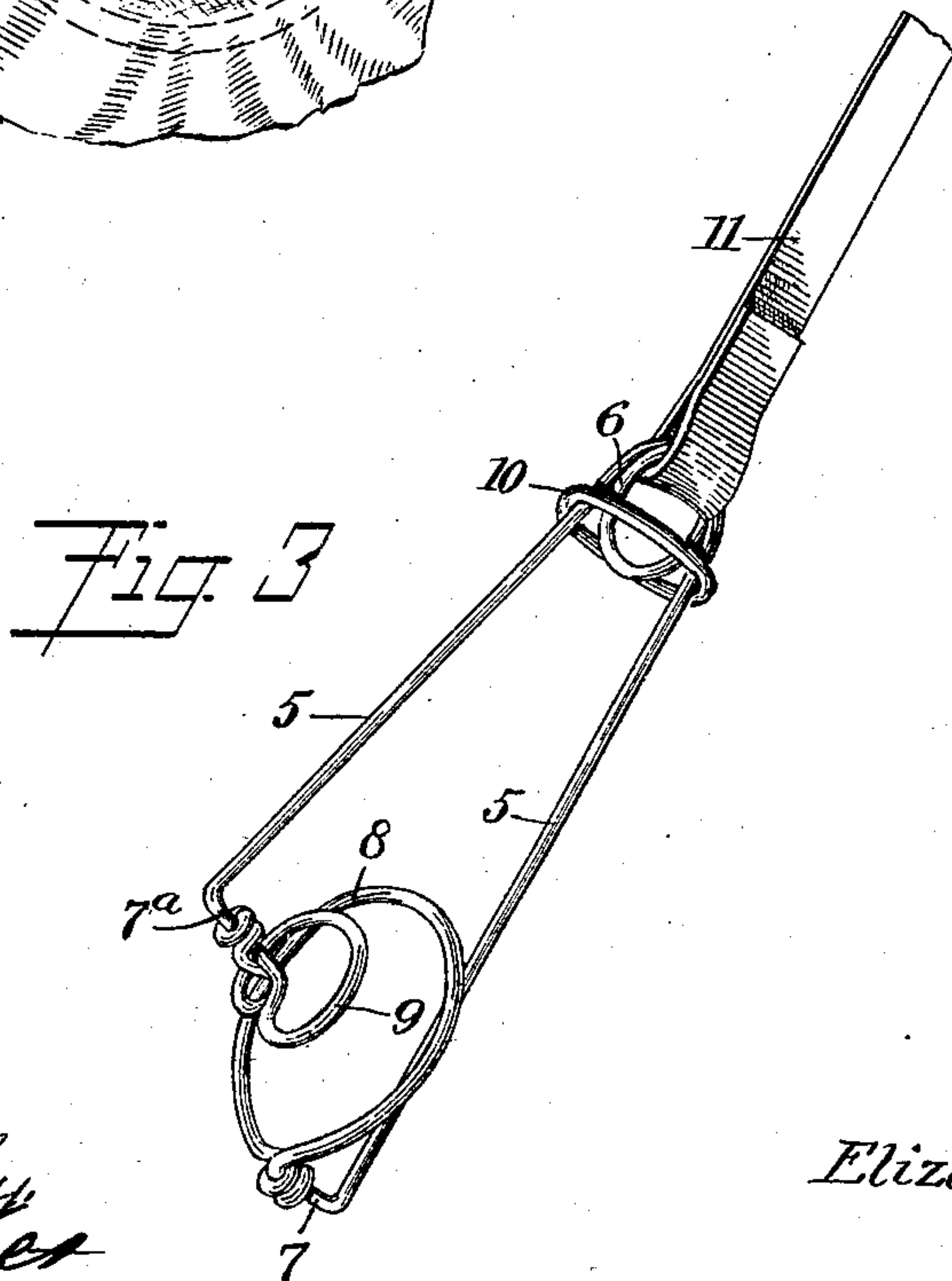
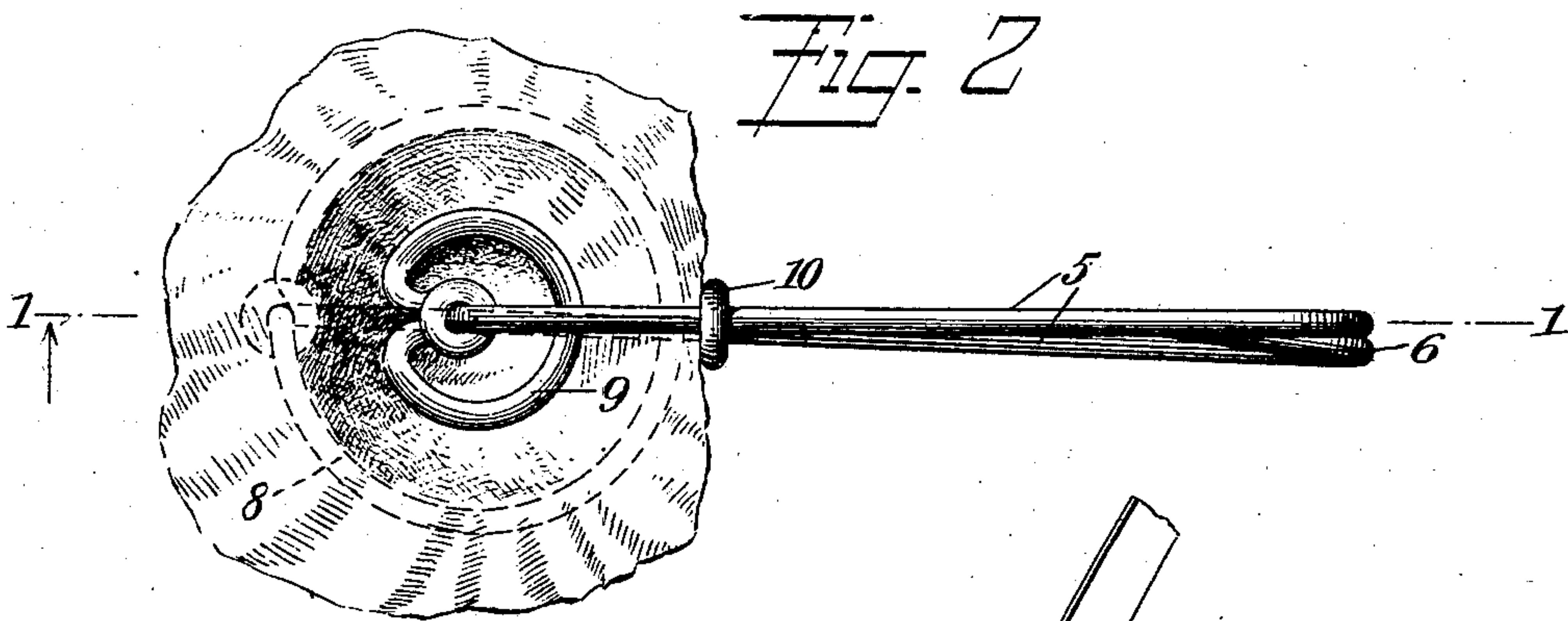
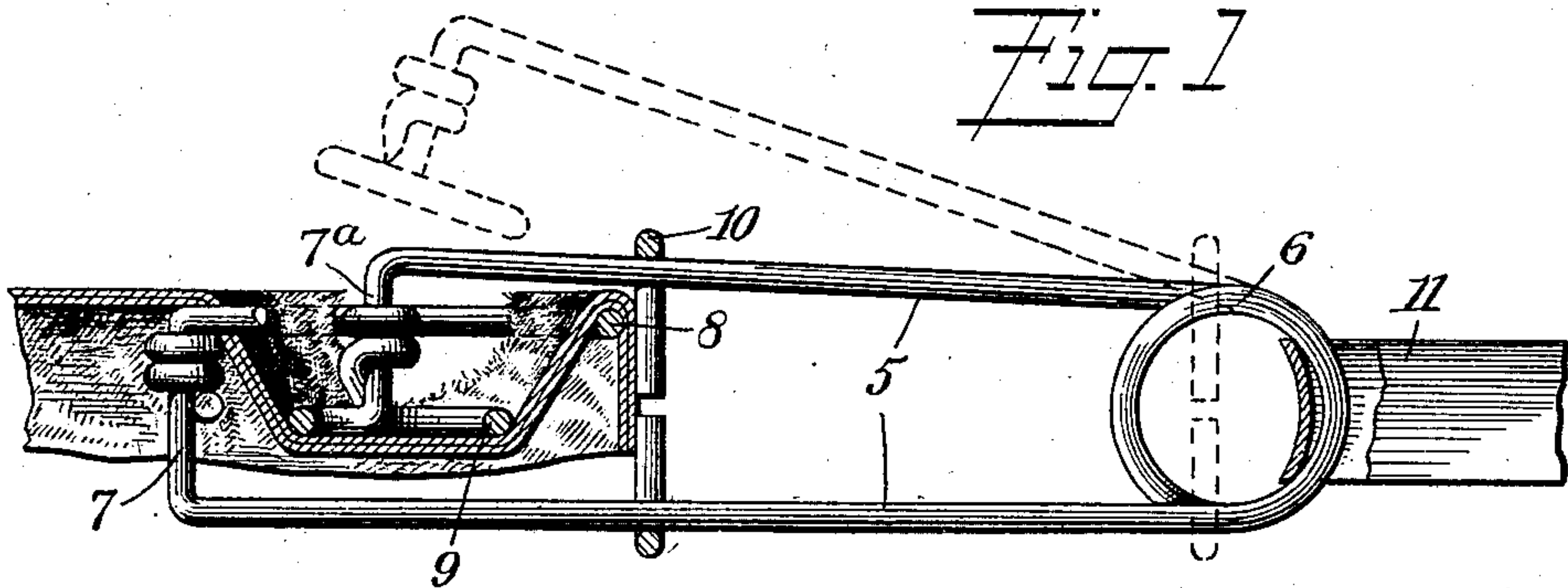


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH L. LLOYD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improvement in holders, more especially designed for holding bed clothes in place on the bed, but is not limited to this particular use as it is adapted for clamping fabric generally and may be employed as a towel holder, the clamping portion of a hose supporter, etc.

The object of the invention primarily is to provide in a device of this character, spring-arms having clamping-jaws in the nature of rings, one of the said rings being smaller than the other, whereby when they are pressed together with the fabric to be clamped therebetween, the small ring will pass within the large ring, pressing the fabric into cup-shape and thus effectively securing it against displacement.

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 views.

Figure 1 is a sectional view of my improved holder as applied to bed clothes, the said section being taken substantially on the line 1—1 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrow; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder.

In the construction of my improved holder, I preferably employ a single piece of wire which is bent upon itself to form two opposed arms 5, 5, the connection between said arms being made in the form of a coil providing a spring normally tending to force the arms apart. The wire forming one of said arms 5 is turned inwardly at the extremity thereof, as indicated at 7, and thence bent into the form of a ring 8 which, as will be observed, is rearwardly directed and is substantially parallel to and overhangs the arm 5 which carries it. The wire forming the opposite arm 5 is at the extremity of this arm, likewise inwardly

turned as indicated at 7^a, and thence bent into the form of a ring 9, which concentrically overlies the ring 8 and is of somewhat smaller diameter.

The rings 8 and 9 provide clamping-jaws, which operate when the arms are pressed together and the fabric inserted between them, to pass one within the other and cup the fabric as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, whereby said fabric is tightly drawn over the ring 8 and is thus securely held in place.

For forcing the two arms together and holding the fabric in clamped position, I employ a loop 10 which is of such length to draw the arms together when slid forwardly. The loop is prevented from being wholly removed from the holder when it is retracted, by the convolution of the coil 6 which, in connection with the arms 5, affords such a thickness of metal at this point that the width of the loop is insufficient to travel over it. The coil 6 not only forms a spring for the arms 5, but also provides an opening for attaching a strap, tape or other flexible connection 11 for tying the device to the bed rail in event it is employed for holding bed clothes.

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

An article of the character described, comprising two arms connected together movable to and from each other, one of which is provided with a ring turned inwardly toward the connection between the arms and spaced from the arm by which it is carried, the said ring lying in a plane at substantially right-angles to a plane passing through the arms and a device carried by the other arm adapted to enter said ring when the arms are pressed together and cup a piece of material placed between them.

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

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