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COLUMN STEP.
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Fig. 1.

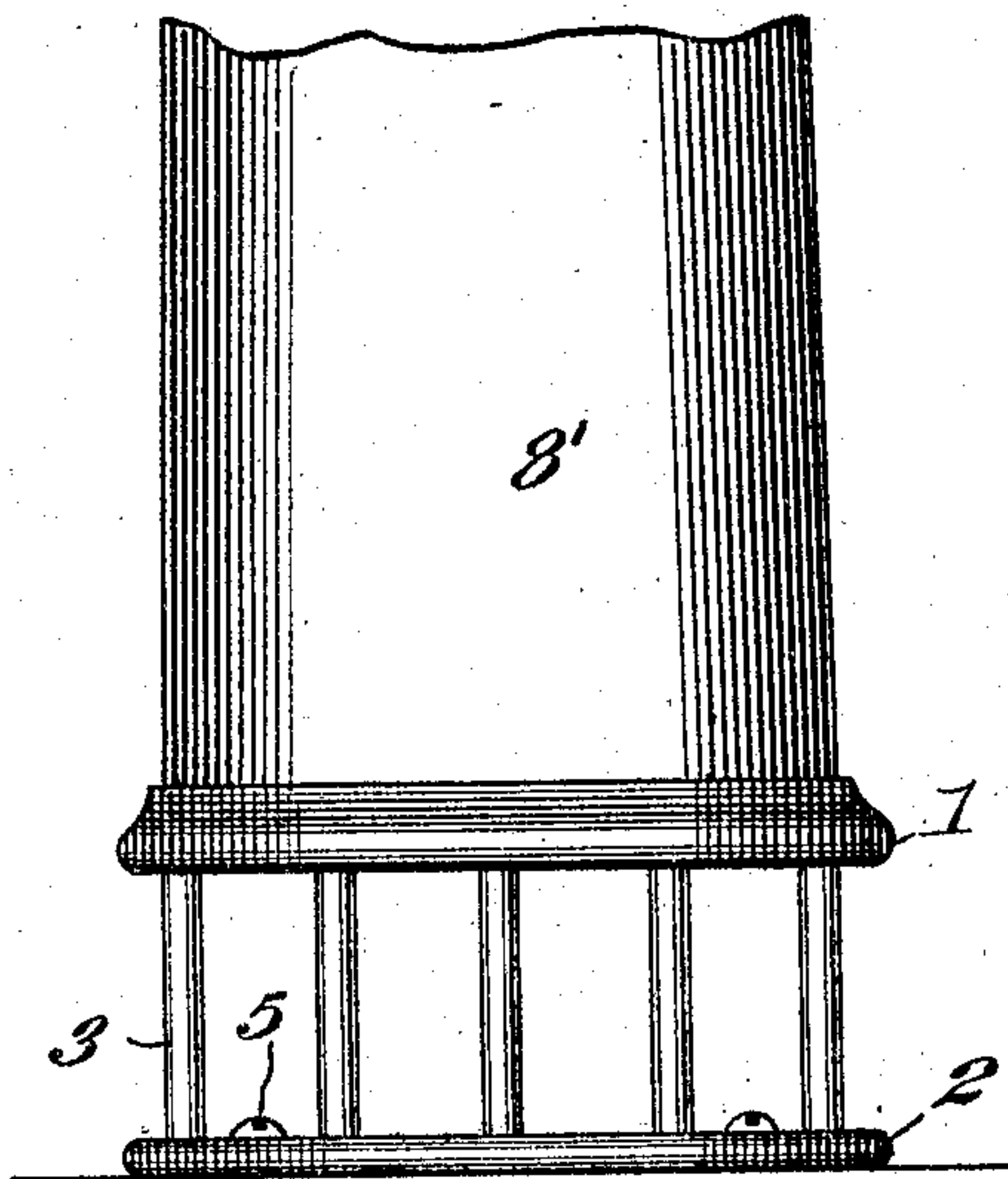


Fig. 2.

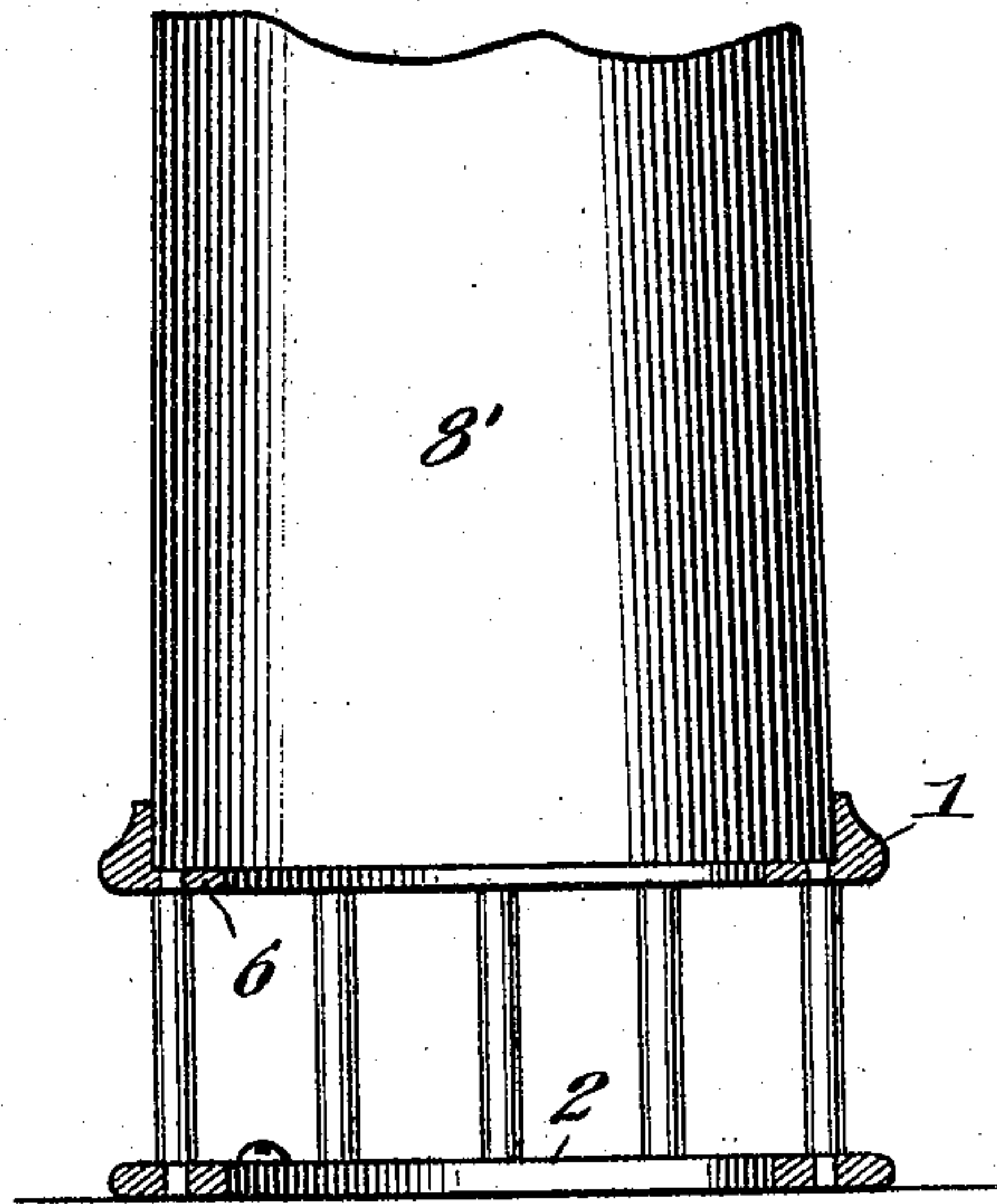


Fig. 3.

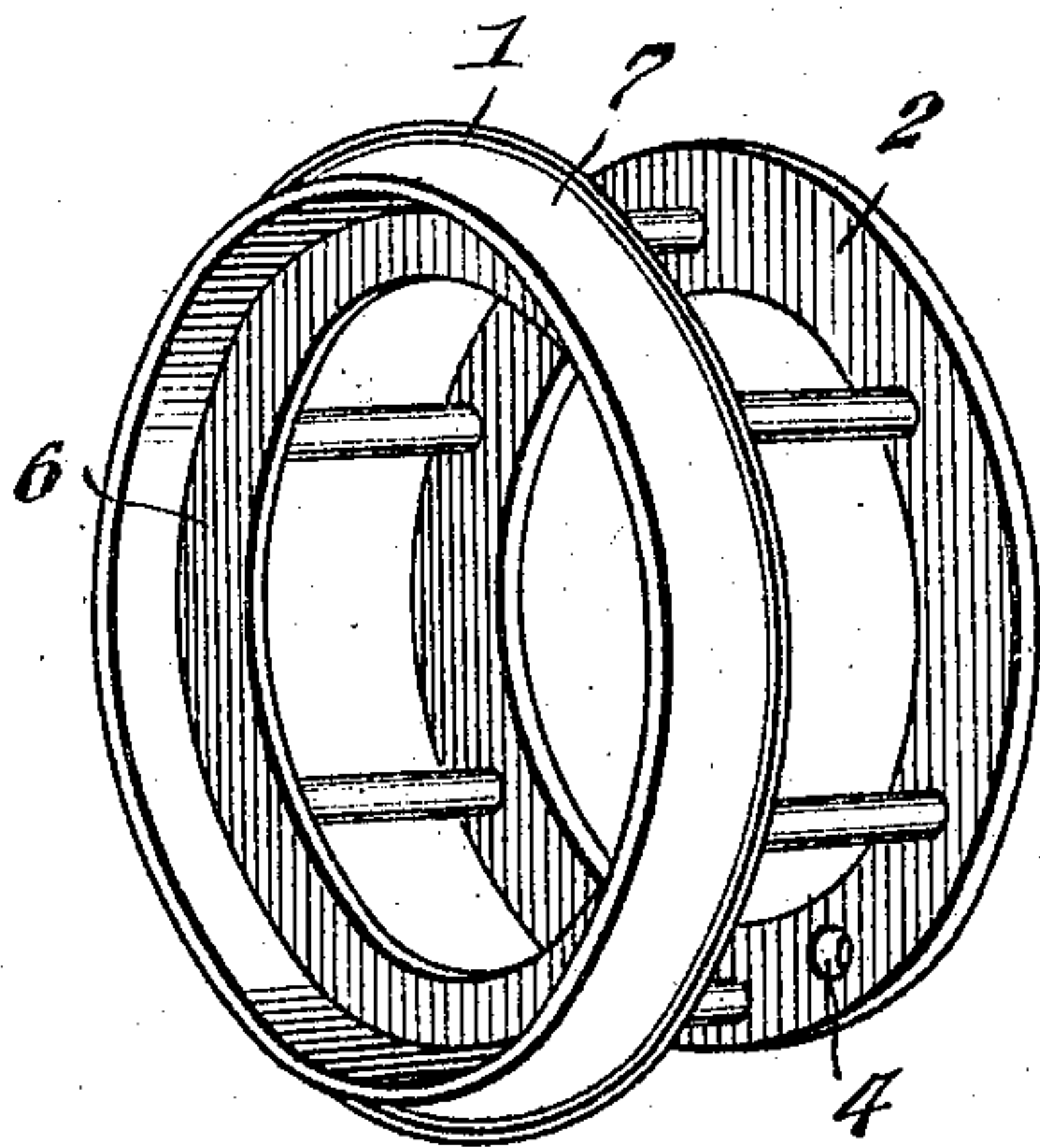
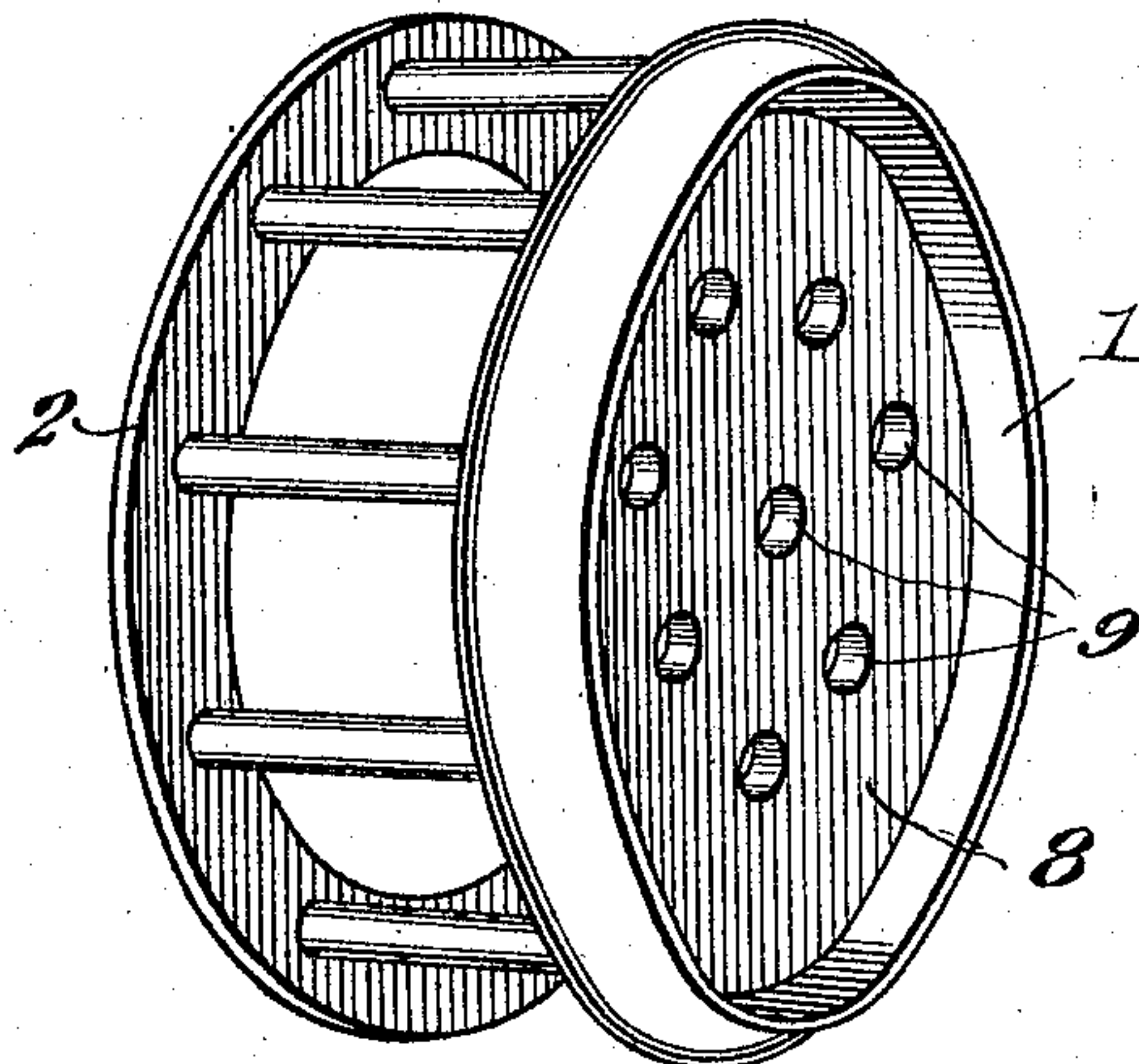


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GLOVER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Steubenville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Column-Steps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to column steps, the object in view being to provide a simple, practical and cheap metal base for columns, posts and the like which will afford thorough ventilation beneath the bottom of the post to prevent the decay of the post and materially increase the life and durability of the same. At the same time by reason of the construction described, the column step may be cleaned or washed out in any convenient manner.

With the above and other objects in view, the nature of which will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as herein fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of the lower portion of a column or post showing the improved step applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the column step in section. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one form of column step. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of another form of column step.

The column step contemplated in this invention comprises essentially a pair of rings 1 and 2, 1 designating the upper ring and 2 the lower ring. The rings 1 and 2 are connected together and held at a suitable distance apart by means of a circular series of stanchions 3 which may consist of rods or tubes the ends of which are connected to the rings 1 and 2 in any approved manner. The

bottom ring 2 is preferably flat or shallow in depth so as to enable trash and other material getting under the post to be easily removed and swept or washed therefrom, the said lower ring being provided with holes 4 to receive fasteners 5 by means of which the column steps are secured to the supporting floor or surface above which the post is disposed. The upper ring 1 is rabbeted or recessed as shown, at 6 to form an annular bead or molding 7 to surround and embrace the lower extremity of the post or column which is represented at 8'.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the central portion of the upper ring is cut away as shown in Fig. 3, and if desired, the said upper ring may be provided with a bottom plate 8 extending entirely across the same and in order to provide for ventilating and draining the lower extremity of the post, the said plate being provided with any desired number of holes 9 extending there-through as shown in Fig. 4.

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

As an article of manufacture, a supporting step for wooden columns embodying upper and lower rings spaced apart, and a circular series of stanchions interposed between said rings and connected at their opposite ends thereto, the upper ring comprising a bottom plate formed with drain and ventilation perforations and the lower ring having an open center.

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

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