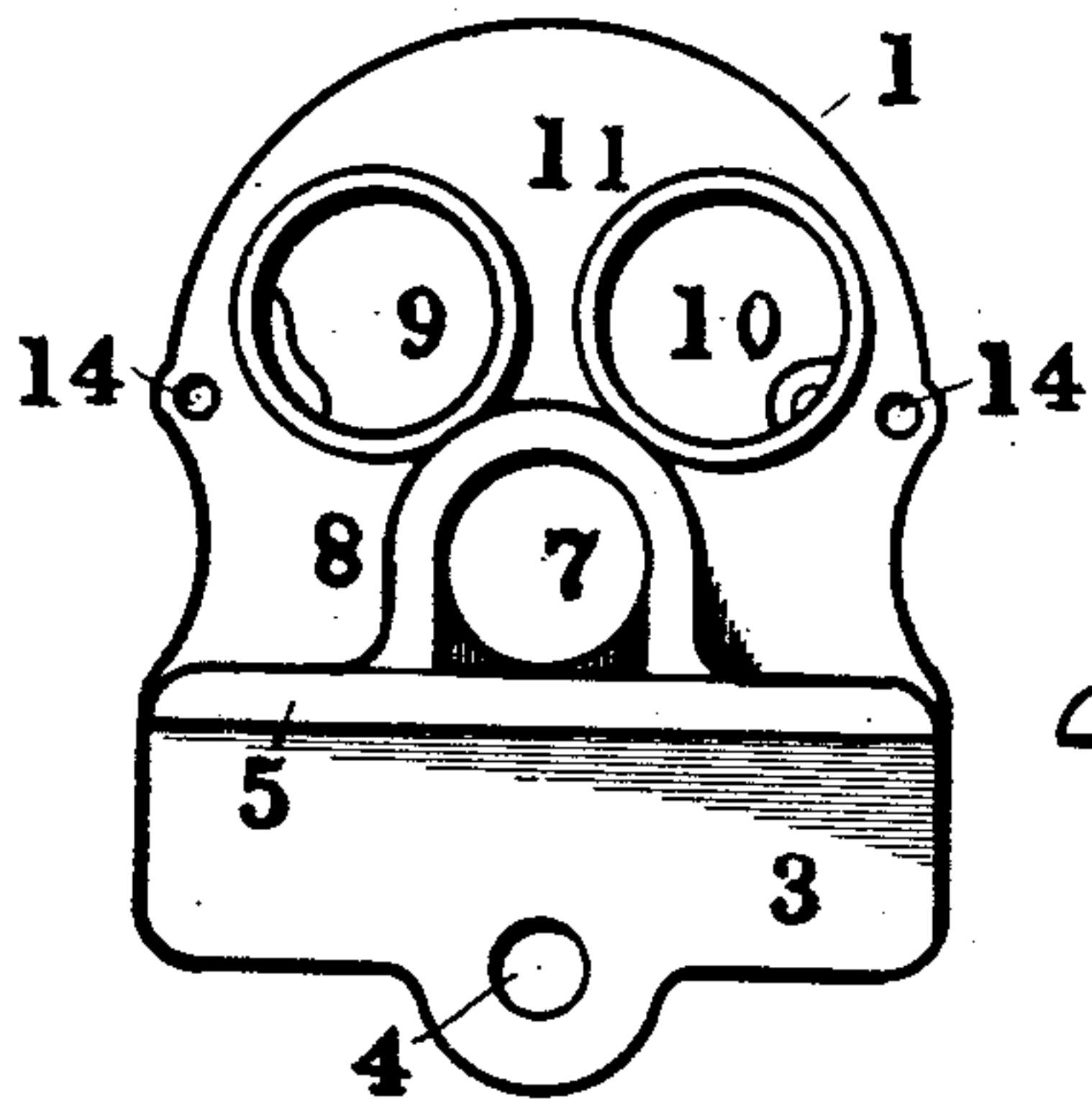


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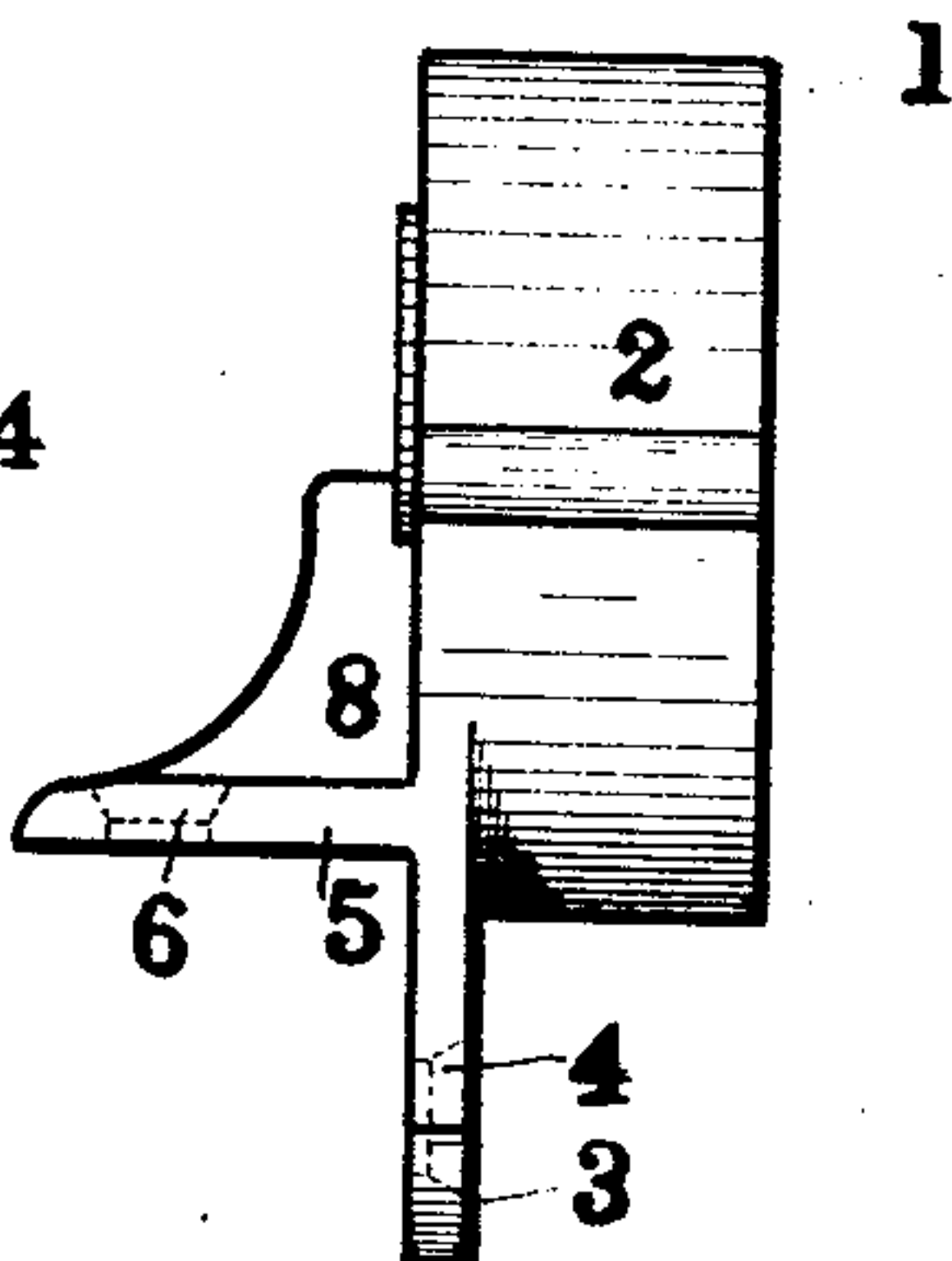
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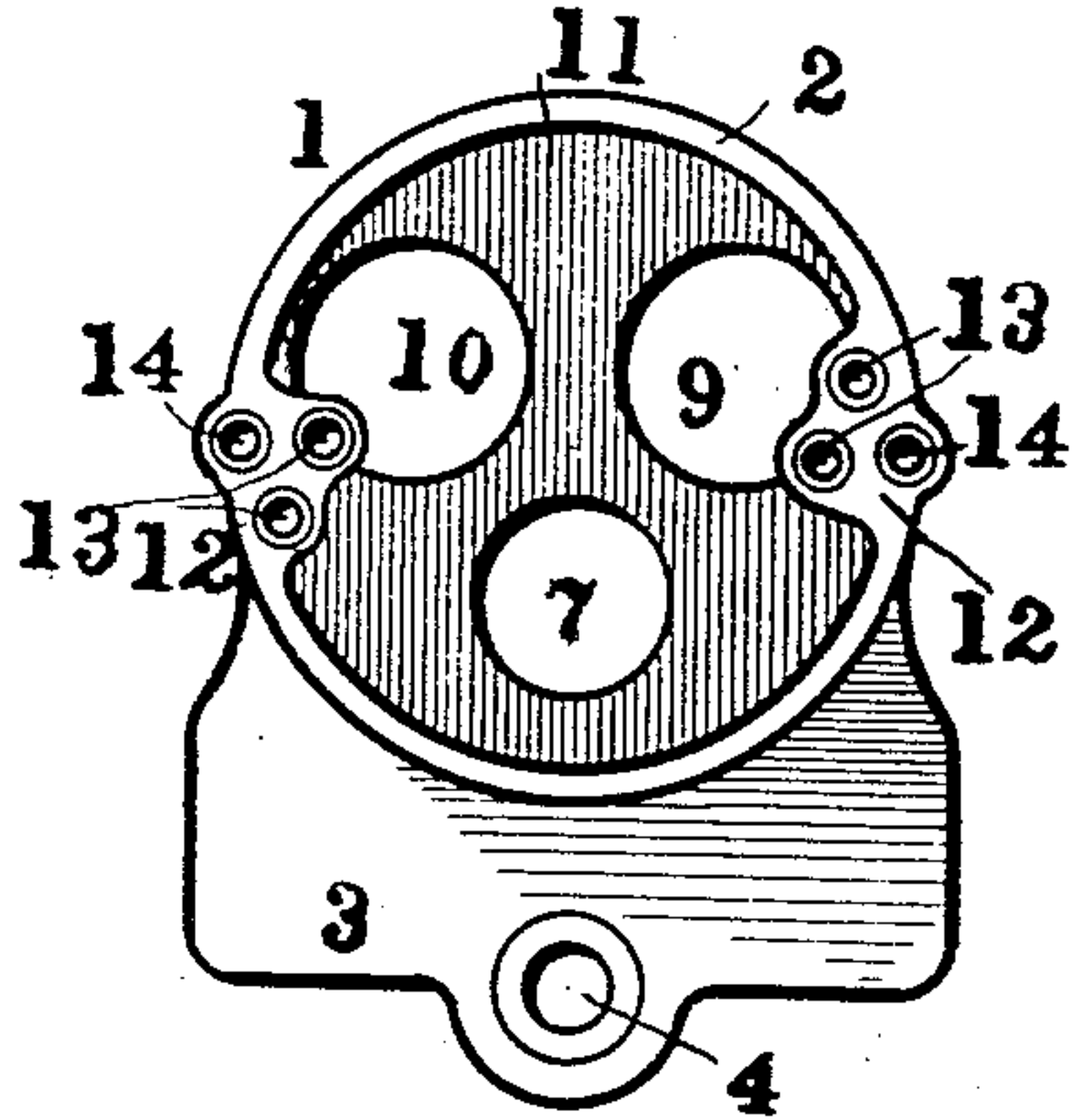
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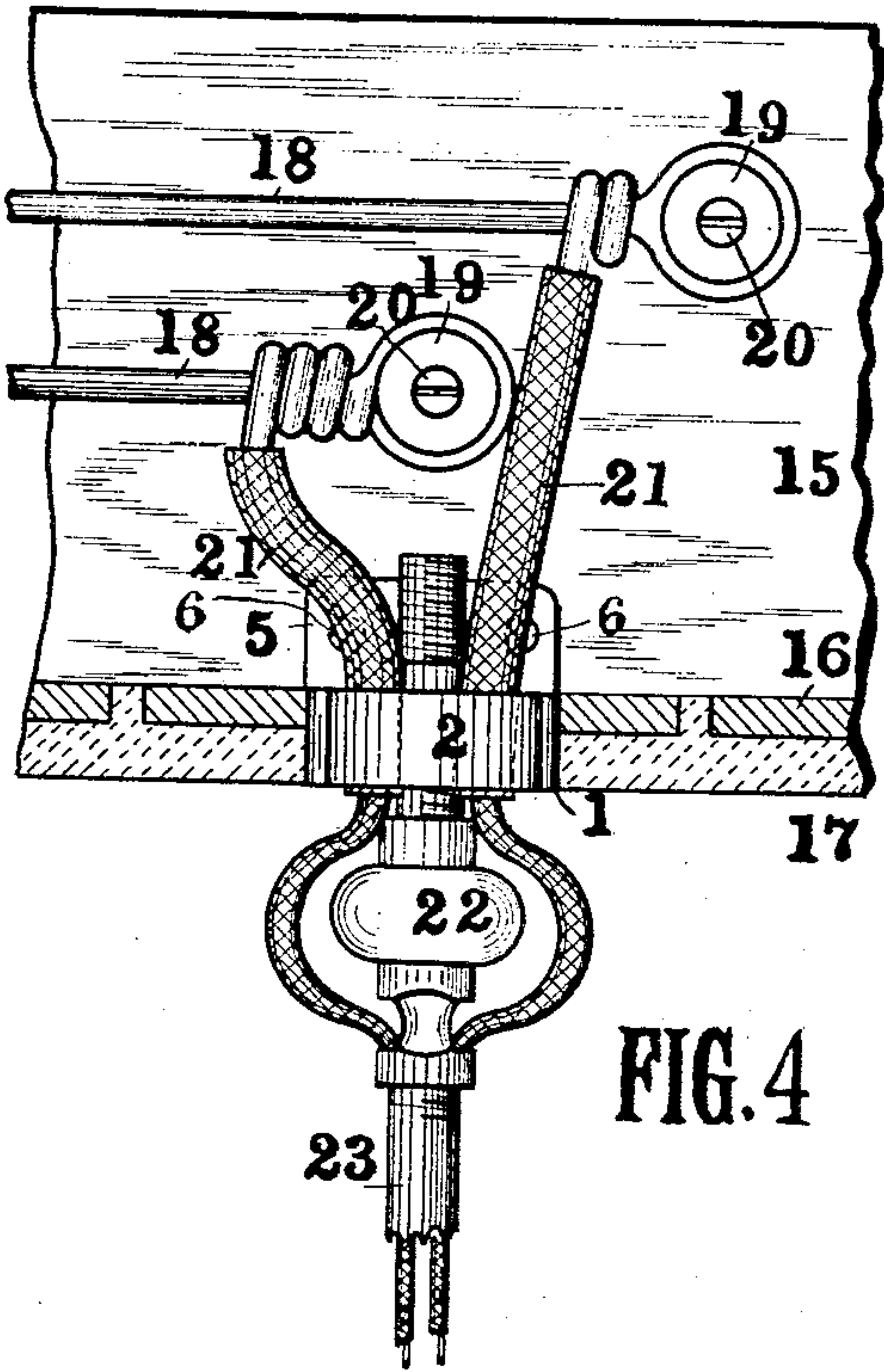
**FIG. 1**



**FIG.2**



**FIG. 3**



**FIG. 4**

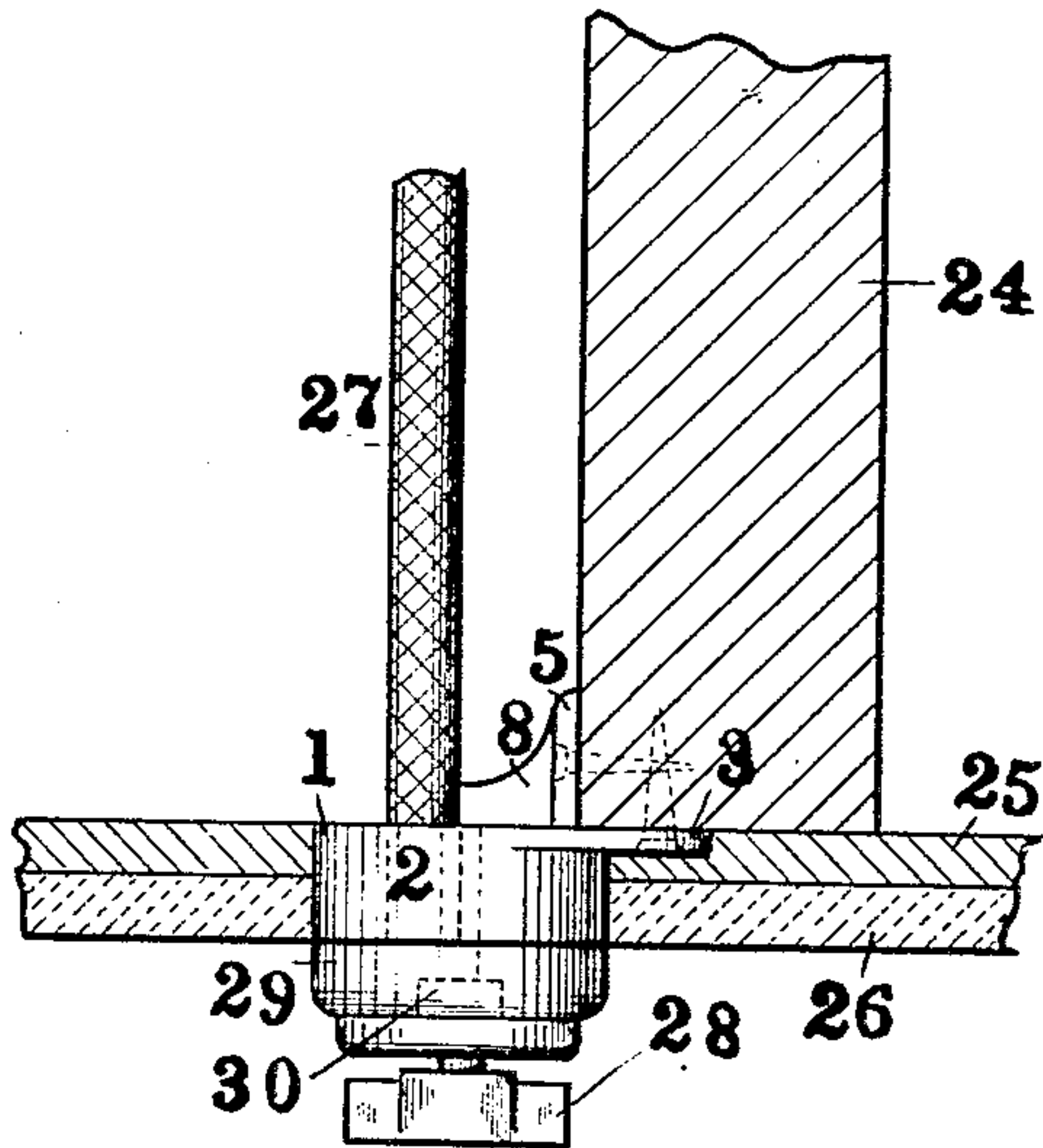


FIG. 5

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## OUTLET-BRACKET FOR ELECTRIC FIXTURES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NEWTON HUBLINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Barberton, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Outlet-Brackets for Electric Fixtures, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to outlet brackets for supporting electric light fixtures and it has for its object to provide a simply-constructed and easily-applied device whereby the fixtures and insulator members for the conductor wires are firmly supported and concealed from view by the plastering and by the escutcheons of the fixtures.

This invention further contemplates constructing a device in such a manner that it can be used in a variety of ways in mounting electric light fixtures thereby making its use as universal as possible, the device being adapted to be secured on a rigid supporting medium such as the studding or joist of a building and when so positioned the outer face of the bracket will be flush with the surface of the plaster.

A further object of this invention is to so construct the device that it will be provided with means to receive various forms of electric light fixtures and suitably support them; at the same time the device is provided with means to receive the conductor wires by which the electric current is conducted to the fixtures.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts constituting the invention to be hereinafter specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings, in which similar reference numerals indicate like parts in the different figures: Figures 1, 2 and 3 are views in rear, side and front elevation respectively of my improved device; Fig. 4 is a view of the same shown in operative relation with a chandelier or electrolier on a ceiling from which depends the fixture. Fig. 5 is a view showing the device positioned in the wall of

a building in operative relation with an ordinary snap switch.

Referring to the drawings in detail, this improved device is represented as a whole by the reference numeral 1 and comprises a cup-shaped body portion consisting of an annular flange 2 and a rear wall 11 formed integrally and from which extends a depending wing 3 having an aperture 4 to receive a holdfast device and a lateral wing 5 having apertures 6 to receive fastening means. Extending through the wall 11 is a threaded opening 7 surrounding which and extending rearwardly therefrom is a hood 8 for strengthening the entire device. The rear wall 11 is also provided with two openings 9 and 10 for a purpose to be hereinafter described. Formed integral with the front face of the annular flange 2 are a pair of lugs 12 each provided with a plurality of threaded openings 33 extending therethrough and also with a threaded opening 14 which extends through the wall 11 which is reinforced at these points.

In Fig. 4 this device is shown in operative relation with a chandelier or electrolier and in this figure the reference numeral 15 denotes a joist of the ceiling of a room provided with ordinary lath 16 covered with plaster 17. The bracket 1 is secured by suitable holdfast devices to the joist in such a manner that the wing 3 engages the under face of the same and the wing 5 one of the sides thereof and when so positioned the front face of the annular flange 2 will be approximately flush with the surface of the plaster 17. The wires 18 by which an electric current is conveyed to the electrolier are secured to insulators 19 fastened to the joist by means of holdfast devices 20. From the wires 18 extend properly insulated conducting wires 21 which pass through the apertures 9 and 10. The threaded upper end of the electrolier is secured in the threaded opening 7 of the device which rigidly secures it in position so that it cannot be readily moved from position and all danger of crushing the plaster around the fixture is removed. The conducting wires 21 are then carried down around the insulating portion 22 of the electrolier and are received within a tubular member 23 from whence they are conducted to the lamps carried by the electrolier. The bracket 1 together with the conducting wires and insulating member 22 are inclosed



by the usual escutcheons (not shown) employed for concealing the upper terminus of a device of this character.

When employing this device for supporting a snap switch, rosette or side wall bracket the device is secured to a studding 24 in the side wall of a room by means of suitable holdfast devices which secure the flange 3 against the front face of the studding and the flange 5 against one of the side faces thereof. Secured to the studding 24 are lath, designated by the reference numeral 25 over which is a layer of plaster 26, the conducting wires in this case being carried from any suitably-positioned insulator adjacent the bracket by which the current is carried to the switch 28. The insulating member 29 of the switch is secured to the face of the flange 2 by means of screws 30 extending through the body thereof and into any of the threaded openings 13 or 14 with which the openings in the member 29 will conveniently register.

It will be obvious that this device may be mounted in any convenient place where it is desired to position an electric light fixture and the fixture itself may be secured thereto by means of screws engaging in the threaded openings 13 or 14 with which the openings in the fixture will correspond or register. The flange 2 will be of such a width that when the device is mounted on a fixed support such as a studding or joist the outer face thereof will be approximately flush with the surface of the plaster. By so doing the danger of plaster being forced into or entering the interior of the bracket and possibly destroying the insulation of the wires is

avoided. In mounting the ordinary switch on a plastered wall the holdfast devices from the switch usually pass through the plaster into the lath and in so doing they crush the plaster and it is frequently necessary to bend the wires apart outside of the switch and as these wires are between the rear face of the switch and the surface of the plaster the insulation becomes destroyed and the fixture itself is insecurely mounted.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

An outlet bracket adapted to support various forms of electrical devices in alternation comprising a body portion provided with a passage for an insulated current-conducting wire and a threaded opening to receive the threaded end of an electrolier or chandelier and constituting a supporting medium therefor, said body portion further provided with an inclosing projecting annular flange having enlarged integral portions each provided with a threaded opening arranged to receive holdfast devices for supporting electrical devices other than a chandelier or electrolier and adapted to be employed when said electrolier or chandelier is not secured in said threaded opening first mentioned and laterally and rearwardly-apertured arms projecting from said body portion for securing said outlet bracket to a permanent support.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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