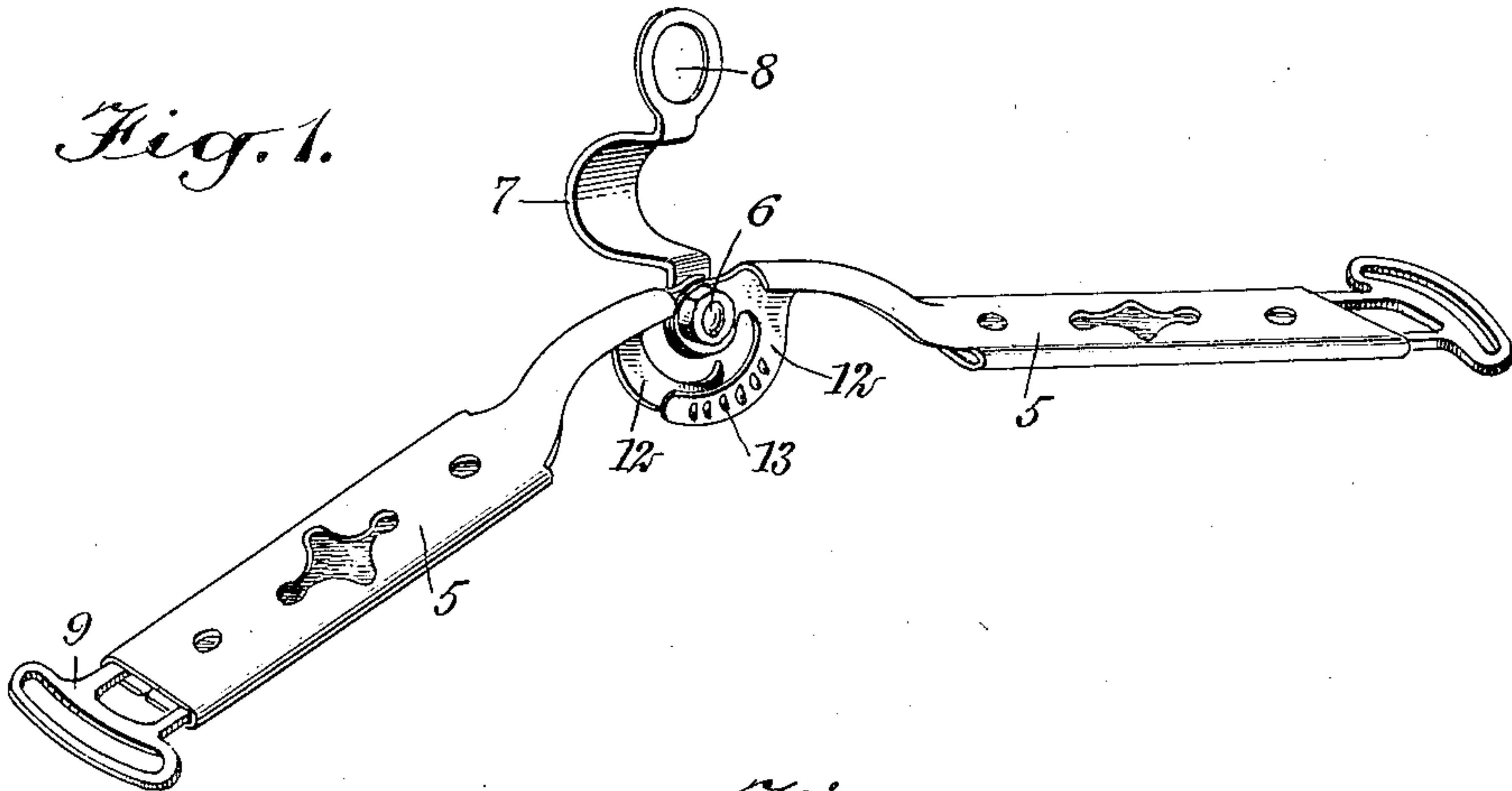


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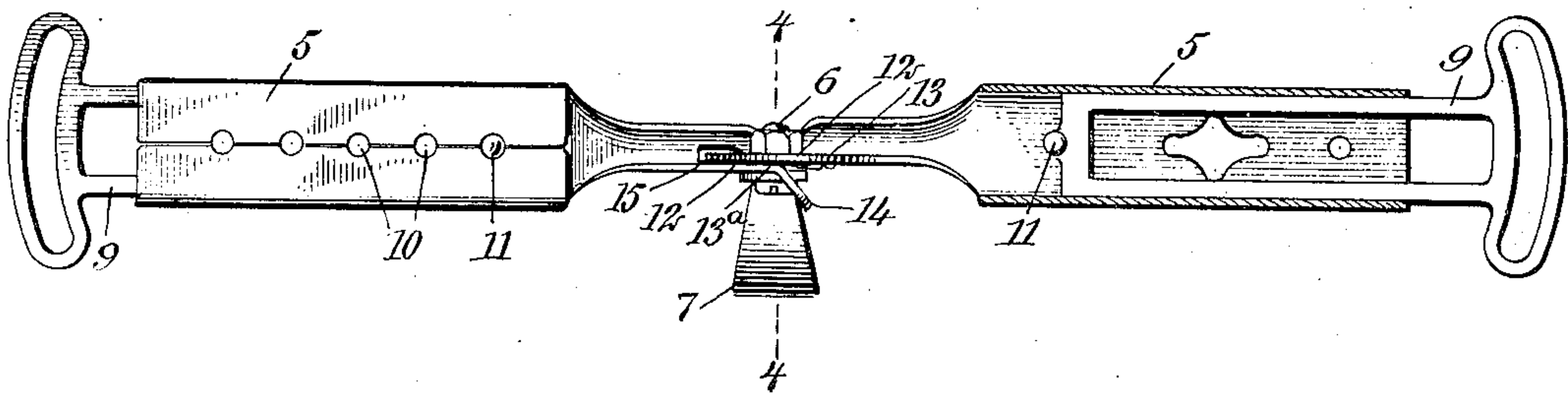
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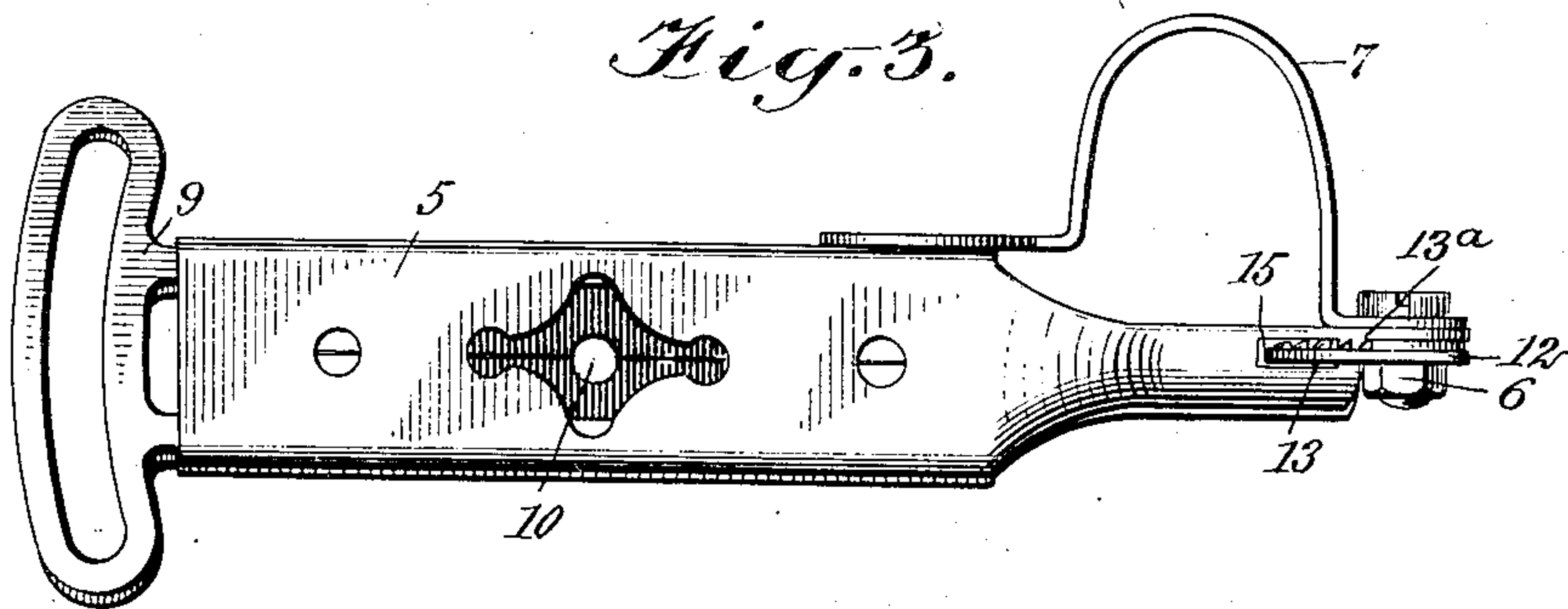
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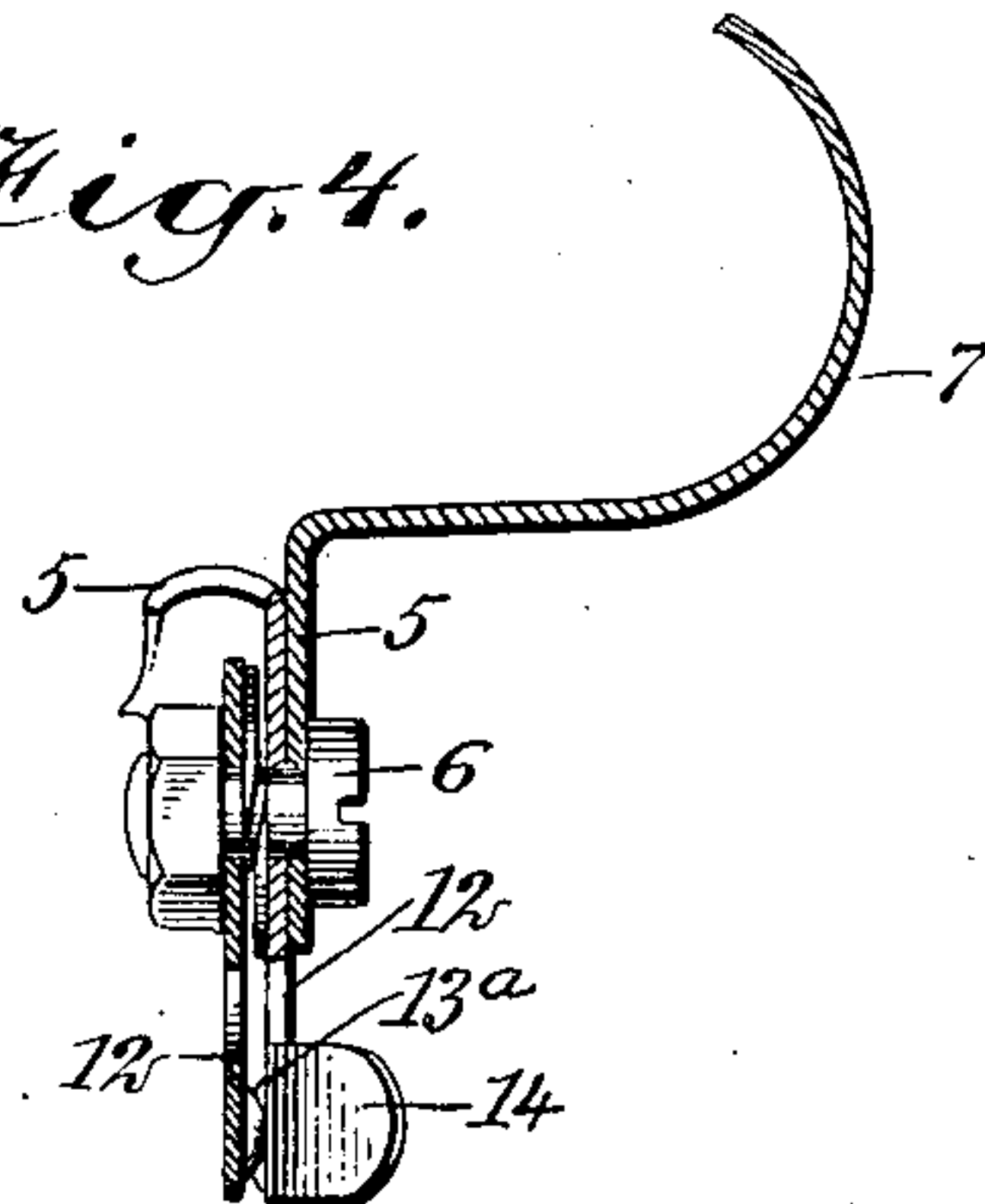
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, REGINALD C. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Hanger, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improvement in garment hangers, having in view such a device not only embodying the usual desirable features of adjustability, but as to the length of the garment-supporting arms and their relative angular position, by which last mentioned adjustment the arms are adapted to be folded compactly together, and also constructed in a manner that the several primary parts may be stamped out of sheet material and be thus economically produced. To this end I construct the arms proper in the form of casings in which are slidably retained longitudinally thereof, shoulder-supporting members. The inner end portions of the arms are upwardly offset and transversely curved to respectively fit the collar of the coat or other garment and insure strength. These end portions are further provided with the usual pivotal connection, as also arcs movable over each other, one of which is provided with teeth and the other a tooth which engage and hold the arms in adjusted position.

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 perspective view of a garment hanger constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is an inverted plan of the same, partly in section; Fig. 3 is a plan of the hanger when folded together; and Fig. 4 is a section substantially on the line 4-4 of Fig. 2.

More specifically described, the construction of my improved hanger comprises garment-supporting arms 5, 5 pivotally connected together at their inner ends by a screw or rivet 6, which also passes through a hanger 7 which is shown to have an eye 8 for applying it to a suitable support, and the hanger has a bend in its length to permit of the proper laying of the coat collar on the supporting-arms 5. Each arm 5 is constructed of sheet metal, with the outer

portions folded at opposite sides to bring the edges in abutting relation underneath the arm, as shown in Fig. 2, to provide a casing in which is slidable longitudinally thereof a shoulder-supporting member 9, the latter being rounded off and expanded in width at its outer end, to properly conform to this part of the garment. Where the edges of the arm are brought together in producing the casing, a series of apertures 10 are formed, which are adapted to be successively engaged by a protuberance or projection 11 formed on the member 9, and frictionally lock this member in adjusted position, the protuberance operating to spring into the apertures 10 as the member is shifted in the casing. The inner end portions of the arms are of reduced width, upwardly offset and transversely curved to conform to the shape of the collar as well as to insure strength. They are further provided with outwardly and inwardly curving arcs 12, 12, movable over each other, one of which is provided with teeth 13, and the other with a tooth 13<sup>a</sup>, adapted to engage with the teeth 13 and lock the arms in adjusted position. These teeth, as shown, are preferably produced by stamping them from the metal, and are so arranged that when engaged they prevent the arms from swinging toward each other until the arcs are sprung apart to admit of the free separation of the arms. For springing the arcs apart in order that their teeth may move over each other, one of the arcs is at its extremity bent outwardly to provide a thumb-piece 14. The other arc, when the arms are swung together, passes through a slot 15 formed in the inner portion of one of the arms, and the hanger 7 is turned to overlies the edges of the arms, as shown in Fig. 3, in which relation of the parts the hanger is in condition for storage or shipment.

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

1. The combination of garment-supporting arms pivoted together and provided with engaging arcs laterally movable one from the other independent of any movement of the arms, and teeth carried by said arcs for holding the arms in adjusted position.

2. The combination of garment-supporting arms pivoted together and having over-



- lapping arcs resiliently engaging, and teeth carried by said arcs arranged to lock the arms against inward pivotal movement, while permitting of the arms swinging apart.
- 5 3. The combination of garment-supporting arms, each having a casing provided with apertures, and a shoulder-supporting member adjustable in each casing having a projection adapted to frictionally engage in  
10 the apertures and retain the member in adjusted position.
4. The combination of garment-supporting arms pivoted together, and arcs carried by said arms independent of the pivotal  
15 connection thereof and resiliently engaging

to lock the arms in different positions of adjustment.

5. The combination of garment-supporting arms pivoted together and having arcs movable over each other provided with en- 20 gaging means, and a thumb-piece rigid with one of said arcs for springing them apart.

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

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