

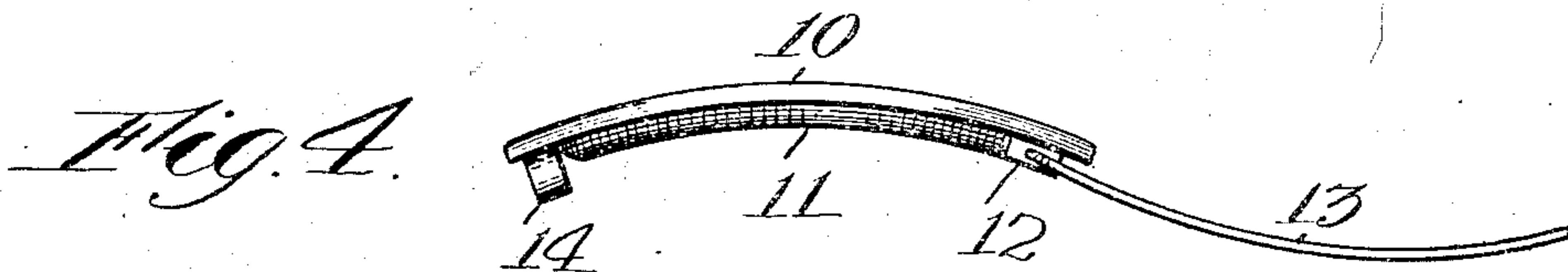
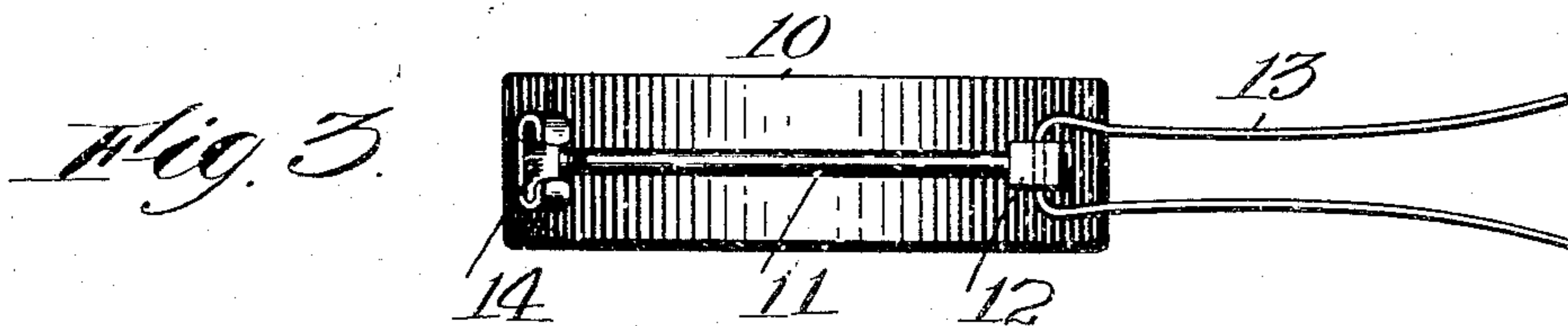
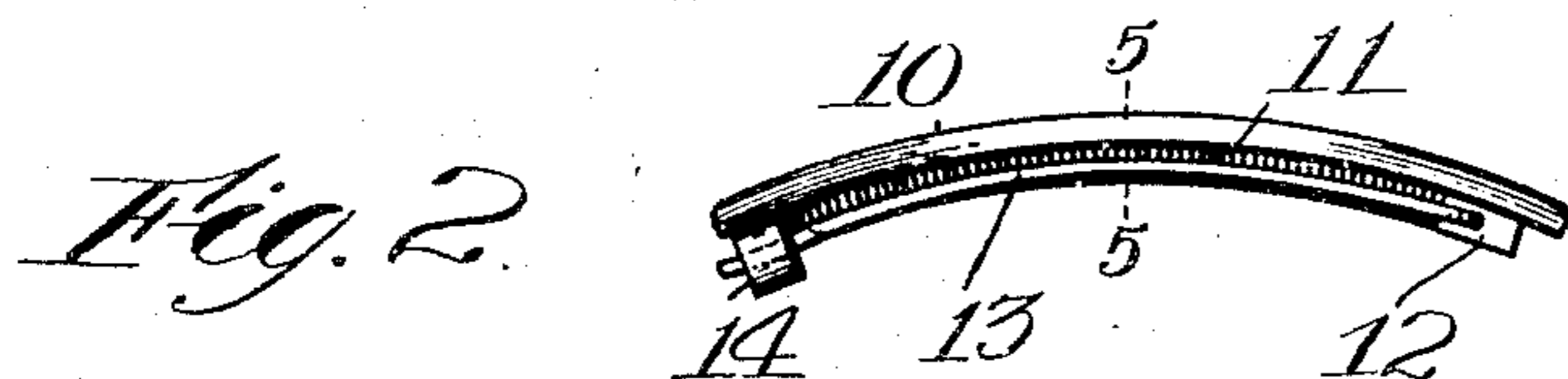
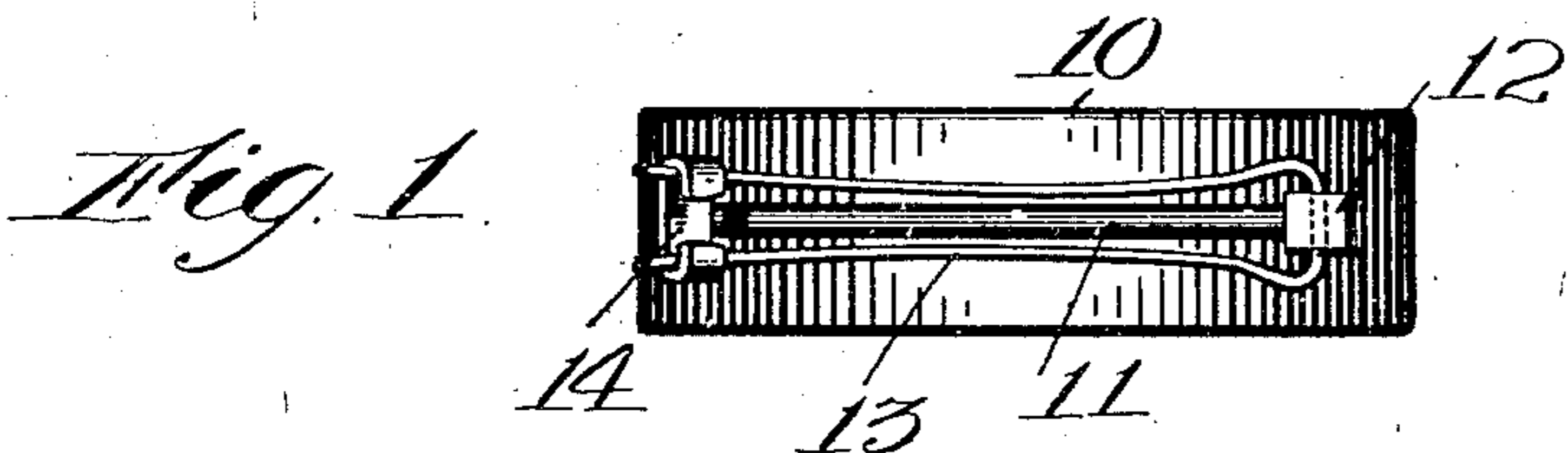
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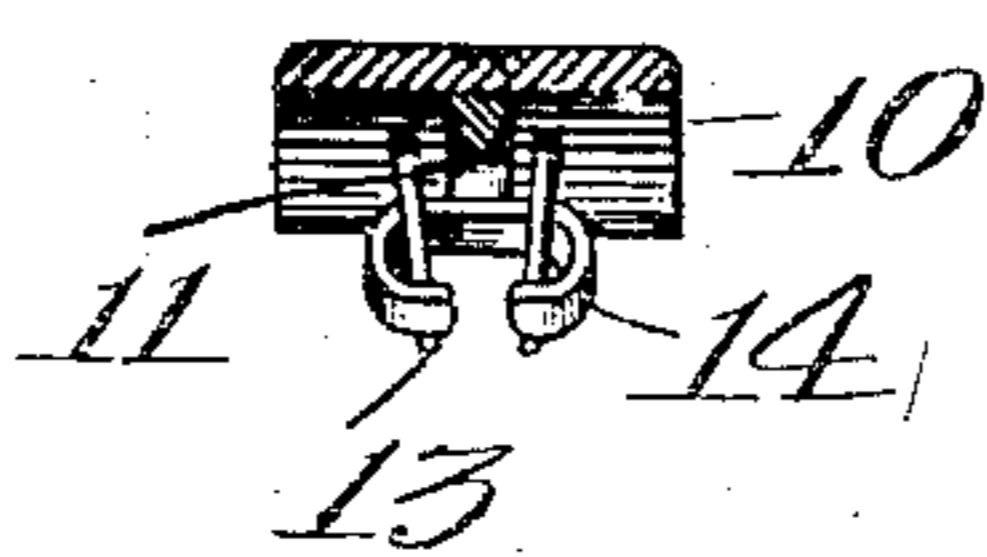
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*Fig. 5.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. HOWE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Barrette, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a barrette for holding ladies' hair at the back of the head.

10 The principal objects of the invention are to provide simple and inexpensive means mounted conveniently on the barrette for coöperating with the fastening pin or clasp to securely hold the hair, and to provide at the same time a strengthening rib for the barrette; and to construct the device in such a manner that there will be no sharp edges which are likely to break or cut the hair.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a barrette constructed in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 is a plan thereof; Fig. 3 is a rear elevation with the fastening pin or clasp open; Fig. 4 is a plan in the same condition; and Fig. 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

30 The invention is shown as applied to an ordinary simple form of barrette 10, and it is to be understood that it can be applied to all varieties and forms thereof, and to those made of all materials.

35 The barrette is provided on the back thereof with a longitudinal strengthening rib 11. This rib is preferably of substantially uniform cross-section throughout, and has a rounded surface as indicated in Fig. 5. It extends substantially throughout the length of the barrette, and at one end thereof is provided with a post 12, in which is pivoted a double or bifurcated wire clasp or pin 13. The two legs of this pin are separated from each other sufficiently to permit them, when the pin is closed up on the back of the barrette, to extend along the two sides of the projection 11 and at a slight distance therefrom, and to come at a point nearer the back of the pin than is the outer edge of the rib. This position of the parts is indicated in Fig.

5. The two outer ends of the pin flare outwardly, and are adapted to be fixed to the barrette by means of a fastening clip 14 located at the opposite end of the rib.

55 It will be seen that a barrette constructed according to this invention has a longitudinal continuous rigid and solid central strengthening rib, which has a smooth rounded outer surface, which partakes of the form of the barrette, and is of substantially uniform width and thickness throughout, and is solidly connected directly with the barrette from end to end, and a fastening pin consisting of a wire having two resilient substantially parallel legs, pivoted near one end of the rib and bent inwardly slightly toward each other between their ends, so that they substantially and yieldingly engage both sides of the rib so that the hair of the wearer is effectively held between the pin and the rib, and is bent around the rib in such a manner that while there is no danger of cutting or breaking it, yet it is firmly secured thereto by the two legs of the pin. At the same time the rib serves to strengthen the barrette and permits the manufacture of the main body thereof of thinner material.

80 It will be understood, of course, that the rib may be of many forms and shapes, but that preferably it conforms substantially to the shape of the back of the barrette, and that the pin also takes substantially the same general shape.

85 While I have illustrated and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, I am aware that modifications may be made therein by any person skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claim. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction shown, but

What I do claim is:—

90 As an article of manufacture, a barrette having a longitudinal continuous rigid and solid central strengthening rib on the back thereof, having a smooth rounded outer surface partaking of the form of the barrette, of substantially uniform width and thickness throughout, connected directly with the barrette from end to end, a fastening pin consisting of a wire having two resilient, sub-

stantially parallel legs pivoted at one end of the rib, and bent inwardly slightly toward each other between their ends whereby they substantially and yieldingly engage the opposite solid sides of said rib, and means at  
5 the opposite end of the rib for securing the free ends of the pin.

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

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