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LINE SUPPORT FOR HARNESS.

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Fig. 1.

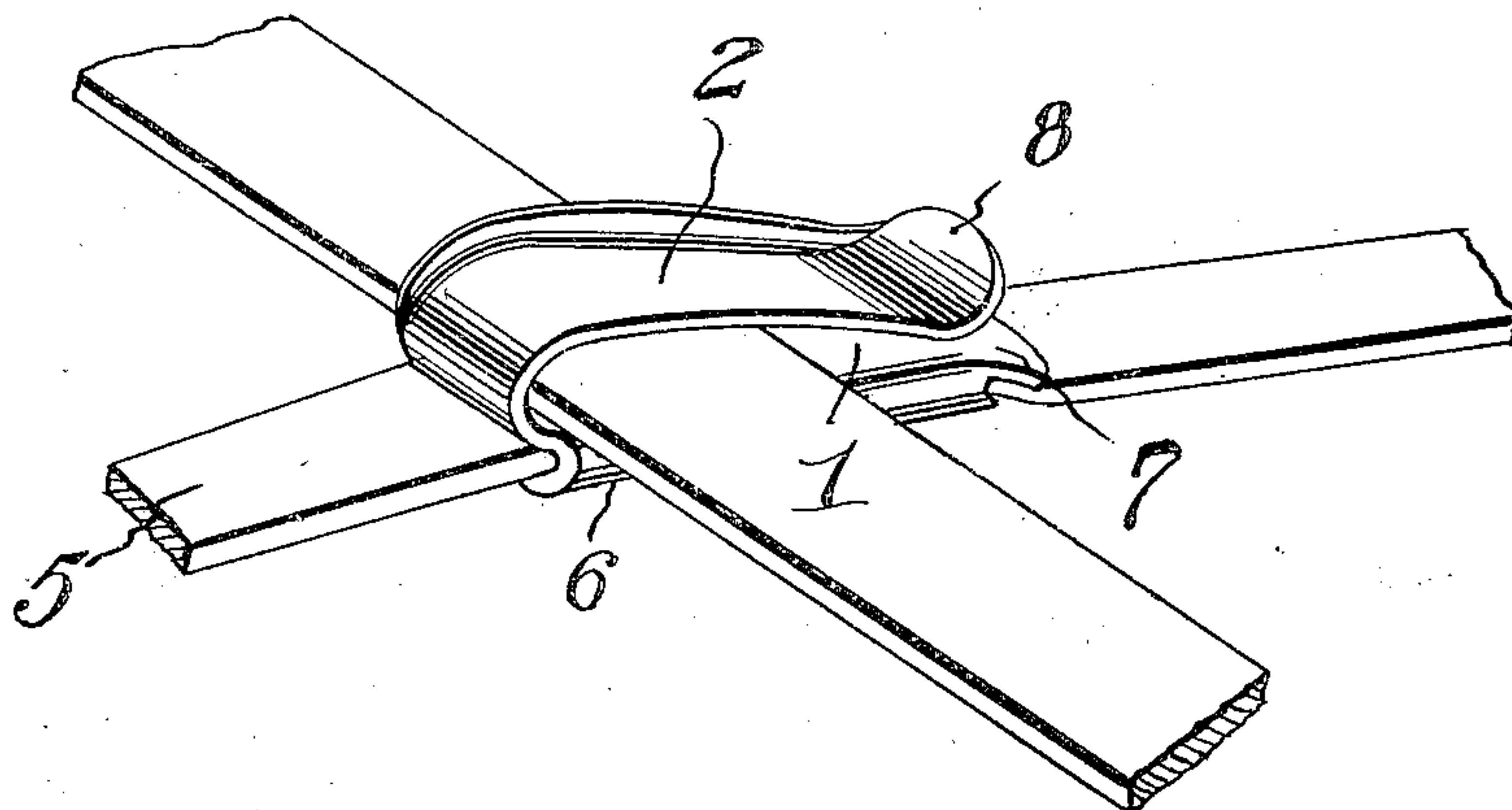


Fig. 2.

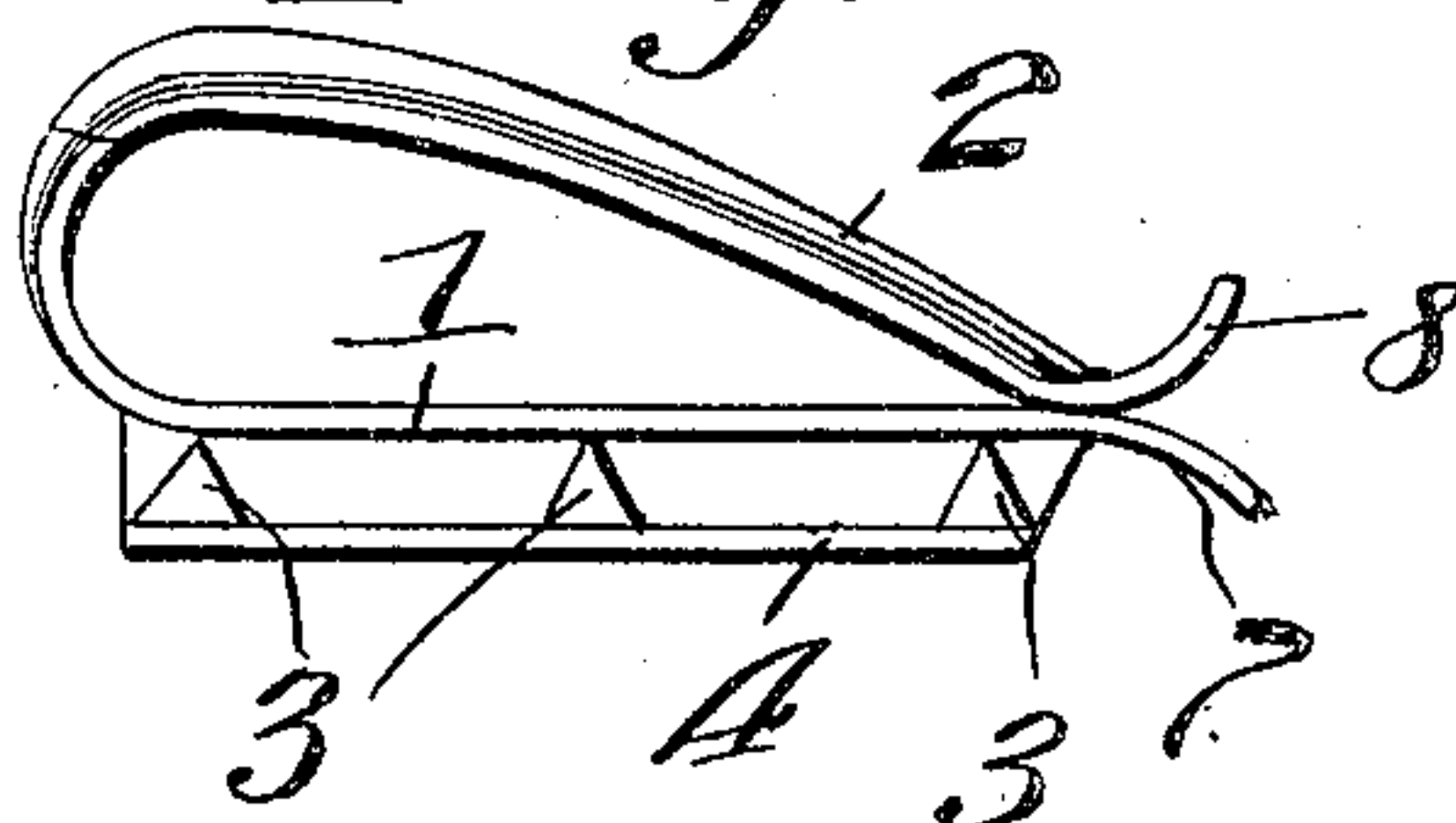
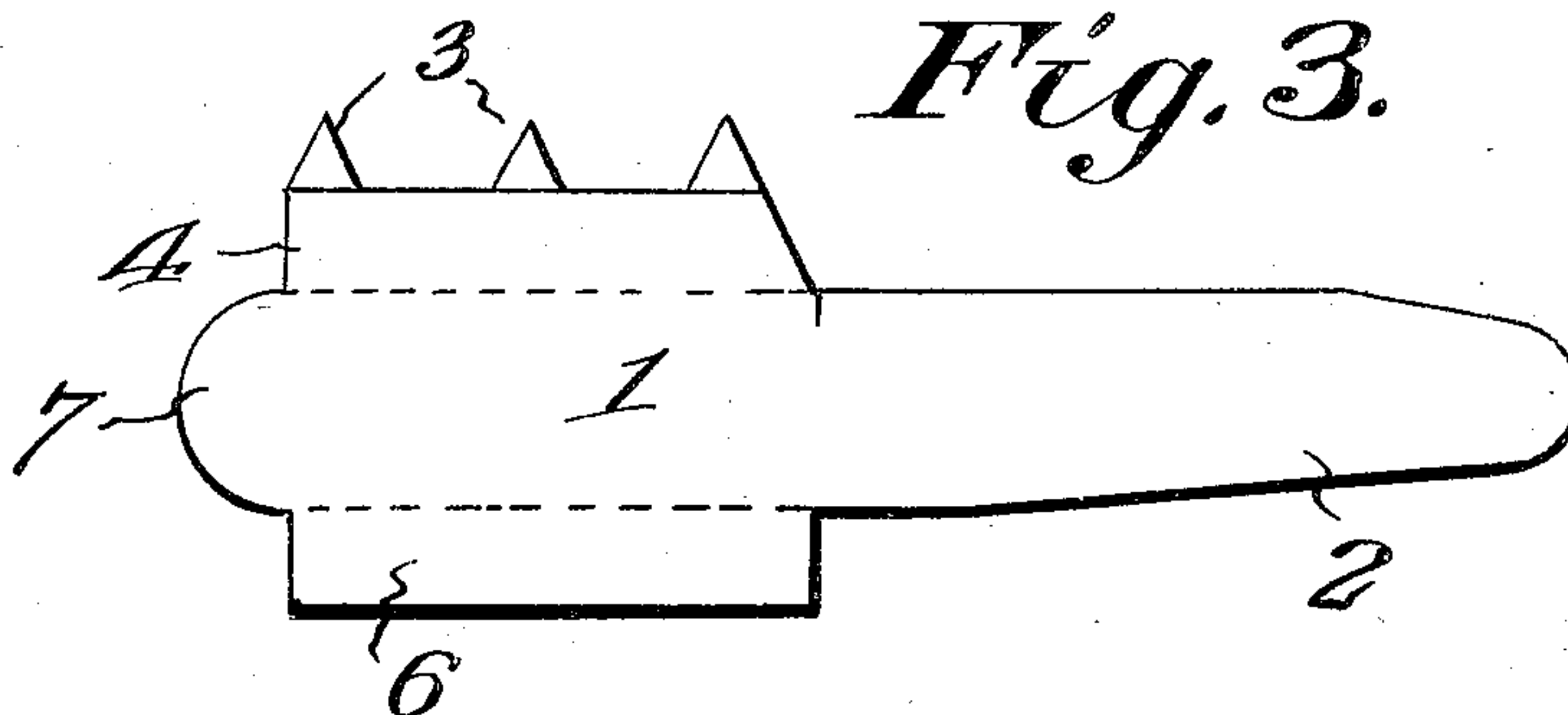


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, OSCAR HEIDINGSFELD and THEODORE HAMMOND, citizens of the United States, residing at Greenfield, in the county of Highland and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Line-Supports for Harnesses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a line or rein supporter for harness, and the object of the invention is to provide an extremely simple, and cheap device of this character which can be readily and quickly applied to various portions of the harness to retain the reins in position regardless of the movements of the horse, and which will also prevent the lines being thrown to the ground by the switching of the horse's tail.

With these objects in view the invention resides in the novel construction of line supporters hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a line holder constructed in accordance with the present invention, illustrating the same in applied position upon the hip strap of the harness and retaining a rein. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the blank.

While in the accompanying drawings but one of the improved line supporters is illustrated, and in position upon one portion of the hip strap of a harness, it is to be understood that at least two of the devices are to be employed, one for each of the reins, and positioned upon opposite sides of the harness.

The improved rein supporter is constructed of a single strip of resilient metal, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings. This strip of metal comprises a body portion 1 having an extending tongue 2. The portion of the body 1 extending beyond the tongue 2 and at one side thereof is provided with a plurality of teeth 3. This extending portion 4, is adapted to be bent under the body 1 on a line with the edge of the tongue 2, and the teeth 3 are adapted to be projected upwardly and to be inserted within the hip strap 5, or other suitable portion of a harness. The portion 6 of the body 1 projecting from the opposite side to that of the portion 4, is also adapted to be bent upon a line with the edge of the tongue 2 and to extend beneath the

body 1 when the device is in applied position. The body 1 may be provided with a reduced portion projecting beyond the edges of the projection 4 and the opposite projection 6, and this projection 7 may be slightly curved when in applied position, the purpose of which will hereinafter be set forth. The tongue 2 adjacent the inner edge of the portion 4 of the body may be slit a suitable distance as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The portion projecting beyond this slit is adapted to be upturned in a curved line over the tongue 2 to provide a reinforcement for the tongue when it is bent over the body, as will hereinafter be described, as well as to present a rounded edge to the rein, as it is drawn through the holder, which will not scrape or wear the rein.

The tongue 2 is adapted to be bent over the body 1, and to have its outer edges slightly upturned as at 8 in an opposite direction to the projection 7, thus offering oppositely extending lips between which the rein may be readily inserted. It is to be understood that the tongue 2 is of sufficient resiliency to press against the body 1 and normally close the opening between the body and the tongue, but at the same time allowing for the quick and ready withdrawal of the reins, by a slight pull, should the horse become uncontrollable, or for any other reason.

Having thus fully described the invention what is claimed as new is:

A rein holder constructed of a strip of resilient metal having a flat body and an overlying tongue portion, the body having a downwardly curved lip and being provided with extending side portions adapted to be bent under the body to engage the hip strap of a harness, teeth upon one edge of one of the sides adapted to be bent upwardly and to be inserted within the hip strap, and the tongue portion having one of its edges rolled upwardly and having its free end provided with an upturned lip adapted to contact the down turned lip of the body.

In testimony whereof we affix our signature in presence of two witnesses.

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