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Fig. 1

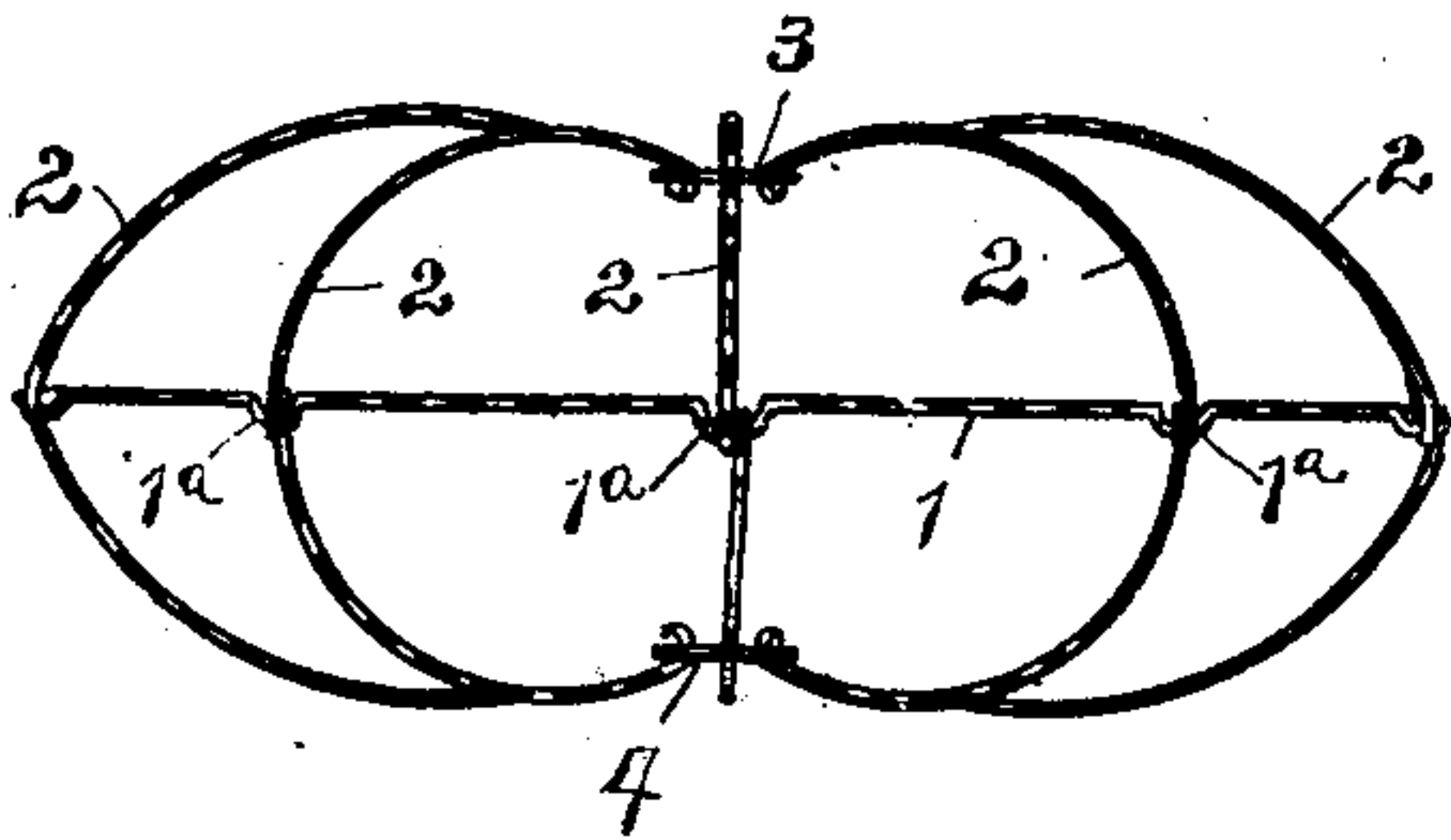


Fig. 2.

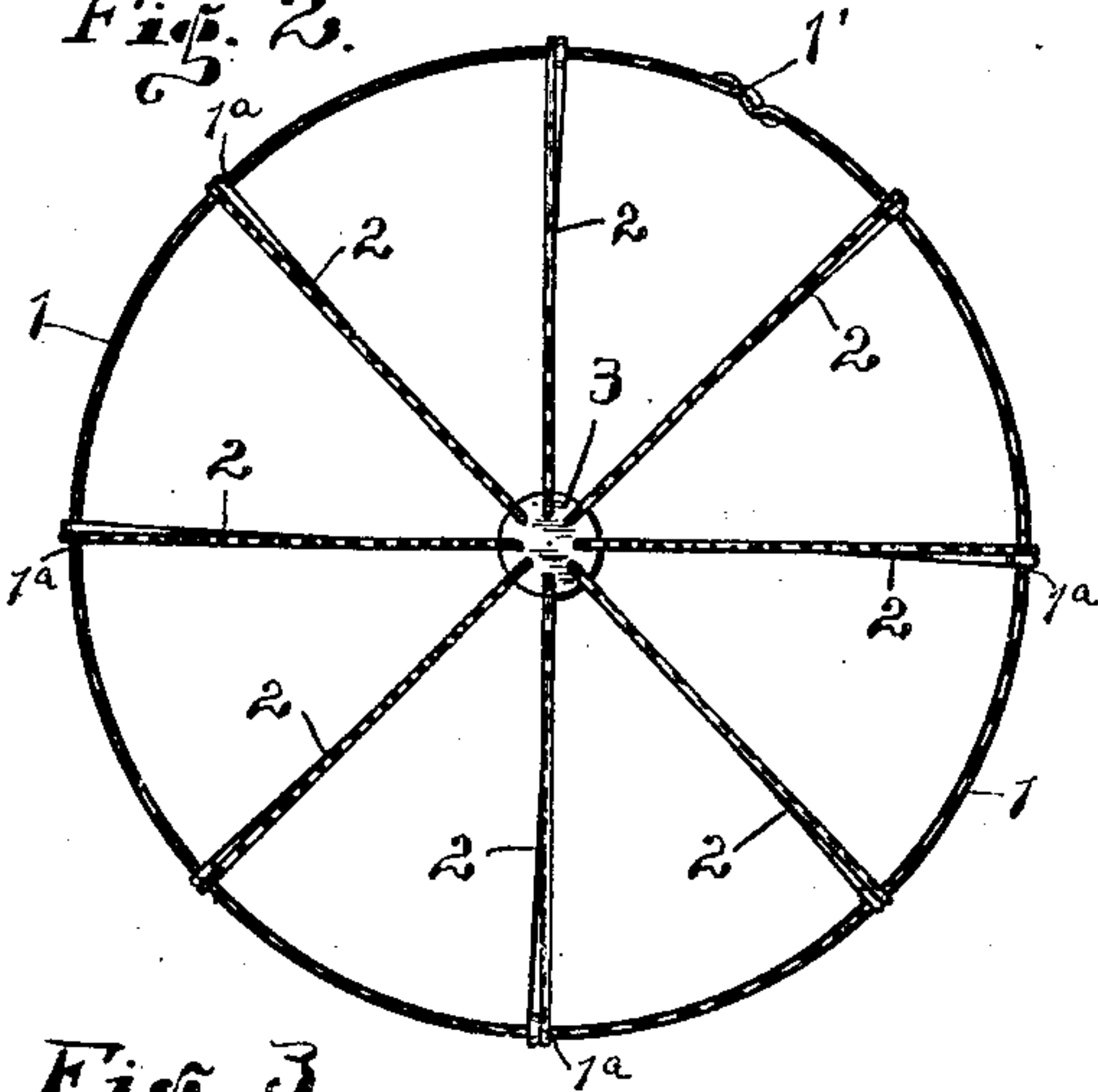
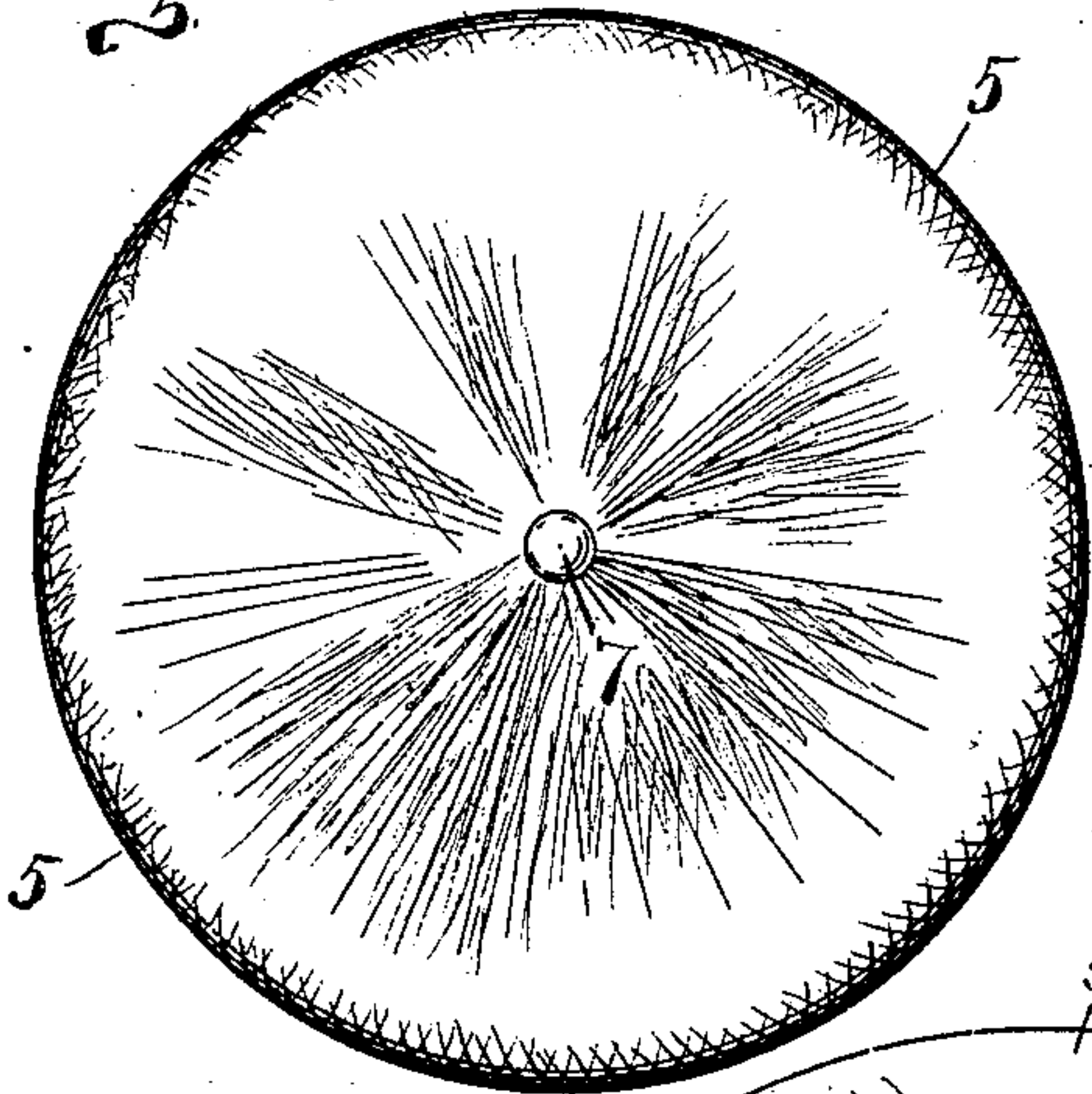


Fig. 3.



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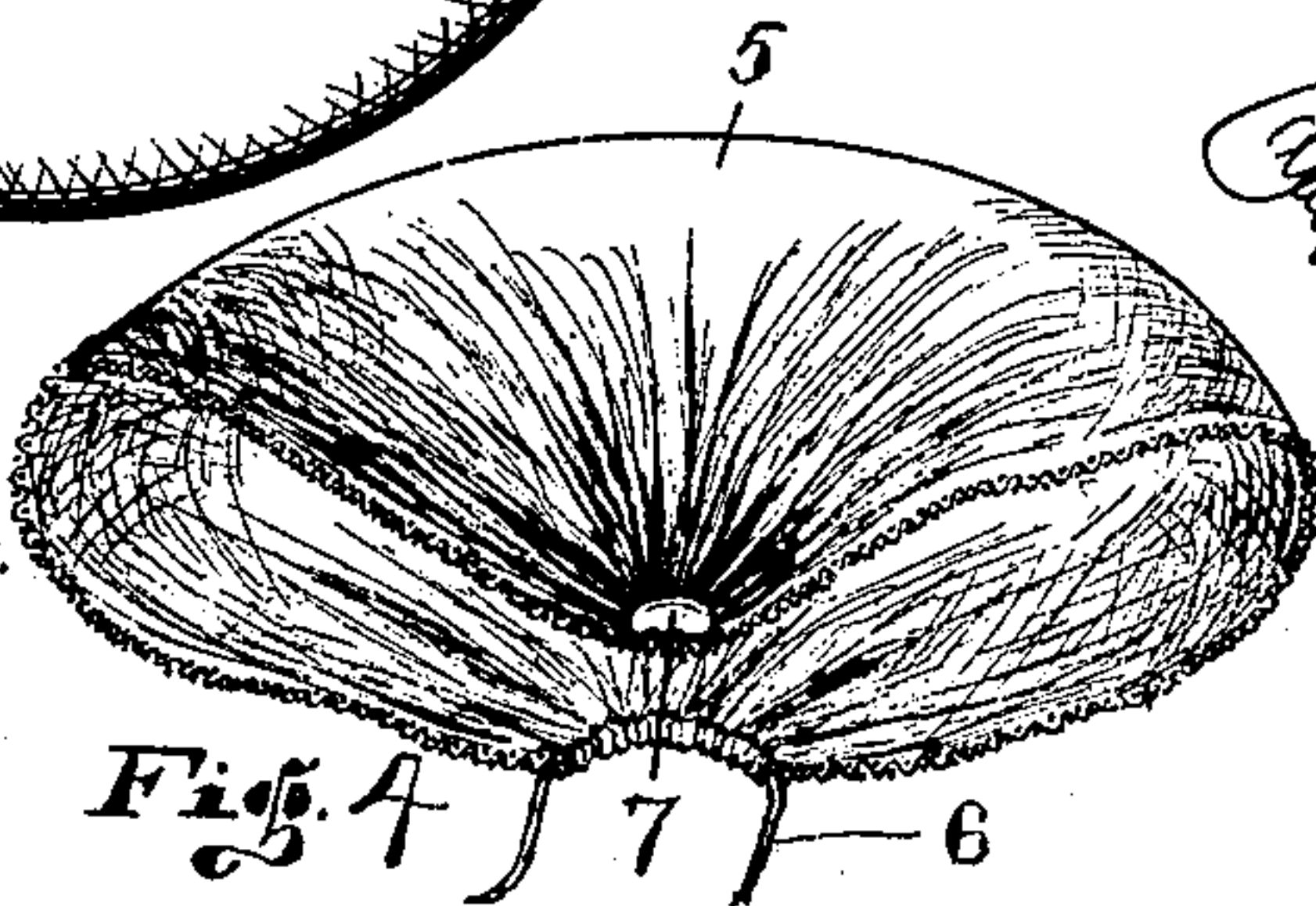


Fig. 4

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## COLLAPSIBLE GRAVE-PILLOW.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JAMES M. DODDRIDGE and WILBUR I. DODDRIDGE, both citizens of the United States, and residents of the town of Milton, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Collapsible Grave-Pillow, of which the following is a full and accurate specification and exposition.

10 The object of our present invention, broadly speaking, is to provide a grave-pillow which will be neat and attractive in appearance, light in weight, which may be crushed or collapsed whereby it will occupy a minimum of space, and which can be manufactured and sold at a comparatively low price.

15 It is becoming more popular each year to make the graves in which we bury the dead as attractive as possible, and to contribute to this popular demand is the primal object of this invention.

20 Our invention is susceptible of being made in a variety of forms, all embodying the same general principles of construction, and in the drawings forming a part of this specification we have shown two such forms which clearly illustrate our invention.

25 In the drawings referred to Figure 1 shows a side elevation of the frame for a substantially round pillow. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of a completed pillow of the round form, and Fig. 4 is a section of the same.

30 Similar indices denote like parts throughout the several views.

In order that the invention may be clearly understood we will now describe the construction and operation thereof with absolute exactitude.

40 The frame-work of our invention is formed of annealed wire, and in the form shown in Fig. 1 comprises a girt or equatorial wire 1, having a plurality of U-shaped bends 1<sup>a</sup> equally spaced apart throughout its extent. The two ends of the wire 1 may be hooked or twisted together as at 1' to form a complete circle.

45 The numeral 2 denotes a plurality of ribs, also of wire. The center portion of each of said ribs 2 is bent or coiled around the wire 1, each in one of said bends 1<sup>a</sup>, from which said ribs extend in opposite directions and then project centerward each in a segment.

50 The numerals 3 and 4 denote two plates, each having a plurality of apertures there-through, equal in number to the number of

ribs 2. One end of each rib 2 is secured in an aperture in the plate 3, and the other end of each rib is likewise secured in an aperture in the plate 4. The framework thus formed is to be covered with a fabricated exterior 5, which should be constructed in the form of a sack, its lower part being open forming a mouth for the insertion of the wire frame, and the mouth being adapted to be closed by a draw-string 6; and the top opposite the mouth is gathered in the center and provided with an idle button 7.

60 The form above described may be packed in quantities in a small compass of space,— the ribs being left straight and turned on the wire 1 so they will lie parallel therewith. Desiring then to set them up we have only to attach the ends of the ribs to the plates, and then bring the cover over the frame and draw the underside of the cover together with the drawstring 6, and the device will be ready for use.

70 The utilization of our invention is as follows: After the rough box has been placed in the grave or vault it should be lined with a fabric material whereby the box or grave does not show. Our pillow is then deposited at the head in the box, thereby causing the grave to more nearly simulate a bed or couch. When the casket is let down inside the box the weight will of course crush the pillow, and by reason of the construction of the pillow it will flatten out and occupy but a minimum of space, therefore it will not interfere with the positioning of the casket.

85 It is evident that our invention may be made in various forms and sizes, and the covering or fabric may be formed of any desired material, in order to meet various conditions and preferences.

90 Having now fully shown and described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

100 1. A collapsible pillow, comprising in combination, a wire frame composed of an equatorial wire having a series of U-shaped bends therein, a plurality of ribs having the center portion of each coiled around the first named wire and located in said bends thereof, a pair of plates each having the respective ends of the ribs attached thereto; and a sack-like covering inclosing said frame and composed of fabric, the mouth of said sack-like covering being adapted to be closed by

a draw-string, all substantially as shown and described.

2. A collapsible pillow comprising, a frame composed of an equatorial wire having a plurality of U-shaped bends formed  
5 equi-distantly apart throughout its length, a plurality of ribs having each the central portion thereof coiled in one of said bends of the equatorial wire, plates to which the  
10 ends of the ribs are attached, and a fabric

envelop entirely covering said frame, all substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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