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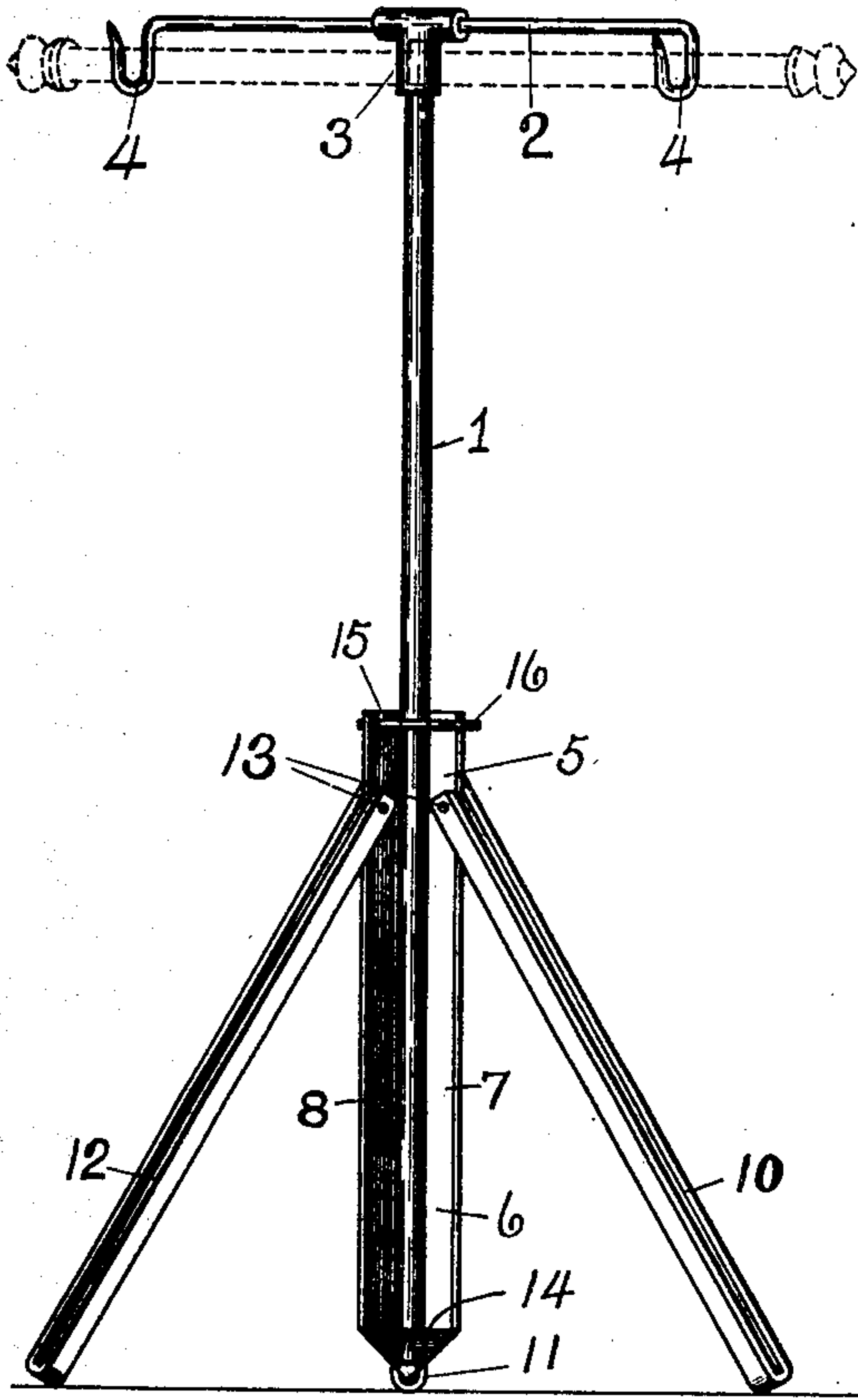


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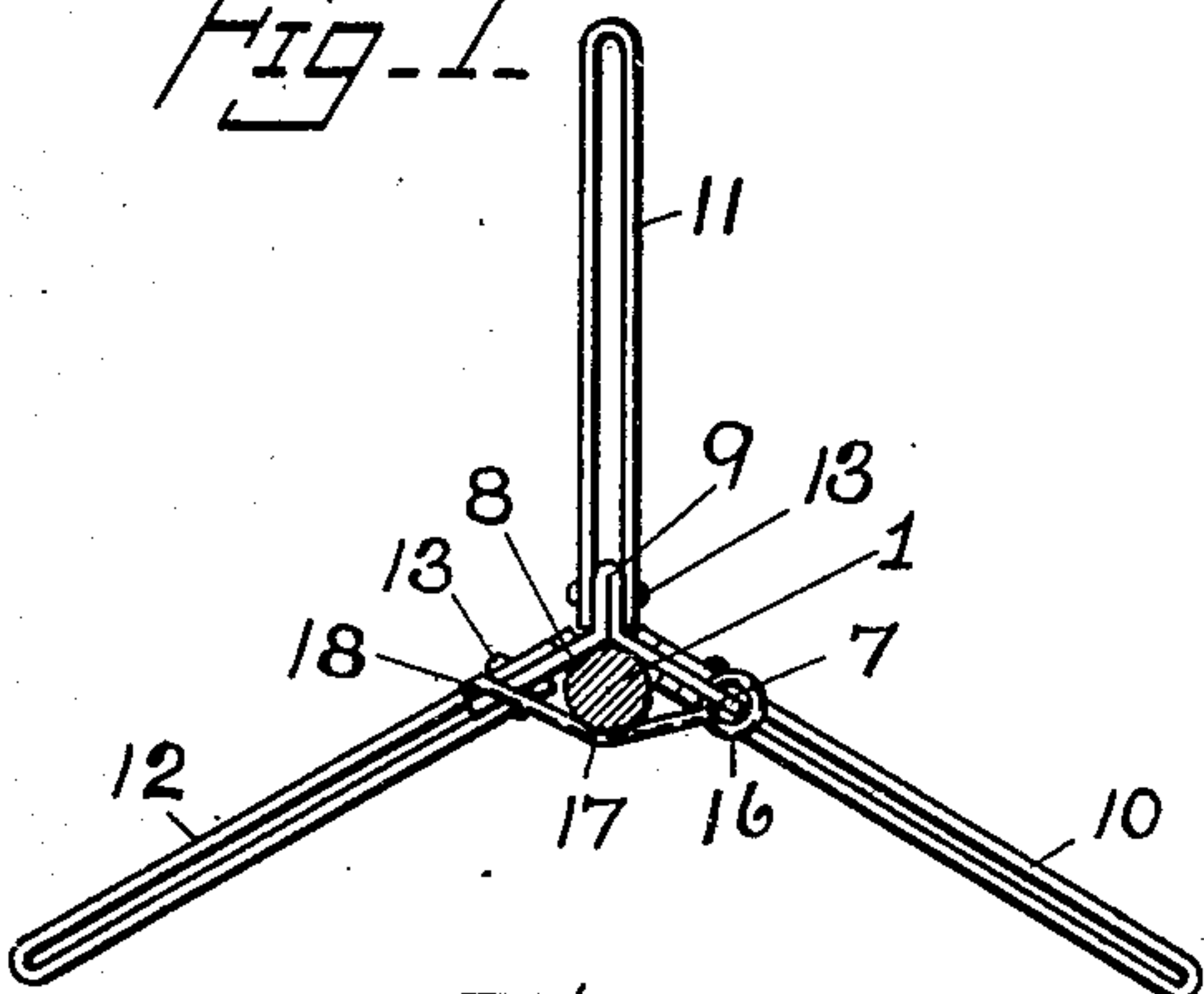


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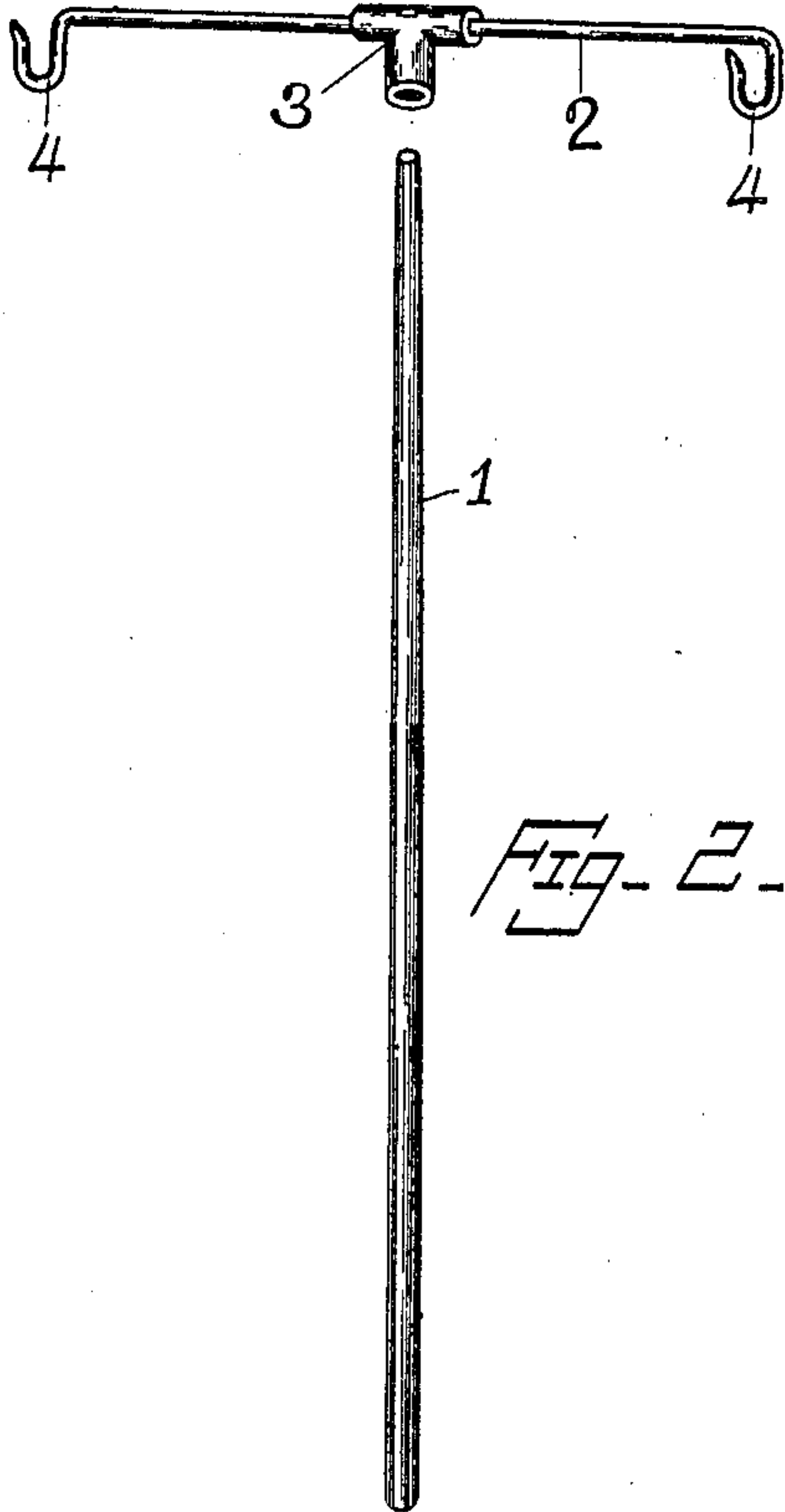


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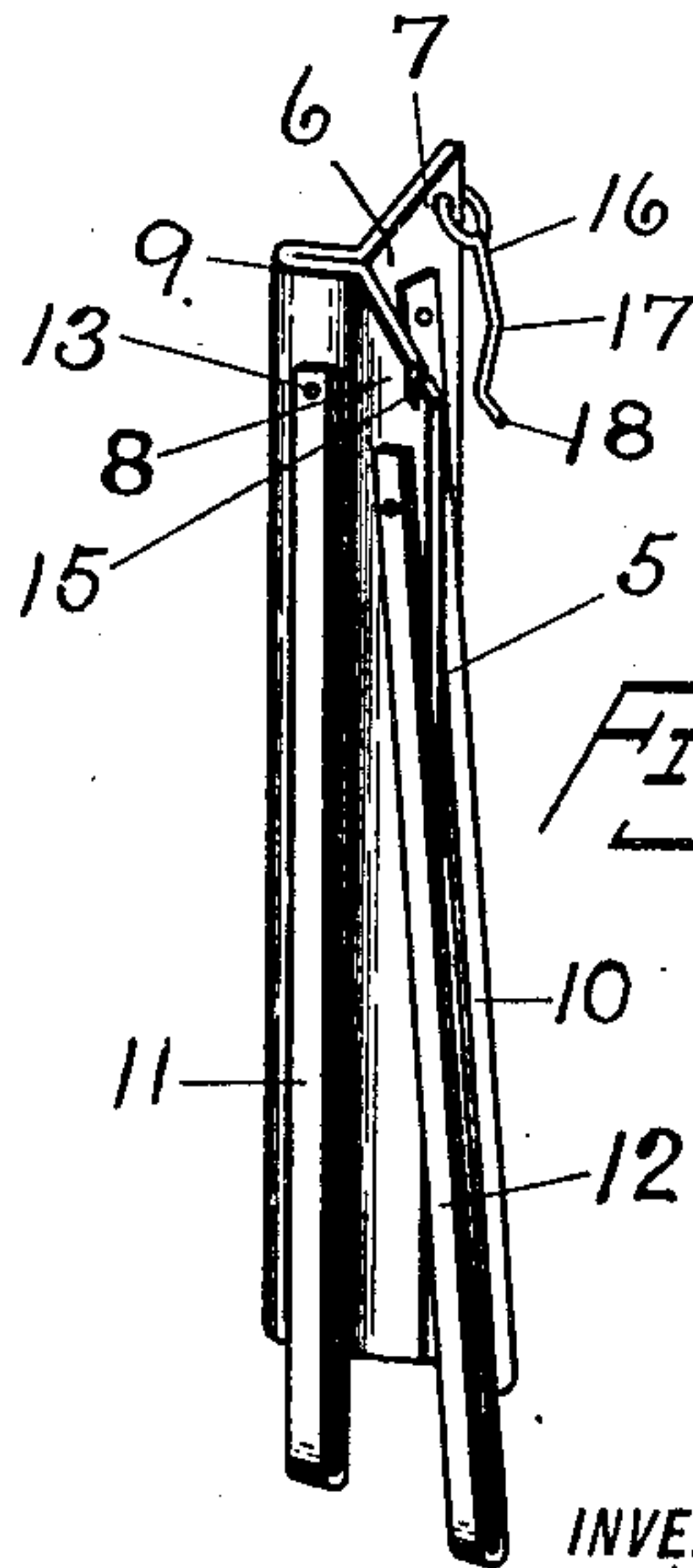


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET A. TOMPKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Curtain-Draping Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparatus for draping window curtains, and the objects of my improvement are, to provide for raising and lowering the curtain pole without climbing a ladder or any article of furniture, which is attended with danger to life and limb; to provide means for holding the curtain pole and the curtain in an elevated and normal position within easy reach, so that the curtain may be conveniently draped and caused to hang properly before being elevated to the brackets over the window; compactness of this apparatus, in order that it may be stored in small space; ease of assembling; facility of operation; and, inexpensiveness of manufacture. These objects I attain by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation; Fig. 2, a detail perspective view of the pole and the cross-arm separated; Fig. 3, a plan view; and, Fig. 4, a perspective view of the tripod folded.

A pole, 1, serves as a handle, and this is provided at its upper end with a cross-arm, 2, detachably applied thereto. The cross-arm 2 is provided with a socket-lug, 3, and a hook or other receptacle, 4, for a curtain pole, at each end. A tripod, 5, is provided, into which pole 1 may be placed and secured. I prefer to make the cross-arm 2 of wire, and cast or otherwise rigidly secure the socket-lug 3 on its middle portion. I prefer to form the hook receptacles 4 at each end of the cross-arm integral therewith. The cross-arm 2 may be detached from pole 1 and laid alongside thereof, for convenience in storing, when the device is not in use. The tripod 5 may be of any suitable form adapted to receive the pole 1 in its side, but I prefer to make it of sheet metal bent to form a trough, 6, having the sides or wings, 7 and 8, and a folded portion or wing, 9, arranged to radiate at an angle of 120 degrees relative to one another. This method of forming the sheet metal part provides a trough 6, at one side, adapted to receive pole 1 and also provides three symmetrically extending wings, 7, 8, and 9, to which legs, 10, 11 and 12, may be pivotally attached by means of rivets, 13, in such a

manner that the legs may be folded in against the body. The legs 10, 11, and 12 I prefer to make of strap iron, doubled and placed so that the folded part serves as the foot, and the ends embrace the wings 7, 8, and 9. The material of the legs extends somewhat beyond rivets 13, so that when the feet are extended, the free end beyond the rivet impinges against the adjacent wing 7, 8, or 9, and prevents the leg extending at an abnormal angle, and provides that all the legs shall extend symmetrically, and trough 6 stands in a vertical position. The fold of legs 10 and 12, which extends into trough 6, is cut off near the rivet, in order that it may not interfere with pole 1 when laid into the trough.

At the lower end of trough 6, the corners of the wings 7 and 8 are bent up, so as to form a socket, 14, adapted to receive the lower end of pole 1.

At the upper end of the trough, a hole is made through wing 7, and a vertical slot, 15, is cut in the top of wing 8. In the hole in wing 7, is loosely placed a wire bar, 16. The bar 16 is adapted to hang loose on wing 7 and, when pole 1 is placed in trough 6, is placed over the pole and its free end inserted in slot 15. Bar 16 is bent somewhat at 17, so as to partly embrace pole 1, and its free end is bent at 18 to prevent its slipping endwise out of slot 15. The bar 16 thus provides a cheaply manufactured, and yet, handy and secure fastening for the pole.

In use, cross-arm 2 is placed upon pole 1, and tripod 5 is extended and placed upon the floor near the window where the curtain is to be draped. The cross-arm 2 is then elevated, the hooks 4 placed under the curtain pole, and the curtain pole, with its curtain, lowered. The pole 1, still bearing the curtain on its pole, is placed in upright position in the tripod, by setting its lower end into socket 14, pressing the pole into and against the walls of the upper end of trough 6, and latching the bar 16 over the pole by placing the free end of the bar in slot 15. The pole 1, with its curtain, will now be firmly and rigidly held in convenient position for removing a soiled curtain and replacing and properly draping a fresh one. It will be understood that the curtain may be adjusted, so as to hang in perfect condition, while it is held by the device within easy reach. When the curtain is properly adjusted on the pole, the pole 1 is released by unlatching bar 16, and the curtain elevated

and its pole dropped into the brackets in proper position.

It will be appreciated that this is all done without climbing a ladder or other piece of furniture, and thus eliminating a frequent source of danger and injury. It is obvious that the device as thus constructed is comparatively inexpensive to manufacture and, when knocked down and the parts placed together, may be stored in a small space.

Having thus described my invention, so that any one skilled in the art pertaining thereto may make and use it, I claim—

Curtain draping apparatus, comprising a

pole for a handle, a cross-arm provided with receptacles at the ends and detachably applied to the upper end of said pole, and a stand for holding said pole in upright position comprising a vertically open channeled body portion adapted to receive said pole and provided with foldable legs for holding said body portion in upright position while in operation.

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