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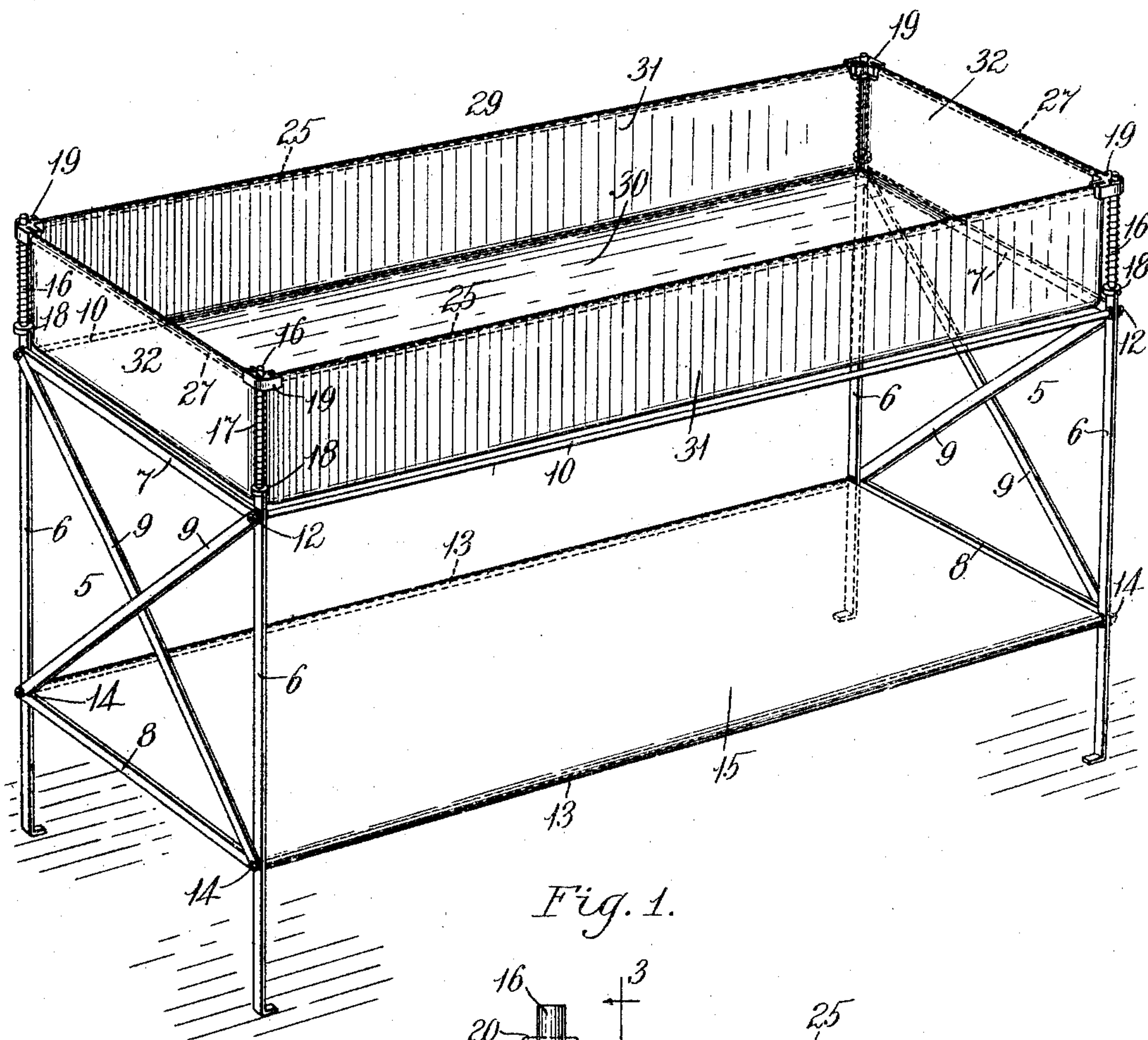


Fig. 1.

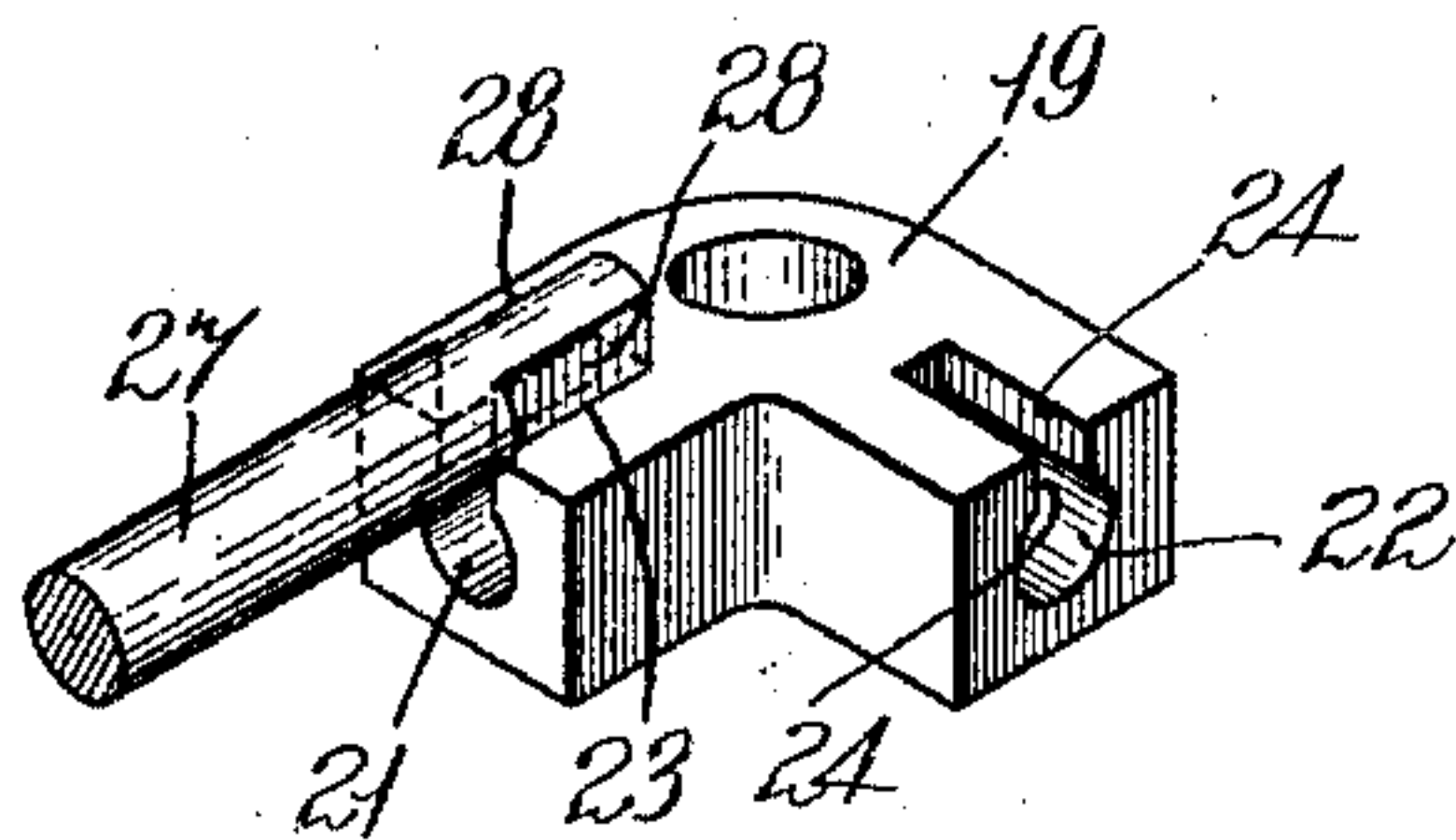


Fig. 4.

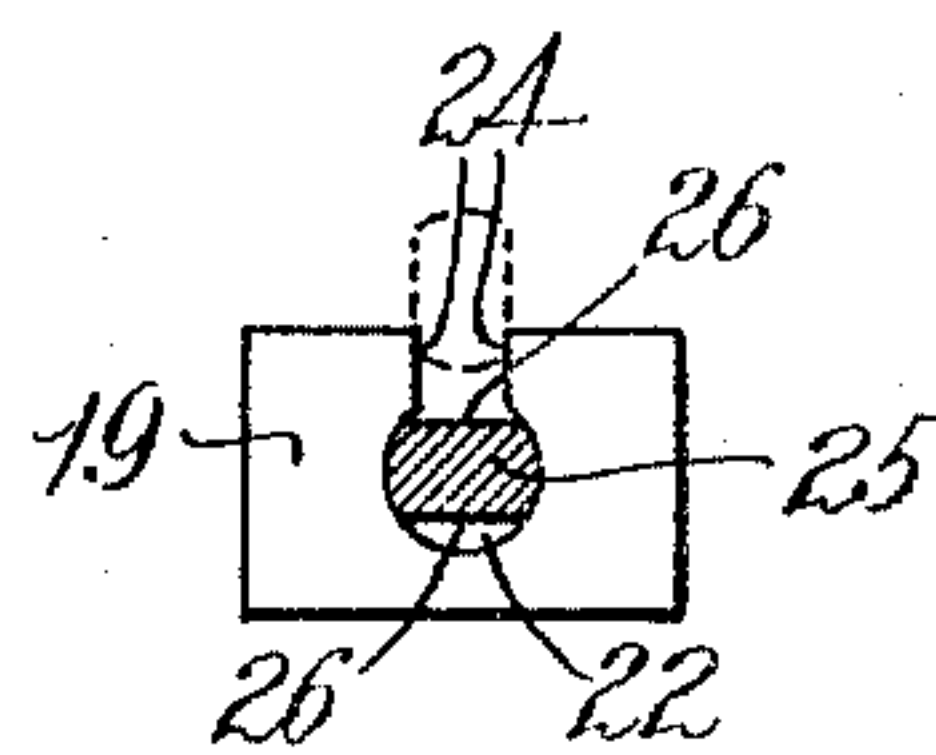
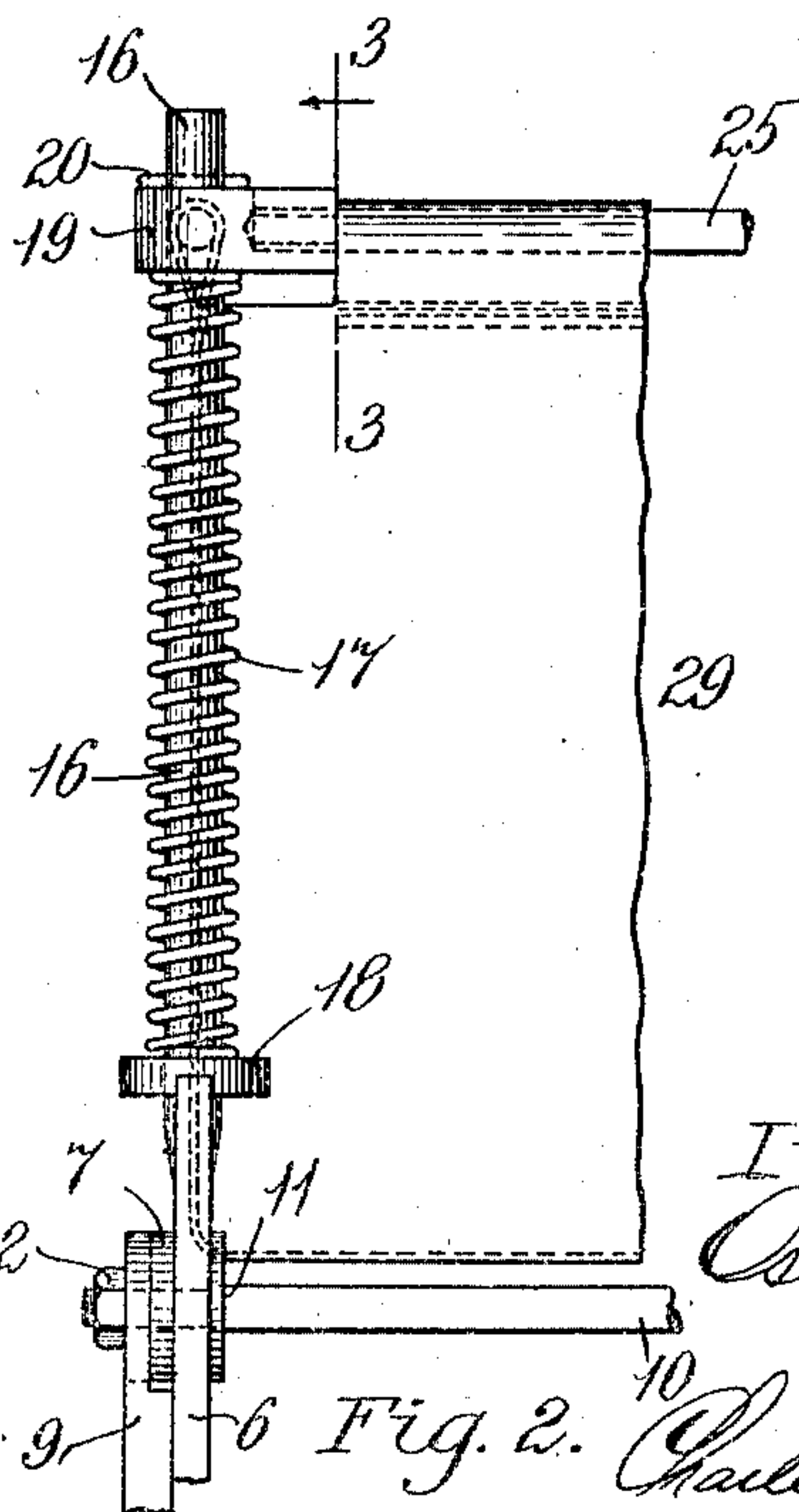


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR F. SEIFERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beverly, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cribs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in baby cribs, and the object is to provide a crib which shall be strong yet light in construction so as to be capable of being easily moved about and which shall be neat in appearance.

Another object is to provide a crib in which the receptacle for the baby shall be resiliently supported upon the frame.

Another object is to provide a simple and conveniently arranged shelf which may be used to receive the baby's garments.

Still another object is to provide means whereby the receptacle may be easily and quickly removed from the frame and replaced therein.

Still other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts set forth in the following specification and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a crib embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail elevation of one of the upper corners thereof. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view of one of the collars which are slidably arranged upon the posts, showing also one of the horizontal rods and the method of introducing the same into the slot provided therefor in said collar.

Like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

In the drawing, 5, 5 are the end frames of the crib, each of which comprises in its construction two vertical posts 6, 6 connected by horizontal rods 7 and 8 and two diagonal braces 9, 9. The two frames 5, 5 are connected to each other by two upper horizontal rods 10, 10 shouldered at 11 and extending through opposite posts 6, 6, rods 7 and braces 9 and secured by means of nuts 12 having screw-threaded engagement with opposite ends, respectively, of the rods 10. The frames 5 are still further connected together by means of two lower horizontally

disposed rods 13, 13 extending at their opposite ends, respectively, through opposite posts 6, 6, rods 8, 8 and braces 9, 9 and being secured in place by means of nuts 14, 14 having screw-threaded engagement with opposite ends, respectively, of the rods 13. Extending across the space between the rods 13, 13 is a shelf 15 preferably formed of canvas and preferably connected to said rods by passing said rods through hems in the edges of said canvas. This shelf forms a convenient support for the garments of the baby.

Each of the posts 6 is provided with a cylindrical portion 16 surrounding which is a spring 17 bearing at its lower end against a fixed collar 18 and at its upper end against a collar 19 slidably arranged on said post, the upward movement of said collar being limited by any suitable means, such for example, as a pin 20 passing through the post 6. Each of the collars 19 is provided with two cylindrical holes 21 and 22 extending horizontally thereinto and disposed at right angles to each other, there being provided slots 23 and 24 extending downwardly from the upper face of said collar and communicating with the holes 21 and 22, respectively, said slots being preferably less in width than the diameter of said holes.

The collars 19 supported on one of the frames 5 are connected to the collars 19 supported upon the other of the frames 5 by two horizontally disposed rods 25, 25 of cylindrical form, each of which is provided at opposite ends with two flat faces 26, 26 so located with respect to each other that when the rod is placed, as shown in Fig. 3, the same is adapted to pass through the slots 24 into the holes 22, respectively, after which said rod may be rotated until said flat faces are horizontally disposed and thus the rod is locked in place. In like manner there are provided two horizontally disposed rods 27, 27 each of which is provided at opposite ends, respectively, thereof with flat faces 28, 28 for the same purpose as the faces 26, 26, and the operation of putting the rods 27 into place is the same as that of the rods 25. It will be observed that the rods 25 and 27 are thus locked against accidental displacement and yet may be easily and quickly unlocked and lifted from their places.

Upon the rods 25 and 27 is supported a receptacle 29 preferably formed of canvas and having a bottom 30 and two pairs of

lateral walls 31, 31 and 32, 32, each of these walls being preferably hemmed at its upper edge so that the supporting rods 25 and 27 may be passed therethrough. In this way the receptacle 29 is resiliently supported upon the posts 6, the springs 17 being made the proper strength for the weight of the baby. These springs are in practice made very light and resilient so as to allow for a free up and down movement of the receptacle 29.

If for any reason it should become necessary to remove the receptacle 29 this may be easily done by unlocking its supporting rods, as hereinbefore described, and lifting the said rods out of their places after which said rods may be withdrawn from the hems in the receptacle. Thus should it become necessary to wash the receptacle this may be easily done.

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

1. A crib having, in combination, a frame having a plurality of posts, a plurality of springs surrounding said posts, respectively, a plurality of collars surrounding said posts, respectively, and supported by said springs, said collars being provided with recesses extending thereinto from their upper and lateral faces, a plurality of horizontally disposed rods terminating in said recesses, and a receptacle formed of flexible material having portions through which said rods extend,

whereby said receptacle is supported on said rods.

2. A crib having, in combination, a frame having a plurality of posts, a plurality of members supported on said posts, respectively, each of said members being provided with a recess extending thereinto from the upper and one lateral side thereof and bounded by lateral walls, a plurality of horizontally disposed rods terminating at opposite ends thereof in said recesses, respectively, and a receptacle supported on said rods.

3. A crib having, in combination, a frame having a plurality of posts, a plurality of members supported on said posts, respectively, each of said members being provided with a hole extending horizontally thereinto from one end thereof and a slot extending thereinto from the upper side thereof, a plurality of horizontally disposed rods terminating at opposite ends thereof in said holes, respectively, and rotatably mounted therein, said rods being oblong in cross section within said holes, and a receptacle supported on said rods.

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

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