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Fig. 1.

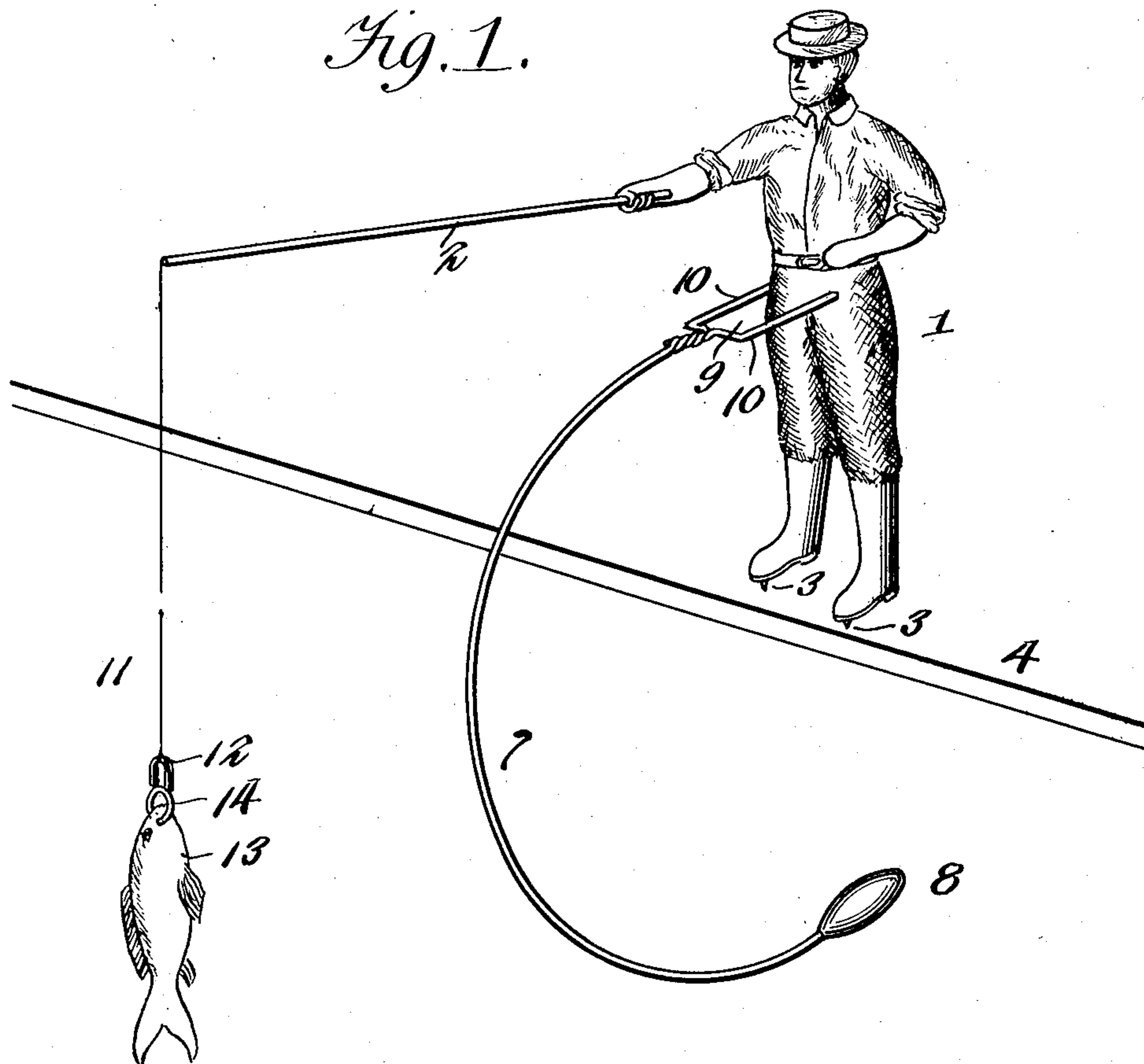
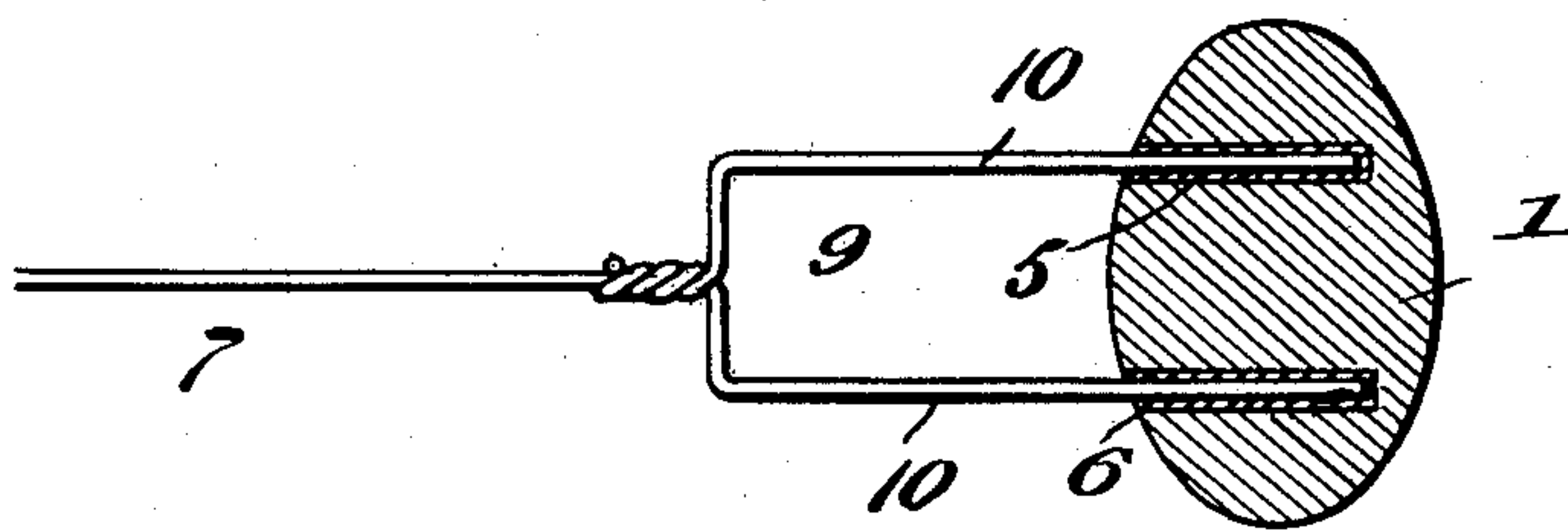


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN ERNST LIND LARSON, a citizen of Sweden, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Oscillating Toys, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved toy, which I propose to call the "American boomerang toy" and embodying a figure adapted to oscillate on a support and provided with gravity acting means to keep the figure in oscillating motion for some time after being started and prevent the figure from falling over, and also embodying a magnetic object attracting device carried and moved by the said figure as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective of a toy constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of the same.

In accordance with this invention, a figure is provided which is indicated at 1 and is here shown as a figure of a man in the position of a fisherman with one hand extended and grasping a fishing rod 2. Under the feet of the figure are downwardly extending points or spurs 3 to bear on a supporting object such as indicated at 4 and form pivots or fulcrums to adapt the figure for oscillating movement on said supporting object. Transversely in the figure at a suitable point are a pair of openings 5 which are provided with tubular linings 6. A curved balancing wire or pendulum element 7 is provided at its lower end with a weight 8 and at its upper end with a forked arm 9, the members or limbs 10 of which are adapted to be inserted in the said tubular linings of the said openings in the figure to connect the said balancing wire or pendulum element to the figure, prevent said balancing wire or pendulum element from turning with respect to said figure and to also enable said balancing wire or pendulum element to be adjusted with reference to the figure as may be required to cause the figure to oscillate properly and to be detached from the figure to enable the toy to be compactly disposed.

The line 11 which is attached to the rod 2 is provided at its lower end with a magnet 12. In connection with the oscillating figure, I also provide one or a number of figures such as fish or the like shown at 13, provided each with a magnetizable device 14 such as a ring or the like for attraction by the magnet.

If the fish be caused to float in a vessel of water below the oscillating figure 1, they will be attracted by the magnet, adhere thereto and be lifted out of the water by the movement of the oscillating figure in a manner which is very attractive, particularly to children, and the toy may be used as a game with the object of determining which player can cause the fishing figure to catch the largest number of fish, as will be readily understood.

What is claimed is:—

1. A toy of the class described comprising a figure and a pendulum element to impart oscillating motion thereto and keep the figure in an upright position, said figure having openings transversely thereof and said pendulum element having a fork at its upper end, the arms of which are placed in said openings.

2. A toy of the class described comprising a figure having an opening therein transversely thereof from front to rear of the figure and a pendulum element to impart oscillating movement to the figure and maintain the same in an upright position, said pendulum element having an arm at its upper end adjustably disposed in said opening.

3. A toy of the class described comprising a figure having an opening therein transversely thereof from front to rear of the figure and a pendulum element to impart oscillating movement to the figure and maintain the same in an upright position, said pendulum element having an arm at its upper end adjustably disposed in and removable from said opening.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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