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CORSET CLAMP.

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Fig. 1.

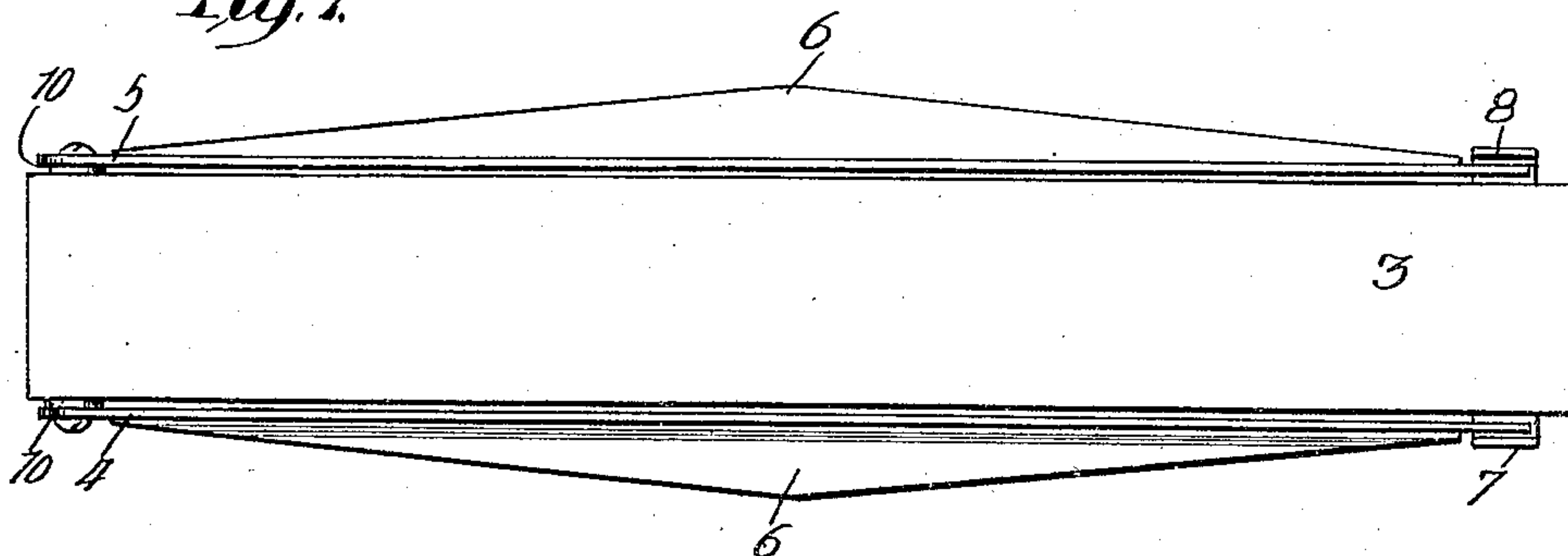
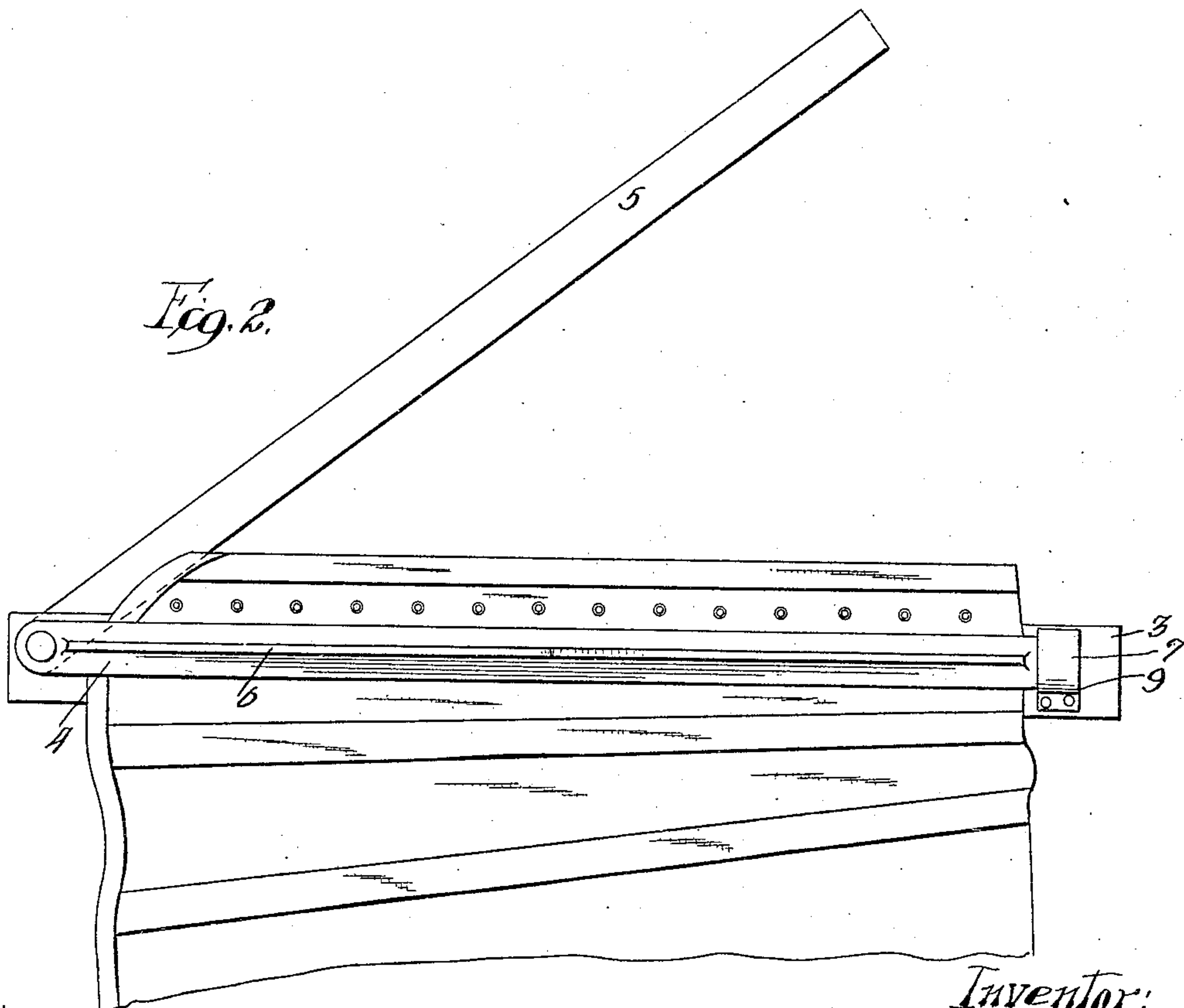


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIDNEY E. FLORSHEIM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Clamps, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to construct a clamp for holding the sections of a corset in proper position for lacing them together, and to construct a clamp which is capable of being positioned upon the counter of a store and readily moved about from place to place when desired.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a plan view; and Fig. 2 a side elevation showing a section of a corset held in position by a clamping arm and a companion clamping arm swung into position for releasing the section of a corset.

A corset, when delivered from the wholesale house or factory to a retail store, comes in a disconnected condition, that is to say, the lacing which connects the two sections of corset together is not placed in position, so that after the customer has made the purchase it becomes necessary for the clerk to place the lacing into position, and in accomplishing this, when the two sections of the corset are simply lying flat upon the surface of the counter, a great deal of time is spent, proving a great inconvenience to the clerk and to the customer. The clamp of the present invention overcomes this difficulty by holding the edges of the corset containing the eyelets through which the lacing is passed in an upright position, thereby enabling one to pass the lacing through the eyelets in a quick and convenient manner.

The clamp consists of an elongated block 3 composed of wood or other suitable material, which may be termed the fixed portion of the clamp. Pivoted to the sides of said block are companion arms 4 and 5, these arms being practically of the same length as the block, and having formed thereon ledges or finger pieces 6 by which they are adapted to be raised and lowered into their proper position. These arms 4 and 5 may be termed

the movable sections of the clamps. The arms 4 and 5, at their forward ends, are adapted to be held by suitable rests or stops 7 and 8, each of these being constructed preferably of a strip of metal having an offset therein, which forms a shoulder against which the arms rest. Interposed between the block 3 and the arms 4 and 5, at the point where the arms are pivoted to the block, are washers 10, which hold the arms a sufficient distance away from the sides of the block 3, to permit of the interposition of a corset section between the arms and the sides of the block 3.

In use, when it is desired to clamp the sections of a corset in proper position for lacing, both of the arms are swung upward into the position in which one of them is shown in Fig. 2, and the corset sections are then placed in position adjacent to the sides of the block 3. The arms are then lowered into a clamping position, the corset sections being held securely between the side faces of the block 3 and the side faces of the clamping arms, and when in this position the edges containing the eyelets through which the lacing is intended to be passed will be held in a substantially upright position, and the eyelets thus being held in a free position, that is to say, a position in which they shall not be contacted by any surface, the lacing can be readily passed through them.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a corset clamp, the combination of a relatively long and narrow block comprising a fixed section, arms pivoted to the side walls of said block comprising movable sections, a ledge formed on each of said arms providing a reinforcement and a finger piece for moving said arms, and stops secured to the side walls of said block formed to provide rests for said arms when lowered into locking position, substantially as described.

2. In a corset clamp, the combination of a relatively long and narrow block comprising a fixed section, arms attached to the side walls of the said block, comprising movable sections, a ledge formed on each of said

arms, providing a reinforcement and finger
piece for moving said arms, stops secured to
the side walls of said block, formed to pro-
vide rests for said arms when lowered into
5 locking position, and washers interposed be-
tween the block and the arms to provide suf-
ficient clearance between said block and arms

to allow the interposition of corset sections,
substantially as described.

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