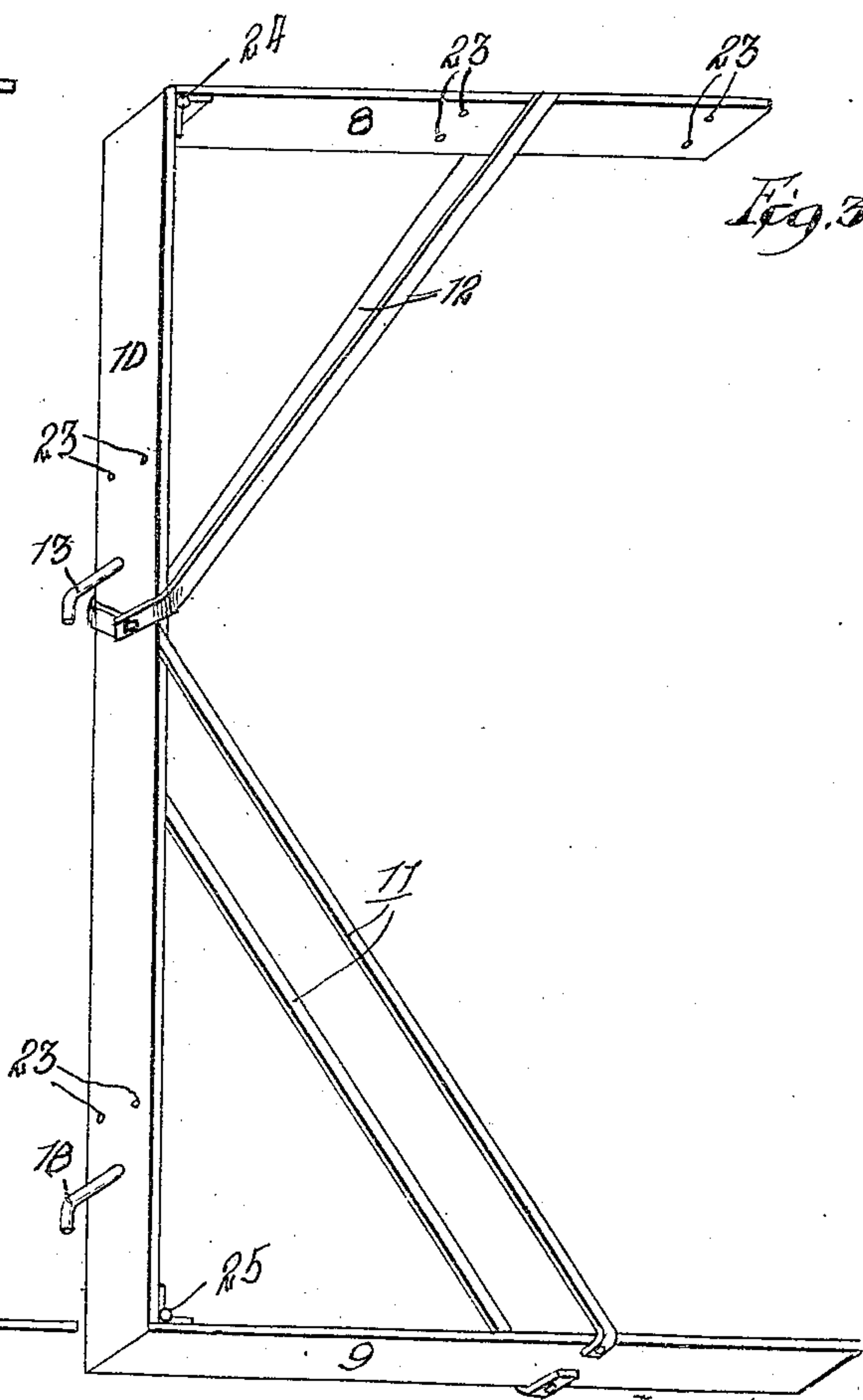
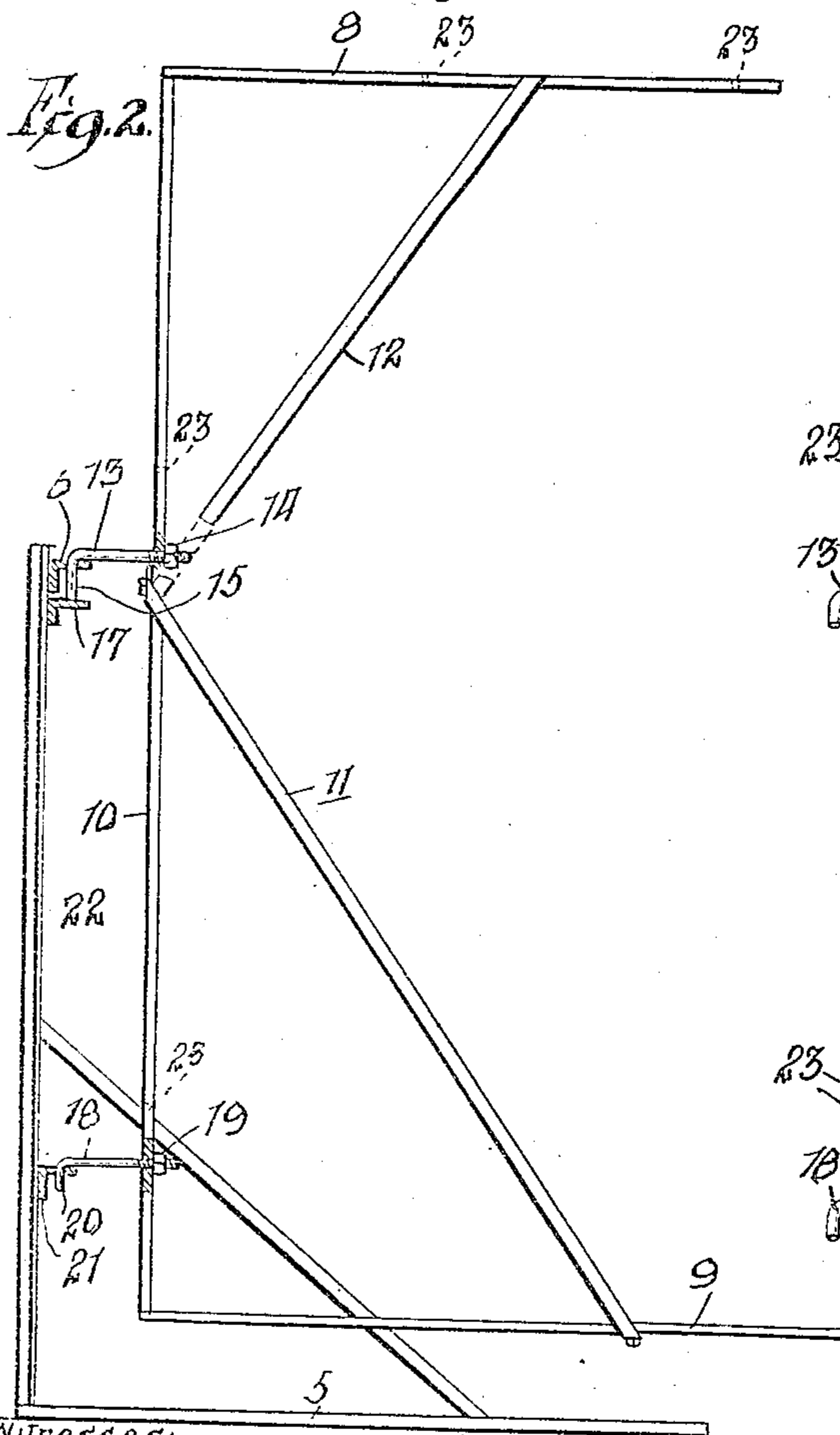
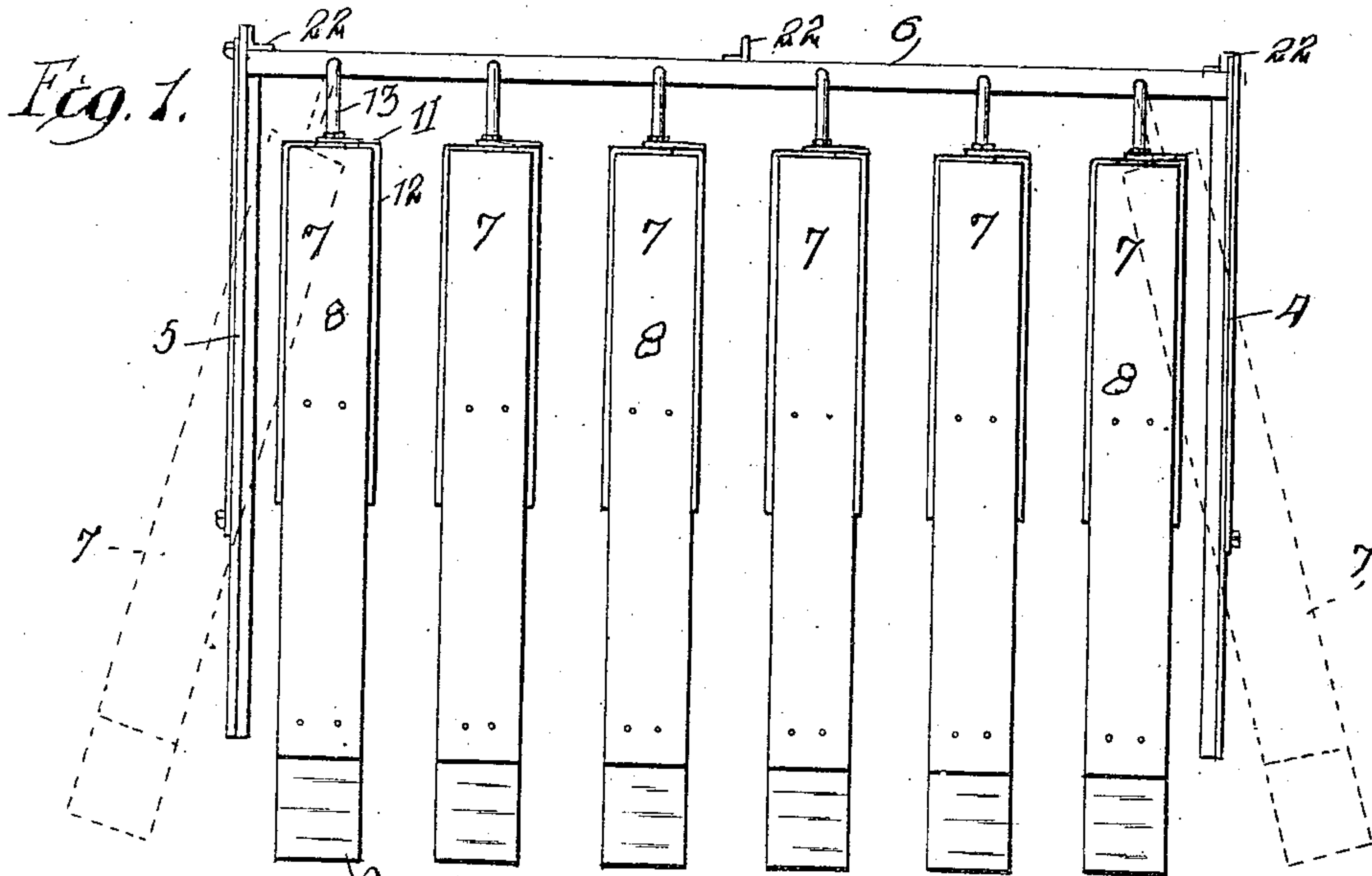


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD EMERICH, 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 Mattress-Display Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in mattress racks, intended more especially for use in stores for displaying the various styles and constructions of mattresses; and has for its essential object to make a mattress display rack provided with a series of mattress retainers, forming side braces for strengthening the rack frame, as well as acting as retainers for holding a mattress when inserted therein in fixed position.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top or plan view of the mattress display rack; Fig. 2, a vertical sectional elevation of one of the display rack sections; and Fig. 3, a perspective view of a modified form of construction.

Referring to Fig. 1, this improved mattress display rack comprises, as indicated, a 3-sided supporting frame, having end walls 4 and 5 united together and connected with a rear supporting wall 6. As shown, the rack frame is adapted to retain a plurality of movable display racks 7, which are preferably constructed in the manner illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. These display racks 7 have upper, lower, and rear walls 8, 9 and 10 respectively, and upper and lower diagonal supports or braces 11 and 12 preferably formed of light metallic strips, and are suitably secured to the opposite sides of the display rack, as best shown in Fig. 3. An upper rack retainer 13 has its laterally projecting end normally inserted through the rear wall 10 of the display rack and in permanent engagement therewith by means of an adjustable nut 14. Its rear downwardly bent end 15 passes through an opening in the angle plate 6, immediately below which, as indicated, is another angle plate 17, against which the bottom end of the rack retainer 13 rests for supporting its pivotal mounting. A lower retainer 18 has its outer, laterally disposed end likewise inserted through the wall 10 of the rack frame and held in fixed relation thereto by means of an adjustable nut 19, it being understood that the inner, downturned portion 20 of the retainer is normally inserted through an angle plate 21, the angle plates 21, 17 and 6, as shown, be-

ing affixed to a supporting member 22. A series of holes or openings 23 are usually formed in the upper and side walls 8 and 10 of the display rack frame for receiving mattress cords or strings.

In use, this improved mattress display rack for practical purposes is made of a size sufficient to permit of the insertion and display of a number of mattresses, although this is not necessary. The mattresses are inserted into the respective vertically positioned rack sections between the upper and lower oppositely formed, diagonally arranged braces, which serve to retain the mattresses in normal, upright position, the supports or braces 11 and 12 acting as retainers therefor. When the mattresses have been properly positioned within the several display rack sections, they then have their cords or strings passed through and tied in the various holes or openings 23 in the rack frames. The pivotal mountings for the respective rack sections enable the same to be readily swung sidewise, so that the mattress can be shown to best advantage, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. In Fig. 2, the rack section is shown to be in a permanent form of construction, whereas, Fig. 3 differs slightly therefrom in that it is capable of being knocked down by reason of the provision of upper and lower hinges 24 and 25 at the abutting end walls of the rack frame, the braces 11 and 12 being bolted together at their inner ends in order that the same may be packed and transported with a minimum of labor and effort.

Without specifically limiting myself to the aforesaid construction, I claim:

1. A mattress display rack having upper, lower, and rear walls, opposite diagonal supports secured upon both sides of the rack frame, said supports serving to strengthen the rack frame and to act as retainers for maintaining a mattress in proper position therein, and a pivotal mounting for the mattress display rack, substantially as described.

2. A mattress display rack having upper, lower, and rear walls, upper and lower diagonal supports upon both sides of the display rack, and an upper rack retainer having its outer end secured to the rear wall of the rack frame and its inner end in engagement with an angle plate for permitting the display rack frame to be swung sidewise, substantially as described.

3. A mattress display rack having upper,

lower, and rear walls, upper and lower diagonal supports upon both sides of the display rack, an upper rack retainer having its outer end secured to the rear wall of the rack frame and its inner end in engagement with an angle plate for permitting the display rack frame to be swung sidewise, and a lower rack retainer having its outer end secured to the rear wall of the rack frame and its other end in engagement with an angle plate, thus providing a pivotal mounting for the display rack, substantially as described.

4. A mattress display rack having upper, lower, and rear walls, diagonal supports secured to the opposite sides of the rack frame, an upper rack retainer having its outer end secured to the rear wall of the rack frame and its downwardly bent, inner end in engagement with an angle plate, immediately below which is a second angle plate for permitting the retainer to freely travel therein, and a lower rack retainer having its outer

end secured to the rear frame wall, its inner, downwardly turned end engaging an angle plate, thus providing a pivotal mounting for the display rack frame, and at the same time permitting the frame to be readily set up and taken down, substantially as described.

5. A mattress display rack having upper, lower, and rear walls, the upper and lower walls being pivotally secured to the rear wall, diagonal supports secured upon opposite sides of the rack frame, capable of being placed out of the way when the frame is knocked down, and when assembled to be positioned upon opposite sides of the frame, serving to brace the same and to act as retainers for maintaining a mattress in fixed position for display purposes, substantially as described.

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