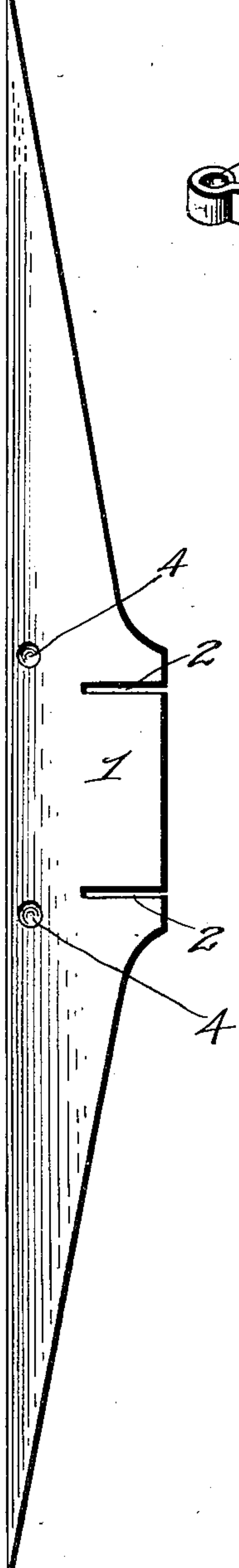


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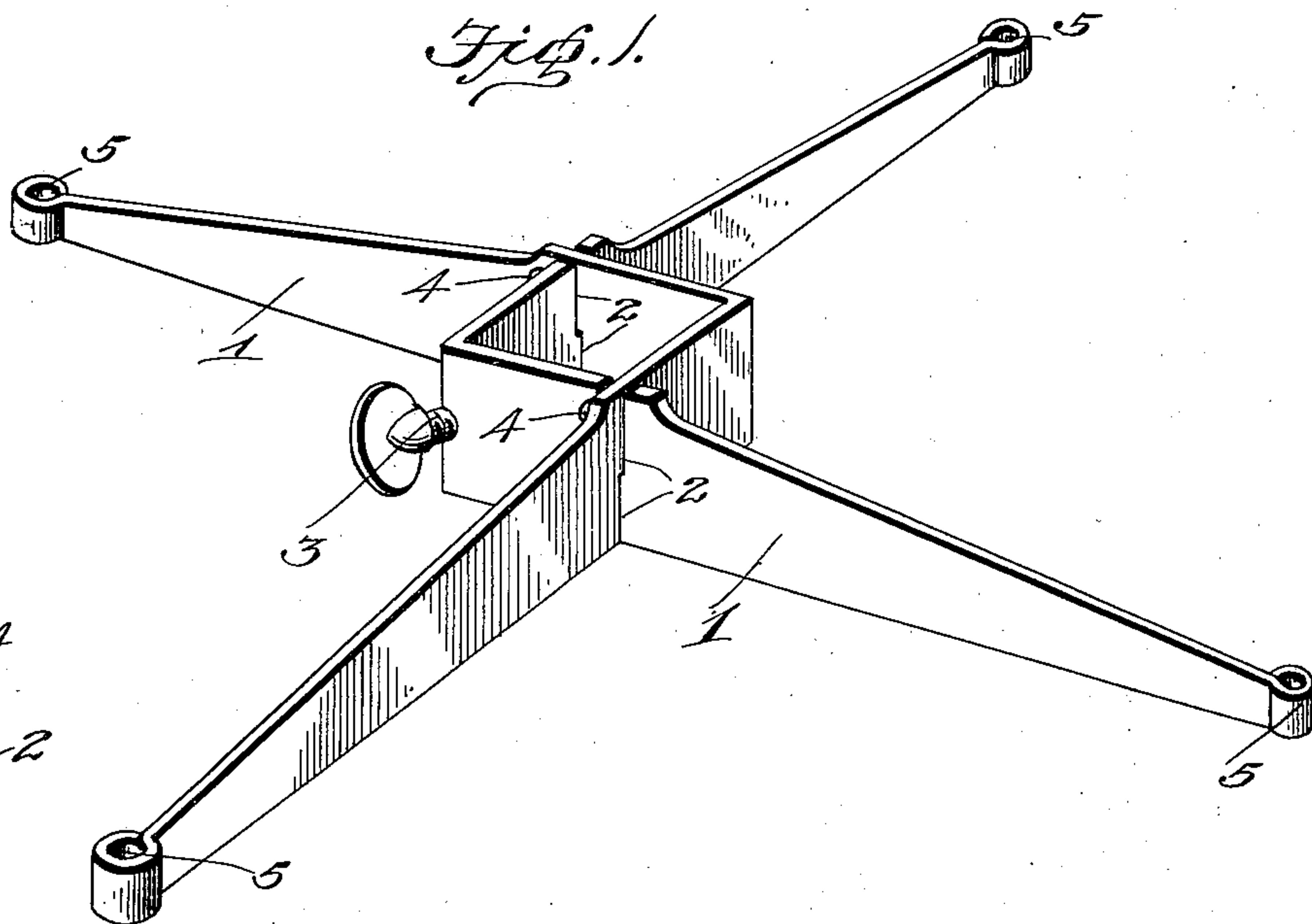
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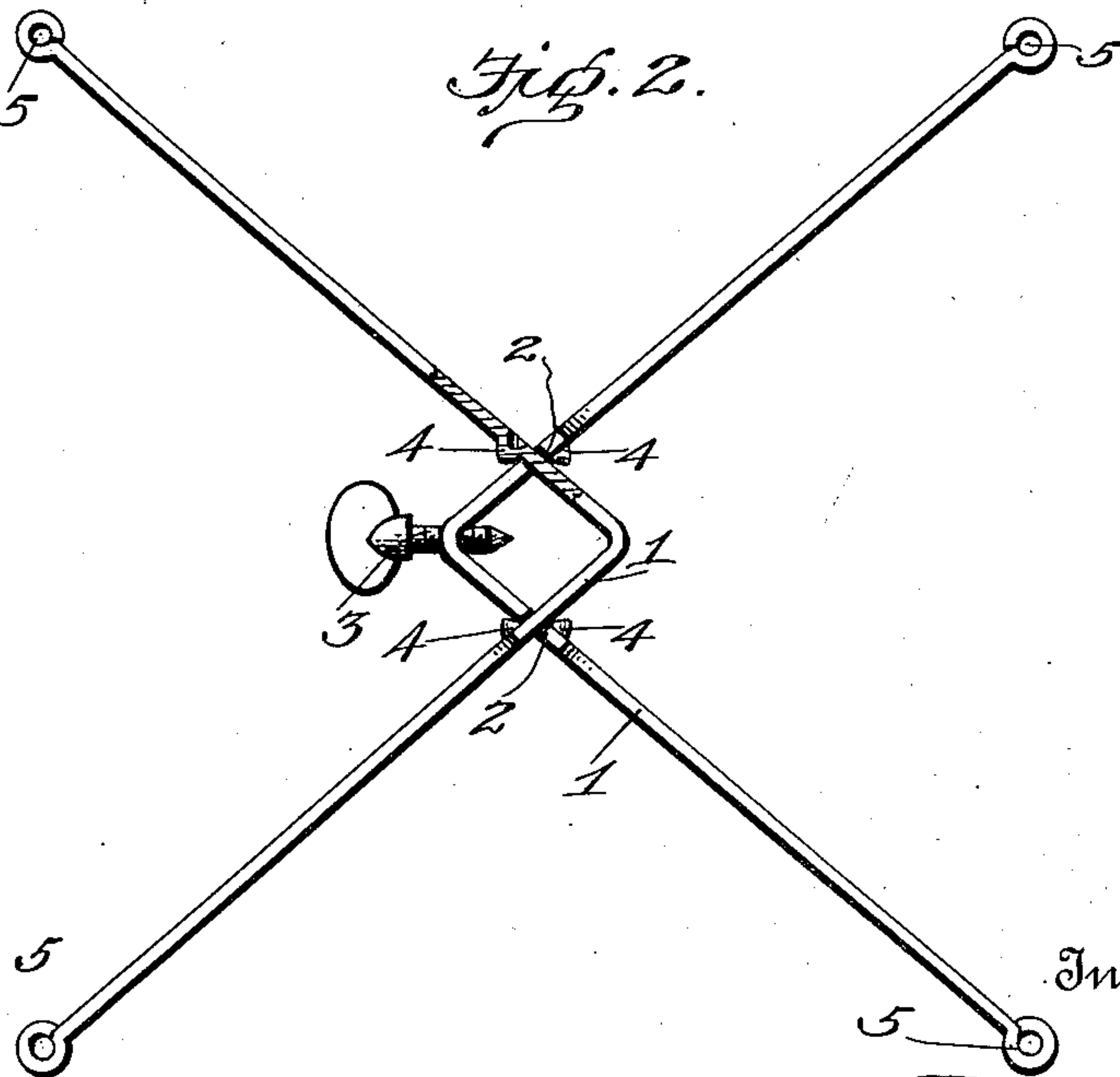


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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN S. HUFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Brighton, in the county of Beaver and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Christmas-Tree Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in holders for Christmas trees and the like.

One object of the invention is to provide a holder of this character having adjustable means for securing trees of different sizes therein and means whereby the tree will be firmly supported in an upright position.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which will be simple, strong, durable and inexpensive in construction, and well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a Christmas tree holder constructed in accordance with the invention; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same, partly in section; Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which one of the supporting members of the holder is formed.

In the embodiment of the invention, I provide two substantially V-shaped supporting members 1 which are preferably formed from light steel plates. The upper edges of the supporting members 1 preferably incline or taper from a point near where the members are joined toward their outer ends, as shown. In the upper edge of one of the members and in the lower edge of the coacting member, are formed slits or notches 2, which, when the members 1 are brought into operative engagement with each other, are designed to form an interlocking connection between the side pieces of the members, thereby rigidly holding said members together in position to support a tree.

When the members 1 are assembled to form the holder, a substantially rectangular opening or socket is formed, into which the

butt end of the tree is inserted. In the angular portion of one of the supporting members, is formed a threaded passage, in which is adapted to be screwed a pointed thumb screw 3, by means of which tree trunks or butts of different sizes may be secured in the holder. In the sides of the supporting members 1, adjacent to the interlocking slitted engaging portion of the opposing member, are formed studs 4, which are preferably struck out of the metal and form stops to prevent the slitted portions of the engaging members from springing or being forced outwardly. In the outer ends of the members 1 are formed screw or nail holes 5 which are preferably formed by bending the ends of the members, as shown. The holes 5 are provided to receive fastening screws or nails which may be inserted therethrough and into the floor to fasten the holder down if desired. In practice, however, it is intended that the members 1 should be of sufficient length to support an ordinary sized tree without fastening the ends of the members. While the supporting members of the holder are herein shown and described as being formed from light steel plates, it is obvious that said members may be cast or otherwise formed.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention, as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A holder for Christmas trees, comprising supporting members having a slitted interlocking connection with each other to form a tree receiving socket, stops formed on said members adjacent to the slitted engaging portions of the opposing members, whereby the material adjacent to the slits is prevented from springing outwardly, and means for securing trees of different sizes in said socket.

2. A Christmas tree holder comprising V-shaped supporting members having formed therein slits whereby said members are

adapted to have an interlocking connection  
to form a tree receiving socket, stops formed  
on said members adjacent to the slitted en-  
gaging portions of the opposing members,  
5 whereby the material adjacent to the slits is  
prevented from springing outwardly, and  
means to secure a tree in said holder.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
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