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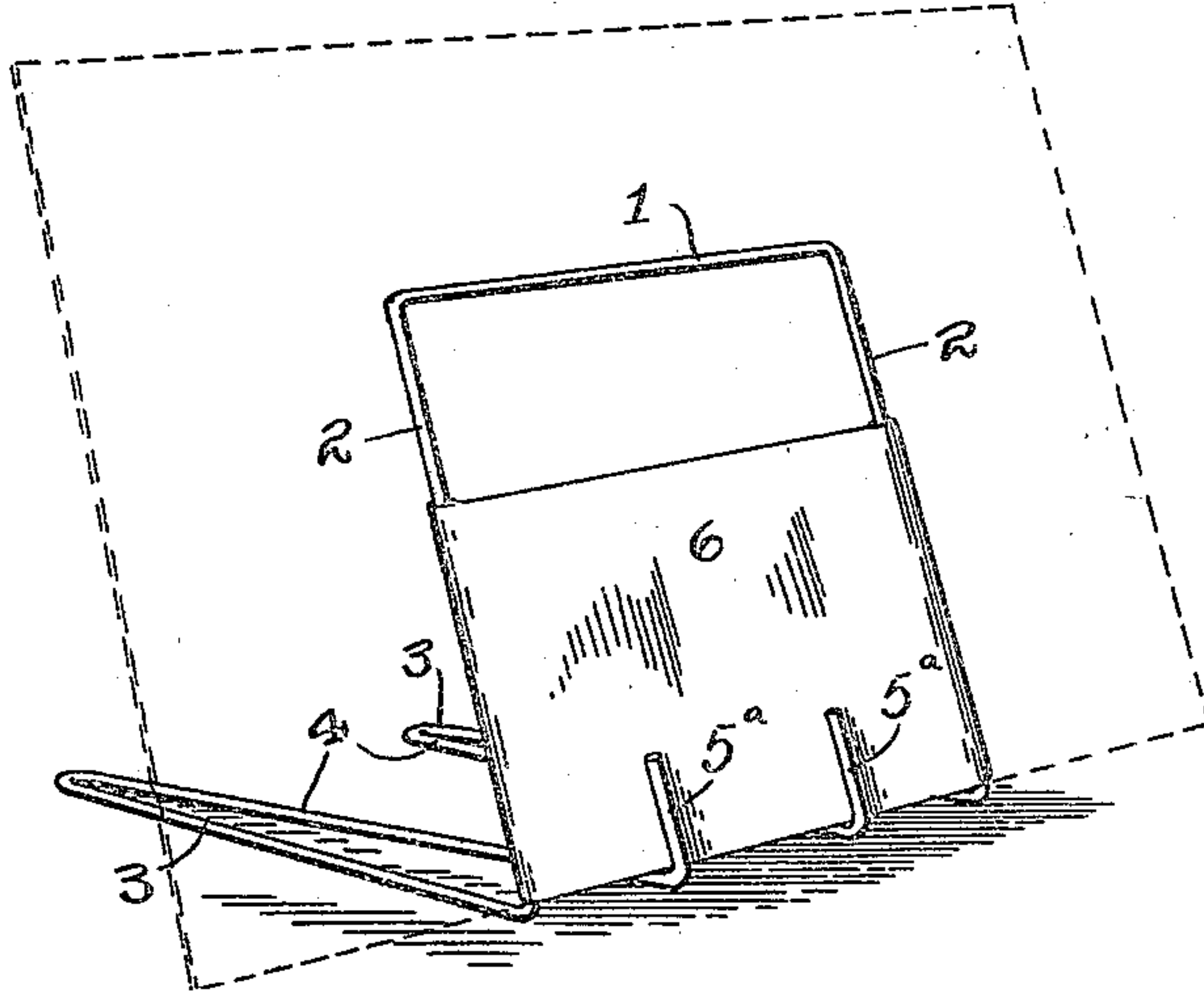


FIG. 1.

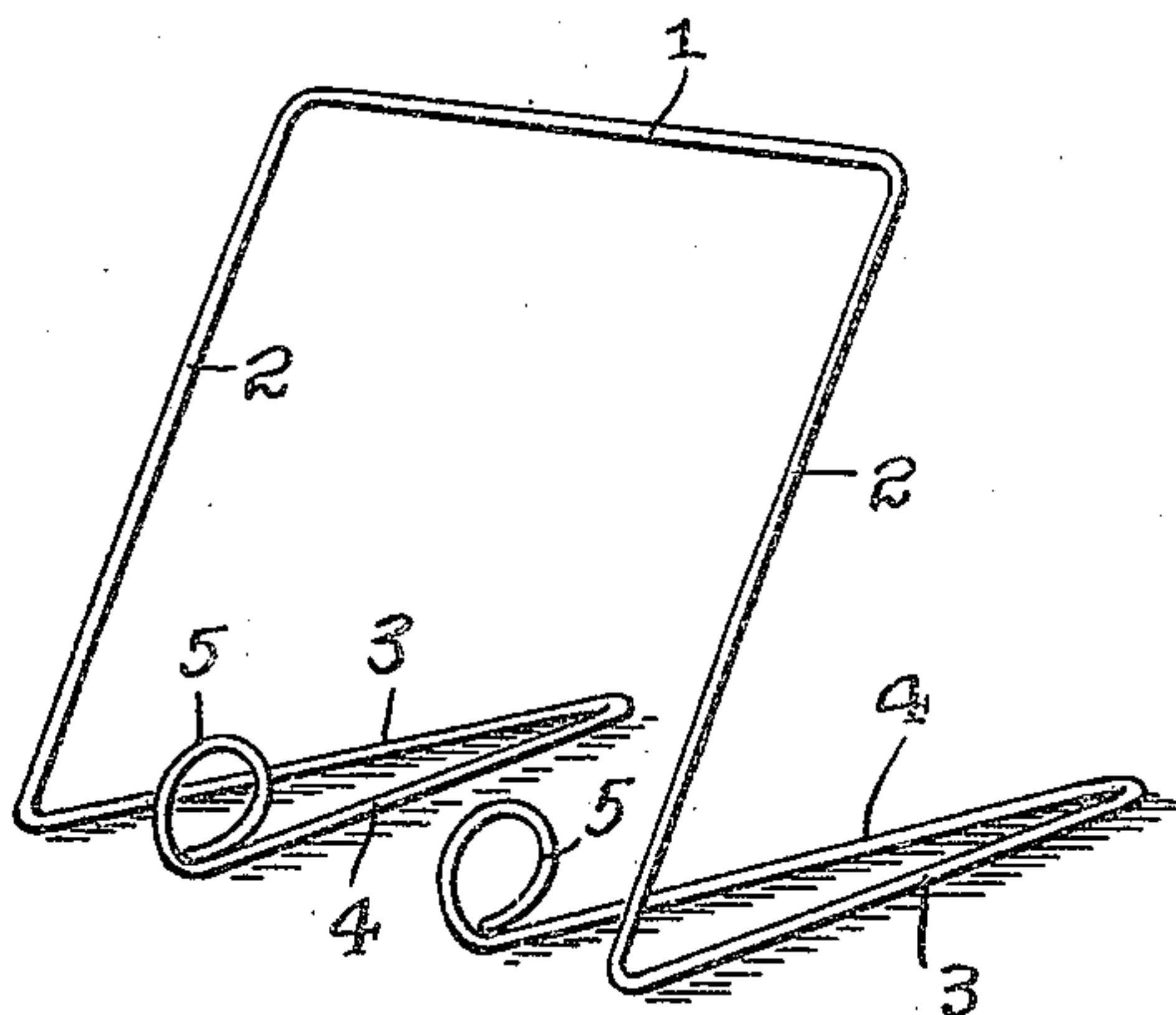


FIG. 2.

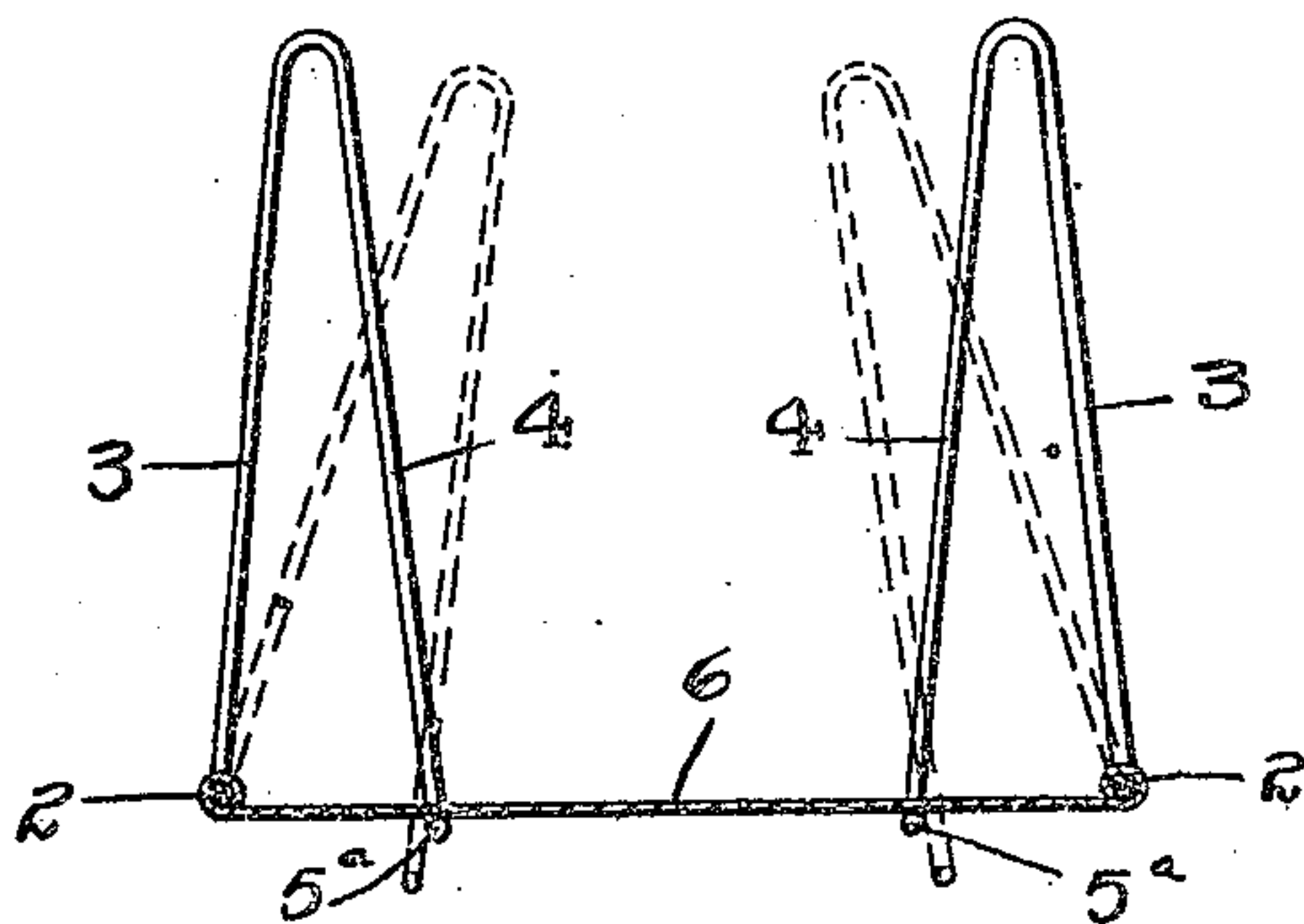


FIG. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ROUSE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Holders; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to an improved card holder, and its object is to provide a simple and reliable device having means for clamping the card and securely holding the same and also for supporting the same in an inclined position, and to provide the device with various new and useful features hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My device consists essentially of a piece of wire bent to form an inclined support having horizontally disposed arms at the bottom extending rearward and thence forward beneath the card and having upturned ends to engage the front of the card and press the same yieldingly against the inclined support, as will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1. is a perspective of a device embodying my invention and having a supporting plate attached thereto to support a card or paper that is not sufficiently rigid to be supported without said plate; Fig. 2. is a modified device with the plate omitted and shown in perspective; and, Fig. 3. a plan view of the lower part of Fig. 1.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

The device consists essentially of a single piece of resilient wire, the middle part 1 being extended horizontally in an elevated position and supported upon downwardly extended and forwardly inclined side portions 2, which at the lower end are each bent rearward at an acute angle to form a supporting base 3 for the device and thence returned at an acute angle beneath the portion 1 and spaced apart from the portion 3 and in the same horizontal plane, and each having its

forward end upturned and formed in a loop or ring 5 to engage the front of the card and yieldingly press the same against the supporting inclined members 1 and 2.

In the modified form shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the device is essentially the same, the difference only being that the upturned ends are not formed in loops, but are straight as at 5<sup>a</sup>, and the side members 2 are connected by a thin plate 6 of sheet metal having its edges turned around the same, which plate serves to oppose the upturned ends 5<sup>a</sup>, and support the card or paper, the card being clamped therebetween as indicated in broken lines in Fig. 1.

The rearwardly extended horizontal portions 3 and 4 serve as a base support, and when pressed toward each other serve as levers to twist the resilient side members 2, which thus serve as springs to draw the upturned ends 5 and 5<sup>a</sup> against the front of the card by turning the rearwardly extended portions 3 and 4 outward away from each other. The portions 3 are also resilient and serve the same purpose. The device thus serves as a support for a card, and at the same time as a spring clamp to securely hold the same in place. It is simple and easy of construction and reliable in action. The form shown in Fig. 2. is preferred for all cards that are sufficiently rigid, and for thin cards or paper, the form shown in Fig. 1. is adapted without departing from my invention.

What I claim is:

1. A card support, comprising an integral piece of wire bent to form an inclined support and having its ends extended horizontally beneath the support, and thence extended inward and forward in the same plane and having each end bent upward to yieldingly engage the front of the card and hold the same against the support.

2. A card support, comprising an integral piece of wire bent twice at right-angles near the middle thence extending downward at an inclination, thence bent twice at acute angles and extending rearward in parallel lines thence bent inward and forward in converging lines, thence bent upward to engage the front of the card.



3. A card support comprising a piece of wire bent near the middle twice at right angles, extending thence downward in parallel lines, a plate of thin sheet metal attached to said parallel portions, said wire  
5 thence extended from the bottom of the plate rearward horizontally and thence returned forward beneath the plate and having its

ends bent upward and yieldingly engaging the front of the plate.

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

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