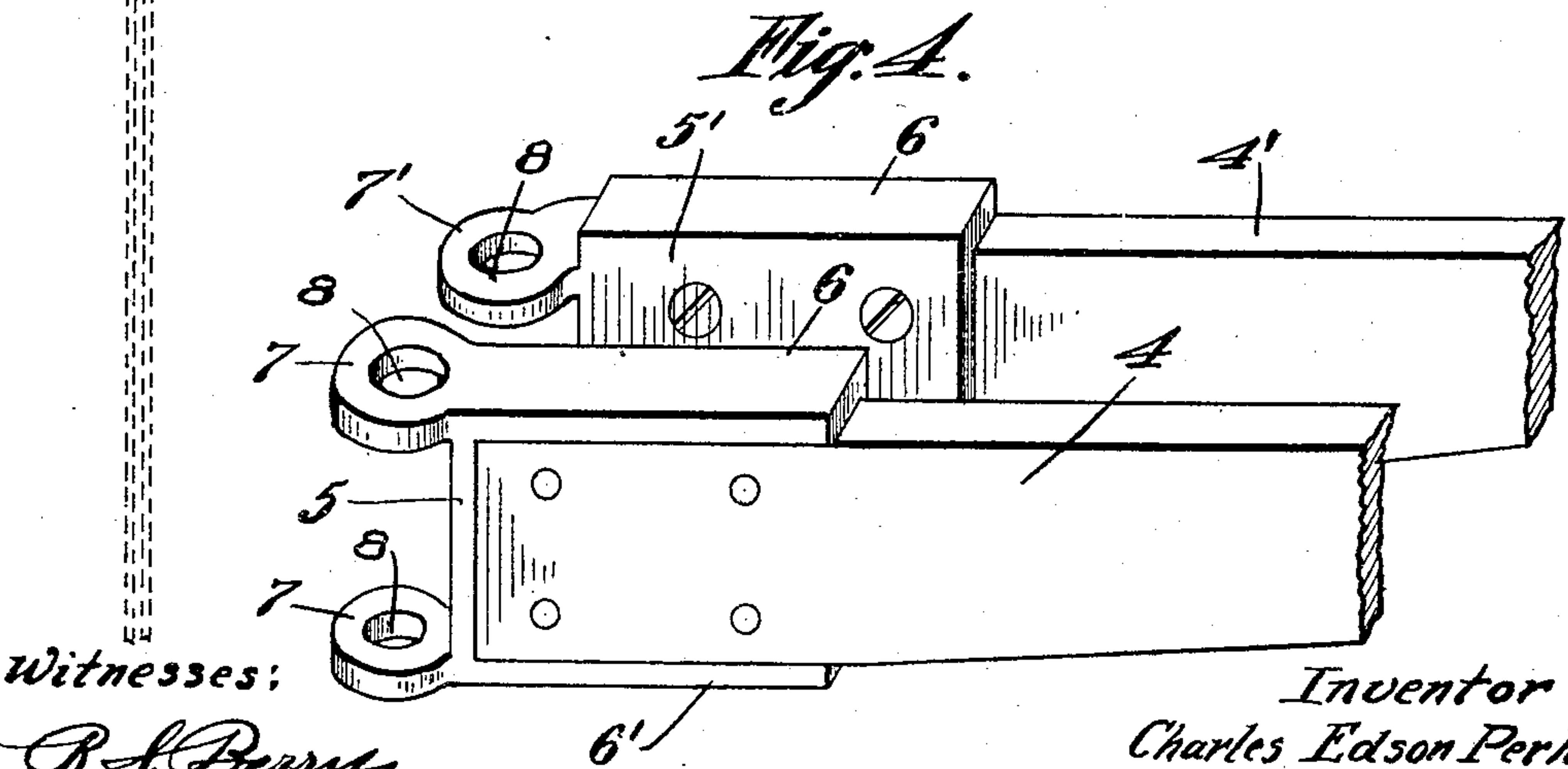
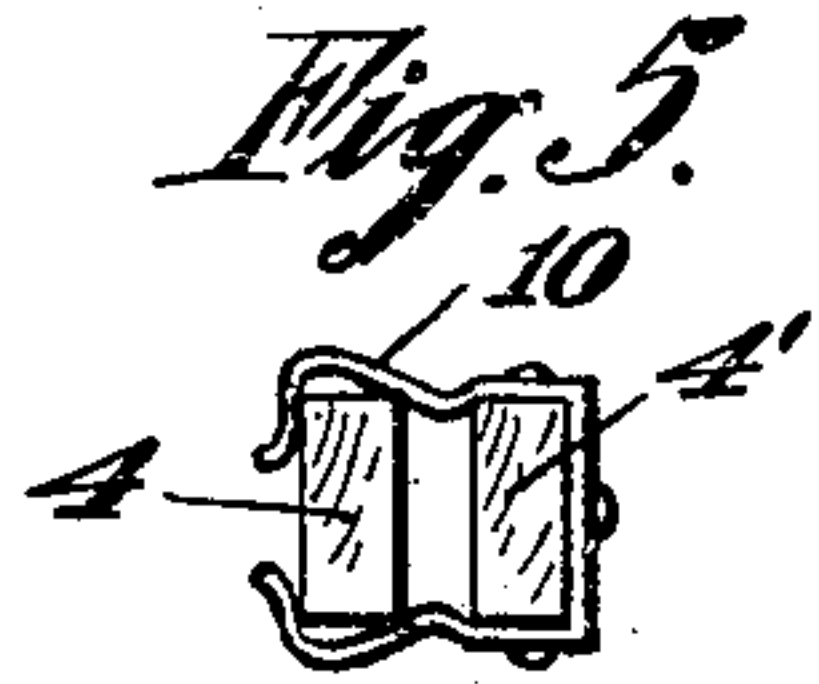
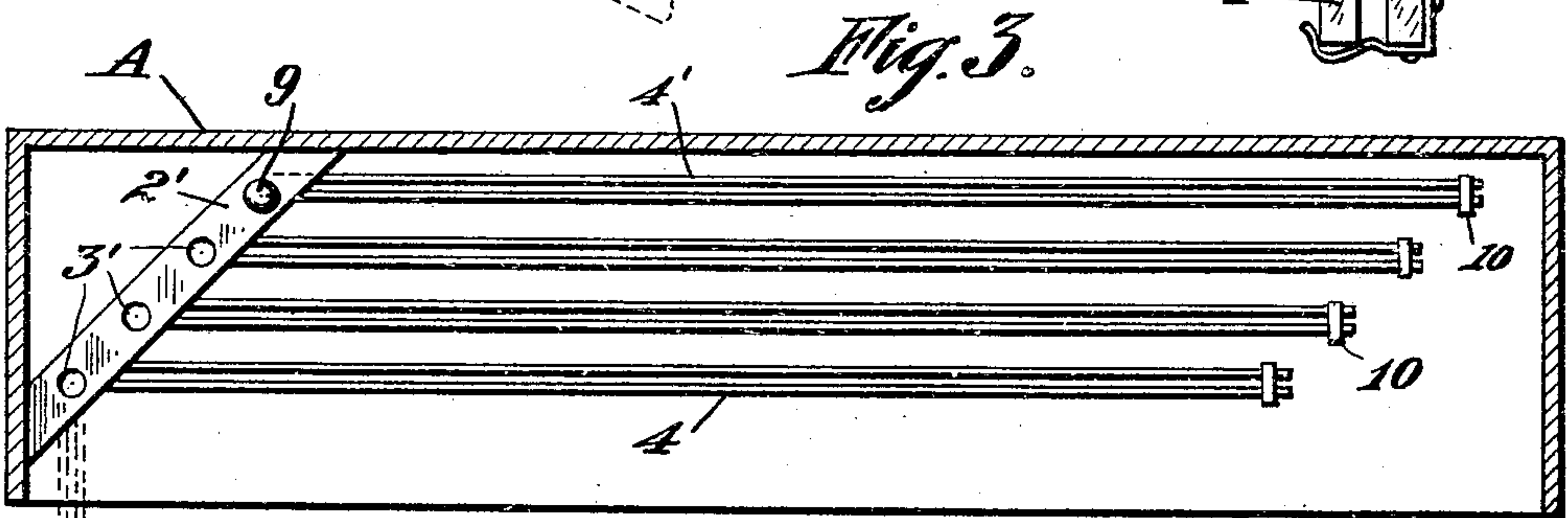
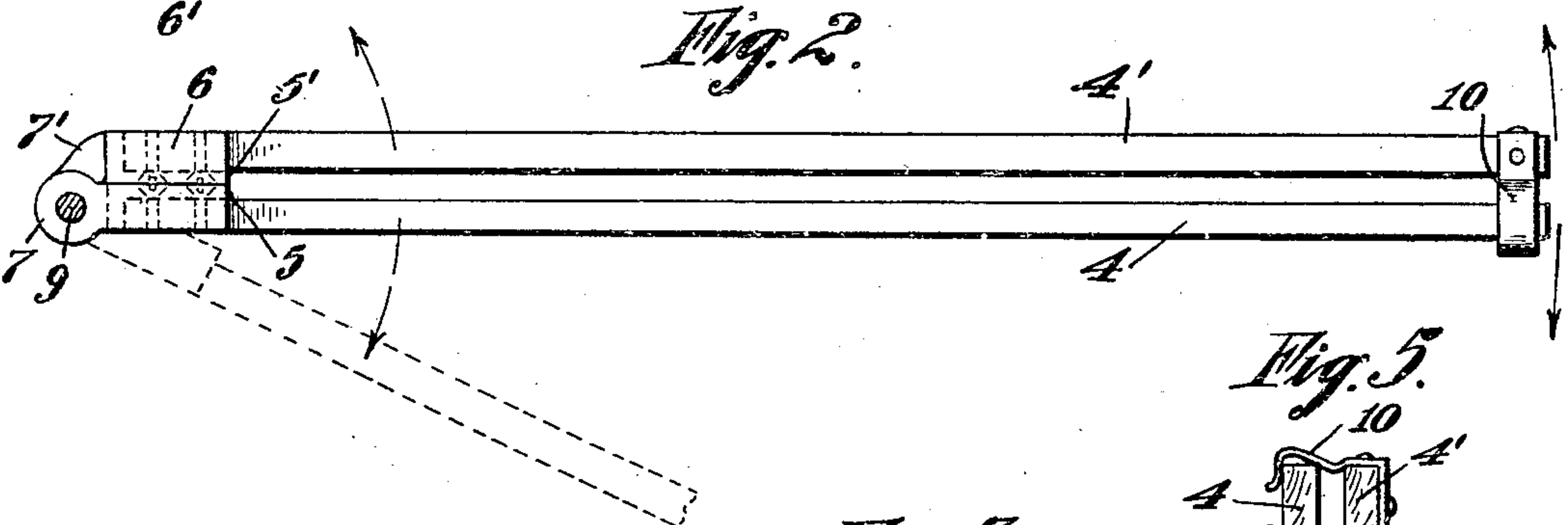
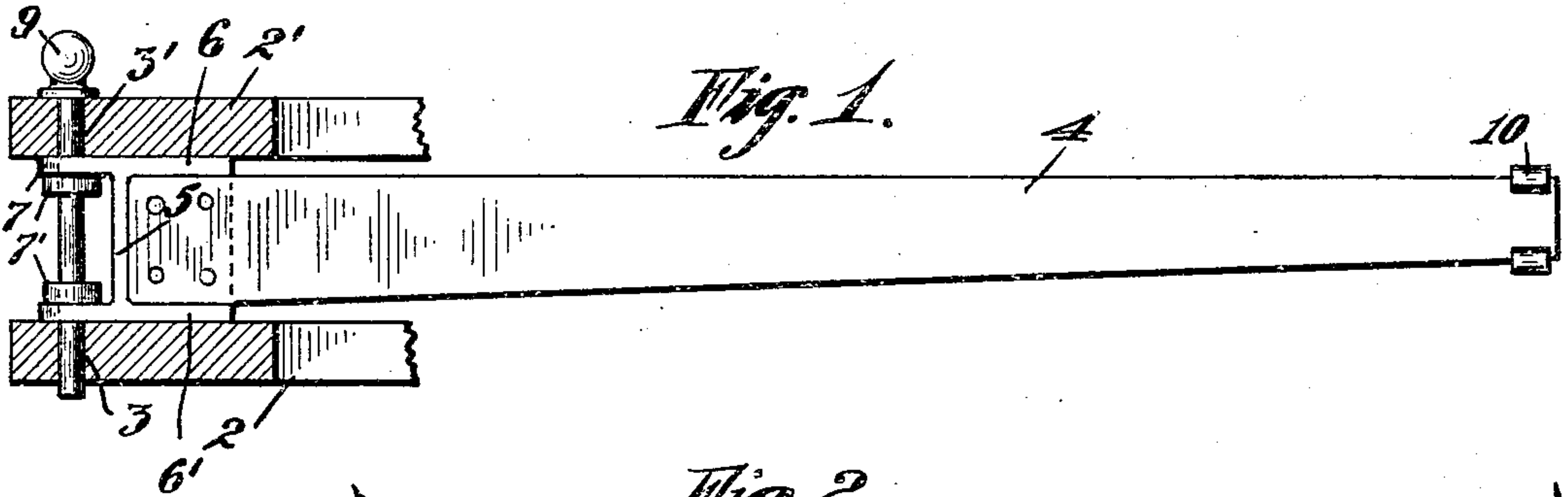


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES EDSON PERKINS, citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Hangers for Curtains and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a rack for the hanging and displaying of lace curtains, draperies, and like merchandise, and particularly pertains to foldable and adjustable display racks.

It is the object of this invention to provide a display rack by means of which a large variety of samples or patterns may be compactly stored in a small space and readily exhibited, without necessitating the handling of the goods.

A further object is to provide a display rack in which various samples may be removed and others replaced without dismantling or disturbing the remainder of the goods displayed, and in which two samples are exhibited in one operation.

Another object is to provide a rack on which lace curtains and the like may be displayed without pinching or creasing the goods, and on which the curtains or draperies will hang smooth, both when stored and when exhibited, thus keeping the samples in good condition, and preventing their becoming shop worn by frequent folding or handling.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a clamp bar, showing the supporting bracket in section. Fig. 2 is a plan view of same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the rack as mounted in a cabinet. Fig. 4 is a detail in perspective of the supported end of the clamp bar and the hinge lugs thereon, showing the manner in which the two halves of the clamp bar are mounted on one pivot.

In the drawings A represents a cabinet, across one corner and near the top of which is mounted a bracket which is composed of two parallel horizontal bars 2, 2', as shown in Fig. 1. This bracket is disposed at an angle of 45° in relation to the back and end

of the cabinet A; and both bars are provided with a series of registering perforations 3, 3'.

Between the bars 2, 2' are pivoted the curtain carriers which comprise a series of clamp-bars, each consisting of two parallel horizontally extending members 4, 4' with their inner ends mounted on the leaves 5, 5' of a separable hinge, each hinge turning on a vertical pivot pin 9. Each leaf 5, 5' is here shown as provided with upper and lower flanges 6, 6' to embrace and support the end of a respective clamp bar 4, 4', and the leaves of each hinge have perforated lugs 7, 7' formed on their rear edge, as shown in Fig. 4. The leaf members 5, 5' of each hinge are intended to be secured to and carry the clamp bars 4, 4' in such manner that when the two members 4, 4' are placed side by side they will be separated a sufficient distance so as not to pinch the goods or draperies placed on the bars 4, 4'. The lugs 7' on the hinge leaf 5' are adapted to extend between the lugs 7 on the hinge leaf 5 in such manner that the perforations 8 formed in the lugs 7' will coincide with like perforations in the lugs 7. The hinge wings 5, 5' are of a height equal to the height of the space intervening the upper and lower members 2', 2 of the supporting bracket, and are adapted to be inserted in this space in such manner that the lower flanges 6' of the hinge leaves 5, 5' will rest upon the lower bracket member 2, with the perforations 8 in the lugs 7, 7' registering with the perforations 3, 3' in the bracket members 2, 2', and the clamp bars 4, 4' extending in a longitudinal direction. A loose pin 9 is inserted in the perforation 3' in the bracket 2' and extends downwardly through the perforations 8 in the lugs 7, 7' and into the perforations 3 in the bracket 2, thus pivotally connecting the hinge leaves 5, 5' and the bars 4, 4' to each other, and also pivoting the clamp bars on the brackets 2, 2'. The horizontal rigid bars 2, 2' afford not only a pivot to the hanger bars 4, 4', but they also serve to support and brace the latter by reason of the broad bearing they afford to the lateral flanges 6, 6' of the hinges. A spring, clip or catch 10 is provided on the outer end of each clamp bar 4' which is engageable with the outer end of the clamp bar 4 so as to lock the pair of bars 4, 4' together. Any desired number of

clamp bars 4, 4' may be mounted on the brackets 2, 2', and as close together as may be found practical, so that a considerable number of clamp arms 4, 4' will occupy a small amount of space.

The operation of the invention is as follows: The bars 4, 4' are mounted on the supporting brackets 2, 2', as before described, with each pair of bars held in place by a single pivot pin 9. A clamp is then released so that a pair of bars 4, 4' may be separated, and a lace curtain or other drape placed on each bar, whereupon the bars 4, 4' are again clamped together by the clamp 10. In this manner two samples or patterns may be suspended from a pair of clamp bars 4, 4', the design of the curtain hanging on the bar 4 being displayed when the bar is in the cabinet A and the other curtain on the bar 4' exhibited when the clamp arm is swung outward into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. By this arrangement two patterns are displayed when a clamp bar carrying a sample curtain is swung outward on its pivot 9. The wide bearing of the flanges 6, 6' on the supporting brackets 2, 2' prevents dragging of the clamp bars 4, 4' under the weight of the curtains thereon, and thereby dispenses with the use of braces. The weight of the curtains, exerting a downward pull on the clamp arms 4, 4', tends to bind the hinges between the bracket members in such manner that the clamp bars will remain in any position they may be swung.

Any pair of clamp bars can be readily removed from the cabinet A, when it is desired to change the samples thereon, by withdrawing its pin 9, which will loosen the hinged end of the clamp bars and permit of their removal.

The echelon arrangement of the ends of the clamp bars, shown in Fig. 3, enables a salesman to select any desired sample in the cabinet A, at a glance, and by pulling upon the outer end of the clamp arm carrying the selected sample, all those mounted in front thereof will be swung outward, thus exposing the required sample instantly.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

1. A display rack having in combination upper and lower horizontal fixed bars, said

bars having registering perforations, display members having one end fitting between the bars, hinges for said members, each comprising separable members one secured to each bar and having top and bottom flanges between the inner surfaces of which the display members fit, the height of the hinge leaves being equal to the height of the space between the inner surfaces of the horizontally fixed bars, each of said display members comprising a pair of clamps, each clamp secured to a leaf of a hinge, and a pin passing through the perforations in said bars and through the leaves of said hinge.

2. A display rack comprising a bracket consisting of spaced upper and lower horizontal fixed bars, registering perforations in said bars, display members hinged between the bars, each of said display members comprising a pair of clamps, each clamp secured to a leaf of a hinge, and a pin passing through perforations in said bars and through the leaves of said hinge, said hinge leaves having lateral flanges to support the edges of said clamp members, and the height of the hinge leaves being equal to the height of the space between the inner surfaces of the horizontally fixed bars, said hinge leaves being readily separable.

3. A display rack comprising a bracket consisting of spaced upper and lower horizontal fixed bars, registering perforations in said bars, display members hinged between the bars, each of said display members comprising a pair of clamps, each clamp secured to a leaf of a hinge, a pin passing through perforations in said bars and through the leaves of said hinge, said hinge leaves having lateral flanges projecting outwardly and inclosing recesses for the members and to support the edges of said clamp members the hinge leaves extending down along the inner side of the clamp members and serving as spacing means therefor, said flanges supported to have a broad seat between said bars, and means for locking the pair of clamp members together.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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