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Fig. I.

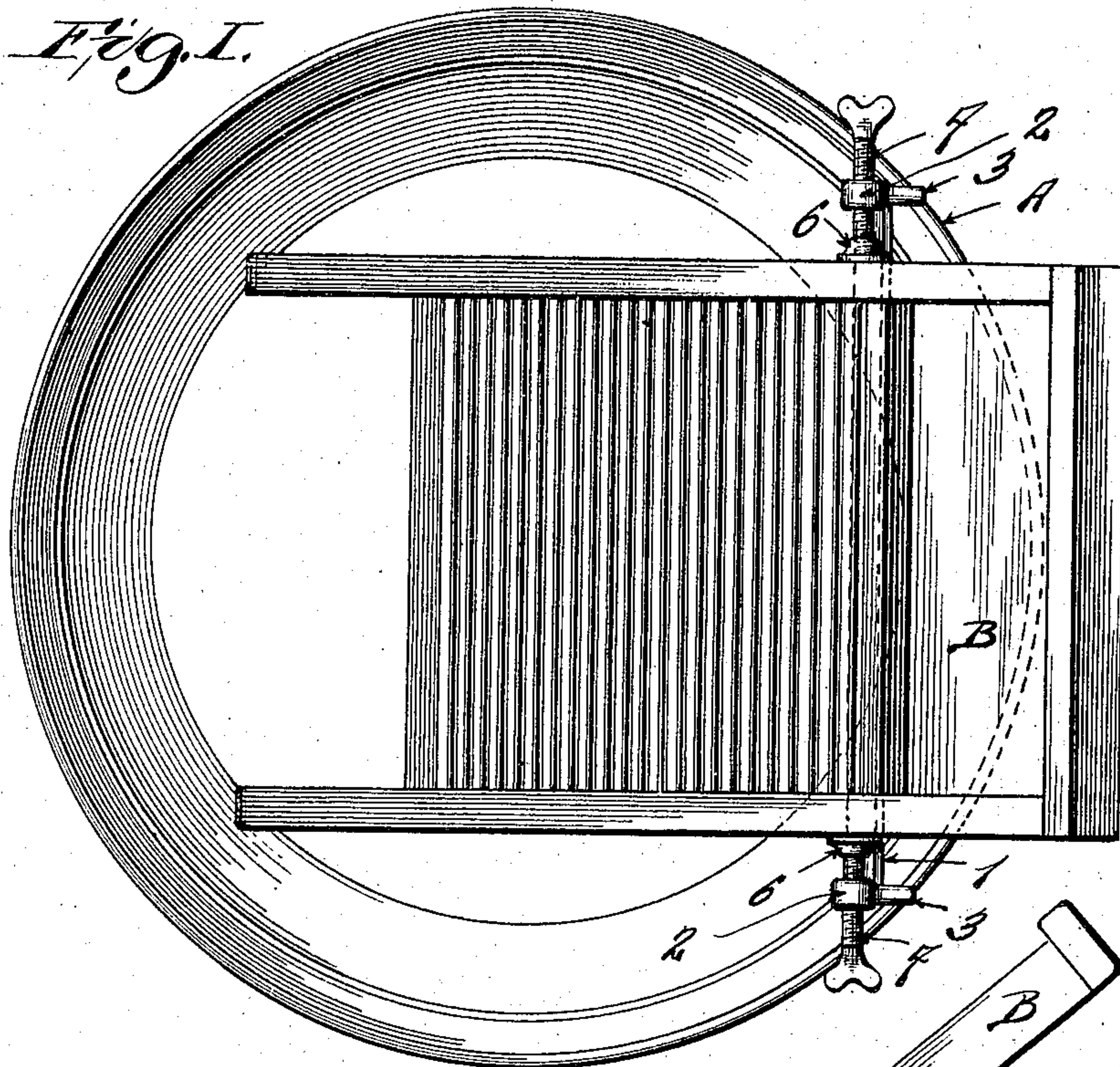


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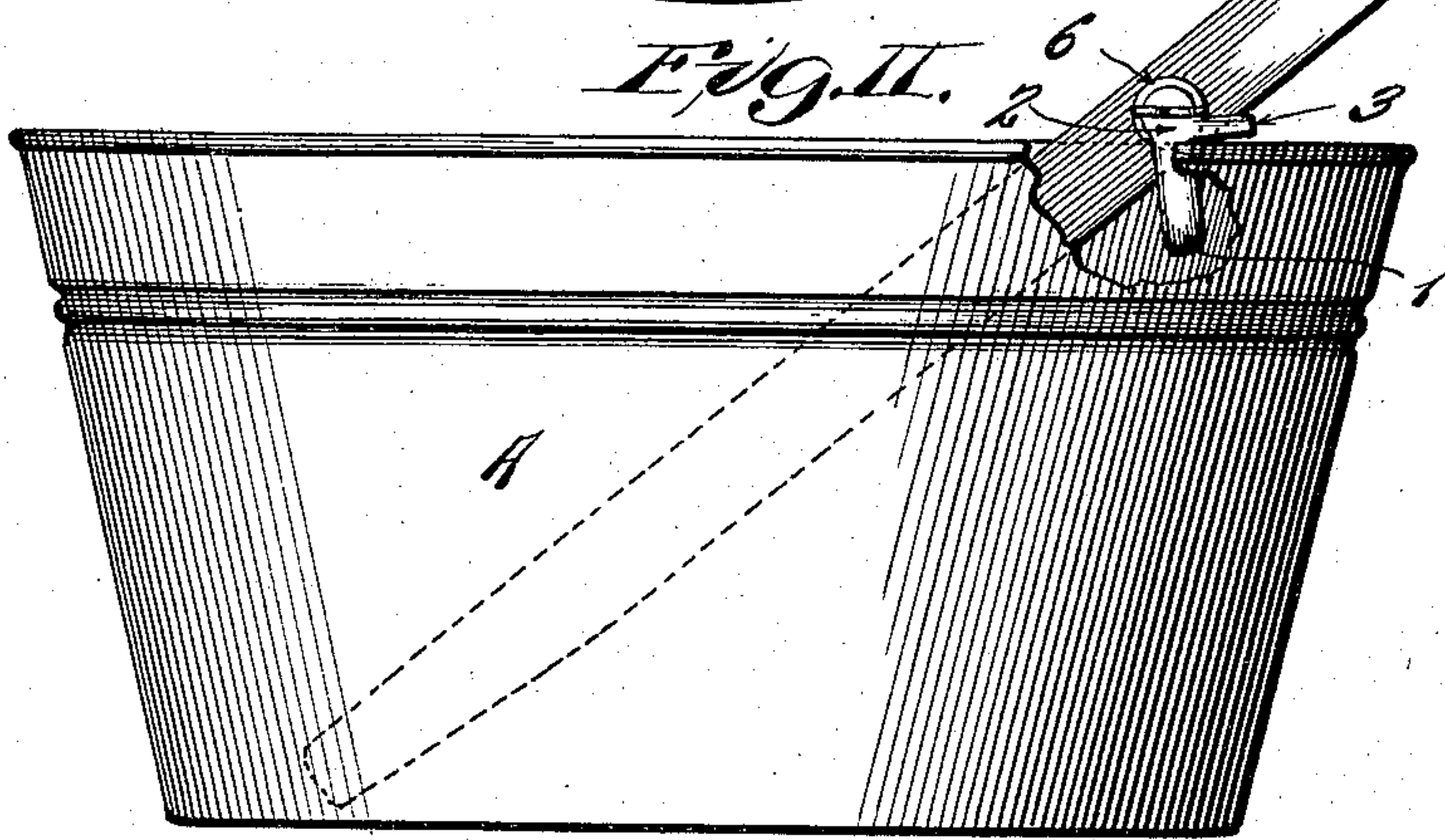


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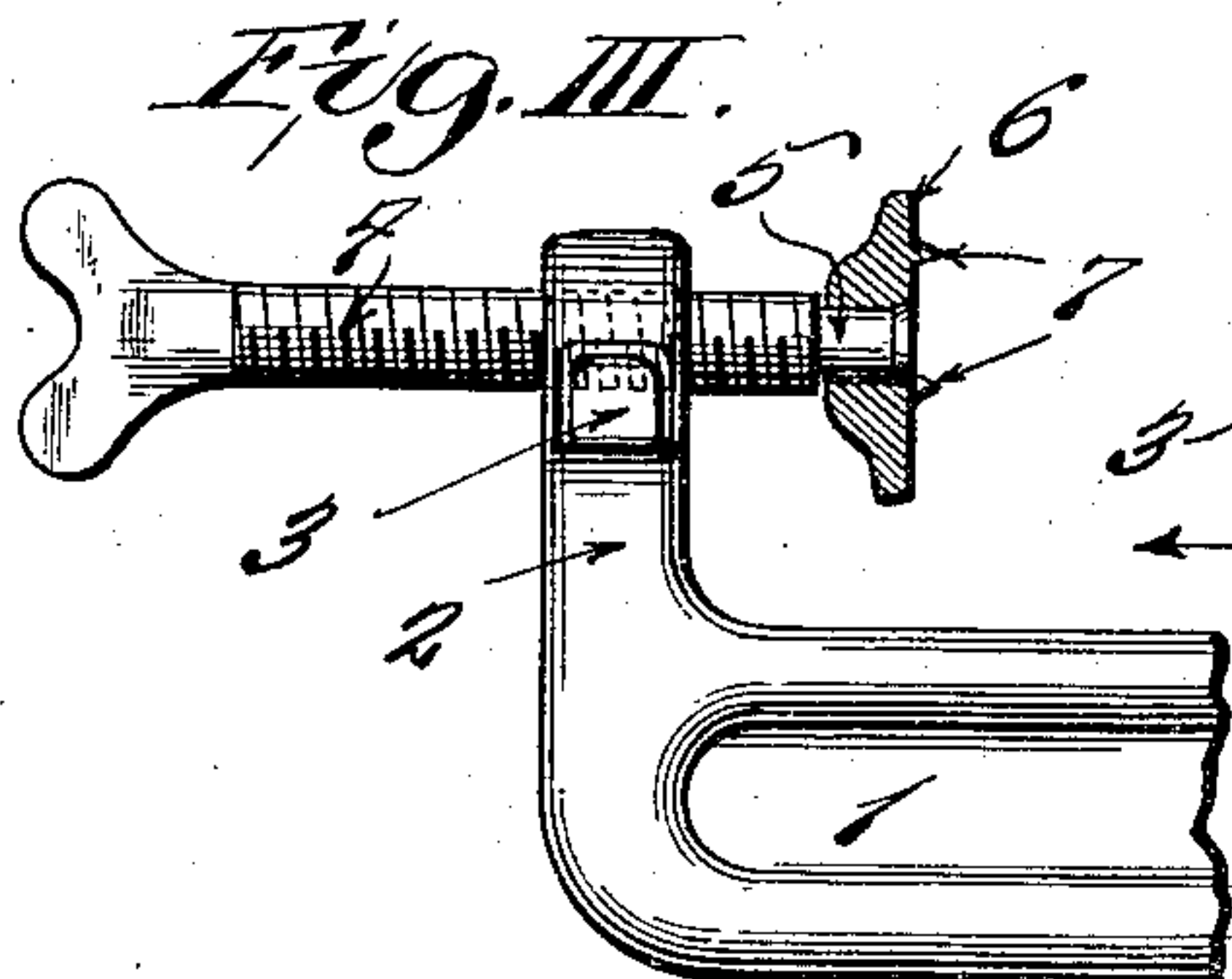
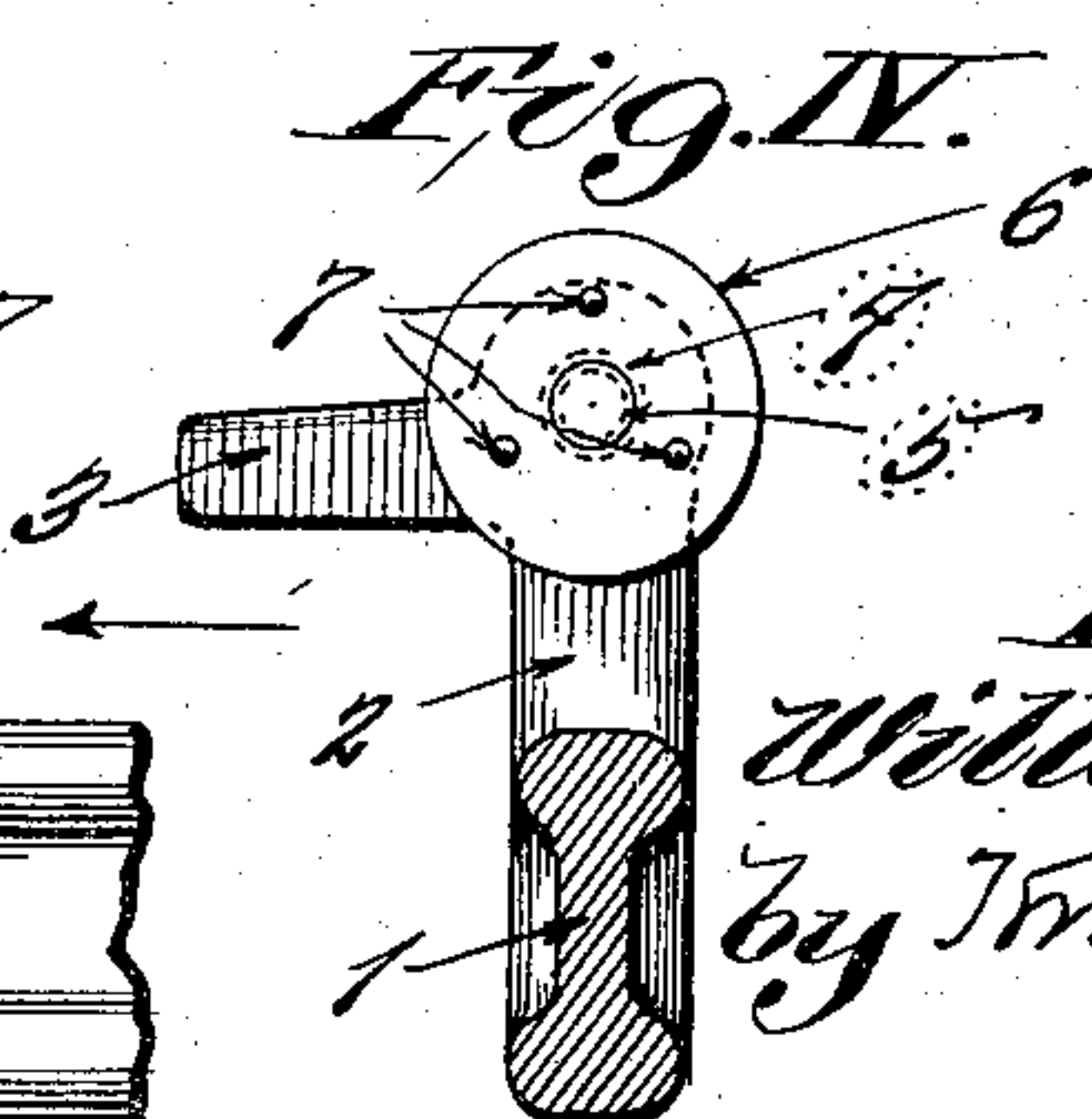


Fig. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SEAGER, a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Washboards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device for application to a washboard to serve as a means for preventing the slippage of the washboard upon the rim of a washtub in which the board is used, as well as to prevent the washboard from "riding up" on the rim when in use and thus insure a rigid rubbing base.

Figure I is a top or plan view of a washtub, a washboard therein, and my washboard attachment in position for service. Fig. II is a side elevation of the parts shown in Fig. I, the tub being partly broken away. Fig. III is an enlarged side elevation of one end of my attachment, the rotatable head being shown in section. Fig. IV is an elevation of the parts shown in Fig. III view in the direction indicated by the arrow.

In the drawings, A designates an ordinary washtub and B an ordinary washboard.

1 designates the body of a V-shaped yoke and 2 are hanger arms of said yoke located at or adjacent the ends of said body, the said arms being preferably arranged at right angles to said body.

3 are fulcrum arms extending laterally from the hanger arms.

4 designates binder screws arranged in screw threaded apertures in the hanger arms extending longitudinally of the yoke, each of said screws being provided at its forward end within the yoke with a circular stem upon which is mounted a rotatable head 6. Each of said rotatable heads is provided at its front face with one or more spurs 7.

In installing my attachment for use, it is applied to a washboard so that the body 1 of the yoke is located beneath and transversely of the washboard, and the arms of

the yoke are fitted to the washboard by inward movement of the binder screws 4, thereby the rotatable heads 6 are adjusted to the sides of the washboard, to impinge thereagainst, the spurs 7 entering into the washboard to hold said rotatable heads in fixed positions. It will be understood that when the attachment has been applied as described, it is securely attached to the washboard, with the body of the yoke located beneath the washboard, and will be understood that, due to the heads 6 being rotatably fitted to the binder screws 4, opportunity is afforded for rotatable movement of the yoke relative to the washboard.

The attachment having been applied to the washboard as set forth, the said washboard is placed in a washtub so that the fulcrum arms 3 of the attachment will rest upon the rim of the tub, and the washboard be supported out of contact with said rim. When pressure is applied to the washboard in the act of rubbing clothes thereon, such pressure is communicated through the washboard to the fulcrum arms 3 of the washboard attachment with the result of causing the yoke of the attachment to be swung rearwardly against the inside wall of the washtub. The yoke is, due to this movement, pressed forcibly against the wall of the tub, and, as consequence of the contact of the yoke with the wall of the tub, the washboard is held from slippage around the rim of the tub, or from "riding up" on the rim, thereby making a rigid rubbing base.

The yoke of my attachment is made of such length that washboards of different widths may be accommodated, the length of the binder screws 4 being sufficient to clamp washboards of varying widths.

I claim:—

In a device of the character described, a yoke comprising a body, hanger-arms integral with said body, binder screws arranged in said hanger-arms, heads rotatably mounted upon the forward ends of said screws, and fulcrum arms integral with and extending laterally from said hanger-arms.

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