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Fig. 1.

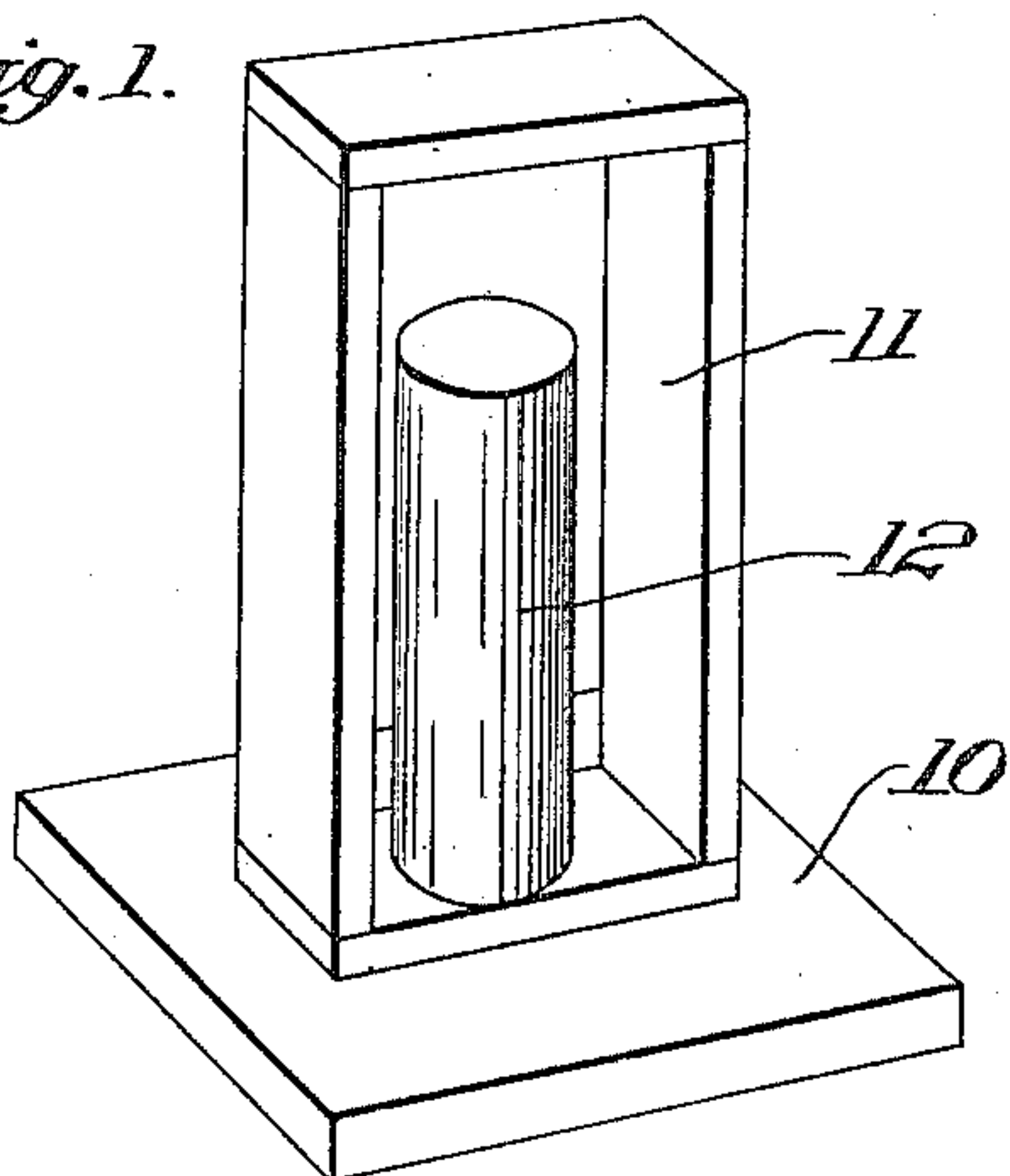


Fig. 2.

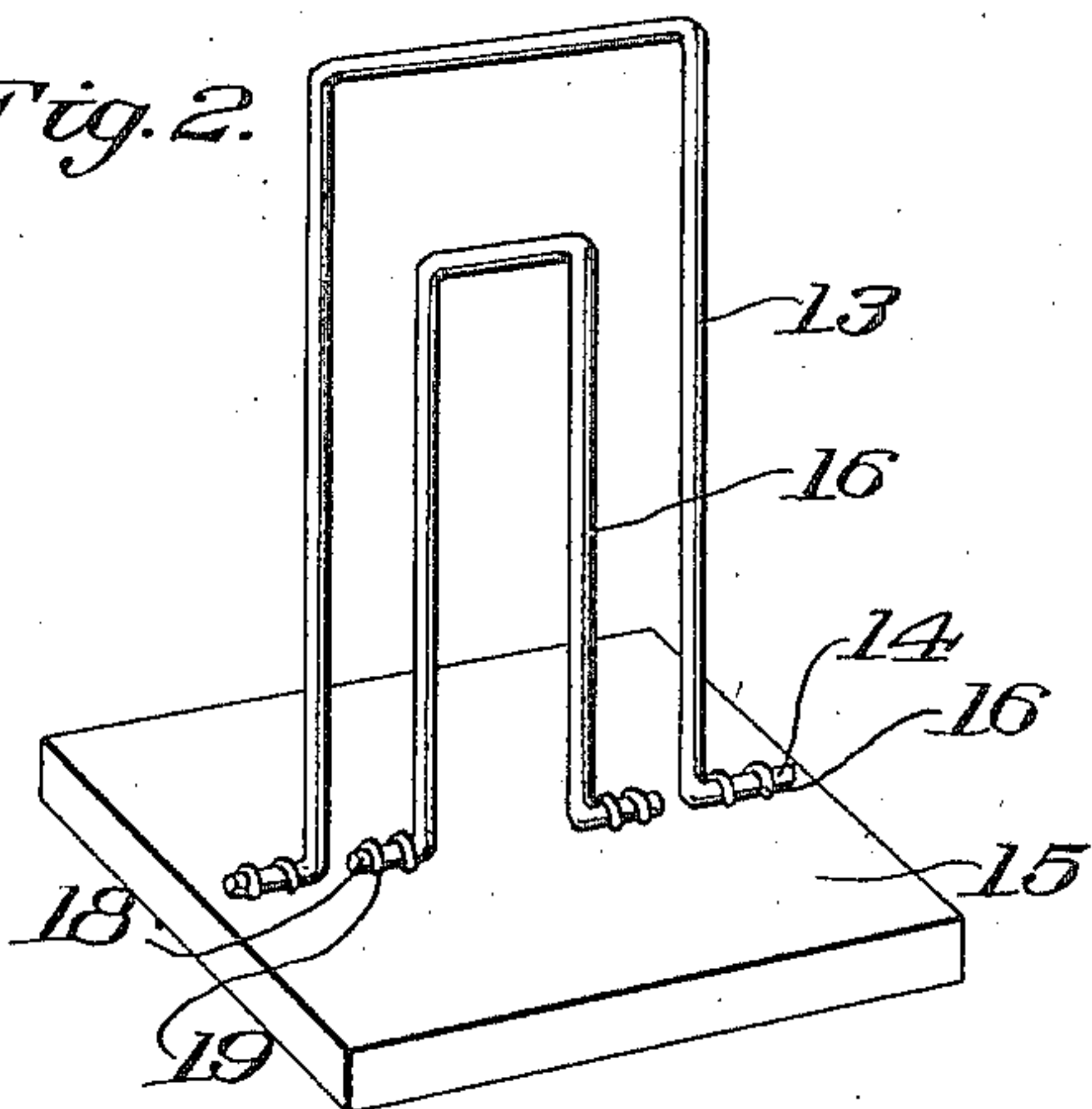


Fig. 3.

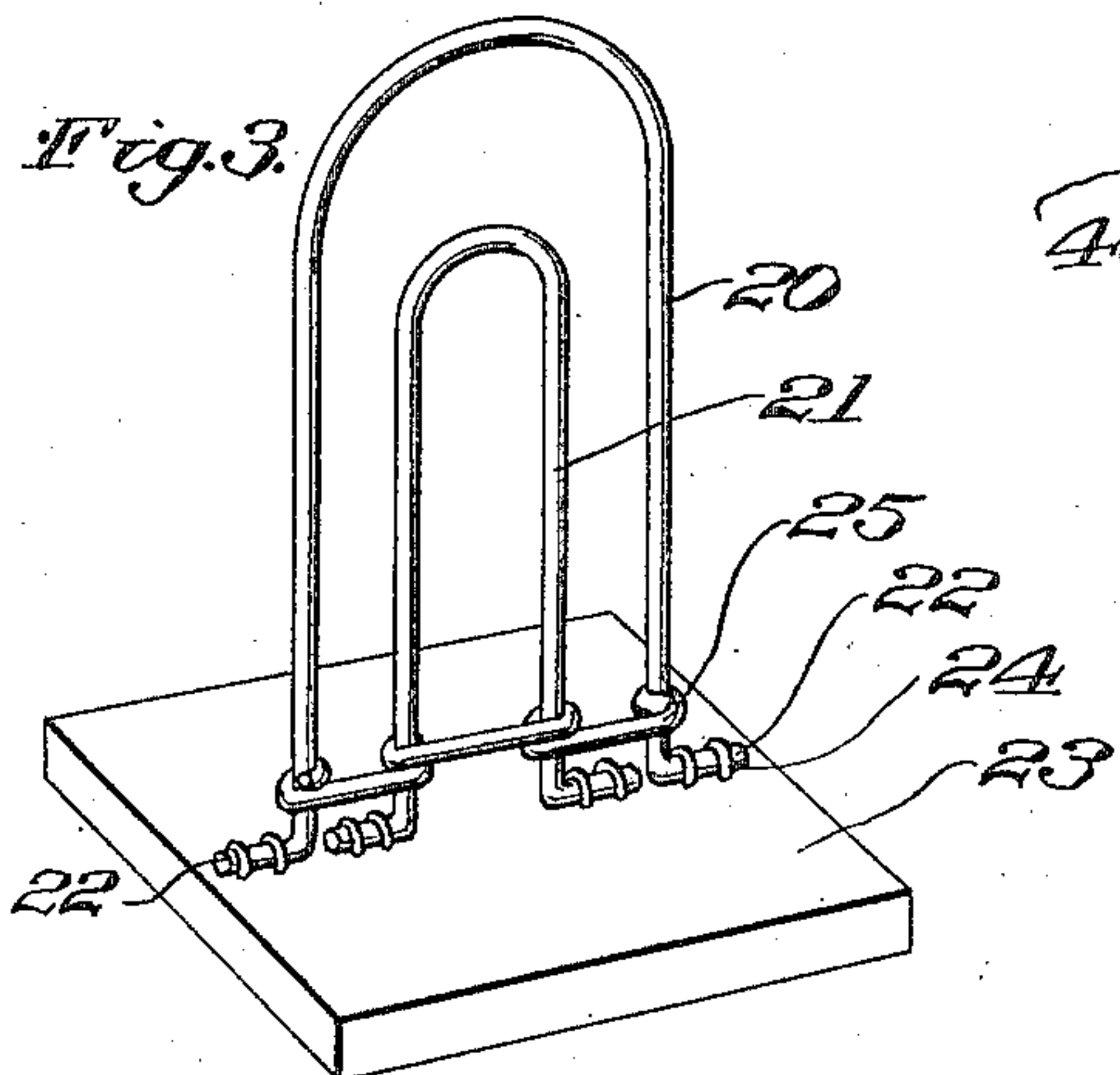


Fig. 4.

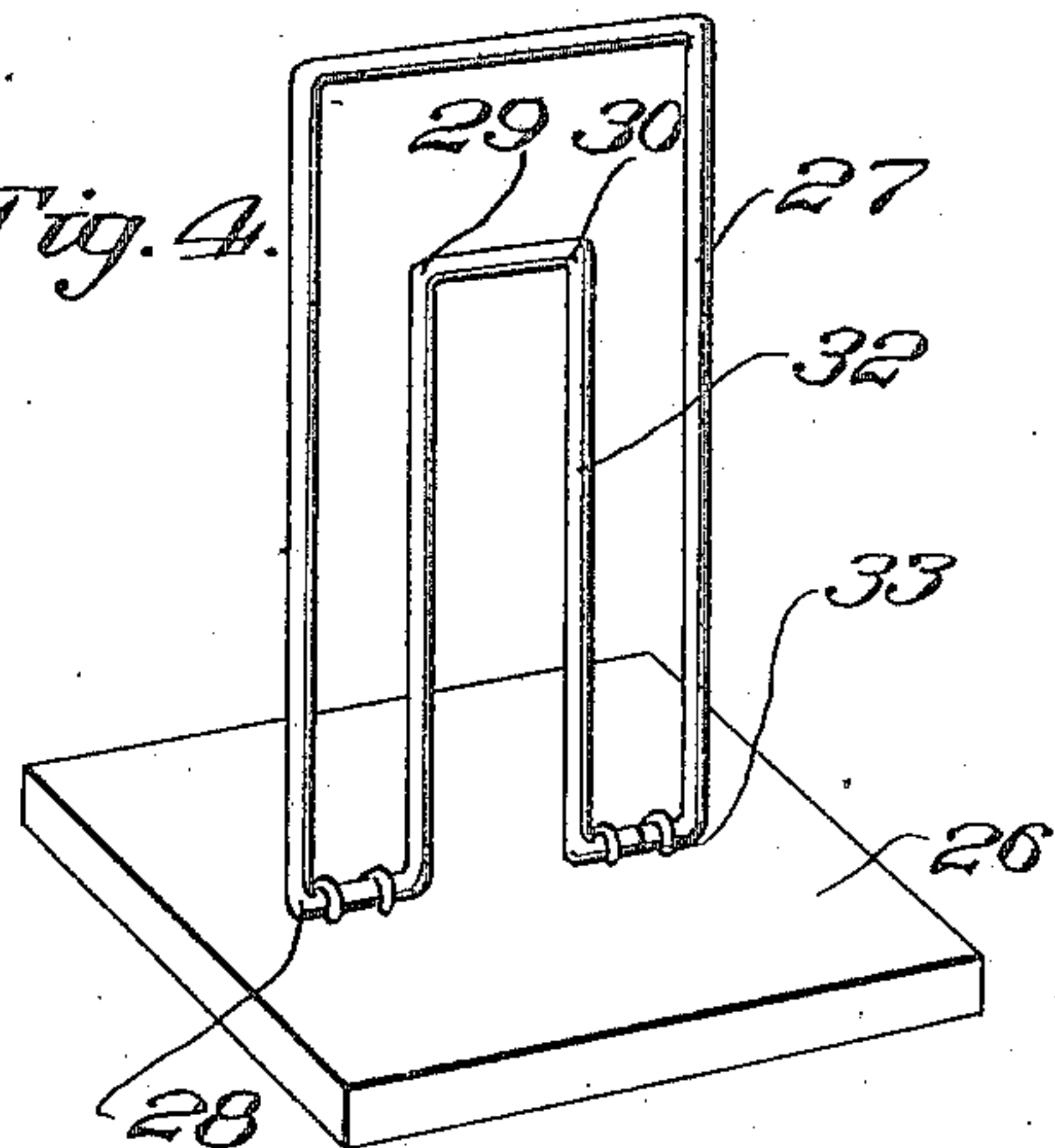
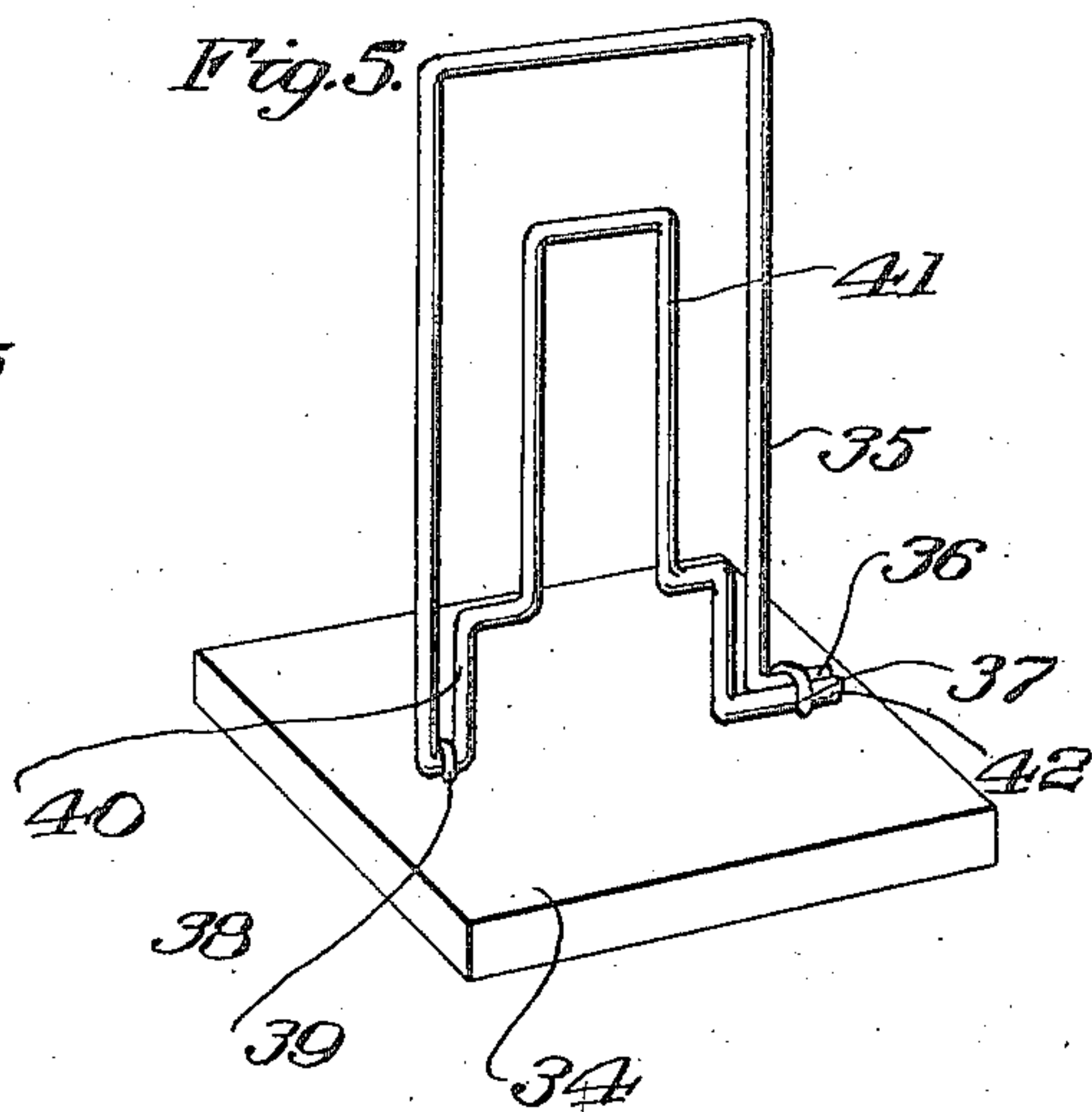


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER F. COOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Atkinson, in the county of Jefferson and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and has for its object the provision of a novel game which requires considerable skill in its playing, the game being particularly well adapted for use at carnivals, picnics and resorts as a game of chance.

An important object is the provision of a game of this character which includes a frame within which is located an upstanding spindle onto which rings are intended to be thrown, the central ring receiving member being spaced somewhat from the sides of the frame so as to permit the ring to be thrown thereupon but the parts being sufficiently close together that great skill is required to succeed.

An additional object is the provision of a device of this character and for this purpose which will be simple and inexpensive in manufacture, highly efficient in use, entertaining, durable and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one form of my device,

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing a modified form,

Figure 3 is a perspective view of still another form,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of still another form, and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of another modification.

Referring more particularly to the drawings and especially to the forms shown in Figure 1, the numeral 10 designates a supporting block upon which is secured an upstanding rectangular frame 11 which might be formed of strips of wood or metal. Rising centrally from the lower cross bar of the frame 11 is a cylindrical post or spindle 12 which is spaced from the sides of the frame

and which is spaced considerably below the upper cross-bar thereof.

In Figure 2 I have shown the frame as formed of an inverted U-shaped wire member 13 which has the ends of its arms deflected laterally to constitute attaching teeth 14, these attaching teeth being secured to a suitable base 15 by means of staples 16. Located within the frame 13 is a similarly shaped spindle member formed as an inverted U-shaped wire member 16 which is spaced from the sides of the frame 13 and also spaced from the bight portion thereof and the ends of the arms of this inner frame 16 are deflected laterally as shown at 18 and secured to the block by means of suitable staples 19.

In the form shown in Figure 3, the construction is substantially the same as in Figure 2 except that the bight portion of the outer U-shaped frame 20 is more rounded than in Figure 2 and the bight portion of the inner frame 21 is likewise more rounded. The ends of the arms of both of the frames are bent laterally to define attaching teeth 22 which are secured to the base block 23 by means of suitable staples 24. In this form I also prefer to make use of a reinforcement consisting of a length of wire 25 having its ends coiled about the sides of the frame 20 and having its intermediate portions coiled about the sides of the frame 21.

In Figure 4 I have shown still another modified form of the device and in this form the numeral 26 designates a base upon which is secured an outer inverted U-shaped frame 27 which is formed from the single length of wire bent upon itself as shown at 28 to define attaching portions disposed upon the top of the block, and also bent upon itself as shown at 29 and 30 whereby to define the inner frame member 32 which constitutes the spindle. In this form of the device the frame structure is held to the block 26 by means of suitable staples 33 or the like which are driven into the block at the bent portions 28 of the assembled frames. In this form it is likewise to be observed that the inner frame member 32 is in spaced relation to the outer frame member.

Referring to Figure 5, it will be seen that I have provided a still different construction in which use is made of a single length of wire. In this form the numeral

34 designates a suitable base which is exactly the same as the bases of the previously described forms. Secured upon this base 34 is the outer frame member 35 which is of inverted U-shape and which has one end laterally offset to define an attaching foot 36 secured to the base by means of a suitable staple 37 or the like. The wire member constituting this frame is bent as shown at 38 and this bent portion is secured to the base by means of a suitable staple 39. The bend 38 begins the lower end of one arm of the inner frame which includes a relatively large lower portion 40 from which extends a restricted or constricted upper portion 41 which constitutes the spindle. The other end of the wire, that is the end at the lower end of one leg or arm of the enlarged frame member 40 is formed with a laterally deflected portion 42 which is disposed alongside of the portion 36 and secured by the same staple 37.

Regardless of which construction of frame is used, it will be apparent that in every instance there is an inner member which may be solid or which may be a frame and which constitutes a spindle upon which may be thrown a suitable ring designated by the numeral 43 which is formed of wire, small rod, celluloid or any other suitable material. In all forms this central spindle member is spaced from the upper portion of the frame and also from the sides of the frame whereby to permit ample space for the ring to be thrown onto the spindle or inner frame in the inner playing of the game.

In actual practice a player is probably given a plurality of the rings which may or may not have different valuations and it is of course the object to ring these rings upon the central spindle or frame member. The player first throwing on the required number of rings is of course the winner of the game. In the use of the device at country fairs, picnics, bazaars, carnivals or other amusements, it is apparent that the rings may have a certain valuation and that prizes be granted the players most successful in ringing the rings upon the central spindle or frame. It is of course to be understood that this device is strictly a game of skill but at the same time there is a certain ele-

ment of chance especially in the different rings given a player having different valuations.

From the foregoing description and a study of the drawings it will be apparent that I have thus provided a simply constructed and consequently inexpensive game which will be very interesting and entertaining in use and which should have a long life owing to the simplicity of the construction and the fewness of the parts.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is of course to be understood that I reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention I claim;

1. A game apparatus of the character described comprising a supporting base, a substantially inverted U-shaped frame secured upon said base, and an inner substantially inverted U-shaped frame located inwardly of said first named frame in spaced relation to the sides and top thereof, said inner frame being adapted to receive throw rings, both of said frame members being formed of wire and having attaching portions engaging the base, and securing members passing into the base for holding said attaching portions, both of said frame members being formed integrally from a single length of wire bent and rebent upon itself to define the frames.

2. A game apparatus of the character described comprising a support, an upstanding element carried by the support, and an enclosing element mounted upon the support and extending above said first named element in spaced relation to the upper end and both sides thereof, said first named element being adapted to receive throw rings, the rings having an internal diameter greater than the maximum width of the first named element and an external diameter of less than the space within said second named element.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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