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Fig. 1

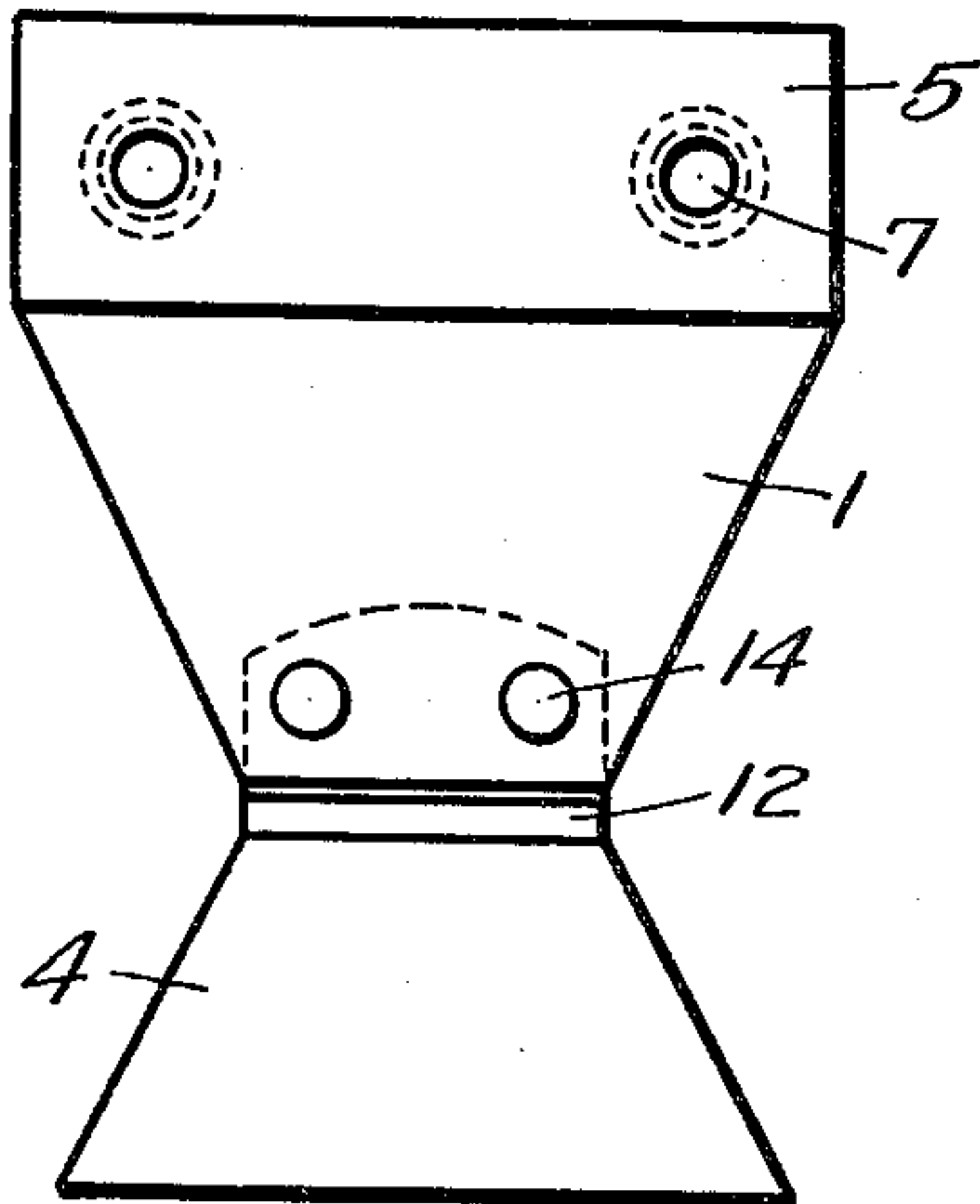


Fig. 2

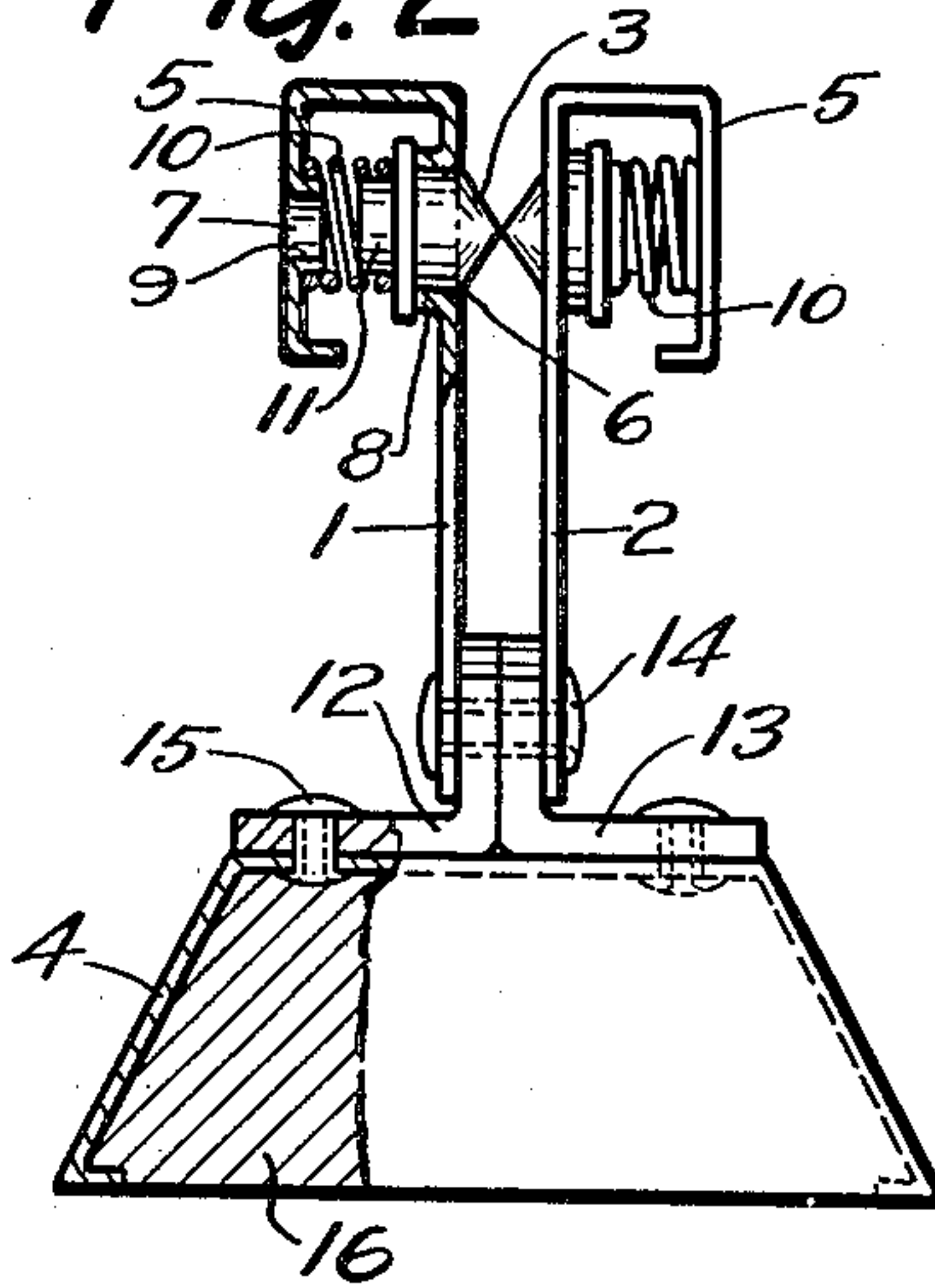


Fig. 3

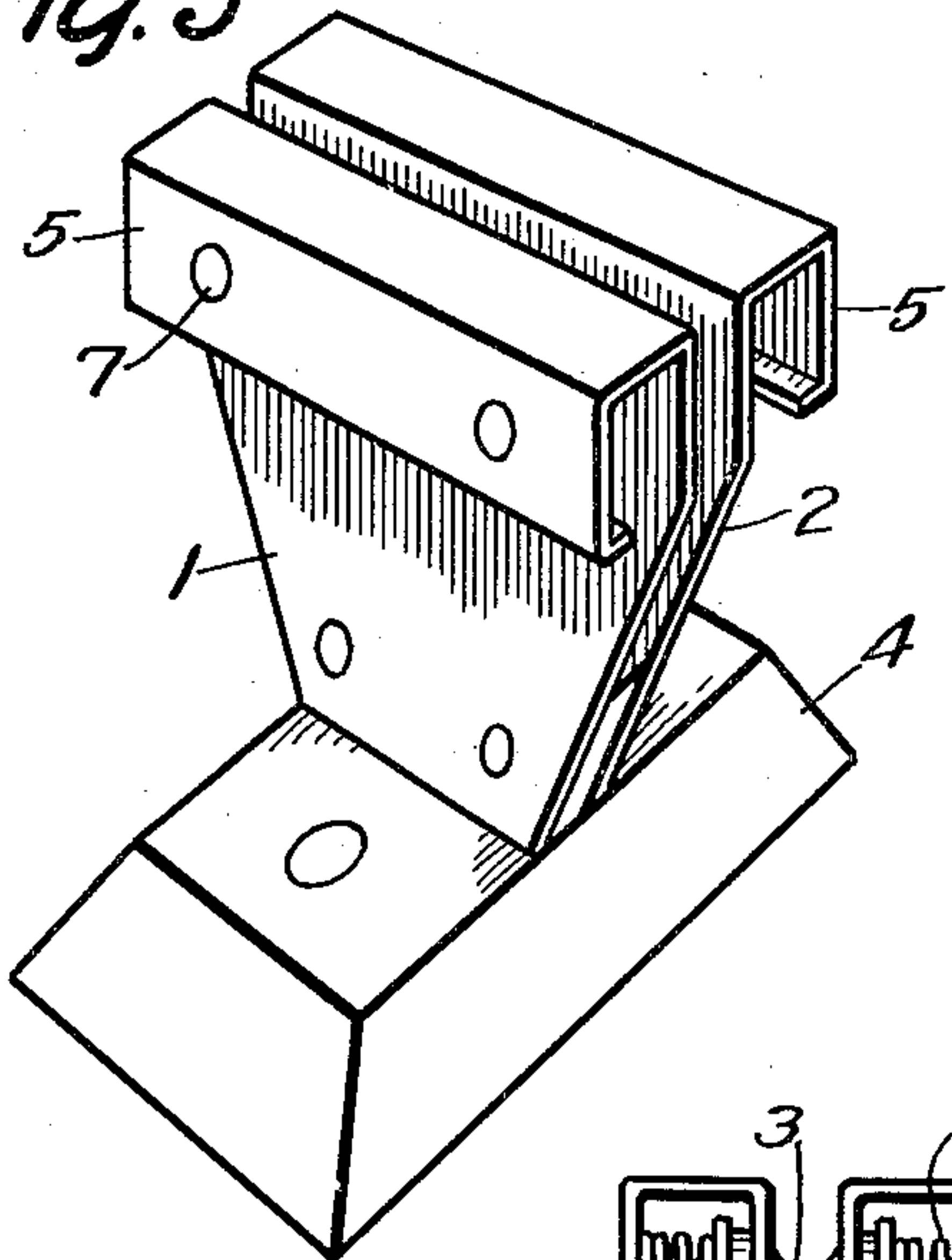


Fig. 4

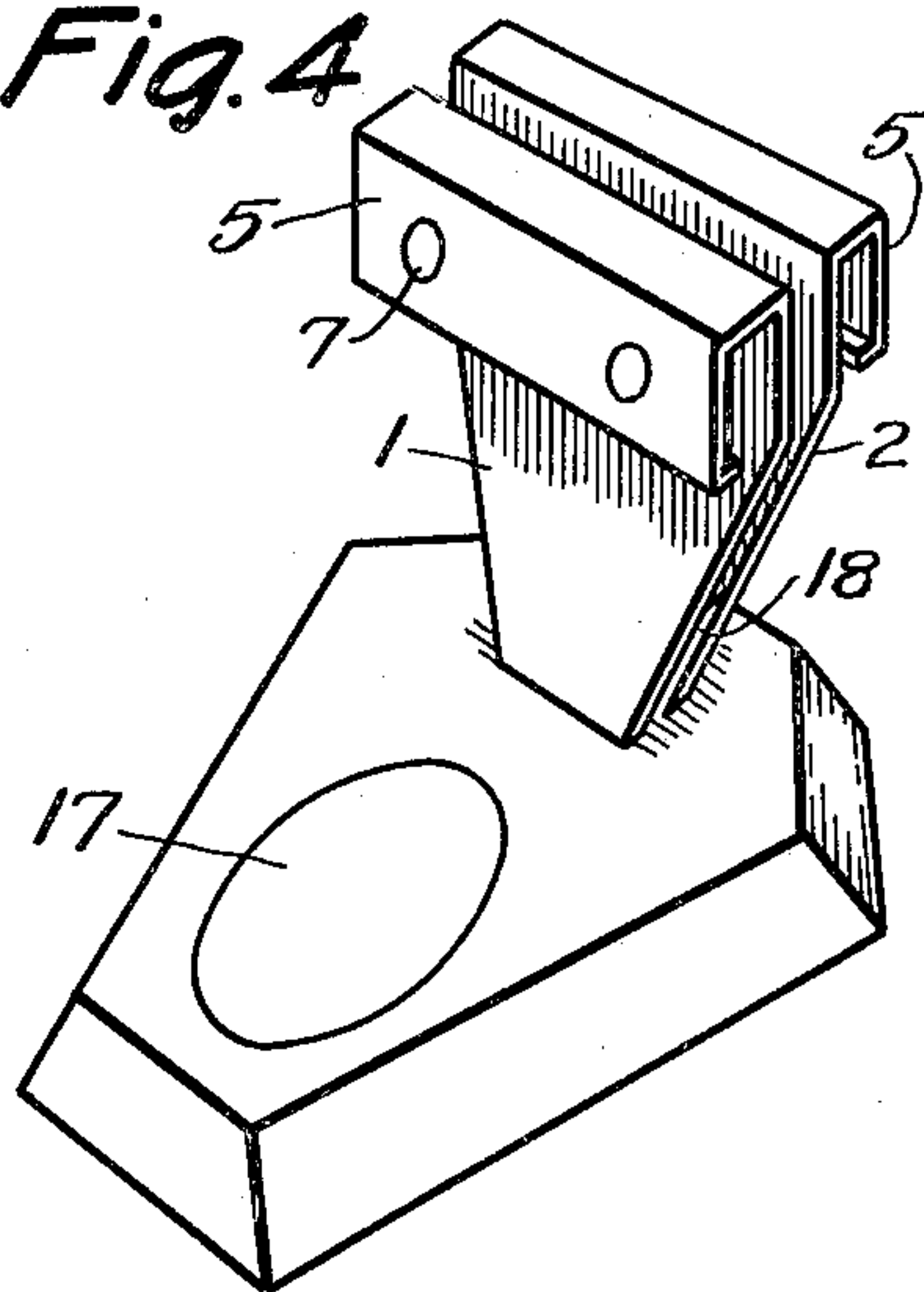
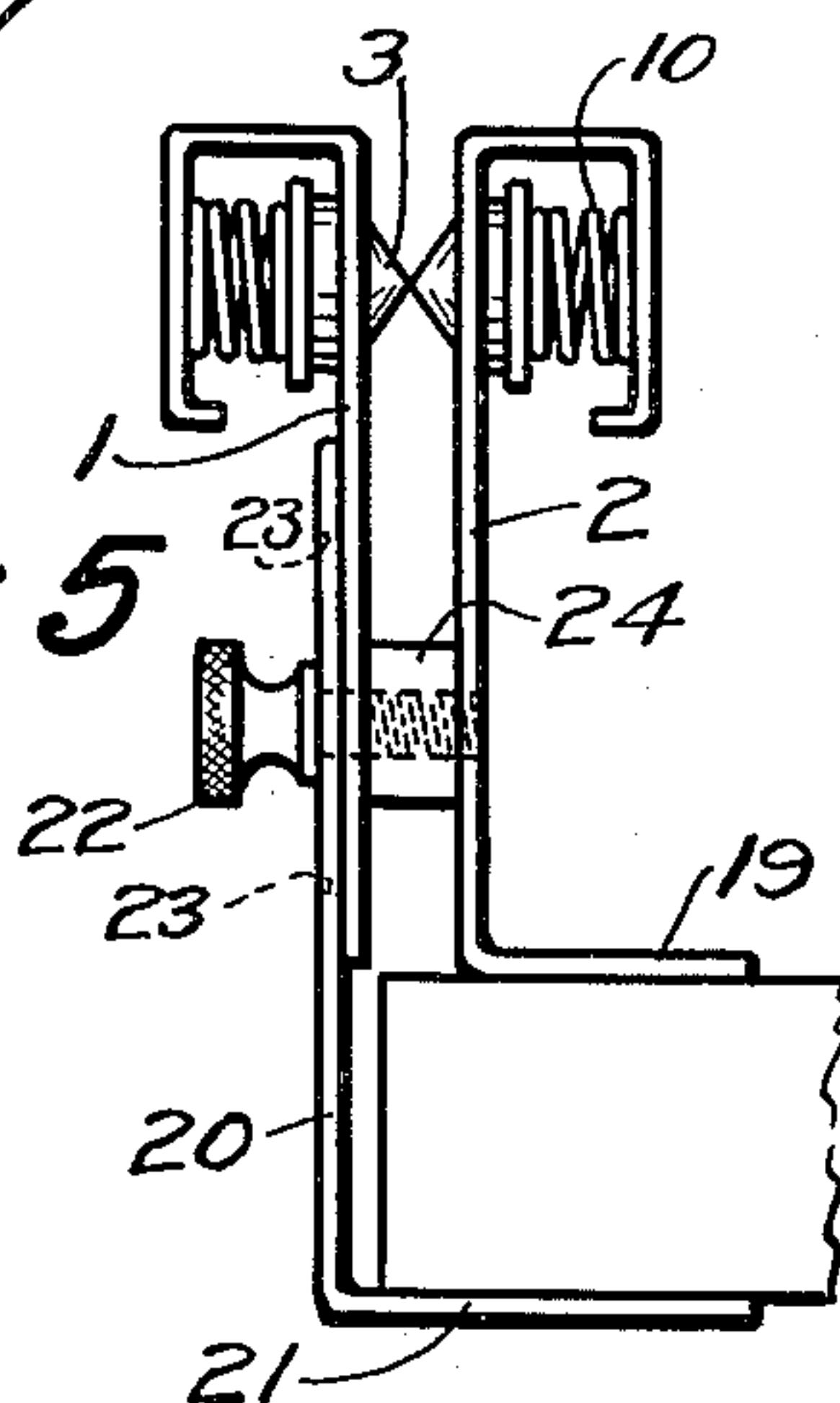


Fig. 5



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The invention is a holder for playing cards or the like which may be placed upon a table or attached to the edge thereof and which is adapted to hold and display a plurality of cards, as the cards of a player's hand, before the player as though they were held in his hand.

The object of the invention is to provide a mechanical device for holding and displaying the cards of a player's hand before the player.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder for playing cards or the like in which the cards may be removed and replaced and their positions changed therein as desired.

Another object is to provide a holder for playing cards or the like which is adapted to hold one or any number of cards with the same tension.

Another object is to provide a holder for playing cards or the like which is portable so that it may be moved to any desired position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder for playing cards or the like which is adapted to be used by persons having only one arm or otherwise afflicted.

And a still further object of the invention is to provide a holder for playing cards or the like which is of a simple and economical construction.

With these ends in view the invention embodies a pair of parallel plates vertically positioned and mounted upon a base and having resiliently held pins adjacent their upper ends for holding objects between the plates.

Other features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description taken in connection with the drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view showing a side elevation of the holder.

Figure 2 is an end elevation with part of one of the plates broken away on the center line of one of the resiliently held pins, and also part of the base broken away showing the construction thereof.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the holder.

Figure 4 is a similar view showing the base in the form of an ash tray.

Figure 5 is a view showing an end elevation of a holder of an alternate design in which the lower ends of the plates form a clamp.

In the drawing the holder is shown as it would be made wherein numeral 1 indicates one of the plates, numeral 2 the other of the plates, numeral 3 the resiliently held pins, and numeral 4 the base.

Rectangular shaped sections 5 are formed at the upper ends of the plates 1 and 2 and openings 6 are provided in the inner surfaces of the plates with corresponding openings 7, of a somewhat smaller diameter, in the outer portions of the plates. Flanges 8 are provided around the openings 6 and flanges 9 around the openings 7, and it will be noted that the flanges 8 provide bearings for the pins 3 and the flanges 9 provide seats for the outer ends of springs 10, the opposite ends of which seat upon projections 11 at the inner ends of the pins 3, as shown in Figure 2. The springs resiliently hold the pins 3 toward the center of the holder and as the outer ends of the pins are conical shaped cards or the like placed between the plates 1 and 2 may readily be forced between the pins and will be held thereby. In the design shown there are two sets of the pins 3, however it will be understood that one or any number may be used.

The lower ends of the plates may be somewhat narrower than the upper ends and may be attached to brackets 12 and 13 by rivets 14 as shown and the brackets may be attached to a shell 4 forming the base by rivets 15. The base may be of any shape or design and may be filled with a material 16 to give it sufficient weight to support the holder in an upright position regardless of how many cards may be held therein. The base may also be formed as shown in Figure 4 with a recess 17 forming an ash tray in the upper surface thereof, and in this design the plates 1 and 2 may be attached to a member 18 extending upward from the base, or attached by the brackets as shown in Figure 2.

In the design shown in Figure 5 the lower end of the plate 2 is provided with a flange

19 and at the lower end of the plate 1 is another plate 20 with a flange 21 at the lower end. In this design the rivet 14 is replaced by a clamp screw 22 and the plate 20 has a
 5 slotted hole 23 therein so that it may be adjusted to clamp the holder to the edge of a table or the like. A spacer 24 may be placed over the screw 22 to form a stop for the lower ends of cards placed in the holder.

10 It will be understood that other changes may be made in the construction without departing from the spirit of the invention. One of which changes may be in the shape or design of the plates 1 and 2, another may be
 15 in the use of other resilient holding means in the upper ends of the plates, another may be in the use of other means for supporting the plates, and still another may be in the use of other means for attaching the plates to
 20 the base or other object.

The construction will be readily understood from the foregoing description. In use the holder may be supplied as shown and it may be finished so that it is neat and attractive. It may be placed upon a table and
 25 as the cards are dealt they may be placed between the pins and plates as hereinbefore described and it will be noted that by using two independent pins cards in one side may be
 30 removed and replaced or a card may be withdrawn and played without disturbing the other cards. It will be noted that the upper ends of the brackets 12 and 13 may form stops for the lower ends of the cards to prevent
 35 them being inserted too far into the holder.

Having thus fully described the invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a playing card holder of the character described, two stationary parallel
 40 plates vertically positioned and rigidly supported, points slidably mounted in the upper ends of each of said plates, the points of one plate being opposed to the points in the other
 45 plate, means in each of the plates resiliently holding the opposed points in abutting position, and a base supporting said plates.

2. In a playing card holder, two members spaced slightly apart, opposed points slid-
 50 ably mounted in each of said members and extending into the space between the plates, resilient means holding said opposed points in abutting position, and means supporting said plates.

3. In a device for holding playing cards or the like, a stand having two upright mem-
 55 bers, pins slidably held in each of said members and in opposed relation to the pins in the other member, and means in said mem-
 60 bers resiliently holding said pins toward each other.

4. In a stand for holding playing cards or the like, opposed pins between which the
 65 cards may be held slidably mounted in said stand, resilient means holding said pins to-

ward each other, and means adapted to attach said stand to a table top or the like.

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