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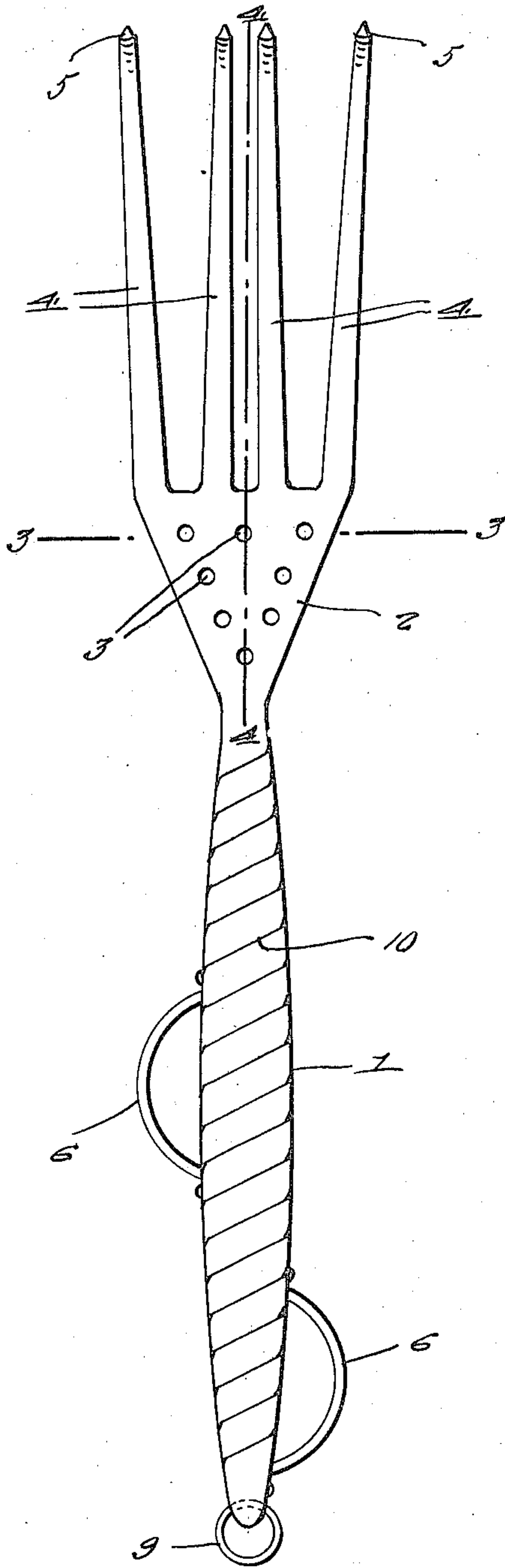


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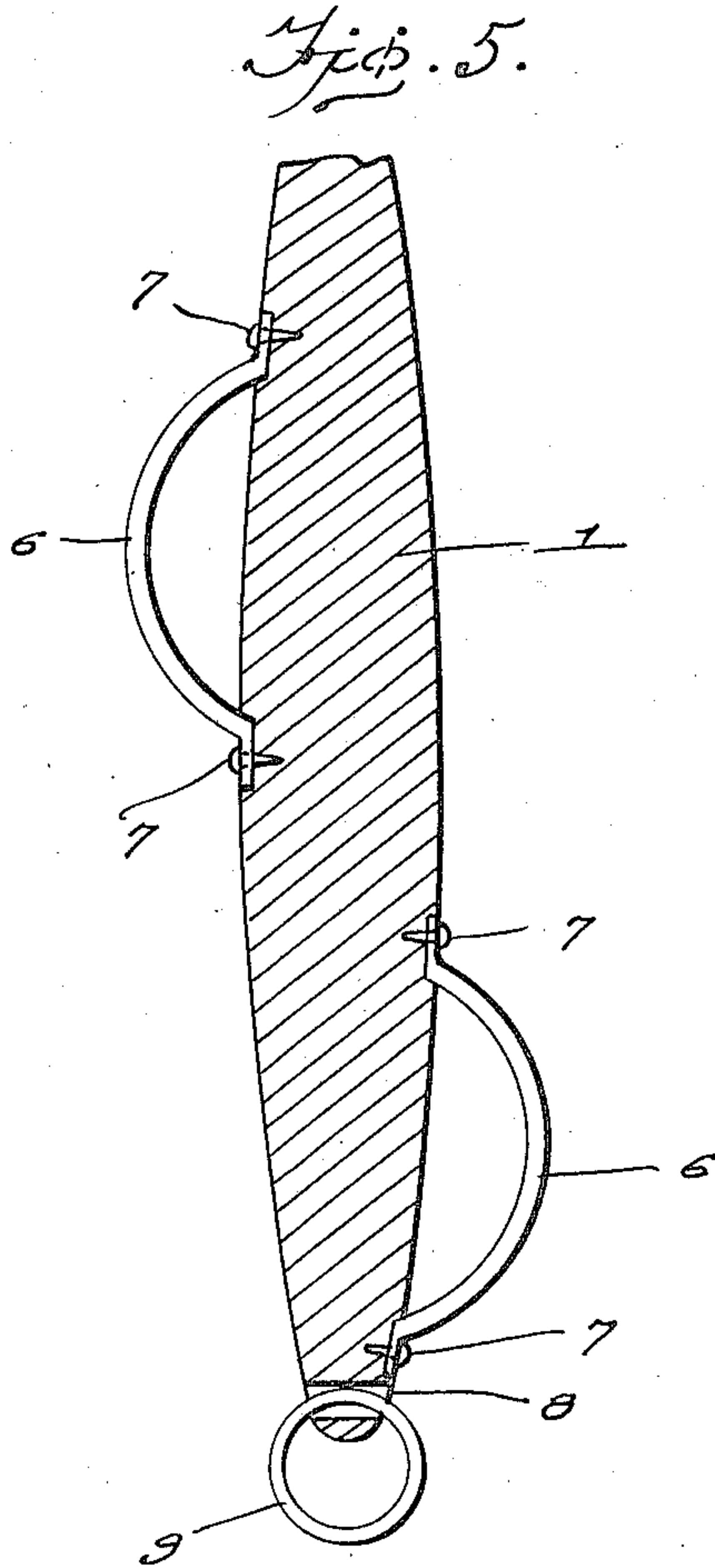
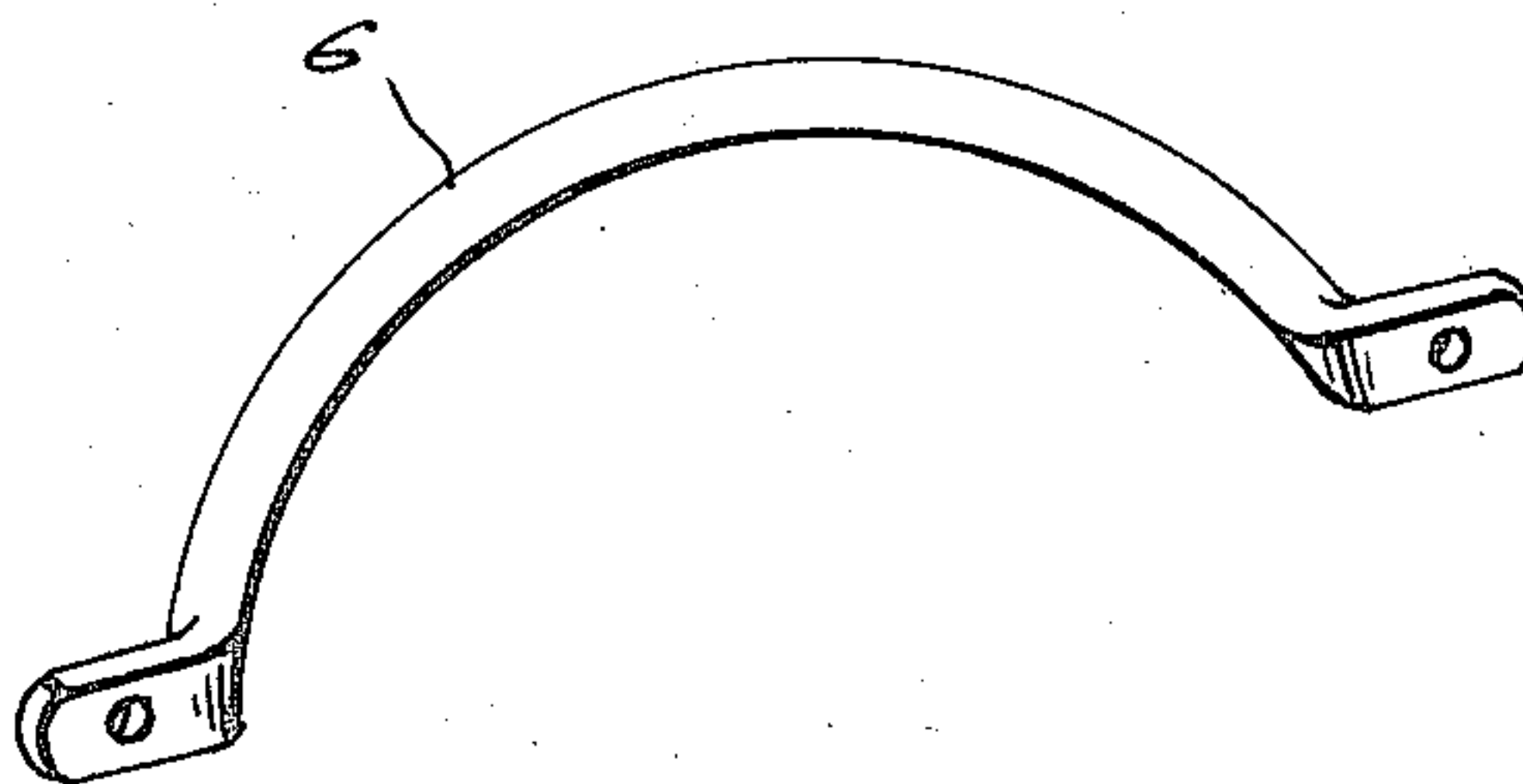


Fig. 5.



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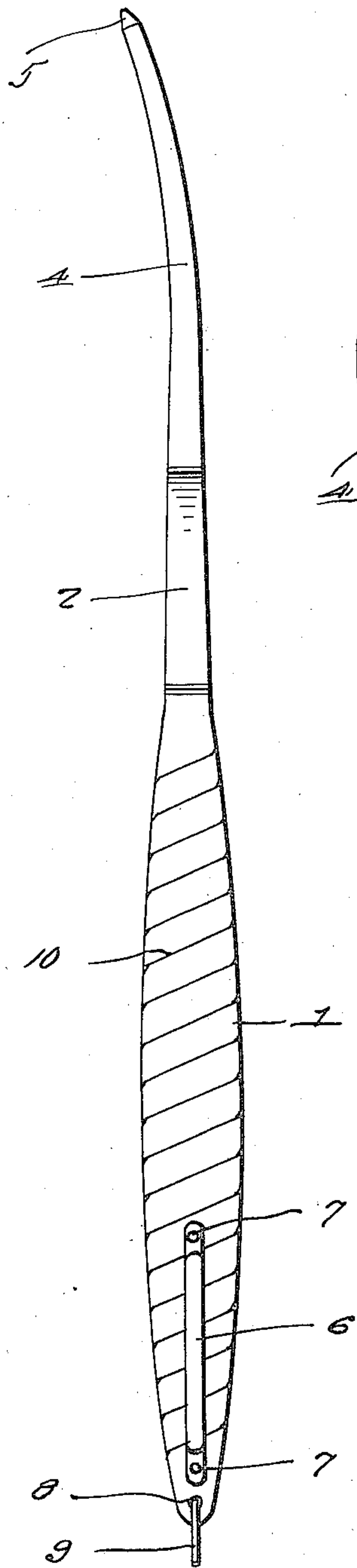


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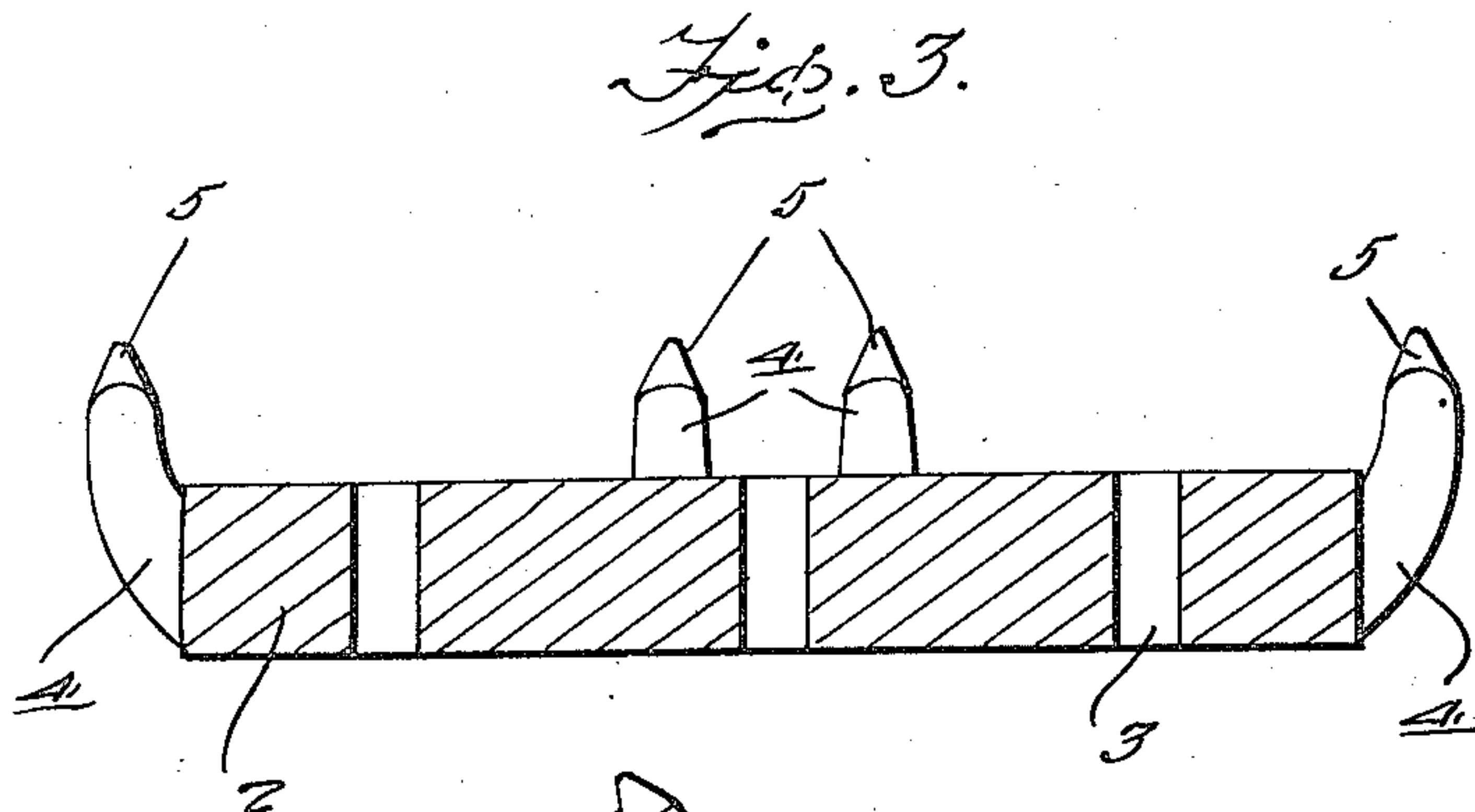


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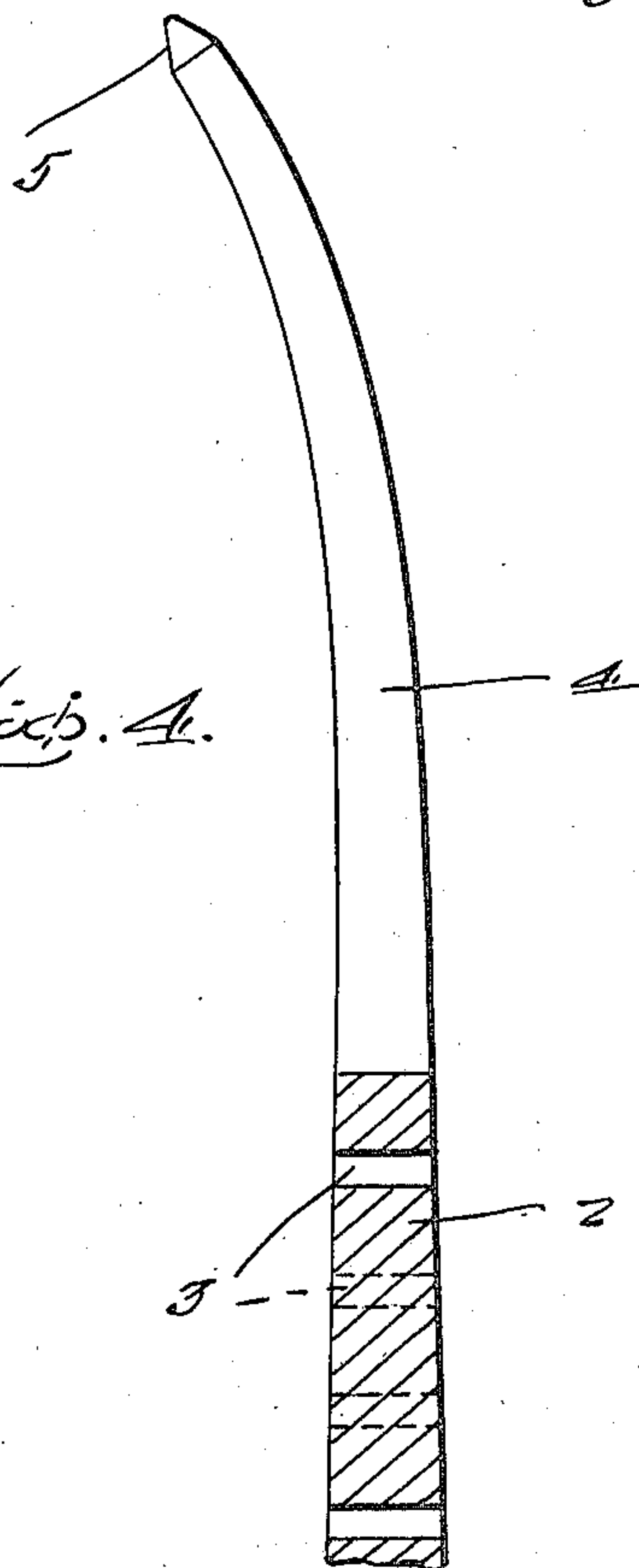


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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in clothes sticks and has for one of its important objects to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character comprising novel means for draining the water from the clothes.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a clothes stick which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a top plane view of a clothes stick constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a view in transverse section, taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in longitudinal section, taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a view in longitudinal section through the handle portion of the device.

Figure 6 is a detail view in perspective of one of the hand grips.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a handle 1 of suitable material, preferably wood, which is substantially of the shape shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Formed integrally with one end of the handle 1 is a substantially flat, triangular drain board 2 having formed therein a plurality of drain openings or holes 3. Projecting from the drain board 2 are pairs of longitudinally curved tines 4 which terminate in points 5 at their free ends.

The reference numeral 6 designates arcuate hand grips of suitable material, preferably metal, which are mounted at longitudinally spaced points on opposite sides of the handle 1. One of the hand grips 6 is preferably located at an intermediate point on the handle 1 while the other hand grip is preferably located adjacent the free or inner end of said handle. The hand grips 6 are secured in position by suitable elements 7, as best seen in Figure 5 of the drawings. In its inner or free end portion, the handle 1 has formed therein an opening 8 in which is loose-

ly mounted a ring 9 for suspending the clothes stick on a support, such as a hook or nail. The handle 1 may be suitably ornamented, as at 10.

In use, the tines 4 are engaged in the clothes, as is believed to be apparent, the stick being manipulated by the user gripping the hand grips 6. Water on the clothes which ordinarily may run or drip down the handle 1 and possibly scald the hands of the user is drained through the openings or holes 3 in the portion 2 of the device. Further, as the user's hands are engaged with the hand grips 6, further protection against hot water on the handle 1 is provided. When not in use, the clothes stick may be conveniently suspended on a suitable support through the medium of the ring 9. By providing the board 2 having its front face of relatively large area, with the intermediate tines placed close together and the outer tines diverging from the board, a considerable amount of clothing can be taken from the boiler or tub with the device without danger of the clothing falling from the device or hanging therefrom to such an extent that the depending portion of the clothing will catch in parts of the tub or boiler or other objects in transporting the clothing by the device from the boiler or tub to another tub as the large area afforded by the board 2 and the specific arrangement of the tines will support the clothing, with the intermediate tines supporting the central portion of the bundle of clothes and the diverging outer tines supporting the side portions thereof, the closely placed intermediate tines preventing parts of the clothing from dropping between the tines. These closely placed intermediate tines also make the device of greater strength as they support the central portion of the bundle. The perforated board 2 and the arrangement of the four tines also acts to permit water to readily drain from the clothing after the clothing has been lifted from a tub or boiler and held for a short time over the tub so that there is but little danger of the water running down the handle and coming in contact with the hands of the user.

It is believed that the many advantages of a clothes stick constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood, and although a preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:—

1. A clothes stick comprising an elongated handle, a substantially triangular-shaped head having one corner connected to one end of the handle, the head forming a longitudinal extension of the handle with its front and rear faces flat and said head having perforations therein extending from its front face through its rear face and a plurality of longitudinally extending tines connected to the outer end of the head and slightly bowed rearwardly, the intermediate tines paralleling each other and being placed close

together, the outer tines diverging from the head.

2. In a clothes stick including an elongated handle, a pair of substantially arcuate-shaped members connected with the handle, one on one side of the handle and the other on the opposite side thereof, said members extending lengthwise of the handle and one being connected to the handle adjacent the rear end thereof and the other being connected to an intermediate part of the handle and closer to the front end thereof.

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