

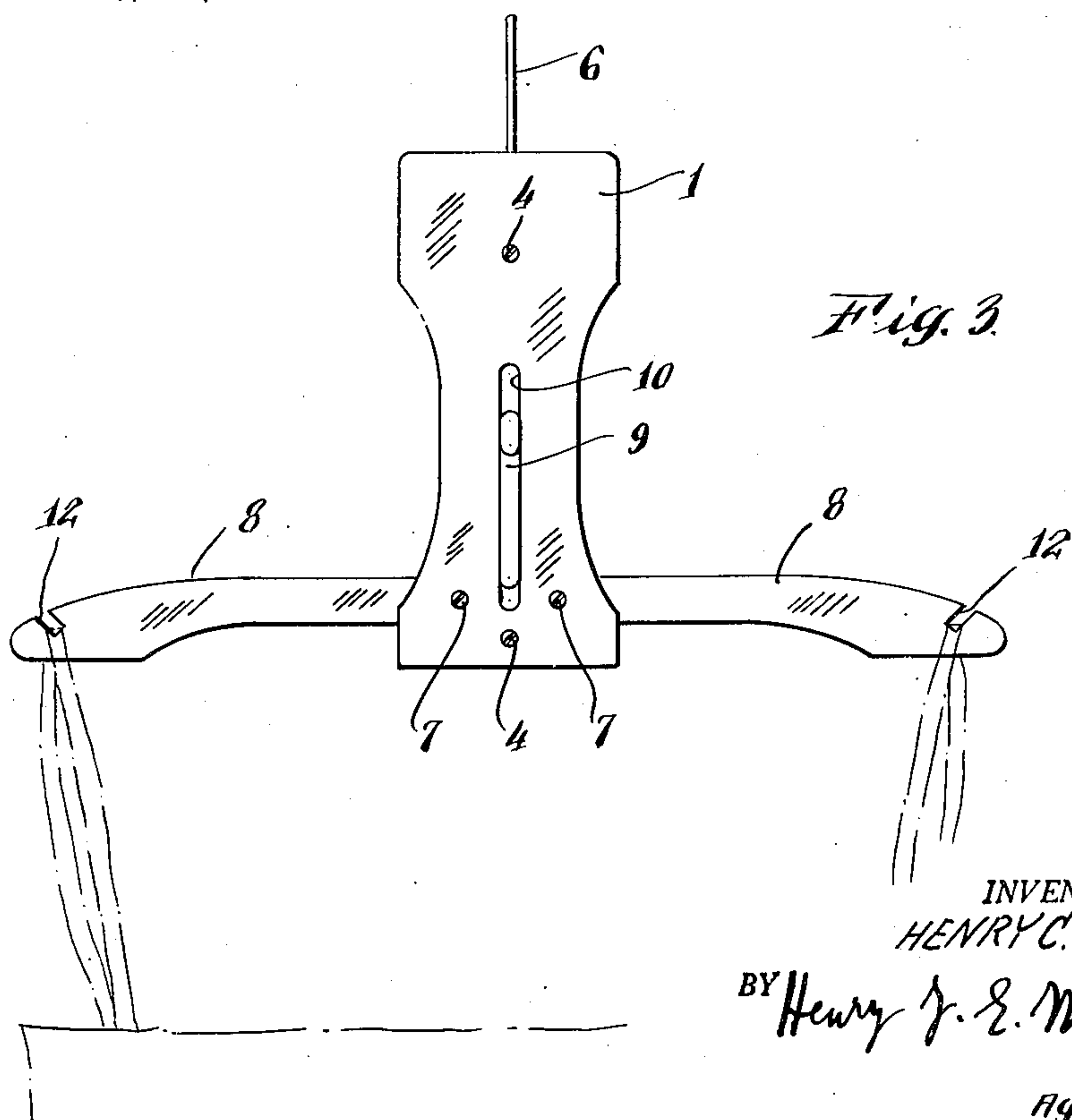
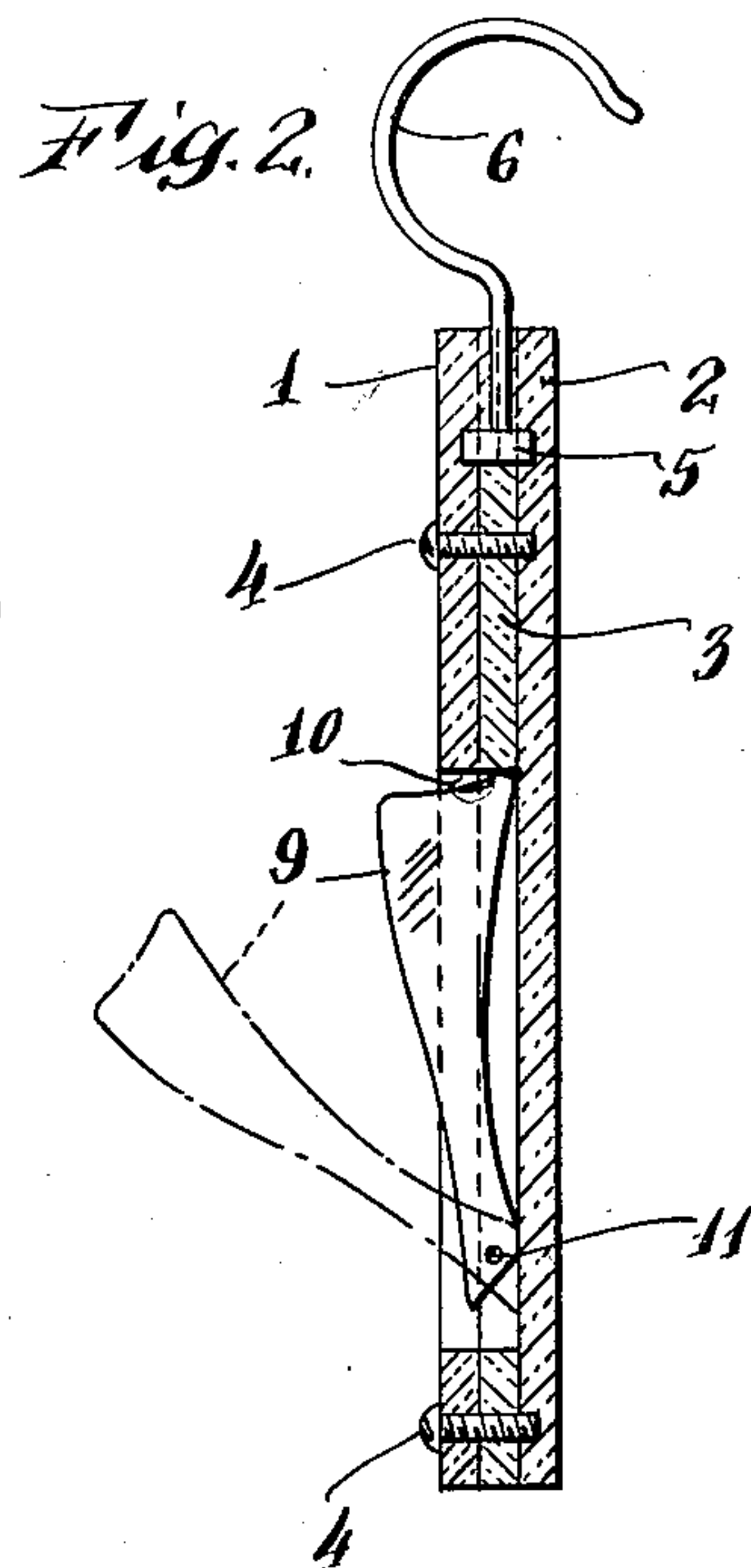
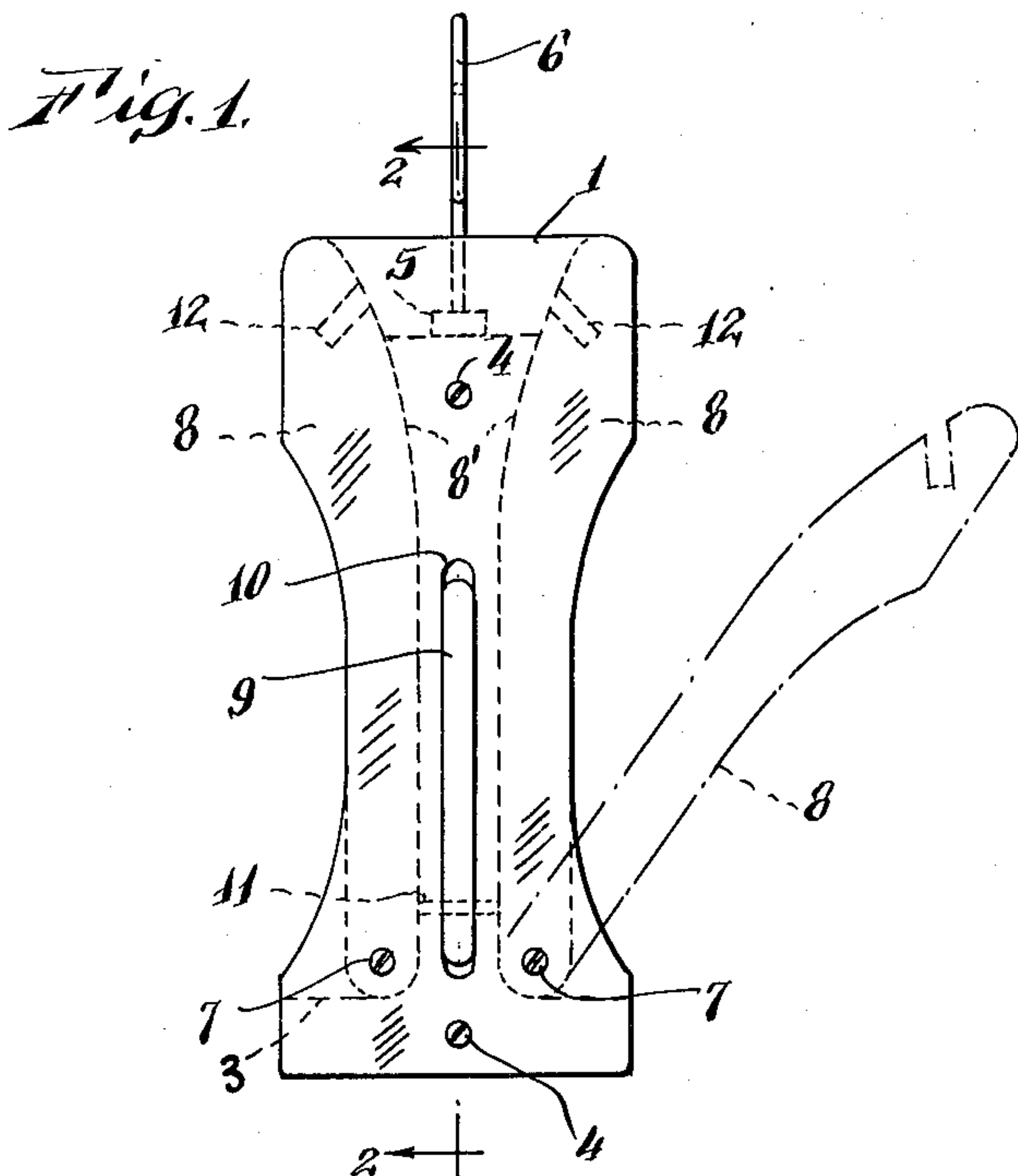
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This invention relates to garment and hat hangers and more especially to hangers of the collapsible type, which may be folded up so as to occupy a minimum space. Hangers of this type are in great demand with the traveling public, as when collapsed, they occupy but small space, rendering them extremely convenient of transportation.

It is the object of this invention to produce a hanger of the type described which shall be extremely simple in construction, economical of production, which, when not in use, may be folded up so as to occupy a minimum of space, and which will be durable and efficient in operation.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of a hanger of this type which is well adapted for being made of plastic material, preferably of transparent plastic material, so that it will be of a pleasant outer appearance and will match the various other articles of a modern travel outfit, such as brushes, combs, and the like which frequently are made partially or entirely of transparent plastic material.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred forms of the invention have been shown.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a preferred embodiment of my invention as it appears when it is collapsed;

Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and,

Fig. 3 is a reduced front elevation of the expanded hanger.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing the numerals 1 and 2 denote a pair of plates between which is interposed a flat center piece 3 that is substantially of the shape of an inverted T. The parts 1, 2 and 3 are secured to each other by means of screws 4 or by any other suitable means. The upper and the lateral portions of the plates 1 and 2 protrude beyond the upper and the lateral edges of the part 3, except that the horizontal foot portion of the part 3 is of the same width as the plates 1 and 2. The upper center portions of the plates 1 and

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2, above the upper end of the part 3, are reinforced and rest against each other and are provided with registering vertical channels which are semi-circular in cross-sections. The lower end portion of said channels is wider than their main portion, and a disk 5 is rotatable therein. The vertical shaft portion of a hook 6 is extended through the narrower main portion of said channels and is secured to the disk 5. Thus the hook 6 is held safely between the plates 1 and 2 and can be rotated relative to the parts 1, 2 and 3.

Laterally beyond the center piece 3 protruding sections of the plates 1 and 2 form substantially vertical grooves with the part 3, and screws 7, or pins, or the like are crosswise extended through the lower portions of said grooves 8'. Arms 8 are pivotally attached to the plates 1 and 2 by means of the screws 7, and can be inserted completely into the grooves 8' when they are in an upright position (Fig. 1). When the arms 8 are moved from the vertical position to a horizontal position (Fig. 3), their movement is limited by the horizontal widened foot portion of the centerpiece 3, so that they will remain in the position shown in Fig. 3.

An upwardly diverging bar 9 is partially inserted into registering upright slots 10 in the parts 1 and 3, and is tiltably secured to the part 3 by means of a cross pin 11. The lower portion of the bar 9 is wedge-shaped (Fig. 2), so that it will rest against the plate 2 after the bar 9 has been moved about thirty degrees from its vertical position. In the vertical position, which is shown in full lines in Figs. 1 and 2, a portion of the bar 9 protrudes beyond the front surface of the plate 1, so that it can be grasped conveniently with two fingers in order to move the bar 9 into that position which is indicated by dash-and-dotted lines in Fig. 2. In this latter position the bar 9 constitutes a hook for suspending therefrom a hat or the like.

The upper end portions of the arms 8 preferably are provided with inclined notches 12, so that a skirt or a lady's under garment or the like may be suspended from the arms 8 as is indicated in Fig. 3.

Since certain changes may be made in the above article and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following



claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which as a matter of language might be said to fall therebetween.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a flat upright center member having the shape of an inverted T and being provided with an upright slot extending from its middle portion into its lower portion, a back plate secured to one side of said center member being of the same width as the foot section of the center member, a front plate of the same shape as said back plate and registering therewith and being secured to the other side of said center member and having a slot which registers with the slot in said center member, a pair of arms being inserted between said back and front plates adjacent the vertical center section of said center member and being pivotally secured to the lower portion of said plates, an upwardly diverging longitudinal bar being tiltably arranged in the registering slots of said front plate and said center member and being pivotally secured to the latter, and a hook having a vertical shaft being rotatably secured to the upper portions of said plates and having its lower shaft portion interposed between said plates above said center member.

2. A collapsible garment hanger and hat hook comprising an upright center piece which consists of a flat center member having the shape of an inverted T and being provided with an upright slot extending from its middle into its lower portion, of a back plate secured to one side of said center member being of the same width

as the foot section of the center member, and of a front plate of the same shape as said back plate and registering therewith and being secured to the other side of said center member and having a slot which registers with the slot in the center member, said plates forming vertical grooves with the center section of said center member and the upper center sections of said plates protruding beyond the upper extremity of said center member and being reinforced so that they rest against each other and having in the adjacent sides of their reinforced sections registering vertical channels, an arm being tiltable in each one of those vertical grooves which are formed by said plates and said center member and being pivotally secured to the lower portion of said plates, an upwardly diverging longitudinal bar being tiltably arranged in the registering slots of said front plate and said center member and being pivotally attached to the center member, the lower portion of each of said registering vertical channels in the reinforced upper sections of said plates being wider than the upper channel portion, a hook having a vertical shaft portion which is extended into said registering channels, and a disk connected to the lower end of said vertical hook shaft being contained in the lower portions of said channels.

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