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(54) **HITCH STEP APPARATUS**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hitch step apparatus, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of the invented hitch step apparatus, or the like, showing the new design;

FIG. 2 is a plan view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a left end elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a side view thereof, the opposite side being a mirror image thereof;

FIG. 5 is a right end elevational view thereof;

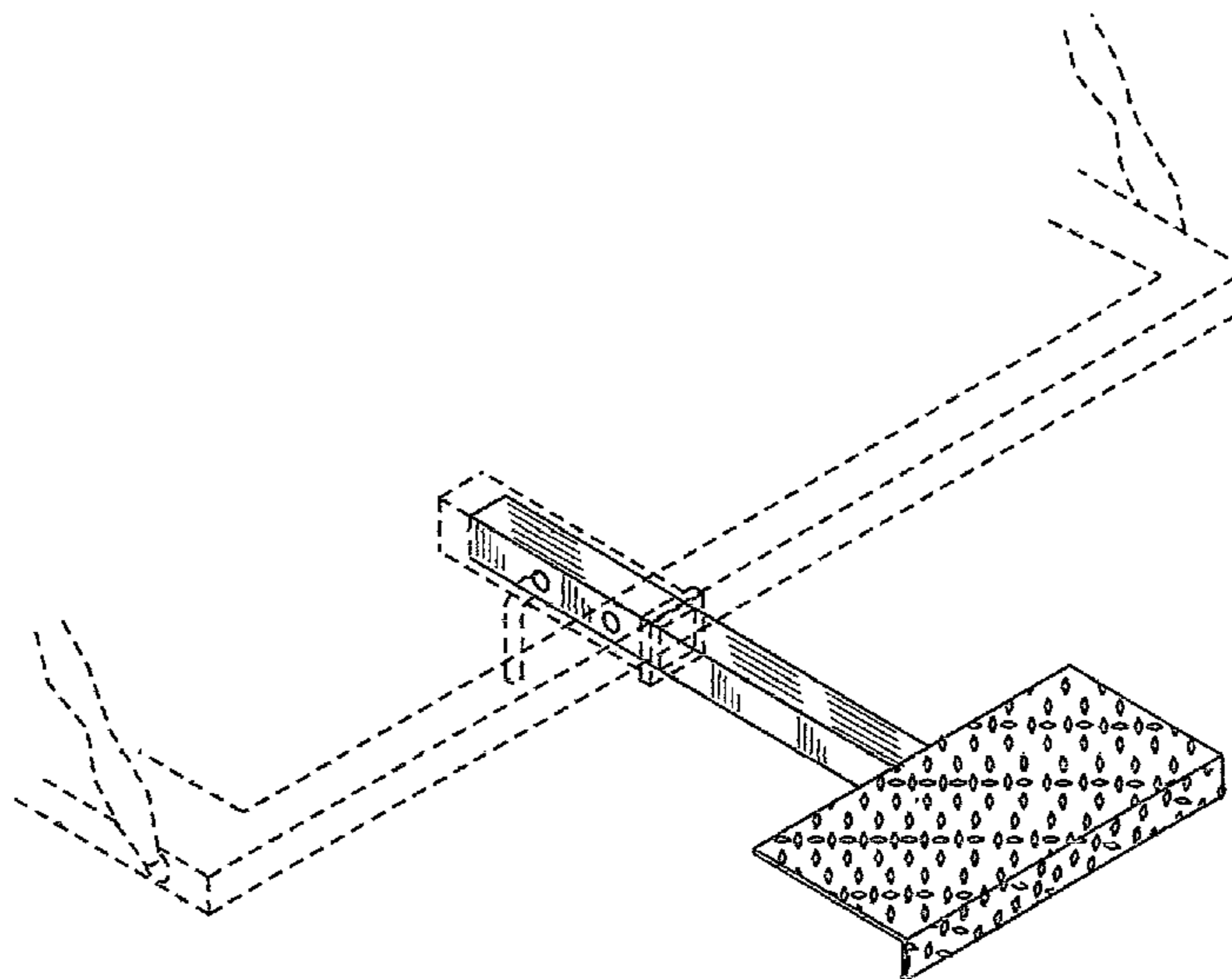
FIG. 6 is a bottom view thereof; and,

FIG. 7 is a side view of an alternative embodiment of the hitch step of FIG. 1, the opposite side view being a mirror image, and the top, left end, right end, and bottom views being the same as FIGS. 2, 3, 5, and 6 respectively.

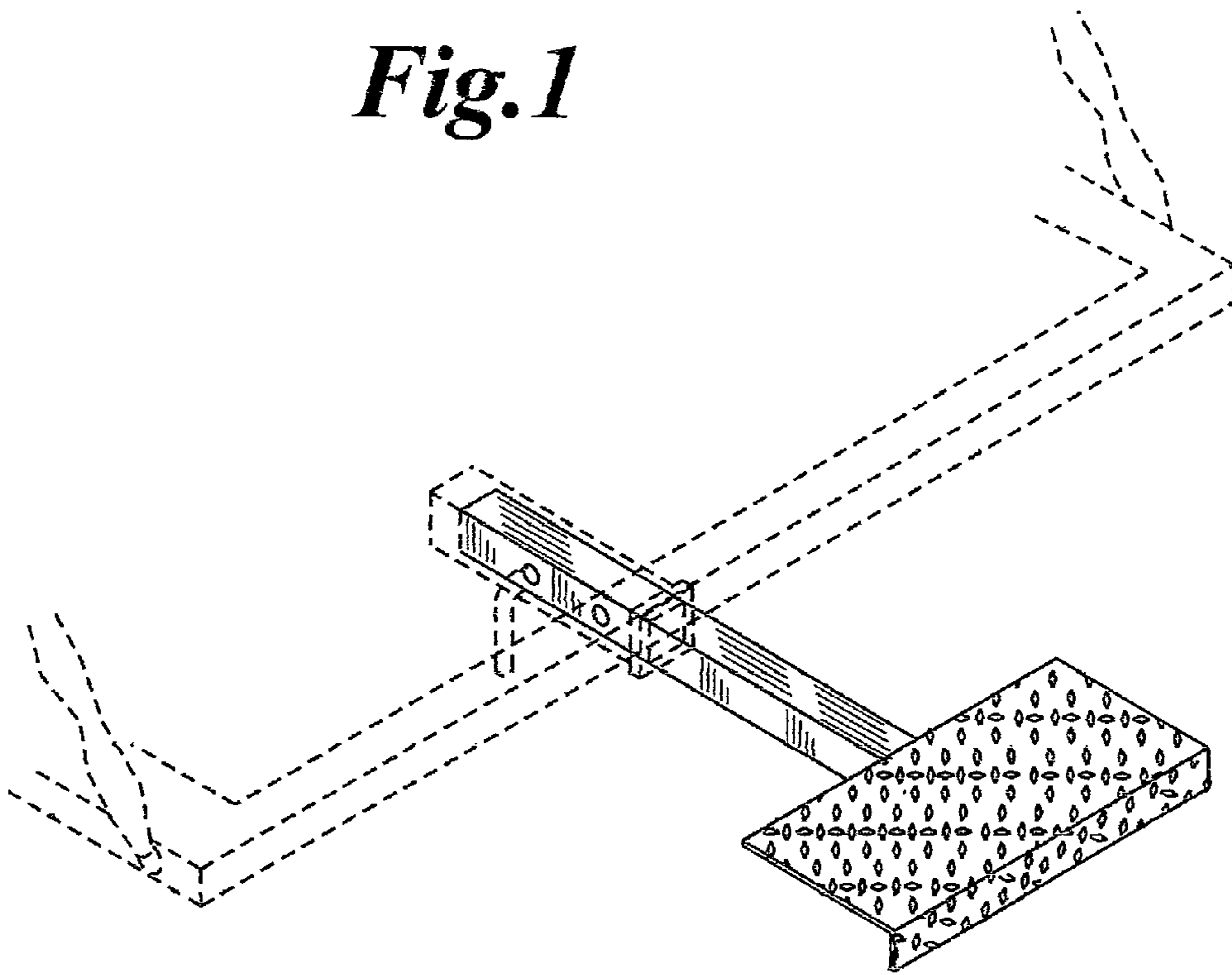
The tread pattern on the hitch step is to indicate only that a pattern is incorporated into the step, but such pattern forms no part of the invented design.

Material shown in dotted lines shows the environment in which the invented design is used, and forms no part of the invented design.

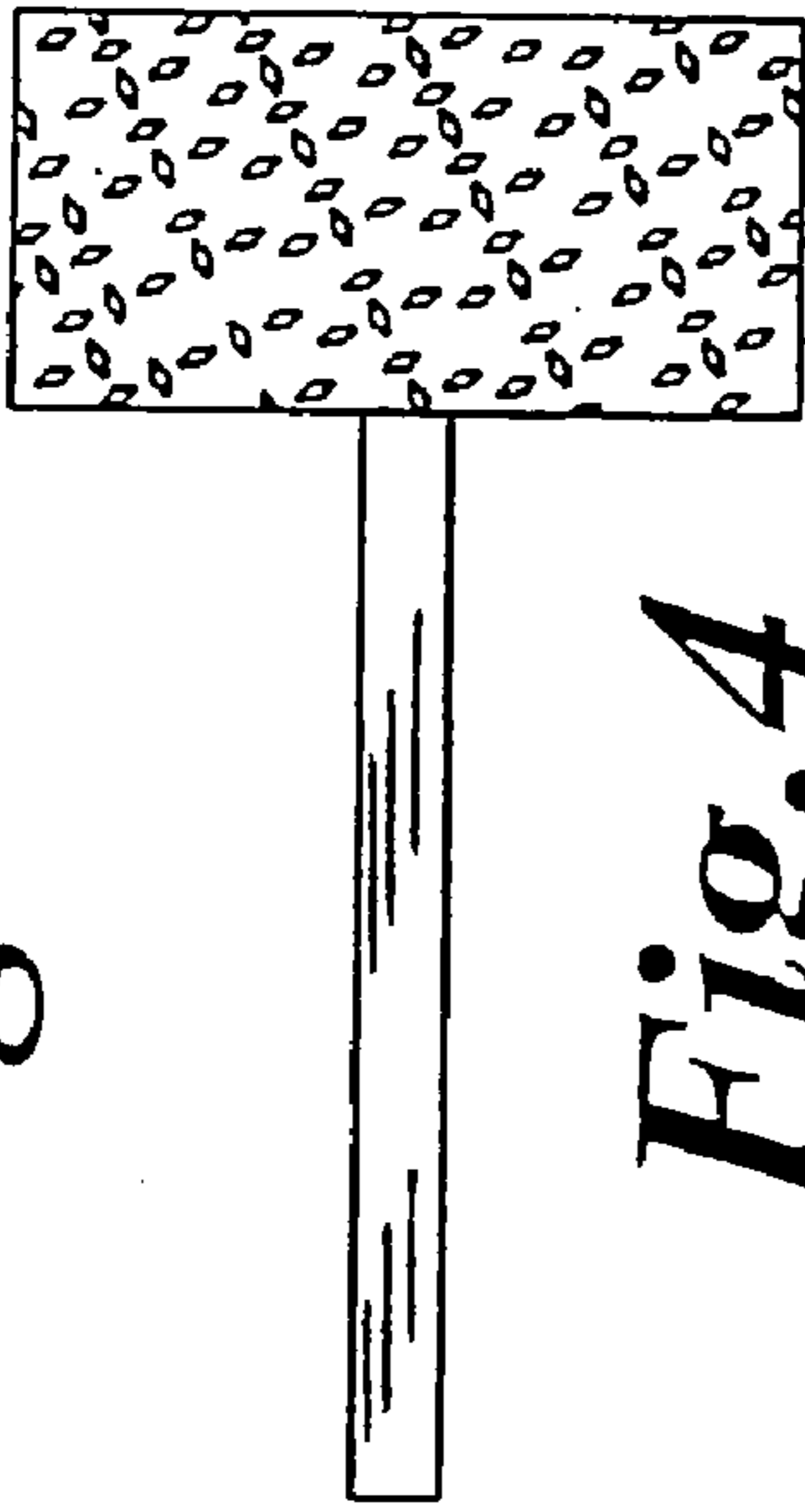
**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**



*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 4*



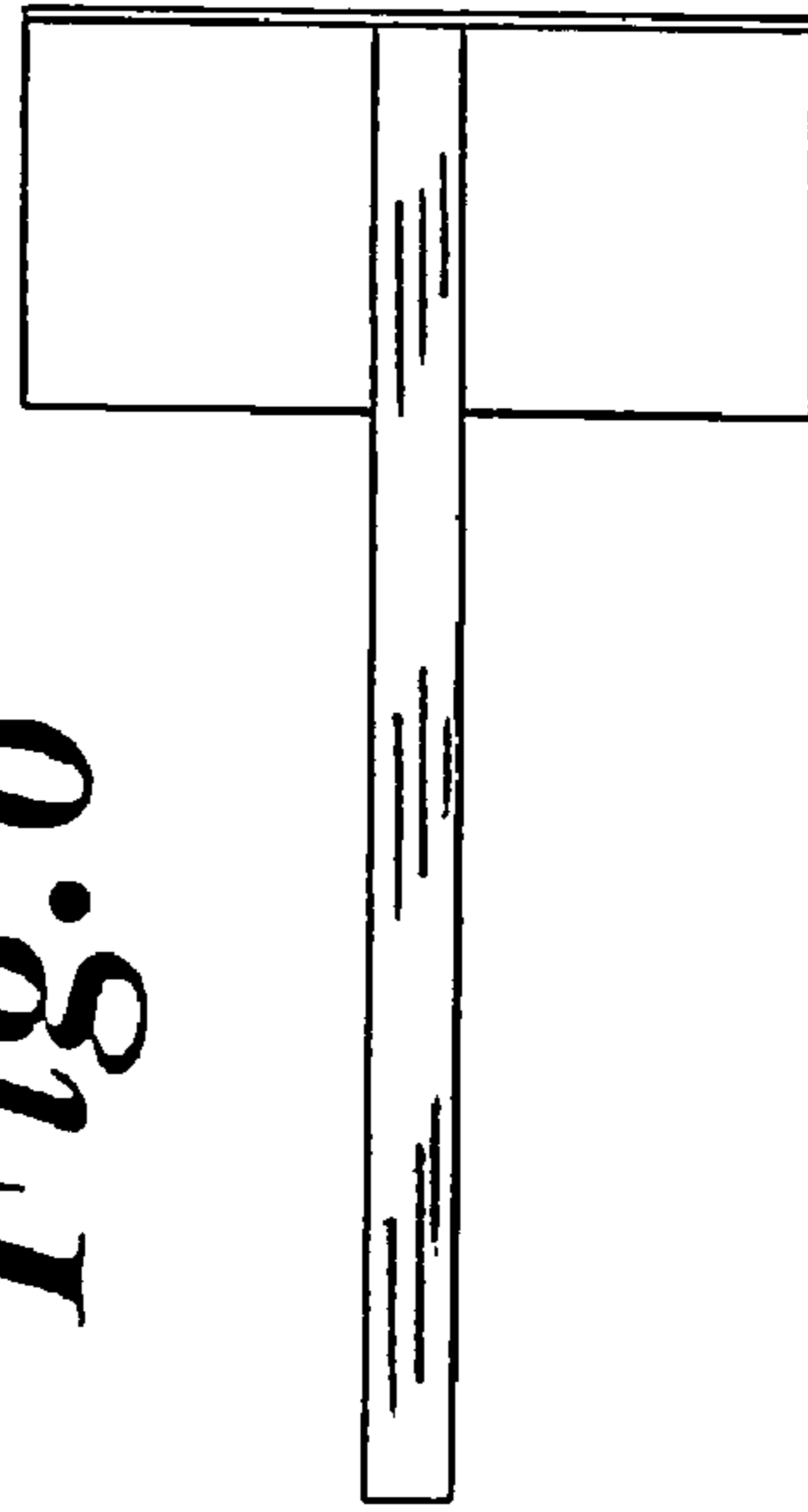
*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 6*





*Fig. 7*