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BODY SUPPORTED BRACKET.

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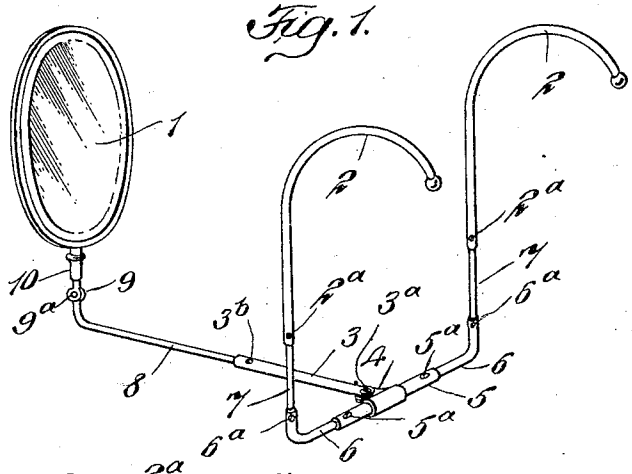

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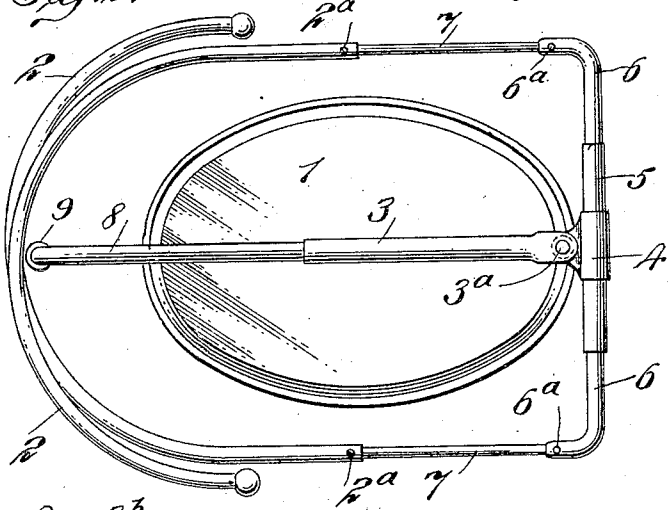

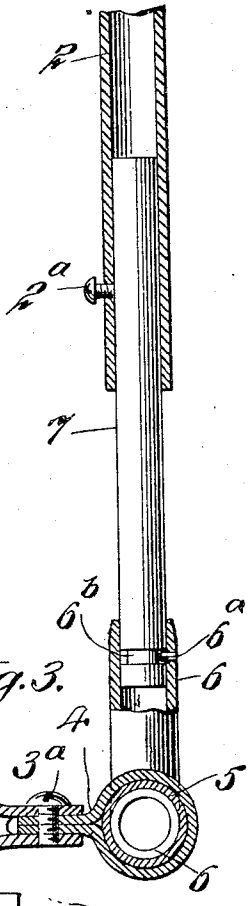

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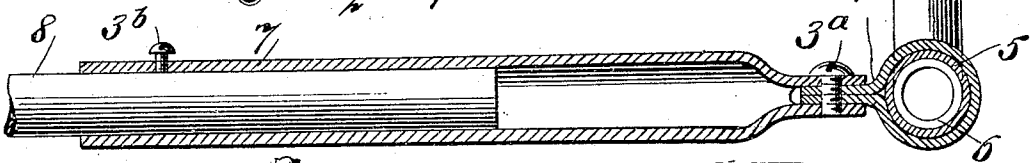

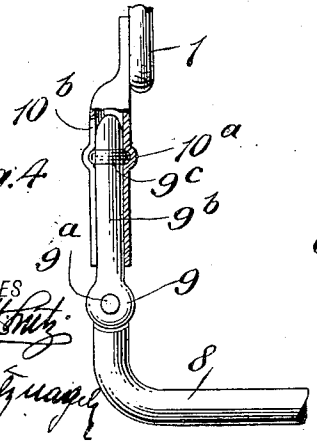

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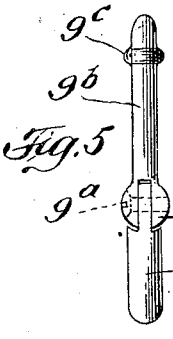

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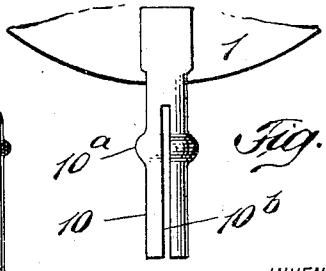

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL J. BIRDWELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Weatherford, in the county of Parker and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Body-Supported Brackets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a body supported bracket, and serving as support for a mirror, a musical instrument and the like.

Important features of the invention are the compactness of the device, its ready and effectual adjustability and its simplicity.

In the drawing illustrating this invention, Figure 1, represents an elevation of the device with a mirror attached thereto. Fig. 2, shows the same device in a collapsed state ready to be placed in a box or other receptacle. Fig. 3, represents sections of the arm carried by the cross bar and the lower portion of one of the shoulder hooks. Figs. 4, 5 and 6, show details of the end portion of the arm.

In the drawings there is shown a looking glass 1, having a tube or sleeve 10, passing over the stem 9^b of a carrying arm 8. On the stem 9^b there is an elevation 9^c corresponding to a groove 10^a in the sleeve 10 and whereby the mirror or other object carried by the arm is prevented from falling off. To make the sleeve 10 more springy, it is split as shown at 10^b. The stem 9^b has a joint 9, the friction of which is regulated by means of a screw 9^a. Attached to the stem 9^b is a rod 8 moving in a sleeve 3 and adjustable by means of the screw 3^b. The sleeve 3 is attached to a cross bar 6 by means of a spring hinge 4 adjustable by means of the screw 3^a. The friction hinge 4 clasps a sleeve 5, in which move the rods 6, which are held in position by screws 5^a. The rods 6 have bent portions with hollow ends in which are inserted rods 7, which are held in position by means of the pins 6^a moving in the grooves 6^b. By this arrangement the rods 7 and the hooks 2, attached to them may be completely revolved and readily be made to assume the position shown in Fig. 2. The hooks 2 are held in place by the screws 2^a.

Whenever a less degree of adjustablility is sufficient integral rods or tubes may replace the rods, tubes and screws shown.

In use the resilient hooks 2, 2, are passed over the shoulders and are firmly held in place. The desired position of the mirror or other object used is then secured, when the wearer will have both hands free for shaving, hair dressing, &c.

The weight of the bracket is very slight, and it is easily replaced in its box after use.

What I claim is:

A body supported bracket comprising shoulder engaging members, a cross-bar having upwardly-bent ends, said shoulder engaging members having revoluble engagement with the ends of the cross-bar by means of pin-and-groove connections, and an article supporting arm revolubly mounted on the cross-bar.

Signed at New York in the county of New York and State of N. Y. this 4th day of Sept. A. D. 1908.

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