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### (54) Support clip, in particular for hanging clothes

(57) A clip for suspending articles, in particular laundry items, comprises a first and a second gripping surfaces (8, 11b'), formed, respectively, in a first and a second jaw elements (6, 11), at least one of which is movable with respect to the other. The body (2) comprises a suspension portion (3, 4), for anchorage to a support (5), which is functionally independent with respect to the jaw elements (6, 11). The first jaw element (11) can be dis-

placed manually to bring the first gripping surface (11b') progressively closer to the second gripping surface (8), up to a condition in which the article to be suspended (12) is gripped between the two gripping surfaces and the weight of the same article tends to cause a spontaneous movement of the first jaw element (11), in the sense of producing a further approach of the first gripping surface (11b') to the second gripping surface (8).

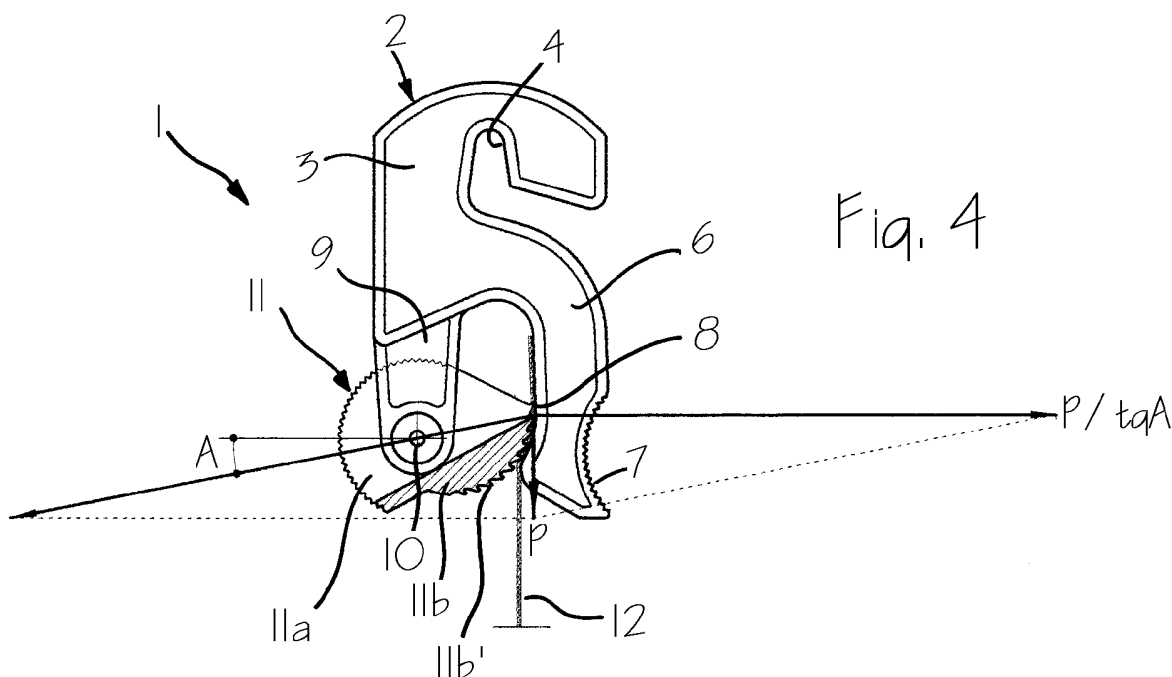


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