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LABEL-HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

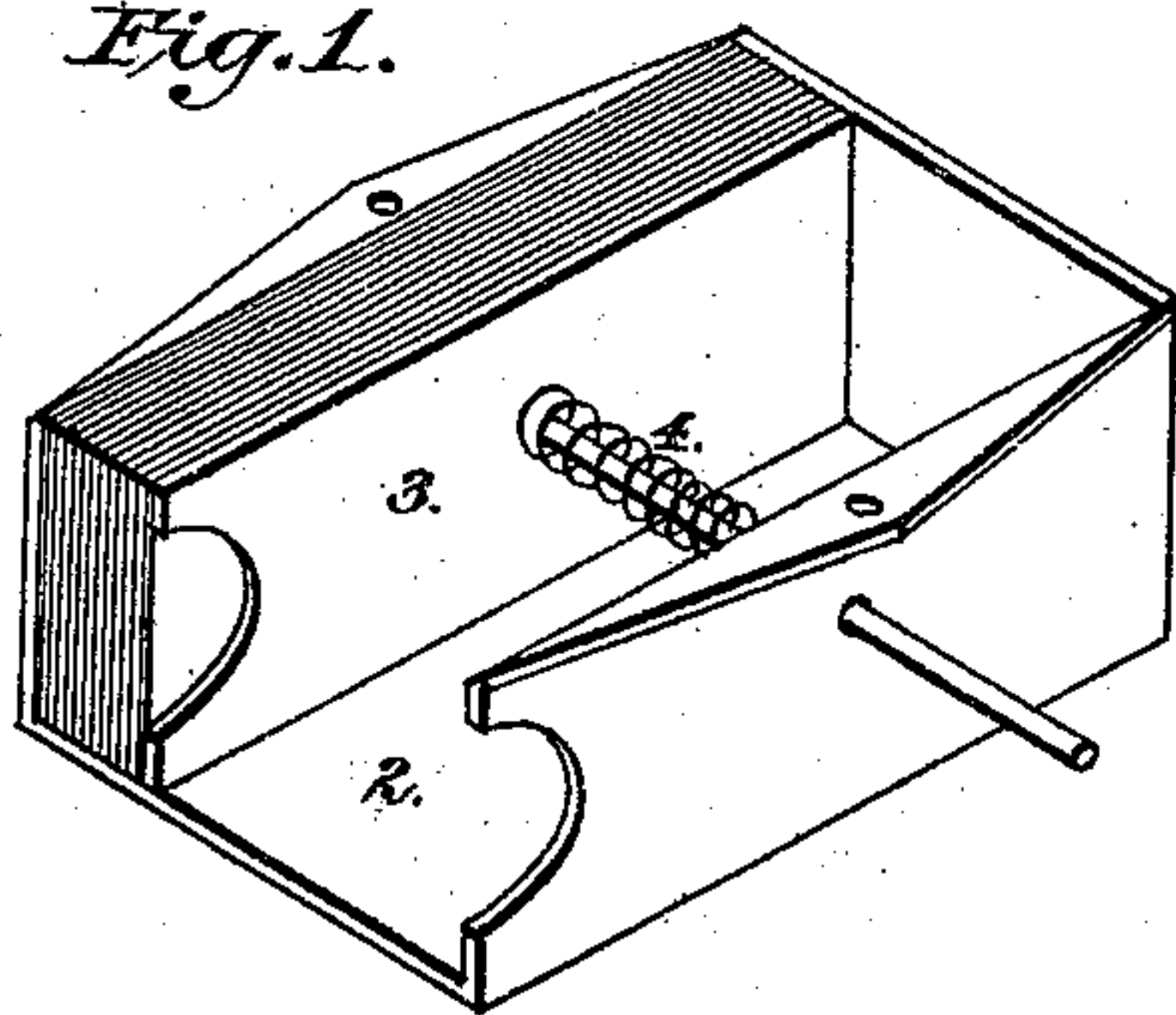


Fig. 2.

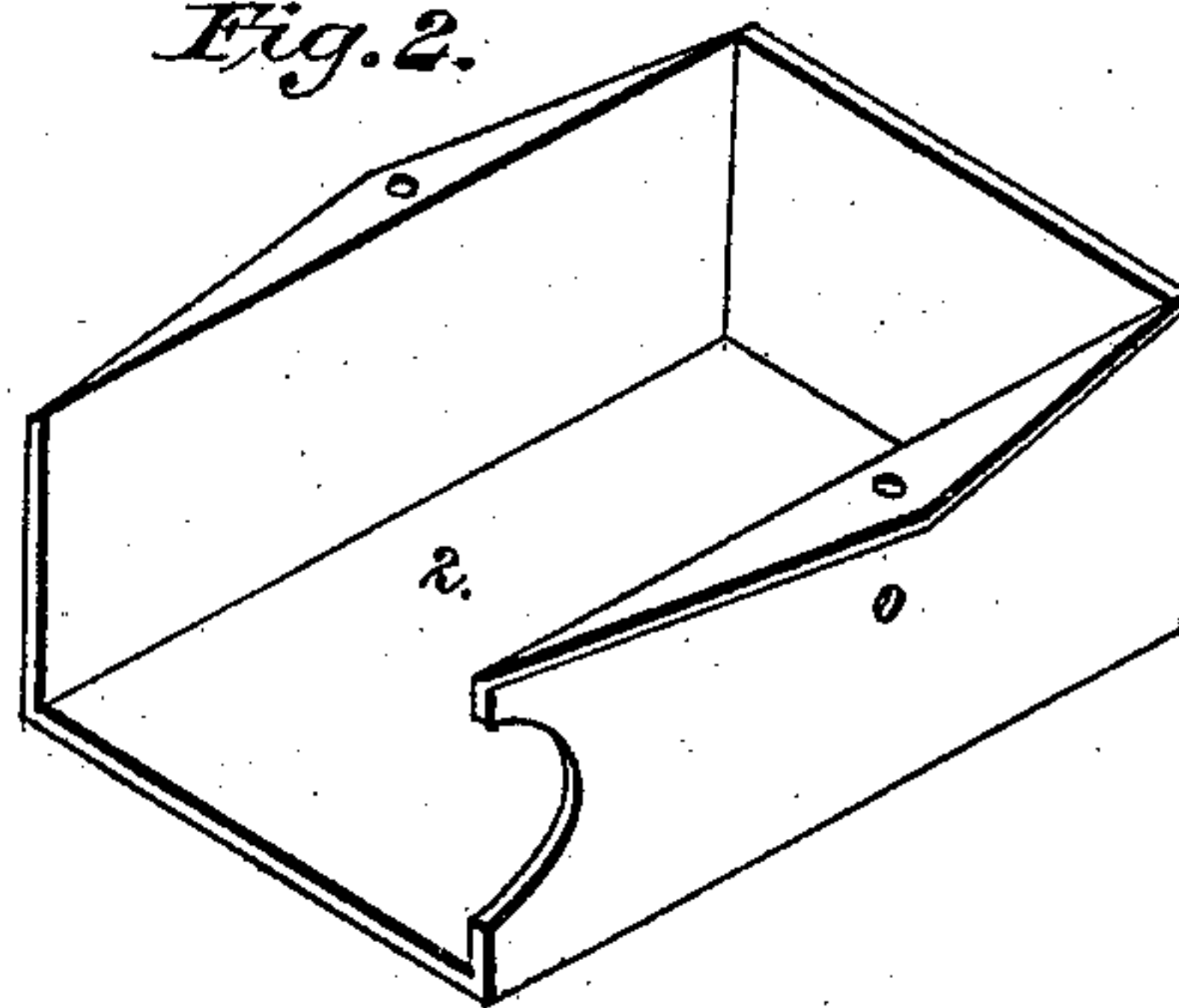


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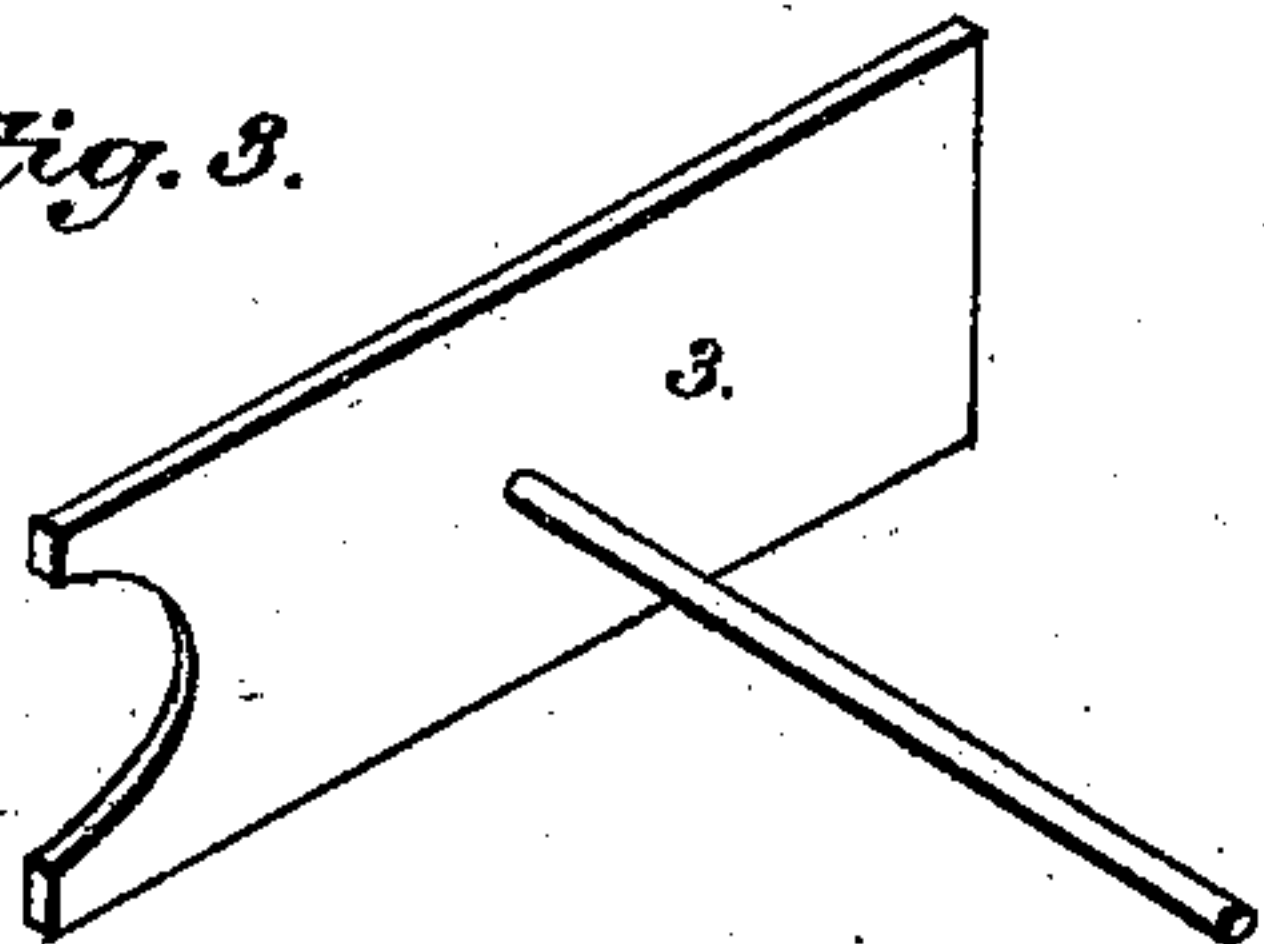


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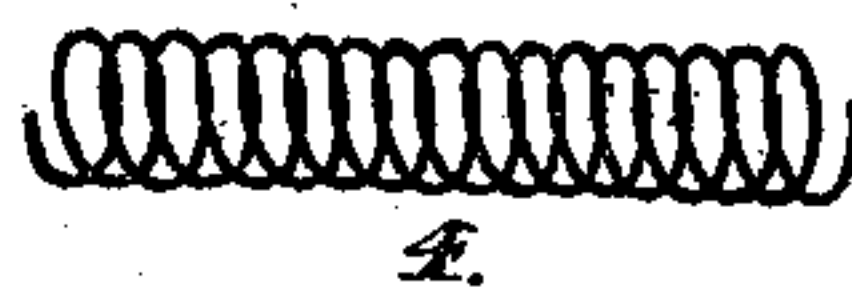
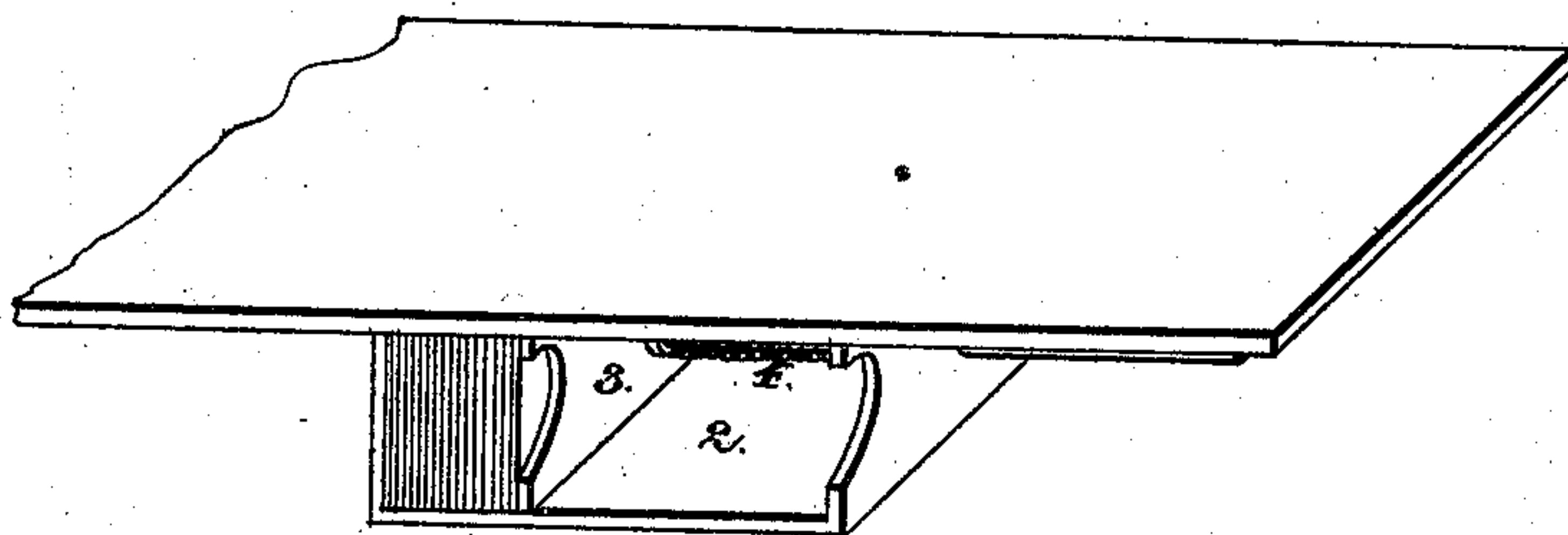


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IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RALPH GREGORY DORRANCE, of the city of Coldwater, in the county of Branch and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful device or machine for receiving and holding in deposit ready for use, in a compact position, cut and gummed, druggists' or other labels, to be composed of japanned tin or other suitable material; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, representing the holder with labels in position, as detached from the shelf. Fig. 2 is the holder-box; Fig. 3, the follower to keep the labels in position, and forced to press against the labels by the spiral spring, Fig. 4, the labels to be inserted between the side of the box 2 and follower 3 and kept in position while being used from by the pressure of the spiral spring 4 against the side of the follower, as shown in Fig. 5, as fastened to the under side of a shelf by the flanges on the holder-box, Fig. 2.

By this device I combine many useful and needed features for drug-stores. The holder, containing suitable labels, by being fastened

by means of the flanges to the under side of the shelves, or to the front end of the drawers adjacent to the articles to be dispensed, it is obvious that, should the wrong article be dispensed or put up, serious results would be averted by means of the label showing the substitution. A drug-store, if supplied with these holders, will have no need of label-drawers, which cause considerable delay to druggists, as in pulling forward the drawer and then looking for the label wanted. The use of the holder facilitates the labeling of articles. It also keeps the labels free from dust, and, if gummed labels, it keeps them from warping and twisting, as is the case if kept loose in a label-drawer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The label-holder, consisting of the notched and flanged box having one side and one end open, and the notched follower pressed inward by the spiral spring on the guide-rod passing through one side of the box, substantially as shown and described.

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