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Fig. 1.

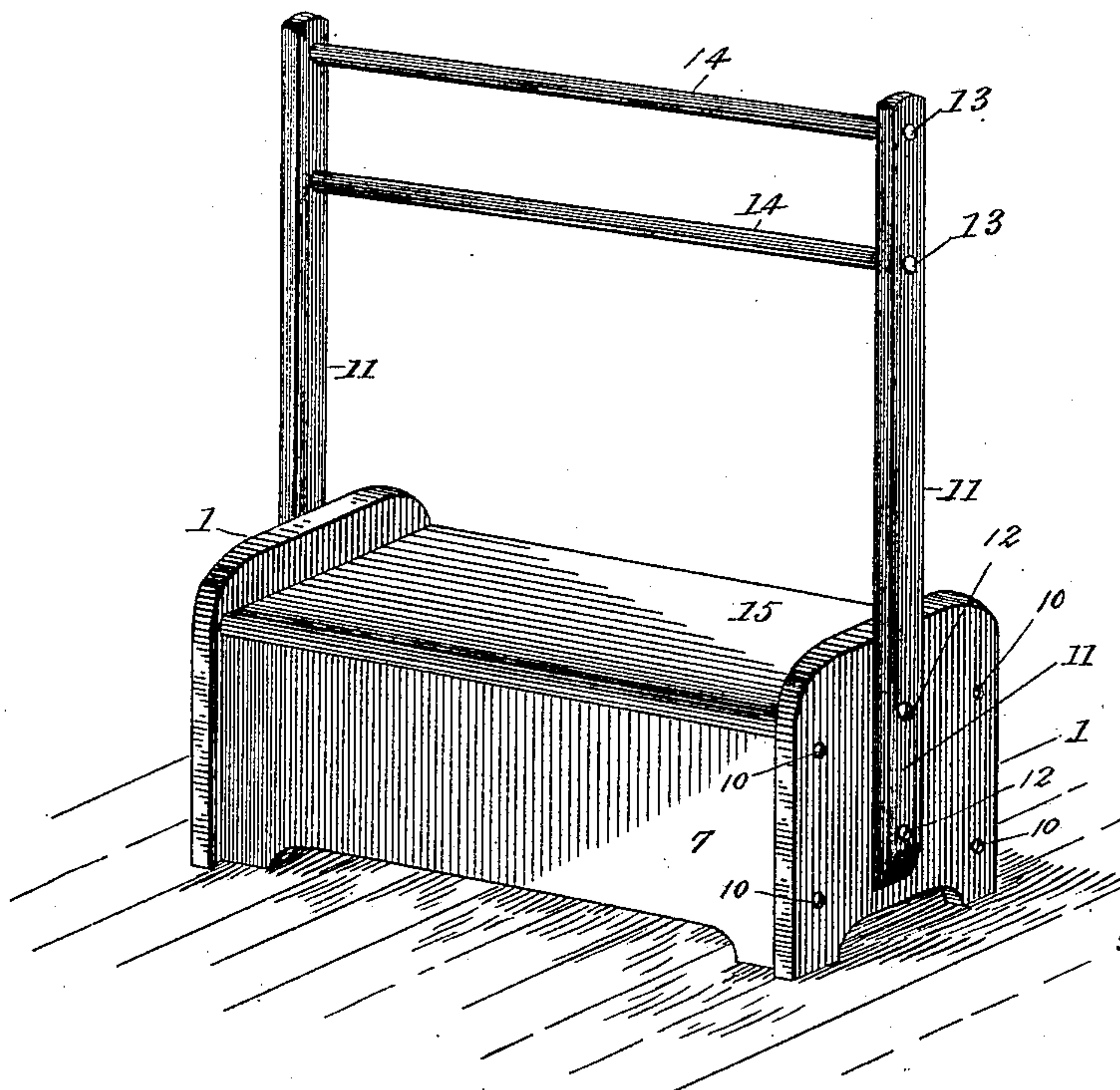


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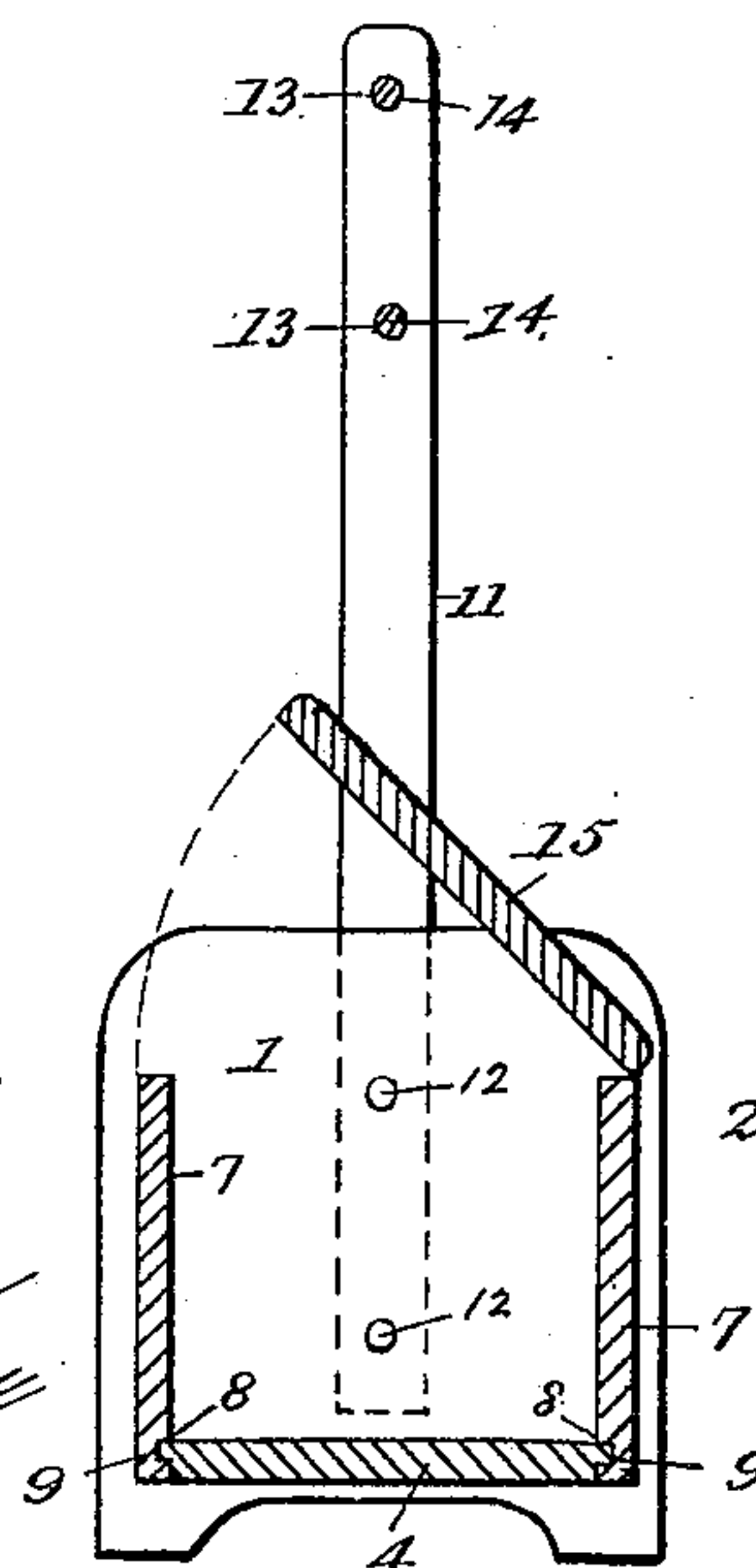


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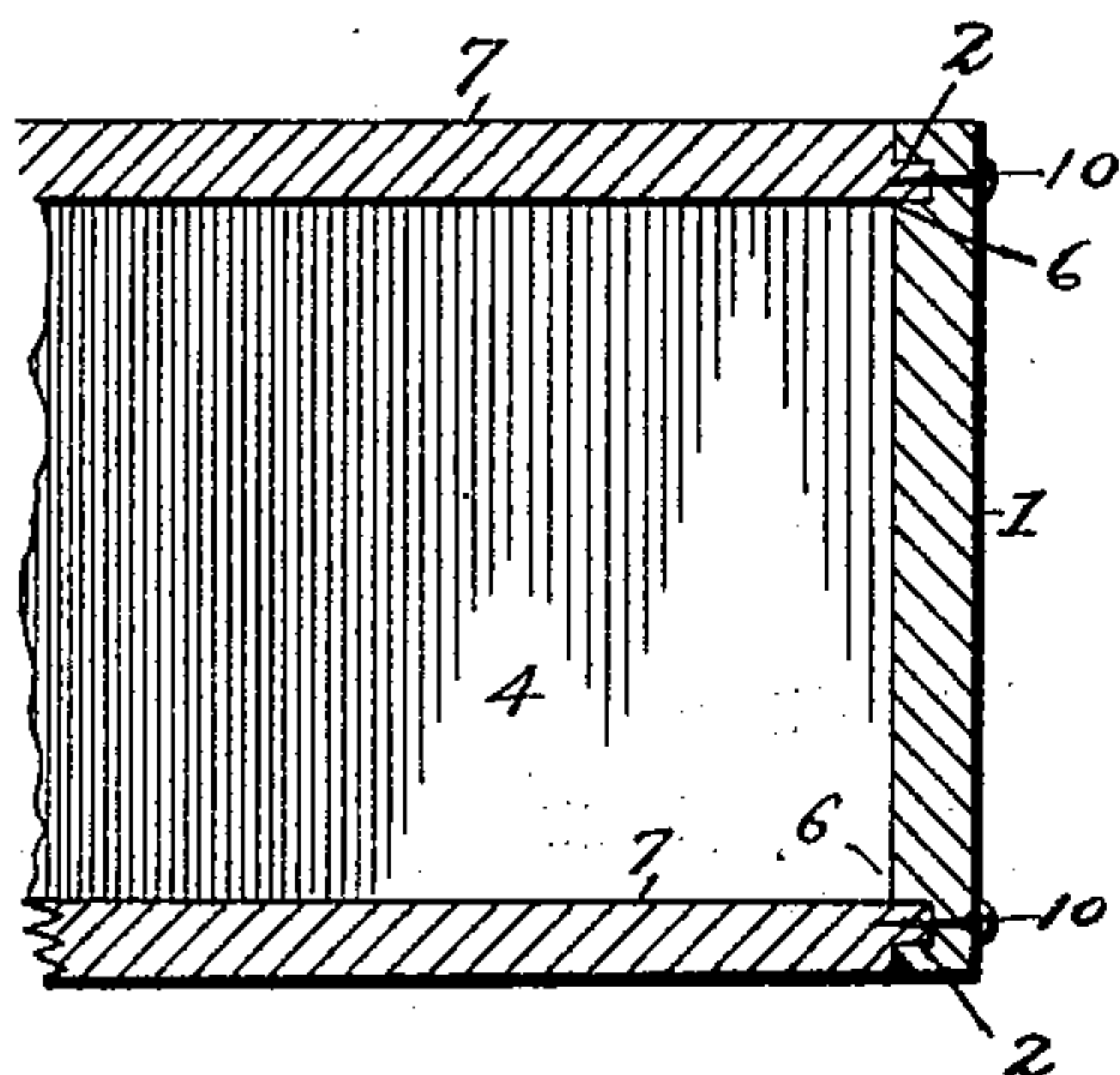
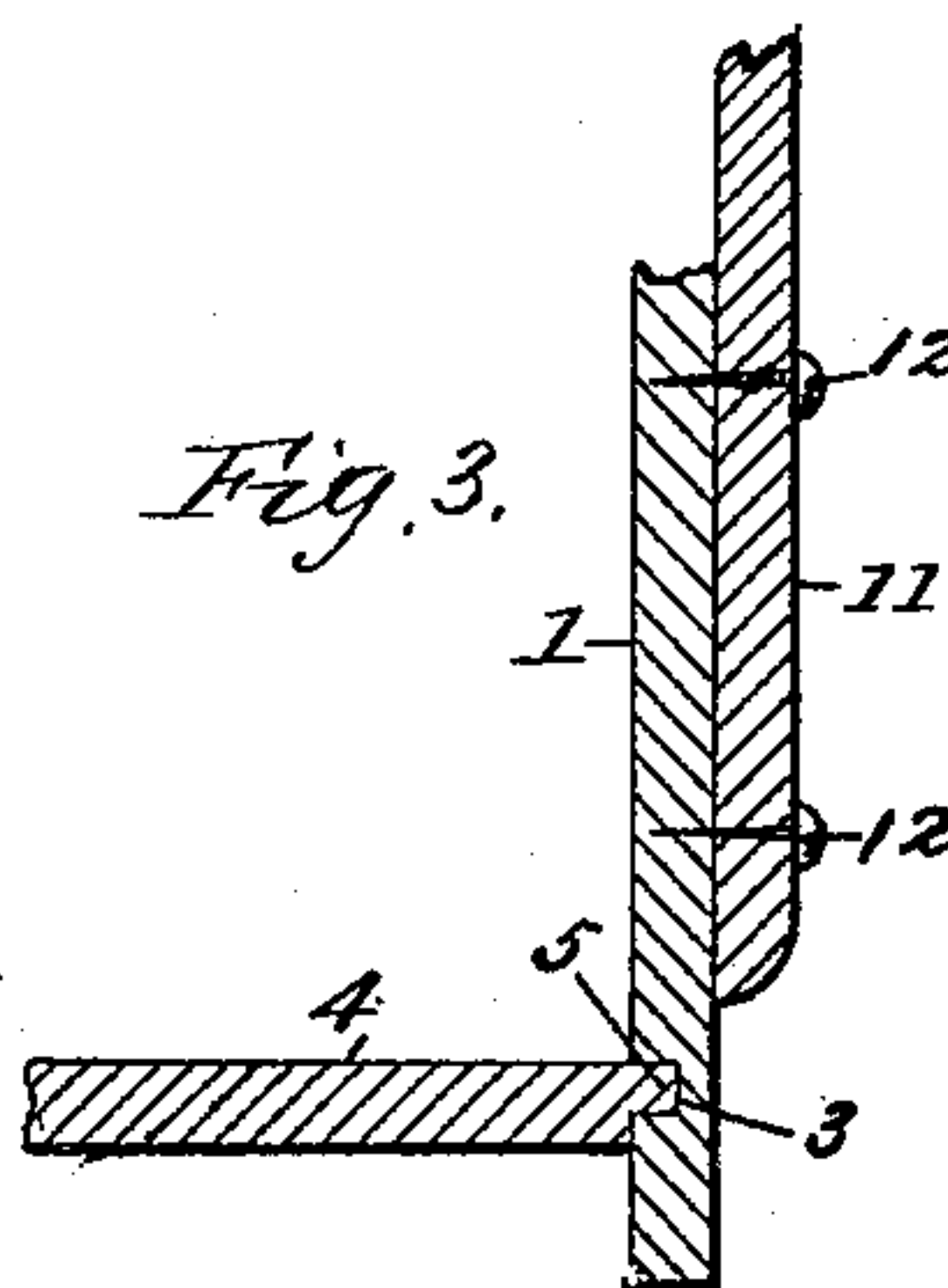


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID W. KENDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Towel Rack and Receptacle; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to towel-racks; and it consists in the improved construction and combination or arrangement of parts composing the same with a box or chest, as will hereinafter be fully disclosed in the description, drawings, and claim.

The object of my invention is to provide a towel-rack consisting of two uprights connected together by two or more rods or rounds, with a chest or receptacle for holding a supply of clean towels or soiled towels, or any other desired articles, and to form this article of furniture in a manner which will permit it to be conveniently and quickly taken apart for transportation or storage and as easily and quickly put together again.

The construction of this article of furniture is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which the same reference-numerals indicate the same or corresponding parts, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved combined towel rack and receptacle; Fig. 2, a transverse vertical section of the same; Fig. 3, a broken vertical section showing the bottom and one end of the receptacle and one of the uprights; and Fig. 4, a broken horizontal section showing the sides, one end, and the bottom of the receptacle forming the base of the towel-rack.

In the drawings, the numerals 1 indicate the ends of the chest or receptacle, which are formed with vertical grooves 2 near their sides, and extending from a point near their upper to one near their lower ends, and with similar horizontal grooves, 3, connecting with the lower ends of said vertical grooves. The chest or receptacle bottom 4 is formed at its ends with tongues 5, which fit into the horizontal grooves 3 in the ends of the receptacle,

and similar tongues, 6, are formed on the ends of the side pieces, 7, and fit into the vertical grooves 2.

The side edges of the bottom 4 are formed with tongues 8, which fit into grooves 9, formed in the side pieces, 7, near their lower edges, and the tongues 6 of said side pieces are held secured in the vertical grooves 2 of the ends 1 by screws 10, which pass through said ends and into said tongues at the upper and lower ends of the vertical grooves and draw said side pieces and ends firmly but removably together. It will thus be seen that the entire chest or receptacle is held together by the screws 10, as the bottom is held by its tongues 5 and 8, fitting in the grooves of the ends and side pieces of said receptacle, the side pieces alone being held with their tongues 6 in the vertical grooves 2 of the ends by said screws, which act to removably clamp together all the parts named.

Two uprights, 11, are secured at their lower ends to the outer sides of the ends 1 by screws 12, and the upper ends of these uprights are formed with holes 13, into which fit the ends of rods or rounds 14, upon which towels are to be hung.

The chest or receptacle may or may not be provided with a lid or cover, 15, as desired, the said lid or cover, when used, being either loose, hinged, or otherwise fastened to the side pieces of said receptacle.

The towel-rack, composed of the uprights and the rods or rounds 14, may be removed from the chest or receptacle by removing the fastening-screws 12. Then the ends of the rods may be taken out of the holes in the upper ends of the uprights. Then the several parts of the chest or receptacle may be taken apart by removing the fastening-screws 10 from the ends of said receptacle, when all the parts may be packed away for storage or transportation in a comparatively small space, the article being thus practically of the "knockdown" construction; also, when the parts are to be again put together this may be done without the use of any other tool than a screw-driver, and by any person having the slightest idea of mechanics, as all the parts are easily fitted together and require but the simplest adjustment.

Having thus described the construction, arrangement, and advantages of the several parts of my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

- 5 The combination, with a chest or receptacle constructed with its parts detachable, of the uprights detachably secured by screws to the ends of said receptacle and formed with holes in their upper ends, and the rounds detach-

bly secured with their ends in said holes, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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