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Fig. 1.

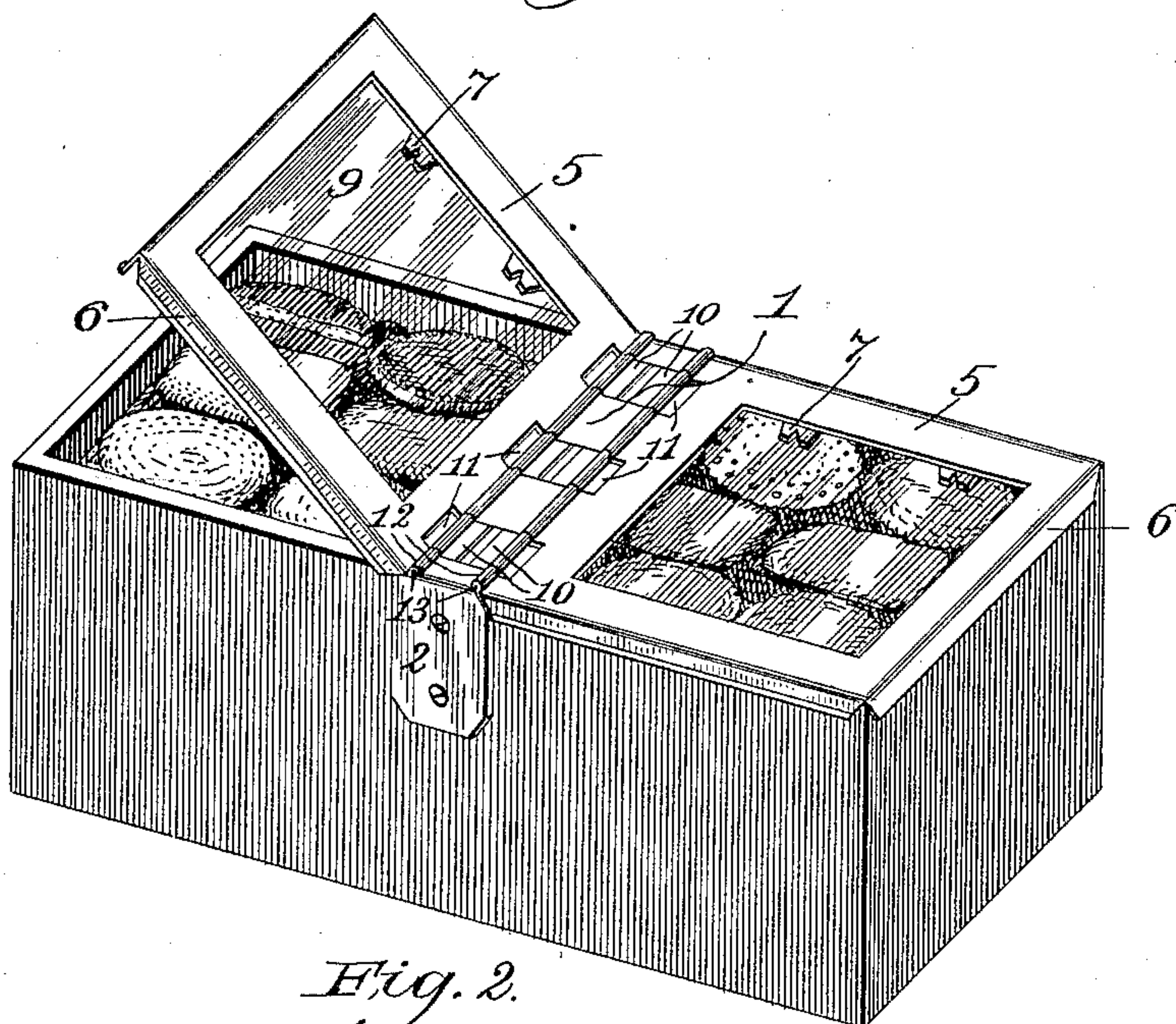


Fig. 2.

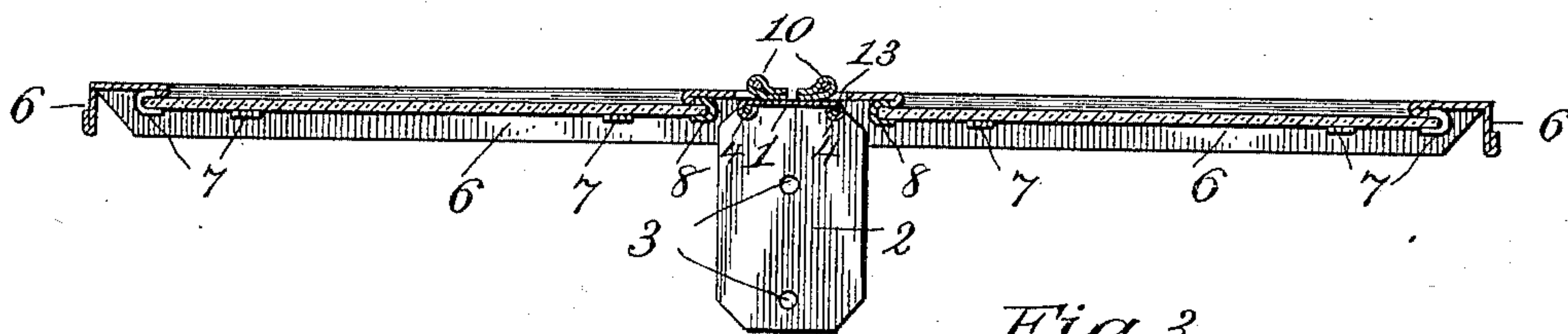
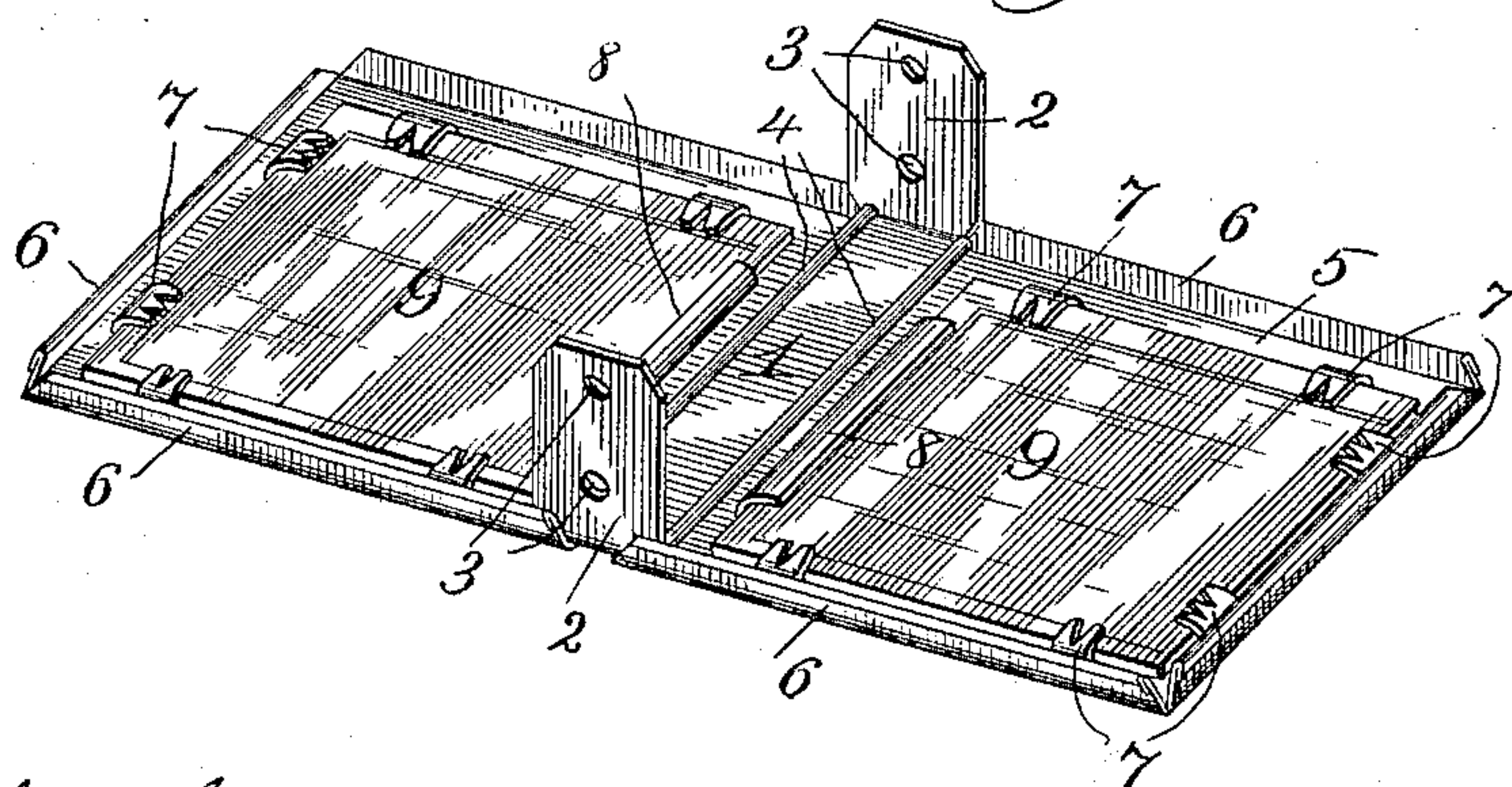


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS FREDERICK PIEPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Show-Cover, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to covers for boxes in which are contained crackers, cakes, and other articles; and the objects in view are to provide a cover adapted to be applied removably and with little trouble to such boxes as are above named, and to so construct the cover as to preserve the contents of the box from the deleterious action of the atmosphere and from vermin, and yet at the same time to expose to view the contents of the box and permit access by the salesman to the same.

With the above objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a cracker-box provided with a cover constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the cover. Fig. 3 is an inverted perspective of the same.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a transverse bridge-strip formed of sheet metal, and the same is provided at its ends, which are downwardly bent to form box-embracing ears or securing-plates 2, with perforations 3 for the reception of screws, nails, or other kindred and in this instance temporary securing devices. Between the embracing-ears 2 the opposite edges of the bridge-strip are folded over a pair of wires to form stiffening-beads 4, which are located upon the under side of said strip.

5 designates a pair of rectangular sheet-metal frames, the two combined being sufficient to cover the box. The frames at their outer ends and opposite sides are downwardly bent to form box-embracing flanges 6, the lower edges of the flanges being beaded, as shown, to render them stiff. The inner edges of the frames at the front and sides are provided with L-shaped keepers 7, which are preferably soldered to the frames or may be struck down from the metal of the frames,

as will be obvious. The inner edges of the frames are provided with keepers 8, which combine with the keepers 7 to support and retain in position under the openings in the frames transparent sight-panels 9.

In introducing the sight-panels 9, which are preferably formed of glass, the inner edges of the same are first introduced in the keepers 8, after which the keepers 7 are folded under said panels. By this means broken panels may be readily replaced when occasion requires.

Sheet-metal eyes 10, arranged in pairs, are soldered to the upper side of the bridge 1, and the same fit in recesses 11, formed in the inner meeting edges of the frames 5. At each side of the recesses 11 the metal of the frames is bent to form a continuous eye 12, which receives a pintle-rod 13, said rod passing through the eyes 6, whereby hinge connections are formed between the frames 5 and the bridge.

In applying the device it is simply necessary to place it over a cake or cracker box and secure the ears 2 of the device in position by means of a couple of nails or screws. The space between the edges of the glass panel and the side and end flanges of the frames combine to form a space which receives the edges of the box. It will be seen that when in position the contents of the box are prevented from becoming injured by the action of the atmosphere, whereby the same are kept fresher, and yet at the same time said contents are at all times exposed to view of the public and may be displayed in an enticing manner.

As generally practiced, fancy cakes and crackers are neatly packed in an enticing manner in the boxes, and by my invention only one half of the box is opened to give access for removing portions of the contents at the times of making sales, while the remaining half may be maintained intact and covered by the remaining section of the cover. It will be seen that as soon as one box has been emptied the nails or screws may be withdrawn and the cover applied to a fresh box.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The herein-described removable cover for boxes, the same consisting of a transverse bridge-strip, means for removably securing the same to the opposite edges of a box, and

transparent hinged covers connected to the strip, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described cover for boxes, the same consisting of the transverse bridge-strip terminating at its ends in depending box-embracing ears having perforations for the reception of nails or other securing devices, and the opposite frames hinged to the bridge-strip and provided with transparent panels, substantially as specified.

3. The herein-described box-cover, consisting of the transverse sheet-metal bridge-strip bent at its opposite ends to form ears, which are provided with perforations, and upon its

upper side provided with pairs of eyes, the opposite rectangular frames the sides and ends of which are bent to embrace the box and at their inner edges provided with long keepers 8 and short foldable keepers 7, and the panels 9, located in the keepers, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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