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SPRING CLAMP LABEL HOLDER.

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Fig. I

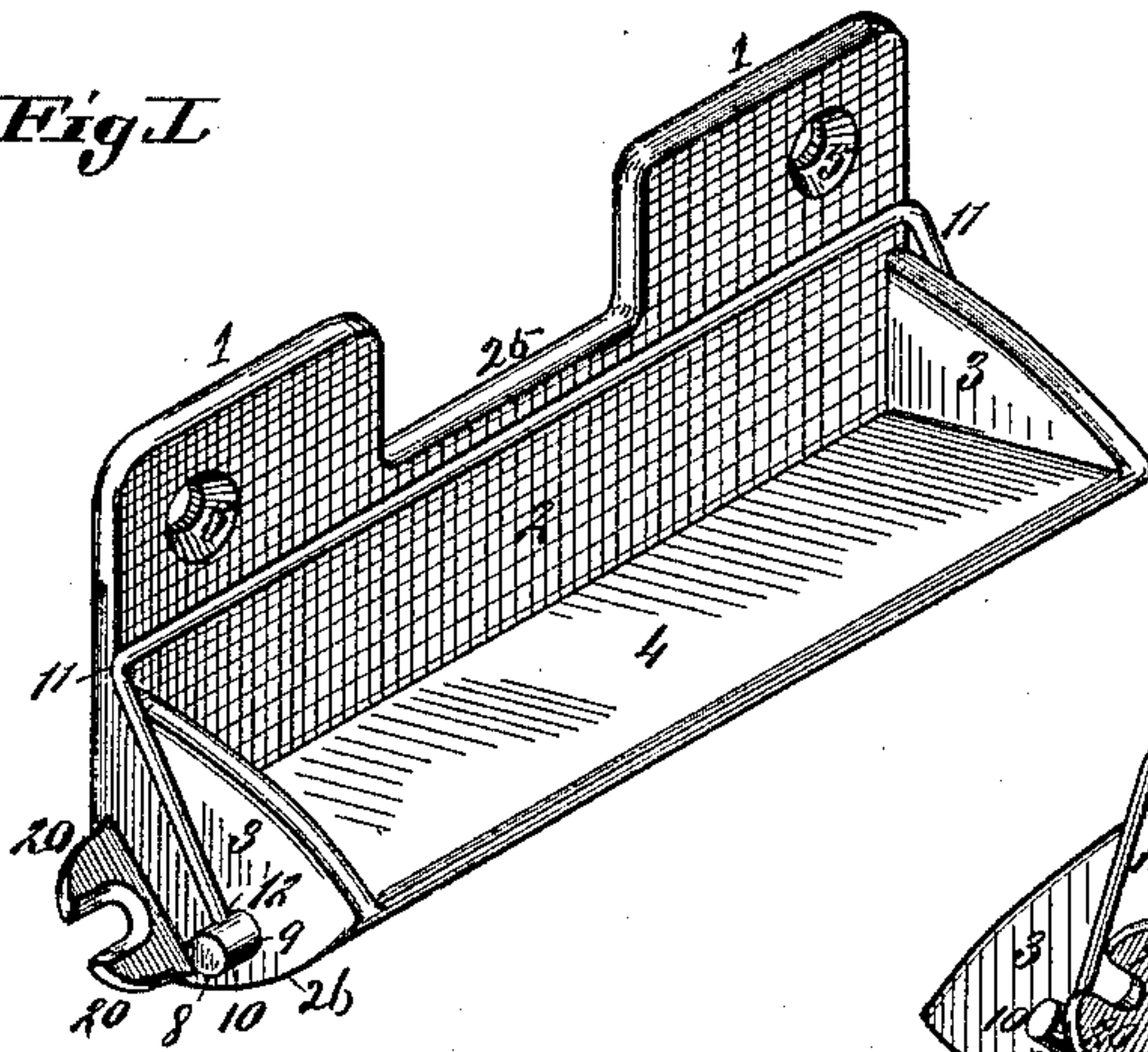


Fig. II

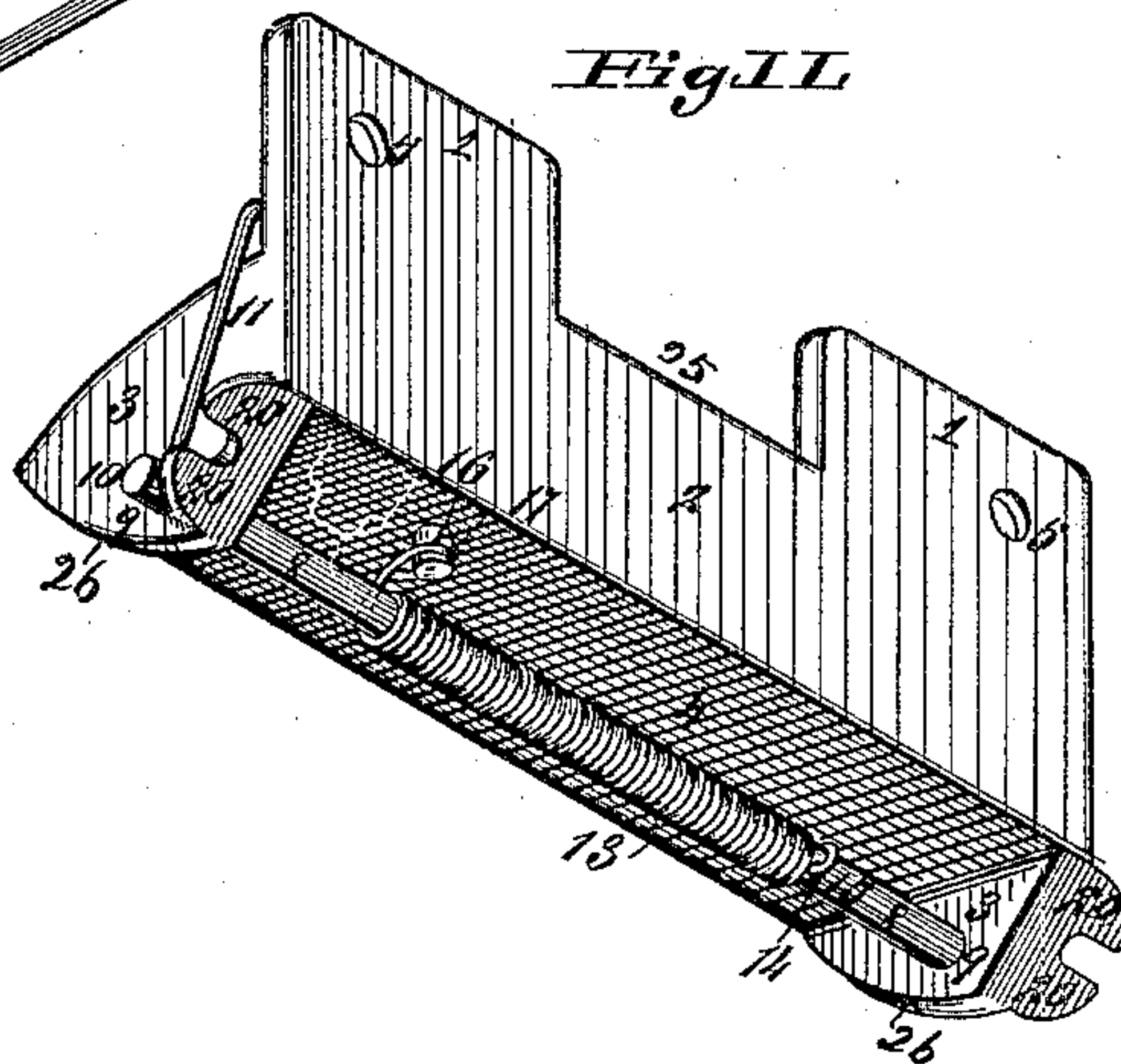


Fig. III

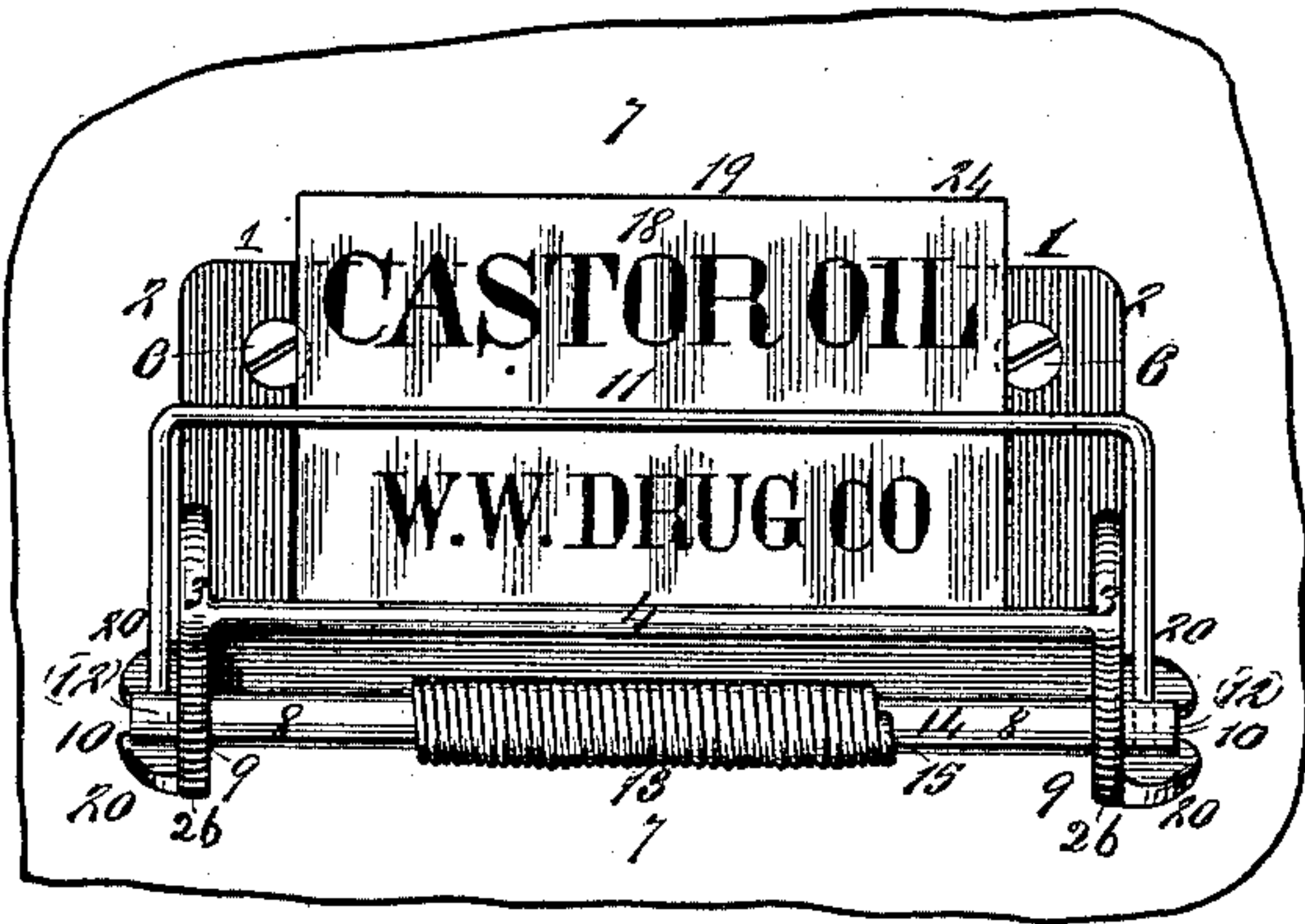
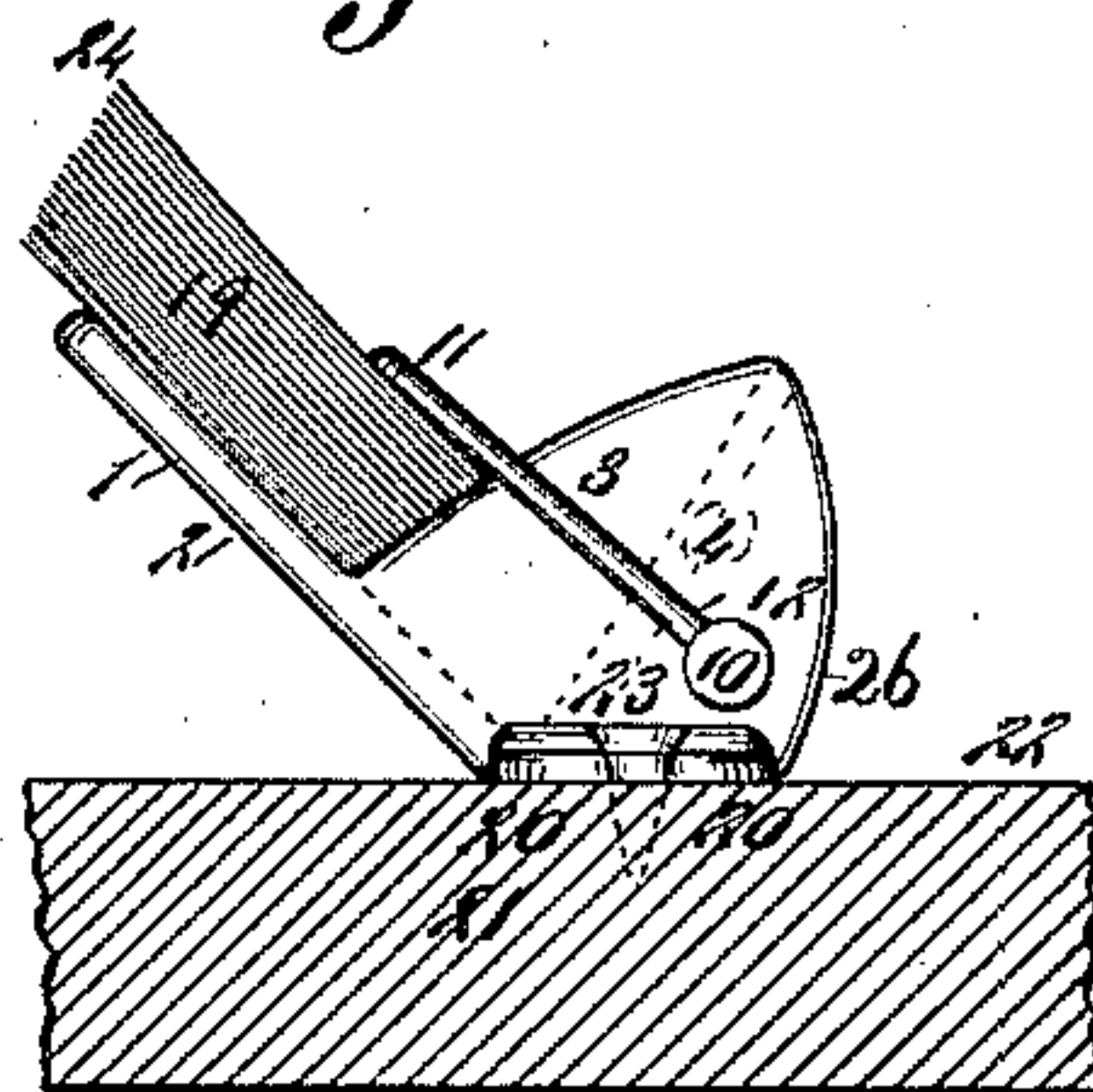


Fig. IV



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SPRING-CLAMP LABEL-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL M. FRIEDE, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Spring-Clamp Label-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

10 This invention consists in a box-bracket for holding labels for attachment to drug and other supplies, the said box-bracket being provided with a spring-clamp bail-holder, a number of said devices being preferably used
15 coincident with the number of forms of labels in common use; and the invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a front upper perspective view
20 of the empty bracket-box and retention-bail arranged for attachment to the vertical back of a cabinet or to the horizontal bottom of a drawer. Fig. II is a rear under perspective view of the same and shows the actuating-spring attached to the retention-bail. Fig.
25 III is a front elevation of the same and shows the bracket-box secured to the back of the cabinet, with the labels retained therein by the spring retention-bail; and Fig. IV is an
30 end view of the same secured to the bottom of the drawer.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the label bracket-box, which is preferably cast integral and may be of malleable iron or of
35 any other suitable material. The said bracket-box is constituted of the back 2, the ends 3, and the inclined upturned combined bottom-front 4. The back is provided with screw-holes 5, in which are seated the screws
40 6, that secure said bracket-box to the back board 7 of the cabinet, in which may be thus attached the same number of said bracket-boxes as there are diversity of labels.

8 represents a light rocker-shaft, which is
45 seated at each end in the perforate bearings 9 in the ends 3, which ends have pendent extensions 26 sufficiently below the inclined bottom-front 4 to provide said bearings. The said rocker-shaft has extension ends 10, that
50 project beyond said ends of the bracket-box, in which it has its bearings, to carry the re-

tention-bail 11, the attachment ends of which are fast-seated in the perforations 12 in said shaft outside said ends.

13 represents a spiral spring that is mount- 55
ed on said rocker-shaft, and one end 14 of said spring passes through and is secured in the attachment-hole 15 in said rocker-shaft. The other end 16 of the spring-wire has a retention-hold around the hooked nipple 17, 60
that is integral with and hangs pendent from the inclined bottom-front of the bracket-box.

18 represents the labels, a bunch 19 of duplicates of which with the same title are deposited in said bracket-box, and the spring- 65
actuated retention-bail clamps up against the front of said labels, and while it securely holds said labels from accidental displacement in the bunch it at the same time springs slightly open responsive to the outward press- 70
ure as the forward label is being extracted, and after said extraction the bail immediately springs against the remaining bunch and holds it intact.

20 represents lugs that project longitudi- 75
nally from the ends of the box-bracket at the bottom and are formed to rest on the bottom 21 of a drawer 22 and seat and embrace the screws 23, that secure said bracket-box holder to and in said drawer when it is preferred to 80
so secure the same in preference to a cabinet attachment, as heretofore described. (See Fig. IV.) When said bracket-holders are attached, as shown in Fig. III, in a cabinet, they are preferably set vertical against the back 85
of the cabinet, as shown in said figure; but, on the other hand, when secured in the drawer they are preferably set at an angle, as shown in Fig. IV, so as to exhibit the labels to the view of the clerks to the best advan- 90
tage. Any number of said bracket-spring box holders can be secured in either the cabinet or drawer, and the number may be and preferably is coincident with the number of differently-inscribed labels that are used in the 95
drug or other store. The labels, whose backs are, as usual, ready dressed with mucilage, are readily selected from either the cabinet or drawer and attached to the bottle or other receptacle that contains the article. The up- 100
ward forwardly-inclined bottom or combined bottom-front of the bracket-box slightly pro-

jects the upper edges 24 of the forward labels above those in their rear, and the pressure of the spring-bail against the middle of the bunch of labels also gives them a concave presentation, which projects forward the upper edge of the forward labels, so as from both causes to make them easy to grasp.

25 represents a cut-out aperture in the back of the bracket-box that provides a larger extent of clinging edge, and especially about opposite the tension of the spring-bail, to hold the residue of the labels from being displaced when the front label is being lifted for use and provides increased room for the placing of the second finger of the hand on the top of the bunch of labels to hold them from displacement, while the index-finger and thumb extract said front label for use. My spring-bracket label-holder can also be attached either inside or on the front of individual drawers that contain drugs, &c., and there carry the labels that indicate the names of the contents of said drawer.

Another advantage of the invention is that it preserves the gummed labels clean and from warping, curling, and the turning of the corners into dog-ears.

I have shown and described my invention as a label-holder; but I do not confine myself to its use for holding labels only, for, as it can be made of enlarged size of the same conformation without departing from any element of the invention, it is as well adapted for holding cards, envelopes, circulars, postal-cards, &c. For such purposes it is especially well adapted for an attachment to office-desks, &c.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a label-holder, the combination of the

attachable bracket-box provided with the inclined bottom 4, in which the labels are deposited, and the spring-actuated bail that clamps said labels, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a label-holder, the combination of the bracket-box 1, constituted of the attachment-back 2, the ends 3, and the inclined combined bottom-front 4, with the holder-bail 11 and the spiral spring 13, that clamps the labels, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a label-holder, the combination of the bracket-box 1, constituted of the attachment-back 2, the ends 3, the upwardly-inclined combined bottom-front 4, arranged to project the forward label above the back layers for a convenient grasp presentation, and the longitudinally-projecting attachment-lugs 20, with the labels deposited in said bracket-box, the bail 11, that clamps said labels, the rocker-shaft 8, that has bearings in said ends of the box and that carries said bail, and the spiral actuating-spring 13, mounted on said rocker-shaft, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. In a label-holder, the combination of the attachment-back 2, provided with the recess 25, the inclined combined bottom-front 4, the ends 3, the pendent extensions 26 of said ends, the bail 11, that clamps the labels, the rocker-shaft 8, that carries said bail, and the spiral actuating-spring 13, that is mounted on said rocker-shaft, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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