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Fig. 1.

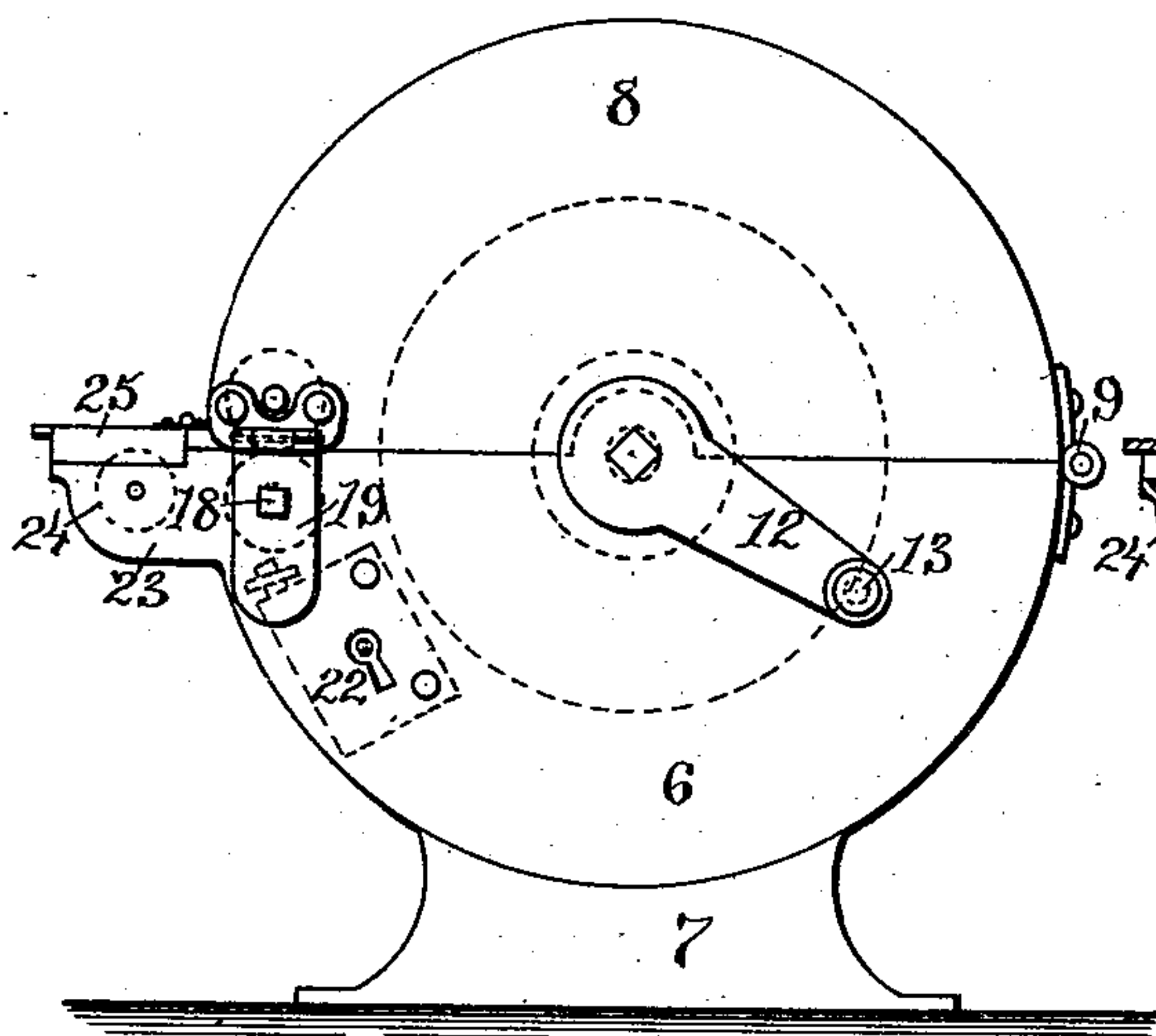


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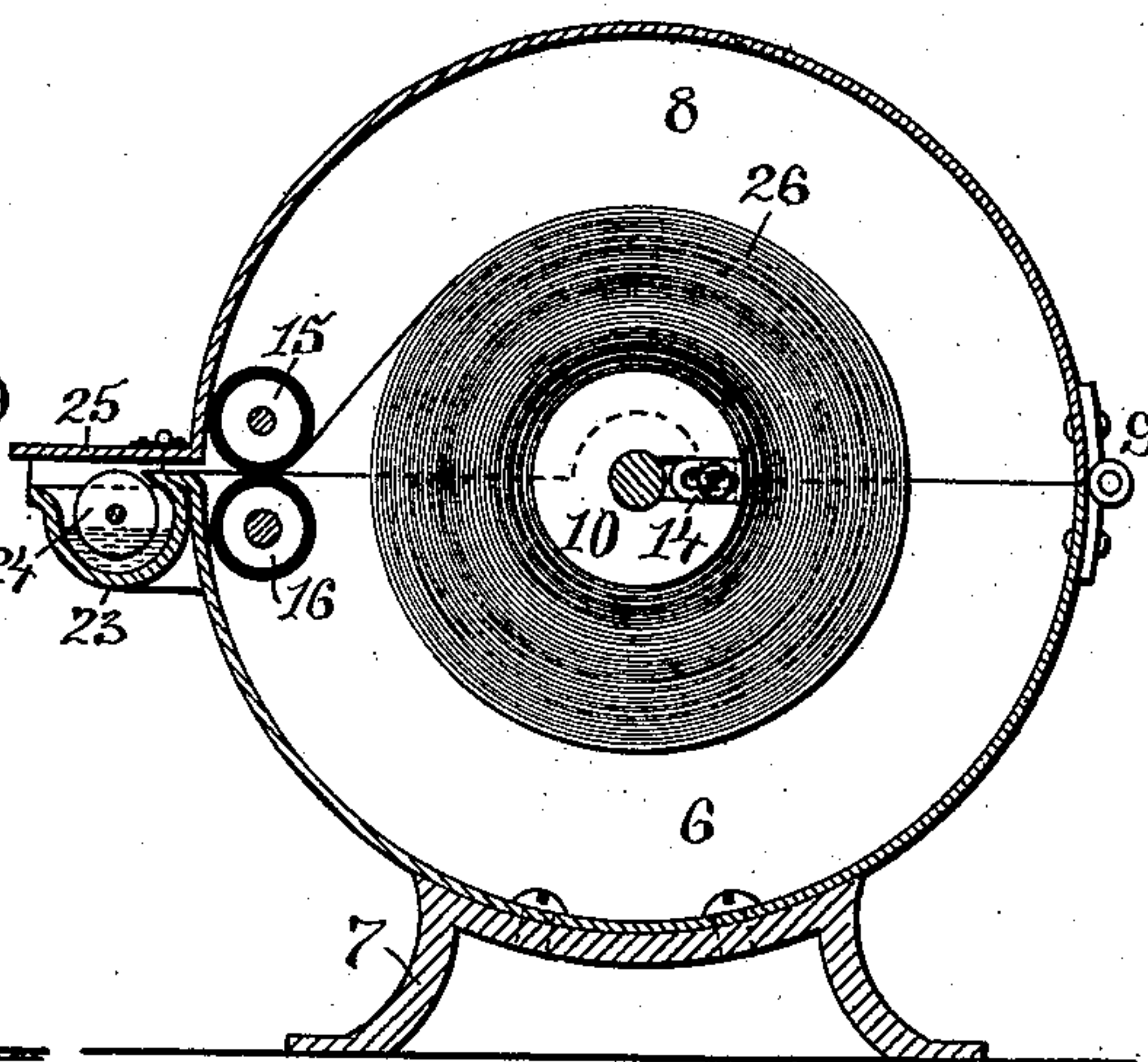


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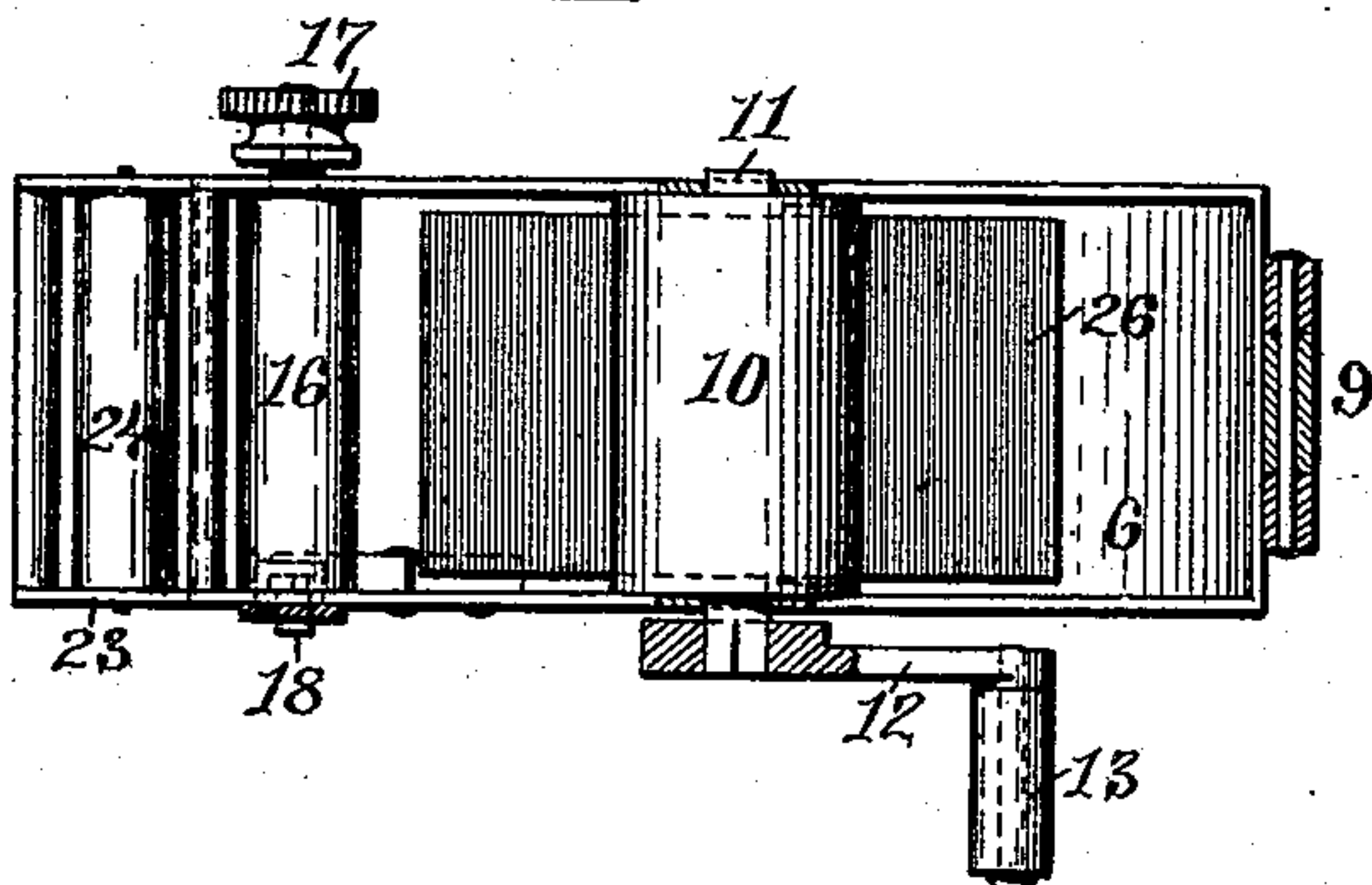
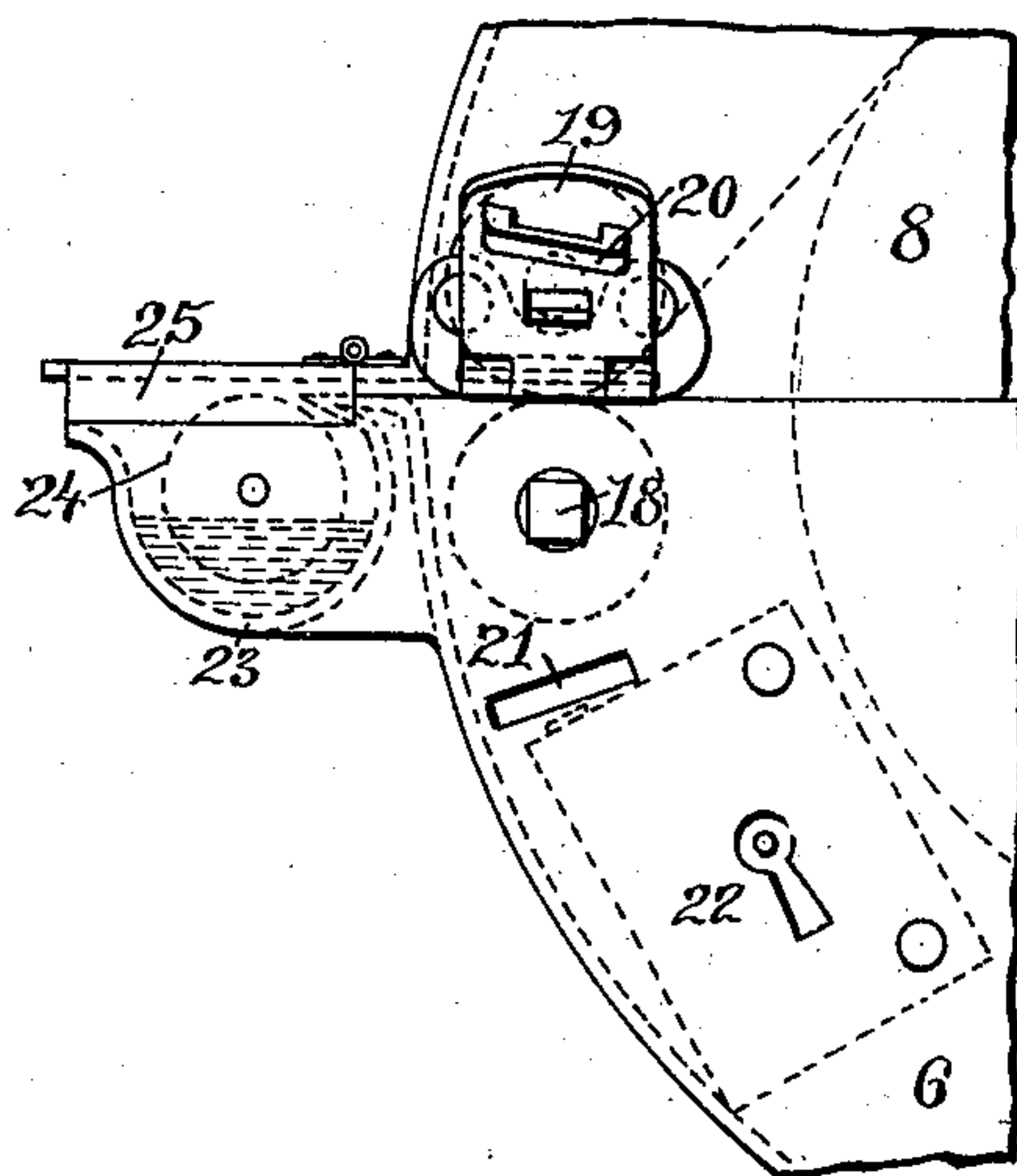


Fig. 4.



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## STAMP-SAFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LUCIUS BRIGGS, of Glasgo, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stamp-Safes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention has reference to an improvement in stamp safes or receptacles in which postage and similar stamps can be placed and from which they can be delivered when required.

The object of this invention is to construct a receptacle for stamps in which the stamps can be protected from damage from dampness, or otherwise, and from which the stamps can be delivered in a moistened condition convenient for immediate use.

The invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction of the stamp-safe and locking-device together with the combination therewith of the feed mechanism and moistening apparatus, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

Figure 1 is an end view of the improved stamp-safe and moistening device. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the safe. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view of a portion of the end of the safe and moistener, and showing the locking-device.

In the drawings similar numbers of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The number 6 indicates the lower portion of the metal case or safe, which is secured to the base 7 in the manner shown in Fig. 2, or which may be made in one piece therewith. 8 is the upper part or cover of the case, or safe; the two portions are secured together by the hinge 9. The barrel 10 is mounted on the shaft 11, which is journaled in the two sides of the lower part 6 of the safe. One end of the shaft 11 extends beyond the side of the case and is made square to fit the rectangular hole in the arm 12 of the crank. The handle 13 of the crank-arm 12 is made tubular so as to revolve on the pin extending from the end of the crank-arm. This crank may be rigidly secured to the shaft 11, but in the drawings it is shown as merely slipped over the square end of the shaft for the purpose

of revolving the shaft to wind the strip of stamps on to the barrel 10. It can then be removed from the shaft. The clip 14 consists of a strip of metal extending longitudinally on the barrel 10, the ends being bent over the ends of the barrel and secured by screws passing through slots in the bent ends. The end of the sheet of stamps can be inserted under the clip 14 and by it held in place to facilitate the winding of the stamps on the barrel 10.

The roller 15 is journaled in the cover 8 of the safe and acts as a pressure-roll to hold the sheet of stamps against the feed-roll 16, which is journaled in the lower part 6 of the case and is covered with a yielding material. The shaft of the feed-roll 16 extends beyond the sides of the metal case and is provided on one end with the thumb-piece 17, the other end 18 of the shaft being square.

The hasp 19 is hinged to the cover 8 of the case and is provided with a rectangular opening which can be closed over the square end 18 of the feed-roll shaft and holds the same against rotation. The hasp 19 is also provided with a staple 20 which can be entered into the slot 21 in the lower part of the case where it is locked by any suitable locking-device contained within the case and operated by a key passing through the key-hole 22.

The moistening device is formed of a tank attached to, or formed in one piece with, the front portion of the lower part 6 of the safe, as shown in the drawings. The roller 24 is journaled in the ends of the tank 22 and has a thin covering of felt or other material which will readily absorb water and, by the revolution of the roll, convey a small portion to the gummed side of the stamps passing over the roll. The moistening tank is provided with a cover 25 hinged to the front portion of the upper part 8 of the case. The rolled-up sheet of stamps is indicated by the number 26.

The case, or safe, described can be made of any desired size so as to take in any width of stamps or sheets of stamps; the stamps will be protected against dust and injury, as well as against any unauthorized removal thereof, and, when the safe is unlocked, the stamps may be delivered therefrom in a moistened condition ready for use.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A stamp-safe consisting of a metal case having a hinged cover, a barrel the shaft of which is journaled in the sides of the lower part of the case and provided at one end with a removable crank, a top roll journaled in the sides of the cover, a delivery roll, journaled in the sides of the lower case, provided at one end with a thumb-piece the other end being square to engage a rectangular opening in a hasp hinged to the cover of the case and having a staple to enter a slot cut in the side of the lower part of the case and to be locked by a

locking-device contained within the case and operated as described. 15

2. In a stamp-safe, the combination with the lower part 6, the upper part 8, and hinge 9 of the case, the barrel 10, the clip 14, the roll 15 and delivery roll 16, thumb-piece 17 and square end 18, the hasp 19 and a locking device contained in the case, of the tank 23, roller 24, and cover 25, as and for the purpose described. 20

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