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FIG. 1.

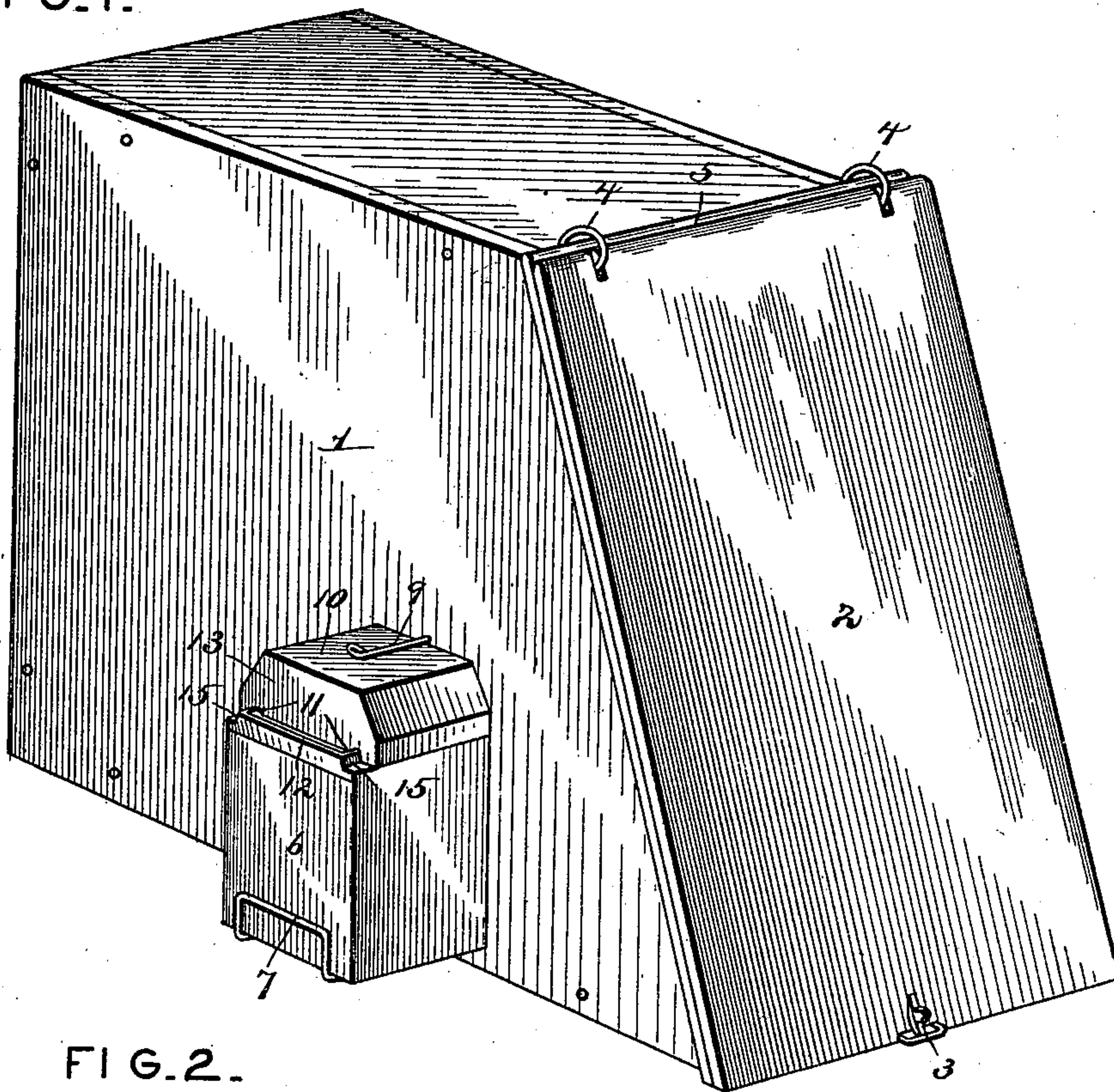


FIG. 2.

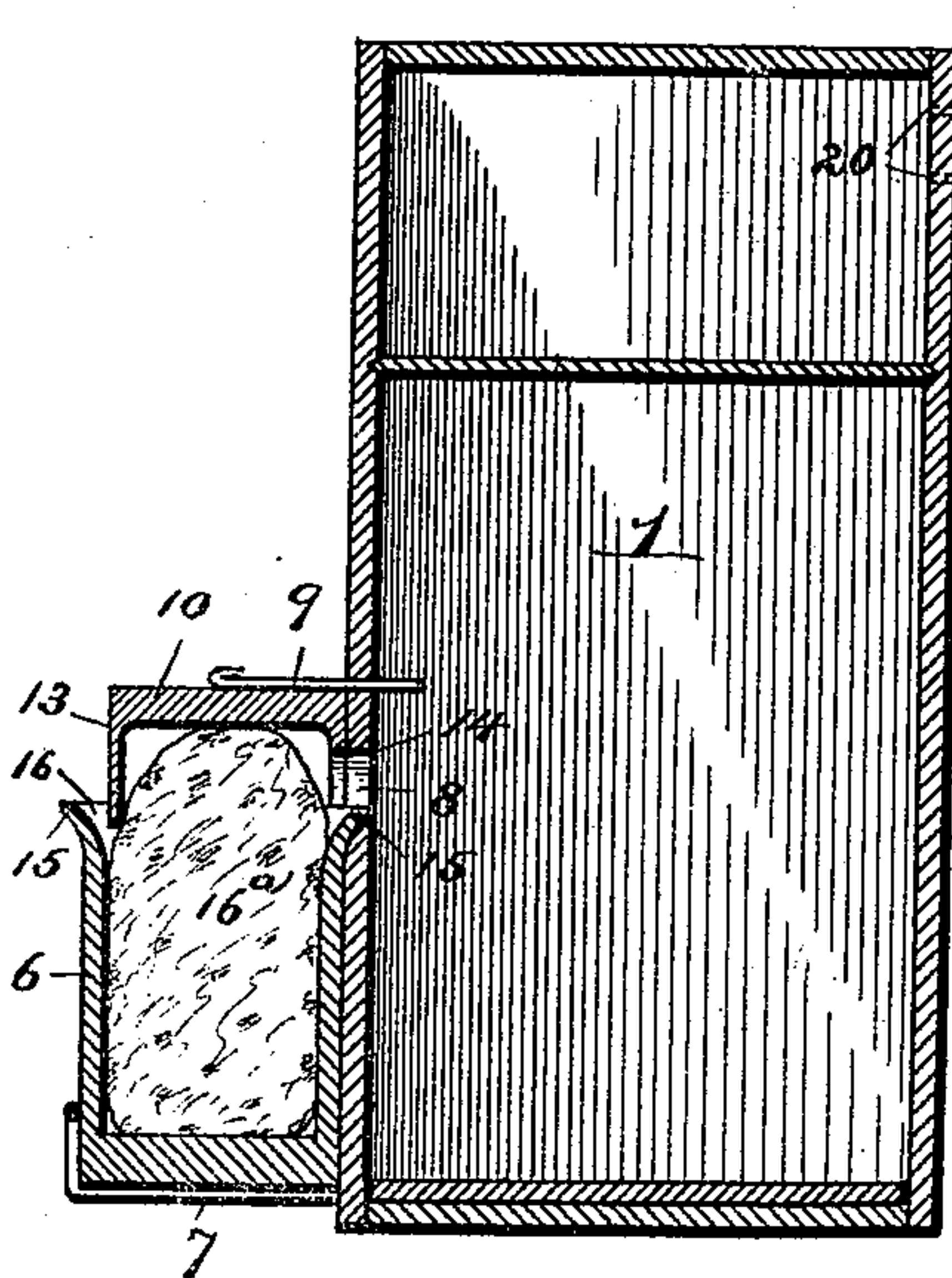


FIG. 4.

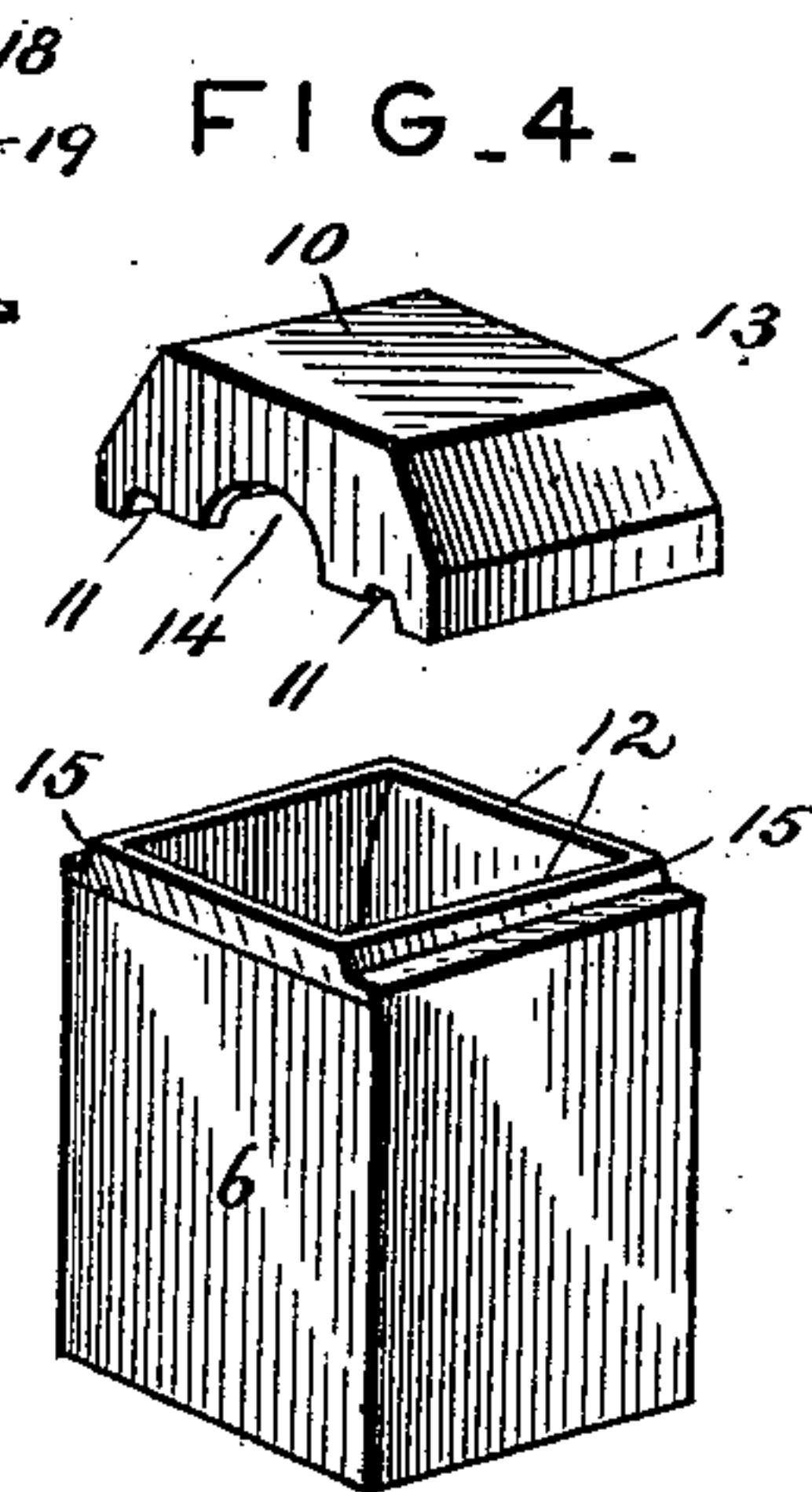
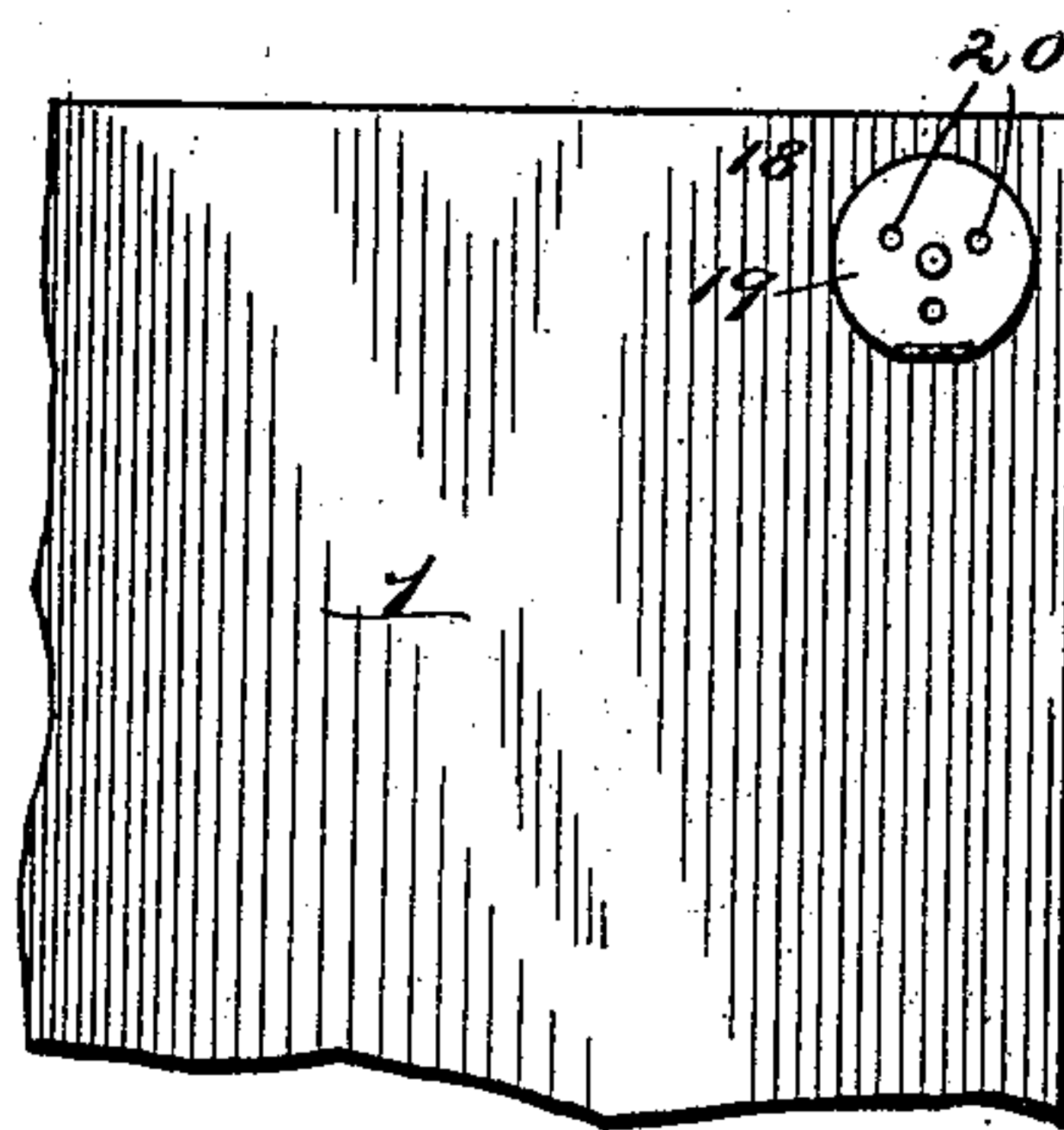


FIG. 3.



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MOISTENING ATTACHMENT FOR BREAD BOXES OR RECEPTACLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEONARD B. PARISH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Olean, in the county of Cattaraugus and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Moistening Attachment for Bread Boxes or Trays, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to moistening devices for use in connection with bread and cake boxes or receptacles, cigar cases, and in other connections, in which it is necessary to preserve a certain degree of moisture in the air confined in a container, and it has for its object to provide simple inexpensive and efficient means which may be applied to trays and cases of the kind above mentioned.

Further objects and advantages of my invention will appear in the following description, and the minor details thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of an apparatus embodying my invention applied in the operative position to a bread box or receptacle. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the reservoir. Fig. 3 is a side view of the box to show the ventilator. Fig. 4 is a detail view in perspective of the reservoir and cover with the parts detached.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the box or receptacle the front or open side of which is inclined and is closed by means of a door 2, hinged at its upper edge to the top of the box and provided at its lower edge with a locking device 3. The hinges 4, which I have shown in connection with the box, comprise rings which are fitted in registering perforations in the door and an up-standing flange 5 at the top of the door opening. By the use of these hinges the door may be thrown back to rest upon the top of the box.

6 represents a reservoir, supported upon a bracket 7 near the bottom of the box, and having an open top which is located contiguous to an inlet opening 8 in the side of the box. Above said inlet opening is arranged a lateral retaining bar 9.

10 represents a reversible cover for the res-

ervoir, which is provided in its front and rear sides with registering notches 11 to engage vertical flanges 12 at the top of the reservoir. The outer or front side 13 of the cover is imperforate and the inner or rear side thereof is provided with an opening 14 to register with the inlet opening 8 in the side of the box. The front or outer side of the reservoir is flared at its upper edge as shown at 15, to provide an inlet slot 16 between the upper edge of the reservoir and the outer side or wall of the cover.

16<sup>a</sup> represents a sponge which is arranged in the reservoir and extends up into the hollow cover or cap 10, between the slot 16 and the inlet opening 8.

18 represents a ventilator located at the opposite side of the box near the top and provided with a rotary perforated disk 19 whereby the vents 20 in the side of the box may be closed or opened as may be required.

In operation, the sponge properly moistened is arranged in the reservoir, the cover 10 is arranged with its opening 14 in registration with the inlet opening 8 and the ventilator is opened. This causes a current of air through the slot 16, the moistened sponge, the registering openings 14 and 8, the box and the ventilator. When it is desired to check the supply of moistened air the cover 10 may be reversed to cause its imperforate side 13 to close the inlet opening 8. The cover is held in place by means of the retaining rod 9.

Various changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with a box or receptacle provided with a ventilator and having an inlet opening near its floor, of a reservoir adapted to contain a sponge, and a cover closing said reservoir and provided with an opening to register with the inlet opening in the side of the box or receptacle, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a box or receptacle provided with a ventilator and having an inlet opening near its floor, of a reservoir adapted to contain a sponge, and a reversible cover to close said reservoir and having an

imperforate wall and an opposite wall provided with an opening to register with the inlet opening in the side of the box or receptacle, substantially as specified.

- 5 3. The combination with a box or receptacle provided with an inlet opening, of a reservoir provided with parallel lateral flanges and a flared front edge, a reversible cover having opposite sides which are respectively  
10 perforate and imperforate and provided in said opposite sides with notches to engage the

said parallel flanges, and a retaining rod to secure said cover in place, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 15 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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