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Fig. 1.

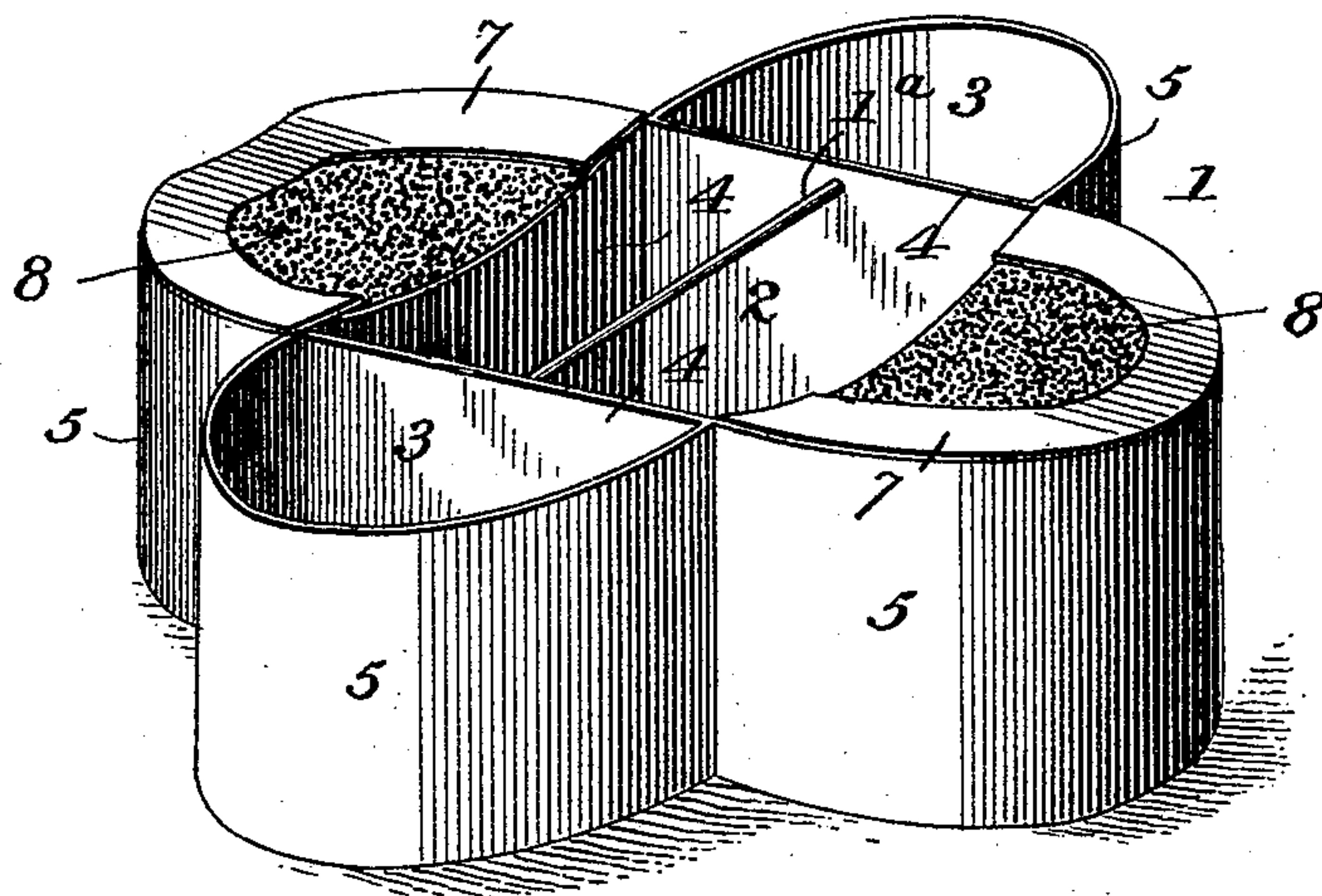


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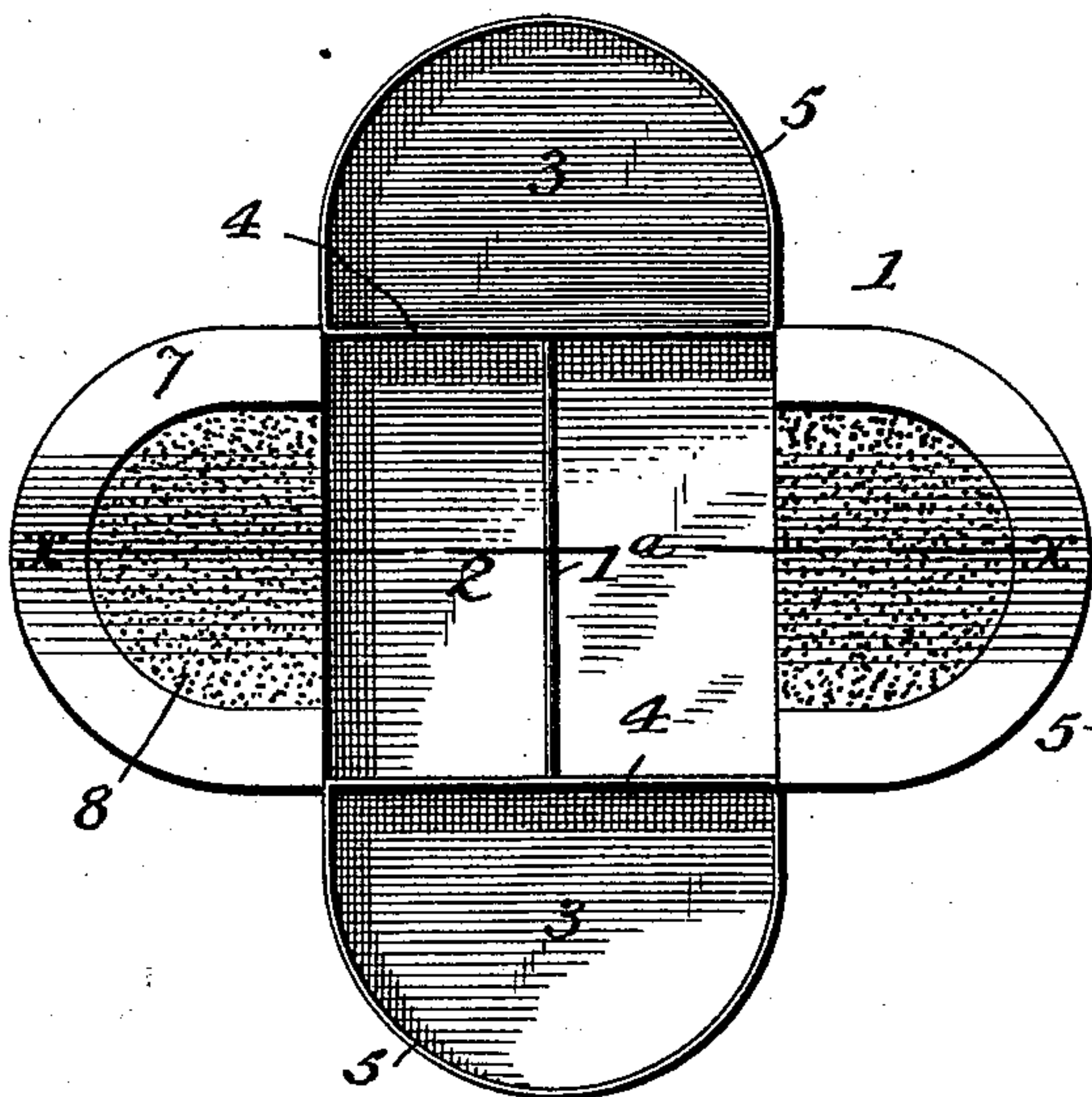


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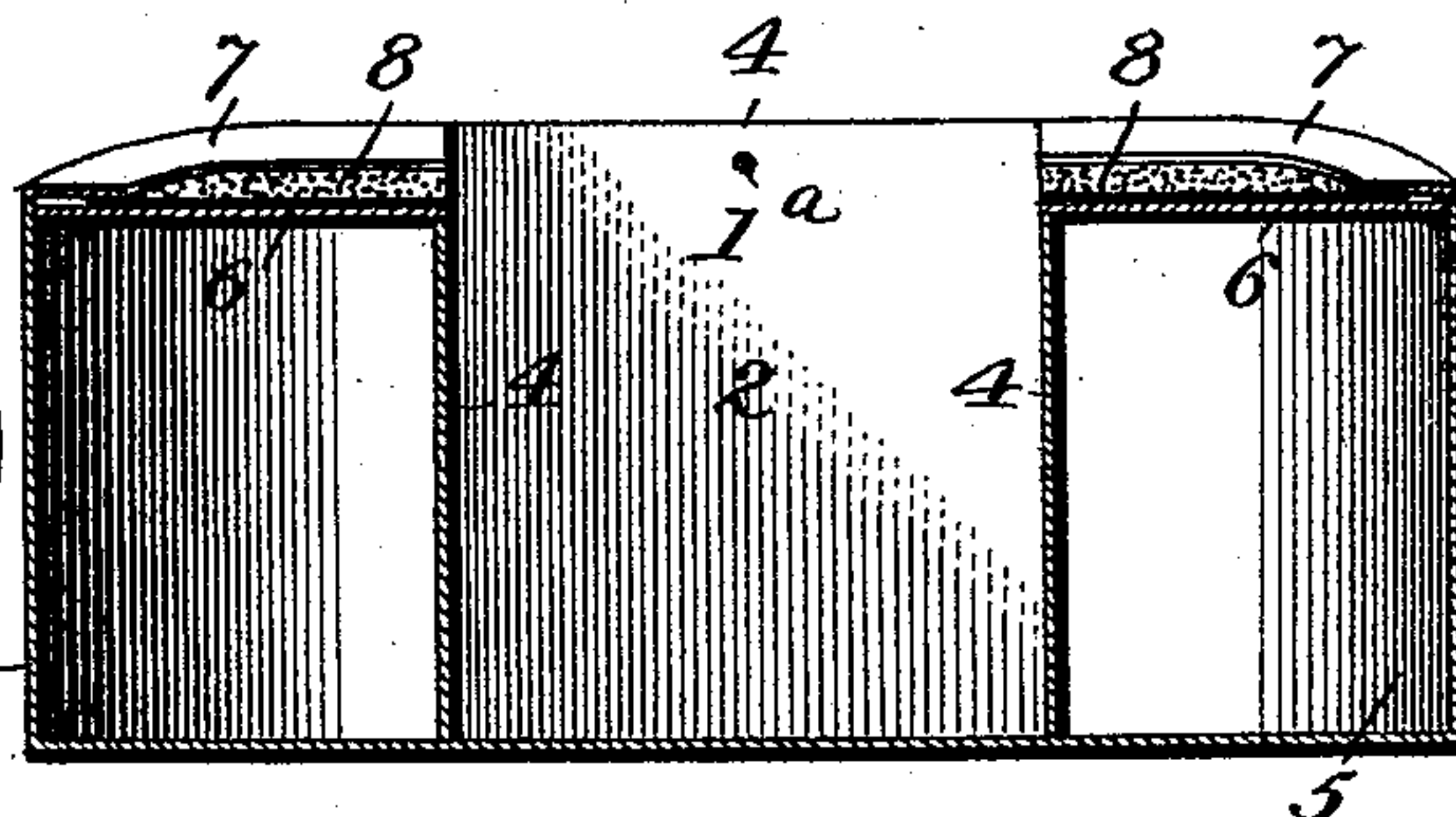


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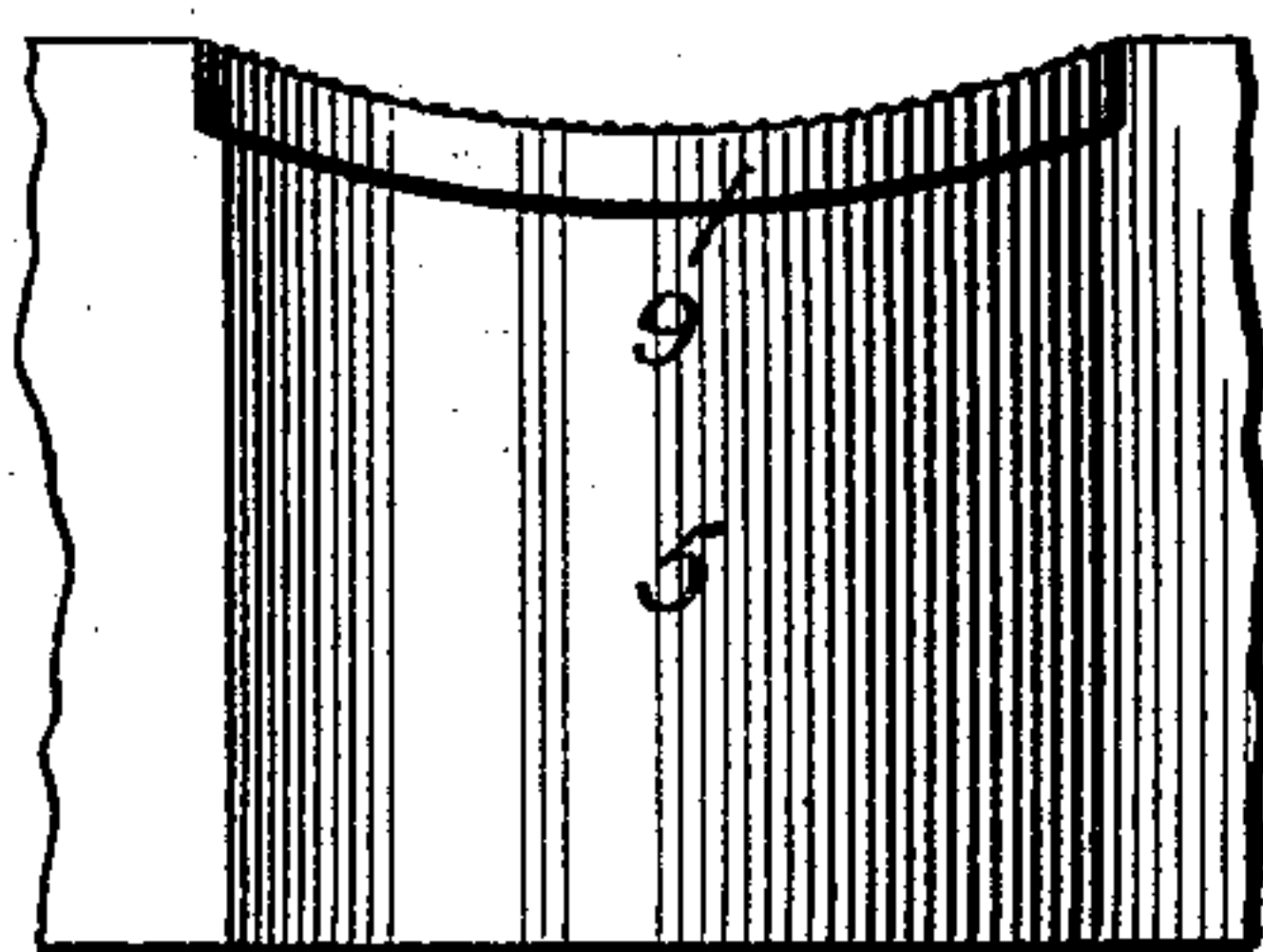
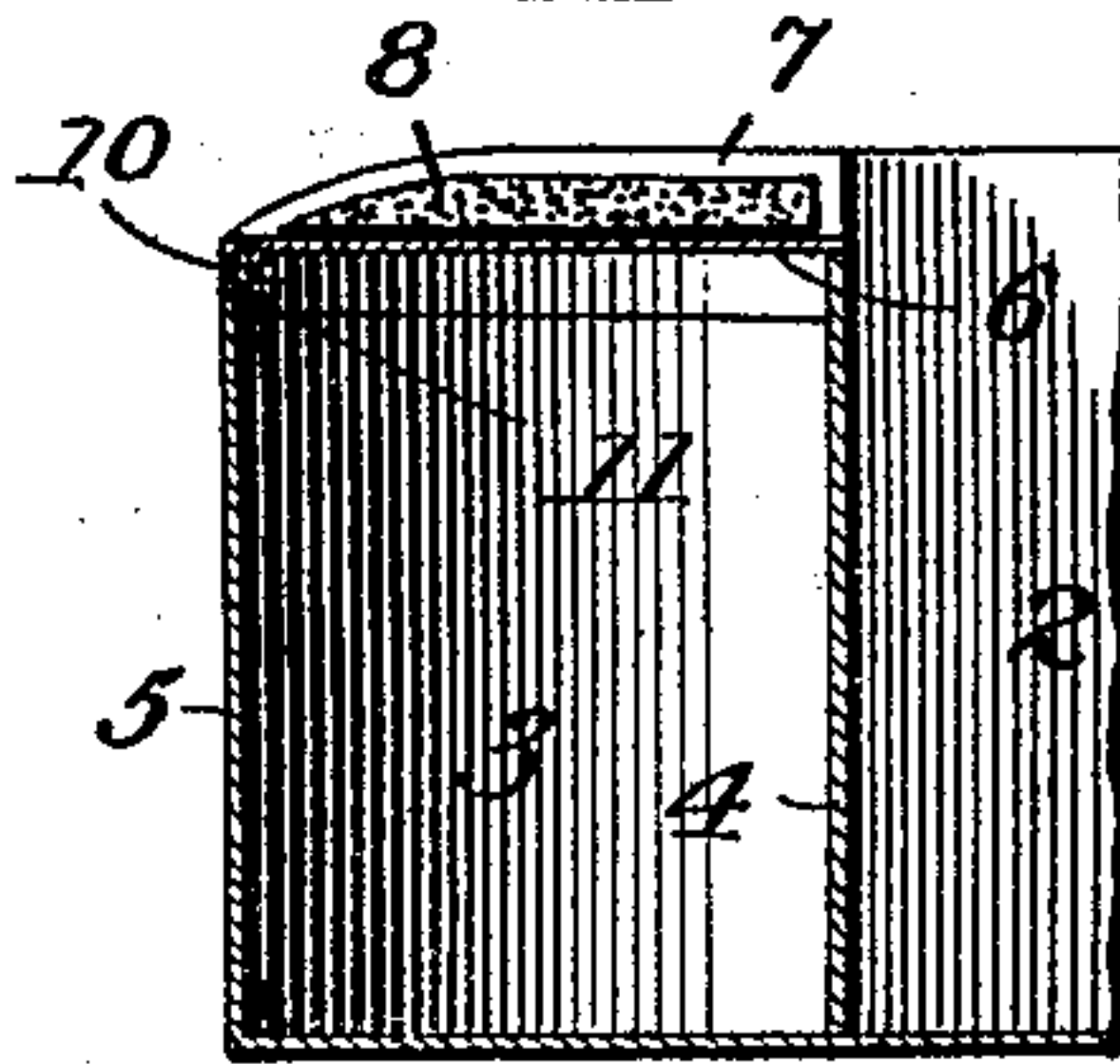


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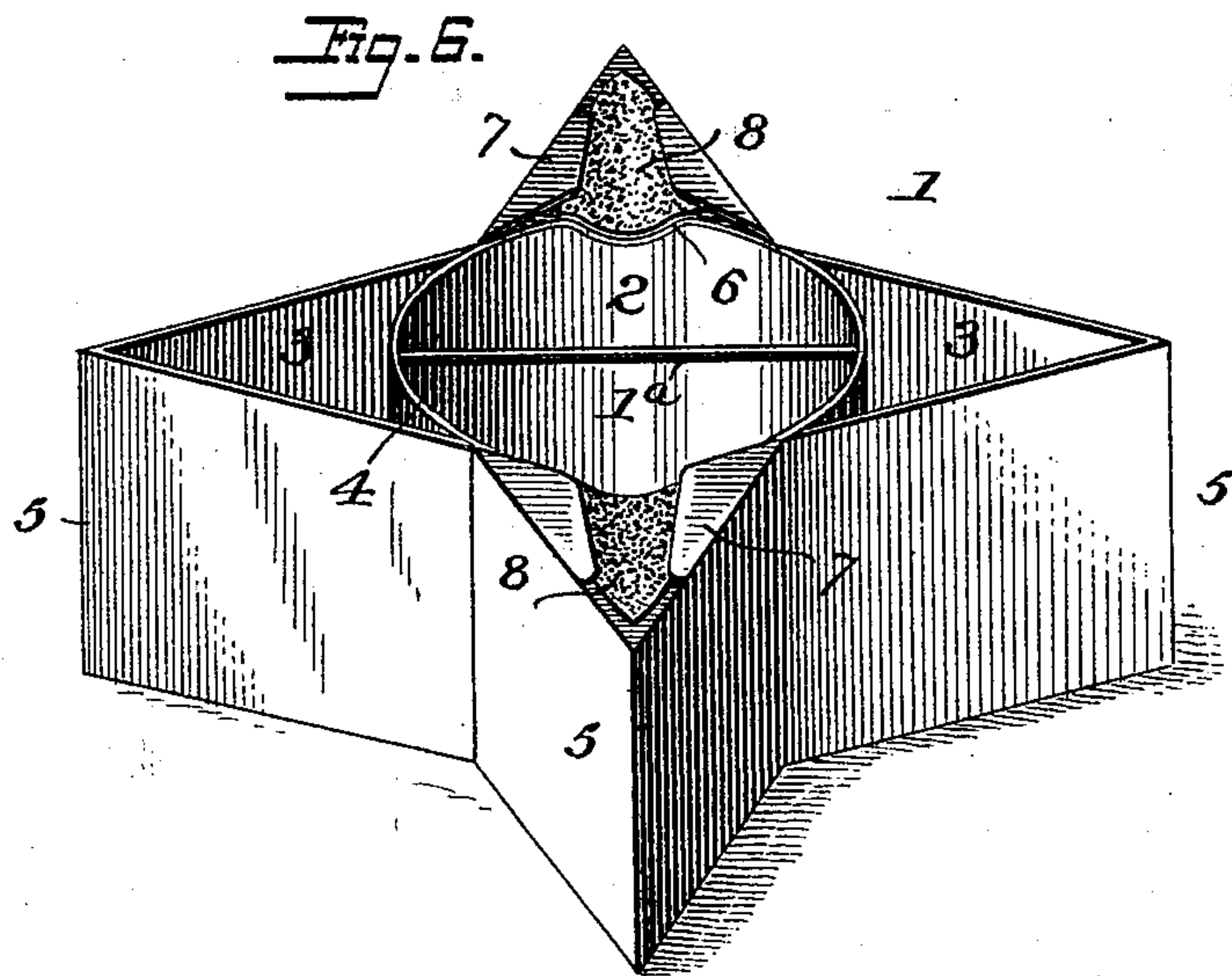
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. O'DWYER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Smoker's Trays, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in trays or receptacles
10 for various uses; and it consists substantially in such features thereof as will hereinafter be more particularly described.

The object of the invention is to provide a suitable tray or receptacle which may be applied to various uses of the household as well
15 as public places as stores, cafés, and the like generally. The principal object or purpose for which the invention is intended however, is as a tray or receptacle for holding unburned
20 matches and cigars, as well also as lighted cigars, and burned cigars and matches.

The invention also has for its object to provide a tray or receptacle for the purpose named which can be made at a comparatively
25 small cost, and one also which can be very easily and quickly made, substantially as will more fully hereinafter appear taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

30 Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a tray or receptacle as constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view thereof; and Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation taken on the line $x-x$, of the preceding figure. Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views representing different ways in which the removable cover or "rest" for lighted cigars may be removed as required in use, and as will hereinafter appear. Fig. 6 is a view in perspective
40 of another form, showing the outer compartments as triangular instead of rounded.

I may form my improved tray or receptacle of any suitable material such as china, earthenware, tin, or other sheet metal; and
45 for the more expensive, I may construct them of other suitable metal and afterward coat or wash them with nickel or other plating. Papier maché could also be conveniently employed in some instances, and said tray or receptacle furthermore might be made by molding
50 or pressing the same into the desired shape. However the particular mode of man-

ufacture or the materials employed need not be specially considered in connection with my invention since it is evident that any suitable
55 material could be employed, and that the tray could be constructed in many different ways.

It will be of course understood that in manufacturing the tray or receptacle, it is made of
60 some pleasing or æsthetic design so as to give to the same such an ornamental appearance as to render it suitable for use in parlors, sitting rooms and similar places. For the simple purposes of illustration, however, I have
65 herein shown the same in plain outline or figure.

In practice, I preferably construct the tray or receptacle of a central or main compartment which is bounded on its sides by preferably four outer additional compartments,
70 although it is obvious that the particular number of the latter may be varied. Preferably one or two of said outer compartments are provided with a suitable "rest" for supporting
75 lighted cigars during the intervals that smokers may desire to lay them down; and such "rests" are preferably made in the shape of removable covers or plates, and one or both of them provided with a roughened surface
80 upon which to scratch matches, but instead of roughening said surfaces, a piece of sand paper or the like may be employed as a scratching pad. In other instances instead of making the "rests" themselves removable, I may
85 make the scratching pad removable, and in this way whenever the latter becomes worn, it may be readily replaced by another, and also by removing such pad when desired the tray can be conveniently washed or cleaned.
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In some instances, I may not use the central compartment; and, instead of making the covers of the closed compartments entirely removable, I may hinge them in place,
95 and then too, instead of arranging the scratching surfaces or pads on the outer sides of said covers, I may arrange them on the inner or under sides thereof. In either case the several compartments may be used for whatever purpose desired. The lids in each instance
100 are slightly dished or concaved to hold a cigar conveniently, and one or more of the compartments is provided with a cross rod to be used for knocking the ashes from a cigar.

In the accompanying drawings, 1, represents my improved combination tray or receptacle in entirety or as a whole. The said tray or receptacle is shown in the present instance
 5 as constructed of tin or like metal, and, as shown, is constituted of a central or main compartment 2, and four outer compartments 3, which latter bound the former on its four sides. The said outer compartments are di-
 10 vided from the central or main compartment by the partitions 4, 4, 4, 4, as shown, and their outer sides or walls are preferably curved or rounded at 5, so as to dispense with corners and edges which would require to be soldered
 15 or otherwise secured together were such sides or walls made square or rectangular. It is obvious that the particular number of the outer compartments may be varied, and also that their particular shape could be changed
 20 to suit the taste or convenience in making the same. Thus as shown in Fig. 6, the walls of said compartments are straight and converge toward each other to a point. In each instance, I employ a cross rod 1^a across either
 25 the central compartment or one of the outer ones, which is for knocking the ashes from a cigar. As shown, two of the outer compartments are each completely covered by a dished or concaved plate 6, which is designed to hold
 30 lighted cigars in such manner as that the ashes falling therefrom will be caught or received by the central or main compartment 2; and as will be observed on reference to Figs. 1 and 2, said outer compartments which
 35 are so provided, are also provided around their upper edges with inwardly projecting flanges 7, between which and the concaved plates or covers 6 is removably inserted a piece of sand-paper 8 or the like, which fur-
 40 nishes a convenient surface upon which to scratch matches. Instead of so inserting the piece of sand-paper, however, the upper surface of the plate or cover 6 could itself be roughened. From the construction of such
 45 plate or cover, it will be seen that a lighted cigar when placed thereon with its lighted end projecting over the main compartment will immediately roll into the center of the plate and find a "rest" for itself. In order
 50 to render such of the outer compartments as may be closed, available for receiving and holding various things such as pencils and pen-holders, and the like, I preferably construct the plates or covers 6 removable.
 55 This can be done in various ways; thus, as shown in Fig. 4, I form the said plate or cover with a downwardly projecting flange 9 on its edge, which, when the cover is slipped into place will embrace the sides of
 60 the compartment in such manner as to be held in place sufficiently tight. In Fig. 5, the removable cover is held in place by means of an inwardly turned flange 10 formed around the edge of the compartment 3, and
 65 receiving a corresponding flange 11 on the edge of the plate. In the instances of re-

movable cover described, it is preferable to secure a piece of sand-paper thereon by pasting or otherwise, and which when worn out can readily be removed or torn off and sub-
 70 stituted by a new piece.

From the construction shown and described it is evident that the device can readily be grasped by the hand for removal from one place to another; and also that the same can
 75 be readily emptied and washed or cleansed when desired. Such of the outer compartments 3 as may not be provided with a removable cover or plate are intended to be used as receptacles for unburned matches
 80 and fresh cigars, as well as burned matches and burned cigars and ends.

Without limiting myself to the precise details shown, I claim—

1. A tray or receptacle for the purposes
 85 named, consisting of a central or main compartment, and outer compartments bounding the sides thereof, one or more of which being provided with a dished or concaved cover to constitute a cigar "rest," substantially as de-
 90 scribed.

2. A tray or receptacle for the purposes named, consisting of a central or main compartment, and outer compartments bounding
 95 the sides thereof, one or more of which being provided with a dished or curved cover and having a removable scratching pad, substantially as described.

3. A tray or receptacle for the purposes named, consisting of a central or main com-
 100 partment and outer compartments bounding the sides thereof, one or more of which latter being provided with an inwardly projecting flange 7, a dished or concaved cover beneath such flange, and a removable scratch-
 105 ing pad inserted between said cover and flange, substantially as described.

4. A tray or receptacle for the purposes named consisting of a central or main com-
 110 partment, and outer compartments bounding the sides thereof, one or more of said latter compartments being provided with a removable cover formed with a downwardly projecting flange embracing the sides of such compartments, substantially as shown and
 115 for the purpose described.

5. A tray or receptacle for the purposes named, consisting of a central or main com-
 120 partment, having the cross rod 1^a, and outer compartments bounding the sides thereof, one or more of which latter being provided with a dished or concaved cover and an inwardly projecting flange 7, and a removable scratching pad inserted between said cover and flange, substantially as described.
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In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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