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TOY MONEY BOX.

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Fig. 1.

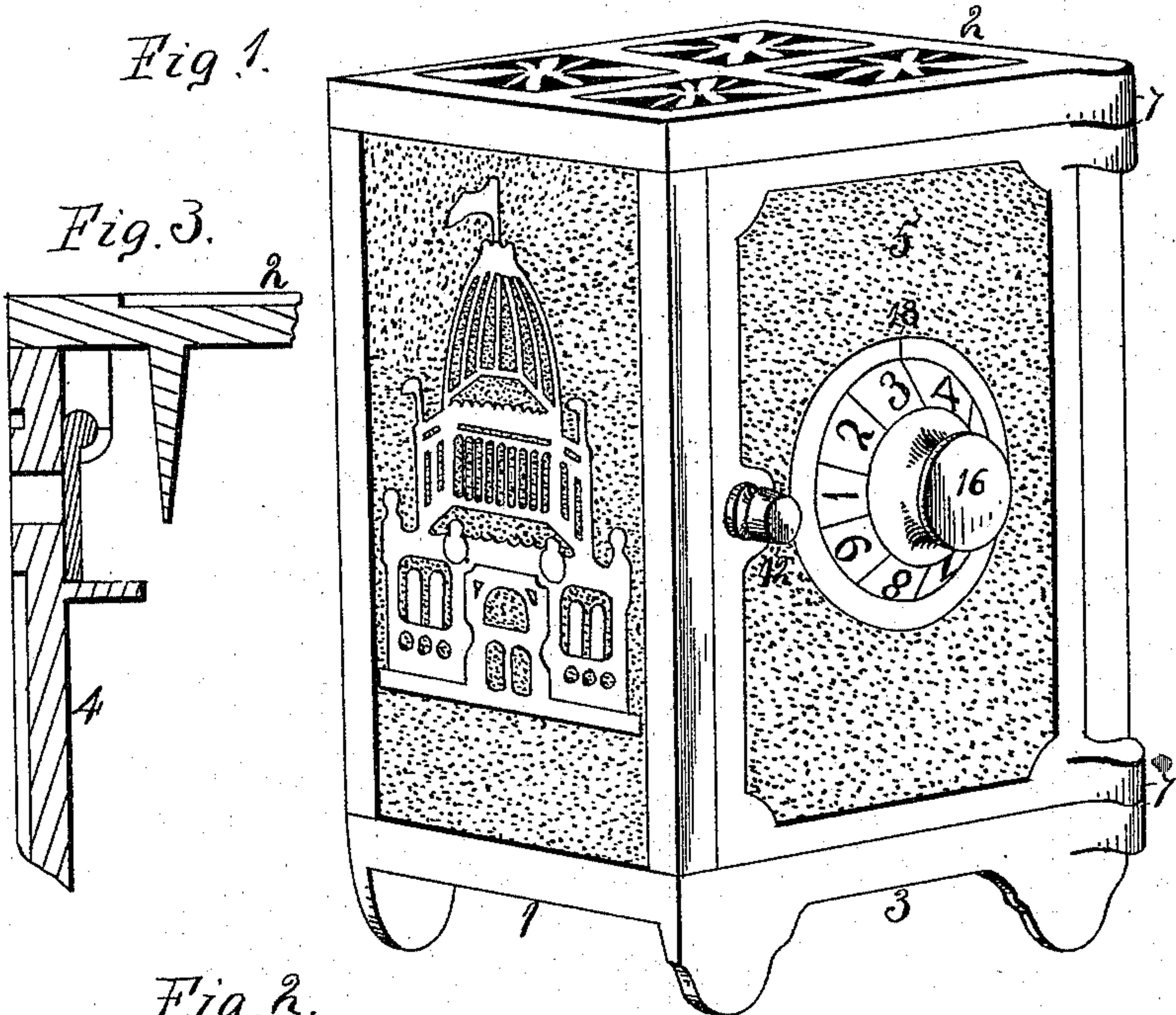


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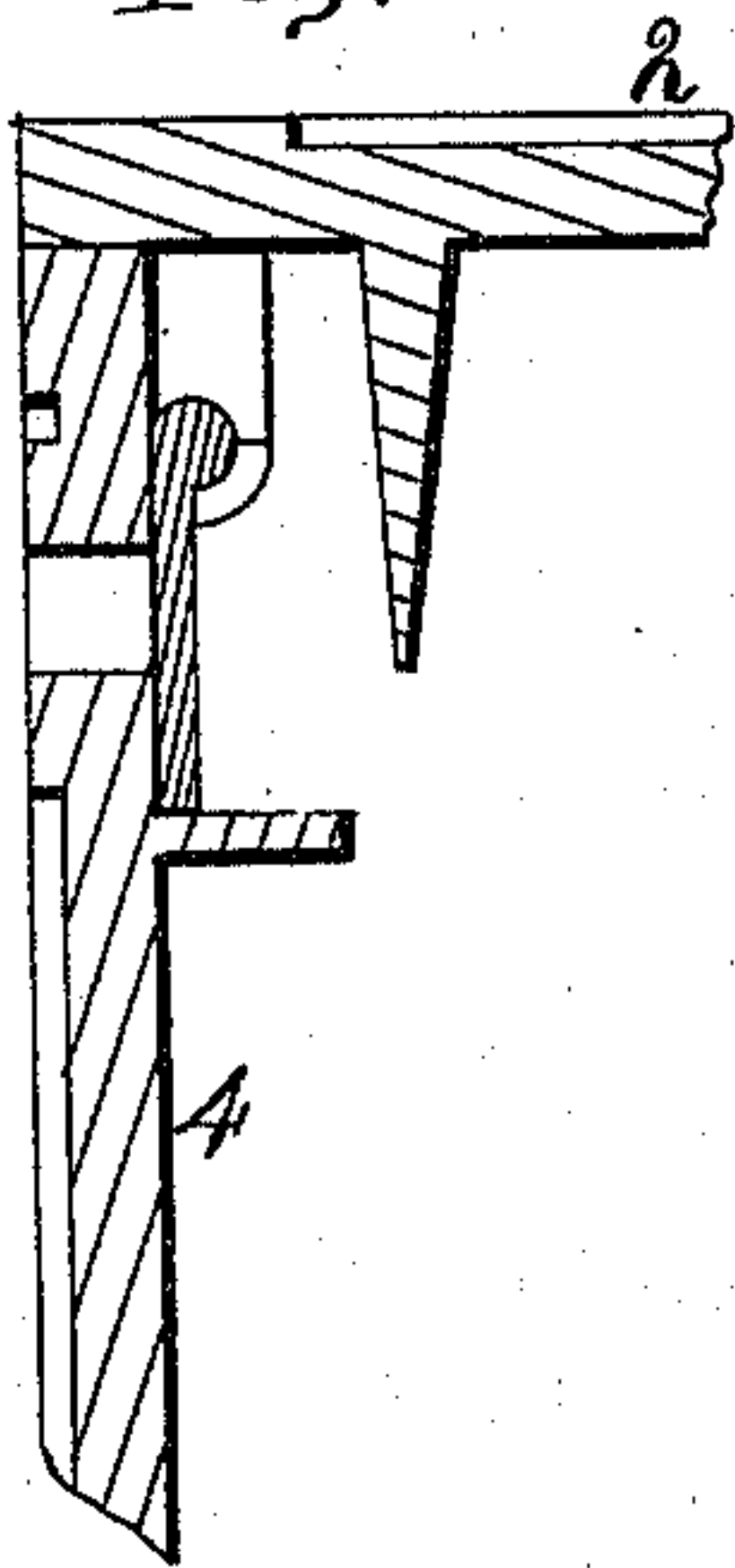


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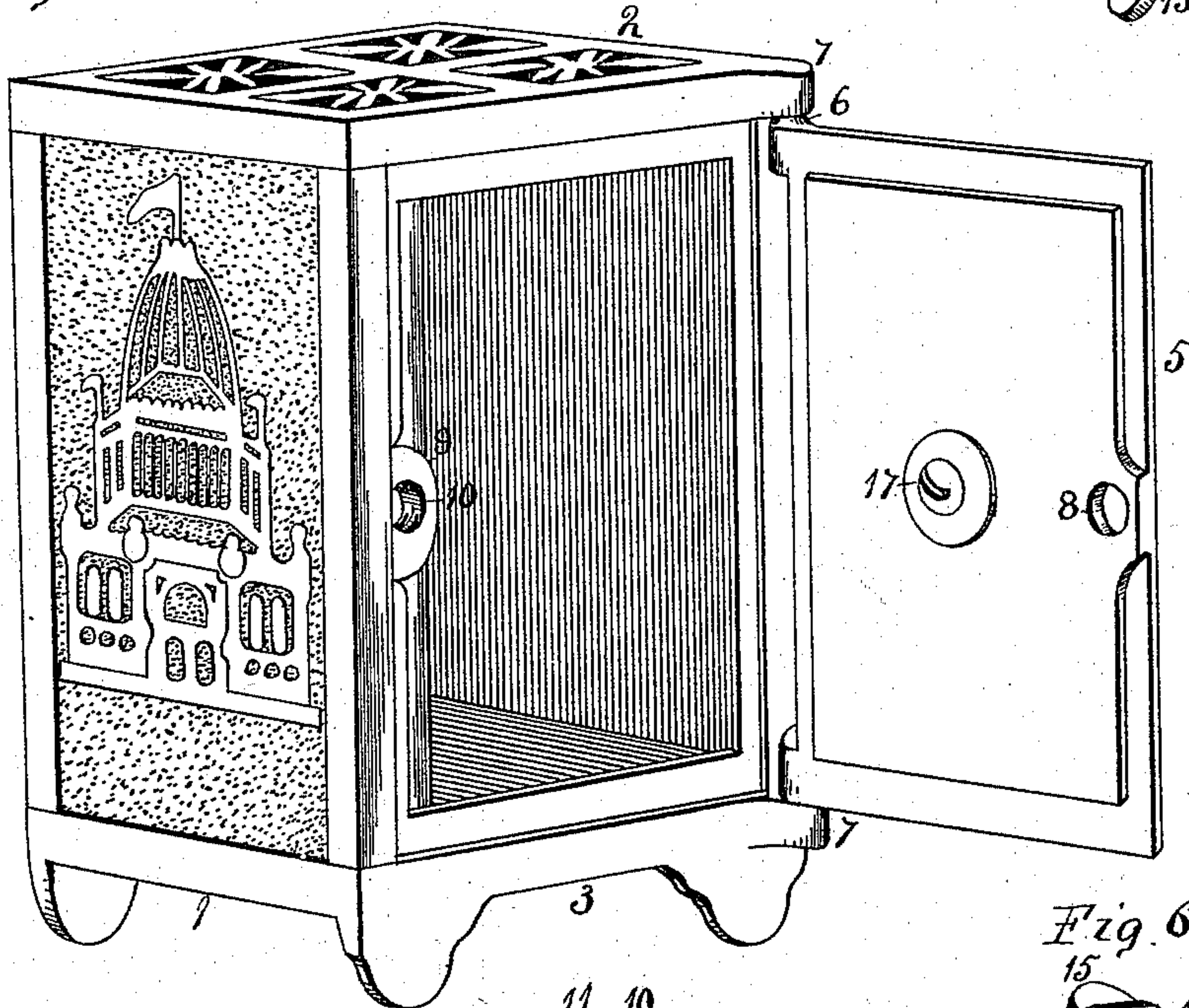


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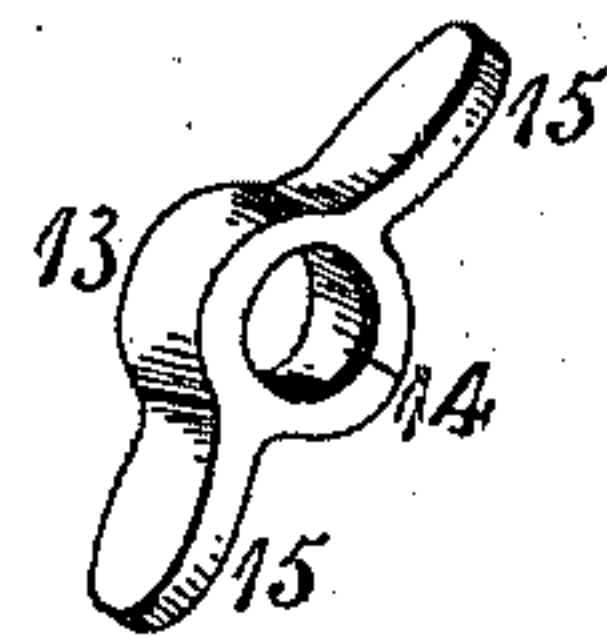


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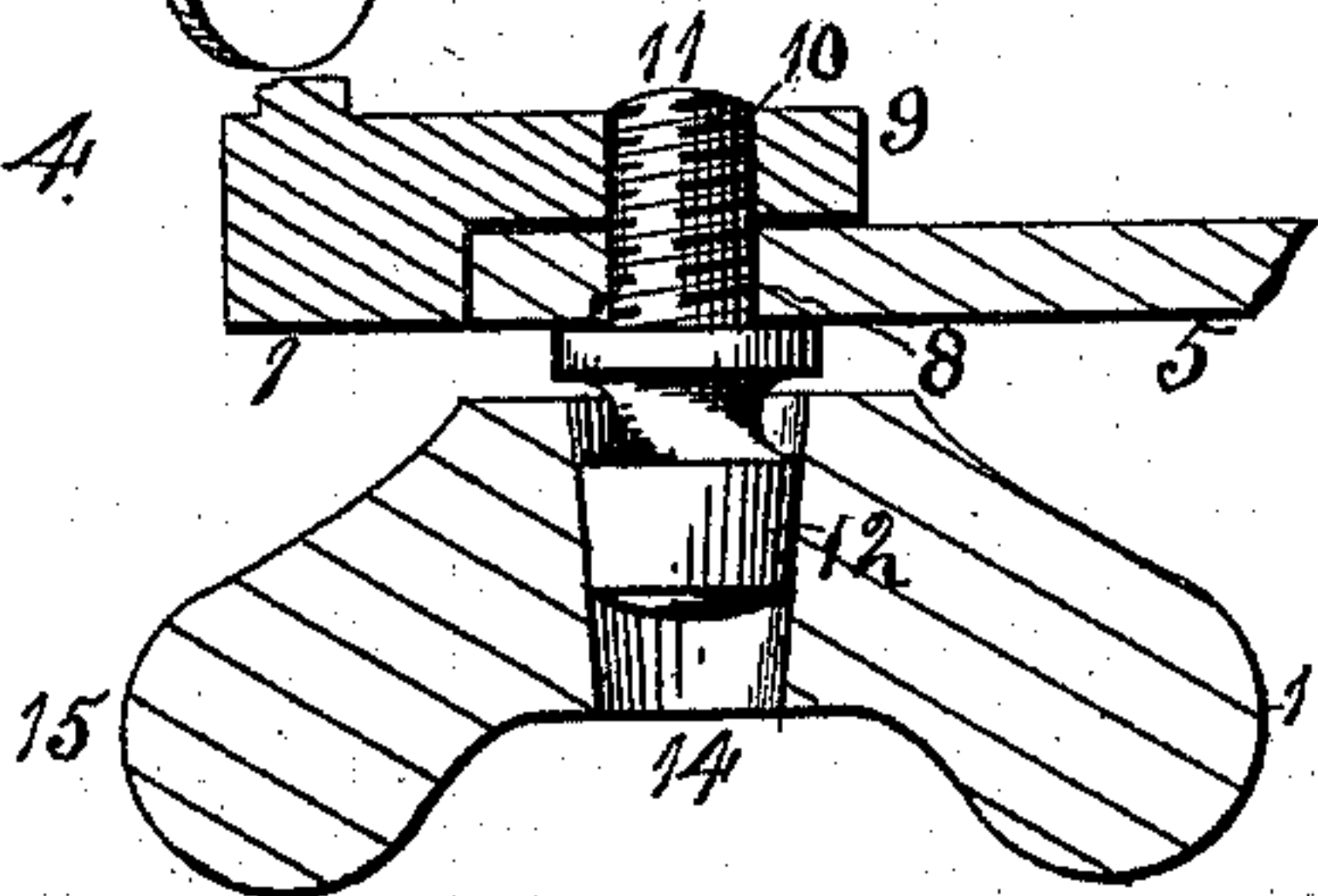
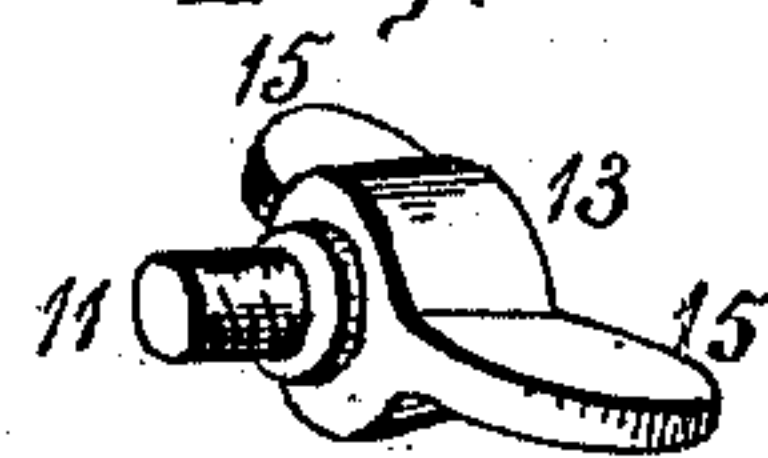


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT NICOL, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Money-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to construct a fastening means for the door, lid or other movable portion closing an opening through which access is had to the inside of the box.

This invention consists in a movable portion and a screw or other device forming a connection between the movable and main portions, the other end of the fastening means being in conical form to receive a key for turning it by its frictional contact therewith, and further consists in a blind combination knob having a connection with the movable portion in order to offer deception and divert the mind and attention from the true means of releasing the movable portion.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is a perspective view of a toy money box embodying my improvements shown in its closed position. Fig. 2, is a similar view shown in its open position. Fig. 3, is a vertical section through the rear upper portion showing the slot through which the money is deposited. Fig. 4, is a horizontal section through the fastening means for holding the movable portion closed. Fig. 5, is a perspective view of the key unlocking the movable portion. Fig. 6, is a perspective view of the key and the knob held thereby.

The money box in this instance is in the form of a safe, consisting of the sides 1, top 2, bottom 3, back 4, and a door 5, having a pivotal connection with the top and bottom by the pintles 6, entering holes in the ears 7, of the top and bottom. A hole 8, is formed through the door near its free end and a lug 9, extends from the inside of one of the sides and has a screw threaded opening 10. The fastening device in this instance consists of a removable screw threaded shank 11, having an enlarged end 12, being conical in form. The screw threaded shank is passed through the opening 8, in the door and turned into

the screw threaded opening 10, thereby secretly holding the door closed.

At Fig. 5, I have shown a key especially adapted to unlock the door, and it consists of a hub 13, having a central conical opening 14, of the same taper and size as the conical portion 12, of the fastening device, and from the hub extends wings 15. This key is placed over the conical end of the fastening device and pressure exerted in the direction of its length which will insure a frictional contact between the key and fastening device sufficient to remove the device when the key is turned, and sufficient to replace the device and turn it down to connect the door with the box proper. The main object in forming this device with a conical head and its location near the outer edge of the door is to convey the idea that it is the knob or handle by which the door is opened after being unlocked, and of itself attracting no attention, and forms the best construction for the application of the friction key, as almost any other construction would suggest the application of a wrench or pliers with which to loosen the device.

To the door is secured a knob 16, by a screw 17, entering it from the inside and passing through the door. This knob has an outer surface provided with numerals and division marks, and the door has an index mark. By means of this blind combination attention is drawn from the true source for holding the door in its closed position, and the device being of the best conformation to deceive its apparent purpose being to form the means for moving the door.

I claim as my invention—

A toy money box consisting of a body portion and a portion removably secured to the body portion, a device for securing the parts together having an outward conical end, and a key having a conical opening adapted to fit the device for turning it.

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