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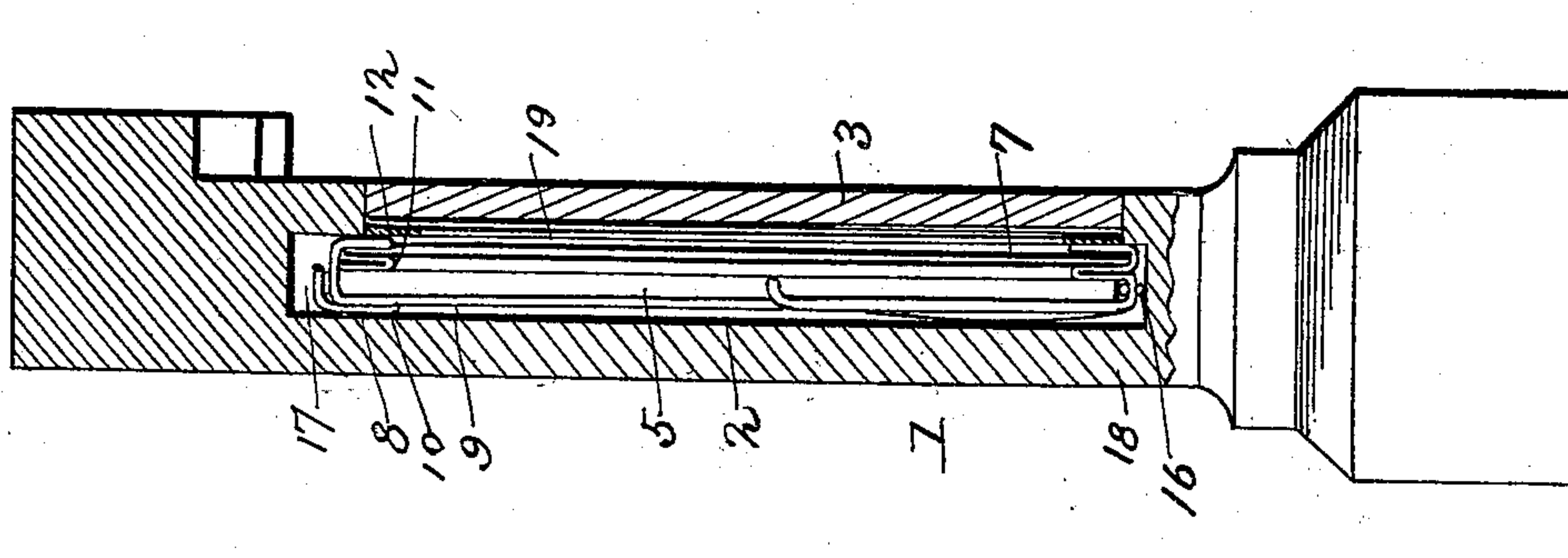
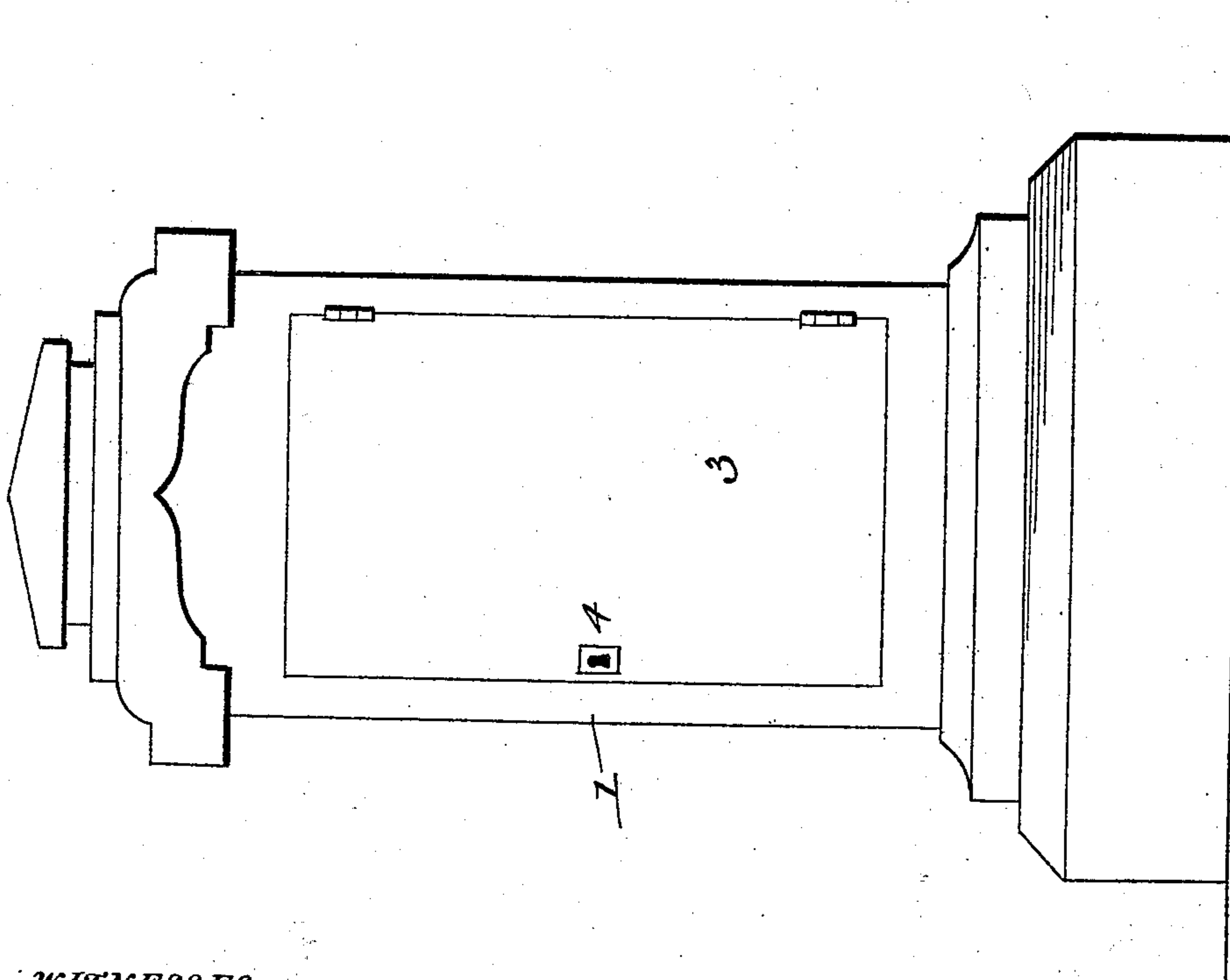


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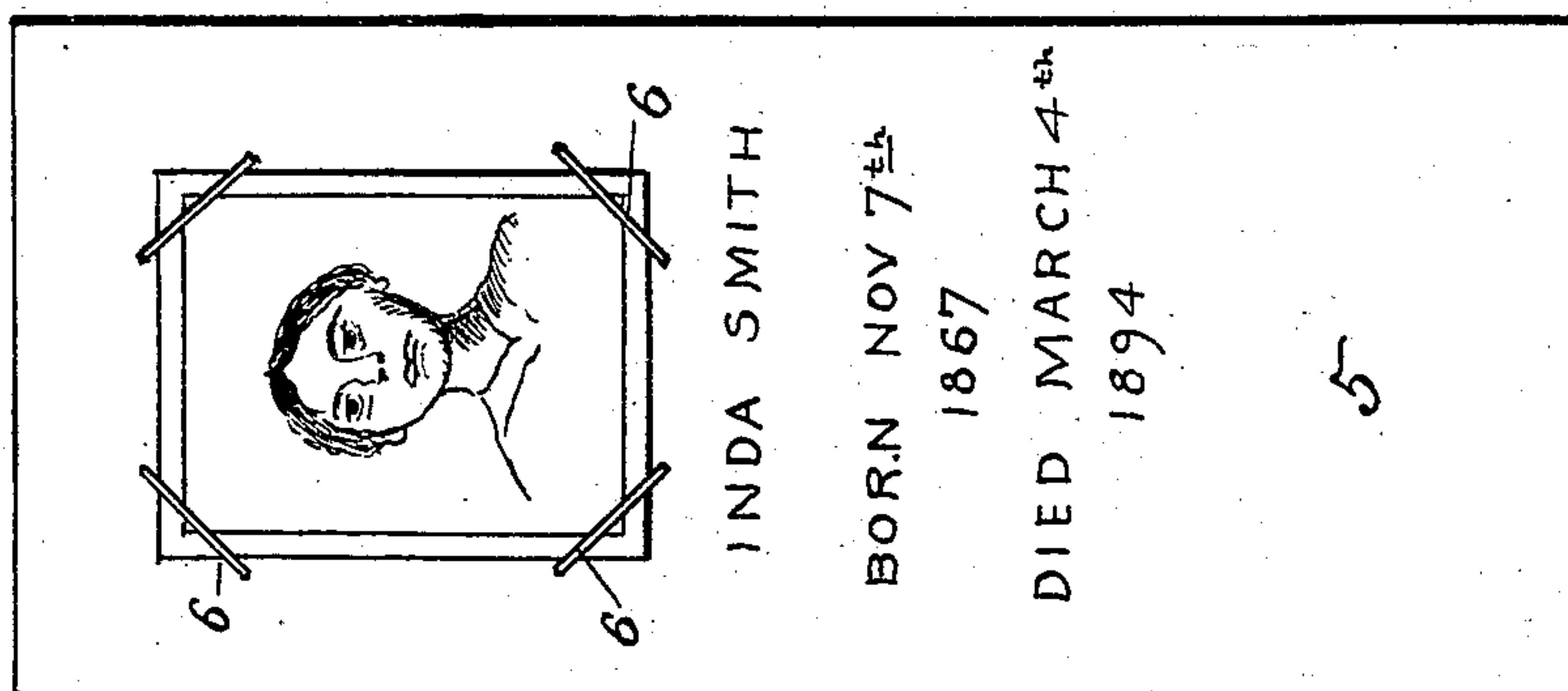
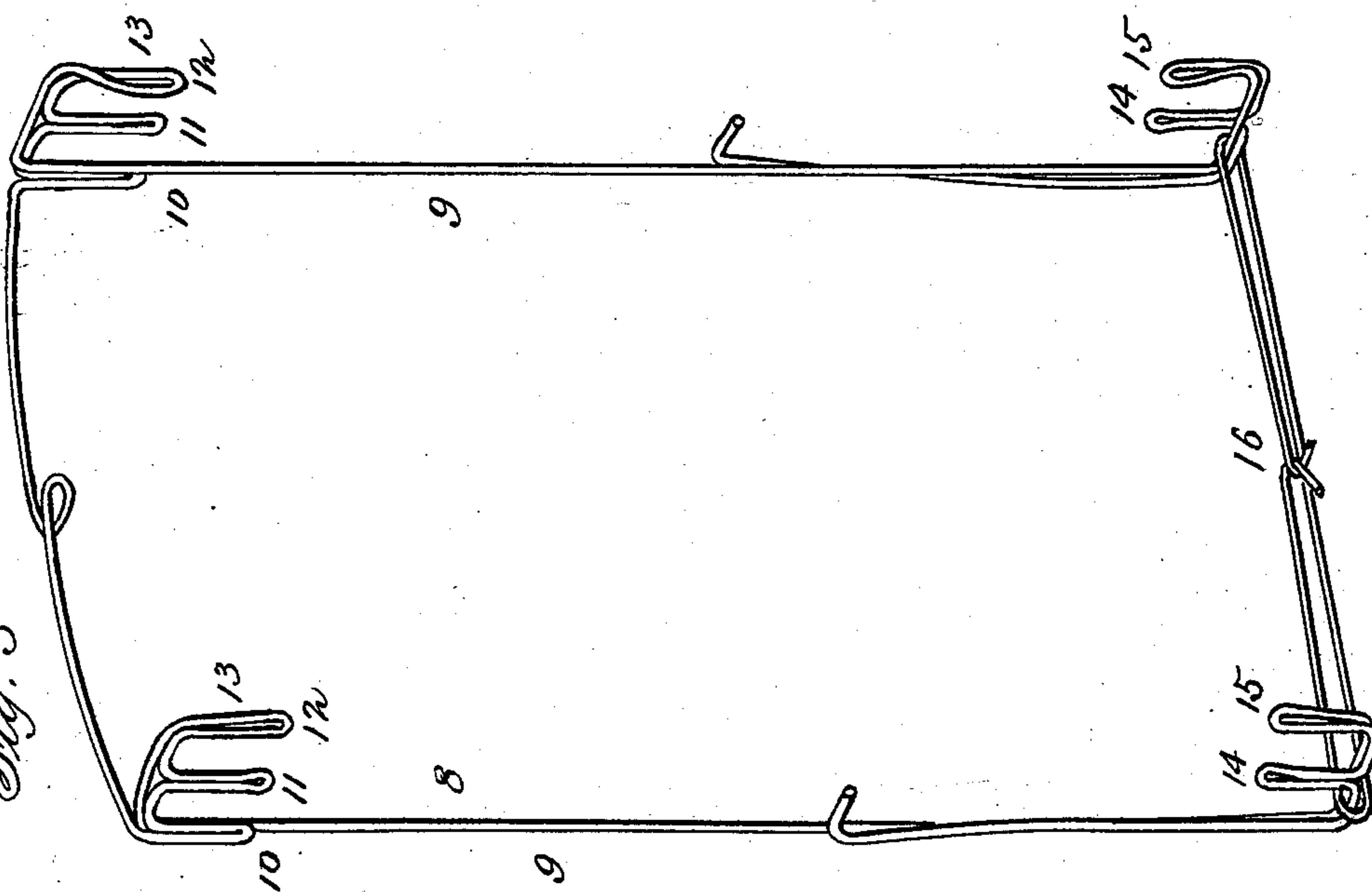


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, YOUNG P. HUDSON and THOMAS F. CRIM, citizens of the United States, residing at Gatewood, in the county of Ripley and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Monuments; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to monuments.

The object of the invention is to provide a monument of such construction that the portrait or likeness of the deceased may be placed within the monument and be protected from evil-disposed persons.

With this object in view the invention consists of certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of a monument embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the wire frame for securing the glass to the plate carrying the photograph or likeness. Fig. 4 is a front view of the plate 5, containing a photograph held in place by wire clamps 6, below the plate being a suitable inscription.

In the drawings, 1 denotes a monument, which may be of any design or ornamentation and which is constructed with a hollow compartment 2, adapted to be closed by a hinged door 3, which may be provided with any suitable lock 4.

5 denotes a plate, preferably of slate. To this plate is adapted to be secured by any suitable fastening means the photograph or likeness of the deceased. In the present instance we have shown the photograph as being secured to the plate by wire clamps 6. Suitable inscriptions are adapted to be placed below the photograph, as shown. This photograph and plate are adapted to be covered by a sheet of glass 7, which is secured to said plate by a wire frame 8. This frame consists of a single piece of wire having parallel sides 9, which lie against the back of the plate.

The upper ends of these side pieces are bent downward to form fingers 10, 11 and 12, one resting against the front of the glass strip, the other resting between the strip and the slate plate, and the last one resting against the back of the slate plate. The wire extends upward from the last-named finger and laterally to the back of the slate plate, and is provided with a forwardly-projecting loop 13, which projects forward over the upper end of the plate. The lower ends of the parallel portions of the wire are bent to form fingers 14 and 15, which serve as a seat for the lower end of the sheet of glass, and the outer finger terminates in an upwardly-projecting arm, having a forwardly-projecting extension, which engages the edges of the glass about midway its length.

16 denotes a wire loop which engages the lower fingers of the wire frame just described and prevents them separating or spreading apart. The slate plate, photograph and glass-cover thus secured together are placed into the compartment in the monument, the upper and lower ends thereof resting in grooves 17 and 18 formed therein.

19 denotes a sheet-metal rim or border which is secured around the edge of the compartment and serves to prevent the removal of the photograph or likeness.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction of the invention will be readily understood without requiring further explanation.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a monument having a compartment and a door hinged to said monument and adapted to close the said compartment, of a plate to which a photograph is adapted to be secured, a sheet of glass to cover said plate, and means for clamping the plate to the glass, said means consisting of a wire frame having parallel sides adapted to engage the back of the plate, said sides terminating at their upper and lower ends in fingers adapted to overlap the plate and glass and provided at their upper ends with a finger

which projects over the upper ends of the glass and plate, the fingers at the lower ends of the parallel side wires terminating in upwardly projecting arms having laterally projecting extensions to engage the side edges
5 of the plate and glass and a loop secured to and connecting the lower ends of the side pieces of the frame, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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