

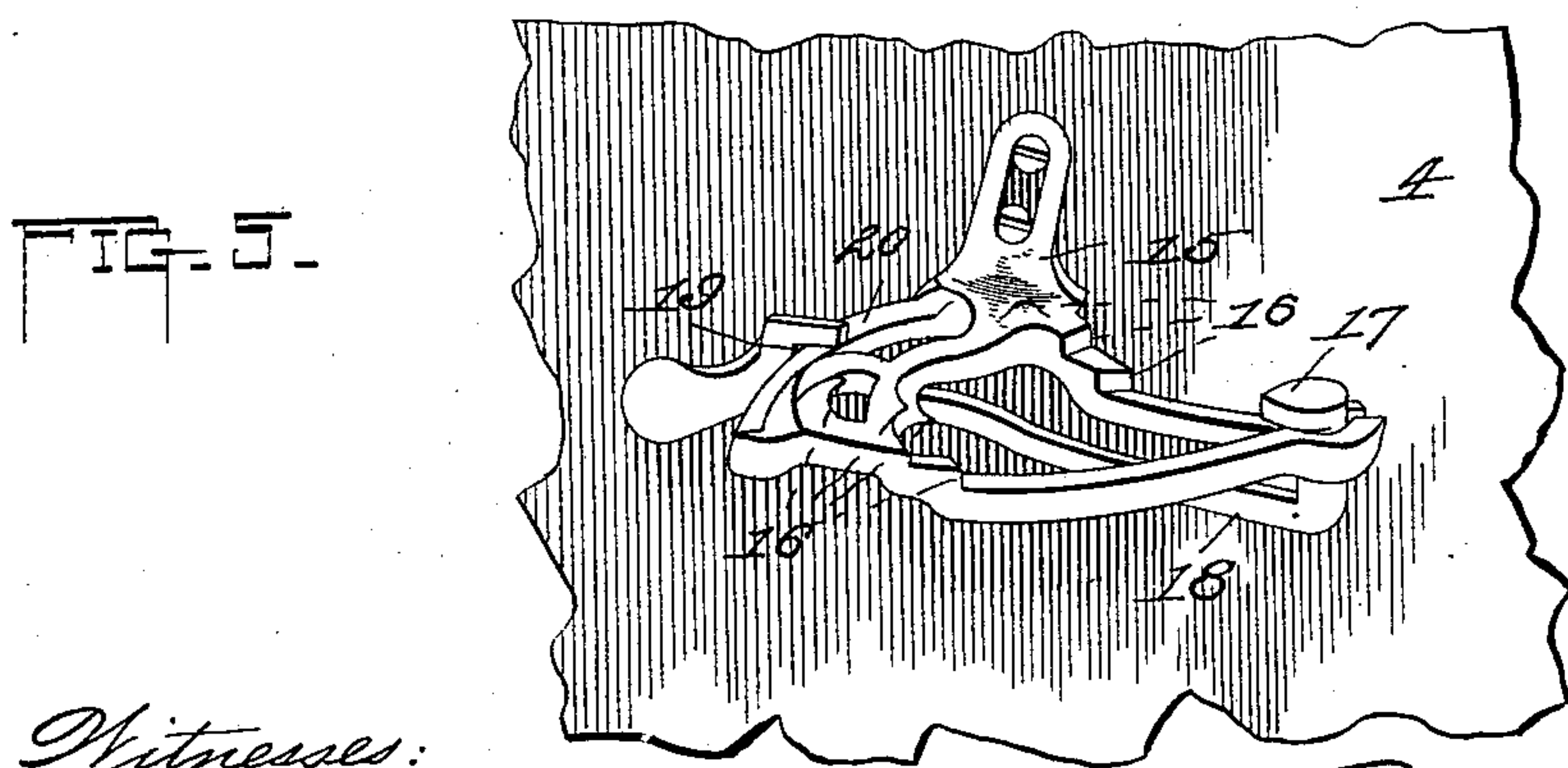
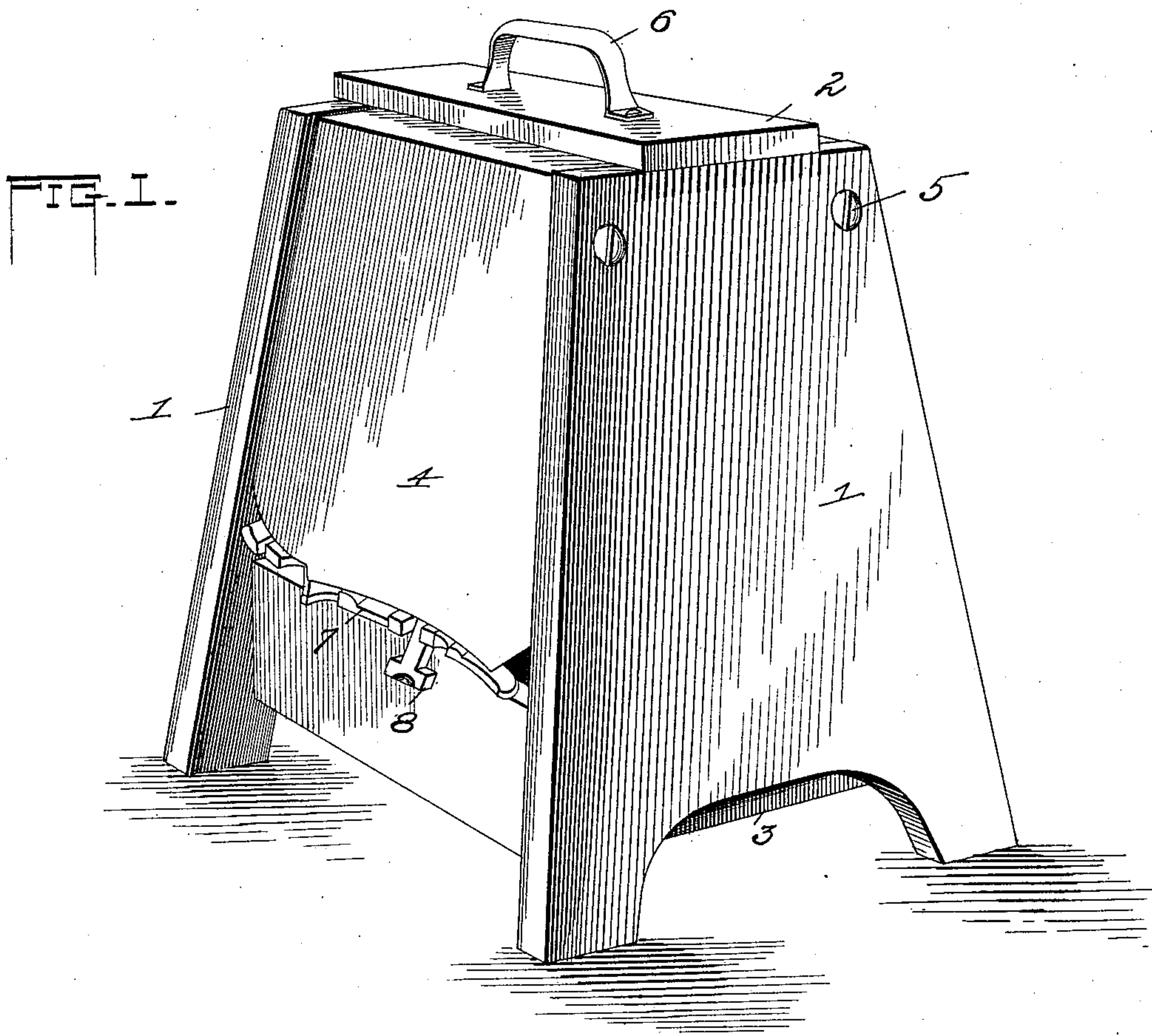
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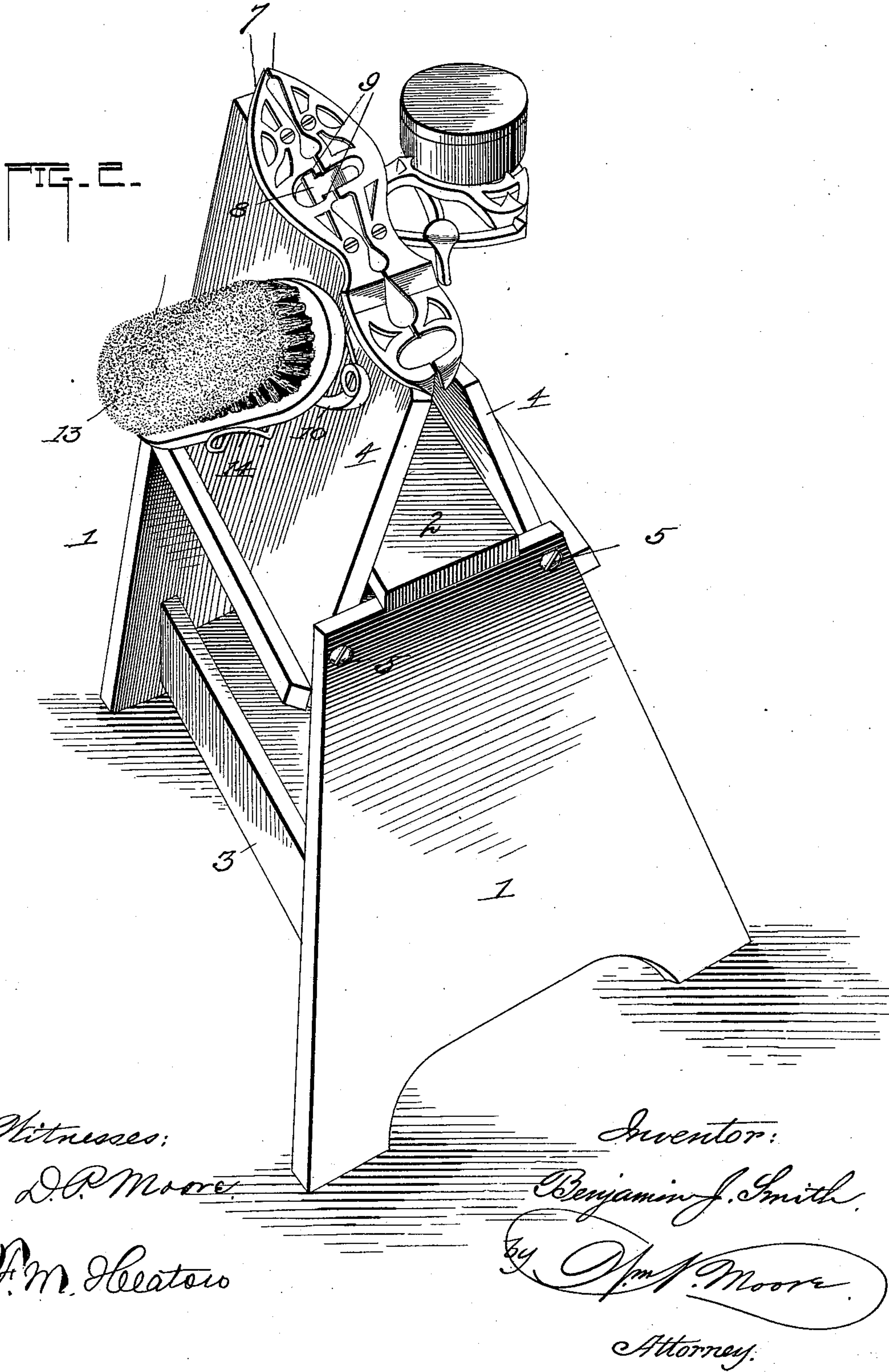
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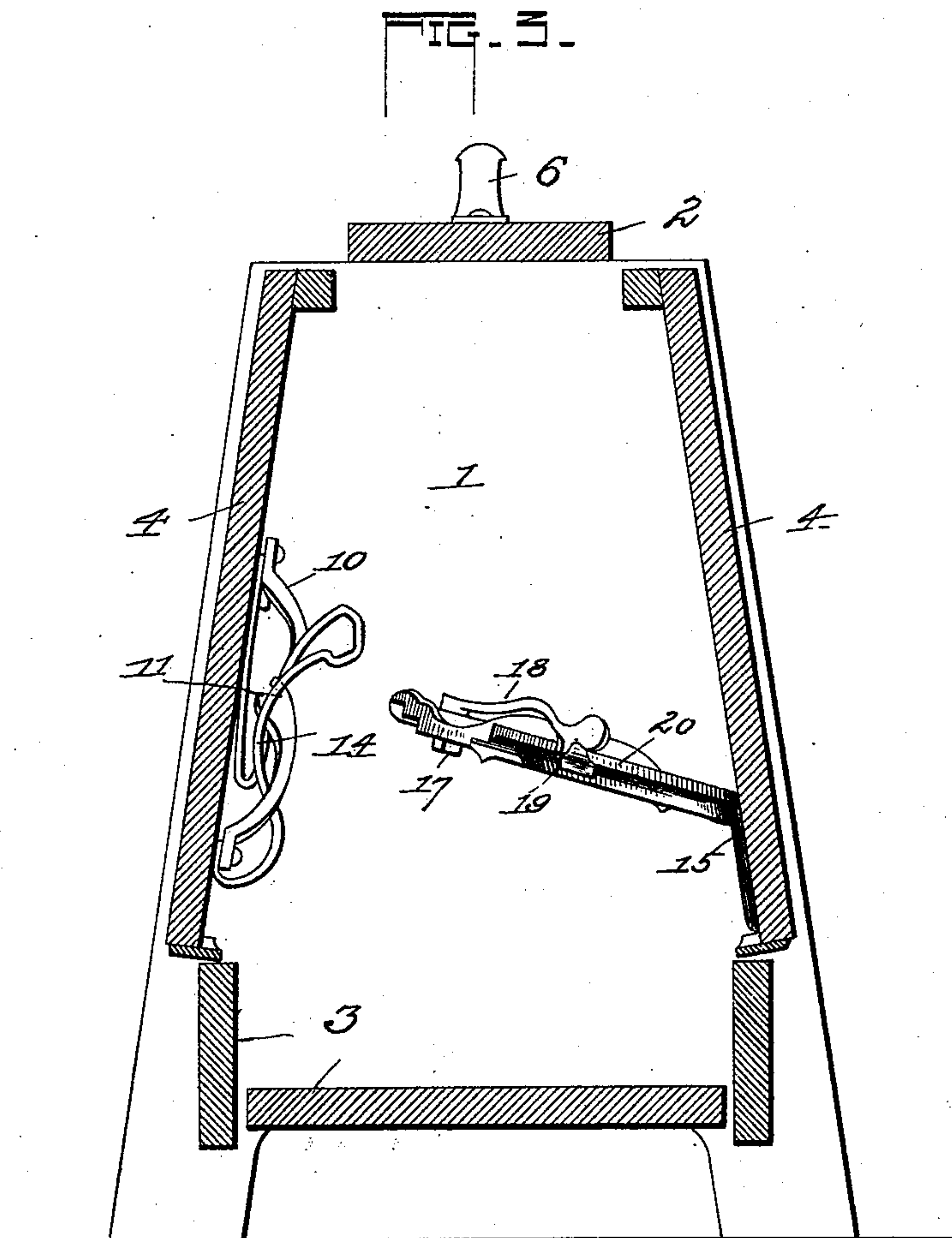
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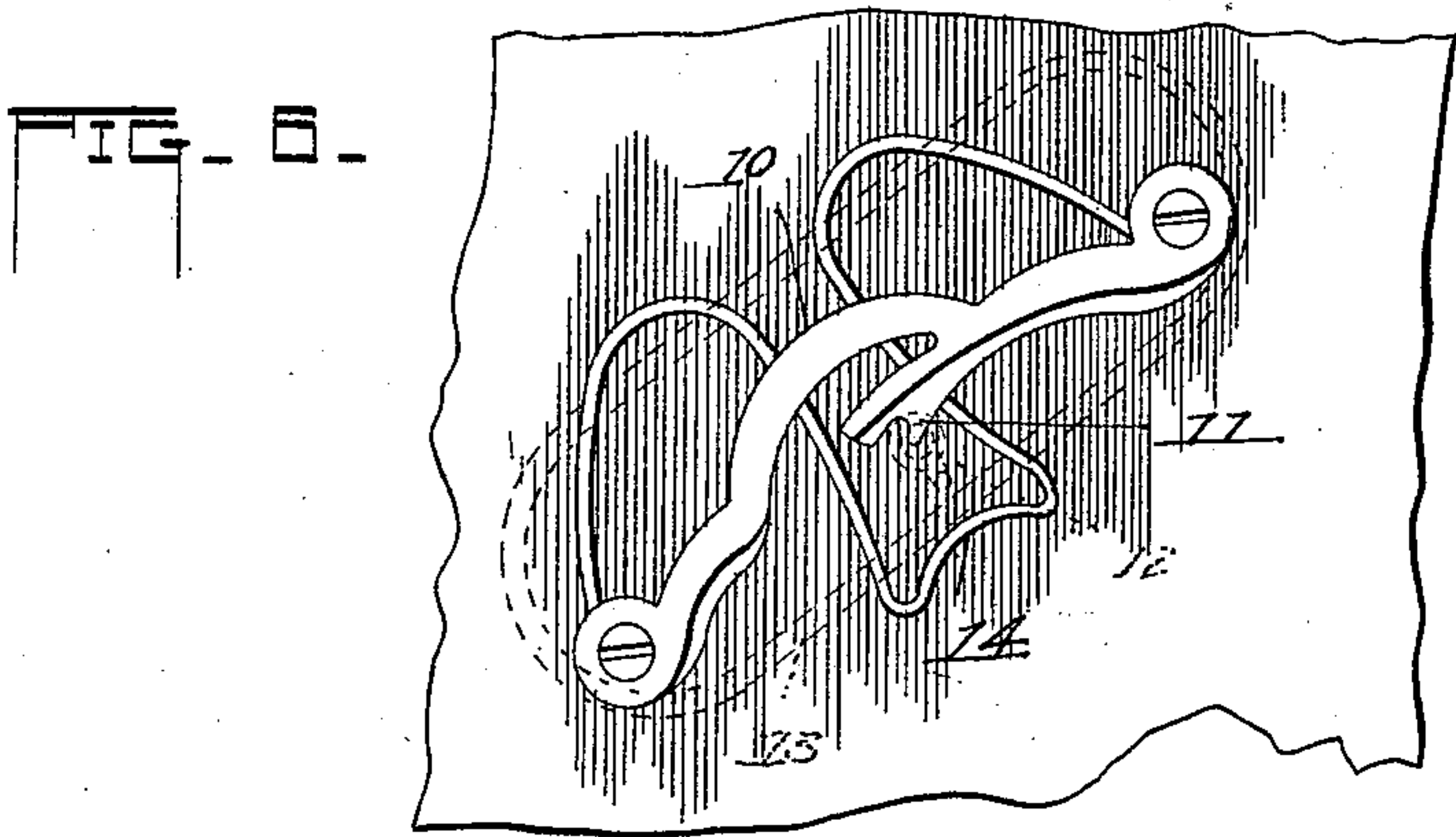
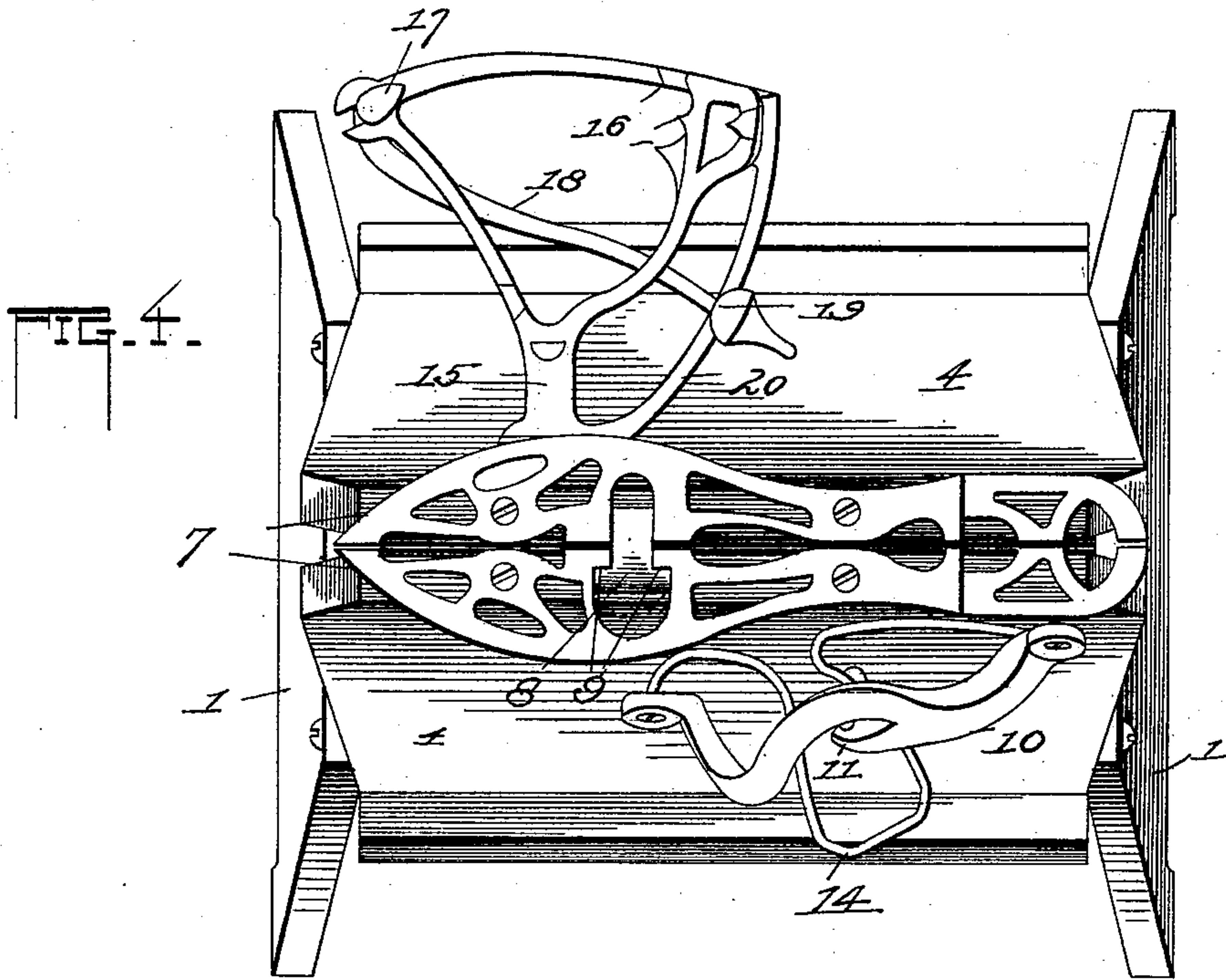
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## SHOE-POLISHING CABINET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN J. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pottsville, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Polishing Cabinets; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to improvements in shoe-polishing cabinets, that is to say, a cabinet to contain the articles used in polishing or shining shoes.

The object of my invention is the provision of a cabinet which will be compact in order that it can be easily stored and transported and which will be of attractive appearance.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a cabinet which will at all times be clean, so as not to soil the hands or apparel of the user.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a cabinet which can be easily and quickly set up for use and be closed when out of use, and which will be of simple and inexpensive construction, thus rendering the invention entirely practical and useful.

To attain the desired objects, the invention consists of a shoe-polishing cabinet embodying novel features of construction and combination of parts substantially as disclosed herein.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the cabinet as it appears when not in use. Fig. 2 represents a similar view with the parts in the assumed position when in use. Fig. 3 represents a transverse sectional view of my cabinet with one end removed to clearly show the details of construction. Fig. 4 represents a plan view. Fig. 5 represents a detail view of the blacking-box-holding device, and Fig. 6 represents a detail view of the brush-holding device.

Referring by numerals to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the ends of the casing, which flare from the bottom toward the top. 2 designates the top, 3 the bottom, and 4 the two sides or leaves which are hinged or pivoted to the ends at 5, and for convenience in carrying the cabinet I provide the bail or

handle 6. This construction, it will be seen, provides a compact and attractive casing. To the lower ends of the hinged sides is connected the two sections or halves 7 of the foot-support, which sections when brought together form a perfect rest or support, and one section carries the hinged catch 8, which engages a slot or keeper 9 in the other section. When the cabinet is out of use, the leaves or sides are closed, and when desired to use the same the sides are opened and the sections or halves of the foot-rest are connected together and form a perfect support for the foot. To one of the sides is connected the bail 10, which is provided with a hook 11 for engaging an eye 12 on the brush 13, and to cause the hook and eye to hold I provide the spring-clamp 14, which bears upward against the brush and holds it to the hook on the bail, as shown, and in this manner I provide a perfect holder for the brush. To the other leaf or side is secured the hanger or bracket 15, which is of substantially segment or crescent shape and is provided with a series of steps or lugs 16, against which one edge of the blacking-box rests, and the other edge of the box is engaged by the cam or head 17, formed at one end of the lever 18, said lever having near the other end the recess or channel 19, which moves on the curved bar 20 of the said bracket or hanger.

In use the box of blacking has one edge resting against the rigid steps or lugs of the hanger, and the other edge is engaged by the cam or head on the clamping-lever, and the box is thus securely held upon the bracket and any size box of blacking accommodated, as circumstances require.

It will thus be seen that I provide a very useful article for office or household use and which by reason of its simplicity, efficiency, portability, and cheapness will commend itself to all desiring an article of this character.

I claim—

1. A shoe-polishing cabinet having two hinged sides, each carrying a section of the foot-rest; said sides when opened bringing the sections together to form a complete rest or support for the foot.

2. A shoe-polishing cabinet having two hinged sides, each carrying a section of a foot-rest or support, and a catch on one sec-

tion for engaging the other section to form a complete rest or support for the foot.

3. A shoe-polishing cabinet having two hinged sides, a foot-rest carried by said sides, 5 and consisting of two sections adapted to be brought together to form the complete rest a brush-holder on one of the sides and a blacking-box holder on the other side.

4. A shoe-polishing cabinet having two 10 hinged sides, a foot-rest carried by the free ends of said sides and composed of two sections adapted to be secured together to form the complete rest, a brush-holder carried by one of the sides and consisting of a bail for

engaging the brush and a clamp for forcing 15 the brush in contact with the bail.

5. A shoe-polishing cabinet having two hinged sides, a blacking-box holder carried by one of the sides and comprising a frame or bracket having a series of graduated lugs 20 or abutments, and a clamping-lever mounted upon said frame and having a clamping or binding head or cam.

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