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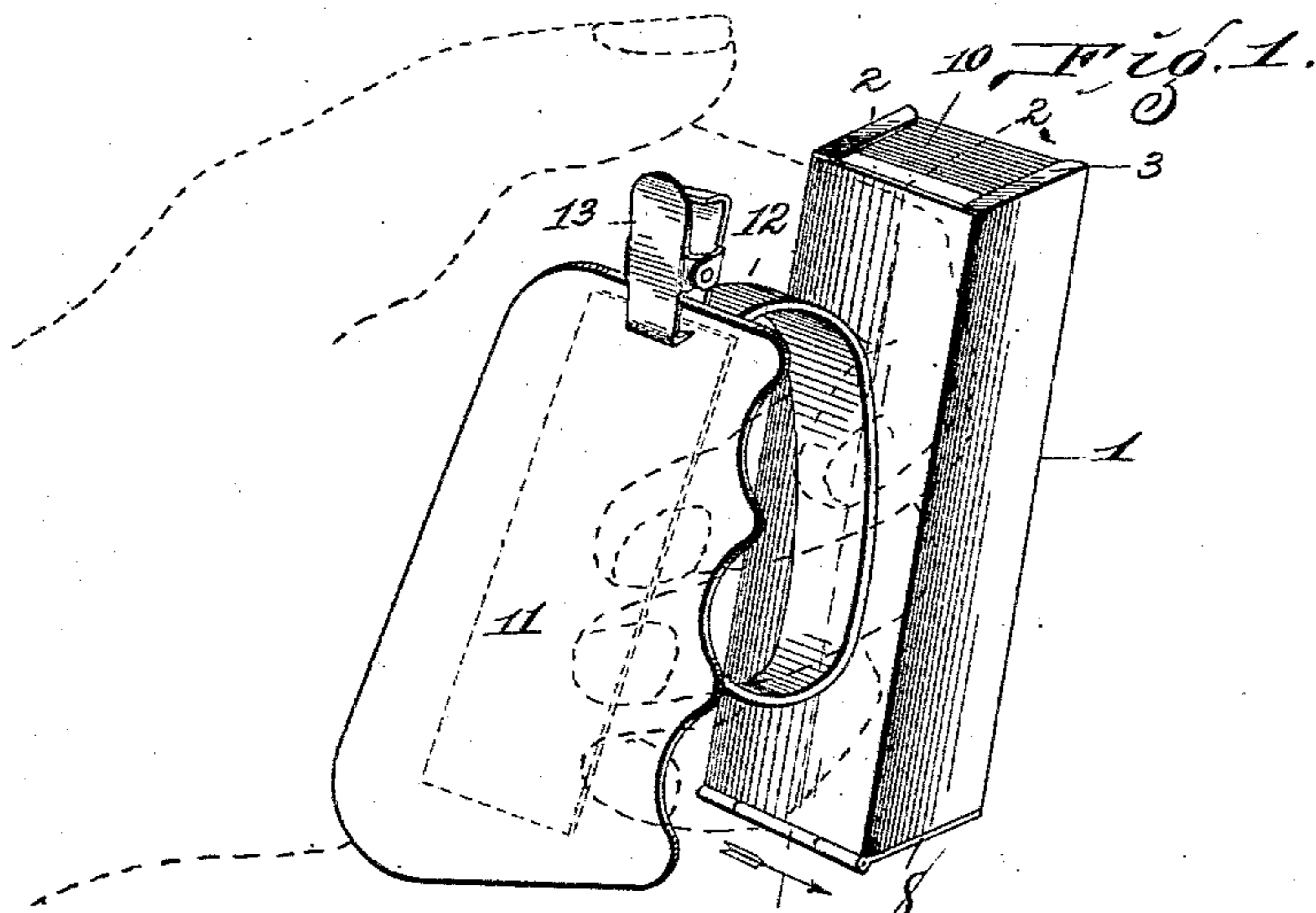


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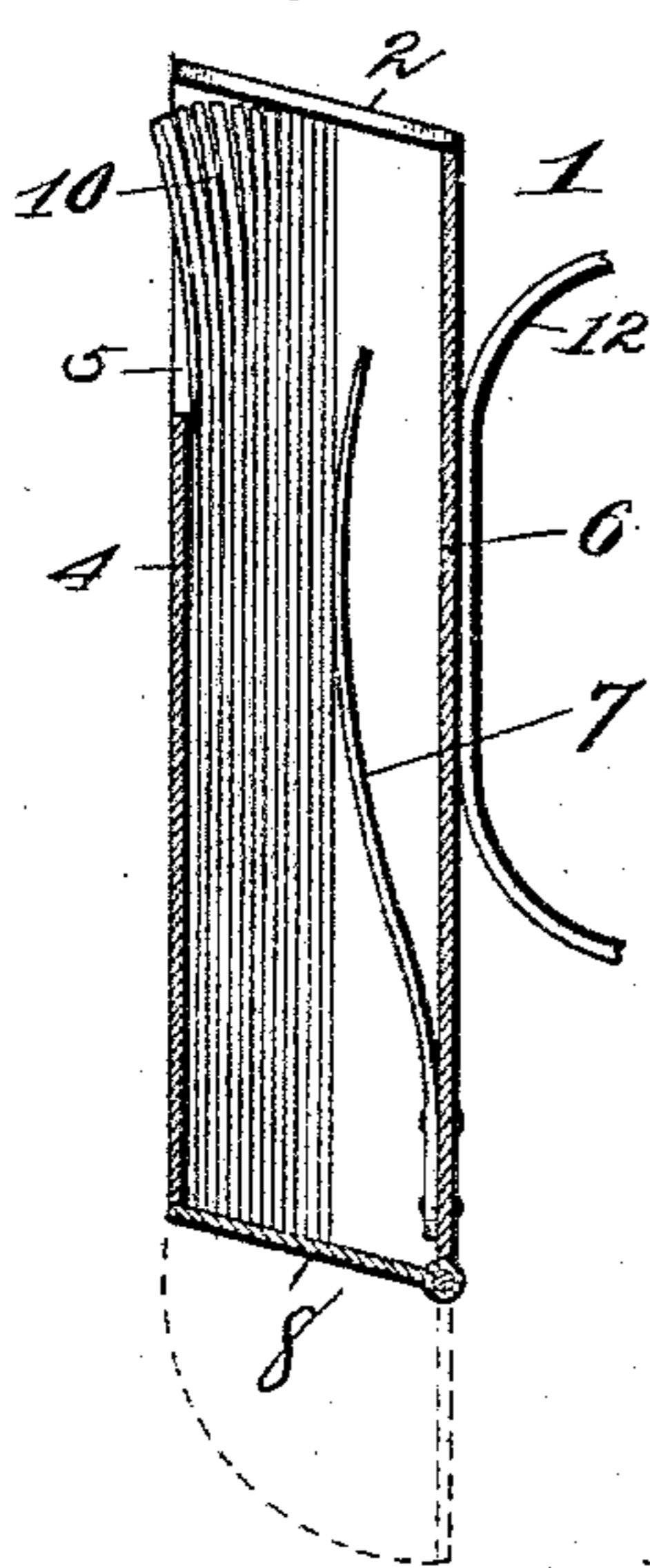


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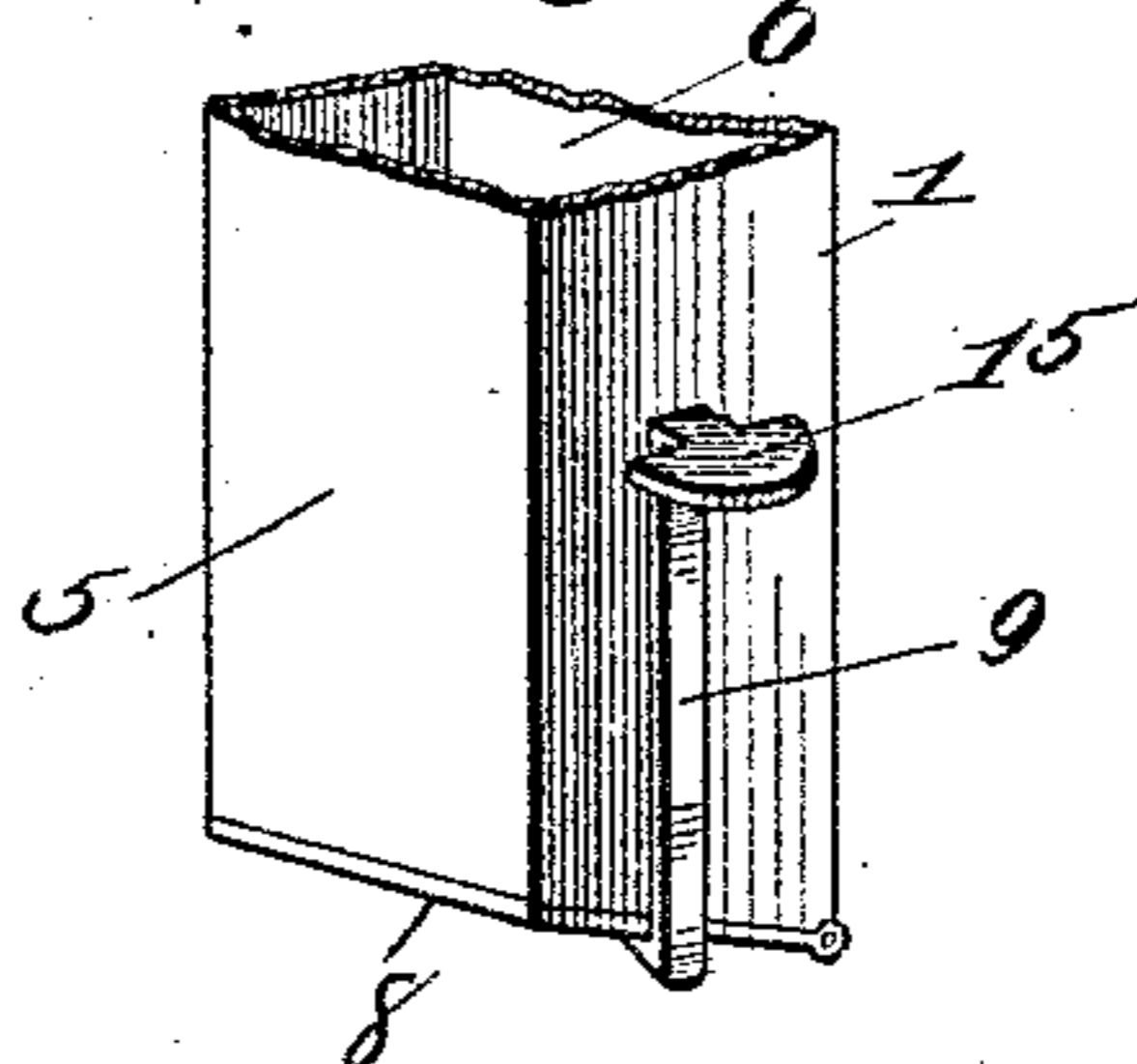
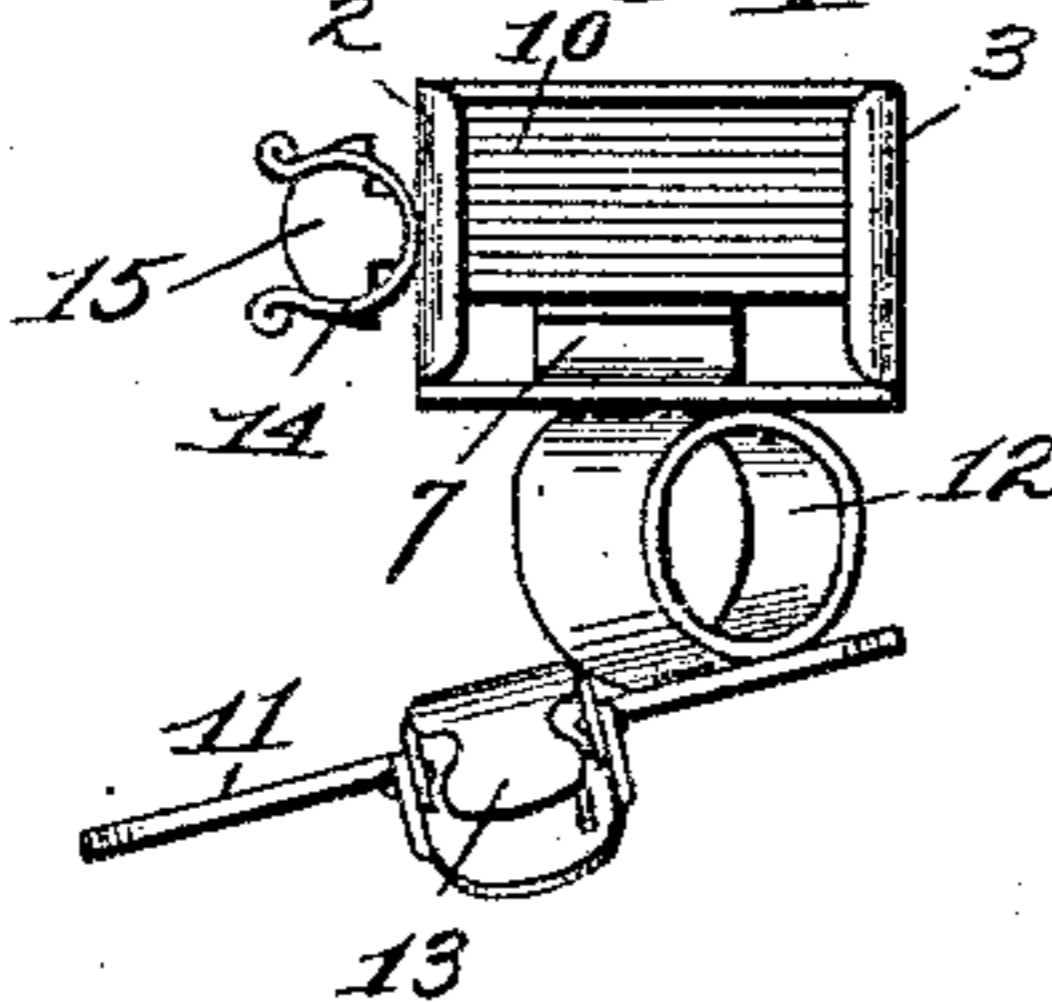


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CONDUCTOR'S HAND-CLIP AND CHECK-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS R. THOMAS, of the city of Newton, Harvey county, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Conductor's Hand-Clips and Check-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to an improved conductor's hand-clip and check-case; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved conductor's check-case. The position of the operator's hand is shown in dotted line. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrow. Fig. 3 is a perspective of a broken-off portion of the check-case shown in Fig. 1, looking at the opposite side from the view in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a top plan view.

In the construction of my improved conductor's check-case I use a rectangular sheet-metal box 1, having the top edges 2 and 3 turned in, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. The back side 4 of the box is somewhat shorter than the other three sides, thus leaving an opening 5, as shown in Fig. 2. To the side 6, opposite the opening 5 and inside of the box, is a spring-follower 7, attached to said side piece. The bottom end of the box is closed by a door 8, hinged to the side piece 6, as shown in Fig. 2. This door is held in position when closed by a spring-catch 9, attached to and on the outside wall of the box, as shown in Fig. 3. The position of the door when open is shown in dotted lines. A bunch of checks 10 is inserted through the door in the bottom of the box and held in position against the side piece 4 by the spring-follower 7. This box is designed to be carried on the back of the conductor's hand, as shown in Fig. 1.

A flat piece of sheet metal 11 of irregular contour is designed to be held inside of the hand. An oval loop 12 connects the box with said plate 11, said loop being designed for the insertion of one or more fingers of the hand. A suitable spring-actuated clasp 13 is attached

to the top of said plate 11. A spring-clasp 14, designed for holding a lead-pencil, is attached to one side of the rectangular box heretofore described, as shown in Fig. 4. A rest or step 15 is attached to the same side of said box and a short distance below said clasp 14. A lead-pencil, when in place in said clasp 14, rests upon the step 15. This step is shown in Fig. 3 and the whole arrangement is shown in Fig. 4.

In the operation of my improved conductor's check-case a bunch of checks 10 is inserted through the door in the bottom of the box 1 and held in position by the spring-follower 7. A lead-pencil is inserted in the clasp 14, with one end resting upon the step 15. The device is then placed upon the left hand, as shown in Fig. 1. When it is desired to "check" a passenger, a blank is drawn from the box through the opening 5 and placed upon the plate 11, with one end under the clasp 13. The conductor then pulls the pencil from the clasp 14 and makes the desired inscription upon said check and then pulls the check from the clasp and hands it to the passenger.

A conductor's check-case of my improved construction is light, strong, durable, and very convenient. It may be nickel-plated or otherwise ornamented to suit the taste.

I claim—

1. In a conductor's check-case, a rectangular box partially closed at one end, a hinged door arranged to close the other end, a spring-catch to hold said door closed, a spring-follower inside of said box and attached to one side thereof, an opening in said box on the side opposite the follower and the end opposite the door, and means of attaching said box to the hand.

2. In a conductor's check-case, a rectangular box partially closed at one end, a hinged door arranged to close the other end, a spring-catch to hold said door closed, a spring-follower inside of said box and attached to one side thereof, an opening in said box on the side opposite the follower and the end opposite the door, an oval loop attached to the side of said box, a plate of irregular contour attached to said loop and a spring-clasp at the upper end of said plate.

3. In a conductor's check-case, a rectangular box partially closed at one end, a hinged door arranged to close the other end, a spring-catch to hold said door closed, a spring-follower inside of said box and attached to one side thereof, an opening in said box on the side opposite the follower and the end opposite the door, an oval loop attached to the side of said box, a writing-plate attached to said loop, a spring-clasp attached to the up-

per end of said plate, a spring-clasp for holding a pencil attached to one side of said rectangular box, and a step for supporting said pencil attached to said box beneath said clasp.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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