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Fig. 1.

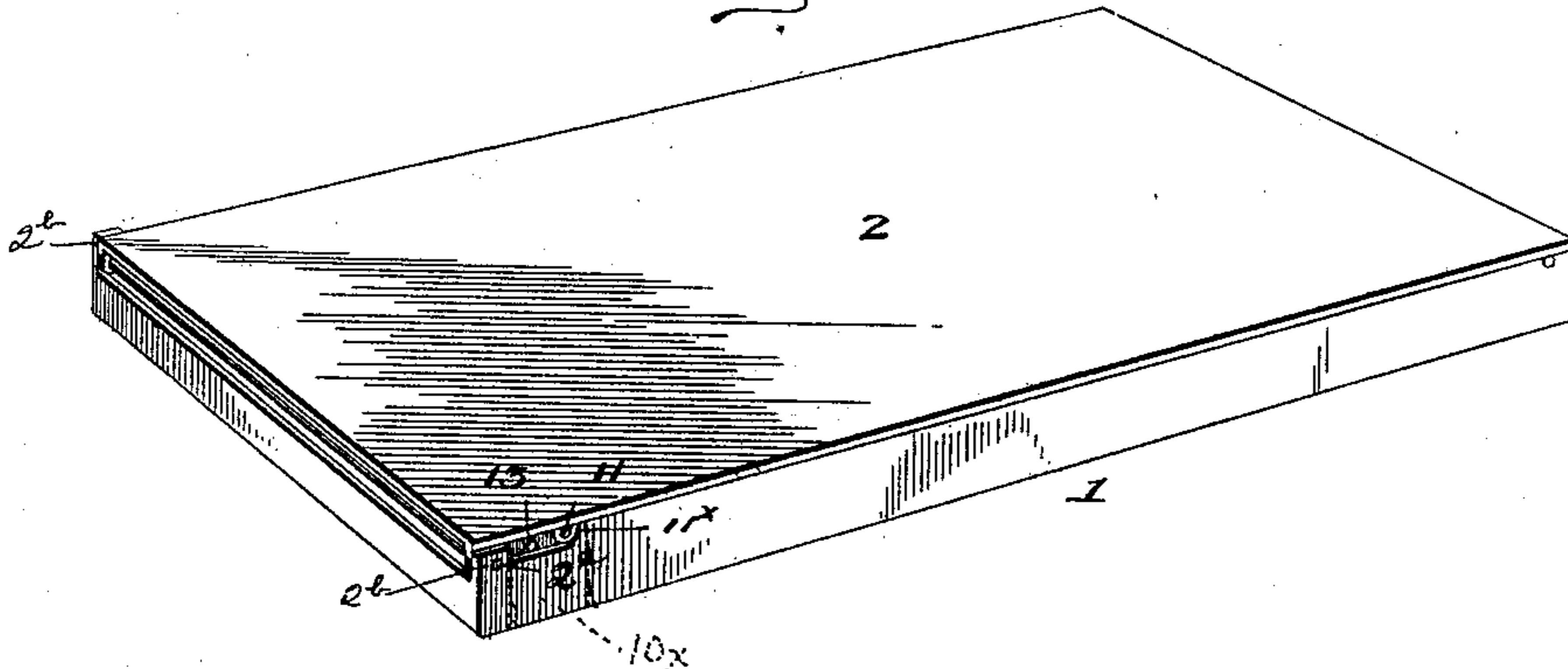


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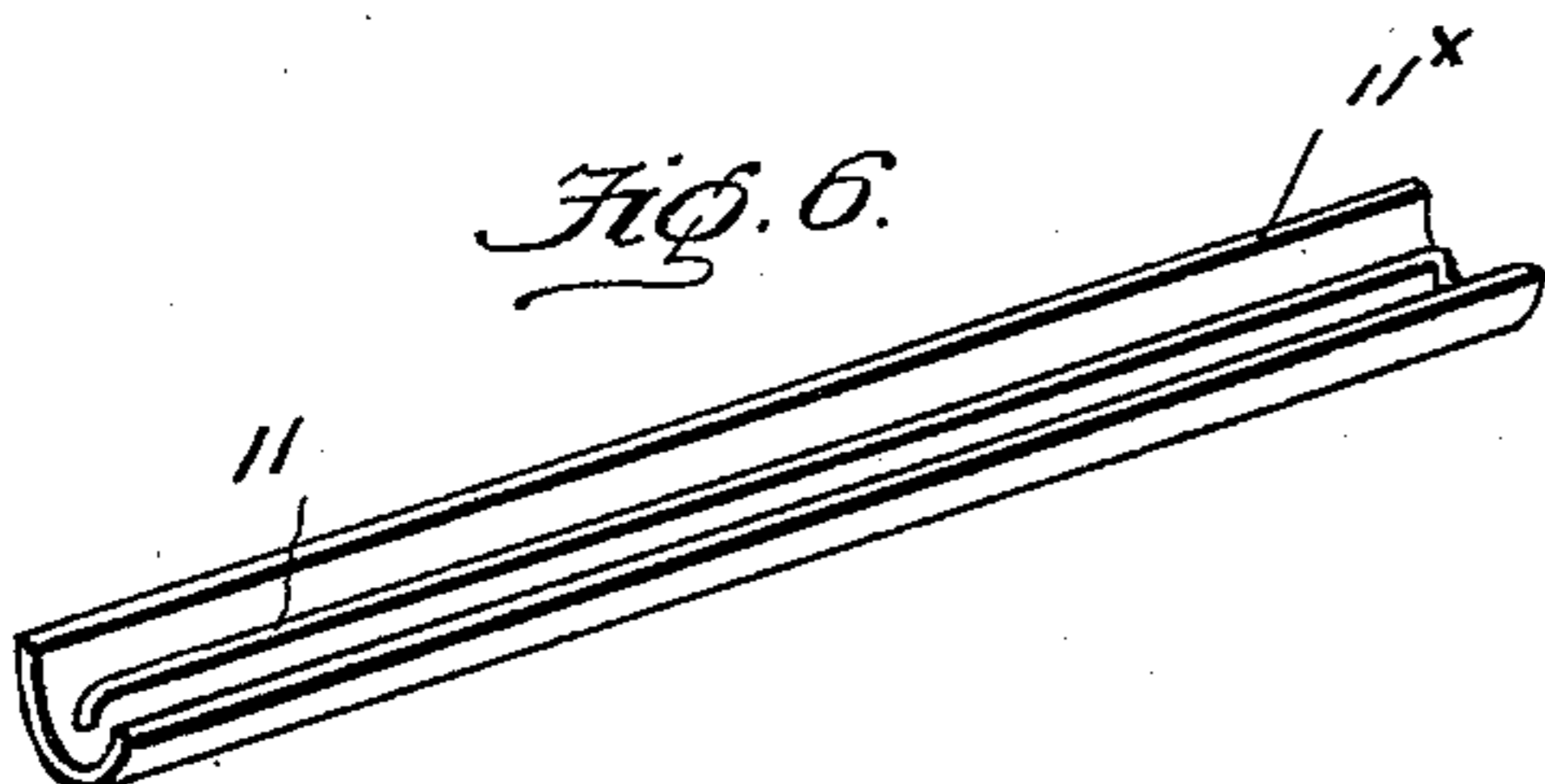
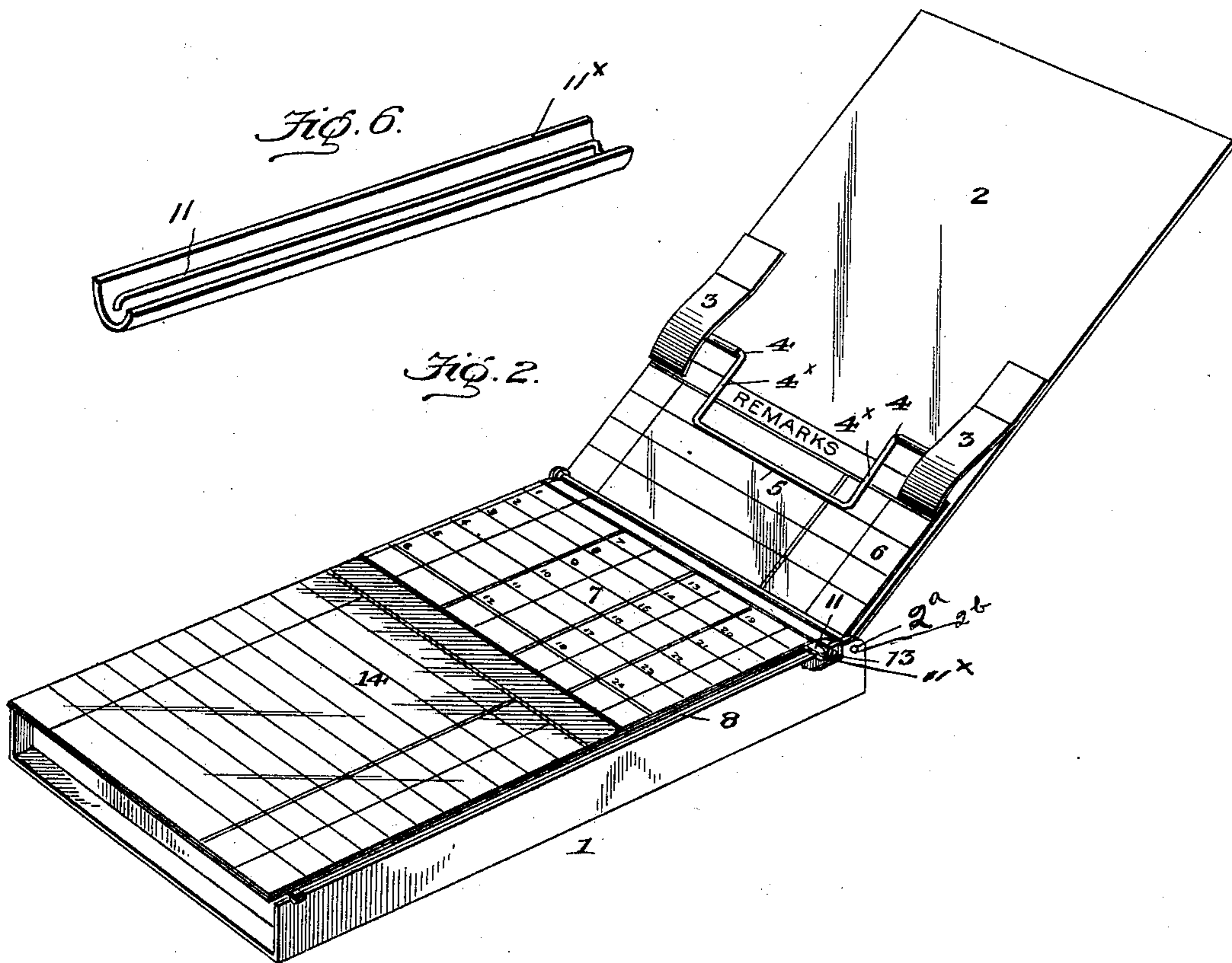


Fig. 2.



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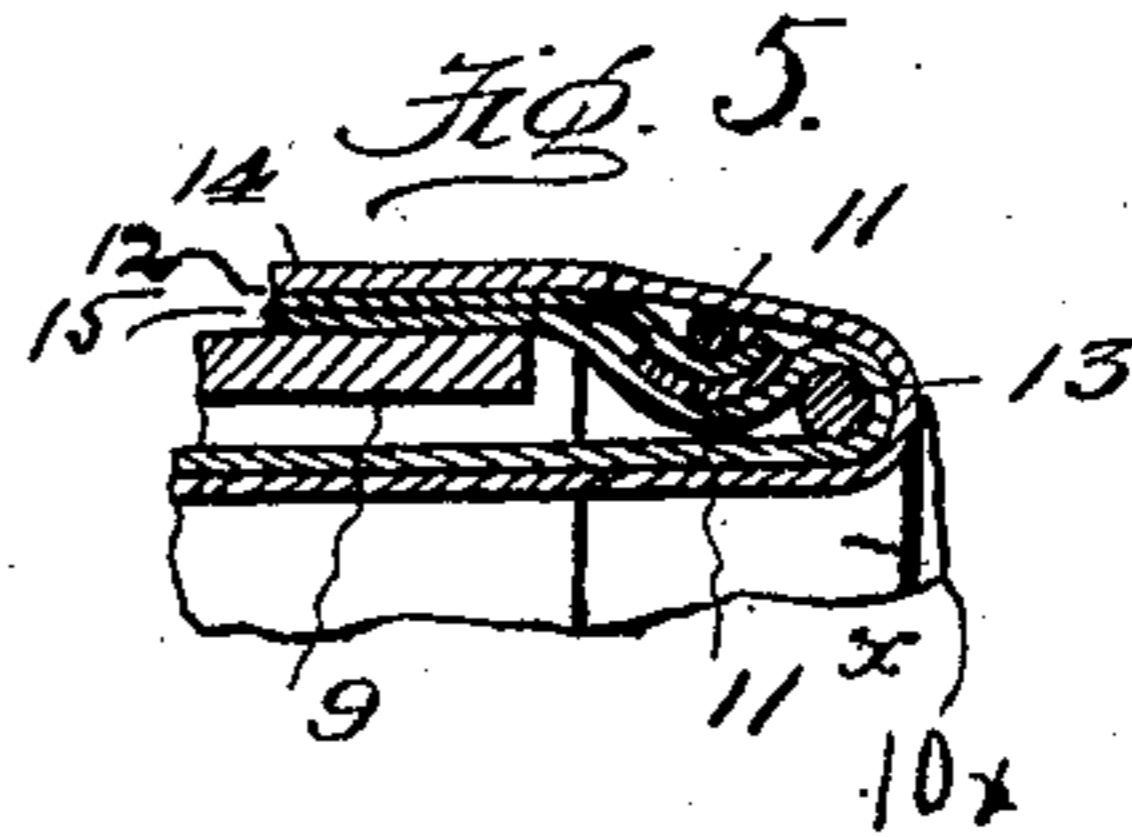
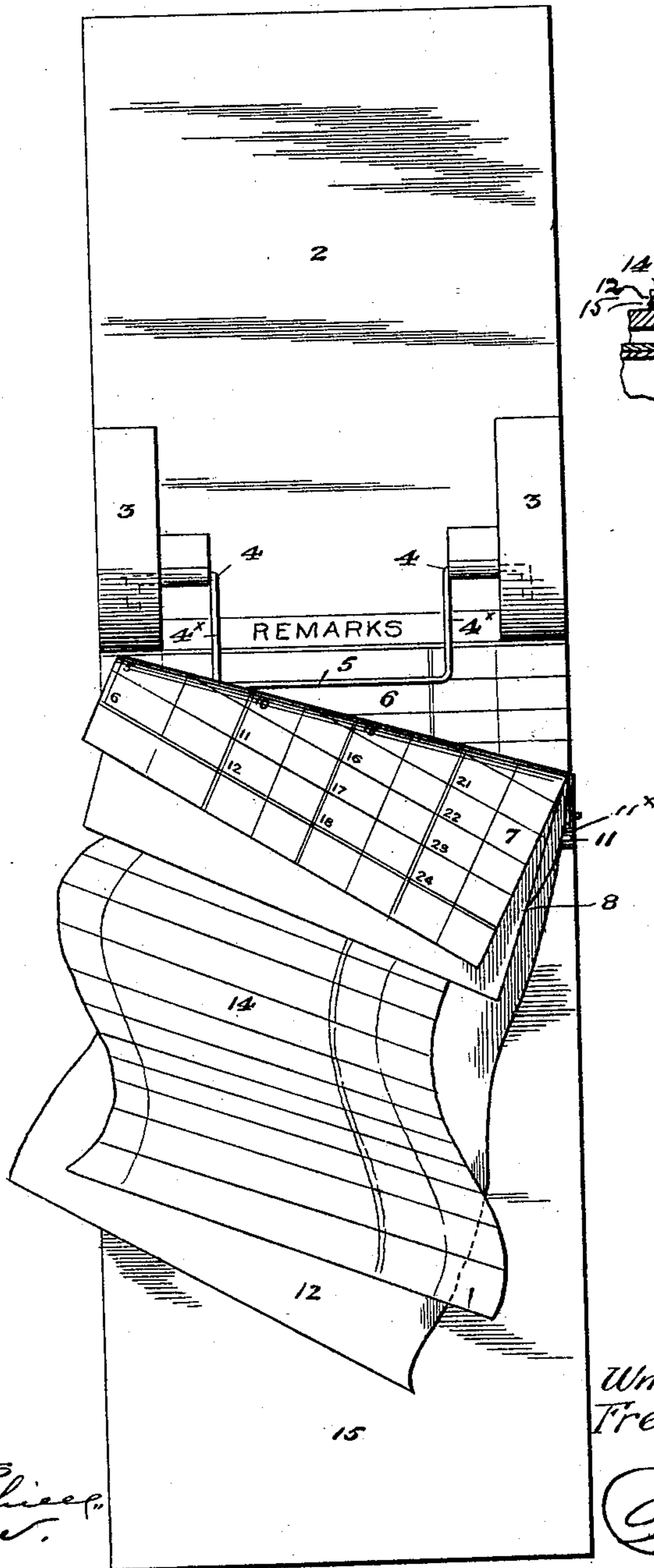
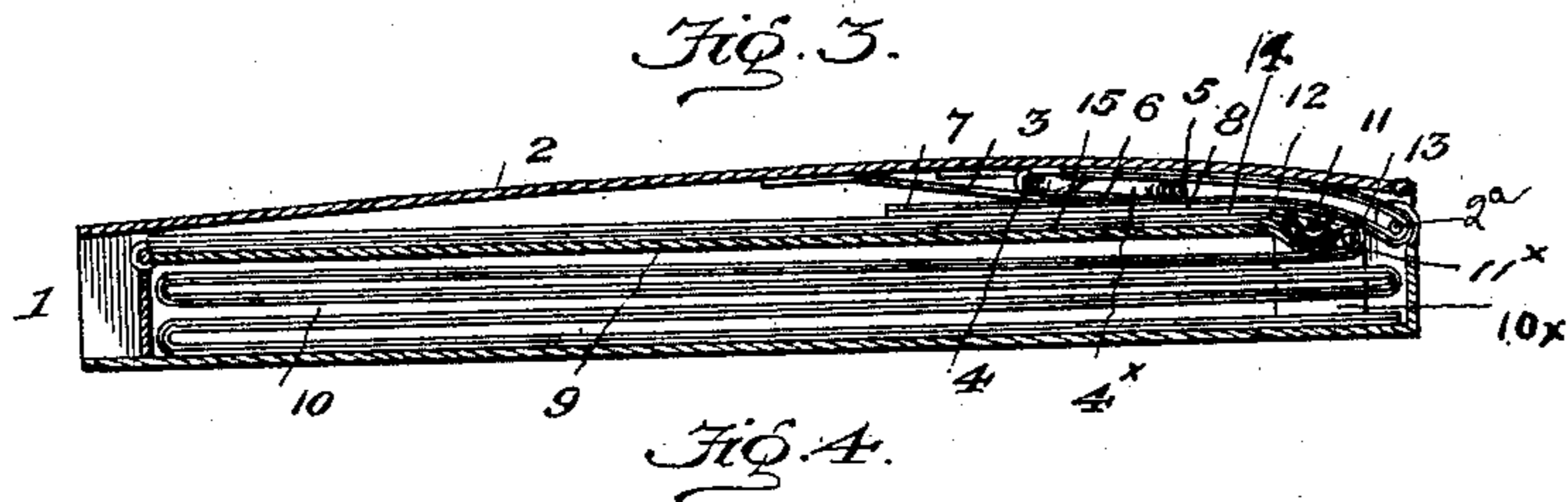
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## SALES-RECORDING CHECK-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. NORTHALL and FREDERICK W. SCHEPMAN, citizens of the United States, residing at Evansville, in the county of Vanderburg and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sales-Recording Check-Books, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to improvements in sales-recording check-books—that is to say, the check-books used by merchants for recording the sales made by clerks.

One object of our invention is the provision of check-slips and record-slip by means of which it is absolutely impossible for mistakes to occur, which will be easy to keep a record of, and which will positively prevent fraud.

Another object of our invention is the provision of a novel record and check slip which cannot possibly become detached or lost and of a case for containing the slips which will preserve them and make it easy to keep the record in proper form.

Another object of our invention is the provision of a novel construction of sale and record checks and case for containing same which will be simple, inexpensive, and thoroughly practical.

To attain the desired objects, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangements of parts, substantially as disclosed herein.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the case or book closed. Fig. 2 represents a similar view with the book or case open, as in use. Fig. 3 represents a vertical central sectional view. Fig. 4 represents a detail view to illustrate the arrangement of the record and sales checks. Fig. 5 is a detail view of a corner of the case, and Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of one of the clamping or binding wires.

In the drawings the numeral 1 designates the box or case, which is preferably made from metal of rectangular shape and of the proper size to hold the slips or checks, and it is provided with a flat hinged lid or cover 2, provided with a rod 2<sup>a</sup>, whose ends are journaled in the abutments 2<sup>b</sup> of the case or box.

Said lid is provided with the parallel-arranged spring-clamps 3, operated upon by the bent ends 4 of the wire 4<sup>x</sup>, having the handle or bail portion 5 for manipulating. The purpose of the clamps is to grasp and hold in place the clerk's record-slip 6, which has thereon on either side a series of rows or spaces 7, which are marked from "1" to "24," inclusive, and the rows are in a series of six, and under this check record-slip is placed a carbon-strip 8, also held by the spring-clamps 3, the purpose of which will presently appear. It will be seen that the spring-clamps hold the said slip, and to release the clips to allow the said slip to be reversed or turned over it is simply necessary to lift the clamps by raising the wire bail. The box or case is further provided with the hinged leaf 9, which covers the compartment 10 in the case. In one end on both sides of the box are the strips 10<sup>x</sup>, in which are secured the semicircular trough 11<sup>x</sup> and the holder or guide 13, the said trough having secured therein a holding, binding, or clamping wire 11 for securing the carbon 12, which passes under the holding-wire 11, between it and the semicircular trough 11<sup>x</sup>. Between the holder or guide 13 and the lid passes the cashier's record sales-slip 14 and the purchaser's or customer's record sales-slip 15, each of which consists of forty-eight checks to correspond with the number of sales on the clerk's record-slip 6, and each is composed of a continuous strip stored or cased in the compartment of the box under the hinged leaf and folded as shown. It will thus be seen that when the clerk makes a sale the amount is placed in the proper column of spaces on the clerk's record-slip, and the impression is simultaneously transferred to the top of the cashier's and purchaser's slips, respectively, thus making a triple entry of the amount. The clerk then sets down the kind of goods sold and the amount of the sale on the lower portion of the cashier's slip, the impression of which is simultaneously transferred to the lower portion of the purchaser's slip, thus making a duplicate entry.

It will be clearly understood now that the clerk has his own record. There is a double entry made on the cashier's slip and a double entry on the purchaser's slip, and thus it

will be seen that it is almost impossible for a clerk of ordinary intelligence to make a mistake, that all of the records could not be lost, that it is impossible to cheat or defraud, and  
5 that a perfect system of sales is kept, thus rendering our book and check system very useful and practical.

We claim—

1. The combination of a box, a lid hinged  
10 at one end thereof, clamps secured on the under side of said hinged lid, means for releasing said clamps also held on the under side of said lid, a leaf hinged at the opposite end of said box forming a writing-surface, a  
15 guide secured in the end of the box near the end of said hinged leaf, and the wire secured in the guide, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the box having the hinged lid, the spring-clamp carried by said  
20 lid, the carbon and clerk's record-slip retained by said clamp and extending over the box when the lid is raised and the cashier's and purchaser's checks arranged in the box.

3. The combination of the box or case hav-  
25 ing the hinged lid, the clerk's record-slip carried by the lid and extending over the box when the lid is raised, the transferring-carbon under said slip, the additional-hinged

leaf on said box, the carbon and clerk's-slip retaining clamps carried by the hinged cover or lid, the guide secured across the box in the corner thereof, and the continuous cashier's and purchaser's record-slips passing around the said guide and inclosed in the box.

4. The combination of a box, a lid hinged  
at one end thereof, clamps secured on the under side of said lid, means to release said clamps from engagement and held in place on the under side of said lid, a leaf hinged at the opposite end of said box forming a writ-  
4 ing-surface, a clerk's record-slip and carbon secured to the under side of said lid by said clamps, two continuous slips located in the box below the said hinged leaf, a guide in the box near the end of said hinged leaf secured  
5 to separate and regulate the said slips, a carbon placed between the two continuous slips, and a wire to hold the carbon in place located in said guide.

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-  
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