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FIG. 1.

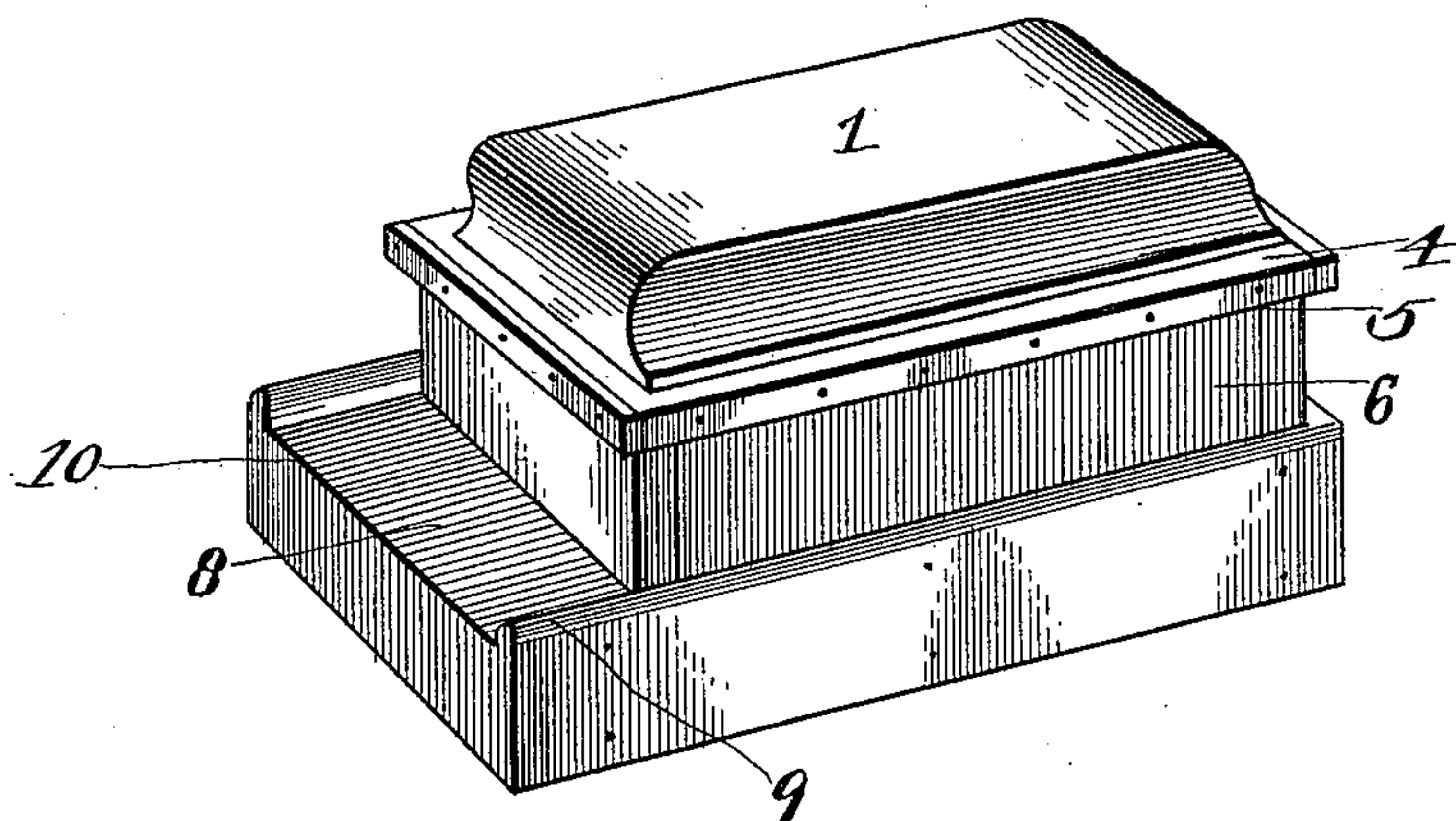


FIG. 2.

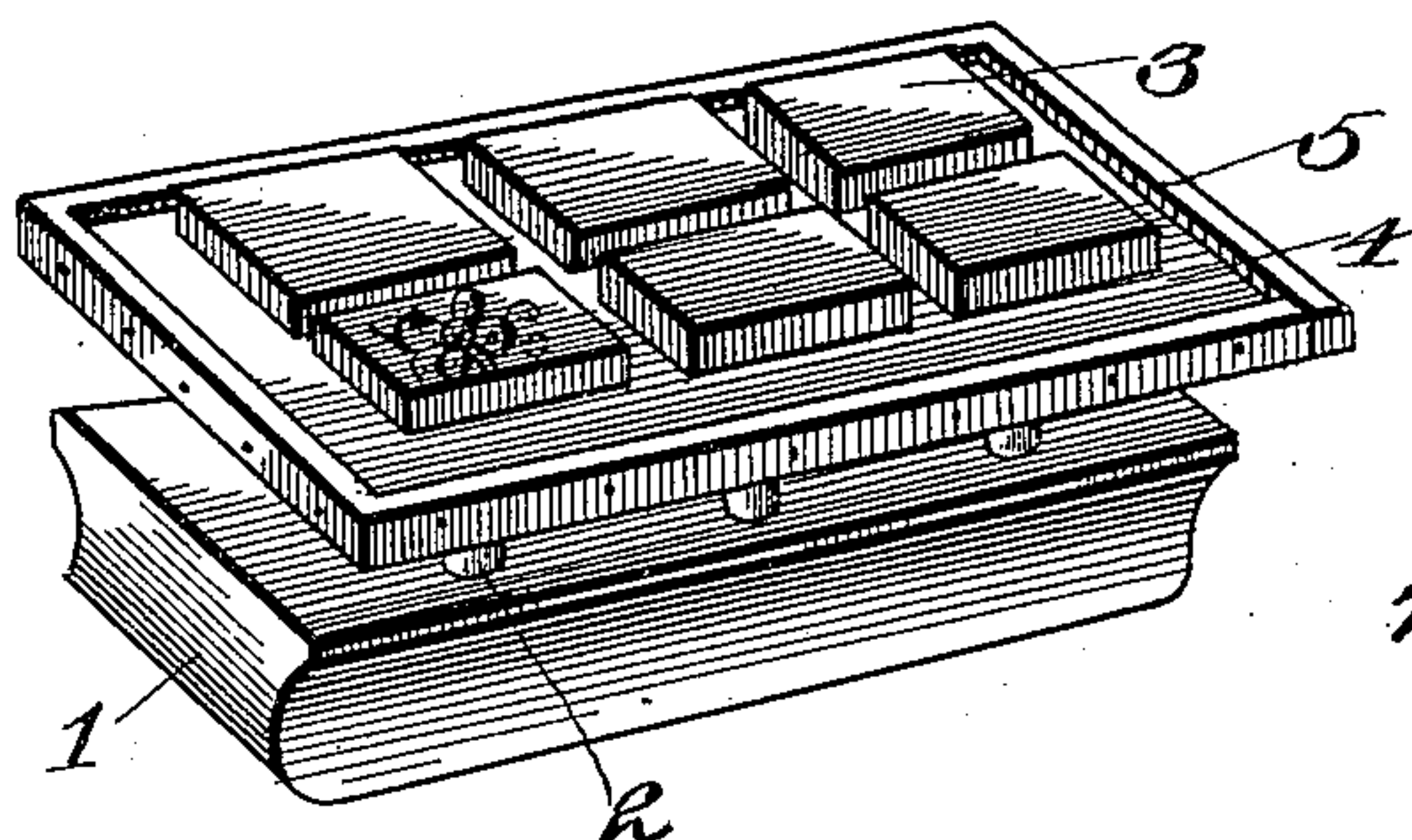


FIG. 3.

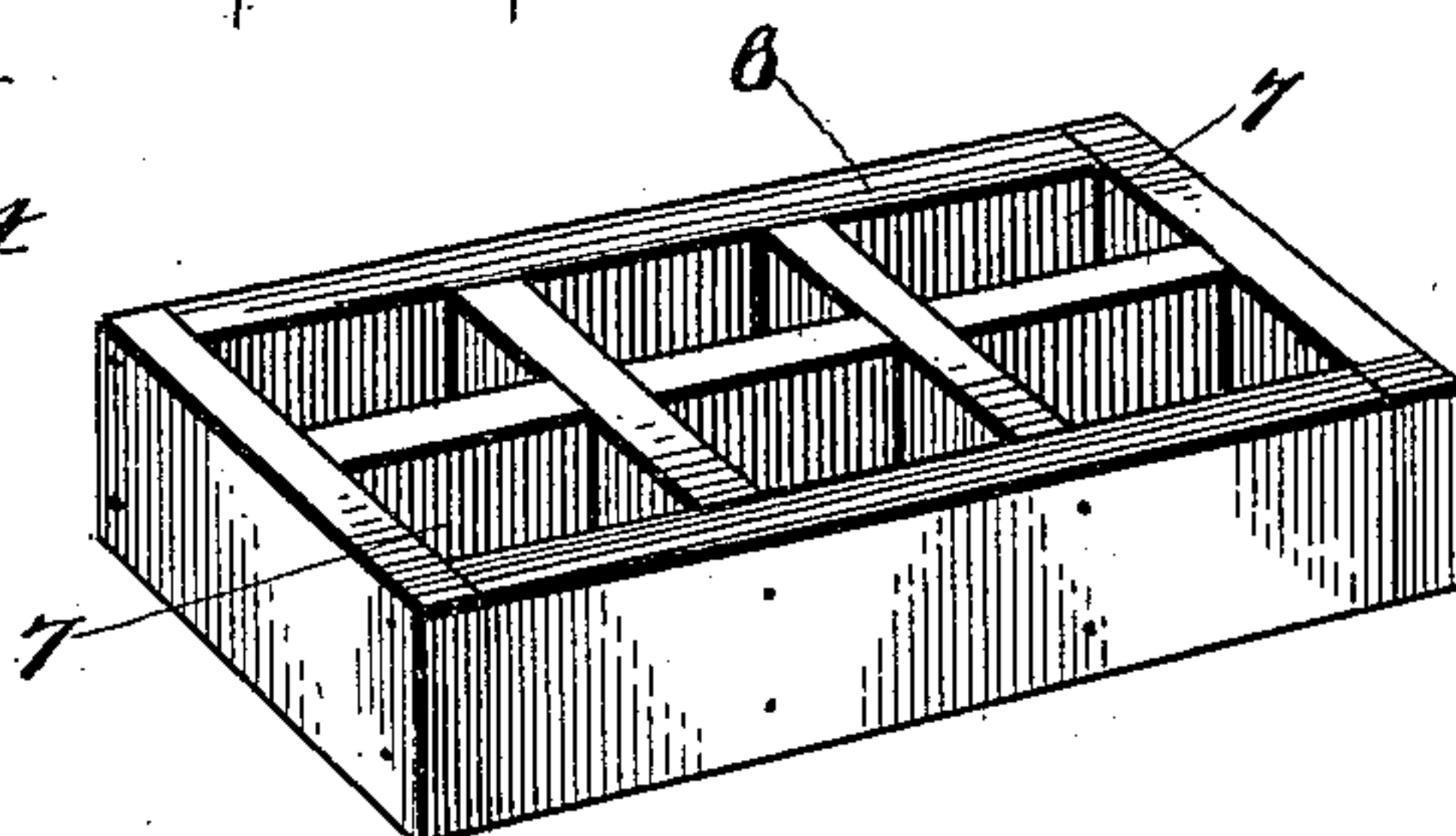
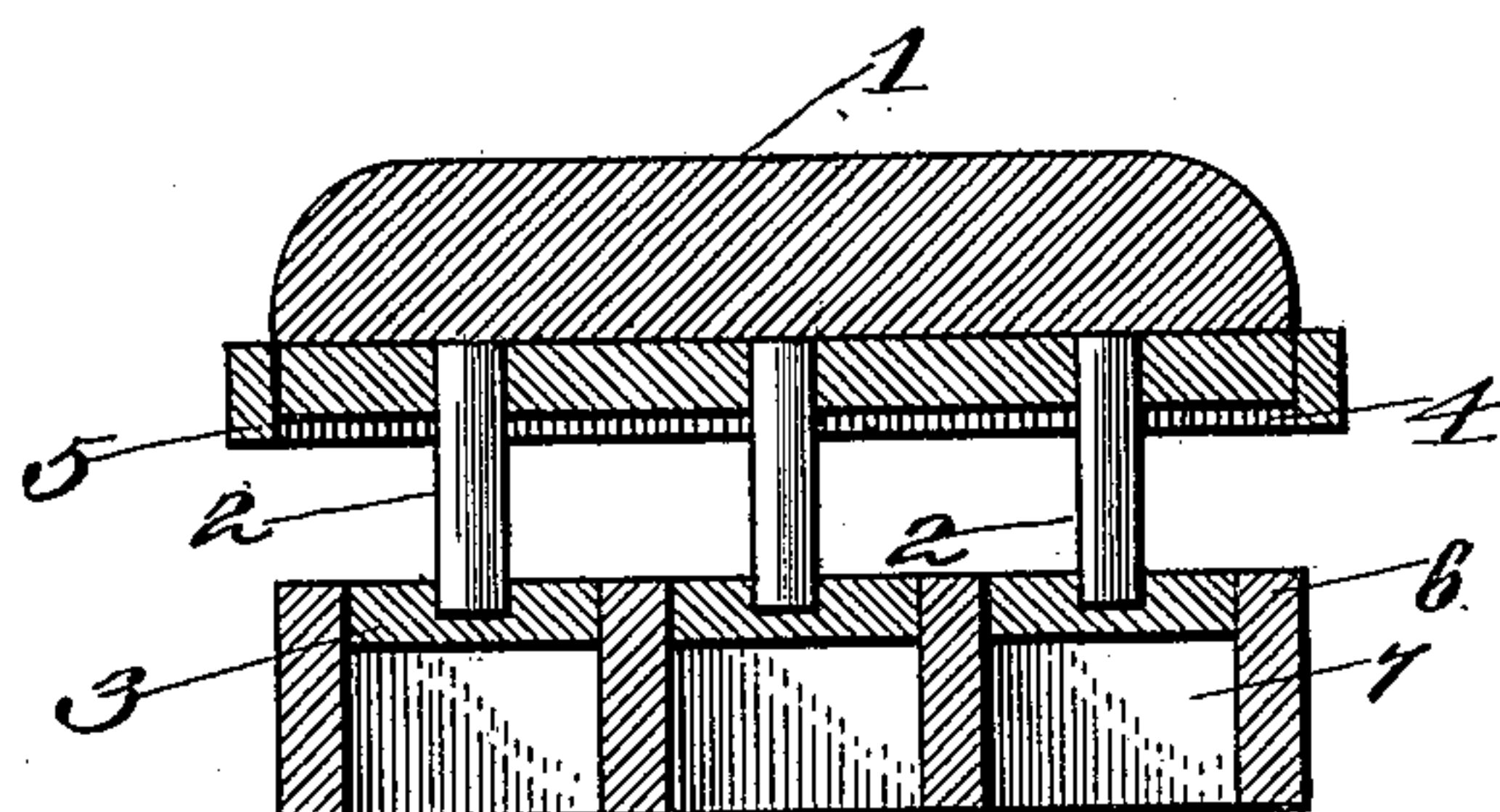


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIA PFENING, of Santa Barbara, in the county of Santa Barbara and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-Molds; 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.

The invention relates to improvements in butter-molds.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of butter-molds and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one, especially adapted for molding small prints to be placed upon individual butter-plates and capable of being conveniently taken apart for cleaning.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a butter-mold constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the mold. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the portion in which the butter is placed. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the upper and intermediate portions of the mold.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

1 designates a solid rectangular handle or grip grooved at the side edges and adapted to be conveniently grasped by the hand in operating the mold. The handle, which presents a lower flat face, is provided with a series of plungers 2, carrying die-plates 3, secured to the lower ends of the plungers and provided at their lower faces with suitable depressions or projections for forming the design to be impressed upon the plates. The plungers support a rectangular plate or cover 4, provided with perforations to receive the plungers and having a depending marginal flange 5, adapted to receive within it a section 6.

The section 6, which is rectangular, is pro-

vided with a series of cells corresponding to the dies, which are preferably rectangular, and the section 6, which is open at the top and bottom, is reversible, being adapted to be used with either face uppermost. The cells of the section 6 are formed by longitudinal and transverse partitions suitably secured to the ends and sides of the section.

The section or butter-receptacle 6 is placed upon a tray 8, which is rectangular and provided at its sides and one end with upwardly-extending flanges 9. The tray has its other end 10 open, and its flat upper face is capable of simultaneously evening or leveling the butter in the various cells.

When it is desired to make the prints, that portion of the device illustrated in Fig. 4 of the accompanying drawings is inverted to bring the die-plates at the bottom of the cells. The butter is then placed in the cells and compressed and leveled between the tray and the die-plates. After the butter has been molded the device is reversed, and the weight of the handle is usually sufficient to eject all the prints simultaneously. If not, it may be moved downward by hand.

The invention has the following advantages: The butter-mold, while being simple, inexpensive, strong, and durable, is adapted for molding butter for individual butter-plates and is capable of being conveniently cleaned after use. The cover or plate is loosely arranged on the plungers and is adapted to remain over the tray or receptacle when the device is reversed for causing the weight of the handle to eject the butter from the cells.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, such as varying the number of cells and increasing the size of the parts and changing the form of the cells and the die-plates.

What I claim is—

A device of the class described, comprising a butter receptacle or section provided with a series of cells open at the top and bottom, said section or receptacle being designed to be placed on a suitable support or tray, a handle, a series of plungers depending from

the handle and provided at their lower ends
with die-plates conforming to the configura-
tion of and fitting in the cells of the section
or receptacle, said plungers and die-plates
5 being entirely removable therefrom, and a
cover or plate provided with openings to re-
ceive the plunger and loosely arranged on
the same between the die-plates and the han-
dle, and carried by the said parts, said cover

or plate being adapted to fit over the section 10
or receptacle, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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