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Fig. 1.

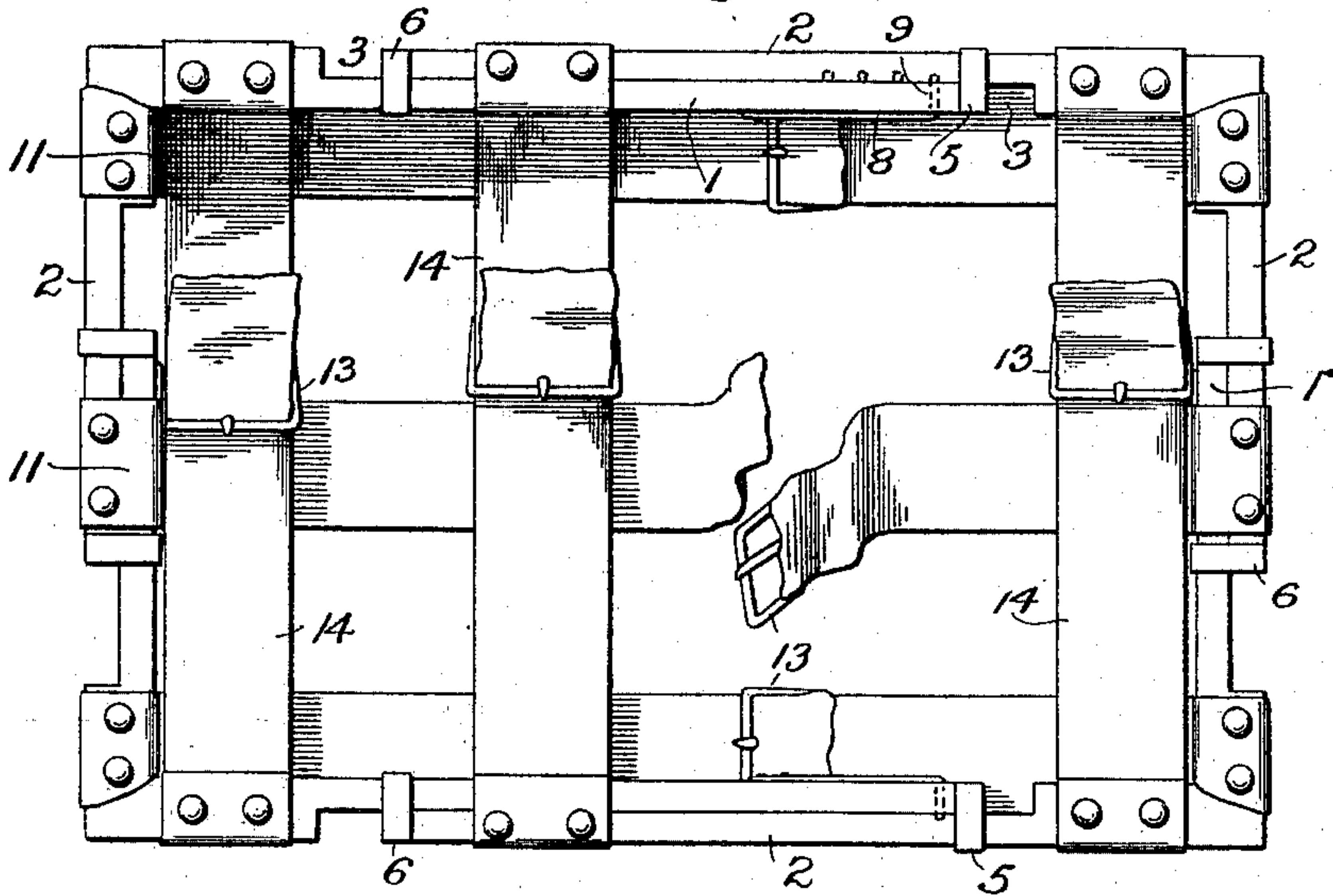


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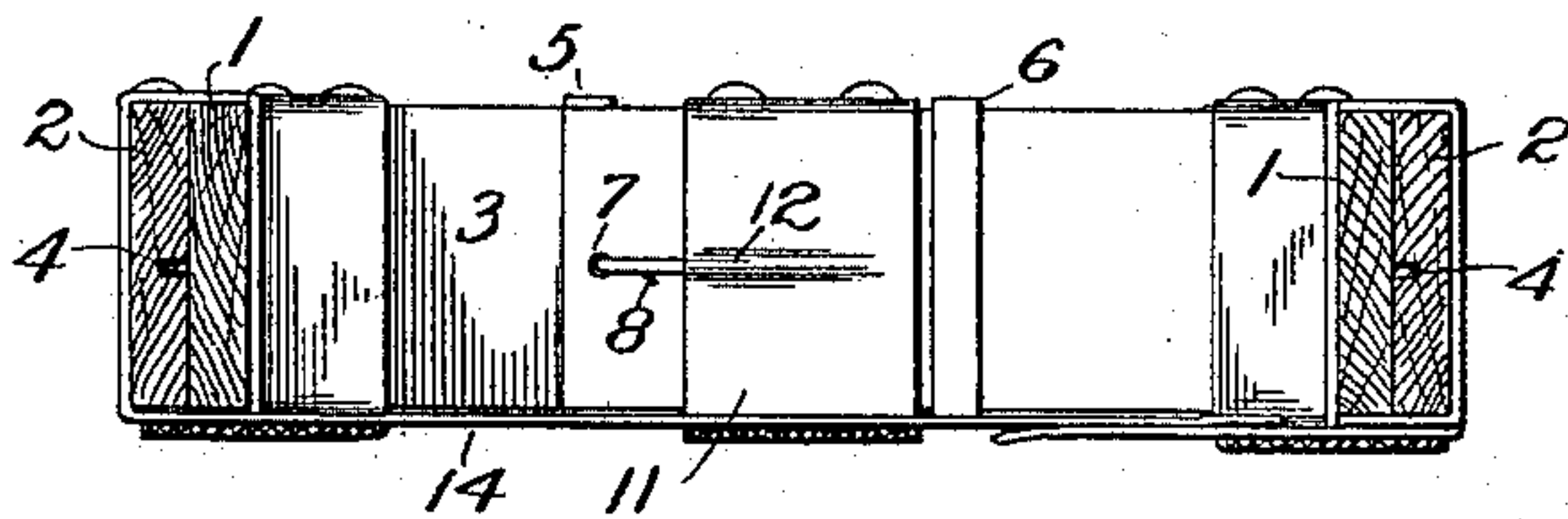


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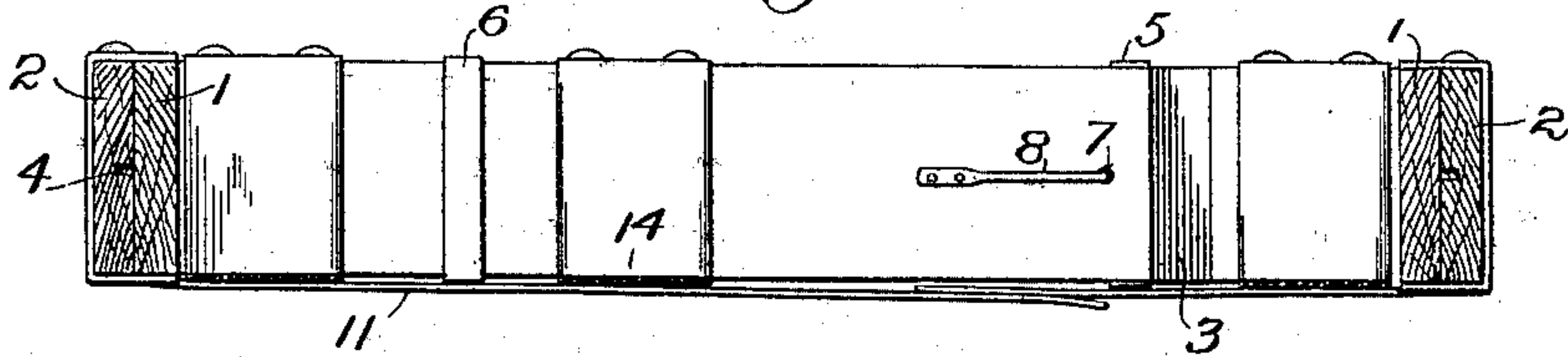
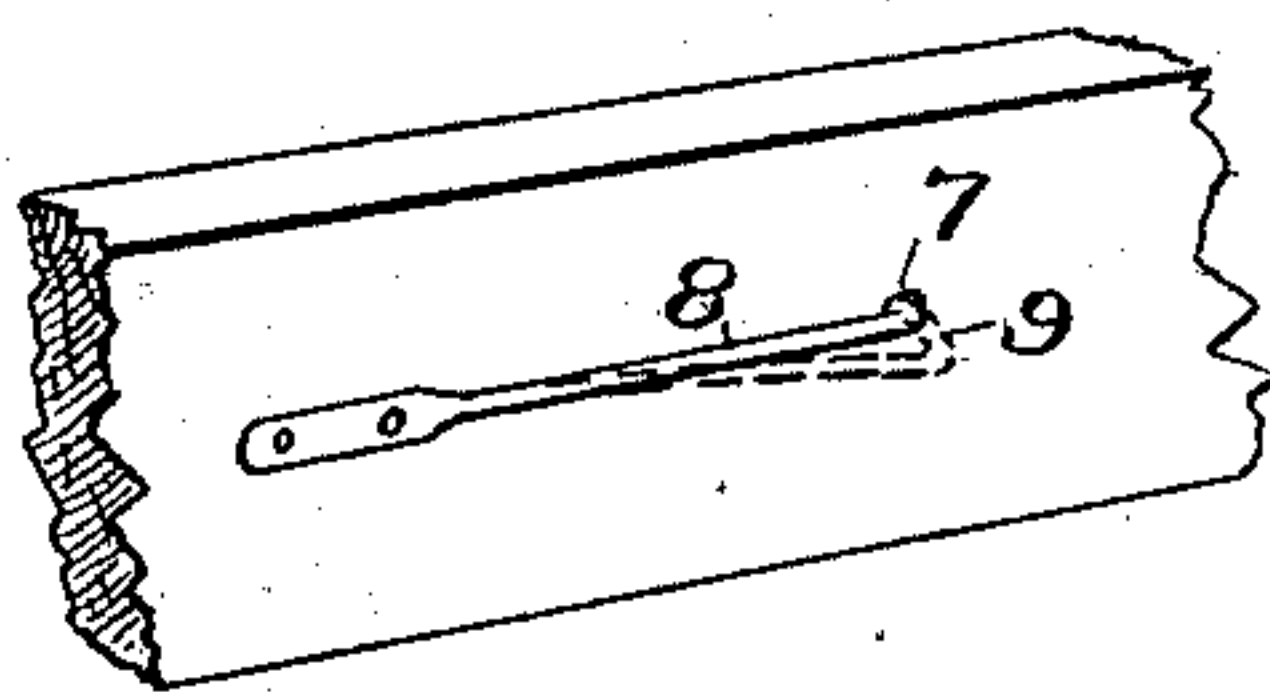


Fig. 4.



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TRUNK-TRAY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHLOE E. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunk-Trays; 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 trunk-trays.

My object is to provide a simple and cheap tray for trunks which will be adjustable, so that it may be made of the required size to fit any trunk and will be provided with improved means whereby garments may be packed therein against displacement, so that they may be kept smooth and in order.

The invention consists of certain details of construction and combinations of parts appearing more fully hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved packing-tray, one of the locking-straps being shown unfastened; Fig. 2, a cross section; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section, and Fig. 4 a detail view showing the lock for the strips of the frame of the tray.

I will first describe the adjustable frame. Each side and end of this frame consists of two pieces 1 and 2, each of which is cut away longitudinally, as at 3, and the outer strip 2 is provided with a series of openings 4. Metal guide-straps 5 and 6, connected to the respective strips, are the means whereby the latter are allowed to slide upon each other without separation. In strip 1 there is located an aperture 7, which is in alinement with the row of openings in strip 2, and 8 designates a spring which is connected at one end to strip 1 and is provided with a bent or hooked end 9, which is normally pressed through opening 7 and adapted for reception in one of the openings in strip 2. Thus it will be seen that the whole frame can be adjusted both longitudinally and transversely and locked at any desired point, so that it will be adapted to fit a trunk of any dimensions.

I provide a series of longitudinally-extending straps or bands which are located in parallel relation and have their ends looped

and fastened to the outer members 2 of the end strips of the frame, as shown at 11. The metal is formed into enlarged loops 12 at its ends, so that the spring-catch before described can readily pass therethrough when the frame is being adjusted transversely. Each strap is formed in two pieces, which are adjustably connected by a buckle 13, although it is evident that any other suitable fastening could be employed at this point. Thus when the frame is adjusted longitudinally the straps or bands are first let out and then tightened up after adjustment has been obtained, so that a proper bottom will be formed for the tray. The numerals 14 designate the transversely-extending straps, which are connected to the outer side strips of the frame in the manner before described, and comprise two pieces which are connected by a buckle. These strips or bands I shall designate "locking-straps," as they are the ones which are fastened over the garments so as to hold them firmly against the bottom straps and keep them in order against displacement.

My improved packing-tray can be varied in many ways without materially detracting from any of its advantages, and hence I consider myself entitled to all such changes as are properly embraced by my invention. As many trays can be used in one trunk as desirable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An extensible receptacle-tray for trunks, consisting of sides and ends extensible in the direction of their length, means for securing the same when extended, and an extensible bottom for the tray extending across in the plane of the lower edges of said sides and ends, and consisting of strips arranged in pairs and having their outer ends secured to the tray and provided at their inner ends with means whereby they may be adjustably connected, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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