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Fig. 1.

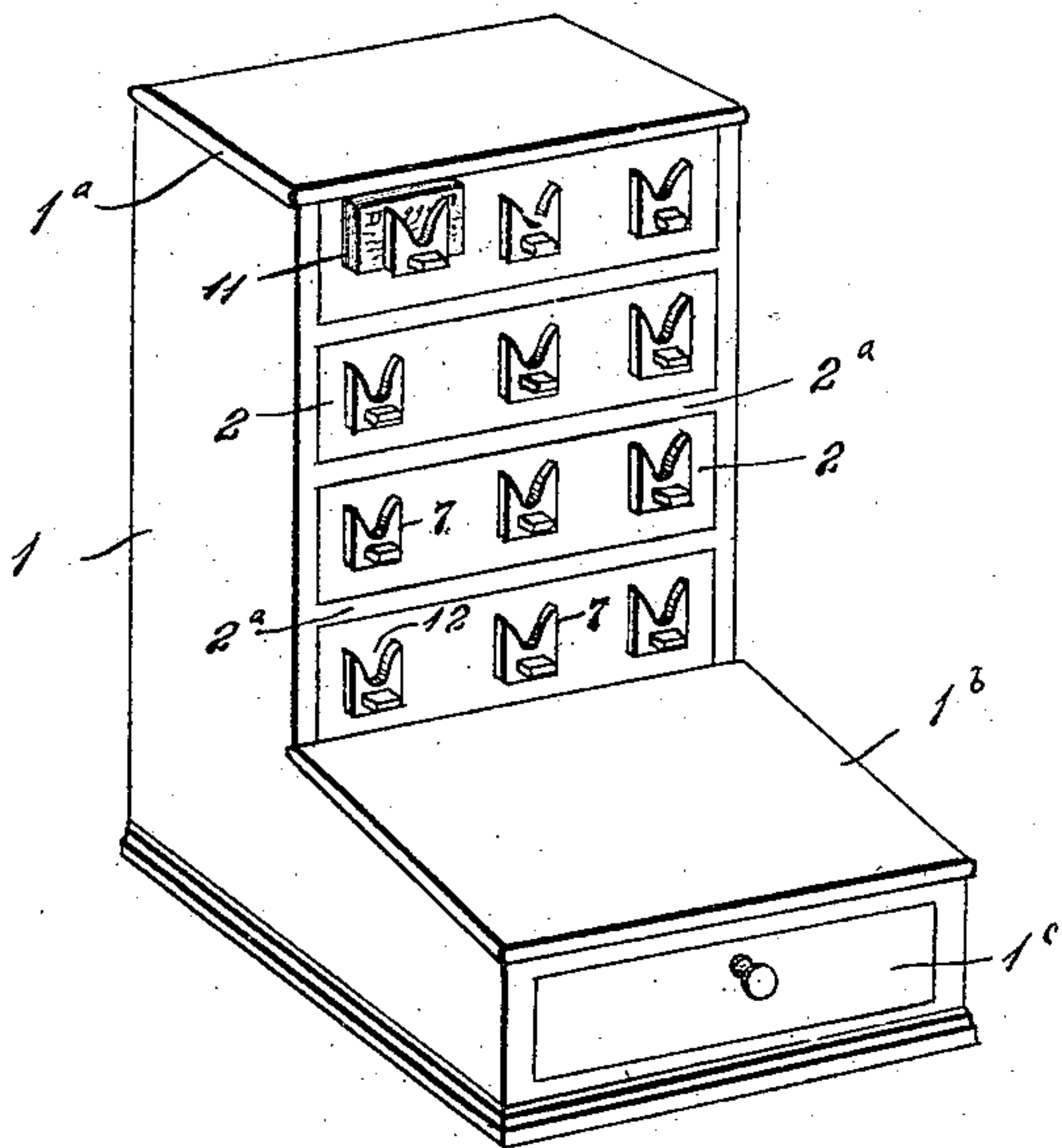


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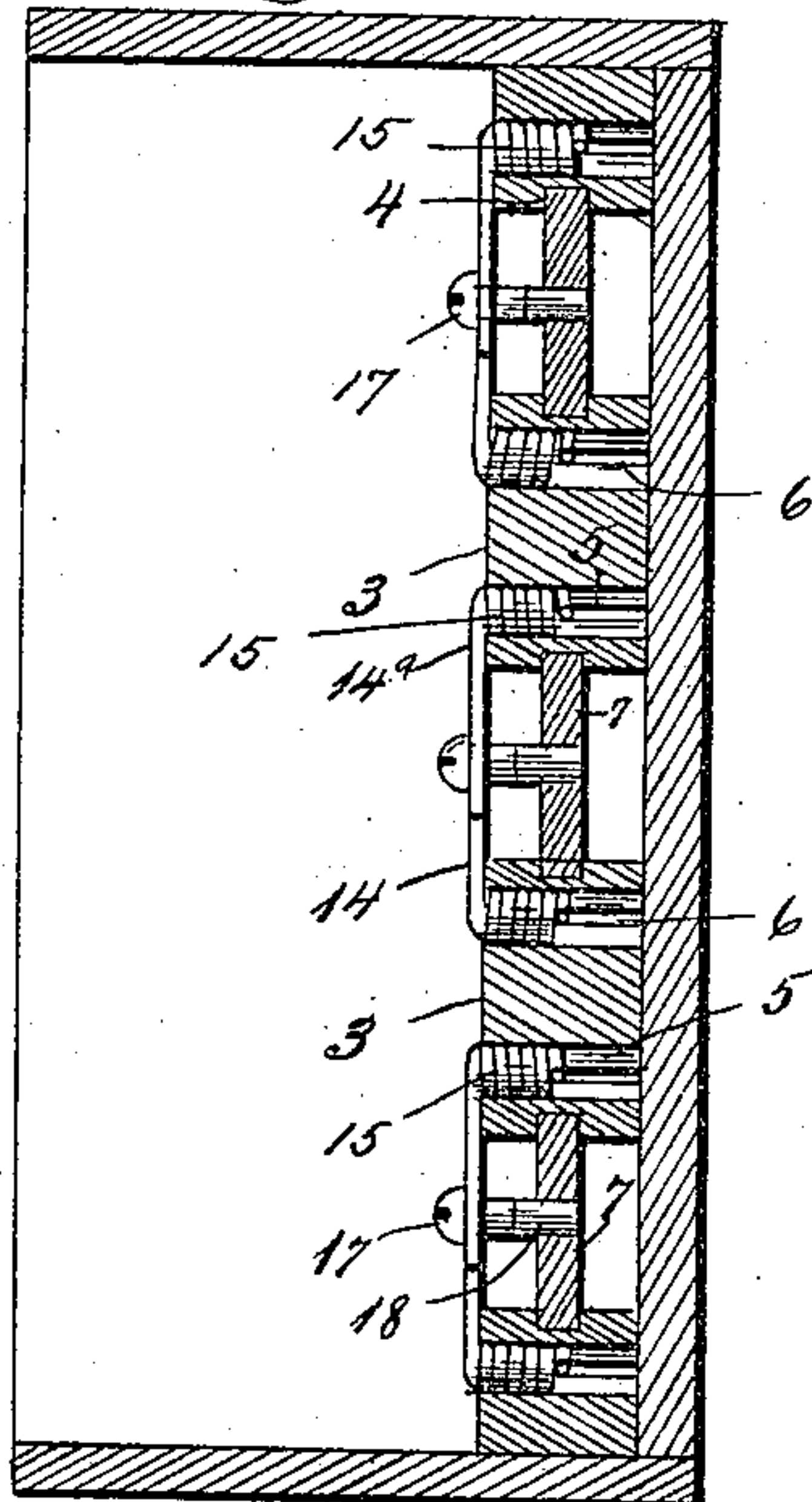


Fig. 2.

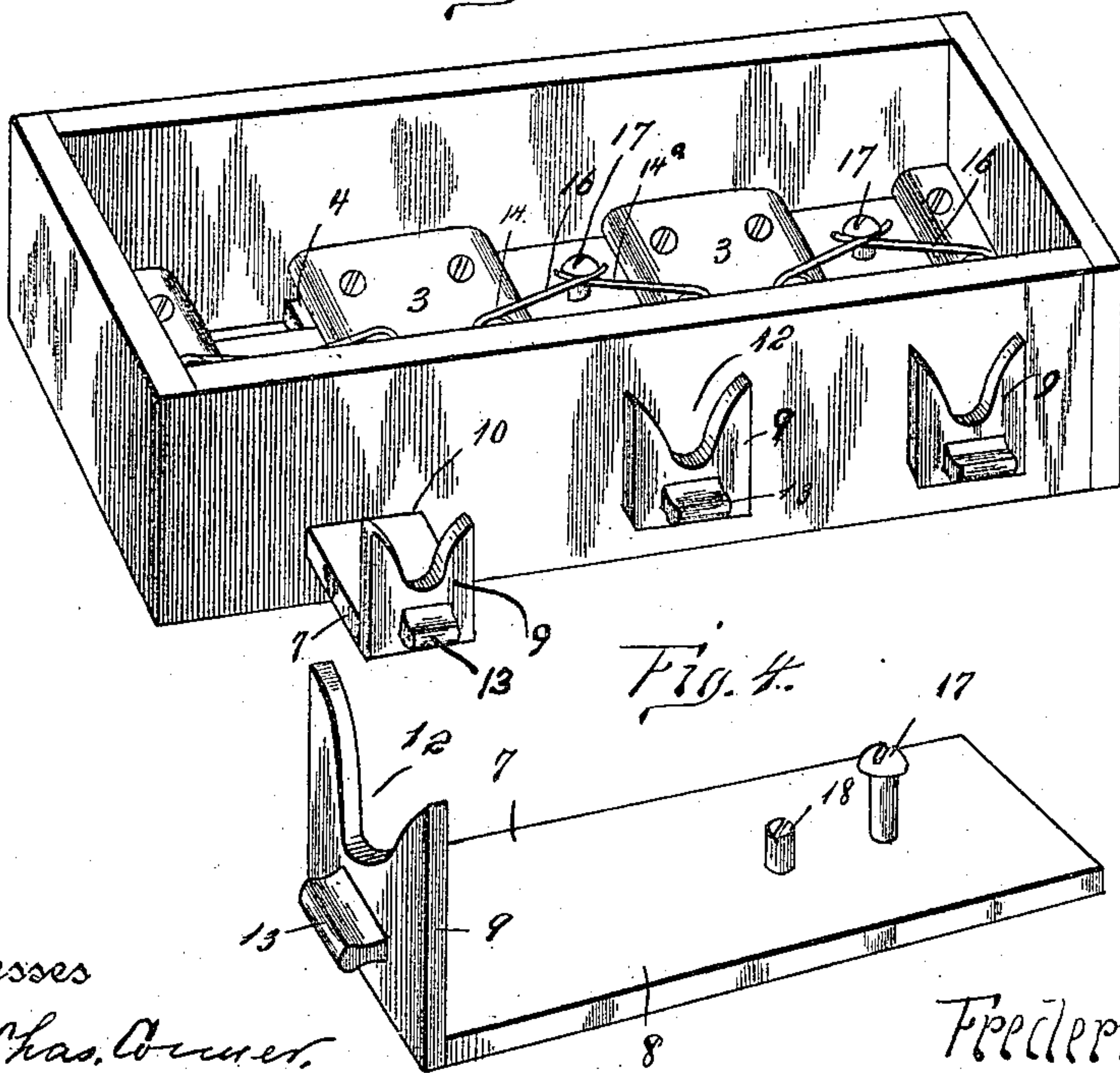
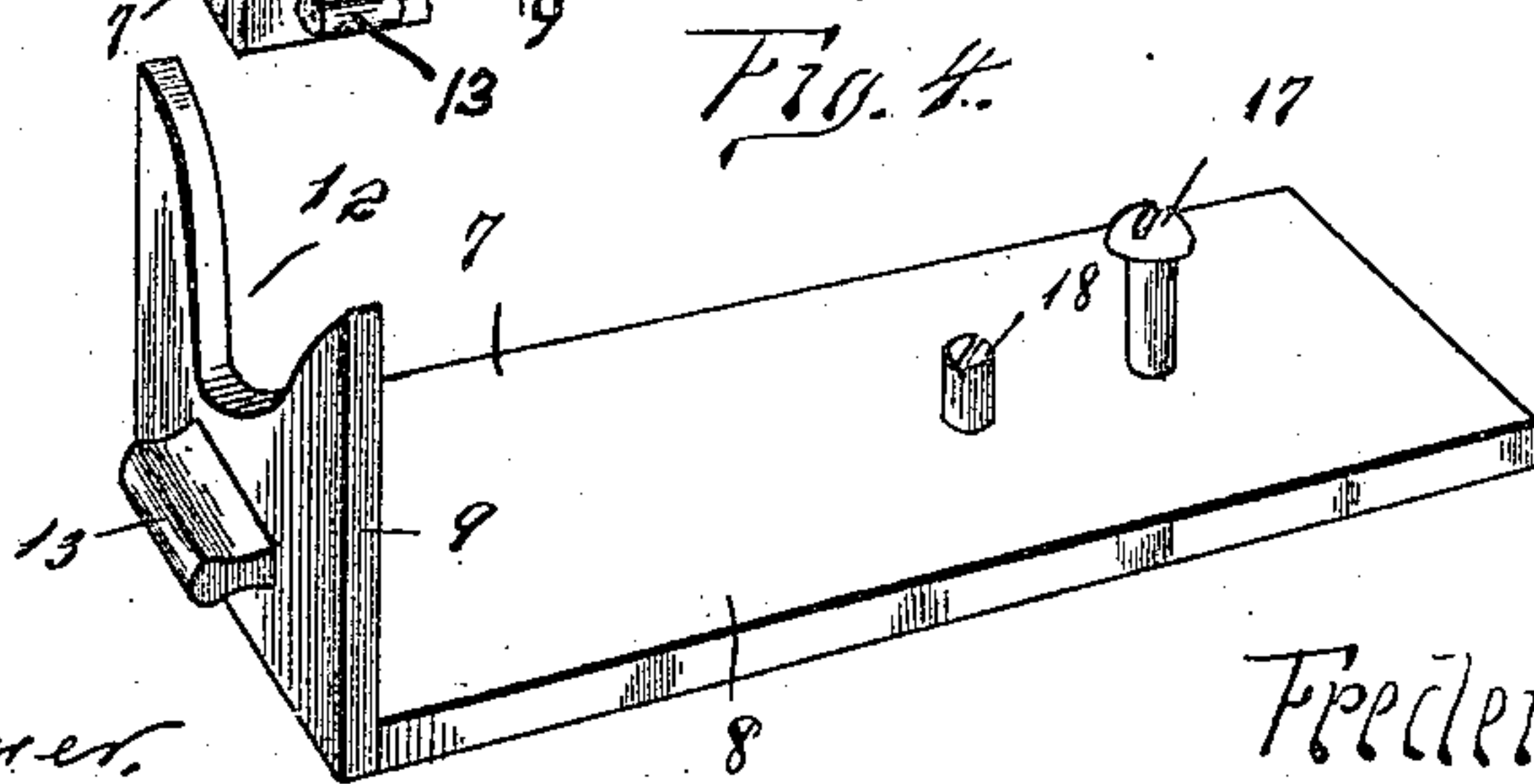


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. KELLY, of Au Sable, in the county of Iosco and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Holders; 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 label-holders for the use of druggists and others, and has for its object to provide an improved construction of label-holding device wherein the labels are exposed on the exterior to enable them to be readily and conveniently removed and are retained in position by means of spring-pressed followers which are adapted to take up the space left vacant by the successive removals of the labels and hold the remaining or unused labels securely in position.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel constructions and combinations hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a label holder, case, or cabinet constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the drawers. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the followers removed.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a casing or cabinet provided at the top with a hinged lid or cover 1^a and at the bottom with a forwardly-extending base-compartment 1^b, within which slides a drawer 1^c, adapted for reception of pens, paper, envelopes, and other articles of stationery. The top of this base-compartment serves as a rest for supporting bottles being labeled. The vertical portion of the case contains ledges 2^a for supporting label-holding drawers 2. These drawers each contain a series of transversely-arranged guide-blocks 3, which are spaced apart a suitable distance and provided in their side edges with guide-grooves 4. Each of these guide-blocks is also formed with a vertical socket

or opening 5, having a lateral offset portion 6, the purpose of which will be hereinafter described.

7 designates a follower which comprises a shank 8 and combined follower and clamping portion 9. Each of these followers is arranged to slide in the guide-groove between two adjoining pairs of guide-blocks and in openings 10 in the front of the drawers, as shown. The combined follower and clamping portion 9 of the followers is adapted to abut against the front wall of the drawers and confine a bunch of labels 11, each follower-clamp being provided with a cut-out portion 12, forming a finger-insertion opening to permit of the insertion of the finger for readily and conveniently removing the outermost label. In order to permit the followers to be drawn outward if it is desired to remove the entire bunch of labels for any purpose, a knob 13 is provided. As has been stated, three followers are provided in the present instance; but it is evident that any number of followers may be employed to make provision for holding different kinds or sizes of labels. The mechanism for normally operating the followers to cause them to firmly clamp the labels comprises a pair of springs 14 14^a to each follower. Each of these springs is formed adjoining one end with a coil 15 and a laterally-projecting extremity 16, the said coil being adapted to fit within the socket 5 of the guide-blocks 3 and have its lower end extending into the offset portion 6 of said slot or socket, as shown. The free ends 16 of these springs bear against a stop projection 17 on the shank portion of the follower and serve to normally press said follower inward, with the result that the label-shanks are held firmly clamped between the follower-clamp 9 and the front wall of the drawer, and as a label is removed the springs cause the follower to move inward a distance corresponding to the thickness of the label, and this insures that the bunch of labels will be firmly confined as long as any remain. The two tension-springs 14 14^a, acting on each follower, are seated within an opening or socket 5 in two adjoining guide-blocks 3, and their free ends 16 project outward therefrom across the space between the blocks, as shown.

The construction just described insures

that the coils of the springs may expand to permit of a follower being moved, while the end of the spring is tightly clamped in the socket offset 6 to prevent the coil from revolving, which would defeat the tension operation. Each follower-shank is provided with a stop 18 to limit its outward movement.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. In label-holders, the combination of a box or case, drawers each provided on the interior thereof with guide-blocks having their adjoining edges provided with grooves or 15 guideways, a holder consisting of a shank movable in said guideways and through an opening in the front wall of the drawer provided with a vertically-disposed follower-clamp having a finger-insertion opening adapted to 20 clamp the label-blanks against the front wall of the drawer, and springs, each formed with a coil seated in sockets in the said guide-blocks and having their free ends bearing against the stop projection of the follower-shank to normally press it inward, substantially as described.

2. In label-holders, the combination of a box or case, drawers therein each provided

with guide-blocks having their adjoining edges spaced apart and provided with grooves 30 or guideways, and each formed with a vertical socket having a lateral offset, a follower consisting of a shank movable in said grooves or guideways and through an opening in the front wall of the drawer and provided with a 35 vertically-arranged follower-clamp having a finger-insertion opening and operating-knob, and tension-springs arranged on opposite sides of the follower and each formed with a coil seated in the said socket in the guide- 40 block and having a lateral end termination resting in the said lateral offset of the said socket, and the free ends of the springs projecting toward each other across the space 45 between the two guide-blocks and bearing against a stop projection on the follower-shank and serving to press the same inward, substantially as described.

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

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