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Fig. 1.

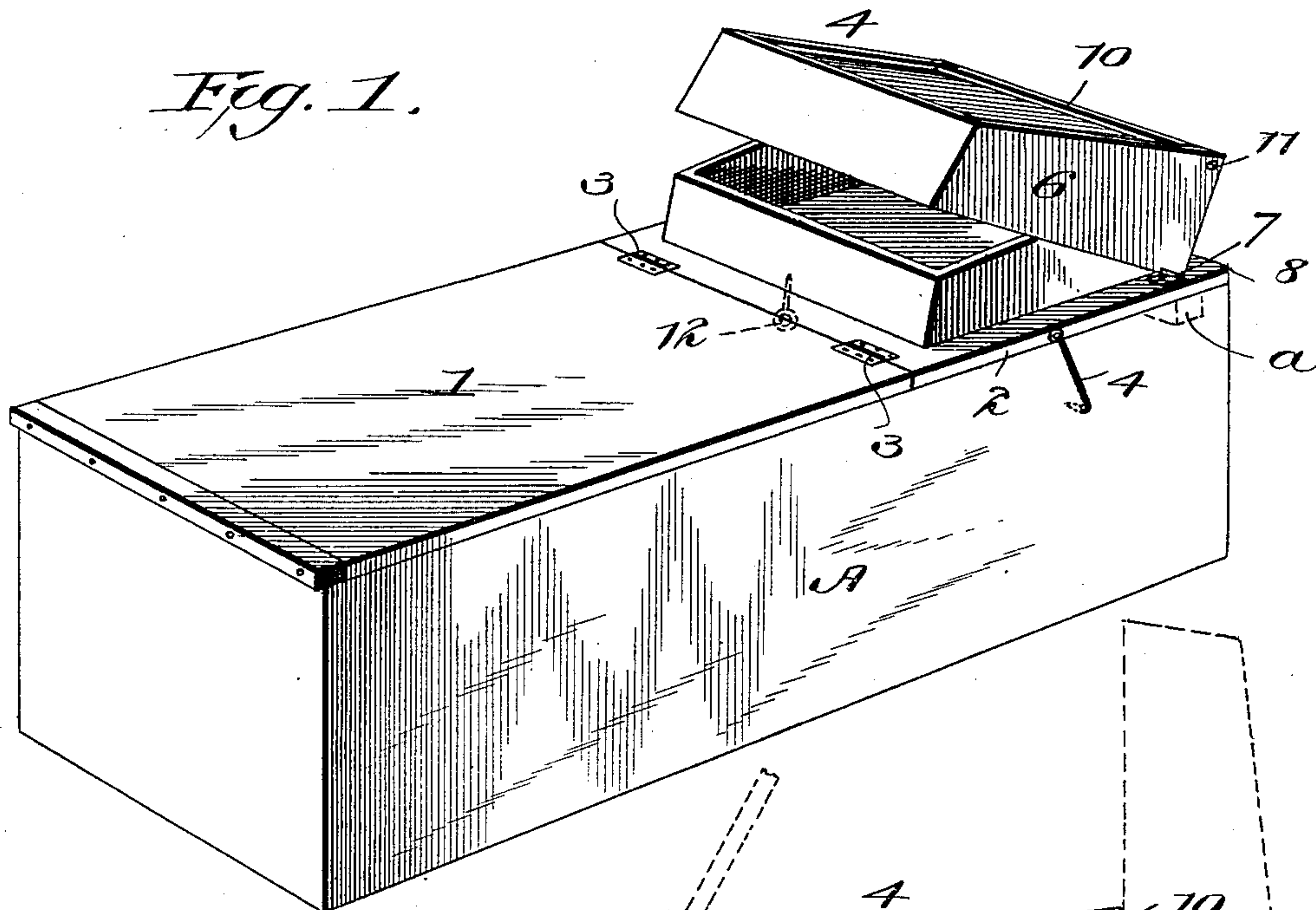


Fig. 2.

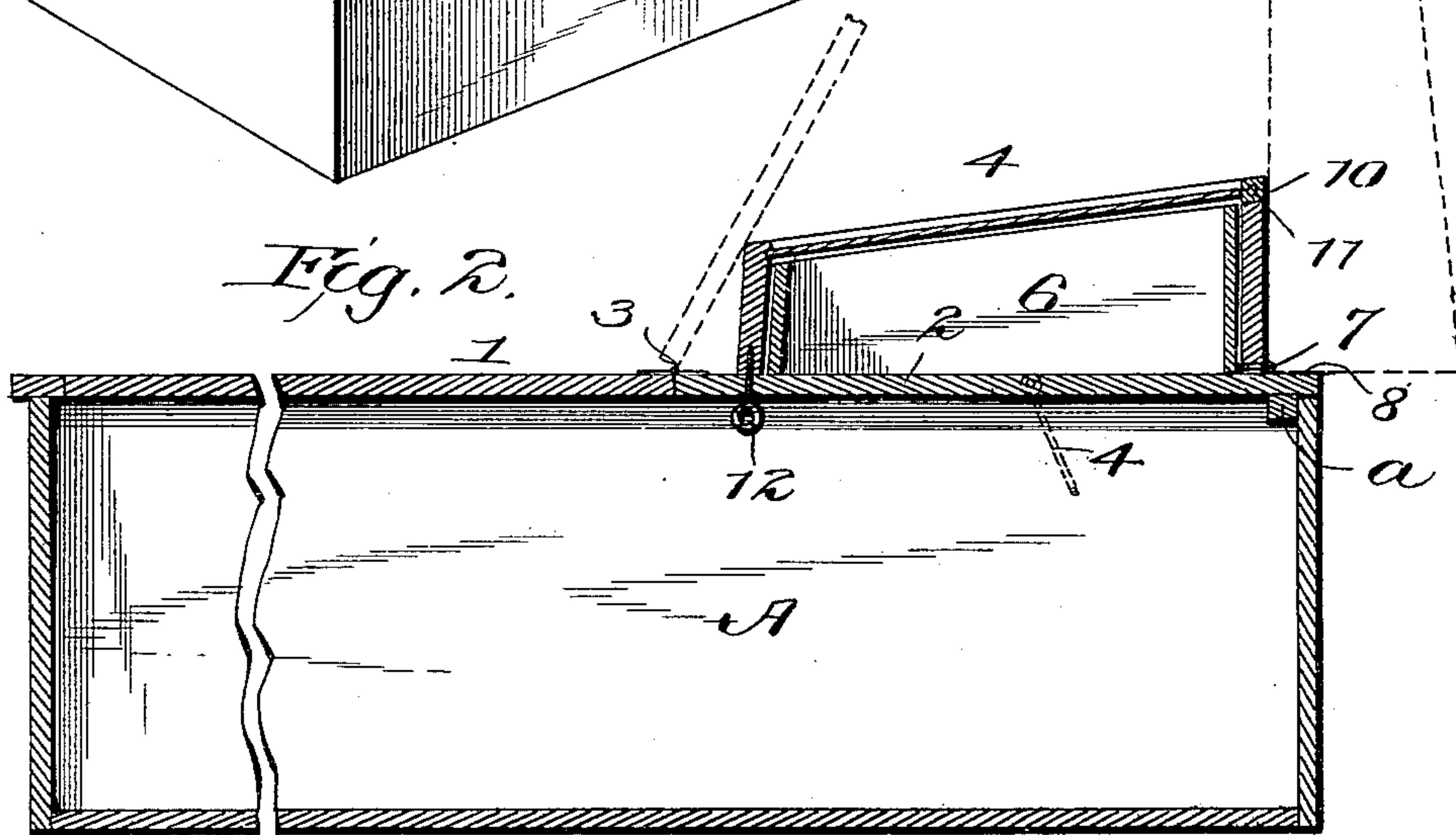
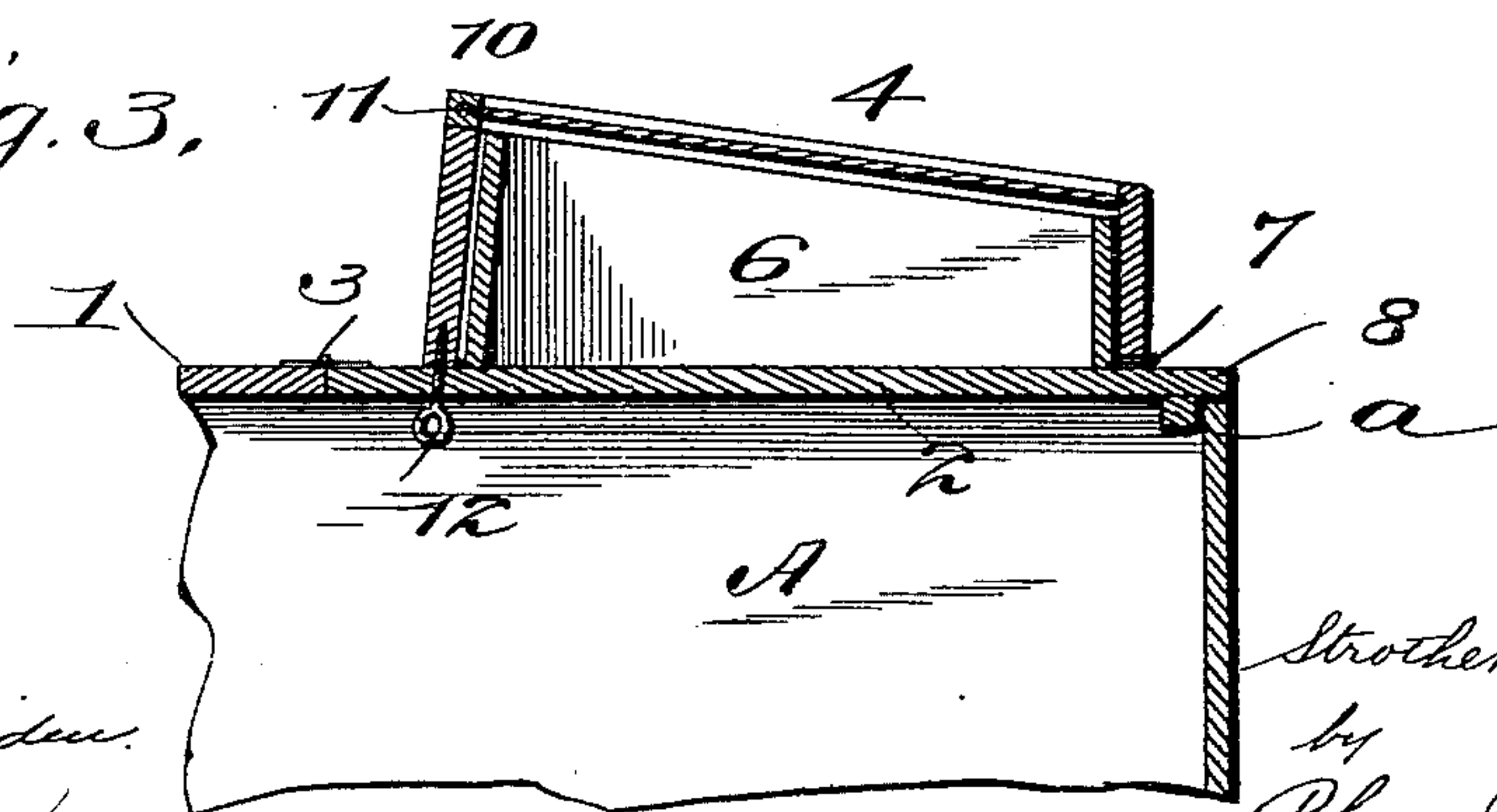


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STROTHER J. LYNN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Knoxville, in the county of Knox and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Box Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in display-box covers, the object being to provide a box for containing articles of merchandise—such as groceries, and more particularly crackers, cakes, dried fruits, raisins, hominy, rice, flour, and similar goods—with an ancillary display-box extending over a portion only of the top or lid of the box, so that it is wholly above the interior of the box, thus not occupying any of the space therein and held stationary, with a glass cover hinged in position to cover and inclose its sides and ends, whereby dust and moisture are effectively excluded, and the cover and the movable lid of the box being so constructed and arranged with respect to the box and each other that they form rests for said movable parts when they are raised to their elevated positions, thus rendering auxiliary attachments absolutely unnecessary.

With the foregoing in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be more fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the glass cover partly raised. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing said movable parts closed, and Fig. 3 is a modification.

A represents a box which may be made of any suitable variety of wood or material and in any preferred dimensions. On top it has a lid made in two sections 1 and 2, hinged together, as at 3 3. Section 2 preferably constitutes about a third of the entire covering of the box and is held securely in place in any approved manner—as, for example, by means of the cleat *a* on the under side, resting up against the end of the box from the inside. and the wire hooks 4 4 at the sides thereof. The other section 1 has a cleat secured to its forward edge to prevent the material of

which it is composed from warping, and as it is made to project slightly over the end of the box it affords a finger-hold to facilitate opening the box.

Adverting again to the stationary section 2 of the lid, it has thereon a display-box 4, adapted to be filled with the variety of goods—as, for instance, crackers, cakes, or what not—contained in the box below. This display-box is somewhat smaller than section 2 of the lid, upon which it is located, thus leaving a space entirely around its sides and ends, as shown in Fig. 1. A cover 6, consisting of sides and ends and a glass top, is hinged, as at 7, at the outer edge of the display-box 5 and yet far enough within the outer end of the lid-section 2 so that the end 8 of the latter affords a rest or support for the cover when the latter is swung open, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, where it supports it in a slightly-oblique position. As a convenient means of securing the glass in the cover 6 it may be slid in grooves in the sides of the cover and held in place by a narrow strip 10, secured at its ends by nails or screws 11. When the cover is let down, it incloses and protects the display-box, bringing its glass top immediately over it, thus excluding all extraneous substances, as dust, moisture, or the like. When in this lowered position, the forward edge of the cover 6 also serves as a rest for the lid-section 1 when the latter is raised a little over the perpendicular, and if the cover 6 happens also to be raised the display or sample box itself will constitute a rest for the lid-section 1.

As a slight modification (shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings) the slope of the cover and its hinged point may be reversed. This construction is particularly desirable when the boxes are placed upon the counter and it is desirable to have the section 1 where it may be easily opened from the back of the counter, while the samples are displayed from the outside.

The cover 6 may be fastened down by a screw-eye 12, put through the lid proper from the under side into the display-box cover with one or two turns.

It will be observed that many of the objections to former constructions for displaying



goods of the character named are obviated in this construction. For example, by making the display or sample box comparatively small a very much smaller supply of goods is necessary to fill it, by supporting it wholly above the interior of the main box the entire capacity of the latter is preserved for the goods to be sold, by making the display or sample box comparatively small less glass is required to cover it, and by making that portion of the lid where the display or sample box is located stationary it does not have to be lifted every time the box is opened and there is much less danger of the glass breaking, which is constantly happening in display-boxes having a glass over the entire lid or removable part of the lid. Again, the display or sample box always remains flat by this stationary arrangement and the samples do not become disarranged. Finally, it may be said that not only has the actual use of this box demonstrated its practical utility, but also it may be stated in its support that, as the drawings and description indicate, it is a simple and much less expensive means for the purpose for which it is devised than any others hitherto on the market with the accomplishment of the same purposes in view.

It is evident that slight changes might be made in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the precise construction herein set forth; but, Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A display-box cover consisting of a lid made in two parts hinged together, one part secured in place and the other adapted to be opened and closed, a display-box located on the stationary part of the lid and a cover

having a glass top and hinged to the lid in position to inclose and cover the display-box.

2. The combination with a box and a lid, of a display-box of less size than the lid and mounted thereon, and a cover hinged to the lid in position to cover the display-box, said cover having a glass top.

3. The combination with a box and a lid, of a display-box of less size than the lid and mounted thereon, and a cover hinged to the lid in position to cover the display-box, said cover having a glass top, said cover hinged far enough inside of the extreme end of the lid so that the latter affords a rest therefor when the cover is in its raised position.

4. The combination with a box and a lid, made in two parts hinged together and one section of the lid secured rigidly upon the box, of a display-box mounted on the stationary lid-section and sufficiently less in size than the latter so that space is left on the lid around the outside of the ends and sides of the display-box, and a cover hinged to the lid in position to cover and inclose the display-box when closed and to rest upon a portion of the lid when open, and the hinged section of the lid swinging from a point sufficiently far from the display-box or cover so that the forward edge of one or the other of said parts affords a lateral support for said hinged section of the lid when the latter is raised a little over the perpendicular.

5. The combination with a box and lid thereon, of a display-box of less size than the lid and located thereon wholly above the upper edge of the box and a cover on the box-lid of a size sufficient to inclose the display-box.

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