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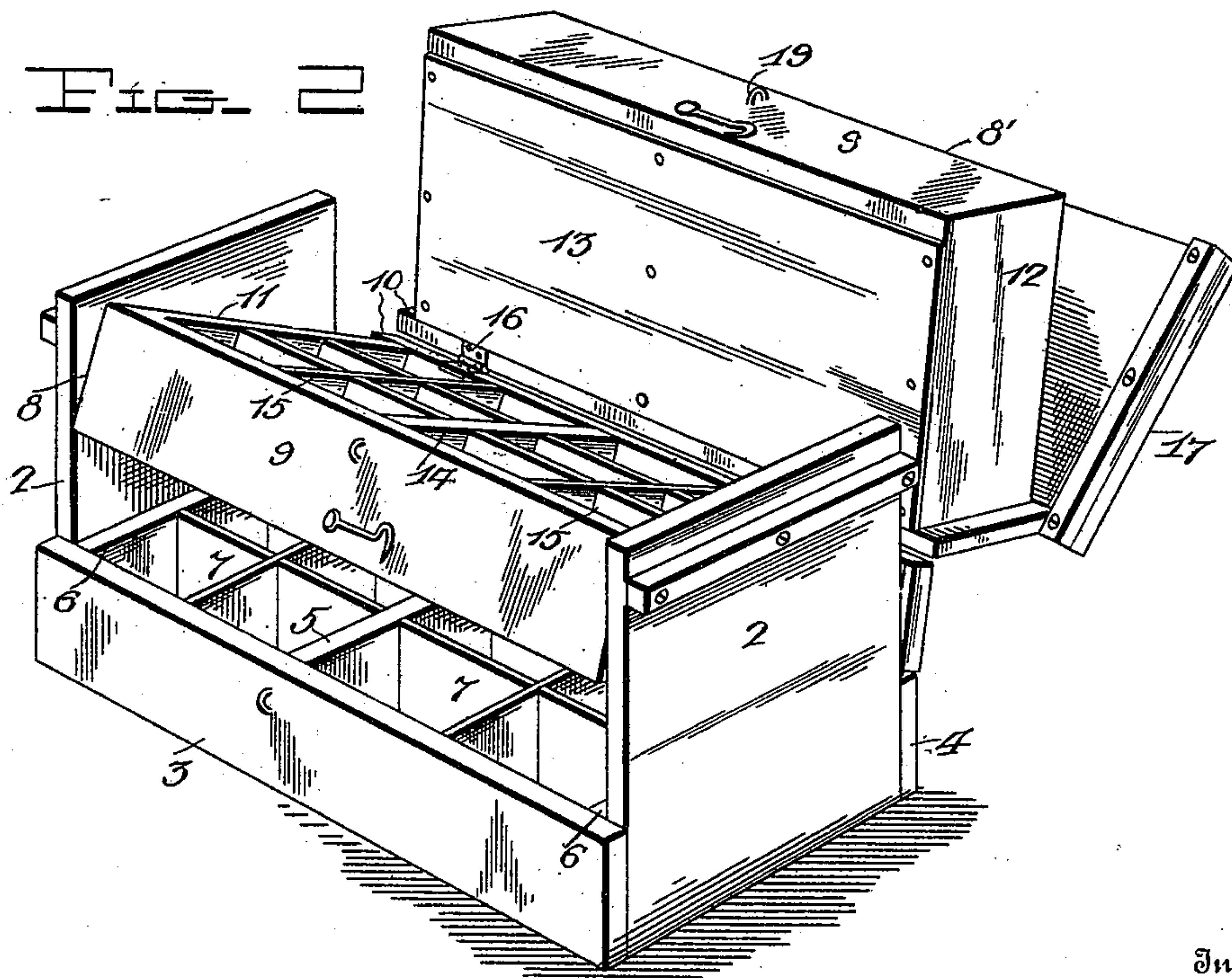
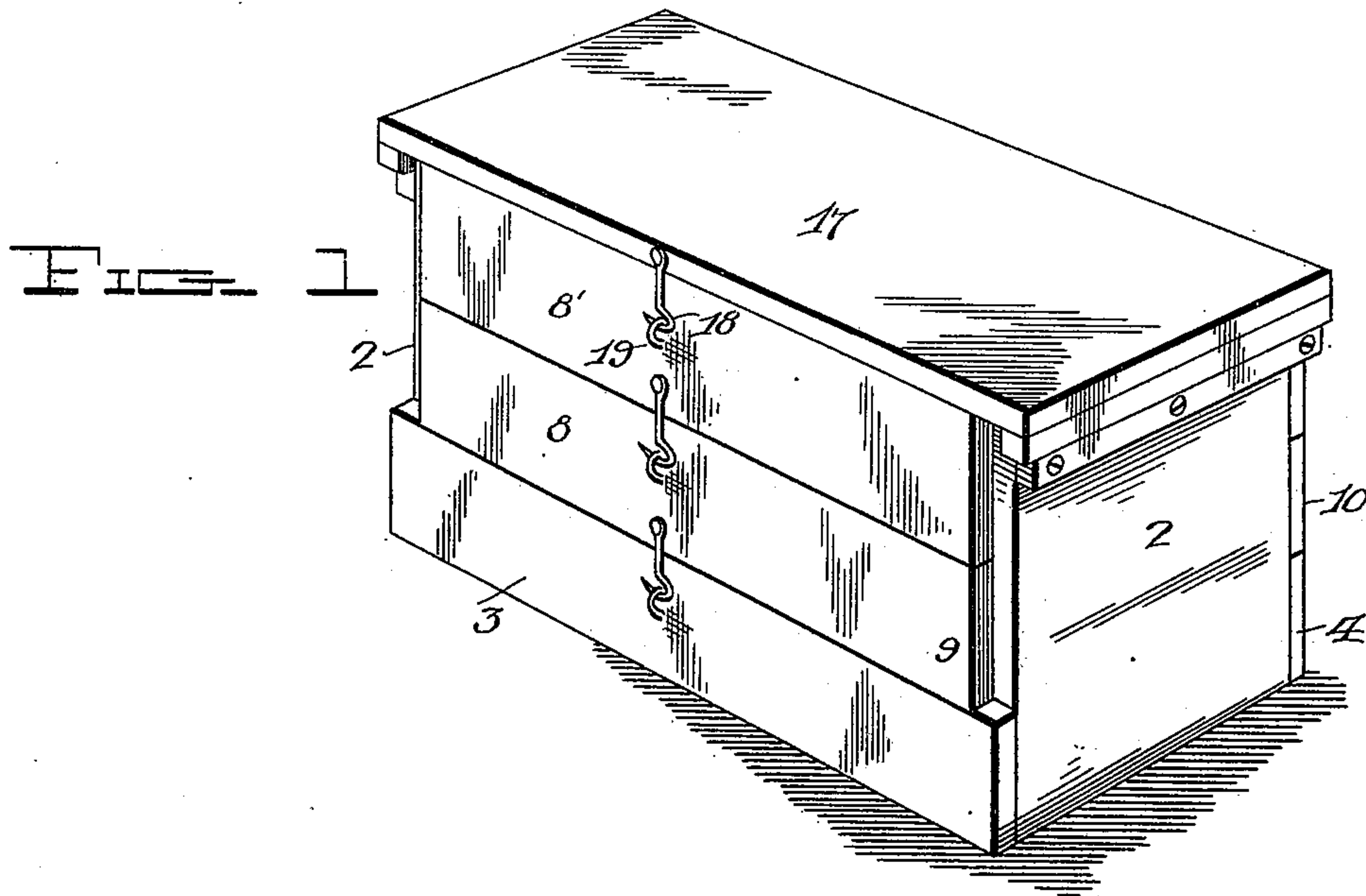
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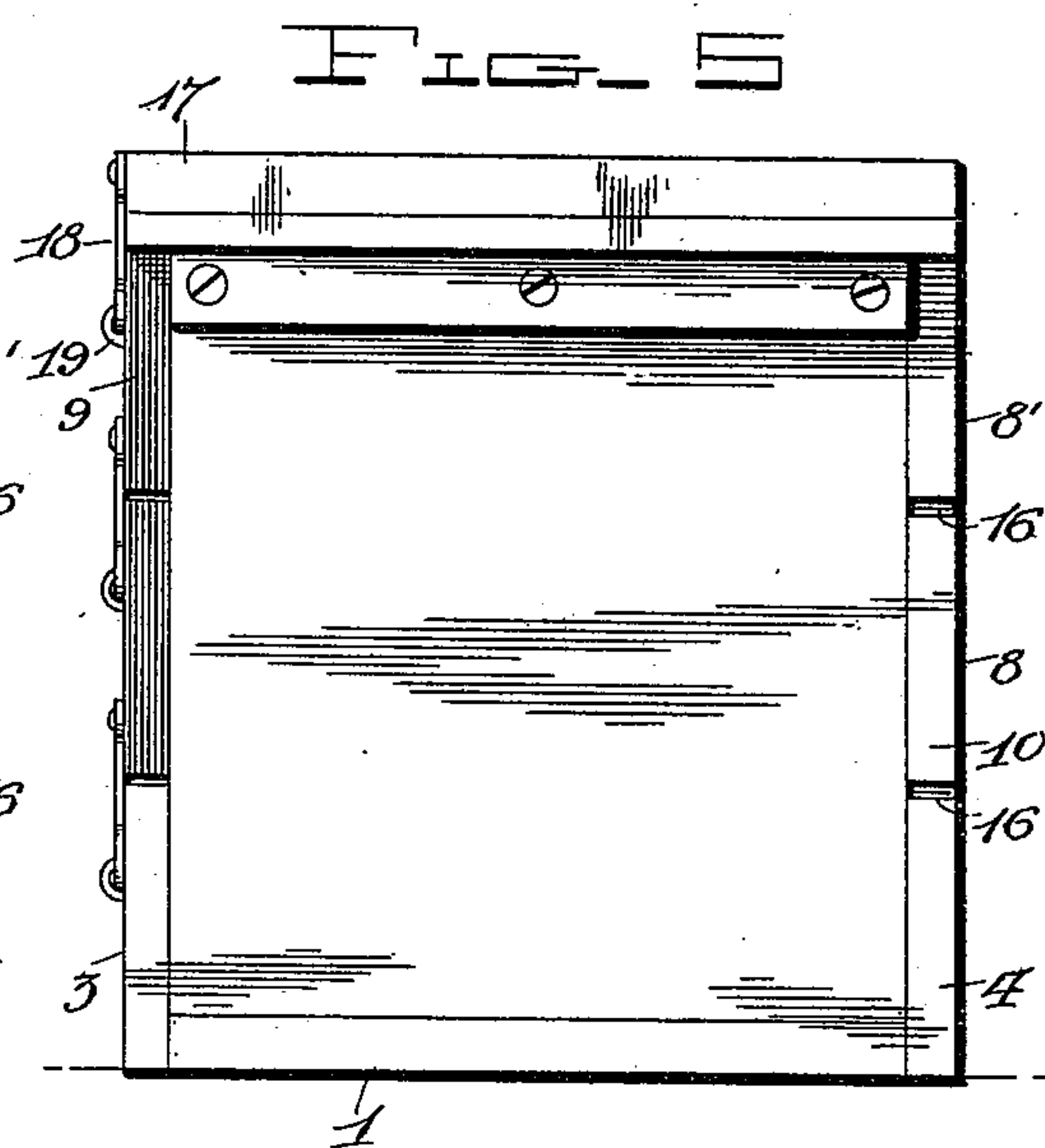
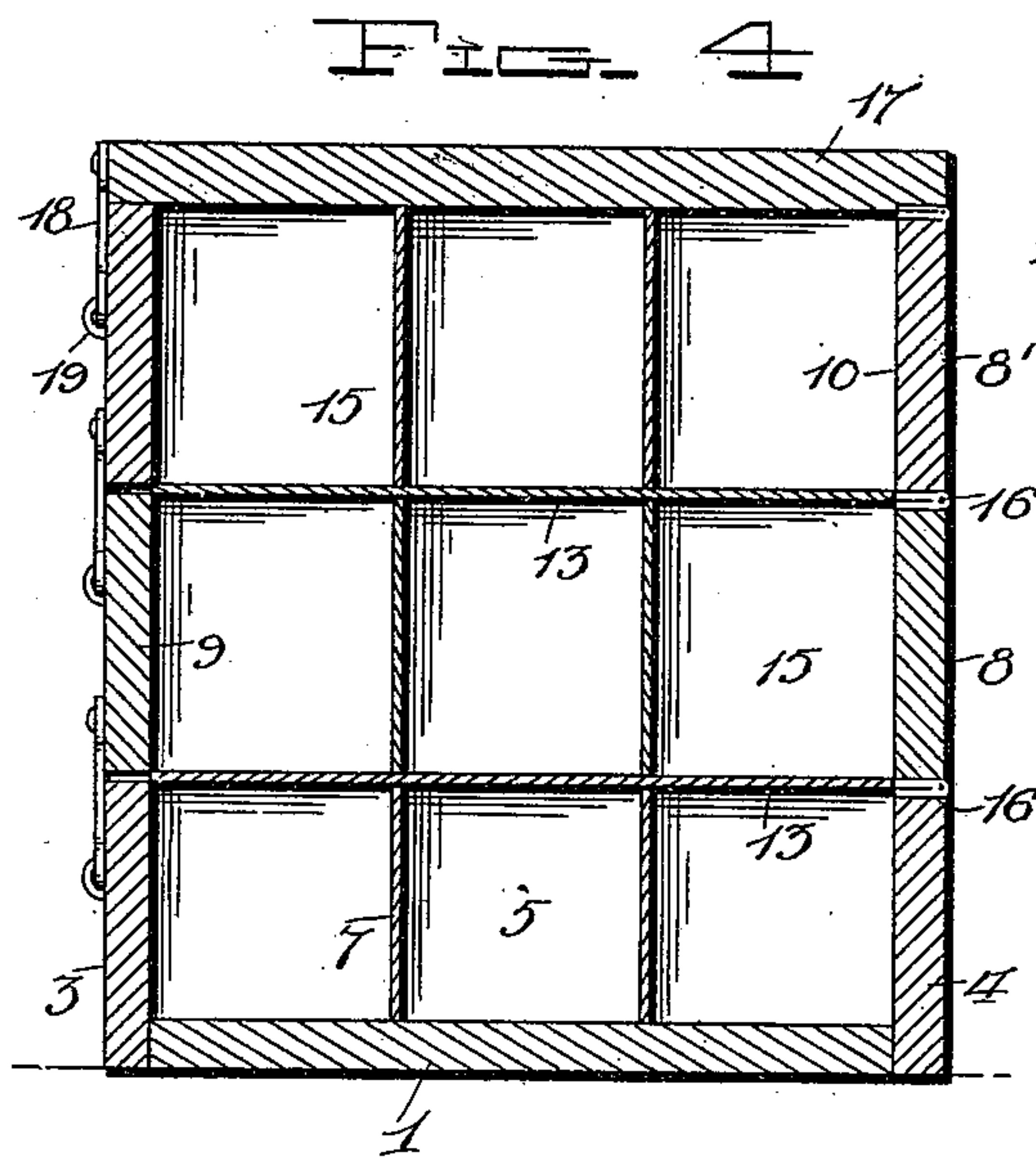
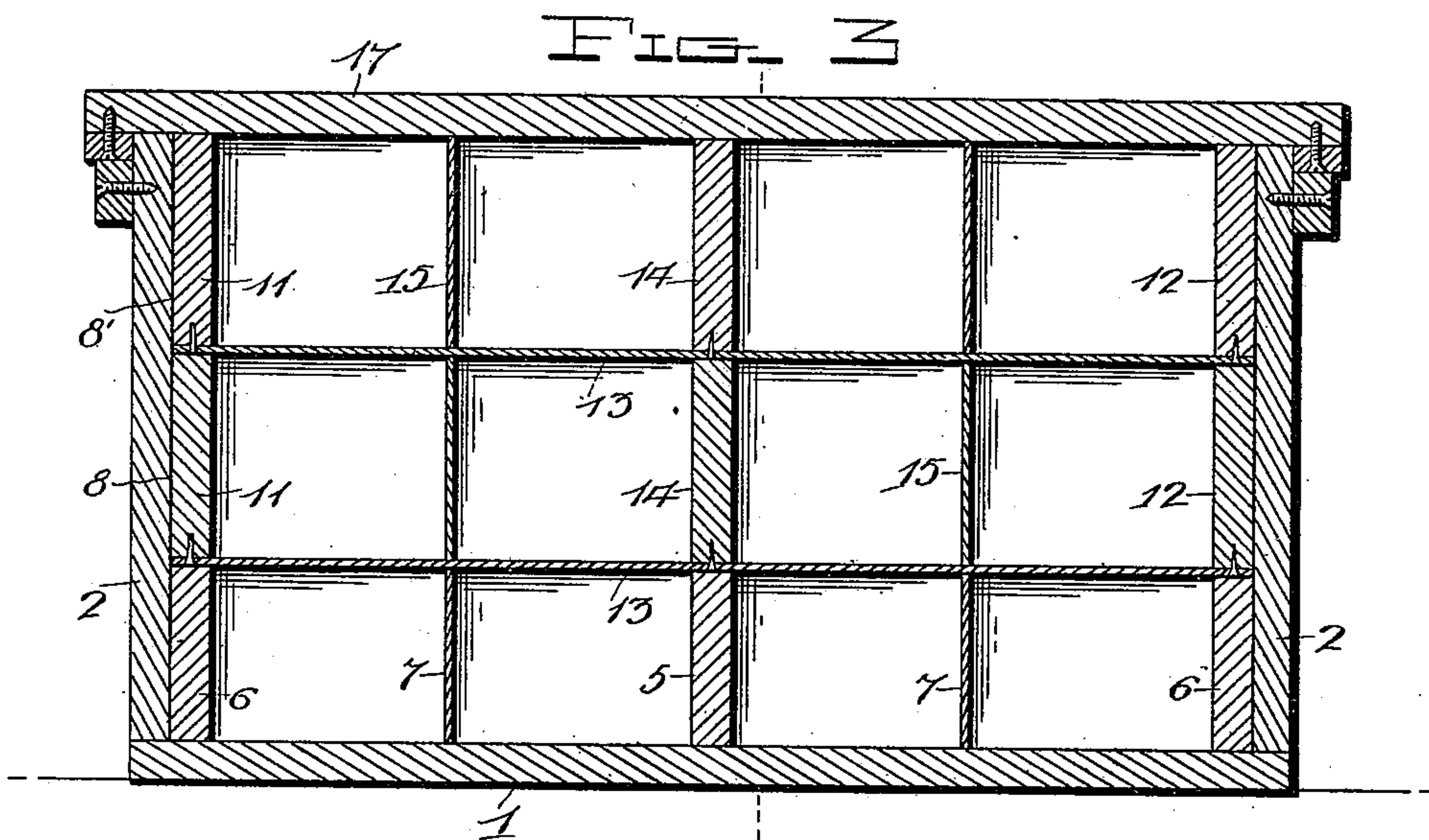
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EGG-CASE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 644,416, dated February 27, 1900.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ISAAC GALLASPIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arbutus, in the county of Kanawha and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Cases; and I do 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 certain novel improvements in egg-crates; and the object is to improve the construction and increase the efficiency by providing a means for filling and emptying the case or crate without removing the fillers.

To this end the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the several parts of the device, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the same reference characters indicate the same parts of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved egg case or crate as it appears when closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view when opened. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 4 is a transverse section. Fig. 5 is an end elevation of the improved egg case or crate as it appears when closed.

1 denotes the bottom board, 2 2 the parallel end walls, and 3 and 4 the front and back rails, which are nailed to the bottom and end walls and which also form the front and back of the bottom tray. This tray is provided with the usual central partition 5 and the end walls 6 6, which are securely fixed in place by nailing to the contiguous portions of the case.

7 7 denote the fillers to receive the eggs.

8 8' denote superimposed trays, of which there may be any suitable number, according to the desired capacity of the crate, and they are counterpart in construction, being formed with the front and back walls 9 and 10, the end walls 11 12, the bottom 13, partition 14, and the usual fillers 15 15 to receive the individual eggs.

The back walls of all the trays are connected by the hinges 16 16, and the uppermost tray

is provided with a hinged cover 17, the front edge of which is appropriately provided with a fastening-hook 18, which engages a screw-eye 19, fixed in the front wall of the tray to retain the cover in place during transportation, and the remaining trays are likewise provided with similar fastening means for a like purpose.

It will be observed that each tray forms a hinged cover for the one beneath, and each may in turn be filled or emptied without removing the fillers or without disturbing the contents of the other trays.

It will of course be understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. An egg case or crate comprising a bottom tray formed with fixed end walls secured to the bottom board of said case or crate and extending to the top edge of the uppermost tray; a set of superimposed hinged trays adapted to close in between said end walls; and a plain cover hinged to the uppermost superimposed hinged tray, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. An egg case or crate, comprising a base-tray provided with extension end walls extending to the top edge of the uppermost superimposed hinged tray, a series of independent superimposed hinged trays adapted to fold down on said base-tray, a cover hinged to the uppermost tray and means as described for independently fastening said cover and trays, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

WILLIAM ISAAC GALLASPIE.
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