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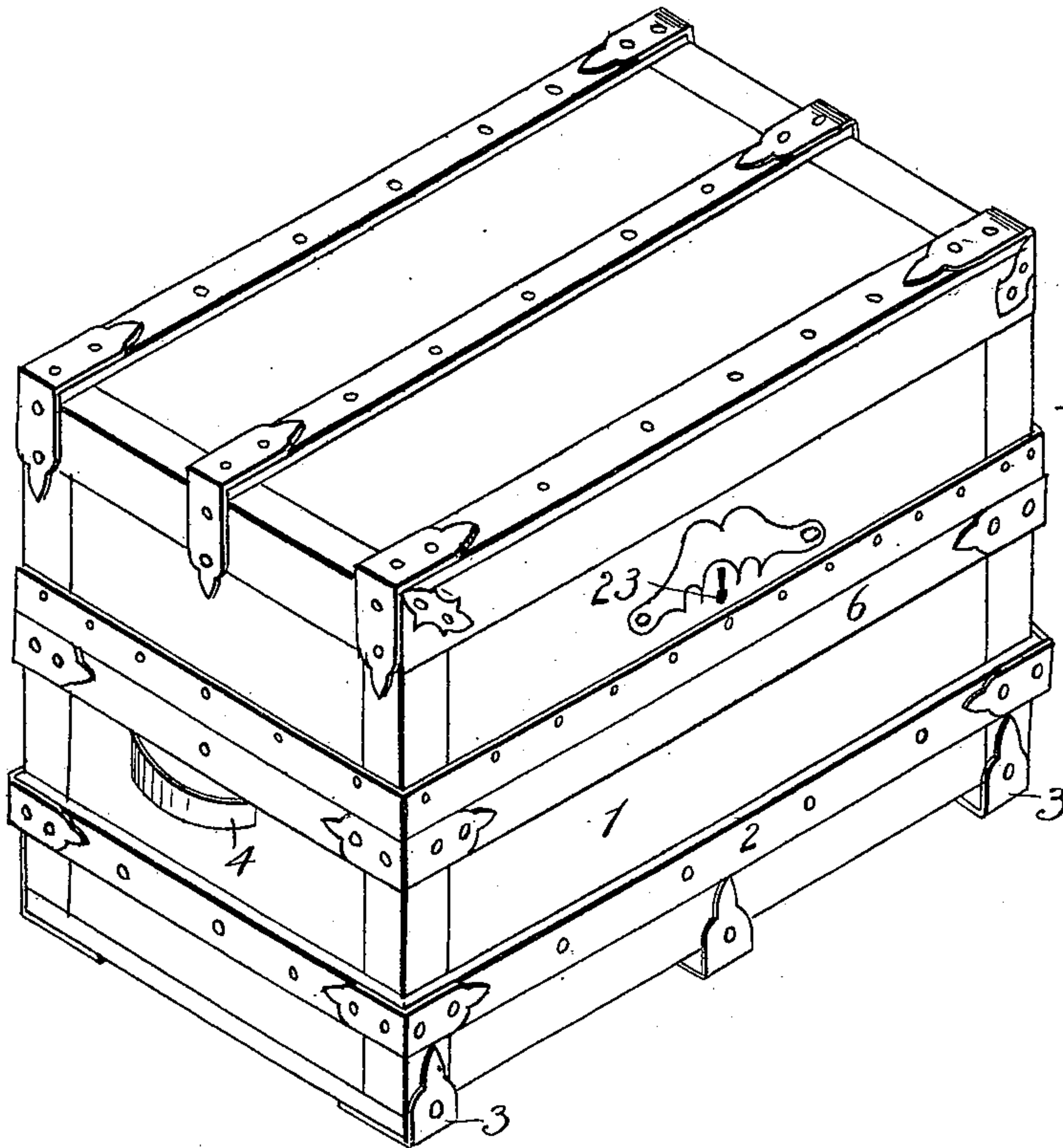


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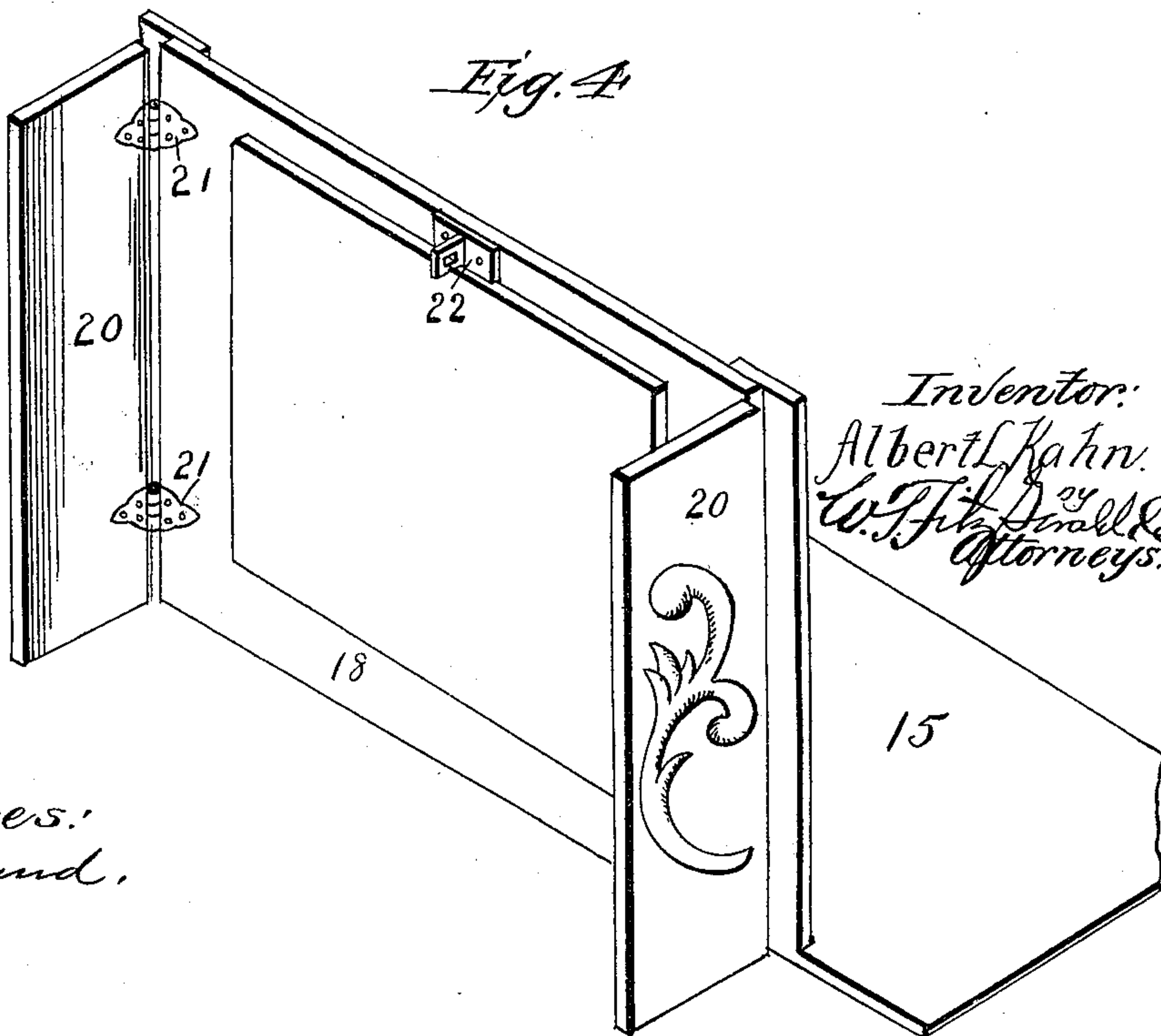


Fig. 4.

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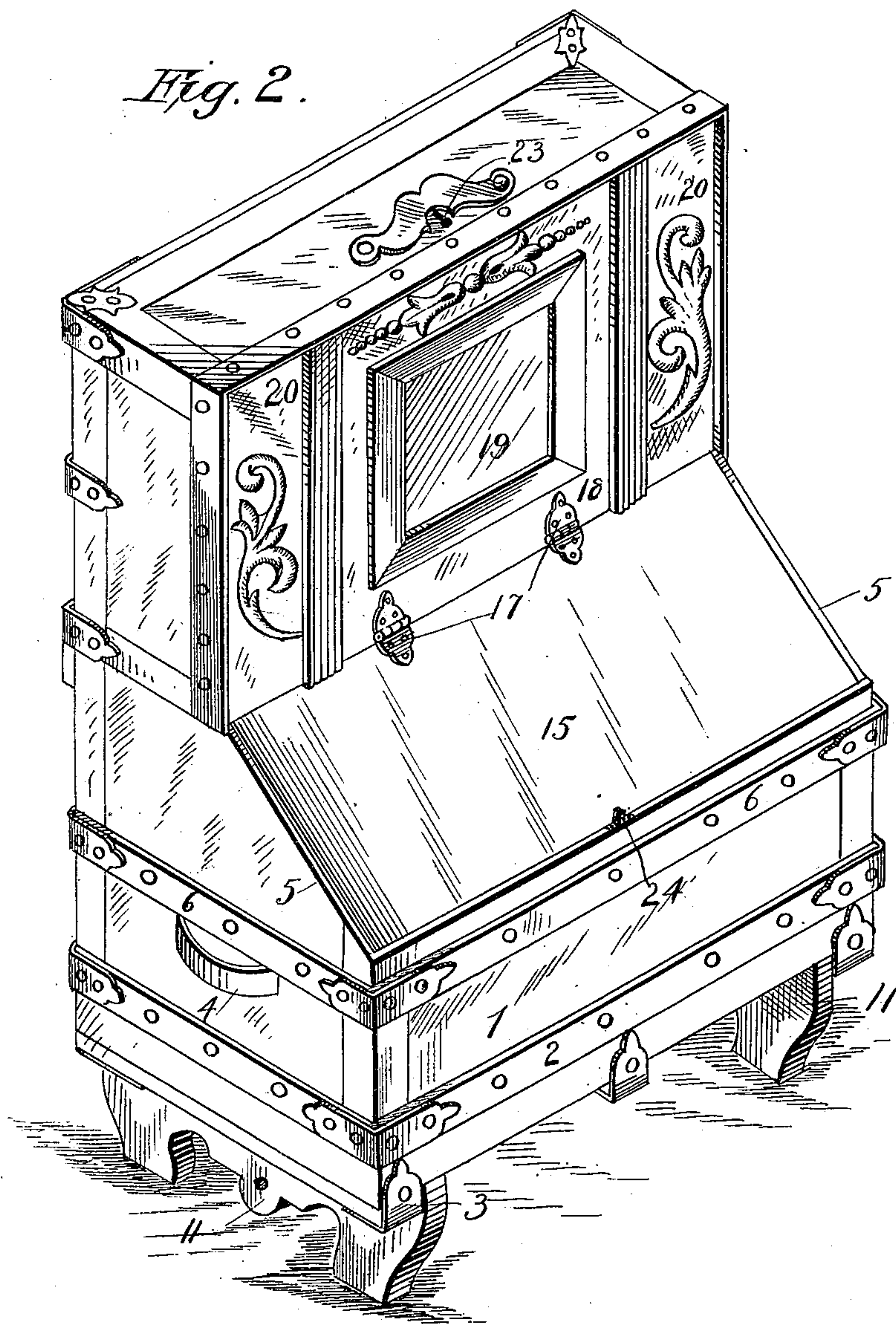
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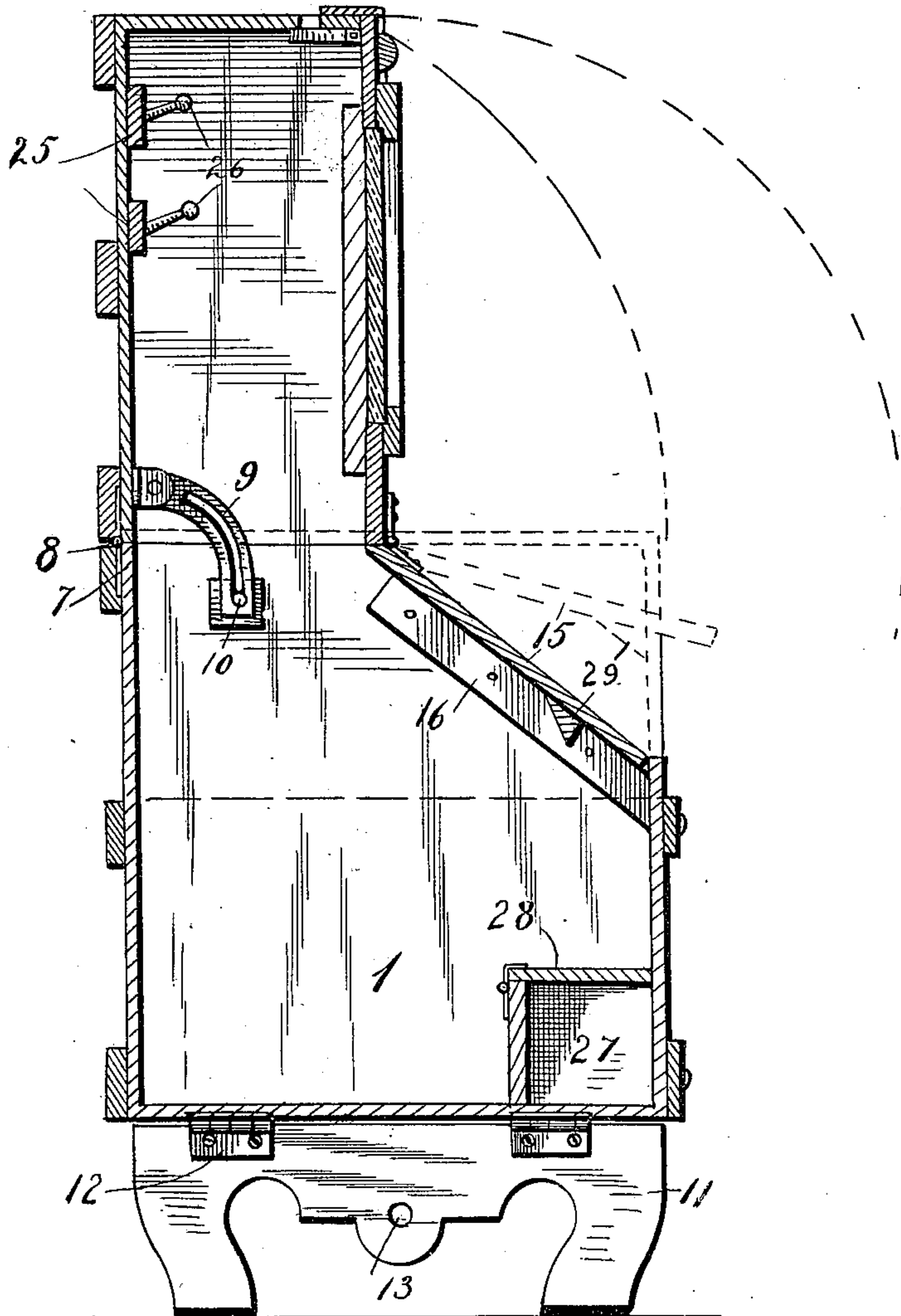
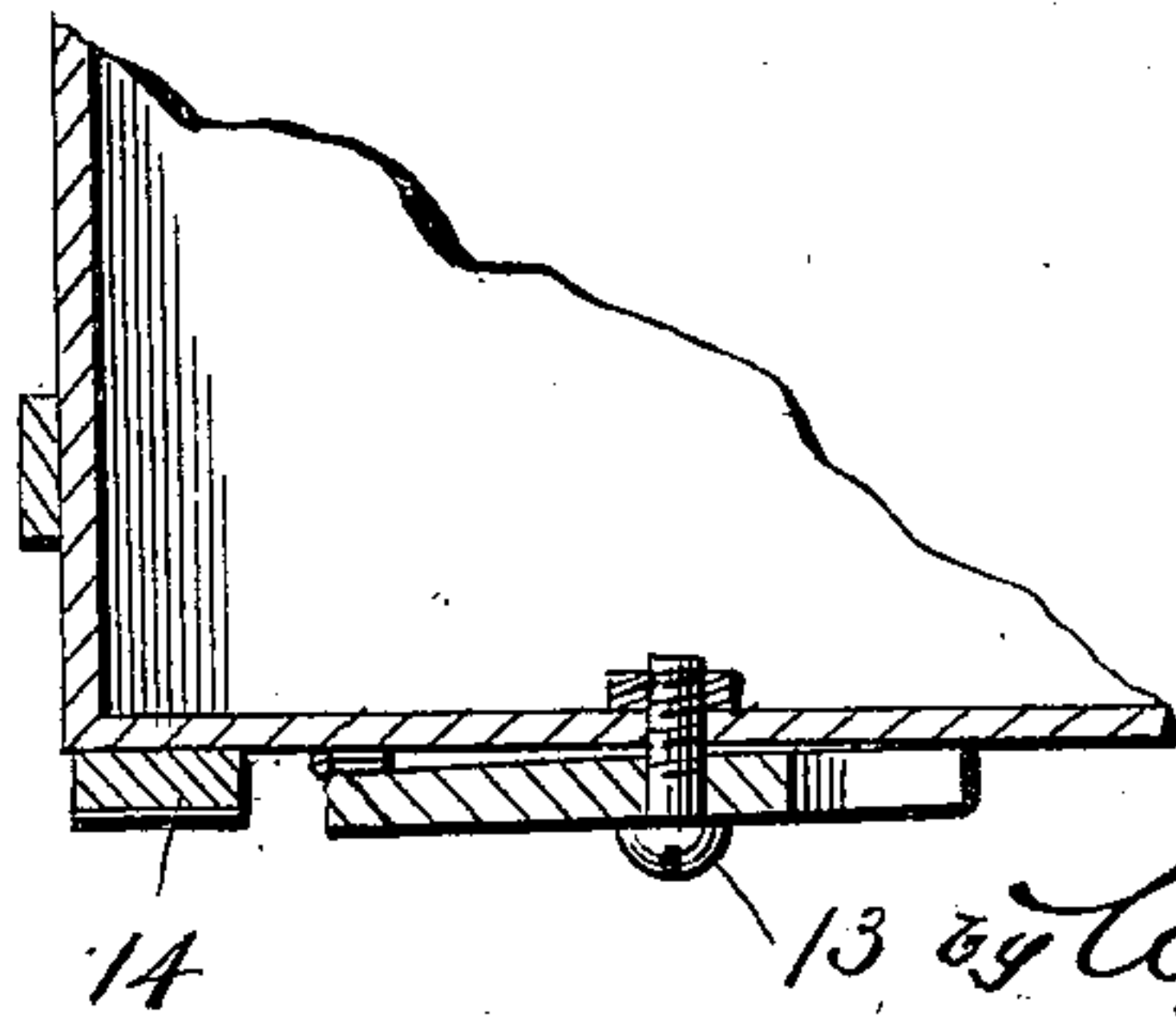


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. KAHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Madison, in the county of Jefferson and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Convertible Trunks; 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.

As will be hereinafter fully described and claimed, my invention relates to a combined trunk, wardrobe, writing-desk, and dresser or bureau.

The object of my invention is to provide a trunk the parts of which may be so manipulated or disposed that an article of furniture possessing beauty of appearance and convenience will be the result.

It will be seen from the following specification, considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, made a part of this application, that the parts of my combined trunk, writing-desk, wardrobe, and dresser are of very simple construction, though possessing great utility, and that the same may be very cheaply manufactured, expeditiously assembled, and converted into an article of furniture when the trunk is not required for use in traveling.

Other advantages will be made fully apparent.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, showing the appearance of an ordinary trunk or traveling-chest. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing my improved trunk converted into a dresser or bureau. Fig. 3 is a transverse central section of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the removable part of my trunk separated and disposed in position to form a portable writing-desk which may be placed upon any suitable support or may be hinged upon the wall at a convenient point. Fig. 5 is a detail showing in section a folding leg secured to the bottom of the trunk, by means of which the trunk-body is elevated, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

In order to conveniently designate the sev-

eral parts of my invention and their coöperating accessories, numerals will be employed, of which 1 indicates the body portion proper of my trunk, which may be made of any preferred size and may be provided at the corners thereof with the usual supporting casters or rollers and is properly reinforced, as is usual, by the supporting-ribs 2 and the corner-reinforcing plates 3, all of said parts being secured to the body proper by suitable nails, screws, or rivets, as is usual, handles 4 also being provided, by means of which the trunk or the article of furniture into which it is converted will be readily moved.

By referring to Figs. 2 and 3 it will be observed that the front side of my trunk is cut away, while the forward ends of each are beveled downward to fit said edge, as indicated by the inclined edges 5. In order to provide a lid which will fit the upper portion of the trunk or body thus cut away on its front side, I make said lid of sufficient size to telescope with said body portion and fit down to and rest upon the upper reinforcing-bar 6, and in order to accomplish this I remove the entire rear side of the lid, and thereby hinge the top portion of the lid at its rear edge to the extreme upper end 7 of the body by means of the hinges 8, the lid being held against a rearward movement and sustained in a vertical position by the depending brackets 9, pivoted on the lid and adapted to engage the lugs 10, secured to the inner sides of each end of the body proper, as clearly indicated in Fig. 3. By thus constructing and hinging the lid and the body portion it will be observed that the entire upper portion (except the rear side) of the body proper or that part above the bar 6 is inclosed by the lid when the latter is disposed in a closed position, thus insuring that the body of the trunk when closed will possess great rigidity and consequent strength.

Designed to hold the body of the trunk elevated slightly above the floor I provide the supporting-legs 11, which are so hinged to the bottom of the trunk near each end by the hinges 12 that said legs may be folded inward, thus disposing them out of the way when not in use, where they may be secured in any suitable way, as by the bolts 13, it be-

ing understood that cleats or lugs 14 are to be secured at each end of the trunk and in the middle thereof, if deemed desirable, said exterior ribs being designed to receive suitable casters or other supports by means of which the trunk may be conveniently moved on the floor.

By cutting away the front side of the trunk-body, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, I provide means for disposing the shelf portion 15, designed to form a writing-desk, it being understood that the beveled ends 5 should be so formed that the section 15 will be disposed at a proper angle to provide a suitable support for writing. The desk-section 15 is supported in its operative position by means of the cleats or bars 16, which are permanently secured to each end of the trunk parallel with, though slightly below, the beveled edges 5 in order that when said section 15 is placed in position on said cleats the outer surface thereof will be flush with the surface of said edges, while the lower edge of the section 15 will be sustained by the extreme upper edge of the front side of the trunk, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

Secured to the upper edge of the section 15 by means of the hinges 17 is the vertically-disposed inclosing section 18, which is preferably ornamented in any preferred way and is also provided with a mirror 19, and in order to insure that the inclosing section 18 will fit snugly within and inclose the open end of the lid of the trunk when the latter is in a vertical position I hinge to each edge of said inclosing section the leaf-sections 20, also properly ornamented as desired, the said end sections being secured to the inclosing section by suitable hinges, as 21.

To insure that the inclosing section 18, with its accompanying leaf-sections 21, will be reliably held into coöperation with the lid of the trunk, I provide the lock or tongue 22, so disposed upon the inner edge of said inclosing section that it will coöperate with the usual lock 23 upon the lid, said lock being also designed to coöperate with the tongue 24, secured at a convenient point to the bar 6, by means of which the lid is locked in engagement with the body proper when the parts are disposed as an ordinary trunk.

The leaf-sections 20, secured to the edges of the inclosing sections 18, are so hinged that they may be snugly folded in close contact with and parallel to said inclosing section 18 when it is desired to fold said parts when not in use, it being understood that the section 15 may also be folded upward against the inclosing section 18, thus disposing all of said parts in a compact and convenient form to be disposed bodily within the lid of the trunk, thus enabling said parts to be shipped with the trunk from place to place, it being obvious that the mirror is safely protected against breakage by the section 15.

By referring to Fig. 4 it is furthermore obvious that the movable parts thus described will be found desirable for use upon an ordinary table or other support, inasmuch as the desk-section 15 may be laid upon the table, so that the edge thereof may be projected over, if desired, while the leaf-sections 20 are disposed at right angles to the inclosing section 18, thus insuring that said section will be reliably supported in a vertical position, and thereby provide a desirable article of furniture which may be used independently of the trunk-body.

To the upper portion of the lid I secure at any preferred point the cleats or lugs 25, which are designed to carry a plurality of pins or hooks 26, thereby affording means for disposing various garments out of the way without the necessity of folding the same.

By referring to Fig. 3 it will be seen that I provide a box or separate receptacle 27 within the body proper, a suitable lid 28 being secured to said box, which will be found to be a desirable and convenient receptacle for various small articles, such as collars, cuffs, &c.

If for any reason it is not deemed desirable to cut away the forward portion of the trunk to the extent shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and thereby dispose section 15 so far out of a horizontal plane, it will be understood that said edge may be only partly removed, in which case a suitable cleat 29 may be secured to the lower side of the section 15 at a proper distance from the edge thereof, said cleat being designed to engage the edge of the trunk and prevent said section from casually slipping downward, the said section 15 being indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3.

It will be seen that I have provided reliably-efficient means whereby an ordinary trunk-body may be very readily and cheaply converted into a combined bureau, writing-desk, and wardrobe, and believing that the advantages of my improved trunk have been made fully apparent from the foregoing specification further reference to the details thereof is deemed unnecessary.

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

1. In a convertible trunk, a body portion proper cut away on its forward side and having a telescoping lid secured thereto, in combination with the inclosing section 18 having leaf-sections pivoted thereto, said parts being designed to inclose the open part of the lid when raised, said inclosing section being further provided with a desk-section hinged thereto adapted to rest at a desired angle upon the edge of the forward side of the trunk, whereby a desk or support will be provided in the manner specified and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a convertible trunk, a body portion having its forward part cut away, a telescoping lid hinged to the body whereby said cut-

away portion will be inclosed, in combination
with an inclosing section 18, a desk-section
hinged thereto; leaf-sections pivoted to said
inclosing section and suitable supporting-
5 racks secured to the inner portion of the lid,
all combined in the manner specified and for
the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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