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Fig. 1.

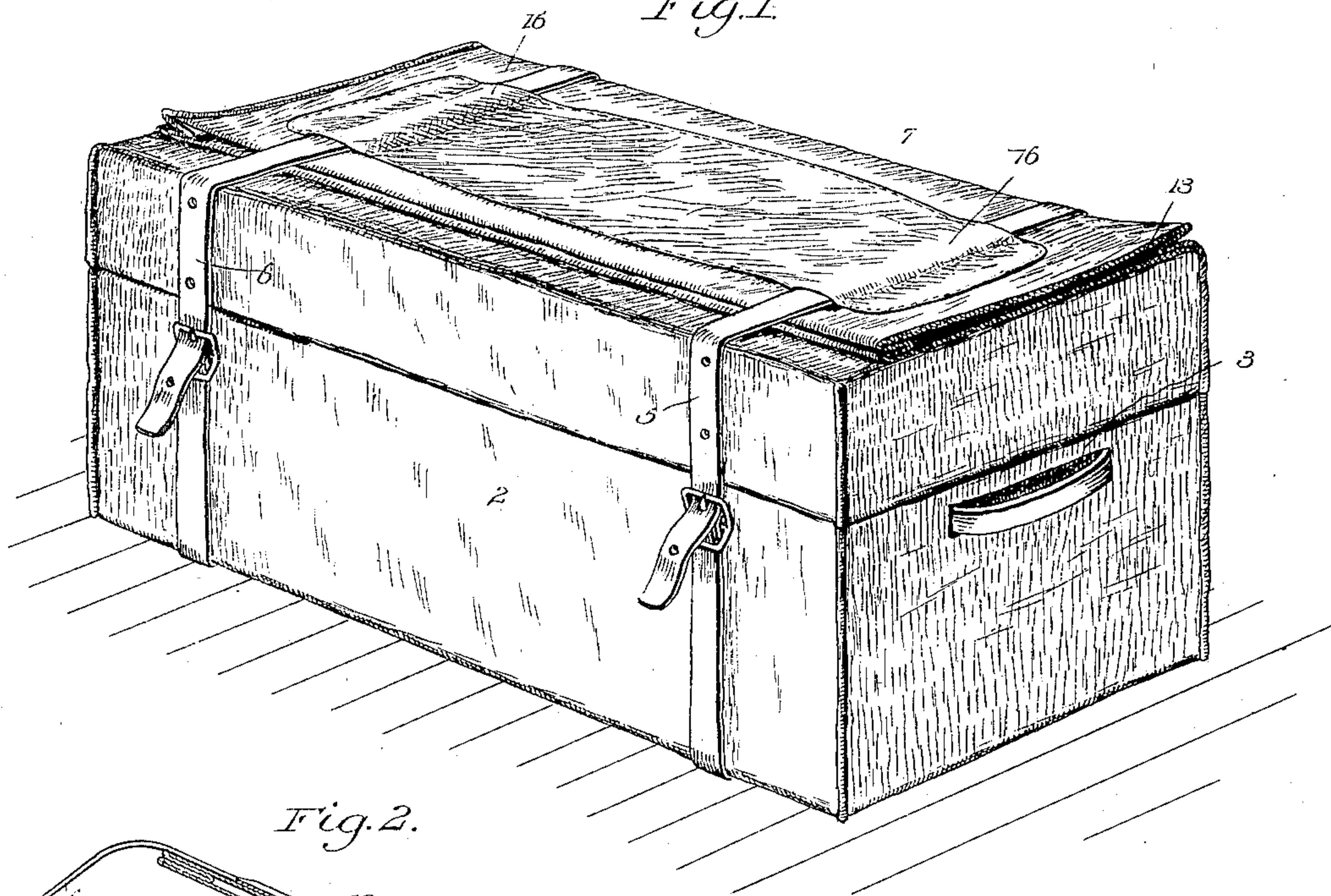


Fig. 2.

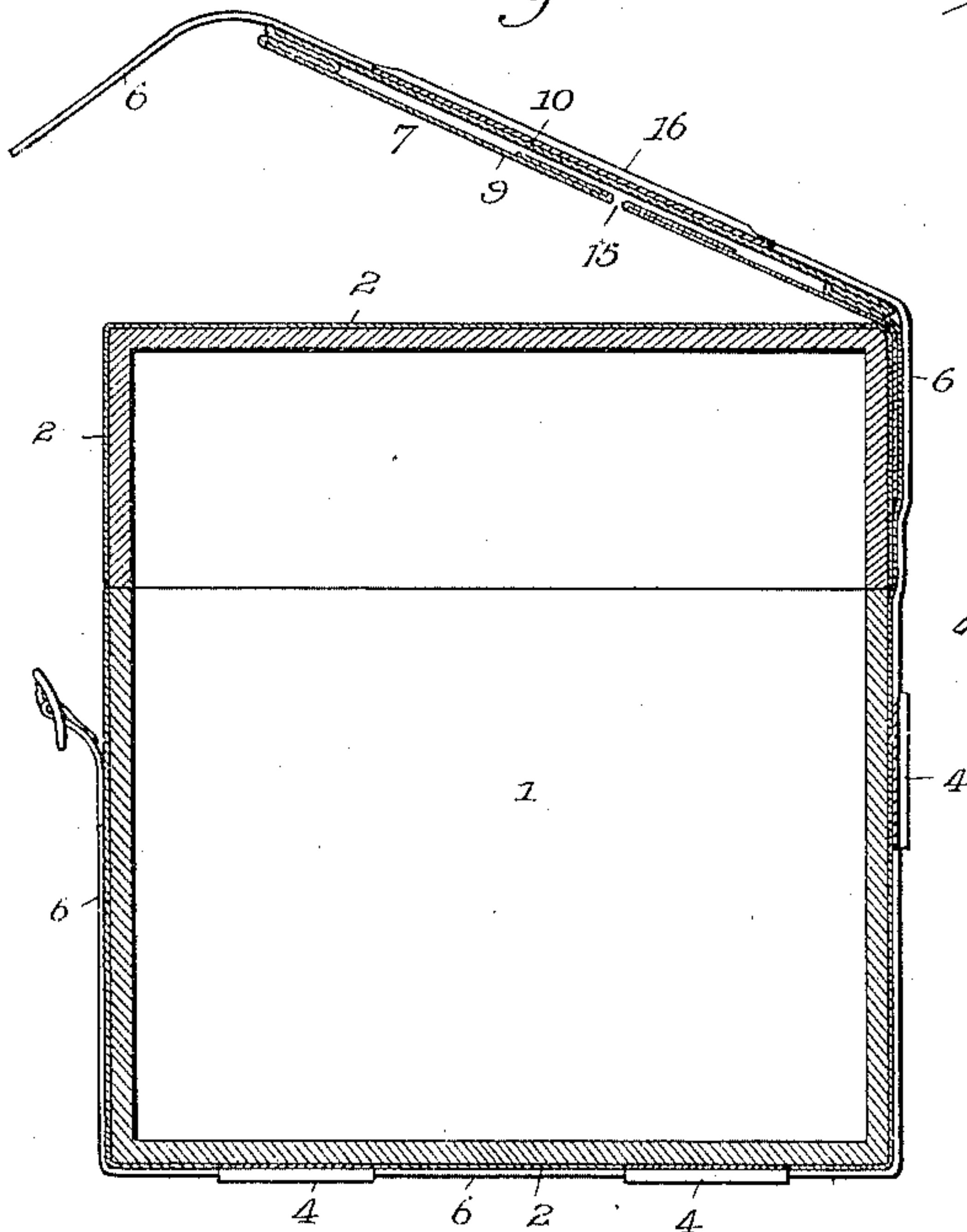
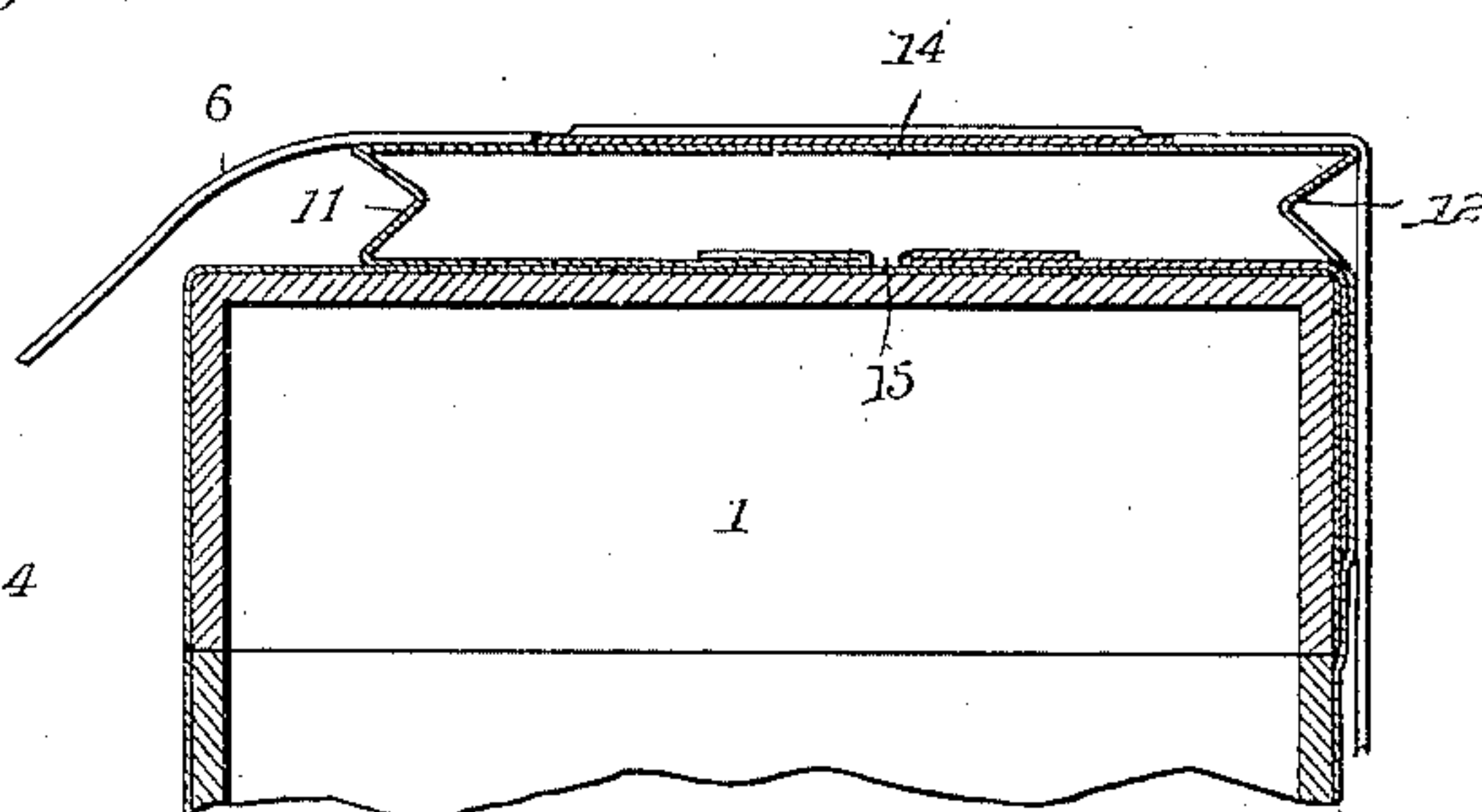


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNIE M. WELSHE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Auburn, in the county of Cayuga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunk-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to trunk-covers; and its object is to provide an inexpensive durable cover to protect a trunk from wear and also to provide means for packing on the outside of a trunk soiled clothes or other articles which might injure the contents of the trunk.

The invention consists in a trunk-cover provided with a flap containing a pocket or receptacle for soiled clothes or other articles.

The invention also consists in the features of construction hereinafter fully described, and defined in the appended claim, in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk provided with a cover embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section with the flap of the cover raised away from the top of the trunk, and Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view showing the pocket of the cover in its distended position.

The reference-numeral 1 designates a trunk of the usual rectangular form provided with a cover 2 of canvas or like durable material. This cover is made to fit the trunk and is formed with a slot or opening 3 at each end, through which the trunk-handles pass. It is also provided at bottom and back with keepers or guides 4 for securing straps 5 and 6.

7 designates a flap-pocket attached along its bottom edge to the back of the top of the cover. This flap comprises two plies or layers 9 and 10, connected by side strips 11 and 12 and end strips 13 and 14. The inner layer

or ply 9 of the pocket is divided longitudinally at its center, as shown at 15, to form an opening for the insertion and removal of the contents of the pockets. The side and end strips of the pocket fold centrally in an inward direction, so that the flap can be folded down neatly and closely upon the top of the cover. The outer ply 10 of the flap is provided with keepers or guides 16, through which the straps 5 and 6 pass. The flap-pocket as thus constructed is especially adapted to contain soiled linen or other articles which it is not desirable to pack inside of the trunk with clean clothing. It is also well adapted to contain heavy articles which if packed within the trunk might abrade or otherwise injure the other contents thereof.

It will be observed that when the flap-pocket is strapped down upon the trunk the opening 15 is concealed and protected, so that there is no liability of the contents of the pocket dropping out accidentally, and at the same time by unloosening the ends of the straps access may be readily had to the contents of the pocket without raising the lid of the trunk.

I claim—

The combination with a trunk, of a cover fitting the trunk, and having a supplemental flap or cover secured along the rear edge of the top of the cover, and comprising two thicknesses or layers of material, the inner one of which is slitted, and means for securing the flap in position upon the trunk-lid, so that said flap may be raised without raising the lid.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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