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Fig. 1.

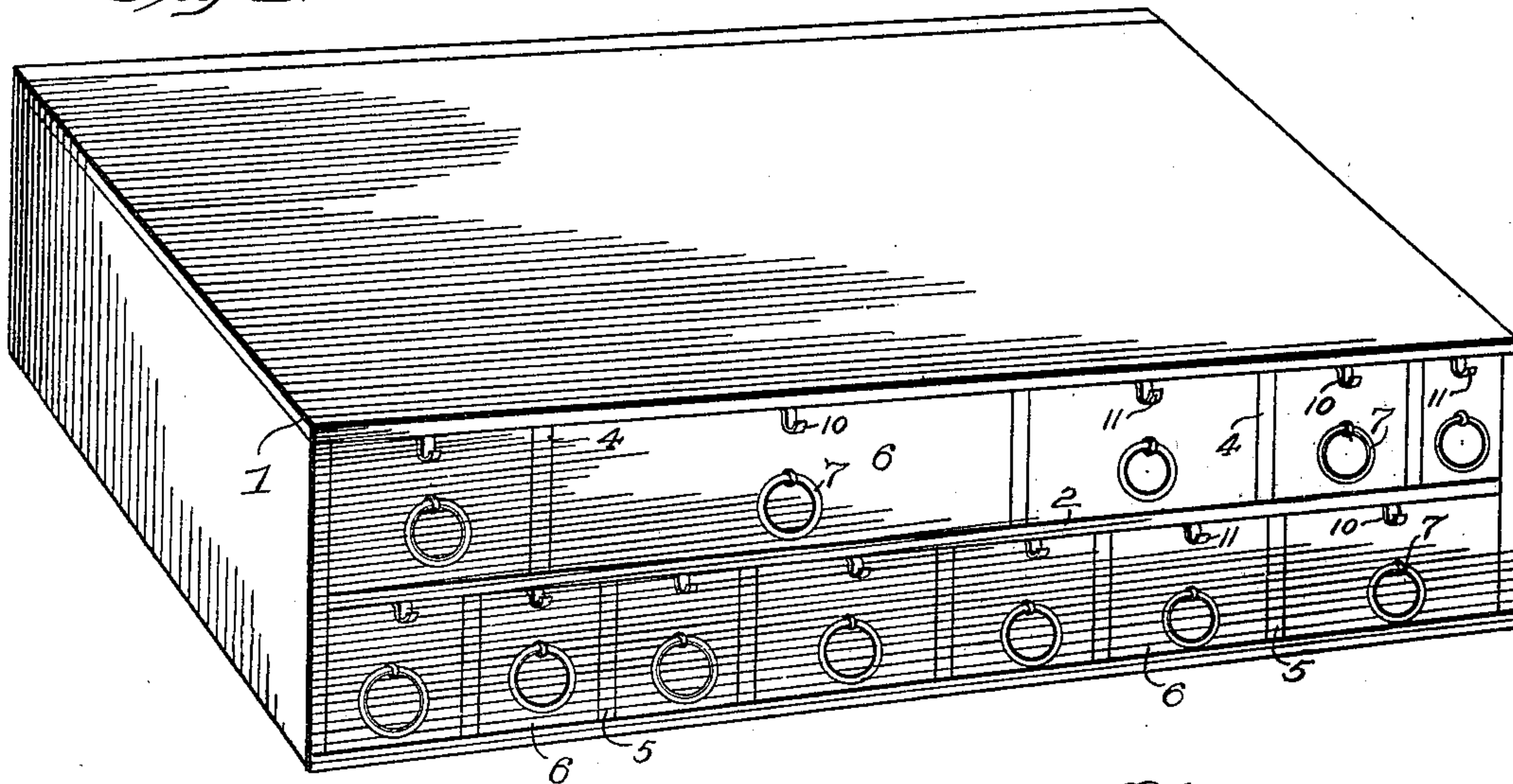


Fig. 2.

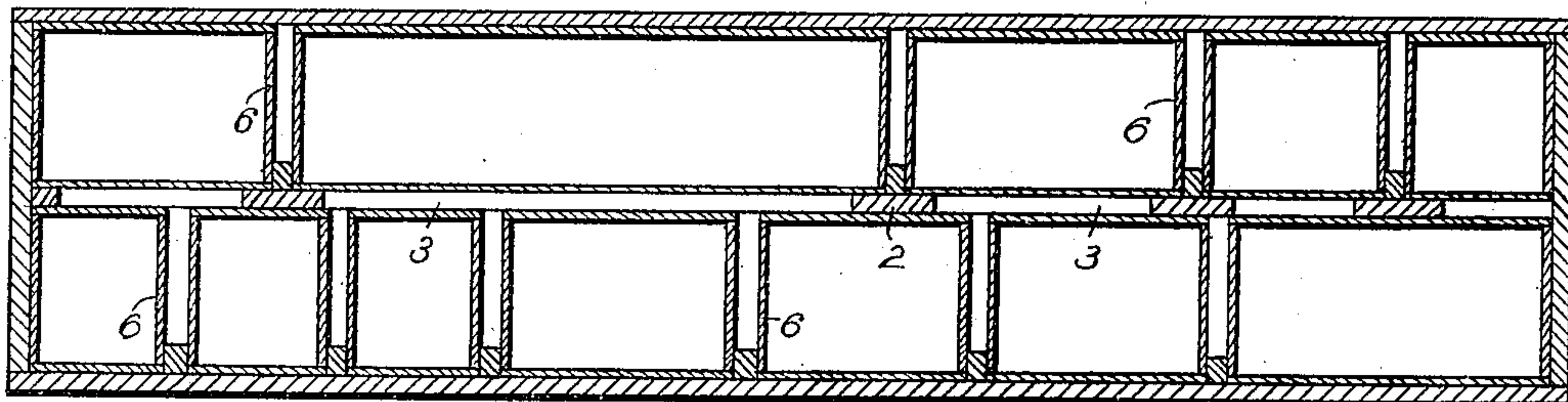
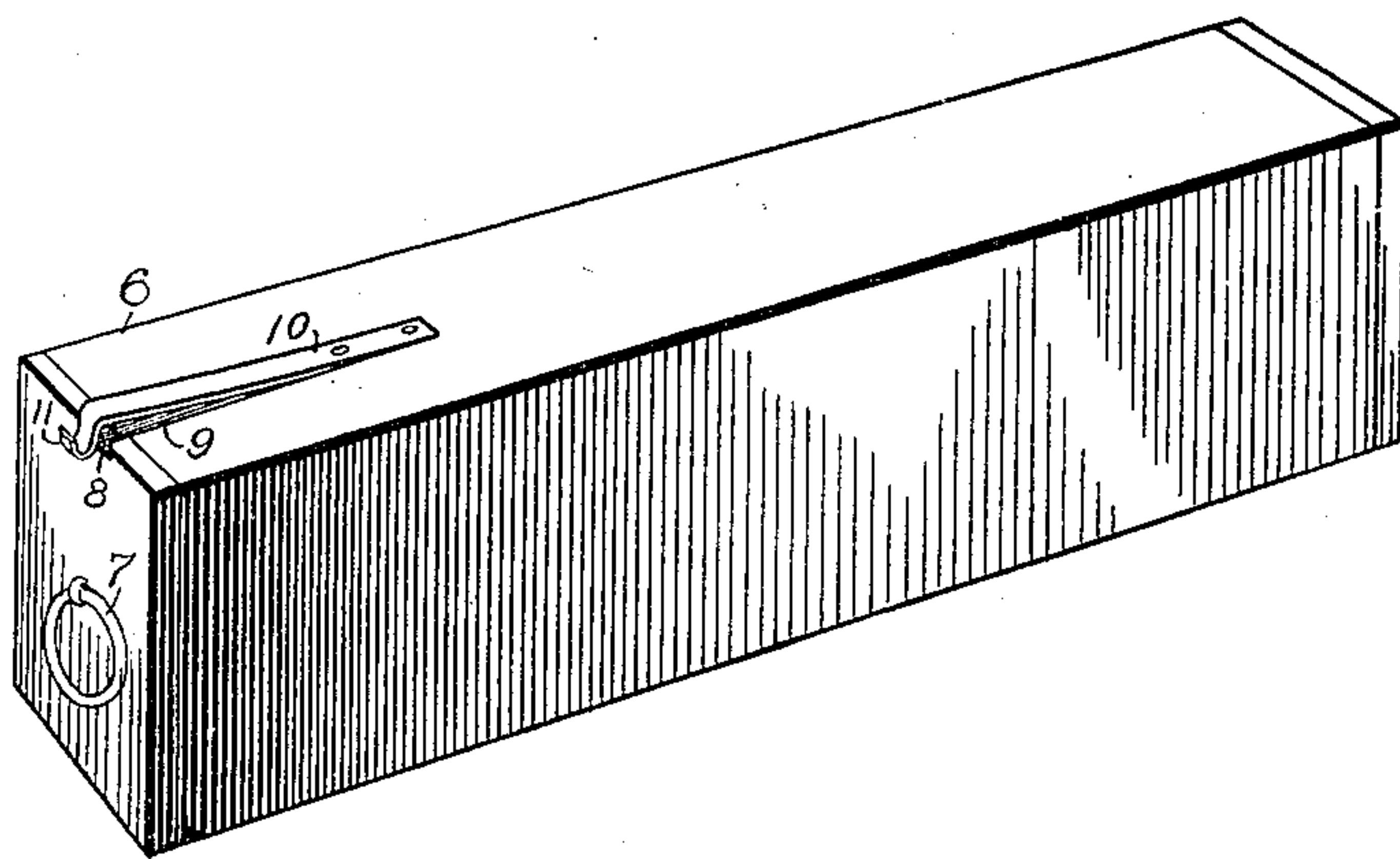


Fig. 3.



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CIGAR-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bland, in the county of Bland and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Cigar-Box, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cigar boxes or packages; and the object of the same is to provide simple and effective means for facilitating the packing of cigars in separated inclosed quantities within an ordinary box commonly employed for containing cigars, so that a dealer will be enabled to withdraw from the main containing-box the exact number of cigars desired by a purchaser without the delay incident to packaging the same by the ordinary methods, the individual containing devices being easily opened to permit inspection of the cigar or cigars therein.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigar box or package embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the withdrawal packages contained in the box.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a box which in all essential features is similar to the ordinary cigar-box and with the exception that both the top and bottom are closely fastened or sealed and one side is removed. Horizontally disposed in the box midway of its depth is a partition 2, which is formed with openings 3 at regular or desired intervals, and rising therefrom and extending completely to the top of the box are vertical partitions 4, which are also open for a portion of their length. Between the said horizontal partition and the bottom of the box 1 are other vertical partitions 5, which are also open, and by having the said partitions open the structure of the device as an entirety is materially lightened and also the air is permitted to circulate therethrough to a limited extent, particularly after portions of the device have

been removed, as will be presently explained. The edges of the several partitions exposed through the open side of the box 1 are continuous, and the different vertical partitions are spaced apart various distances in a longitudinal direction. The solid portions of the horizontal partition form horizontal guides and supports, and the vertical partitions provide separating mediums for the withdrawable support of cases or inclosures 6, all of the same length, but varying in width to receive different quantities of cigars. Some of the cases or inclosures have a capacity for one cigar, others for two, three, four, &c., and they are disposed transversely of the box 1, as will be seen. The ends of cases, which are normally flush with the open side of the box 1, are preferably provided with pull-rings 7 and also suitably hinged and at their top central portions are formed with longitudinal recesses 8 and 9, respectively, in the top edge of the hinged ends and in the adjacent portions of the tops of the same to give place and freedom of operation to catch-springs 10, secured to the said top portions of the cases and having outer bent or hooked ends 11. When the cases are located in the box 1, as shown by Fig. 1, the bent ends of the catch spring under the outer portion of the horizontal partition and the similar part of the top of the box 1 to thereby hold the said cases against movement accidentally from the box or until released intentionally by forcefully pressing the bent or hooked ends of the springs downwardly. These cases are to be made of inexpensive light material, so that they may be handed to the purchaser without removing the cigar or cigars therefrom and to be taken by him as a part of his purchase, and thus avoid the delay incident to insert the cigars in wrappers or envelops, as in the customary method of selling cigars. At the same time the purchaser is given a case or inclosure for preserving the cigars while being carried in the pocket and this will be an inducement to buy the cigars put up in this manner.

A further and most important advantage of the invention is that a number of different brands of cigars can be placed in one box and each kind sold separately without exposing the others, so that they will not lose their flavor or dry out, as they do in an open box.

Another advantage is that the retailer can obtain a number of different brands of cigars in one box instead of having to buy as many full boxes of the individual brands as he now
5 has to do in order to keep the same variety in stock. At a proper point and to fully comply with the revenue laws a revenue-stamp will be applied to the box over the open end, so that a withdrawal of one of the cases will
10 break said stamp, and one or more of these stamps will be employed, as found necessary.

Changes in the form, size, proportions, and minor details may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention.

15 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A cigar-box comprising a box proper provided with a permanently-closed top and one open side, a single centrally-positioned horizontal
20 partition in the box, a plurality of vertical partitions above and below the said horizontal partition arranged at different dis-

tances apart to form compartments of varying dimensions, a series of cases corresponding in number to the number of the compartments and completely closed on all sides and
25 at the ends, the cases being equal in length to the width of the box proper and having one end of each hinged for opening purposes, and catches of a yielding nature applied to the top
30 portion of the outer ends of the cases to hold the latter against accidental disengagement from the box proper and retain the hinged ends closed, the said cases being adapted to receive
35 different brands of cigars and to be delivered to the purchaser as a means of containing the cigars.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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