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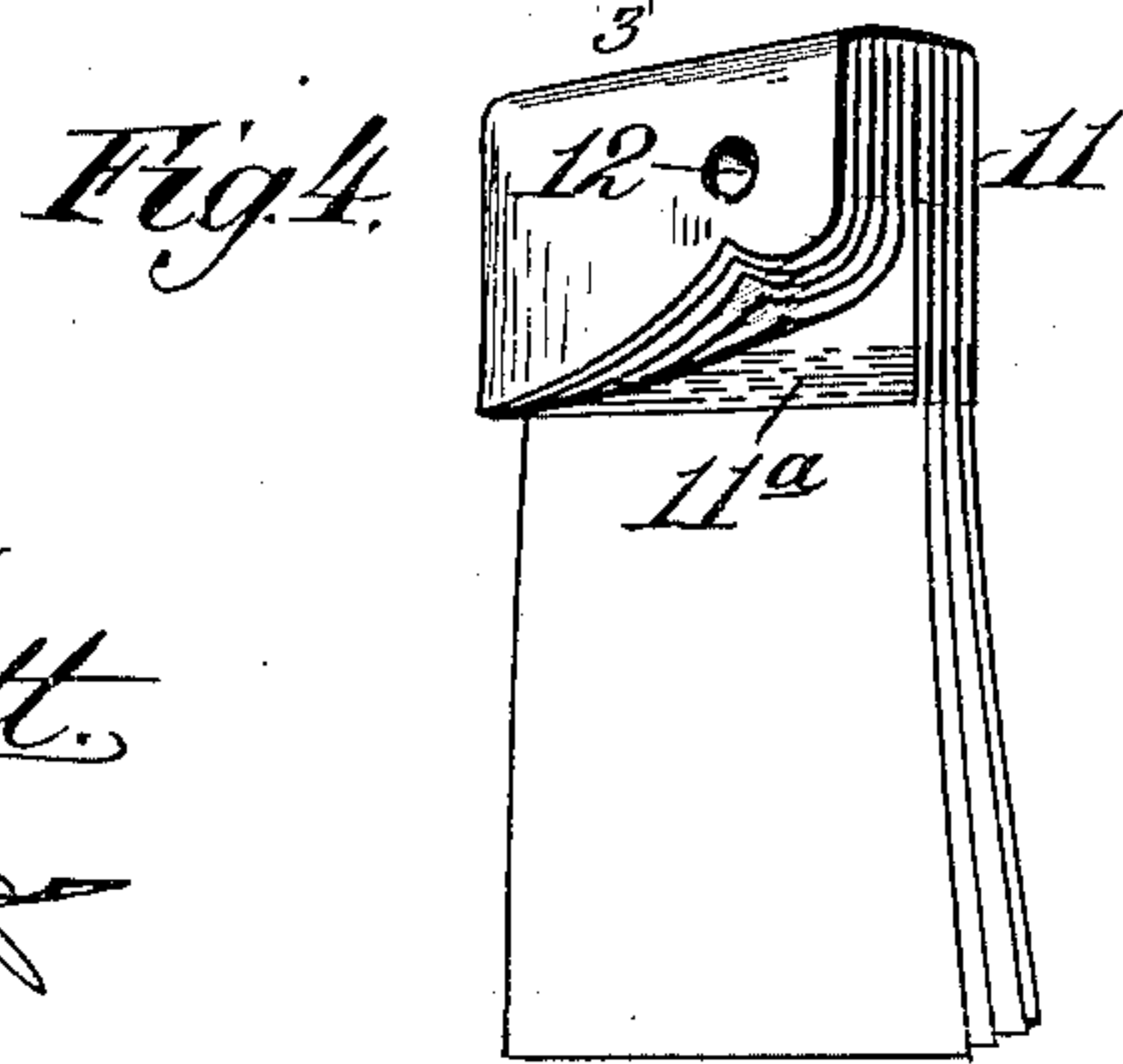
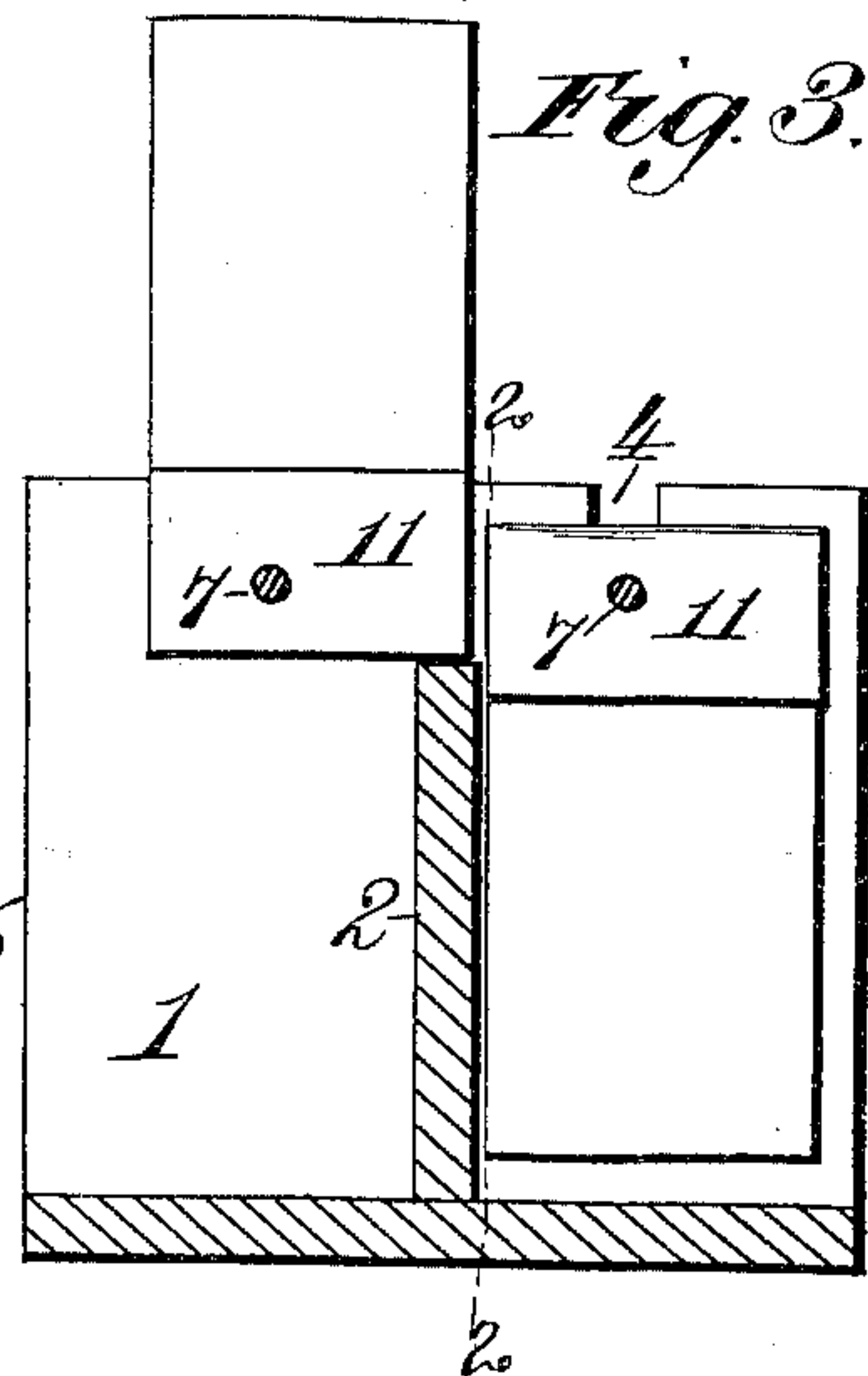
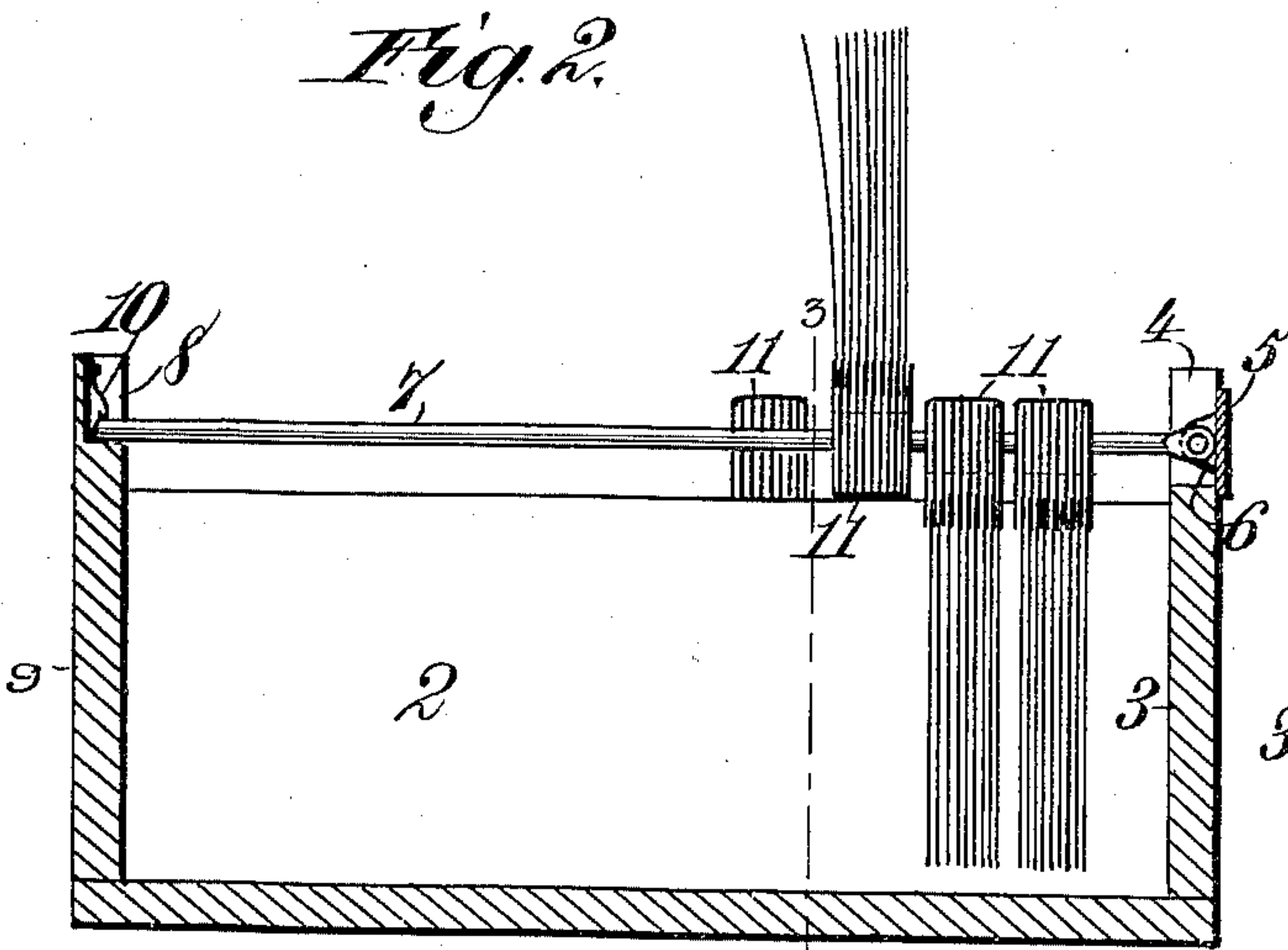
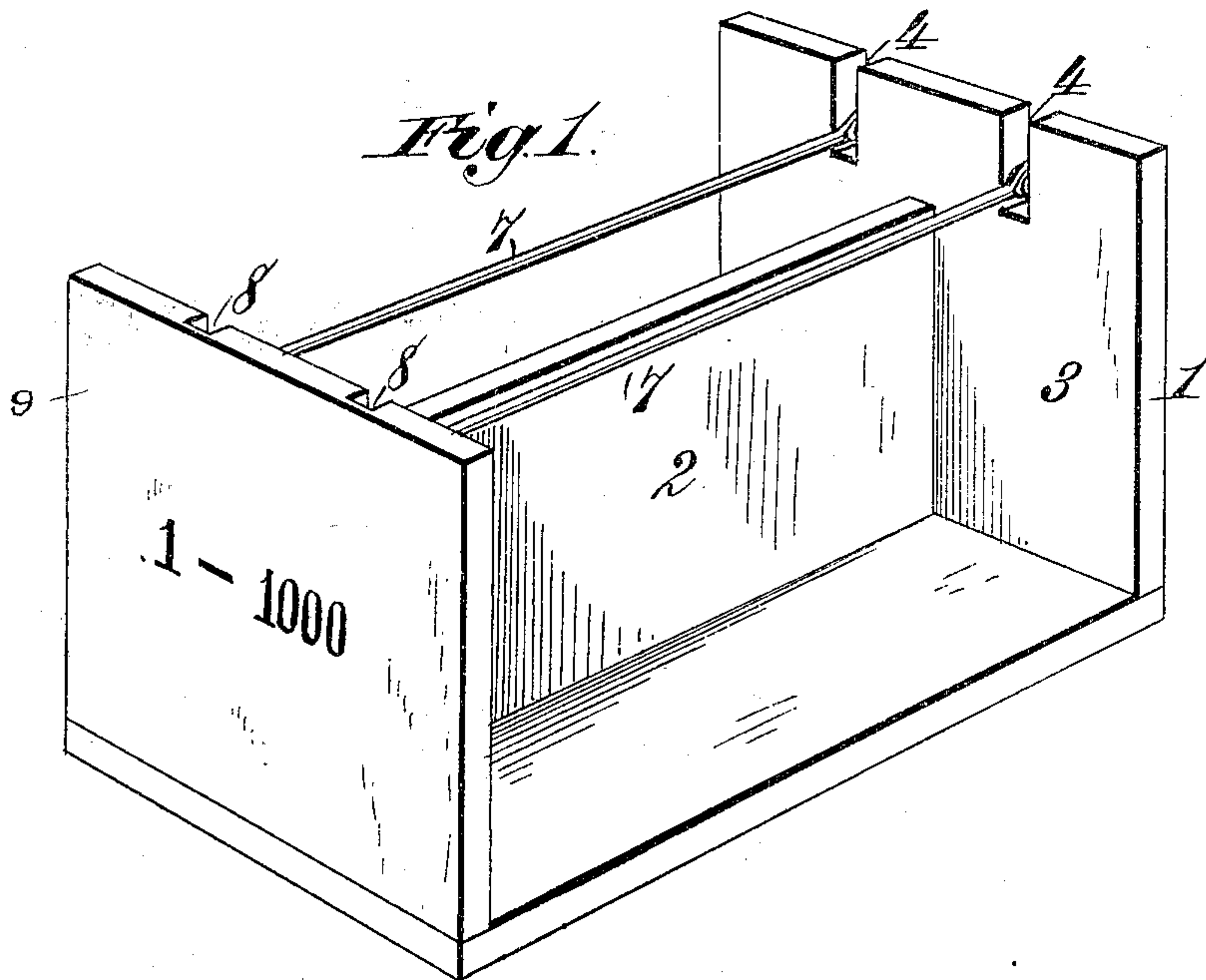
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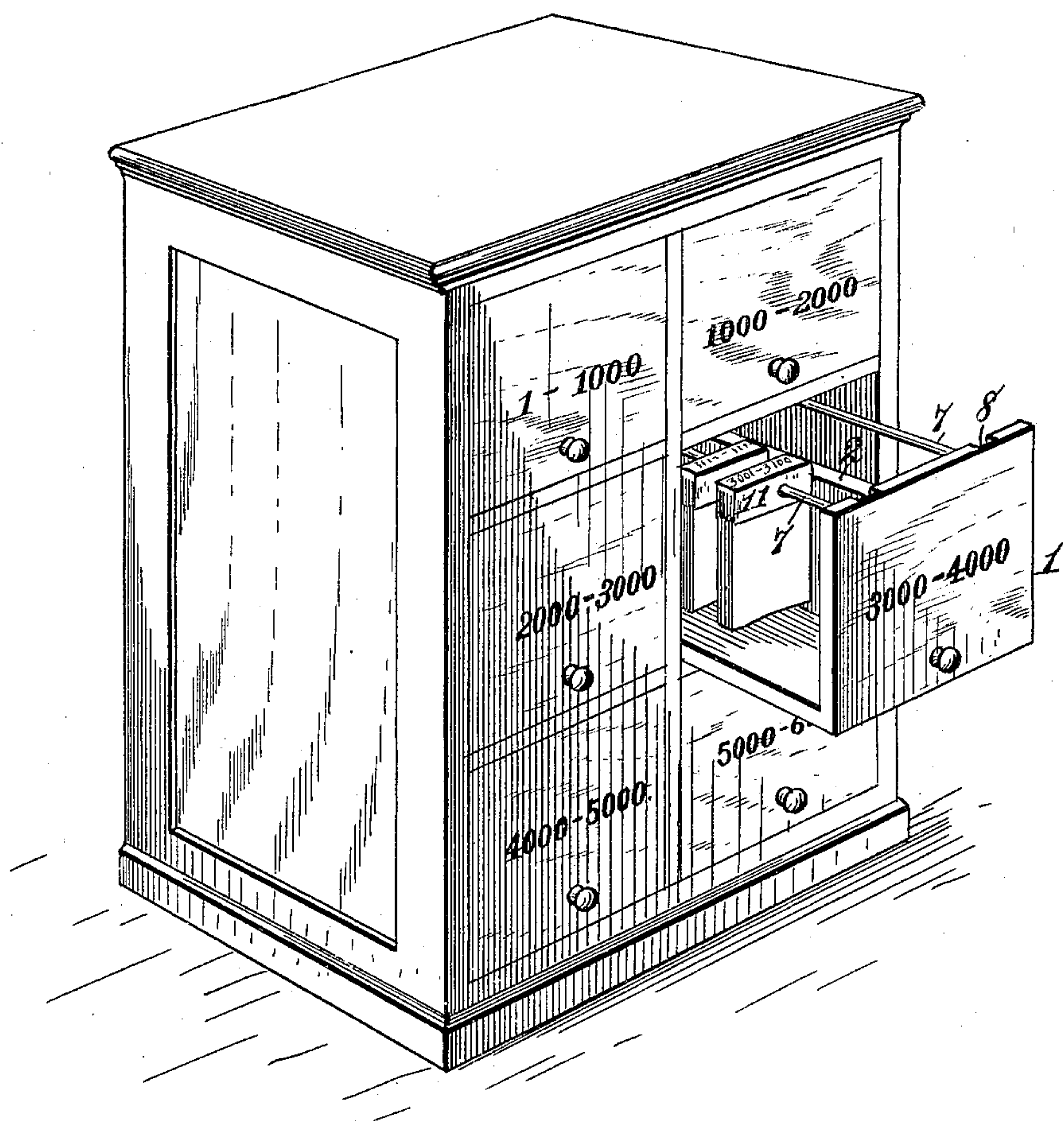
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. SCHINDLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Warren, in the county of Warren and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in File-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to file-cases, and is especially designed for the use of druggists to file physicians' prescriptions, but may be employed for filing away papers and records of various kinds; and it has for its object to provide a device of the character referred to which will be simple, durable, and inexpensive in construction and convenient and easily manipulated in operation and by means of which the prescription-slips or other sheets may be quickly and easily filed away in numerical, chronological, or other desired sequence or order and by means of which any desired slip or sheet may be instantly selected and exposed to view or detached and removed from the file-case.

To these ends my invention consists in the features and in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims following the description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved file-case, the stub-pads being removed. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same, taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view of one of the stub-pads. Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the boxes or drawers arranged in a cabinet.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 indicates a box or drawer rectangular in shape and open at the sides and top, as shown. The box or drawer is divided centrally into two compartments by a vertical longitudinal partition 2, which extends from the front to the rear of the box, but terminates at its upper edge below the level of the upper edges of the front and rear of the box. The rear wall 3 of the box is provided with two vertical slots 4, one on each side of the partition, said slots extending from the upper edge of the rear

wall a suitable distance downward, each of the slots being formed in the rear wall at a point intermediate the partition 2 and a central point between said partition and the outer edge of the rear wall, for the purpose hereinafter made apparent. Secured to the back of the rear wall 3 by screws or other suitable means are two plates 5, each provided on its inner side with two parallel and perforated lugs 6. The plates 5 are fixed immediately behind the slots 4 in such manner that the perforated lugs 6 project into said slots, and between each pair of said lugs is pivoted one end of a rod 7. The opposite or forward ends of the rods 7 rest on the bottoms of grooves 8, formed in the upper inner sides of the front wall 9 of the box and are normally retained therein by catches 10. As shown, the rods 7 lie in a horizontal plane above the plane of the upper edge of the partition 2 and in vertical planes somewhat nearer the said partition than the outer edges of the box, for the purpose which will hereinafter appear.

Adapted to be strung on or suspended from the rods 7 are stub-pads, each comprising a number of stub-leaves 11, bound together at their upper edges to form a pad, the lower or free end portion of each stub-leaf being gummed or coated with an adhesive upon one side, as indicated at 11^a. Formed in the upper bound edge of each of the stub-pads is a perforation 12, the perforation being arranged to one side of the vertical center of the stub-pad, as shown.

In practice the stub-pads are strung on the rods 7, said rods passing through the perforations 12. The prescriptions or other record leaves or cards are conveniently filed away by moistening the gummed ends of the leaves of the stub-pads and attaching the ends of the prescriptions or other leaves thereto. In filing the prescriptions away they will be attached to the gummed stub-leaves in regular order—that is to say, in chronological, numerical, or other sequence as may be desired, and the upper edge of each pad will have indicated thereon characters designating the numbers, dates, or the like of the prescriptions affixed to the stub-leaves of such pad—for example, the upper edge of each stub-pad will have printed or otherwise

marked thereon "From No. — to No. —," and the prescriptions are correspondingly numbered as they are filed away. The front of each box will likewise have affixed thereto a card indicating the entire contents of the box—as, for example, "From No. 1 to No. 1,000." It will thus be readily understood that a stub-pad containing any particular prescription can be instantly selected at a glance. The pad is then swung up about its rod 7 as a pivot until it is in a vertical position, when its upper edge, which now becomes its lower edge for the time being, rests on the upper edge of the partition 2. The stub-pads being strung or pivotally mounted on the rods at a point nearer one edge than the other, as shown, said pads when they are swung up into vertical position to rest on the central position 2 will be retained in an upright position, as the preponderance of weight will then lie on the side of the rod, which forms the fulcrum, nearest the partition. The pad containing the particular prescription to which it is desired to refer having been swung into vertical position, as described, said prescription can then be instantly found and the pad opened at such point and folded back like a book, exposing the prescription to plain view. If it be desired to temporarily remove the prescription from the file-case, it is only necessary to raise the pivoted rod and slip the pad containing the desired prescription from the rod, and when the prescription is no longer wanted for immediate reference the pad may be in like manner returned to place.

I have described the file-case as being particularly designed for druggists' use for filing away physicians' prescriptions; but it will be manifest that it may be successfully employed for filing away papers, documents, or records of various different descriptions—such, for example, as card-indexes, bills and receipts, and the like.

It will be noted that when the stub-pads hang in their normal positions from the rods their inner edges abut the central partition, whereby the stub-pads are caused to hang perpendicularly, and it will be further noted that the sides of the box or casing being open the latter need be only sufficiently wide to contain the stub-pads and yet permit the latter to be freely swung up into vertical position.

In practice the drawers 1 will be arranged in a cabinet like an ordinary chest of drawers, as shown in Fig. 5, so that they may be drawn in and out as occasion may require and whereby they will occupy but little space.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A file-case comprising a box or casing having an open side and top and provided with rigid ends, a rod pivotally attached at one end to one end of the box or casing and

supported at its free end on the other end of said box or casing, and a support arranged parallel to said rod but below the plane thereof, substantially as described.

2. A file-case comprising a box or casing having an open side and top and rigid ends, a rod pivotally attached at one end to one end of the box or casing and supported at its free end on the other end of said box or casing, and a support arranged parallel to said rod but below the plane thereof, in combination with a stub-pad perforated near its upper edge and to one side of its vertical center, said pad being suspended from the pivoted rod which passes through the said perforation, the arrangement being such that when the pad is turned up to a vertical position its upper edge will rest on the described support and the pad will be held upright, substantially as described.

3. A file-case, comprising a box or casing having an open side and top and rigid ends, a rod pivotally attached at one end to one end of the box or casing and supported at its free end on the other end of said box or casing, and a support arranged parallel to said rod but below the plane thereof, in combination with a stub-pad perforated near its upper edge and to one side of its vertical center, said pad being suspended from the pivoted rod which passes through the said perforation in such manner that when the pad is turned to a vertical position its upper edge will rest on the support and the pad will be held upright, the free ends of the leaves of the stub-pad being coated on one side with an adhesive, substantially as described and for the purpose specified.

4. A file-case comprising a box or casing having an open side and top and rigid ends, a rod pivotally attached at one end to one end of the box or casing and resting at its free end in a vertical groove in the opposite end of the box or casing, a spring-catch fixed in said groove and operating to normally hold the end of the rod in said groove, and a support arranged parallel to the rod but below the plane thereof, substantially as described.

5. A file-case comprising a box or casing having an open side and top and rigid ends, one of said ends being vertically slotted through its upper edge and the opposite end provided on its inner face at a corresponding point with a vertical groove, a plate fixed to the box or casing and provided with two perforated lugs projecting into the slot, a rod pivoted at one end between said lugs and resting at its free end in the said groove, and a support arranged parallel to the rod but below the plane thereof, substantially as described.

6. A file-case comprising a box or casing having open sides and top and provided with a central vertical longitudinal partition terminating at a point beneath the upper edges of the ends of the box or casing, and rods ar-

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