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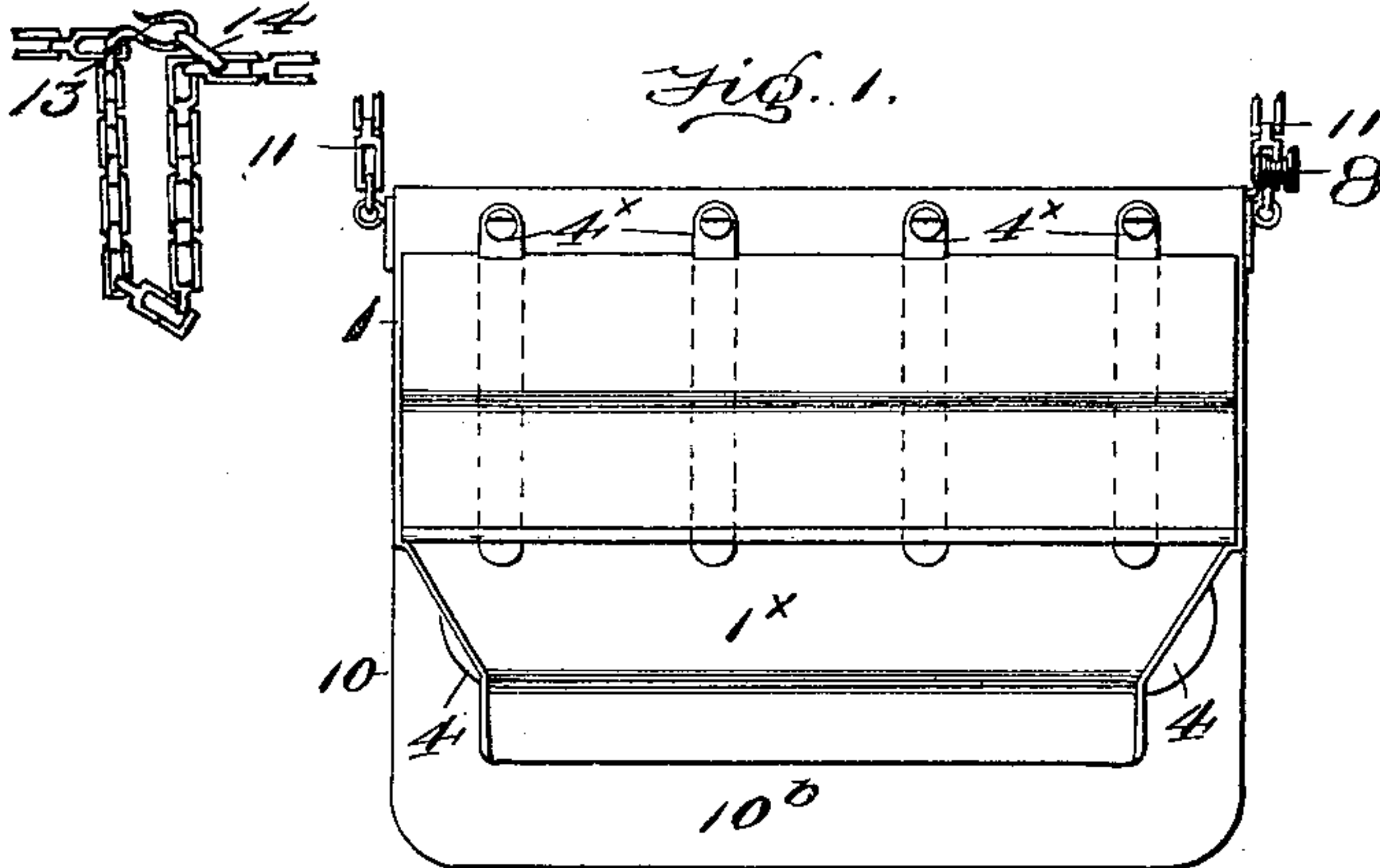


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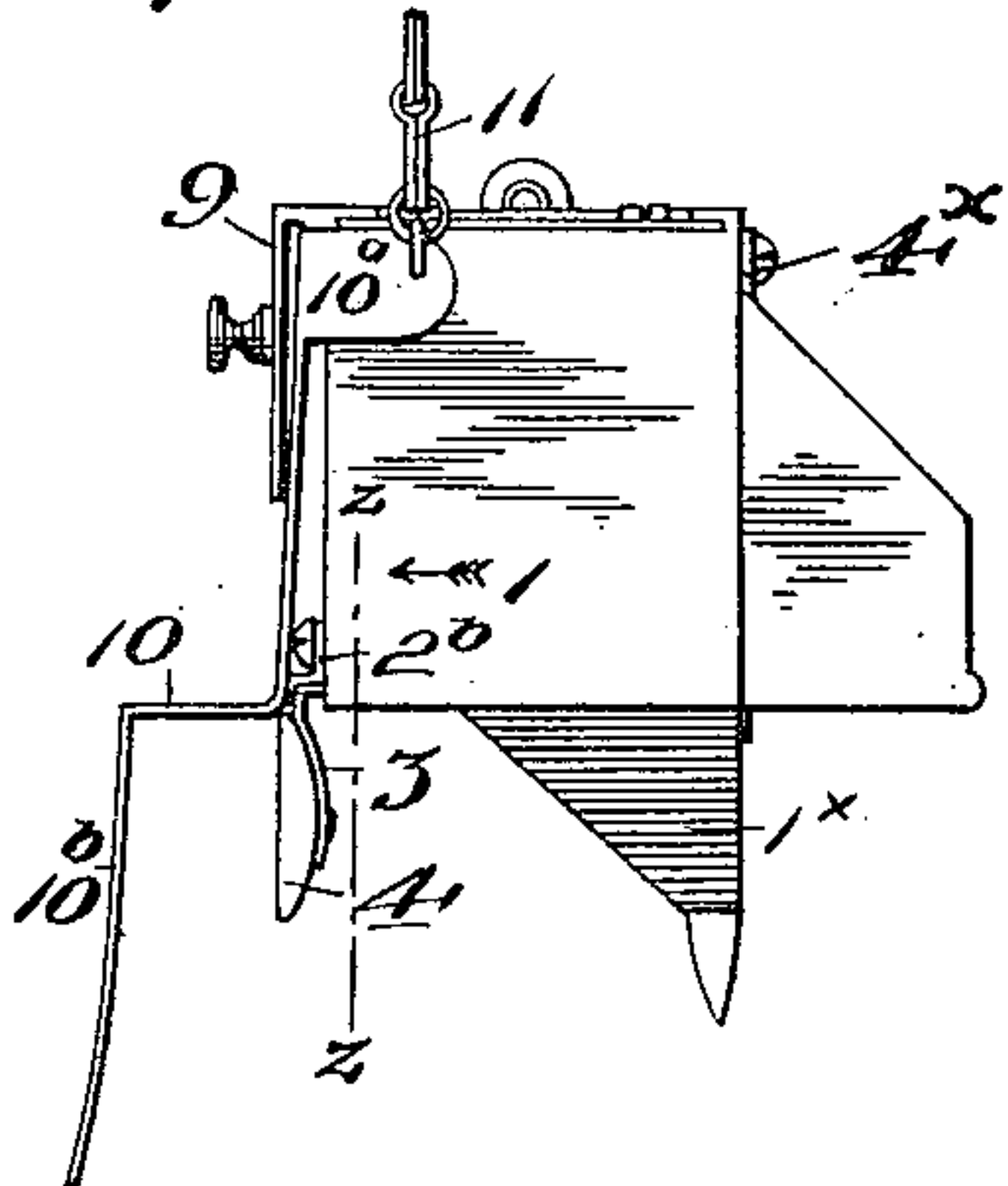


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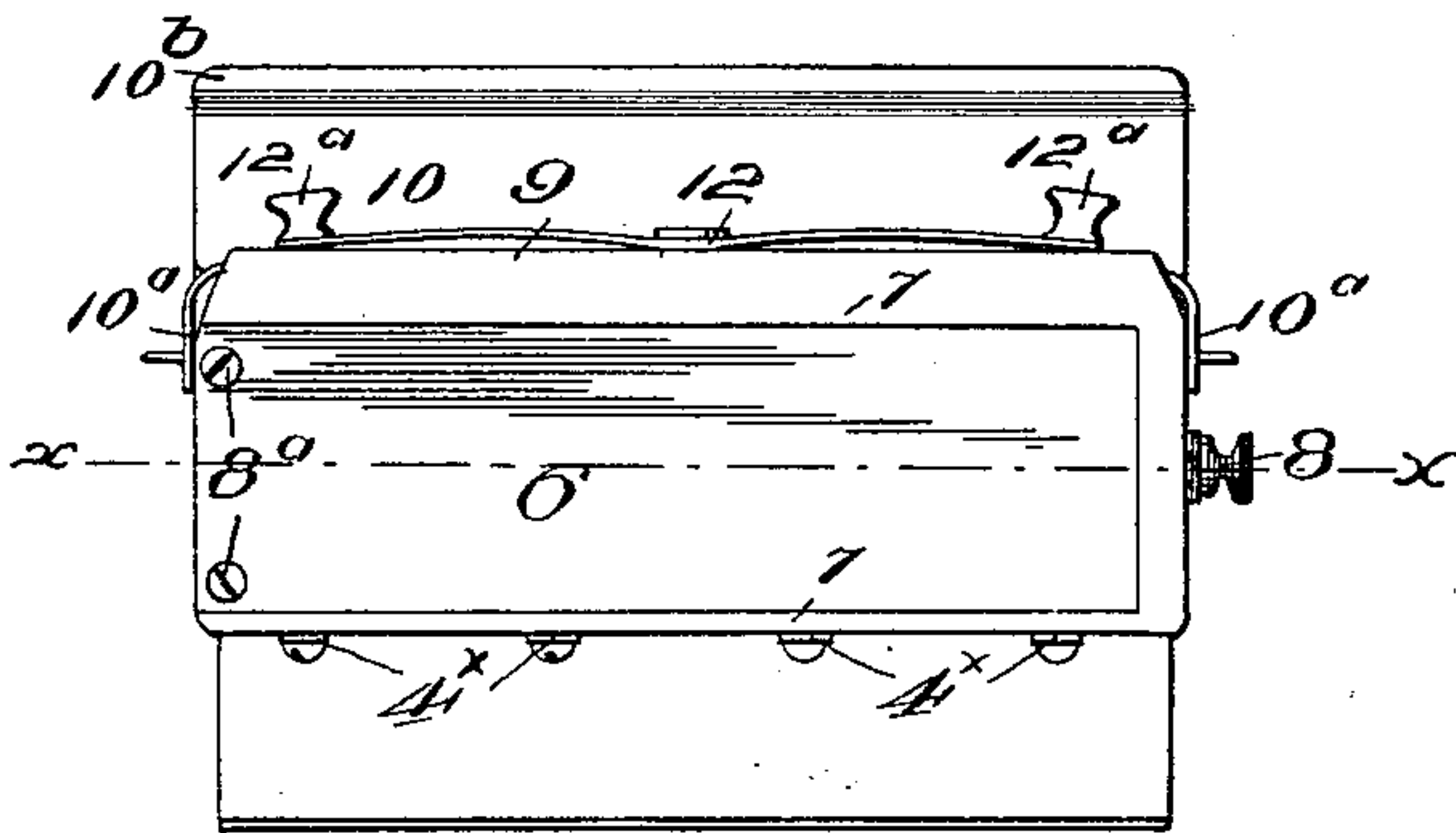


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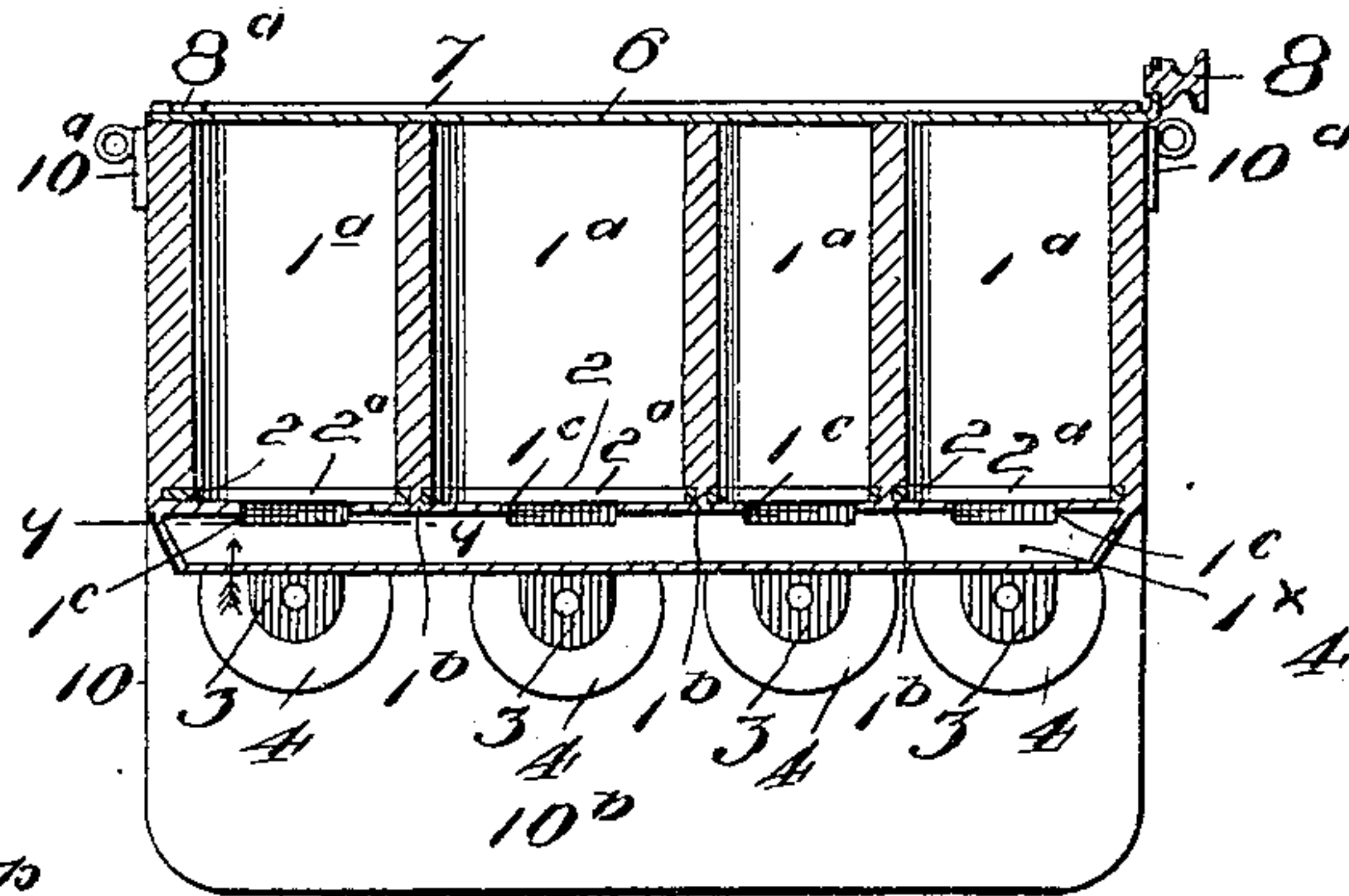


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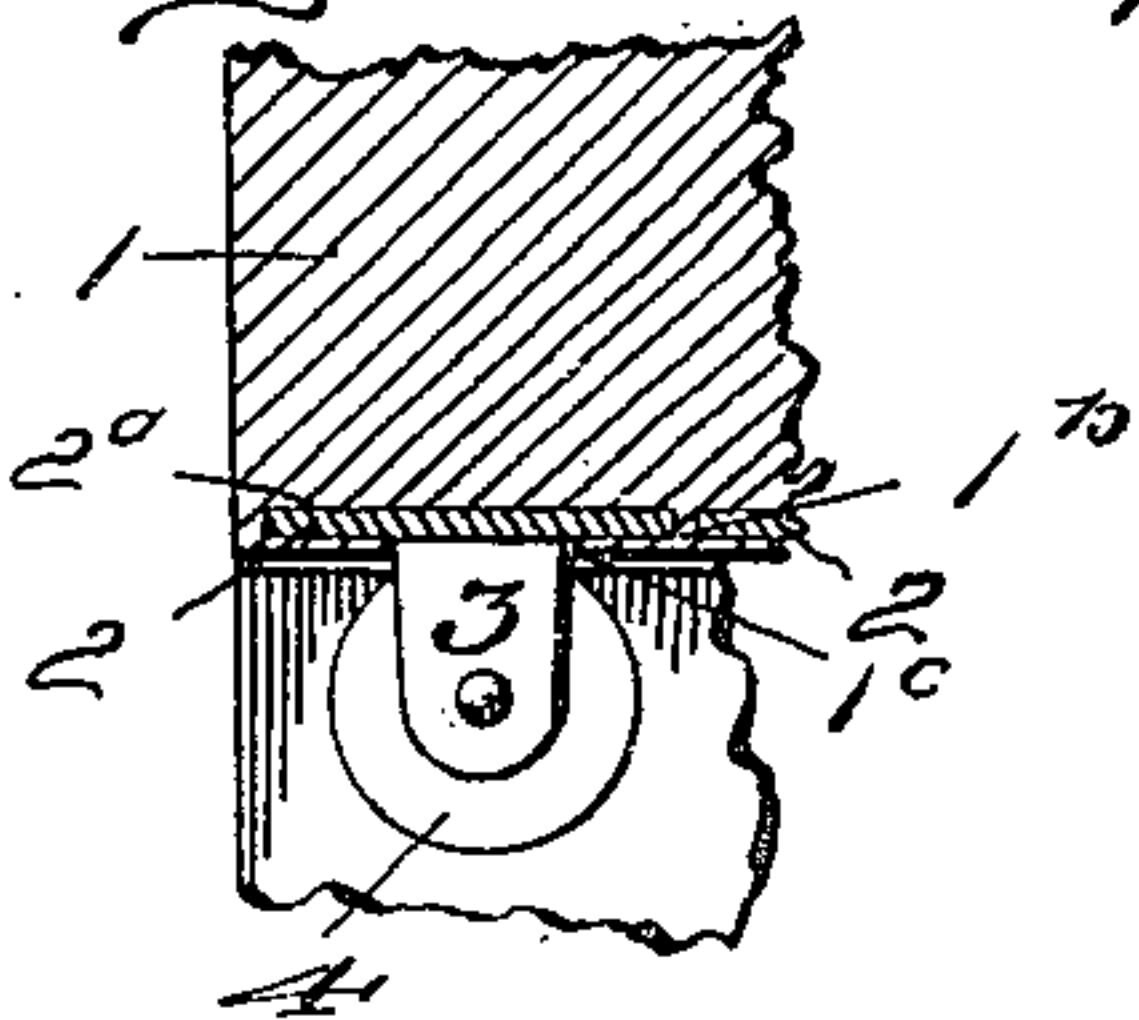
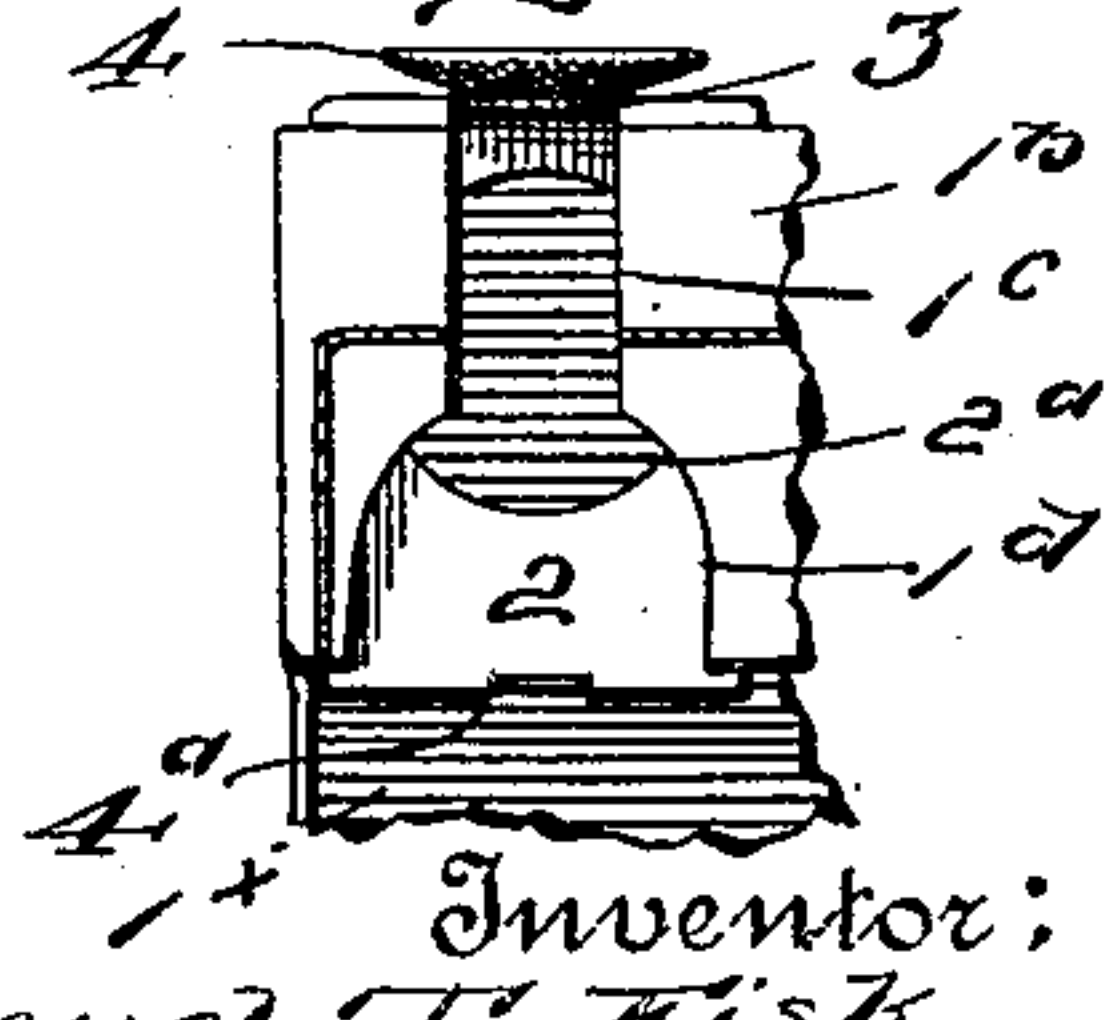


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## COIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL TATE FISK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Holders; 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 ap-  
10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in money or coin receptacles, more especially adapted for conductors' use.

It has for its objects, among other things, to  
15 aid in quickly making "change" accurately and conveniently, attended with the minimum liability to mistakes; to provide for doing this without having to thrust the hands into the pockets, as practiced especially by  
20 conductors before the employment of this class of devices; to facilitate the operation and greatly simplify the construction of the device, and to otherwise promote utility and improve the device generally.

25 It consists of combinations and arrangements of certain parts, substantially as will be hereinafter more fully disclosed and specifically pointed out by the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating  
30 the preferred embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a plan view. Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a broken horizontal section on the line  
35 *yy* of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a broken vertical section on the line *zz* of Fig. 2.

In carrying out my invention I employ a receptacle or casing 1, provided, preferably, with a series or plurality of what may be  
40 termed "cells" or "holders" 1<sup>a</sup>, cylindric in their general outlines and preferably in a single structure or casting. The casing or receptacle has its under side open and provided with a chute 1<sup>x</sup>, with its upper rear edge ar-  
45 ranged in a plane passing through the coin cells or holders near their rear walls and its delivery or lower end arranged about in a line with the normal forward ends of the coin-  
50 dropping slides or plungers for the delivery of the coins or change. By preference the chute 1<sup>x</sup> has fixed to or cast with it at its up-

per edge a series or plurality of transverse plates 1<sup>b</sup>, preferably T-shaped in cross-section and arranged substantially intermediately of the cells or holders 1<sup>a</sup>. These plates are each  
55 rectilinear for a portion of its length and curvilinear the rest of its length and spaced apart, thus forming at the rear rectangular slots 1<sup>c</sup> and substantially arcuate or semi-circular slots or openings 1<sup>d</sup> at the front in  
60 alinement with the cells or holders 1<sup>a</sup>.

Below each cell or holder is arranged a slide or plunger 2, adapted to slide upon the arms and along the stem of the T of opposite plates 1<sup>b</sup> and having a circular slot or opening 2<sup>a</sup>  
65 normally in alinement with said cell or holder. Also said slot or opening of the slide or plunger corresponding in size with the inner diameter of the cell or holder receives the bot-  
70 tom coin from said cell. Said slide is thus adapted to provide for the withdrawal or expulsion of said coin and each successive coin as the previously bottom coin is removed. The slides or plungers are each preferably  
75 provided with a directly-downward-bent arm 3, preferably provided with a thumb or finger piece 4 for its convenient actuation. The downward-bent arm 3 passes through and is thus permitted to move in the coincident slot  
80 1<sup>c</sup> to provide for the movement of the slide or plunger as the thumb-piece is pressed. Each slide or plunger is held in its normal retracted position by a preferably flat spring 4<sup>x</sup>, suit-  
85 ably secured at one end to any suitable point upon the casing 1 and bearing or exerting its force upon the slide or plunger. The free end of each spring 4<sup>x</sup> is preferably received into a notch or recess 4<sup>a</sup>, made in the forward end of the respective slide or plunger, the spring  
90 thus having freedom of movement as the slide or plunger is actuated in making change or dropping a coin. In order to limit the re-  
95 turn movement of the slide or plunger when released after having been moved forward to eject a coin or coins by the action of the slide or plunger springs, an offset bar or stop 2<sup>b</sup> is  
100 secured to the casing 1 just opposite the inner ends of said plungers.

It will be seen that as the bottom one of the coins of the several denominations placed in  
the cells or holders is initially received and rests in the coincident or corresponding open-



ing in the slide or plunger said bottom coin will be engaged by the rear edge or wall of the opening or slot of the slide as the latter is moved forward, and as its rear edge arrives  
 5 opposite the corresponding edge of the arcuate slot or opening 1<sup>c</sup> said coin will drop there-  
 through into the chute 1<sup>x</sup>. It will be caught  
 by the hand of the operator placed thereun-  
 der, said parts being so positioned relatively  
 10 that the slides are adapted to be actuated by  
 means of the hand and the hand at the same  
 time held under the coin-delivery chute to  
 receive the released coin.

The front side of the casing 1 is shown as  
 15 having a hood-like forward extension 1<sup>a</sup>,  
 which, while thus preferably constructed to  
 serve as a housing for the corresponding ends  
 of the forwardly-moving coin-dropping slides,  
 may or may not be of such construction, as  
 20 it is principally designed to afford a rest for  
 the hand as the coin-dropping slides are actu-  
 ated by the fingers, a frame or bridle like ex-  
 tension being equally adapted to serve that  
 purpose.

The casing or receptacle has at its top  
 25 preferably a sliding cover or plate 6, fitted  
 and held in place under a frame-like flange 7,  
 having two sides and an end, the lid itself  
 having an end knob or "pull" 8 for its con-  
 30 venient manipulation. The sliding of said  
 plate or cover from over the coin cells or hold-  
 ers, which it covers, permits the ready inser-  
 tion of coins or money into said cells or hold-  
 ers or their removal therefrom. The move-  
 35 ment of said plate or cover is limited to pre-  
 vent its displacement when actuated by stops  
 8<sup>a</sup> 8<sup>a</sup> thereon engaging the end portion of the  
 flange 7 upon the plate or cover reaching its  
 maximum uncovering movement. Said stops  
 40 may be stub-like screws, with their heads  
 standing above the surface of the plate or  
 cover, as shown.

The casing or receptacle 1 has attached  
 thereto, upon one side, at the top, an offset  
 45 pendent plate or flange 9, the same, however,  
 being preferably brazed or made integral with  
 one side of the frame-like flange 7 upon the  
 top of the casing. This flange or plate 9 de-  
 pends parallel with the rear or one side of the  
 50 casing or receptacle 1 and forms therewith a  
 pocket or socket to provide for the attach-  
 ment thereto of a removable or detachable  
 shield or guard 10. The shield or guard has  
 at its upper corner edges lateral or forwardly-  
 55 bent ear-lugs 10<sup>a</sup>, laterally lapping the casing,  
 said ear-lugs providing for the attachment  
 thereto of a suspending chain or strap 11 as  
 a convenient means of carrying the coin-re-  
 ceptacle upon the body, as will be readily ap-  
 60 preciated.

The flange or plate 9 has centrally pivoted  
 to it, preferably as shown, a spring clasp or  
 snap 12, with its ends provided with knobbed  
 retaining studs or detents 12<sup>a</sup>, adapted to  
 65 spring into coincident openings or holes 12<sup>b</sup>  
 in the guard or shield 10 and impinge or bear  
 against the casing. This provides for the re-

tention in place of the guard or shield, to-  
 gether with the suspending chain or strap, as  
 well as permits the ready detachment of the  
 same without removal of the chain or strap  
 70 from the body of the conductor, for instance,  
 using it. This is desirable when he goes off  
 duty, the coin or cash receptacle being left  
 in the office or custody of the company em-  
 75 ploying him. The shield or guard 10 is stepped  
 or offset, as at 10<sup>b</sup>, having said offset removed  
 from and arranged opposite the finger-pieces  
 for actuating the coin dropping or delivery  
 slides or plungers, thus providing convenient  
 80 and ready access for the fingers to said finger-  
 pieces in actuating said slides. This also re-  
 moves said finger-pieces from contact with  
 and therefore prevents the undue wear of the  
 clothes thereby, as also by the knobbed snap  
 85 or clasp above described, as would otherwise  
 occur.

It will be noticed that the coin-receptacle-  
 suspending chain can be shortened or length-  
 ened, as desired, by looping the same by means  
 90 of the hook and ring 13 and 14, respectively,  
 supplied thereto or by other suitable means.

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

1. A device of the character described, com-  
 prising a casing containing a coin cell or  
 holder and a coin-dropping slide or plunger,  
 and having a forward extension, adapted to  
 serve as a hand-rest as said slide or plunger  
 100 is actuated, and a chute arranged upon the  
 open, under side of said casing, with its up-  
 per rear edge in a plane passing through said  
 cell, near the corresponding wall of said cell,  
 and its forward or delivery end arranged  
 105 about in a line with the normally forward end  
 of said slide or plunger, substantially as set  
 forth.

2. A device of the character described, com-  
 prising a coin cell or holder, a cover or plate  
 110 for said casing and a frame-like flange at the  
 top of said casing, beneath which said plate  
 or cover is adapted to slide, said cover hav-  
 ing a stop adapted to engage said flange at  
 one end, substantially as set forth.

3. A device of the character described, com-  
 prising a coin cell or holder, a spring-pressed  
 plunger or slide adapted to receive a coin from  
 said cell, means to support said slide or plun-  
 ger, and an offset bar or stop secured to said  
 120 casing, opposite to the inner or rear end of said  
 slide or plunger, substantially as set forth.

4. A device of the character described, com-  
 prising a coin cell or holder, a plunger or slide  
 with its actuating finger-piece and arm, a cas-  
 125 ing containing said cell or holder, and a plate  
 or shield attached to said casing, and adapted  
 to isolate or guard said finger-piece, substan-  
 tially as specified.

5. A device of the character comprising a  
 130 coin cell or holder, a plunger with its actuating  
 arm and finger-piece, a case containing said  
 cell or holder, and a stepped or offset plate or  
 shield attached to said casing and having its



offset portion arranged opposite and adapted to guard said finger-piece, substantially as specified.

6. A device of the character described, comprising a coin cell or holder, a slide or plunger, with its actuating finger-piece and arm; a casing containing said cell or holder, and a plate or shield adapted to isolate or guard said finger-pieces and provide for the attachment of the suspending chain or strap, substantially as set forth.

7. A device of the character described, comprising a coin cell or holder, a plunger or slide with its actuating arm and finger-piece, a case containing said cell or holder, and an offset plate attached to said casing, with its offset arranged opposite and adapted to guard said finger-piece and having lateral lugs adapted to laterally engage said casing, and provide for the attachment thereto of the suspending chain or strap, substantially as specified.

8. A device of the character described, comprising a coin cell or holder, a plunger or slide, with its actuating arm and finger-piece, a casing containing said cell or holder, and an offset plate or flange at the top of said casing, adapted to form with said casing, a socket or pocket to receive means for guarding said finger-piece and for suspending the device upon the body of the operator, substantially as described.

9. A device of the character described, comprising a coin cell or holder, a plunger or slide, with its actuating finger-piece and arm, a case containing said cell or holder and an offset plate at the top of said casing, adapted to form,

with said casing, a pocket or socket, and having a centrally-pivoted spring clasp or snap provided with detents or studs adapted to engage or pass through holes or openings in said offset plate and means inserted into said pocket or socket for suspending the device upon the body of the operator, substantially as described.

10. A device of the character described, comprising a case adapted to contain a coin-cell and means for releasing or removing the coin, an offset plate or flange at the top of said casing, having a centrally-pivoted spring clasp or snap provided with detents, or studs, engaging coincident holes in said flange or plate, and an offset or stepped plate or guard having holes also engaged by said detents or studs, and provided with lateral lugs engaging said casing laterally, substantially as specified.

11. A device of the character described, comprising a casing containing a coin holder or cell and a coin-dropping slide or plunger, a forward extension adapted to serve as a hand-rest as said slide or plunger is actuated, an offset guard or shield arranged at the rear edge or side of said casing, and a coin-delivery chute arranged intermediately of said forward extension and rear guard or shield, substantially as set forth.

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

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