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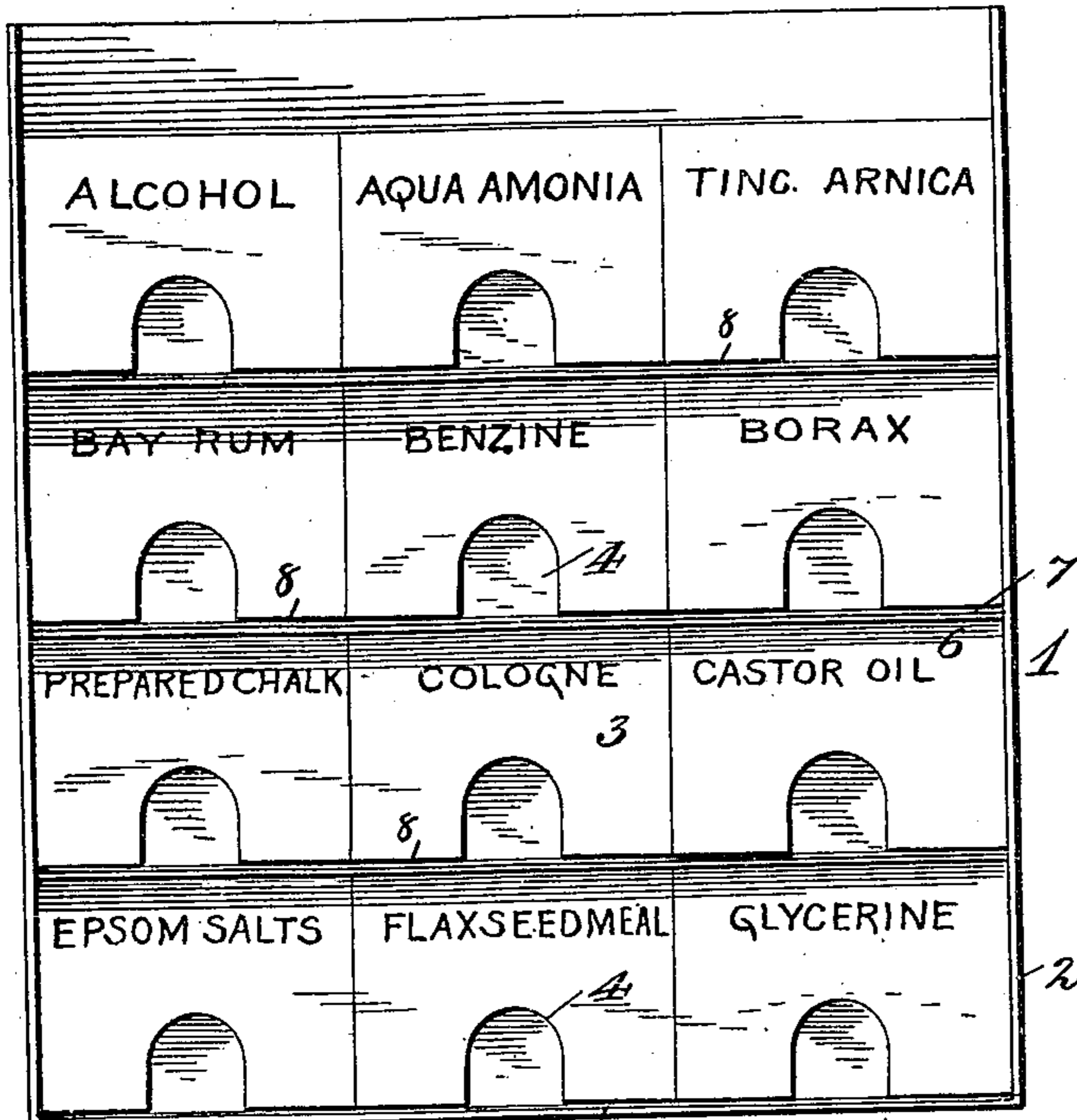


Fig. 1.

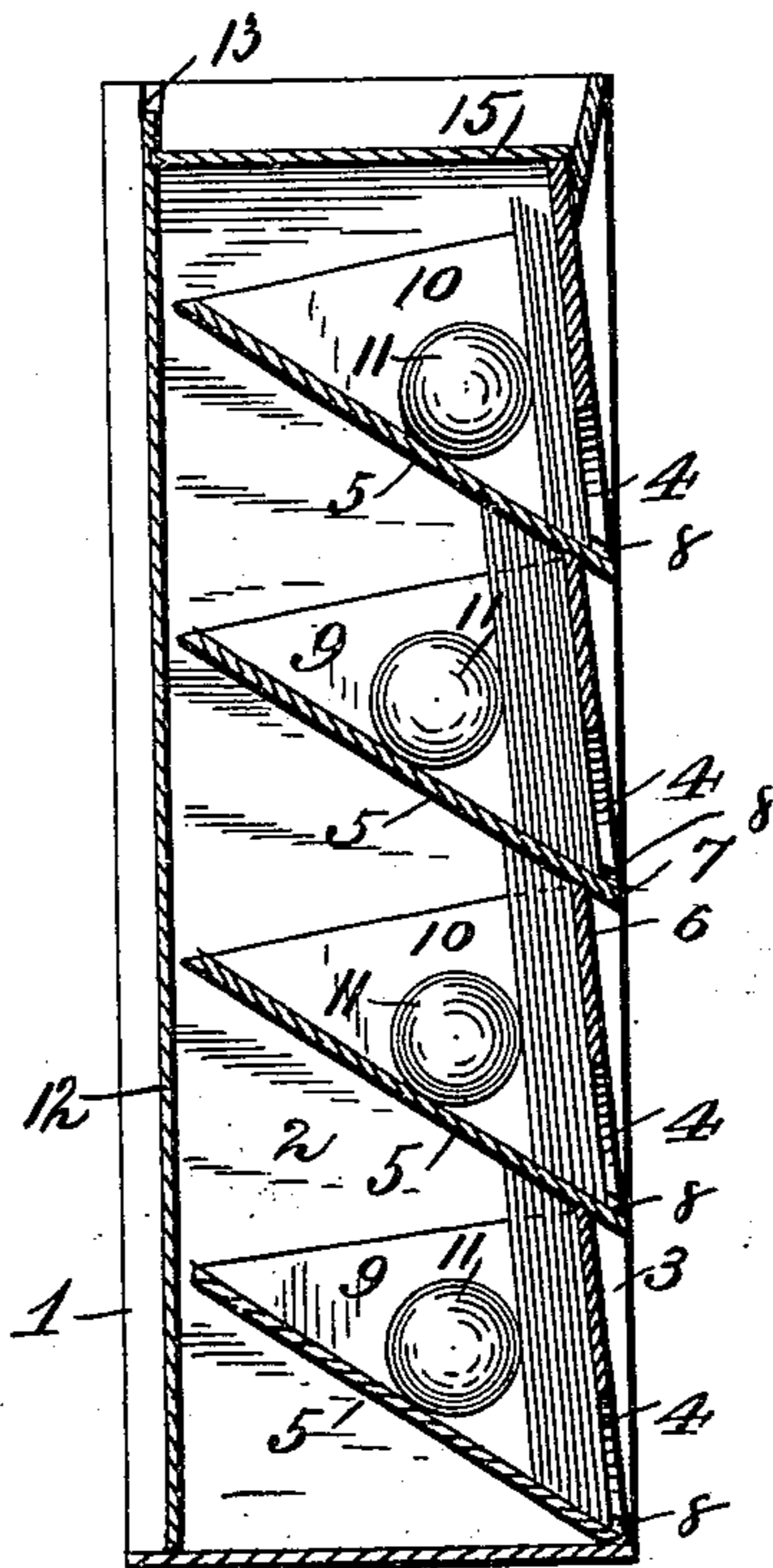


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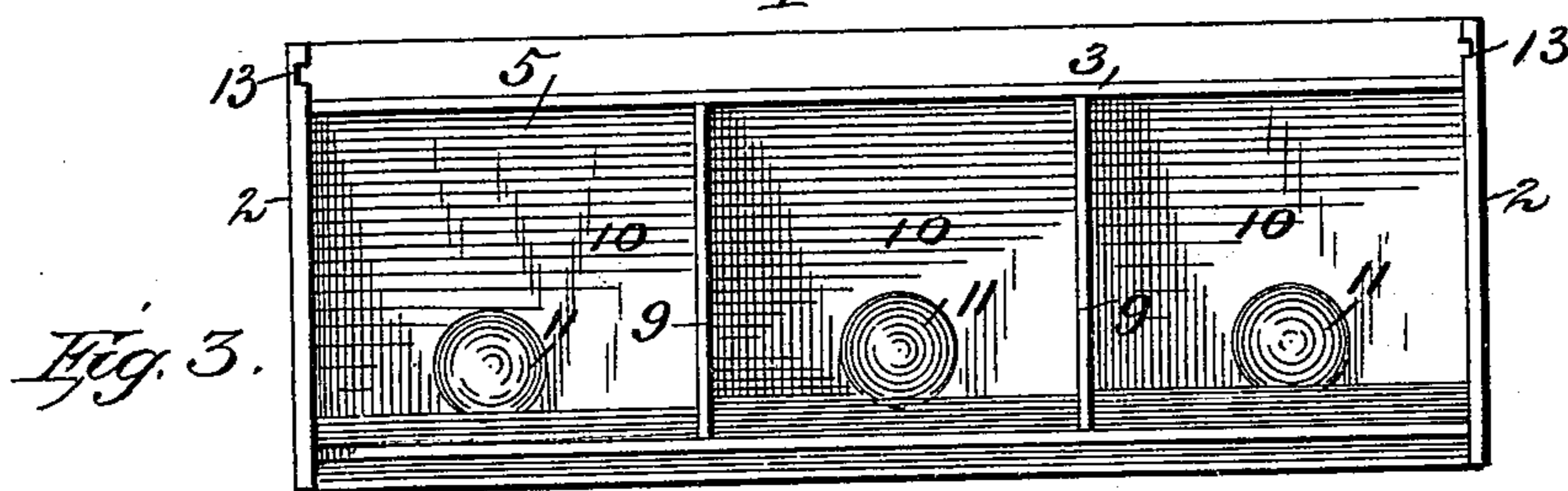


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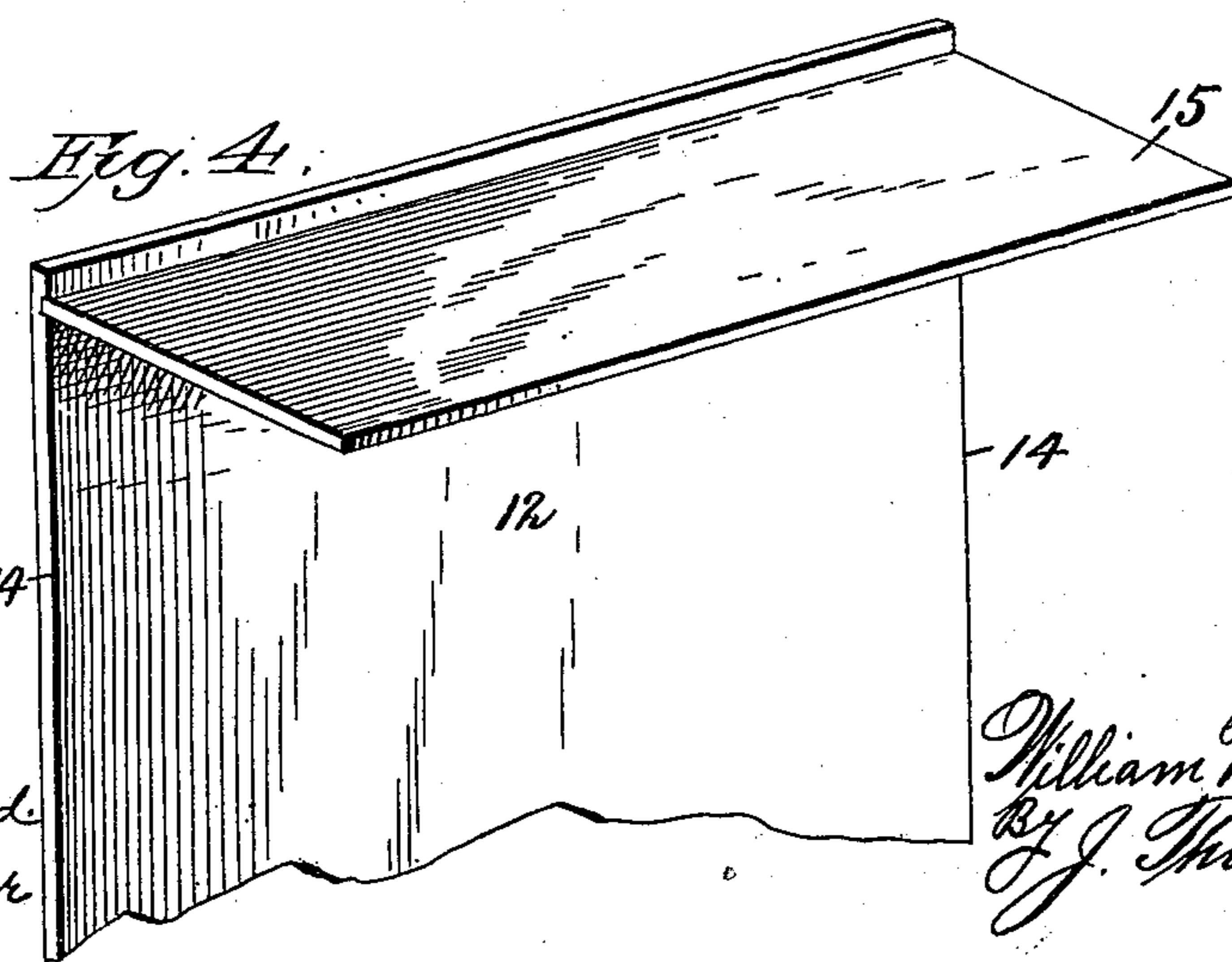


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WEAVER BILLINGSLEA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Macon, in the county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Druggists' Label Cases or Cabinets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention has relation to cases or cabinets adapted for holding labels, envelopes, &c.; and it particularly is adapted for druggists' use for conveniently holding different sizes of labels or envelopes and adapting the latter to be readily removed one at a time for use.

Among the objects in view is to provide a case of the character described which shall be of extremely simple and inexpensive construction, dust-proof, adapted to have the labels or envelopes readily inserted in the respective compartments, and wherein the labels or envelopes will be automatically fed forward into position to be readily abstracted from the case.

The invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a label-case embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section thereof, showing the labels in place. Fig. 3 is a plan view with the detachable section or back and top removed. Fig. 4 is a detached perspective view of the removable back and top.

In the construction of my label-case I may use any desired material or materials, as wood or metal, though I preferably use wood. The case may also be made of any desired dimensions and adapted for holding labels or envelopes of different sizes, and there may be any desired number of compartments within the case. These are matters to which I do not desire to be restricted.

1 indicates my label-case, constructed, preferably, of wood, said case having the opposite sides 2 2 and the sections 3, secured at the ends to the sides 2 and constituting the front of the case. Each of the sections 3 is provided at its lower edge with suitably-shaped slots or apertures 4 for a purpose presently apparent.

5 indicates a series of sections arranged in

the inclined position shown and secured at the ends to the sides 2 of the case. These sections 5 are so arranged that their lower front edges 6 will lie beneath the lower edges 7 of the sections 3, leaving narrow slits or openings 8, extending lengthwise of the case, and through which slits the labels or envelopes are adapted to be withdrawn one by one as needed.

Arranged transversely within the case in rear of the sections 3 are partitions 9, which divide the interior of the case into a number of independent compartments 10. These compartments are adapted to hold the labels or envelopes, and it will be readily seen that by arranging the partitions at varying distances apart various sizes of compartments will be formed to receive labels, &c., of varying sizes.

The labels or envelopes are adapted to be placed vertically in the compartments and to be forced constantly toward the front, whereby they will lie in a position immediately in rear of the apertures, thereby being always in position to be readily abstracted or removed through the slits 8.

Any suitable means may be used for automatically feeding the labels or envelopes toward the front of the case. I preferably employ a series of balls 11 of some weighty material, as metal, porcelain, glass, or the like. These balls, of which I may employ any desired number for each compartment, (preferably but one,) are placed in rear of the bunch of labels or envelopes, and by reason of the inclined sections 5, forming the bottoms of the compartments, the balls will gravitate downwardly to constantly force the labels, &c., toward the front of the case, thus automatically feeding them forward each time a label, &c., is abstracted.

The use of balls for effecting the described purpose is advantageous for the reason that they can be readily removed when it is desired to place other labels or envelopes in a compartment and as readily replaced in rear of the labels after the latter have been inserted.

It will be readily seen that a label or envelop can be readily removed from any desired compartment by simply inserting a finger through the aperture 4 and drawing the label which is in front downwardly, thus causing said label to slip through the slit 8. The

moment the label or envelop has been abstracted the ball or balls in the rear will feed forward the remaining labels or envelops to cause another one to be presented to the aperture.

For the purpose of readily gaining access to the interior of the case and rendering the latter dust-proof I employ a detachable section 12, which constitutes the back and top of the case when in position. This section 12 is adapted to be detachably fitted to the body of the case in any desired manner. In the drawings one method by which this may be accomplished is shown, the sides 2 of the case being provided with vertical guideways 13, within which the edges 14 of the section 12 are adapted to slide. The section 12 has a portion 15, which when the section is in place will lie closely against the upper edges of the sides 2 and uppermost section 3, thus forming a dust-proof closure.

The labels may be arranged in alphabetical order or otherwise, as desired, and for the

purpose of indicating the different labels, &c., contained within the compartments I secure upon the outer faces of the sections 3 indicating-labels corresponding to the labels, &c., contained in the respective compartments.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A label-case comprising in combination, sides, front sections 3, inclined sections 5, the lower front edges of which coöperate with the lower edges of the sections 3 to form narrow slits 8, the said front sections each having an aperture, as described, transverse partitions arranged to form compartments to receive labels or the like, and a combined back and top section detachably secured to the sides.

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

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