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Fig. 1.

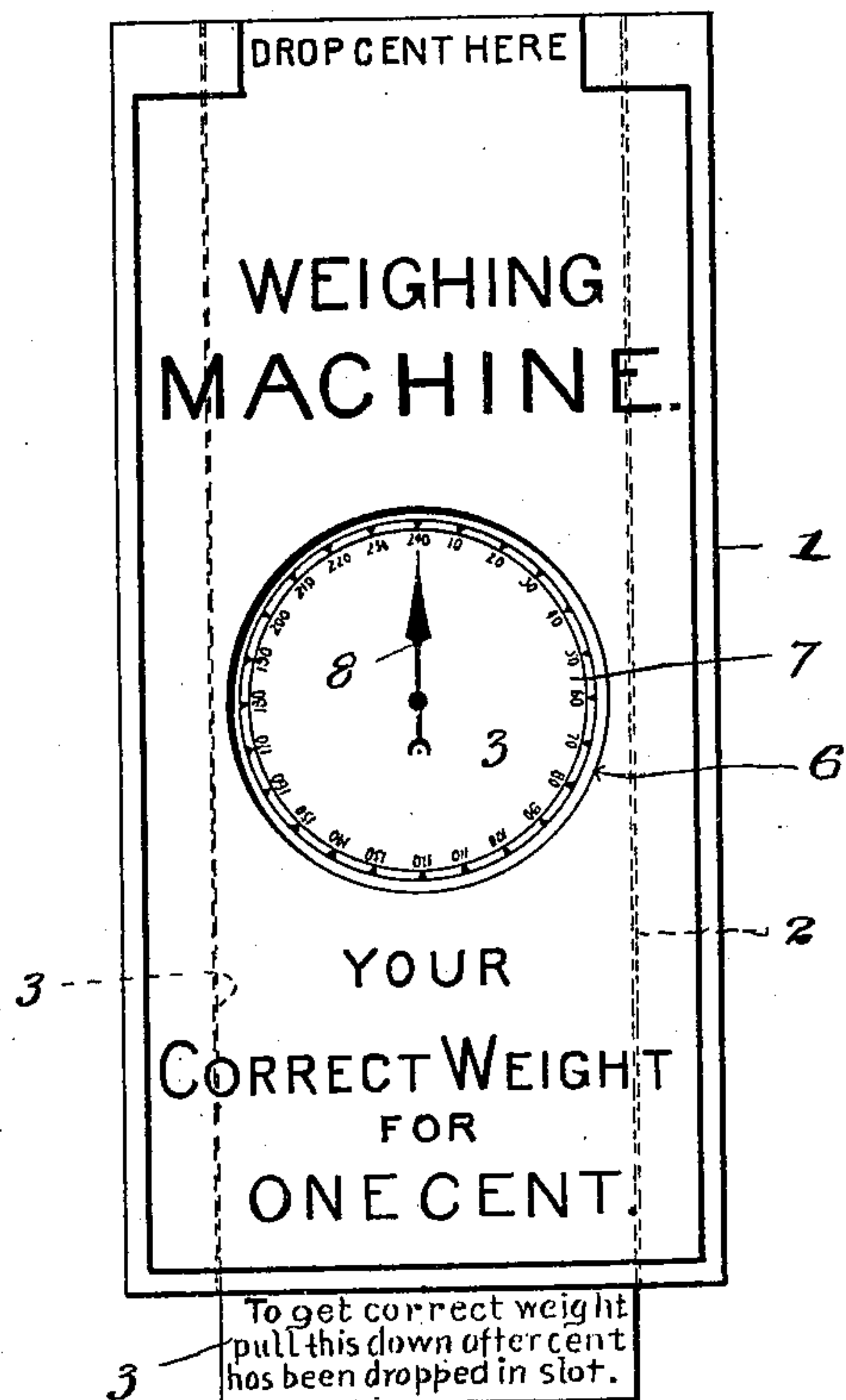


Fig. 2.

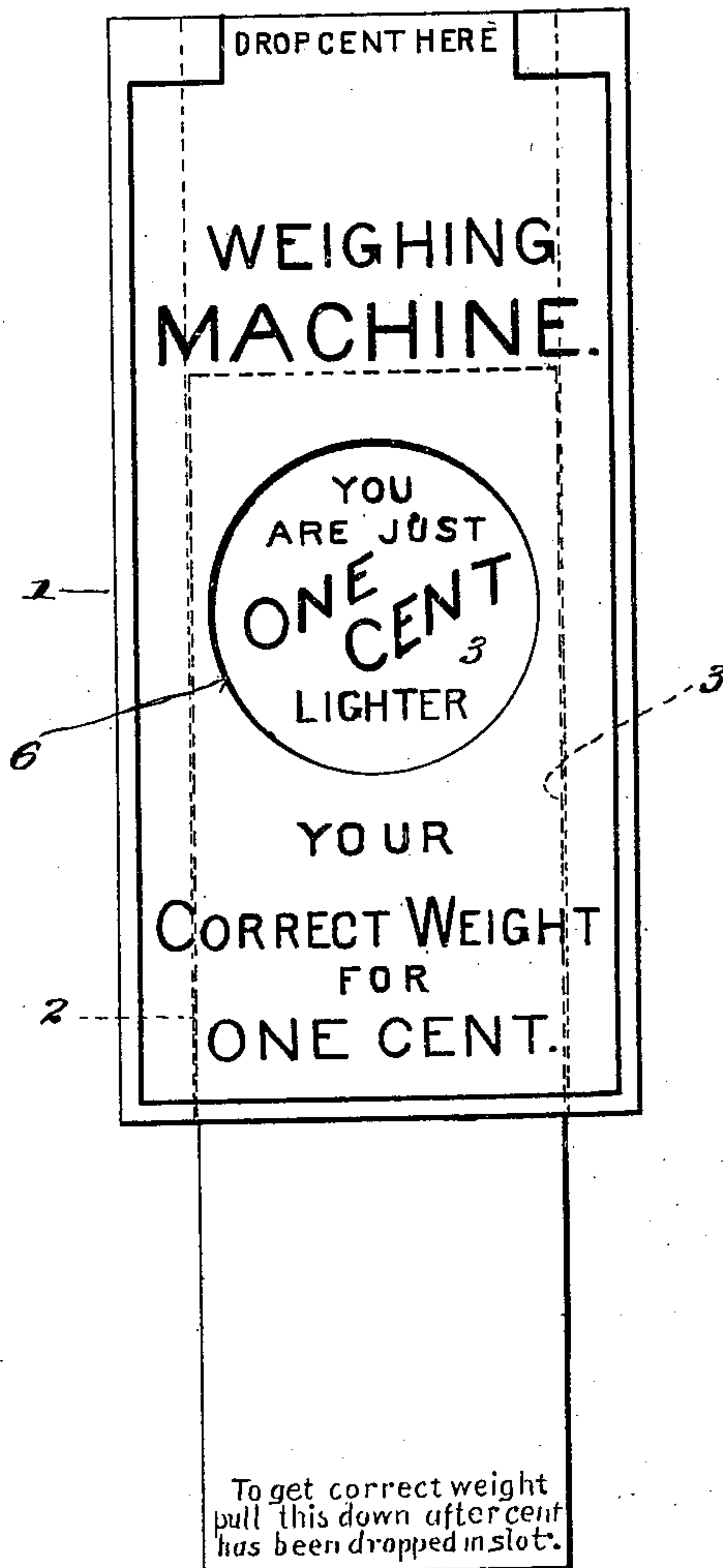
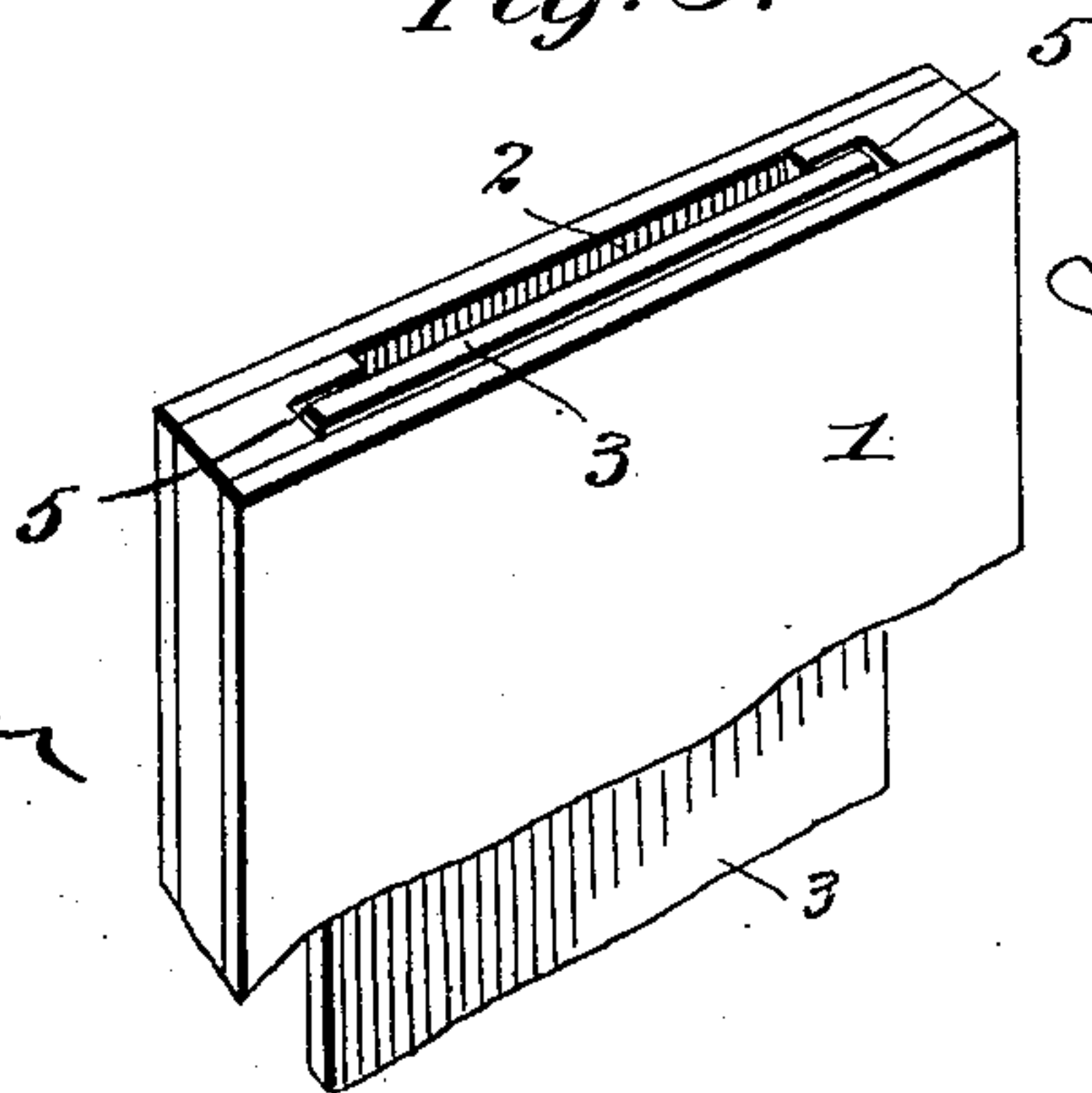


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. DUNN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Trick Weighing-Machines, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of toys in which by manipulating the toy an amusing trick may be perpetrated on a person. The toy in this instance is of such a construction as to purport to be a weighing-machine provided with a slot for the reception of a coin and a movable portion carrying the representation of a dial, with a hand and figures purporting to indicate different weights. By operating the movable portion the dial can be moved away from its normal position at an opening in the main portion of the toy and a legend disclosed at said opening apprising the person on whom the trick is played of the deception.

The invention will be more fully set forth in the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the toy with the movable part and dial in its normal position. Fig. 2 illustrates the position of the movable part and dial after the latter has been moved from the normal position. Fig. 3 is a detail view, partly broken away, disclosing the construction of the inner and outer parts of the toy.

The toy, which is a trick weighing-machine, is formed with a small casing 1, of rectangular or other suitable shape, which may be made of cardboard or wood or other suitable material and provided with a passage-way or slot 2, extending from end to end of the casing 1. Located in the slot 2 and extending lengthwise thereof is a strip 3 of cardboard or other suitable material. The lower end of the strip 3 projects beyond the lower end of the casing 1, so as to be seized by the thumb and finger, and the strip 3 reciprocated or moved up and down in the slot 2. The strip 3 may be held and guided in the slot 2 by suitable guides, such as the guide-slots 5. The width of the slot 2 and its depth from the back of the casing 1 to the back of the strip or slide 3 is such

as to permit the passage of a cent inserted at one end of the slot. One side or the front of the casing 1 is provided with a circular opening 6, in which in its normal position appears the representation of a dial 7, with a hand 8 at its apparently-normal position and a number of figures on the periphery purporting to indicate different weights. To indicate how the toy is used, at the top of casing 1 there may be a legend "Drop cent here" and at the lower end there may be an inscription "Your correct weight for one cent." At the lower and projecting end of strip 3 there may be a statement, "To get correct weight pull this down after cent has been dropped in slot." These inscriptions enter into the trick of the toy in so far as they are first shown to the victim of the joke, and he is then requested to drop a cent into the slot. When he does so, the toy is held in the hand of the person playing the trick, so as to secretly catch the cent dropped through slot 2, and then by drawing down strip 3 he draws the dial 7 past opening 6 and brings down to view in opening 6 the legend "You are just one cent lighter."

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A toy trick weighing-machine consisting of a casing with an opening in one of its sides, a coin-slot extending from end to end of said casing, and a slidable strip movable endwise in said casing, said strip having one end projecting from said casing and the representation of a dial, hand, and figures movable past the opening in said casing as herein set forth.

2. A toy trick weighing-machine consisting of a casing with an opening in one of its sides, a movable strip having one end projecting beyond the casing and the representation of the dial of a slot weighing-machine movably located in said opening, and a coin-slot extending through the casing for the insertion and passage of a coin as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed at the city, county, and State of New York this 29th day of December, A. D. 1900:

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