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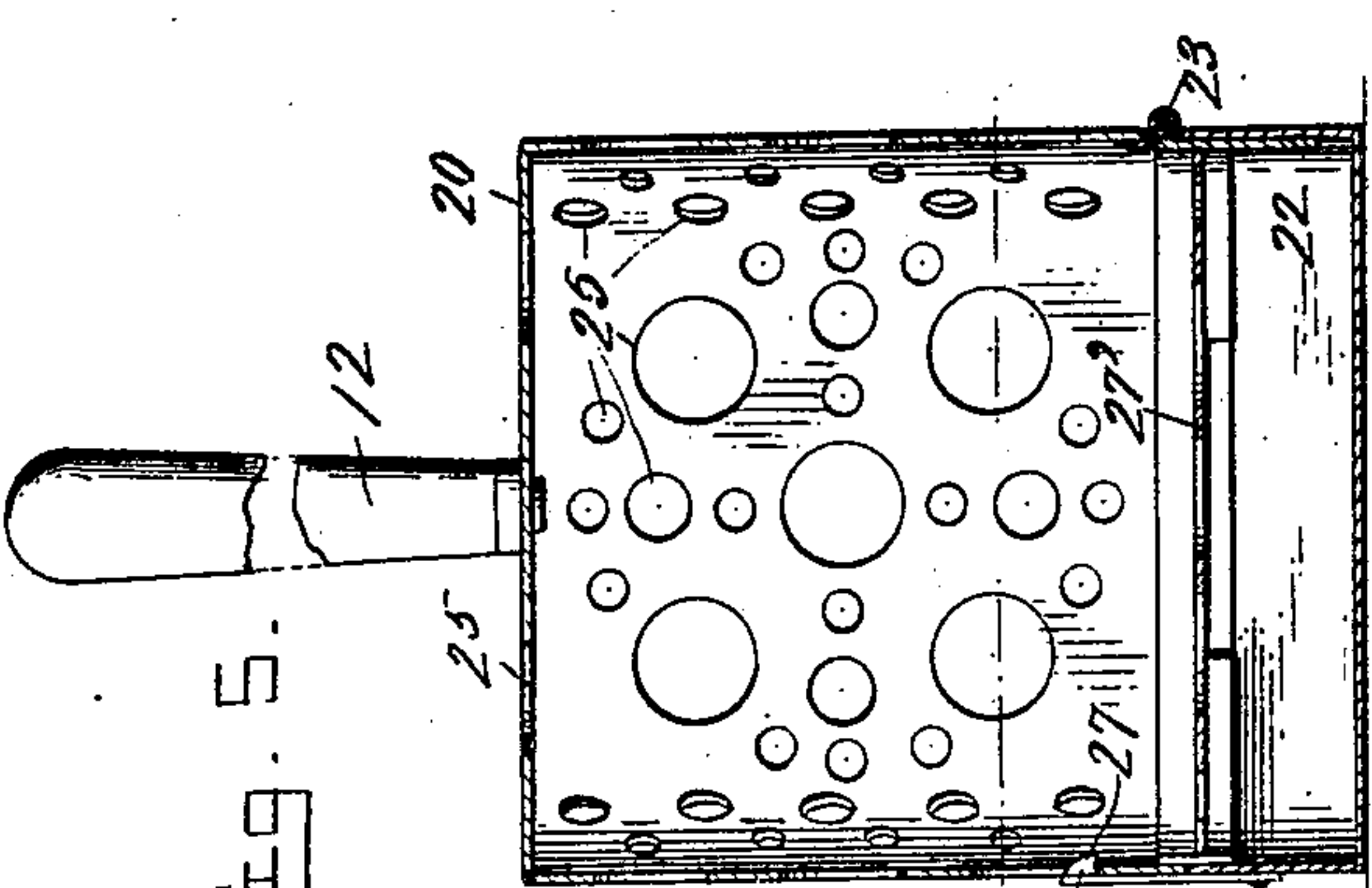


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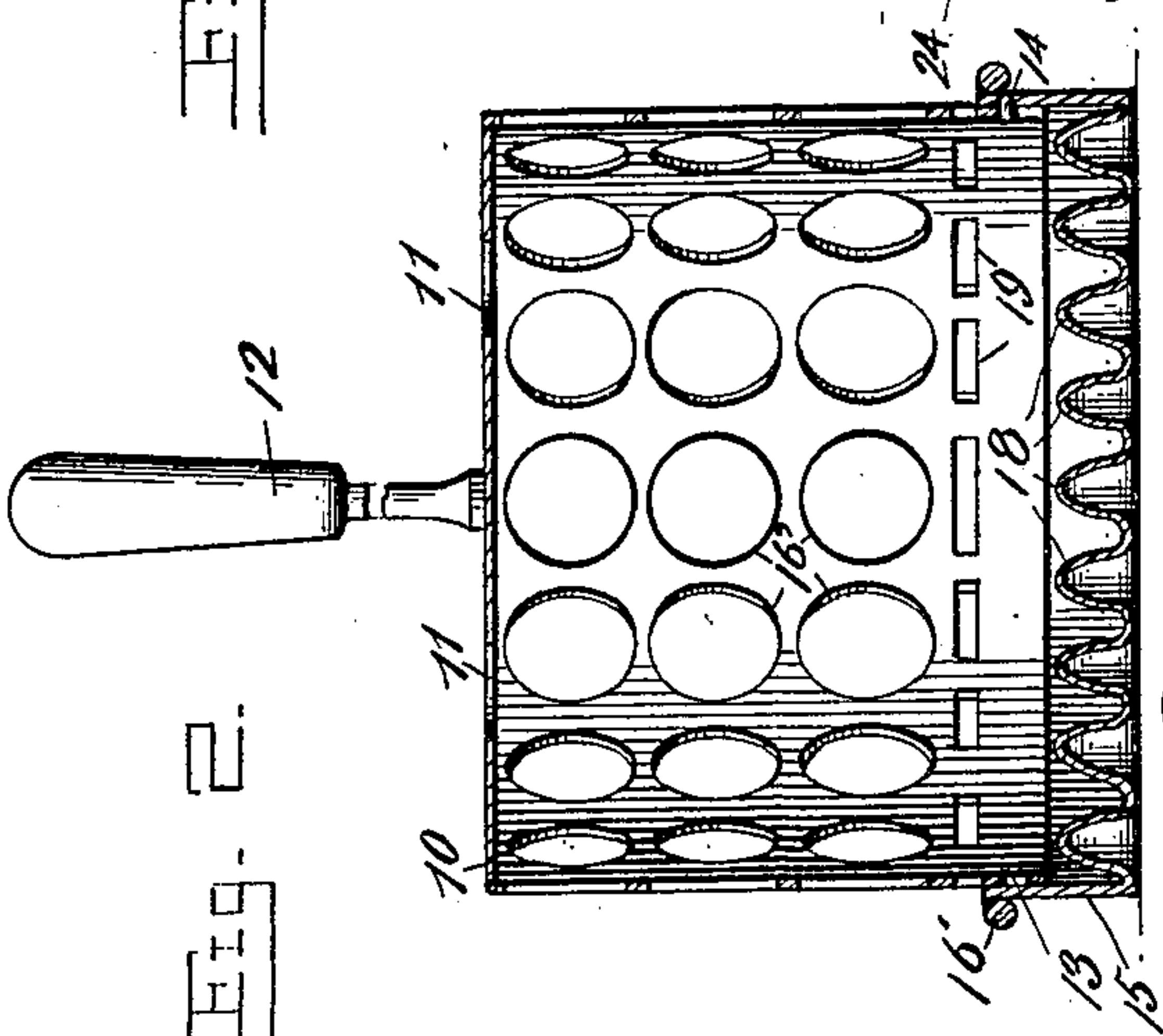


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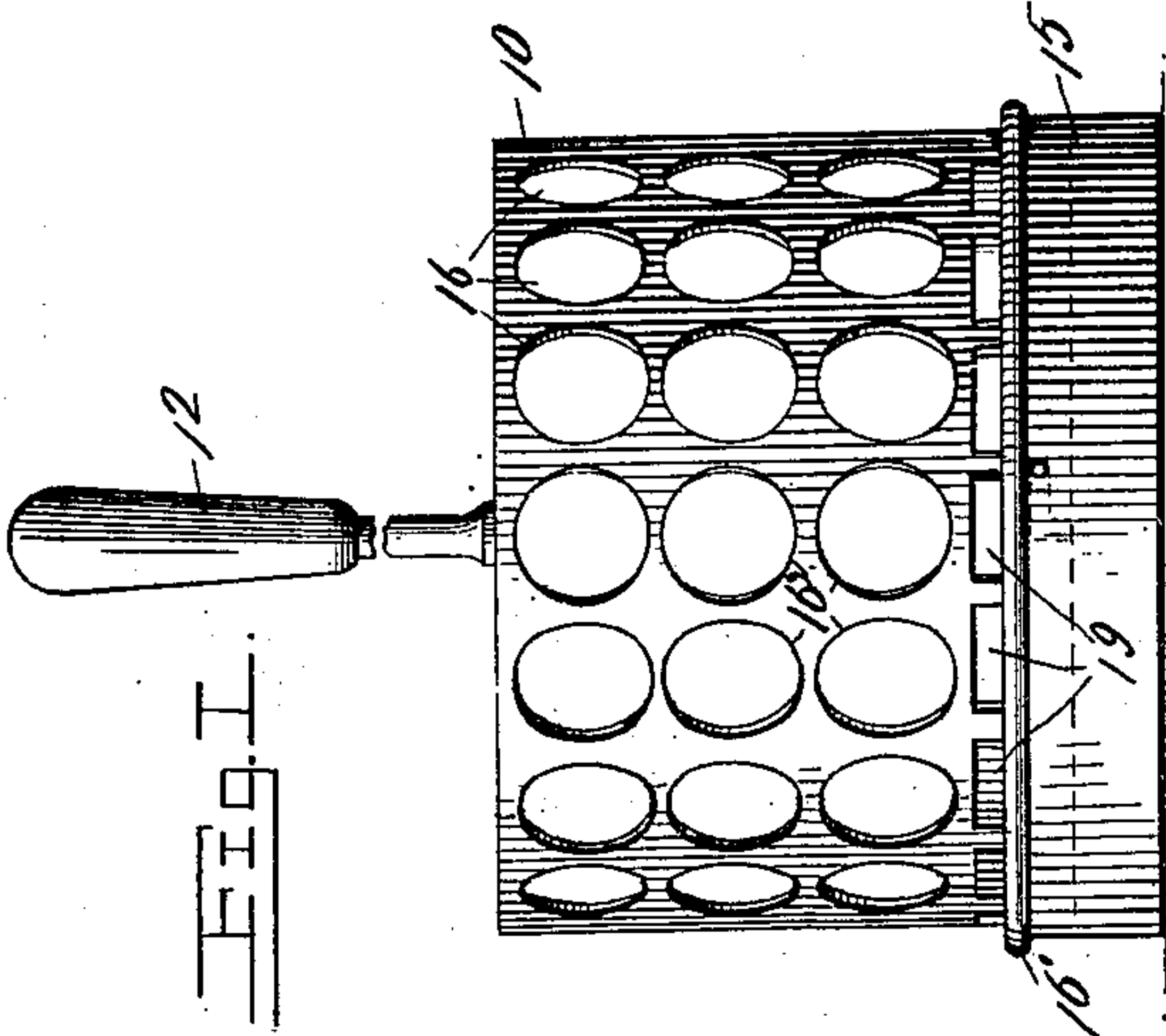


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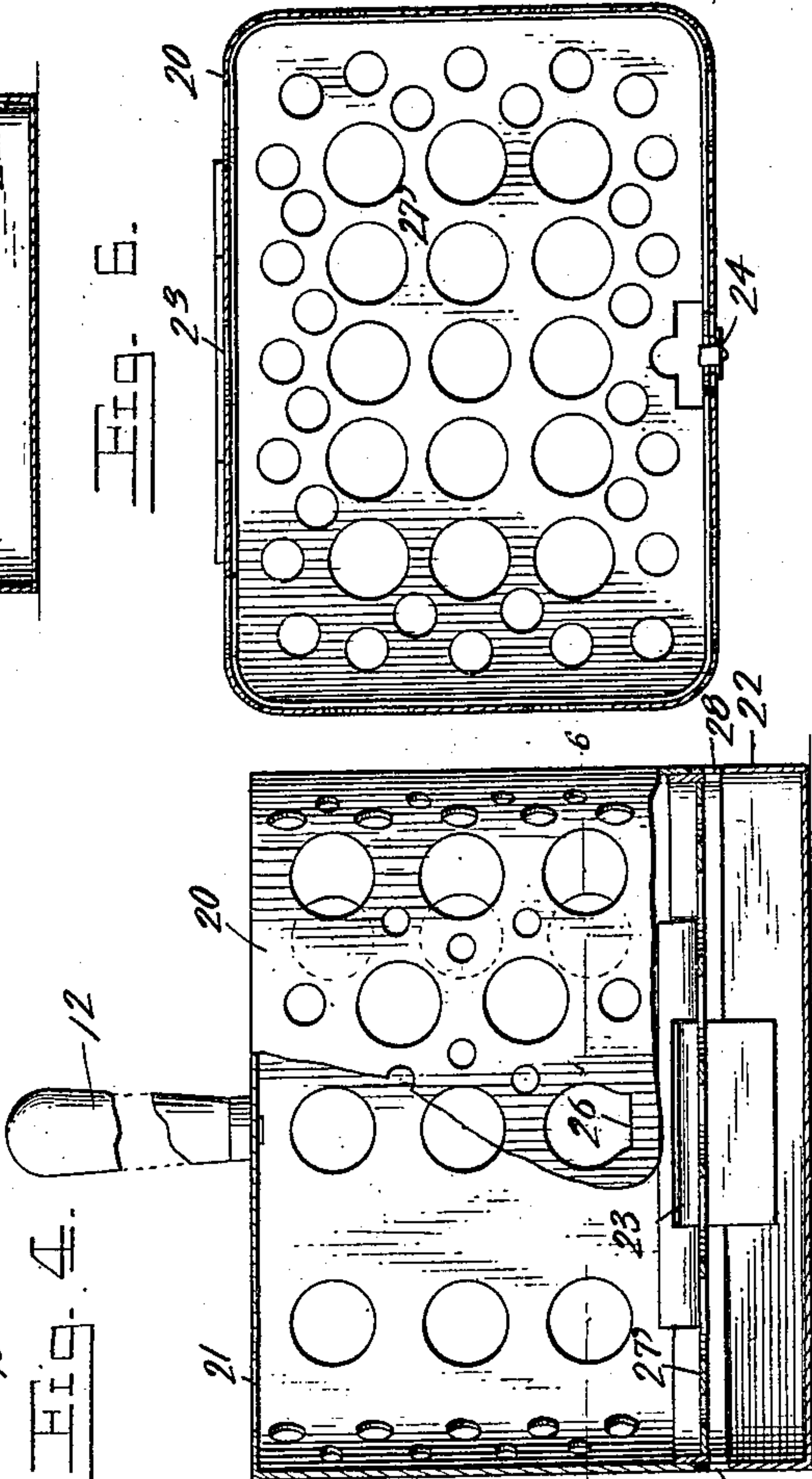


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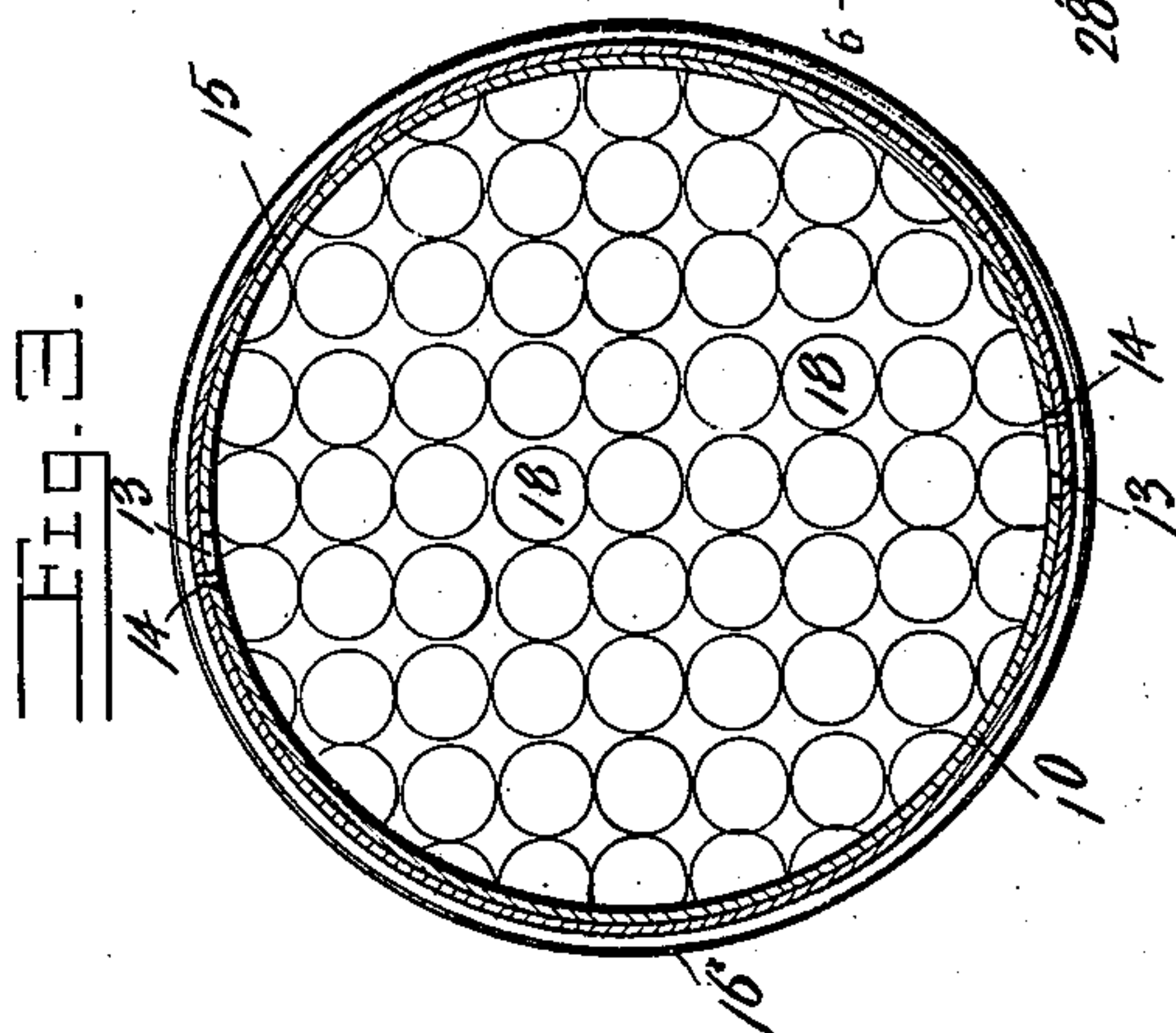


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## SOAP-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALICE ESTELL SEASHOLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Soap-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to soap-holders in general, and more particularly to that class designed for holding small pieces of soap, the object of the invention being to provide a cheap, simple, and efficient device in which pieces of soap may be placed and which device may be introduced into a body of water to be worked backwardly and forwardly to form suds for washing, a further object of the invention being to provide a construction which will include a drain to receive the water that may drip from the soap after it has been removed from the body of water and from which drain the water may be readily emptied.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is an elevation showing one form of the soap-holder. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the holder shown in Fig. 1 and which is cylindrical. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view through the body of the holder. Fig. 4 is a view partly in elevation and partly in section and showing a second form of the invention. Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken transversely of the device shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a horizontal section taken through the body of the holder shown in Fig. 4.

Referring now to the drawings and more particularly to Figs. 1, 2, and 3 thereof, the present holder comprises a body portion 10, which in this instance is cylindrical, the upper end of the body being provided with perforations 11, while the lower end thereof is open. A handle 12 extends in axial alinement from the upper end of the body, as shown. In the side walls of the body 10 there are formed bayonet-slots 13, which lead upwardly from the lower edge of the body and are at diametrically opposite points thereof, and these slots are adapted for engagement by pins 14, carried by and projecting inwardly from diametrically opposite points of a cup-shaped bottom

15, adapted to fit over the lower end of the body, and the upper edge of which bottom closure is provided with an outwardly-turned bead 16' for a purpose to be presently explained.

The body of the holder is adapted to receive the pieces of soap, said holder being then introduced into a body of water and worked around to form suds. To permit of access and egress of water to and from the soap to form and carry out the suds, the perforations 11 are formed in the upper end of the holder, and additional perforations 16 are formed in the sides thereof, said perforations being of sufficient size to permit of free flow of water, while preventing the soap from passing from the body.

After the device has been used it is set down upon its bottom, and to prevent the soap from then lying in the drip-water that may have clung to the soap and the sides of the body the bottom portion of the bottom closure is struck up to form projections 18, upon which the soap rests and between which the drain or drip water may lie.

An amount of water will of course cling to the exterior surface of the body 10, and in order to direct this into the drip-pan formed by the bottom closure the bead 16' is provided, openings 19 being formed in the body to permit this water to flow inwardly from the inclosure of the bead and into the drip-pan. After the soap has had the water drained therefrom the holder may be held upon its side and the drip-water may be poured off through one or more of the openings 19.

Referring now to Figs. 4, 5, and 6, in this construction the body portion 20 is formed substantially rectangular, the corners at the ends being rounded, and the body is provided with perforations 21 in its upper end and with a handle 12. The bottom closure 22, which is in the form of a pan, is secured by means of a hinge 23 at one side and a catch 24 at the opposite side, the side walls of the body and closure lying flush when the body is closed. In the wall of the body 20 are formed perforations 25 for the same purpose as the perforations in the body 10, and one of these perforations has its lower side flattened, as shown at 26, to receive the nib 27 of the spring-catch



24, which is in the form of a plate attached to the bottom closure.

To support the pieces of soap above the bottom of the bottom closure or drip-pan, a perforated plate 27 is provided and is spaced from the bottom of the pan, as shown in Fig. 5, and in the sides of the bottom closure or pan and below this drain-plate are formed slots 28, through which the collection of drip or drain water may be poured off. The operation of this device is of course the same as the structure first described and will be readily understood.

In practice various other modifications of the invention may be made and any suitable materials and proportions may be used for the various parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is—

1. A device of the class described comprising a perforated body portion provided with a handle and a removable bottom closure for the body adapted to receive and hold water, said closure having supporting means for soap to hold it above the bottom of the closure and means for directing drip-water from the ex-

terior of the body through the perforations thereof.

2. A device of the class described comprising a body portion having perforations, and a bottom closure fitted upon the body portion and having a bead inclosing a drain-trough between it and the body to direct drip-water from the exterior of the body through the perforations thereof, said closure having soap-supporting means, for holding the soap above the bottom thereof.

3. A device of the class described comprising a body portion having perforations, and a bottom closure fitted upon the body and having a bead inclosing a drain-trough between it and the body to direct drip-water from the exterior of the body through the perforations and into the body.

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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