

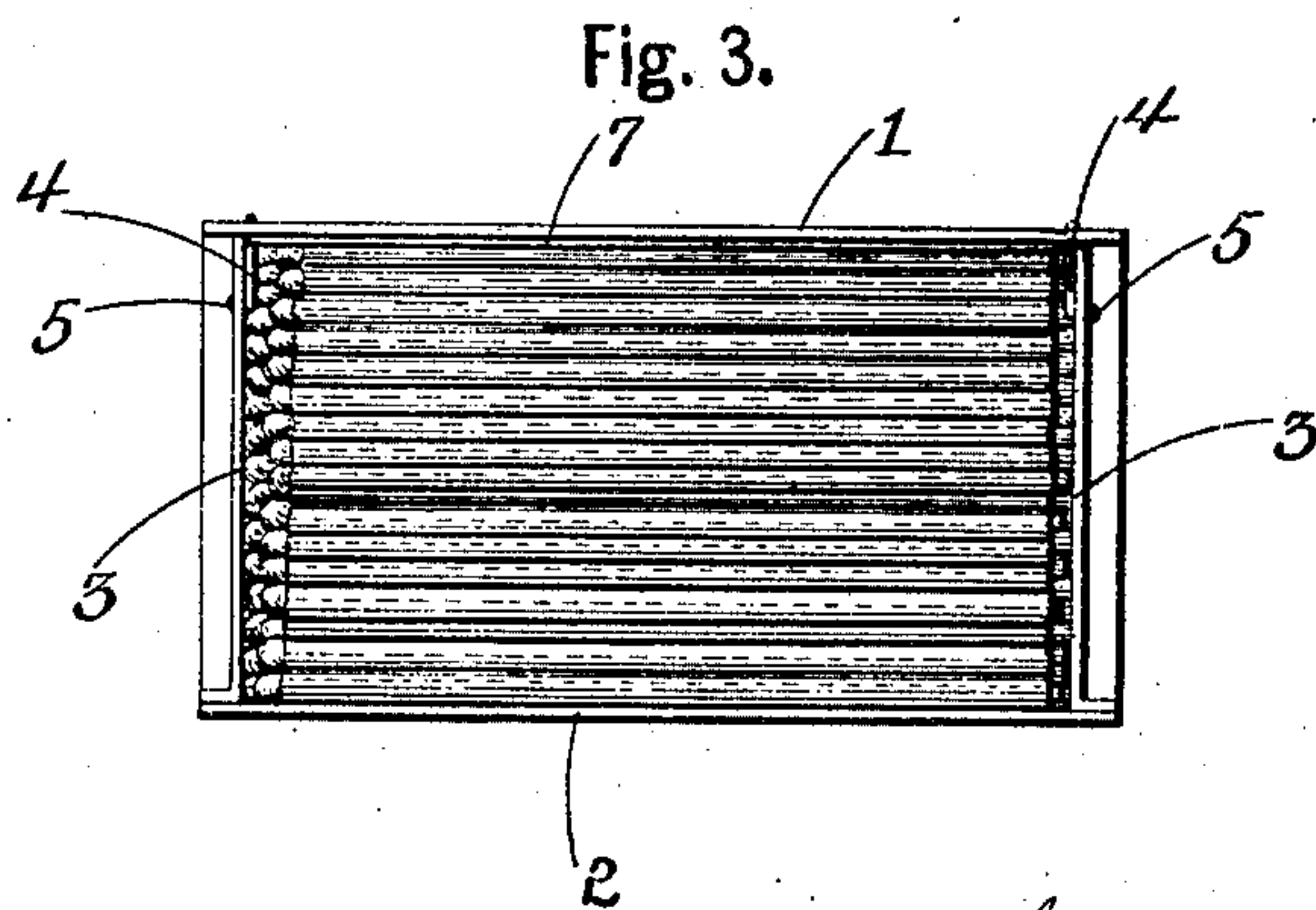
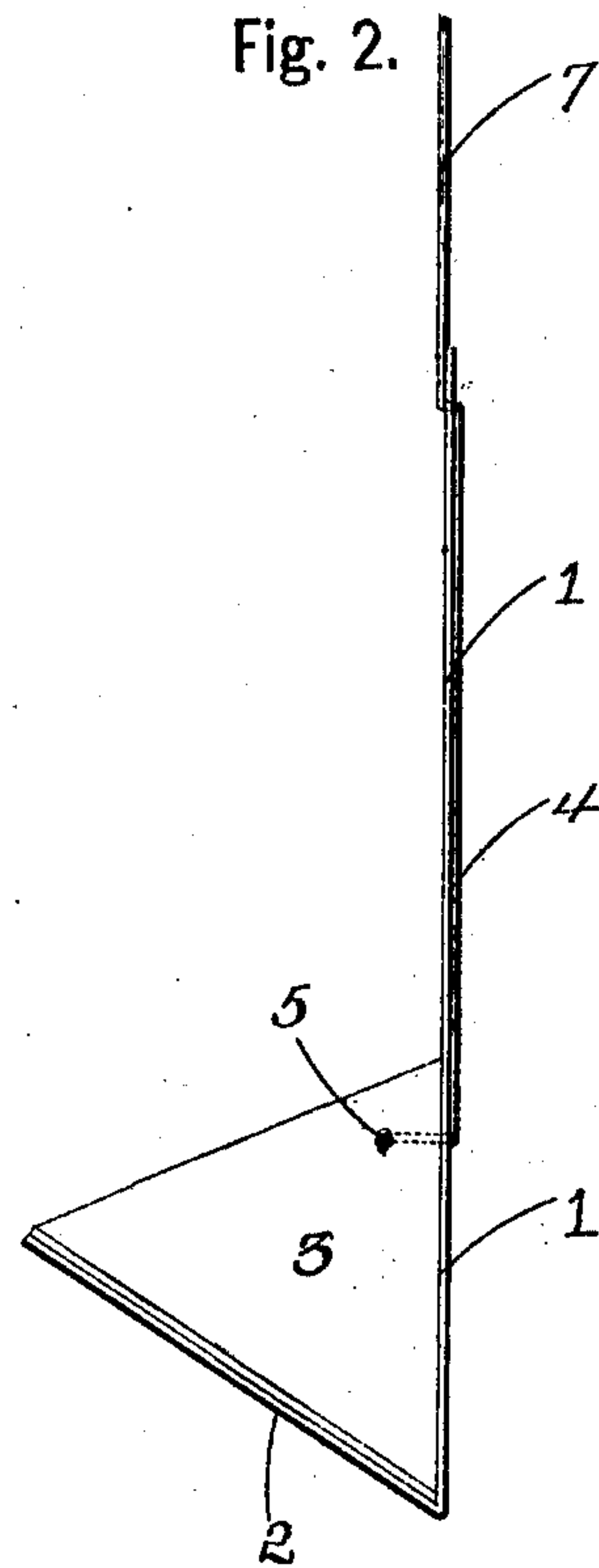
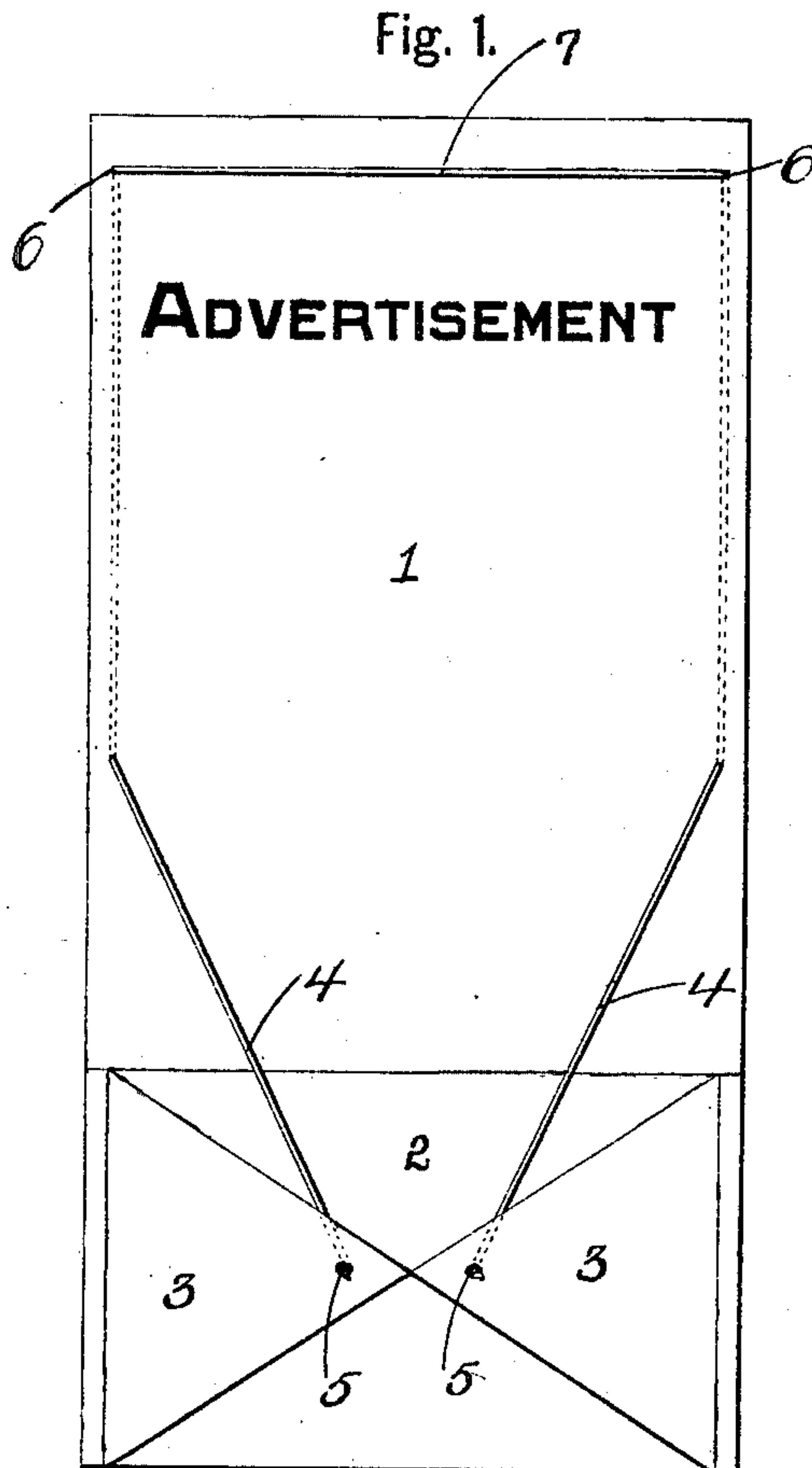
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN DELLINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Match-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a simple and cheap match-box or like receptacle in which the parts are adapted to fold flat for convenience in mailing; and the object of the invention is to produce a simple and cheap advertising novelty.

It also relates to certain details of construction, all of which will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device. Fig. 2 is an edge elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device.

In referring to the drawings for the details of construction like numerals designate like parts.

The device comprises a main part or body 1, which is preferably rectangular in form, as shown, a flap 2, attached to the lower end of the body or formed integral therewith, as desired, which constitutes the front portion of the match-receptacle when said receptacle is in match-receiving position, and two side flaps 3, which are preferably triangular in shape and are attached to the opposite side edges of the front flap 2.

The match-receptacle is pulled up into match-receiving position by a string or cord 4, which is attached at its ends to the flaps 3 at 5, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the cord being passed through the openings 6 in the upper corners of the body, with its middle portion 7 in front, then extended vertically down the back, near the side edges thereof, and finally passed through the openings and extended to and connected with the flaps 3 at 5, as before explained.

To bring the match-receptacle from its flat collapsed position, pull on the middle portion of the string, which will lift up the side flaps 3 and draw them against the body, and also bring up the front flap 2, substantially as shown in Fig. 2, thereby forming a pocket or receptacle for the matches.

When the box or receptacle is in open position, the front flap extends diagonally upward and outward, and one of the free edges of the triangular end flaps contacts with the surface of the main portion and the other forms the top edge of the box.

The device is hung on the wall by placing the middle portion 7 of the cord or string 4 over a nail or other projection, so that its own weight maintains the match pocket or receptacle in open position.

Any desired advertisement may be placed on the body of the device.

While it is believed that it will be advisable to make the article from suitable paper or cardboard, other material, such as thin and flexible sheet metal, may be employed if desired. It is obvious that various other small articles besides matches may be placed in the pocket.

I claim as my invention—

An advertising collapsible box or receptacle for matches or other articles comprising a body upon which advertisements may be printed, a rectangular foldable front flap at the lower extreme of the body and two triangular foldable side flaps at the side edges of the front flap, and a cord passing through openings in the body and attached at its ends to the inner ends of the side flaps, substantially as set forth.

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