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FIG. 1

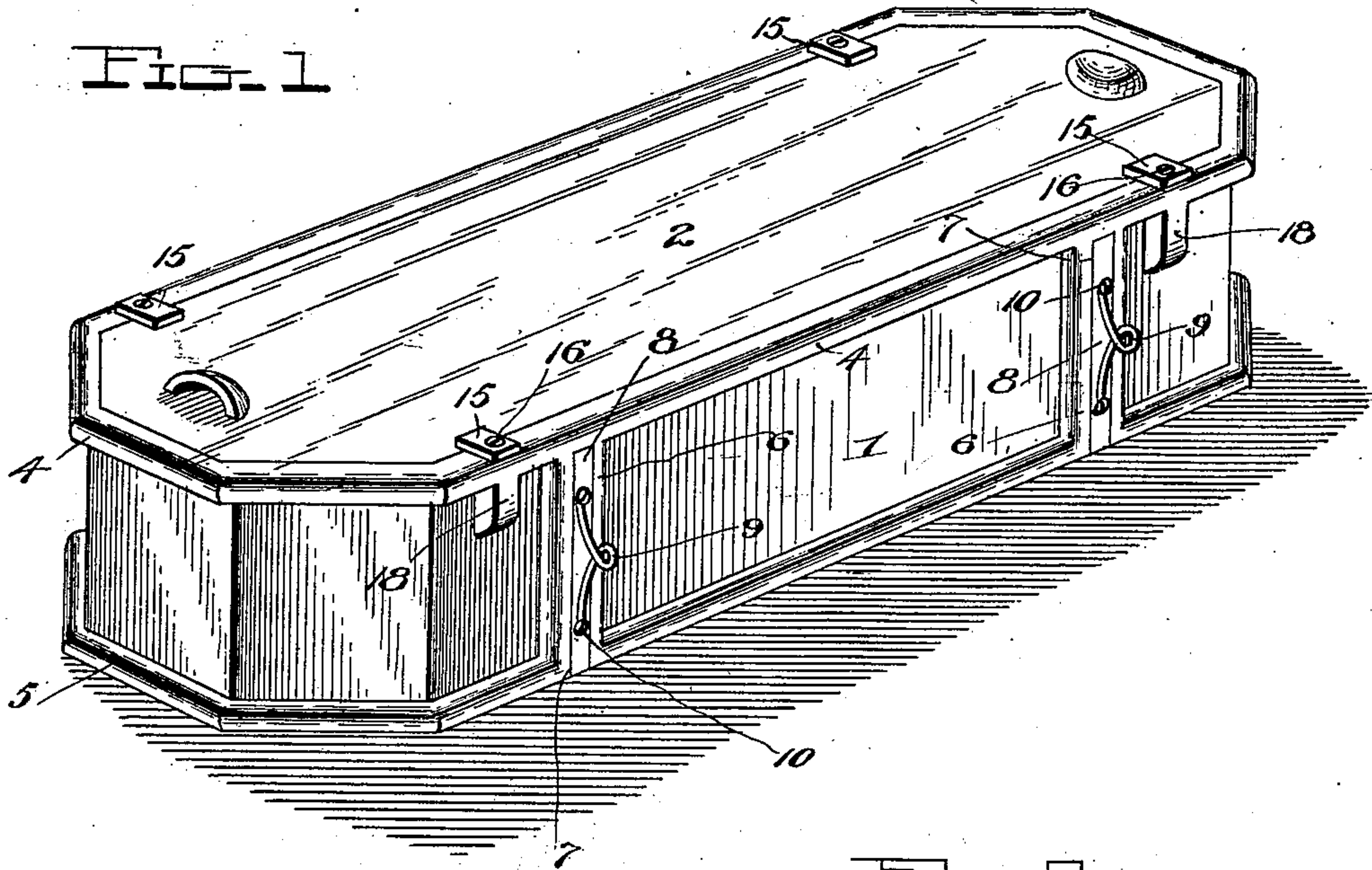


FIG. 2

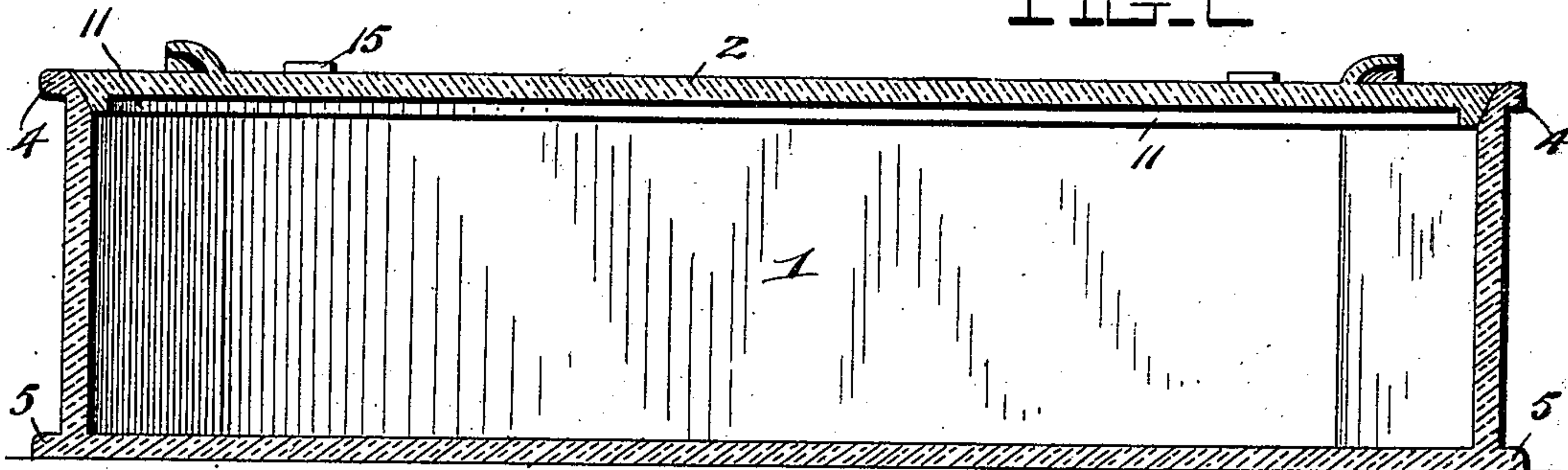


FIG. 3

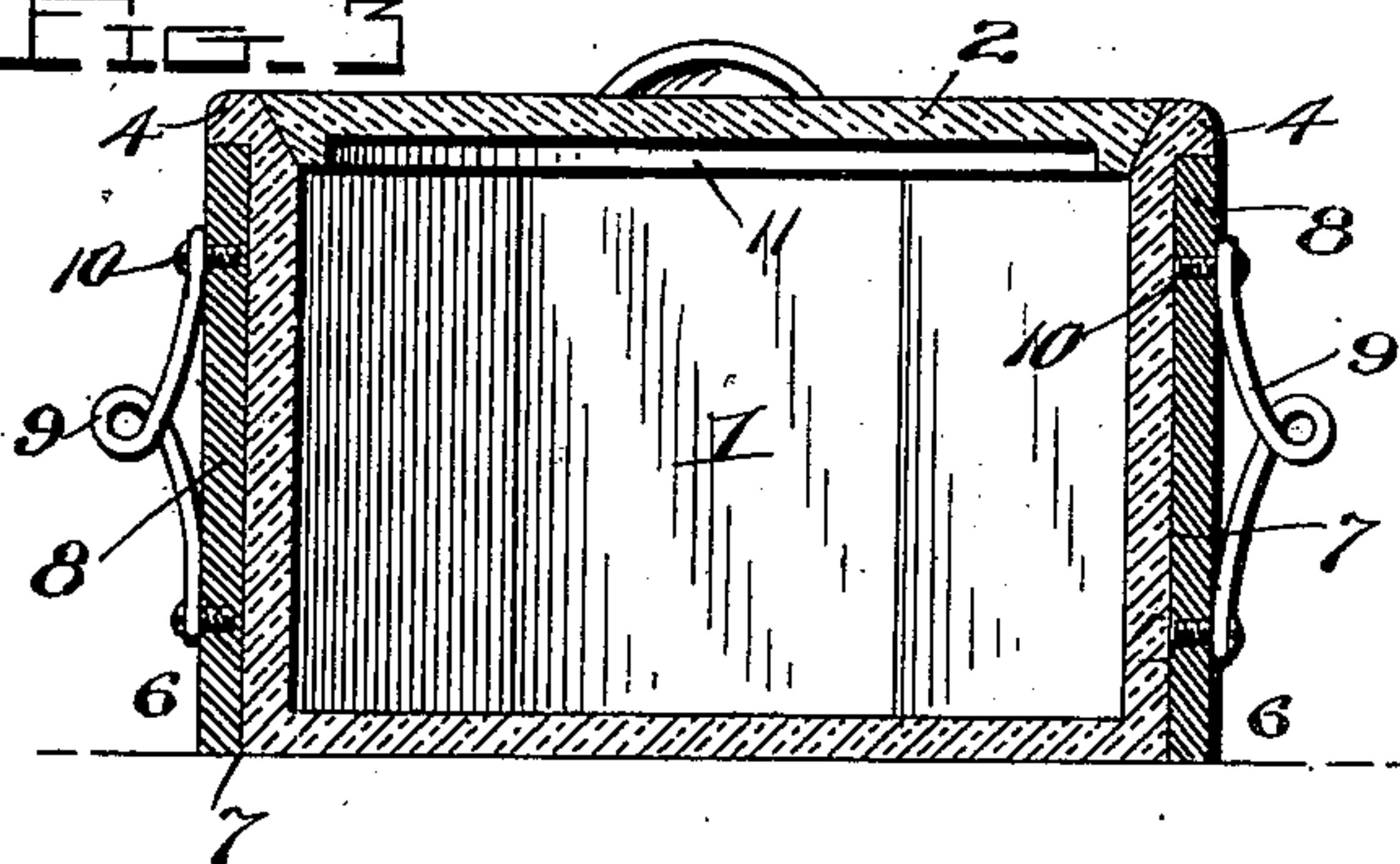
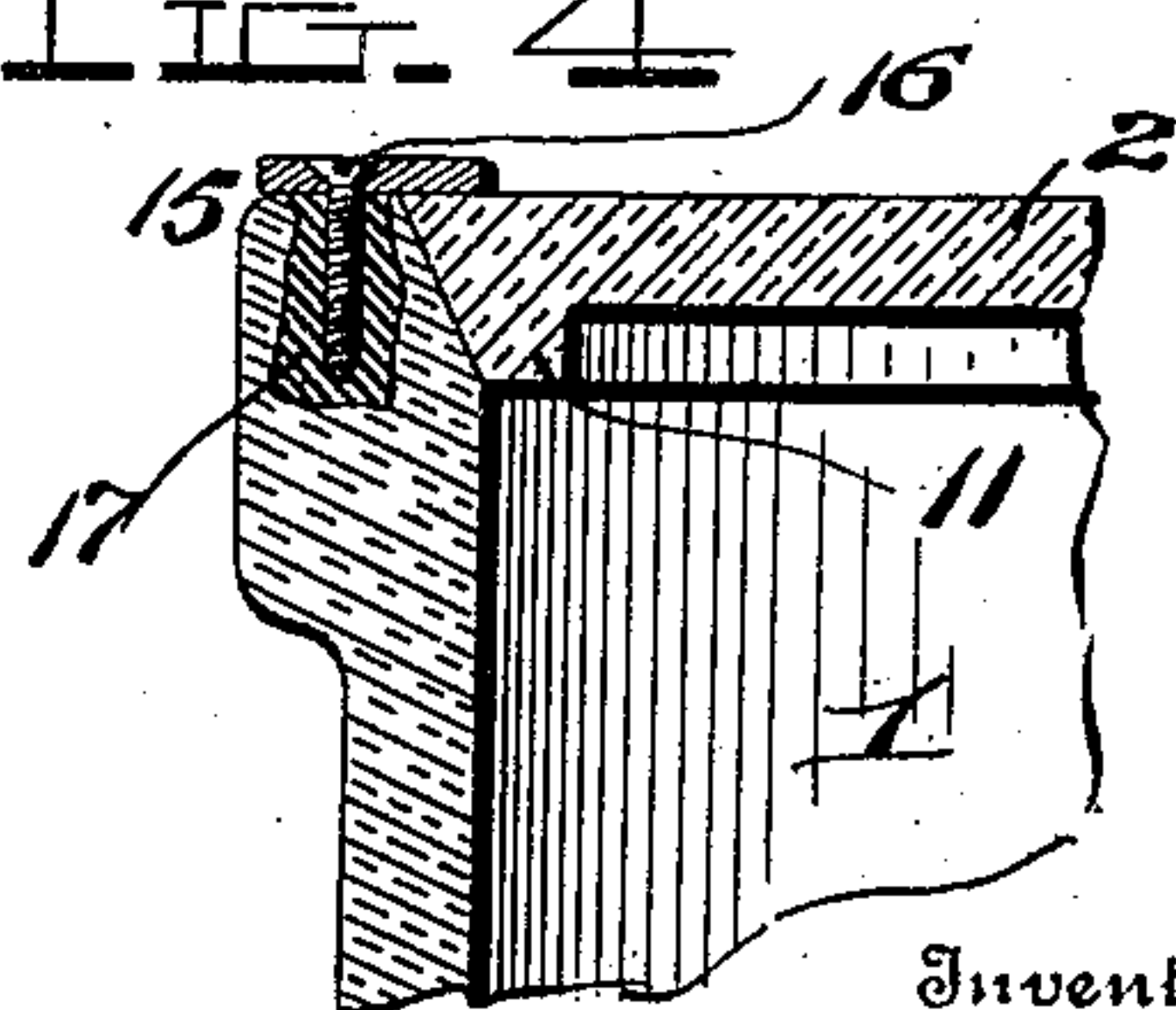


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vincennes, in the county of Knox and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caskets; and I do 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.

The invention relates to caskets.

The object of the invention is to provide a casket which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, comparatively inexpensive of
15 production, odor-proof and germ-proof, and indestructible by moisture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved casket. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view; and Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view through a portion of the casket, showing the manner of attaching the fasteners thereto.

30 Referring to the drawings, 1 denotes the body of the casket, and 2 the lid, preferably made of glass, porcelain, or material possessing the indestructible qualities of either.

The body of the casket is provided at its upper edge with an integral surrounding molding 4 and at its lower edge with a similar molding 5, between which is formed integral brace-posts 6, having vertical dovetail slots 7, which lead out through the lower molding. In these slots are adapted to be inserted from below soft-metal bars 8, preferably of lead, which will permit of said bars being forced upwardly into place and yielding to overcome any slight irregularities in molding, so that
45 in the insertion of said bars there will be no danger of snapping or breaking the casket. The upper ends of the grooves, it will be no-

ticed, are closed by the upper molding, so that when the casket is supported by the handles 9, which are adapted to be attached to the metal bars by screws or other fastening devices 10, said bars will be prevented from withdrawing from the grooves. The inner wall of the casket at its upper edge is beveled, as is also the edge of the lid, which latter, in order to decrease the surface of contact, is provided with a beveled rib 11, which forms a continuation of the beveled edge. The beveled edge of the lid, its rib, and the beveled wall of the casket are ground similar to the manner of grinding the interior wall of glass bottle-necks and glass stoppers to insure a tight joint or hermetic seal, and, if desired, at the joint of the lid with the casket-body I may augment the hermetic sealing effective-
65 ness by the application of solder.

15 denotes fastening means for fastening the lid in place. These means preferably consist of turn-buttons pivoted to headed studs 16, preferably in the form of screws, which are embedded in solder 17, laid into integral lugs 18, formed along the outer side of the casket-body.

If desired, I may provide the lid with handles for removing the same. These handles
75 are preferably cast integral with the top of the cover.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

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

In a casket of the character described, the combination with the body portion thereof, provided at its upper and lower edges with

integral molding-beads and with intermedi-
ate brace-posts having dovetail grooves open
at their lower ends and closed at their upper
ends, of handle-attaching bars inserted in
5 said grooves and dovetail in cross-section,
substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

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