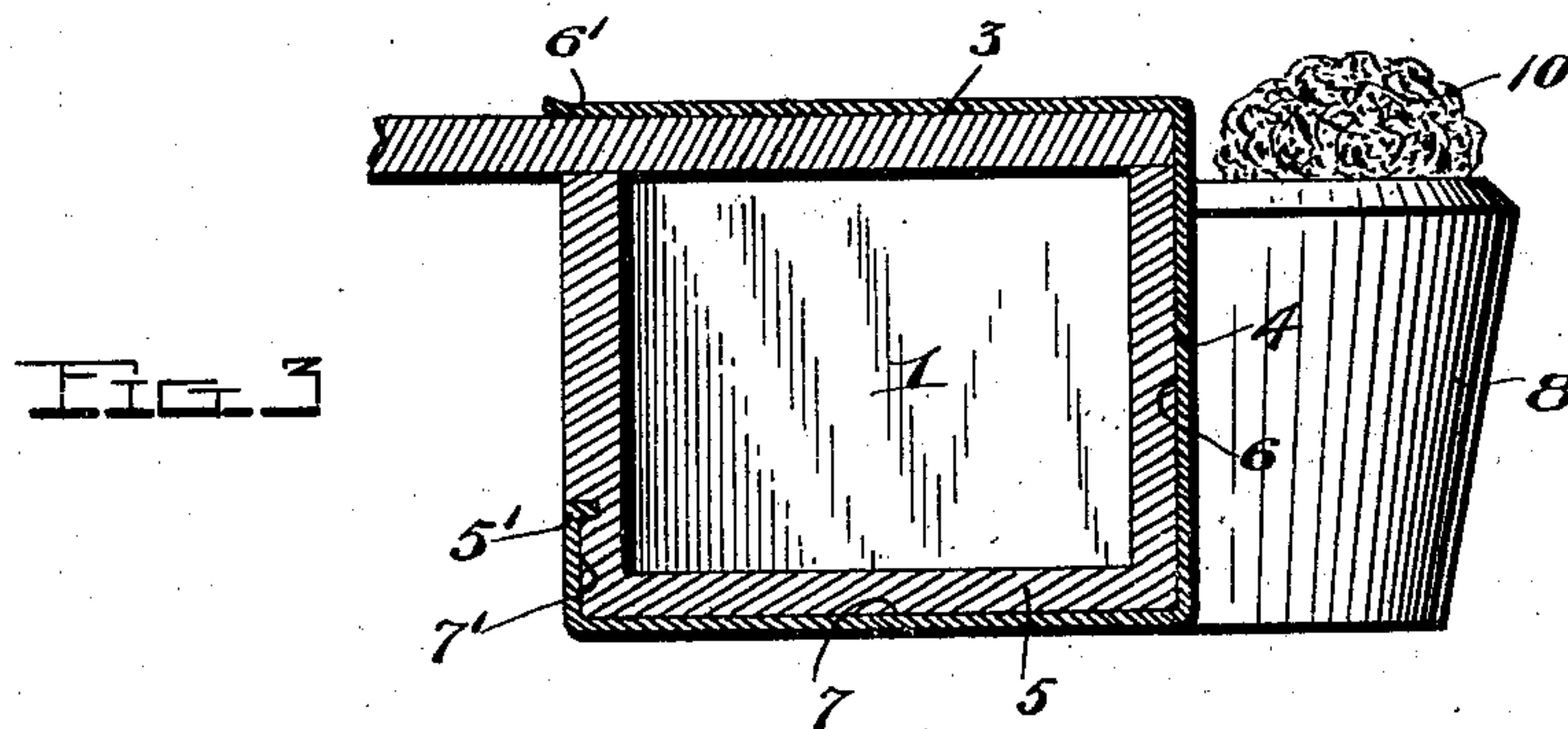
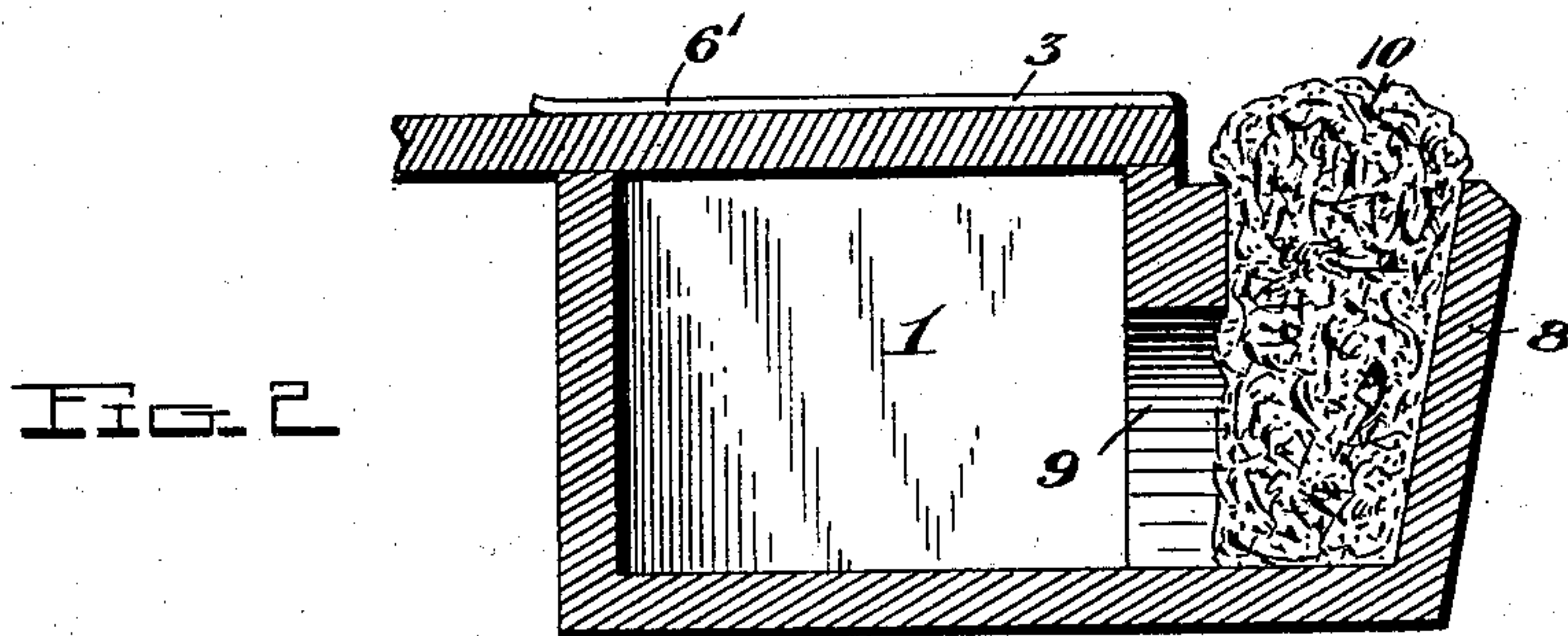
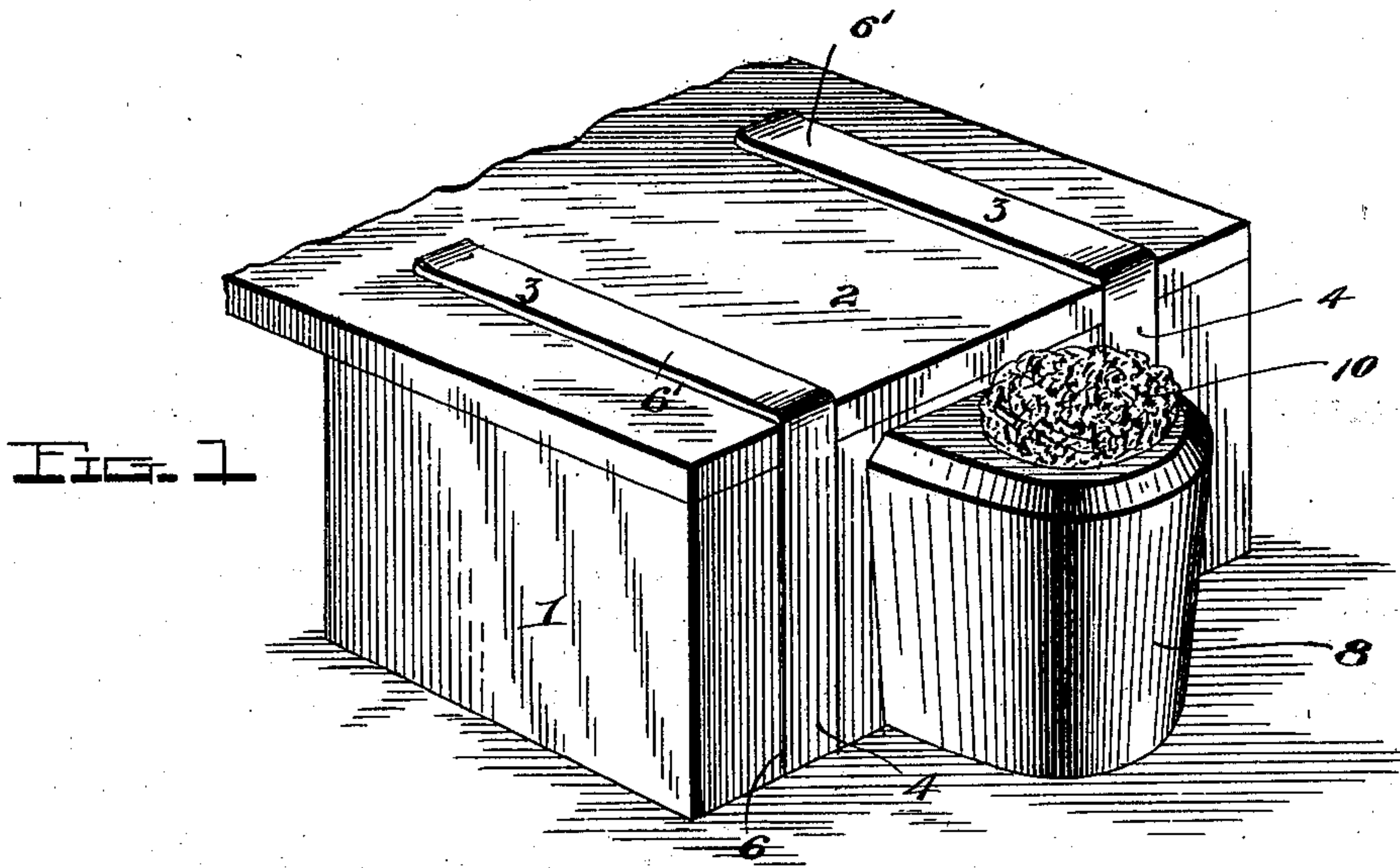


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES WM. MILLAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp and Envelop Moisteners; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to a stamp or envelop moistener, a handy device to connect with a shelf of a desk for the purpose of sealing envelopes and applying stamps, thus doing away with the objectionable feature of licking them.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, and comparatively inexpensive of production.

With this 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 stamp and envelop moistener. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view; and Fig. 3 is a similar view taken through the receptacle, cover, and clasps.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the water-receptacle, preferably rectangular in form and provided with spring-clasps 3, the portions 4, 5, and 5' of said clasps lying in grooves 6, 7, and 7', formed in the receptacle, and the portions 6' of said clasps embracing the upper surface of a desk-shelf 2 to hold the receptacle in position against the lower side of said shelf, which acts as a cover for said receptacle.

8 denotes a sponge-holder formed integral with or attached to the front wall of the receptacle and communicating with said receptacle through a hole 9.

10 denotes a sponge or other absorbent material placed within the sponge-holder and which by absorption draws the water from the receptacle and remains at all times moist and in good condition to apply thereto a stamp or envelop for the purpose of moistening the same.

This device is exceedingly simple, may be made at small cost, and will prove to be a very convenient desk article, as it obviates the objectionable feature of licking the stamps before applying them and also licking the flaps of envelopes before sealing them.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of my 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 device of the character described, the combination with the water-receptacle, of a sponge-holder integral therewith, said receptacle being formed with grooves in its sides and base, a spring-clasp having portions thereof engaged with the grooves in the sides and base of the receptacle and their upper ends projecting over the receptacle and adapted to clamp said receptacle to the under side of a shelf, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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