

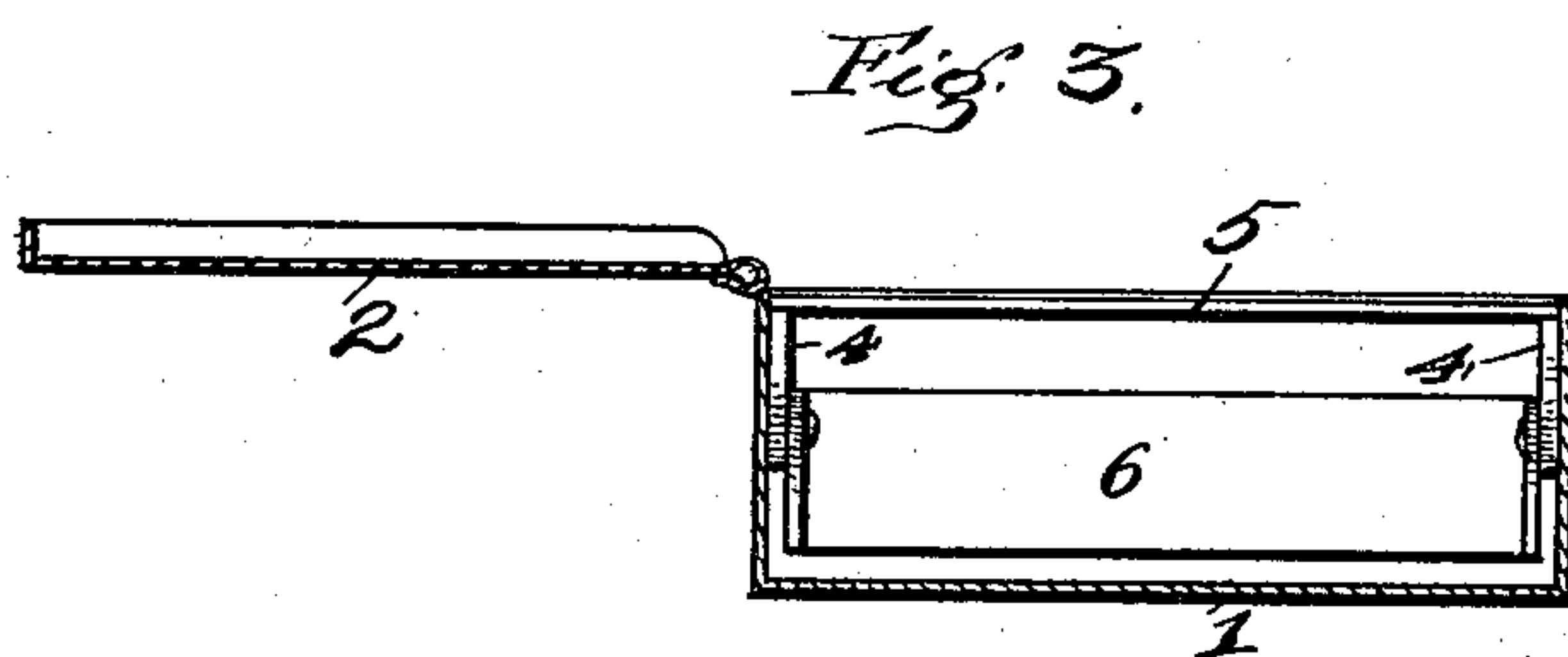
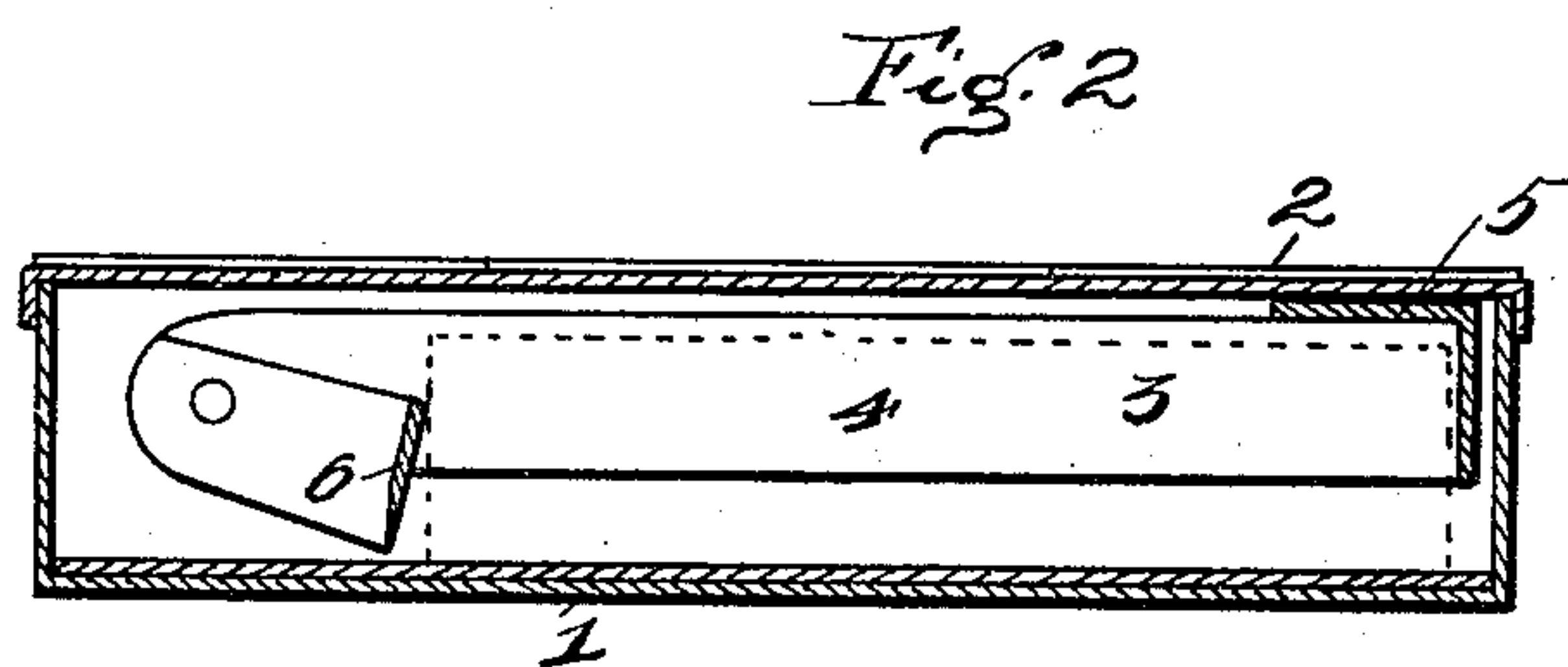
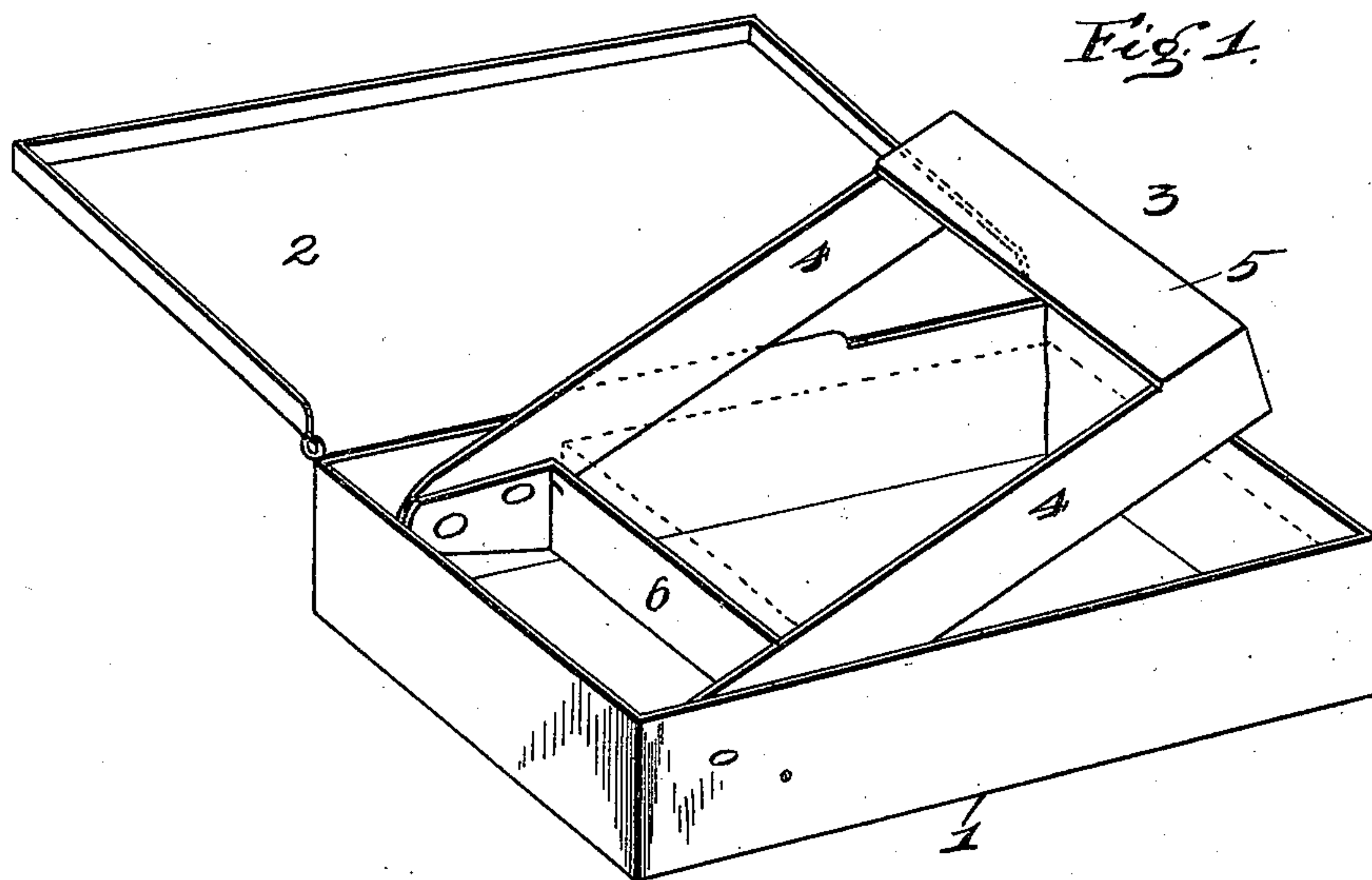
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK LAPORTE and LOUIS BAPTISTE, citizens of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Tobacco Box and Cutter; and we 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in a combined tobacco box and cutter; and it consists in the novel arrangement, construction, and combination of parts, as will be fully hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide a device of this character which will be of great convenience and utility to those having occasion to make use of such contrivances.

A further object is to provide a superior form of box which will add cleanliness to the use of tobacco, and which may be carried conveniently in the pocket and exclude dust and dirt from its contents.

A still further object is to provide a tobacco-box with a knife attachment or cutter, so that when the latter is closed down it will cut a sufficient quantity of tobacco to suit the wishes of the user.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved tobacco-box with the lid or cover open and the cutter attachment in position for cutting the tobacco. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the box closed. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view.

In the construction of the device as shown we provide a box 1, having a lid or cover 2,

made of any suitable light and durable material and of convenient pocket size. In the box is a frame 3, consisting of two sides 4 and a cross-bar 5, which is used as the fulcrum. The sides 4 are pivoted to the inner sides of the box and carry a cutting-blade 6 for cutting the tobacco when pressure is applied to the cross-bar 5.

In operating our improved tobacco-box the user places a plug of tobacco within the box to the rear of the cutting-blade. Should he desire to cut the tobacco he raises the cutting-frame, presses the tobacco forward, then presses downward upon the cross-bar. At this operation the blade 6 is pressed through the tobacco, cutting off a piece the size required.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim is—

1. A combined tobacco box and cutter, comprising a box, a frame composed of two sides and a cross-bar, a knife-blade carried by the sides of said frame and extending across and in the box, said frame pivoted at its ends to the inner sides of the box, and a cover for concealing the contents of said box, substantially as specified.

2. A combined tobacco box and cutter, comprising a box, a pivoted lid therefor, a frame composed of two sides and a cross-bar pivotally mounted within the box, and a knife-blade carried by the sides of the frame at an inclined angle; said frame being adapted to fit within the box so that the lid may inclose the frame within the box.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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