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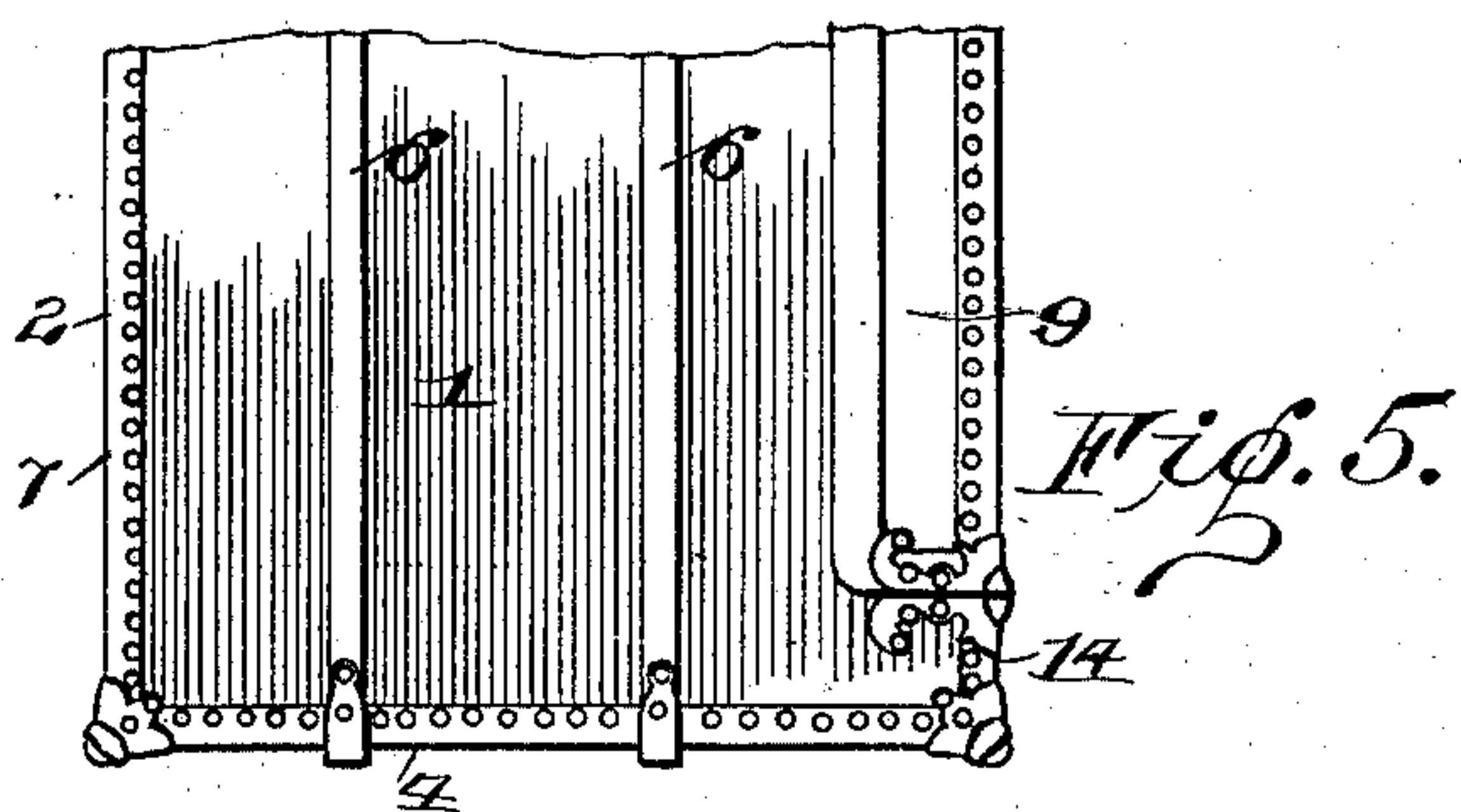
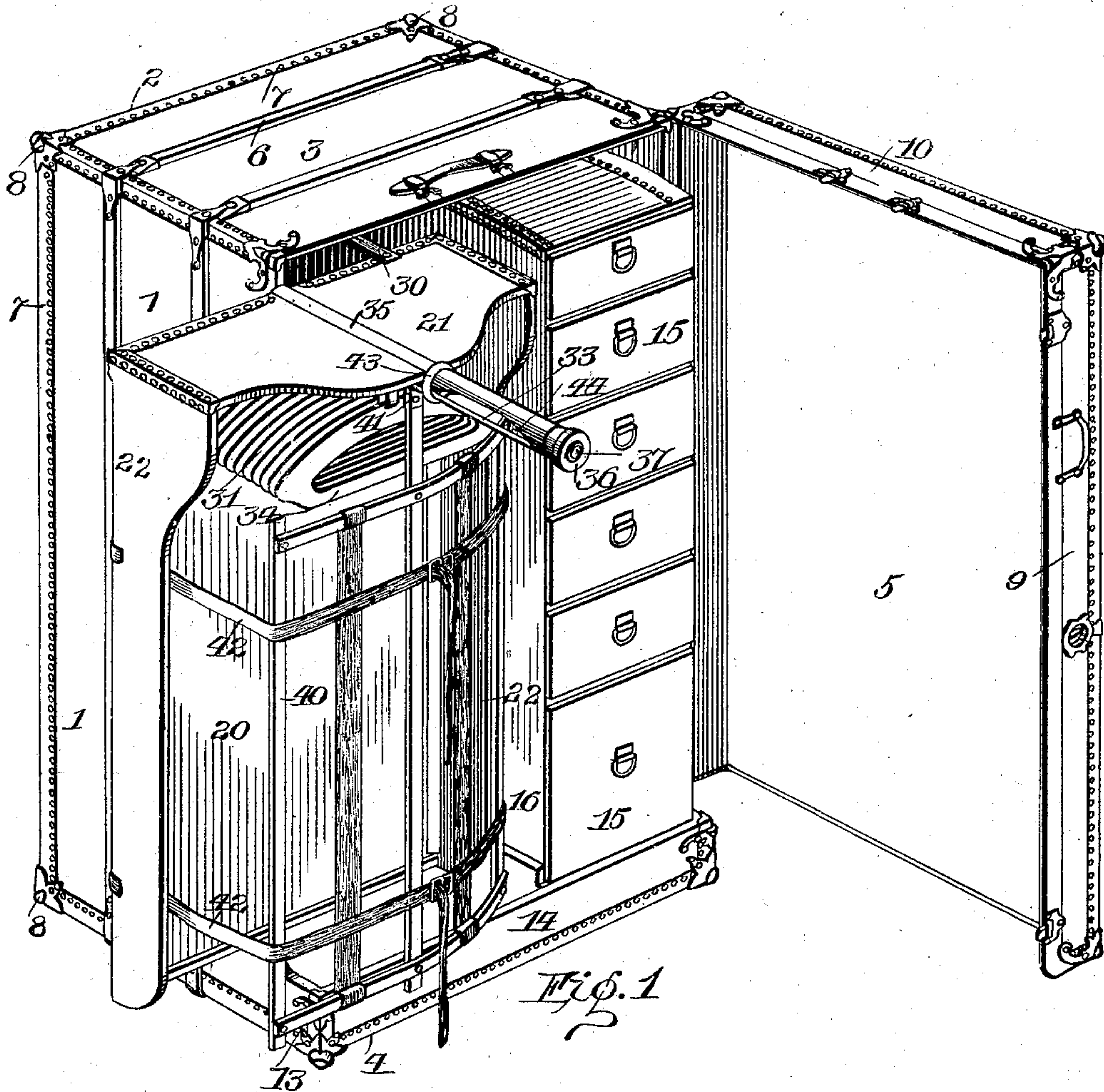
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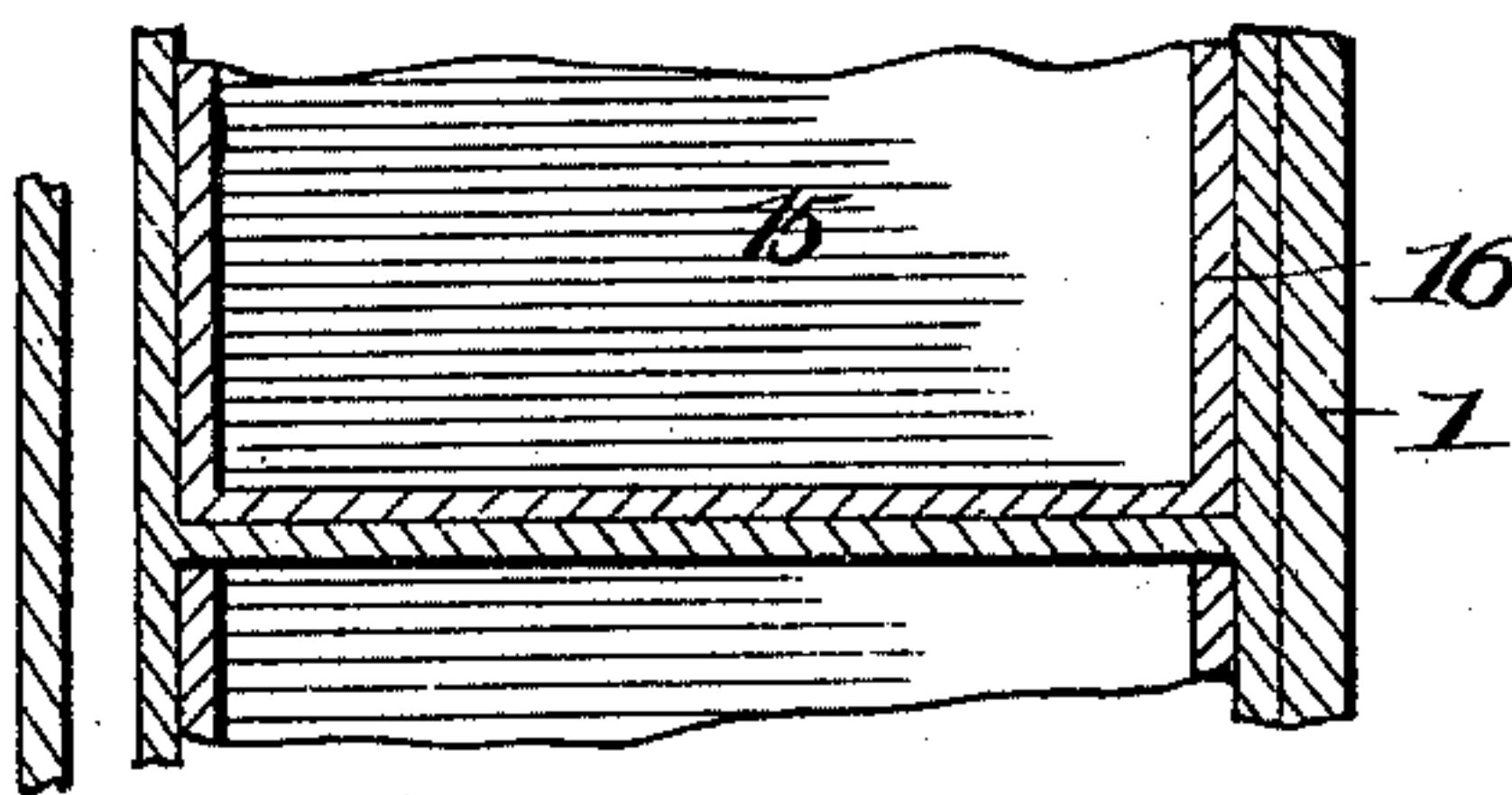
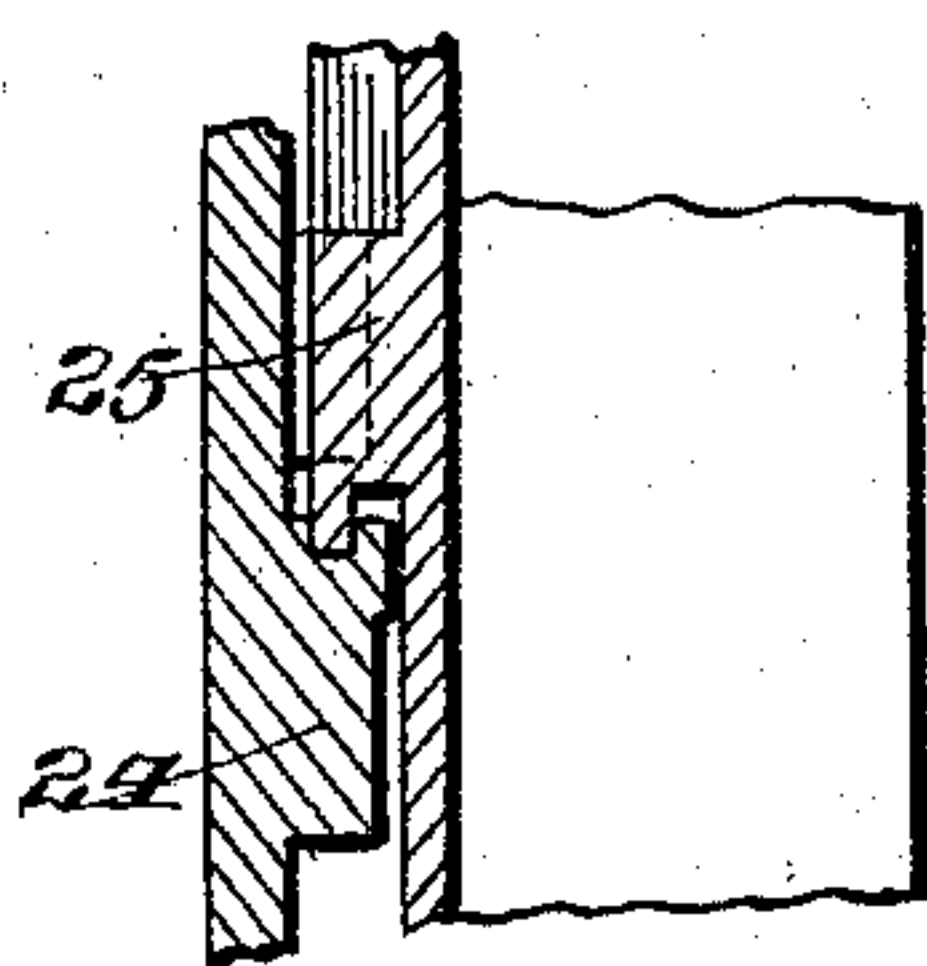
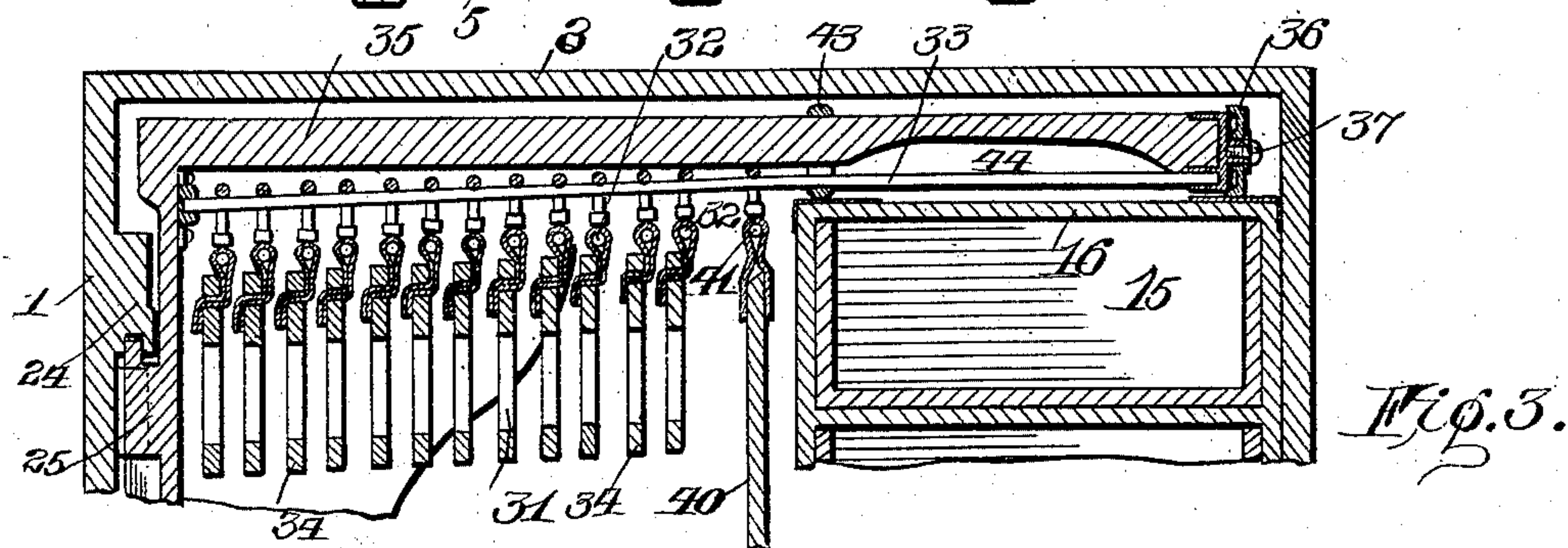
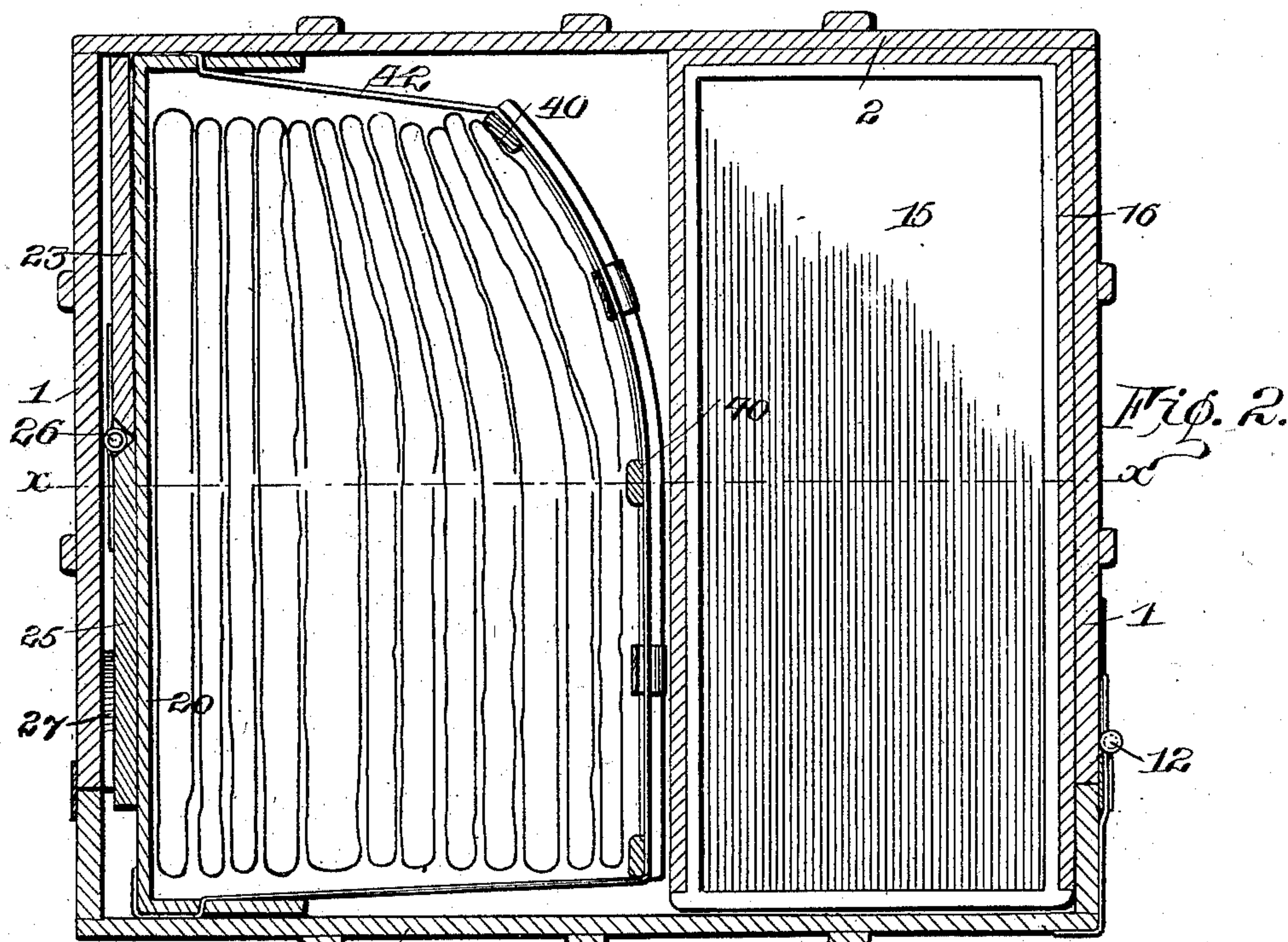
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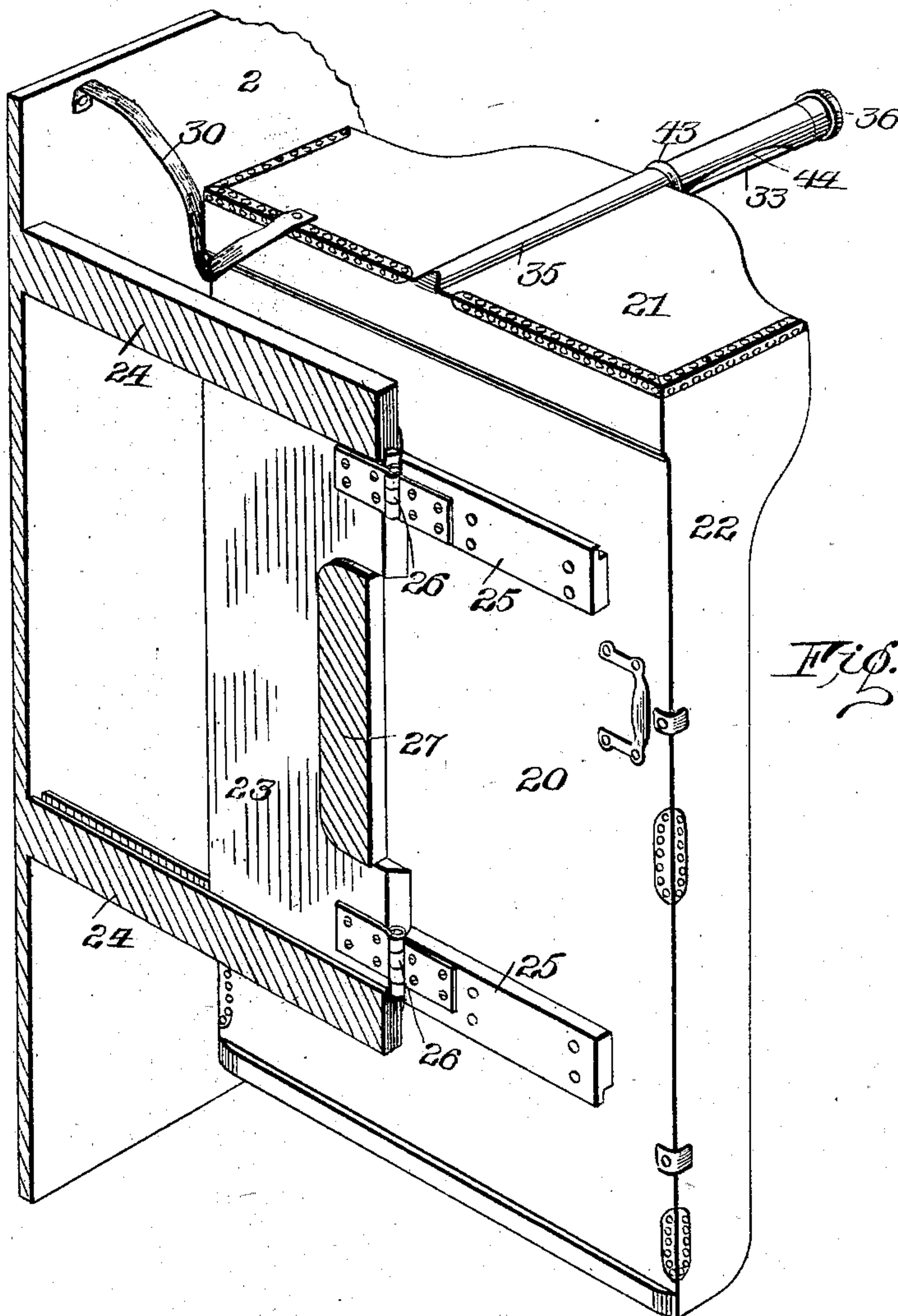


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. CANNAN, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Trunks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked
10 thereon.

My present invention has for its object to provide an improved form of trunks for traveling purposes, and it relates particularly to that
15 class known as "wardrobe-trunks," in which the various articles of clothing are suspended upon suitable clothes-hangers and prevented from displacement by a suitable compressing device; and it has for its further object to
20 provide such an arrangement of parts that the supporting devices for the clothes may be moved out of the trunk-body and easy access afforded thereto.

My invention also relates to the construction of a trunk-body, whereby the strength of the latter is increased and the whole prevented from injury when subjected to severe
25 handling.

To these and other ends the invention consists in certain improvements in construction and combinations of parts, all as will be herein-
30 after fully described and the novel features pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is perspective view of a trunk constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the clothes-supporting devices swung out. Fig.
35 2 is a cross-sectional view of the trunk with the parts in a closed position. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the wardrobe-casing, and Fig. 5 is a side elevation showing the construction of the lower
40 front corners of the trunk.

Similar reference-numerals in the several figures indicate similar parts.

A trunk constructed in accordance with my invention is adapted to stand upon one end
50 when open rather than to rest upon one of

its sides, as is the usual position, and in the present instance I have shown a trunk consisting of the casing or body composed of the sides 1, the back 2, a top 3, a bottom portion 4, and a hinged lid or door 5, all of which
55 parts may be strengthened by the usual battens 6, the joints at the edges being bound by protecting-strips 7 and the corners provided with the usual metallic corner-stays 8. The lid or door 5 is of the usual chest construction, having the panel 5, provided with the
60 sides 9 and the top 10, corresponding to the sides 1 and top 3 of the casing, so that the joint between the body and the cover or lid is removed from the edges. As the door is
65 mounted upon the hinges 12 and adapted to swing to the side, I make it shorter upon its lower end than the sides 1, so that it will not engage the floor when opened, and to further
70 strengthen the trunk I extend the sides 1 forward, as shown at 13, and connect them by a narrow strip or front panel 14, which corresponds to the panel in the lid or door when
75 the latter is closed, making a solid rectangular base upon which the trunk rests when in the normal position, and the meeting line at the lower end of the door being carried over the face of the trunk relieves the hinges and
80 other fastening devices from the severe strains resulting from rough handling.

Arranged within the trunk-body, and preferably at the side thereof at which the door is hinged, is a tier of drawers 15, which may be constructed in various depths, as shown, and adapted to contain various articles, their
85 particular construction and arrangement, however, being immaterial; but in the present arrangement I have shown them arranged in a separate casing 16, which may be permanently secured in the trunk-body by any suitable
90 means. The remaining space constitutes the wardrobe, and located therein are suitable hanging devices or supports, upon which the various articles of clothing may be suspended, and also means for preventing the
95 latter from displacement during handling of the trunk, as will be further described. Mounted within the casing is a movable casing or shell consisting of the back 20, a top 21, and side portions 22, which is adapted to be moved
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inwardly or outwardly in the trunk, being supported upon a carriage 23, movable in the guides 24, secured within the trunk upon the side portion 1. At the ends of the carriage 5 are ways 25, secured thereto by hinges 26 and also rigidly attached to the casing and adapted to cooperate with the guides 24. A stop 27, arranged on the side 1 between the guides, serves to limit the outward movement of the 10 carriage, and the swinging movement of the casing on the hinges 26 is preferably limited by a flexible connection 30, secured to the back of the casing near its inner end and attached to the rear wall of the wardrobe. A series of 15 clothes hangers or supports 31 are provided with detachable connections 32, by means of which they are engaged to a supporting-rod 33, arranged centrally beneath the top 21. These supports may be of any desired form, 20 and in the present instance I have shown them as formed with a rounding or arched top, upon which coats and vests or ladies' waists may be suspended, and below the top is provided an aperture forming a lower bar 34, over which 25 the trousers, dress-skirts, and like articles may be hung. In order to afford greater convenience in placing the hangers when containing clothes, I extend the rod 33, and as a support therefor I arrange an extension or bar 30 35 on the top 21, adapted to extend over the tier of drawers 15, as shown particularly in Fig. 3. The bar 35 is provided upon its outer end with a disk 36, journaled on a screw 37 and adapted to roll along the top of the casing 16 on a suitable track thereon as the wardrobe-section is moved into or out of the trunk, and it also serves to relieve a part of the weight of the section from the guides 24, preventing the parts from sagging or becoming 40 strained and loosened.

After the hangers or supports have been filled with clothing the various articles are compressed by means of a follower-frame 40, supported on the rod 33 by a detachable connection 41. Suitable adjusting-straps 42, connected at their ends to the shell or casing, extend around the frame near its upper and lower ends and are adapted to draw it into close contact with the various articles of clothing and compress the latter tightly against the 50 back 20, and the rear side of the frame is curved, as shown, to permit the casing when packed to be revolved into position on its hinges 26 and the articles prevented from engaging the corners of the drawers or casing 16, thus permitting almost the entire space in the wardrobe to be employed. To prevent the rod 33 from sagging from the weight suspended thereon, I provide a sliding ring 43, 60 encircling the rod 33 and bar 35, which may be moved along after the follower to hold the rod and support it intermediate its ends, as shown in Fig. 3. The lower side of the bar 35 is undercut at 44 to enable the holders to 65 be readily applied and detached from the rod.

Trunks constructed in accordance with my invention are light, and the particular ar-

rangement of the various parts provides for containing the largest amount of wearing-apparel in the most natural manner to prevent 70 their becoming creased or wrinkled and also insuring the greatest economy in space. The faces of the drawers 15 and also the outer edge of the wardrobe-casing project beyond the edges of the sides 1 and are adapted to be 75 engaged by the door or lid when it is in the closed position, thus securely locking them without requiring other securing devices.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a trunk, the combination with a casing 80 having a back and a top portion, a base extending beyond the forward edge of the top, side portions extending outwardly at their lower ends and a front panel arranged at the outer edge of the base and extending between 85 the projecting edges of the side portions, of a lid or door consisting of a panel having a top and side portions equal in width to the extensions on the sides and base of the casing and adapted when in the closed position to 90 form a flat surface in the plane of the front panel of the casing and hinges between the door and one side of the casing arranged with their pintles extending in rear of the projecting edge of the base and perpendicular 95 thereto.

2. The combination with a garment-receptacle having a base and the side portions and open at the front and guides on one of the sides of the receptacle, of a carriage movable 100 on the guides, a casing pivoted to the carriage and capable of swinging outwardly through the front of the receptacle when the carriage is moved forwardly on the guides and a door on the receptacle engaging the casing 105 when the latter is in closed position.

3. The combination with a garment-receptacle having the open front, guides on one of the sides of the receptacle and a movable carriage supported on the guides, an inner casing 110 arranged in the receptacle and pivotally mounted on the carriage and means for limiting the swinging movement of the casing.

4. The combination with a garment-receptacle having the open front, guides on one of the sides of the receptacle and a movable carriage supported on the guides, of a casing arranged upon the interior of the receptacle, pivotal connections between the casing and carriage, and means engaging the guides to 115 prevent the swinging of the casing excepting when the latter is moved out of the receptacle.

5. The combination with a garment-receptacle having the open front, guides on one of the sides of the receptacle, a carriage movably mounted on the guides, and ways cooperating with the guides and hinged to the carriage, of an inner casing supported on the ways, and a stop arranged to limit the outward movement of the casing after the ways 125 have left the guides.

6. In a trunk the combination with an exterior casing, and an interior shell or casing, of guides arranged upon one of the parts, a

carriage mounted in the guides having the hinged extensions operating in said guides and connected with the opposite part, whereby the casing may be revolved when the carriage is drawn forward on the guides.

7. In a trunk the combination with an exterior casing or body, an interior shell or casing provided with ways, and guides arranged upon the body, of a carriage movable in the guides, a stop for limiting the outward movement of the carriage, and a hinged connection between the ways and the carriage, said ways being adapted to cooperate with the guides when the carriage is moved inwardly, and means for limiting the swinging movement of the casing on its hinge.

8. In a garment-receptacle the combination with an exterior casing or body, of an interior shell or casing having a back, movable connections between the latter and one side of the outer casing, of a bar connected to the inner casing and a series of garment-supports arranged beneath the bar.

9. In a garment-receptacle the combination with an exterior casing or body, a shell or casing having the back, and movable connections between the latter and one side of the body, of a bar extending from the back, a support for the end of the bar arranged upon the opposite side of the body, a series of garment-supports suspended from the bar and movable longitudinally thereof, a movable frame, and means for adjusting it toward the back to compress the garments against the latter.

10. In a garment-receptacle the combination with a casing or body, an inner shell having a back and guides between the latter and one of the sides of the body, a bar extending from the upper end of the back and a support for the outer end of the bar arranged upon the opposite side of the casing, of a separate supporting-rod arranged below the bar, a series of garment-supports mounted on the rod, a movable frame carried on the rod and means for adjusting the latter to compress the garments against the back of the shell.

11. In a garment-receptacle the combination with a casing or body, an inner frame having a back, movable and hinged connections between the back and one side of the casing, of a support extending from the back, a series of garment-hangers thereon and a compressing-frame movably mounted on the support and curved inwardly at its rear edge, and means for moving the frame relative the back to compress the garments.

12. In a garment-receptacle the combination with a body, an inner frame having a back, movable connections between the back and one side of the body, and a separate compartment on the opposite side of the body, of a bar arranged upon the back of the shell and having its end guided on the top of the compartment, garment-hangers mounted on the bar and means for securing the garments in the frame.

13. In a trunk the combination with a body,

a frame therein having the back, and movable hinged connections between the shell and the side of the trunk, a separate compartment secured upon the opposite side of the trunk-body, of the bar secured to the shell and extending over the compartment having the support upon its lower side, the garment-hangers movably suspended on the support, and the frame curved upon its inner side and adapted to engage over the garments and means for operating the frame to compress the garments in the shell.

14. In a trunk the combination with a body, a frame movable therein having the back, and movable and hinged connections between the shell and the side of the trunk, a separate compartment arranged upon the opposite side of the body, and a bar secured to the back of the frame and extending over the compartment, when in the normal position and having the rod or support arranged on its lower side and connected at its outer end to the end of the bar, of a series of garment-supports mounted on the rod and movable longitudinally thereon, a compressing-frame suspended on the rod and a follower connecting the rod to the bar intermediate the frame and end of the bar.

15. In a trunk the combination with a body or receptacle having a back and provided with a top and bottom portion connected thereto, the latter being extended upon its forward edge beyond the corresponding edge of the top portion, the side portions extended to meet the forward edge of the bottom, and the front panel joining said extensions on the side portions, the door embodying the panel and having top and side portions thereon, of a casing mounted in the body at one side thereof, drawers therein having their faces in line with the inner side of the front panel, a separate frame or casing movably mounted in the body having its edge also arranged in line with the inner side of the front panel, and hinge connections between the door and the body, whereby as the latter is moved into a closed position, the panel thereof will be brought into line with the front panel and engage the faces of the drawers and the edge of the movable casing to secure them against movement.

16. In a wardrobe-trunk the combination with the main casing or receptacle, of a carriage movable within the casing and a garment-supporting frame pivoted to the carriage and adapted to be swung laterally when the carriage is moved outwardly.

17. In a wardrobe-trunk the combination with the main casing or receptacle, having the guides at one side and a lid or door, of a carriage movable on the guides and a garment-supporting frame pivoted to the carriage and adapted to be swung laterally of the guides when the carriage is moved outwardly.

18. In a wardrobe-trunk the combination with the main casing or receptacle, having

the guides and a lid or door, of a garment-supporting frame movable longitudinally of the guides and capable of swinging laterally of the guides when moved out of the casing.
5 19. In a wardrobe-trunk the combination with the main casing or receptacle having guides therein and a lid or door, of a garment-supporting frame movable longitudinally of the guides and capable of swinging
10 laterally thereof when moved out of the casing.

20. In a wardrobe-trunk the combination with a main casing or receptacle having a lid or door, of a garment-frame supported at one end in the casing and movable in and out 15 of the same and pivotally supported to swing laterally thereof.

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