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Fig. 1.

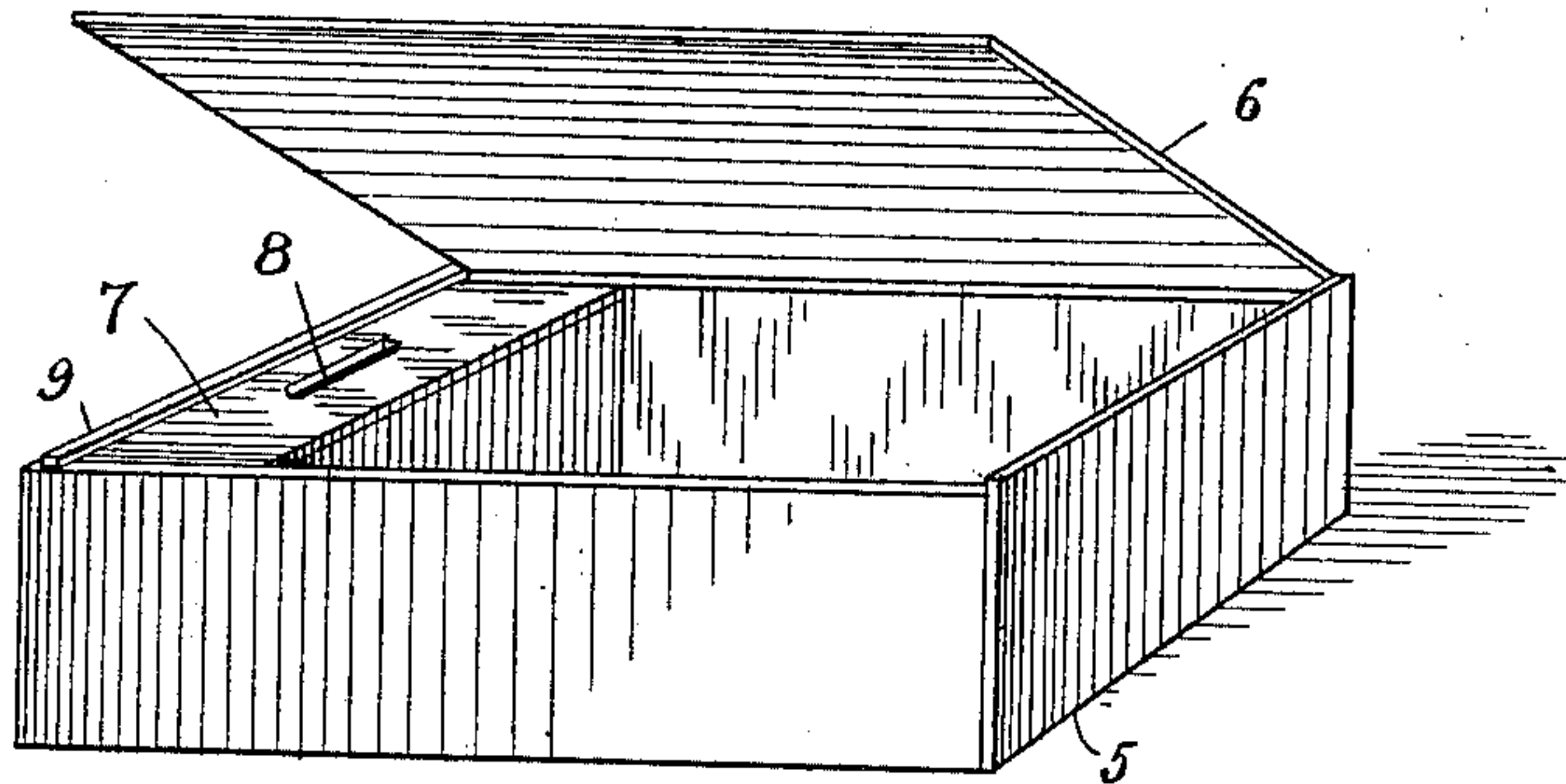


Fig. 3.

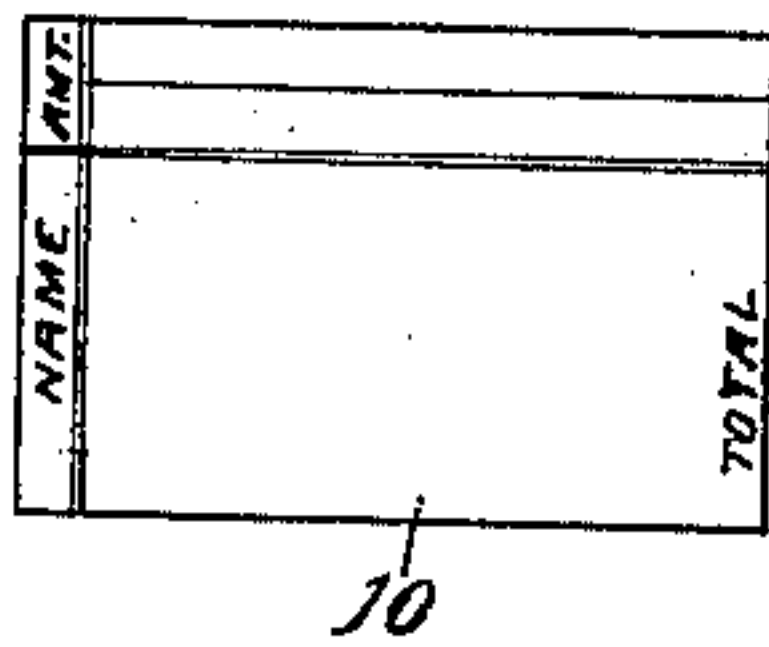


Fig. 2.

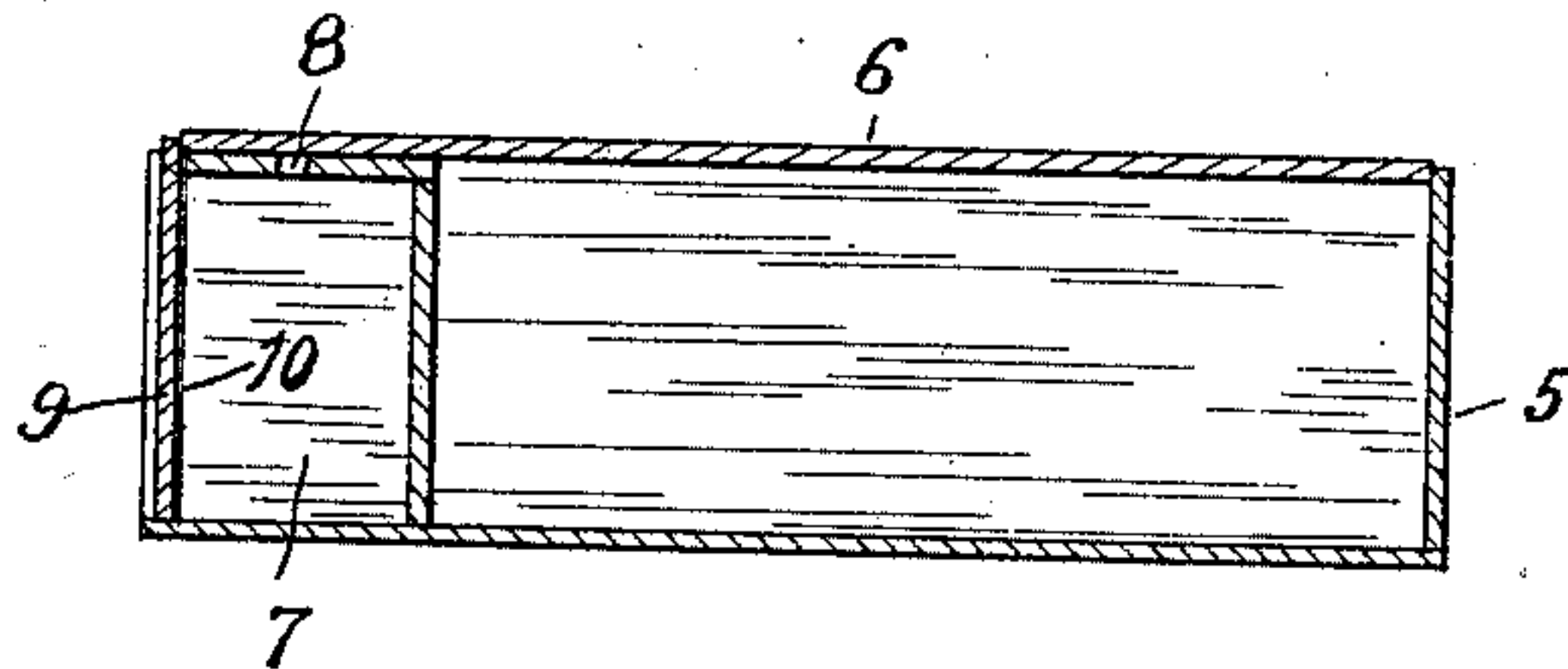
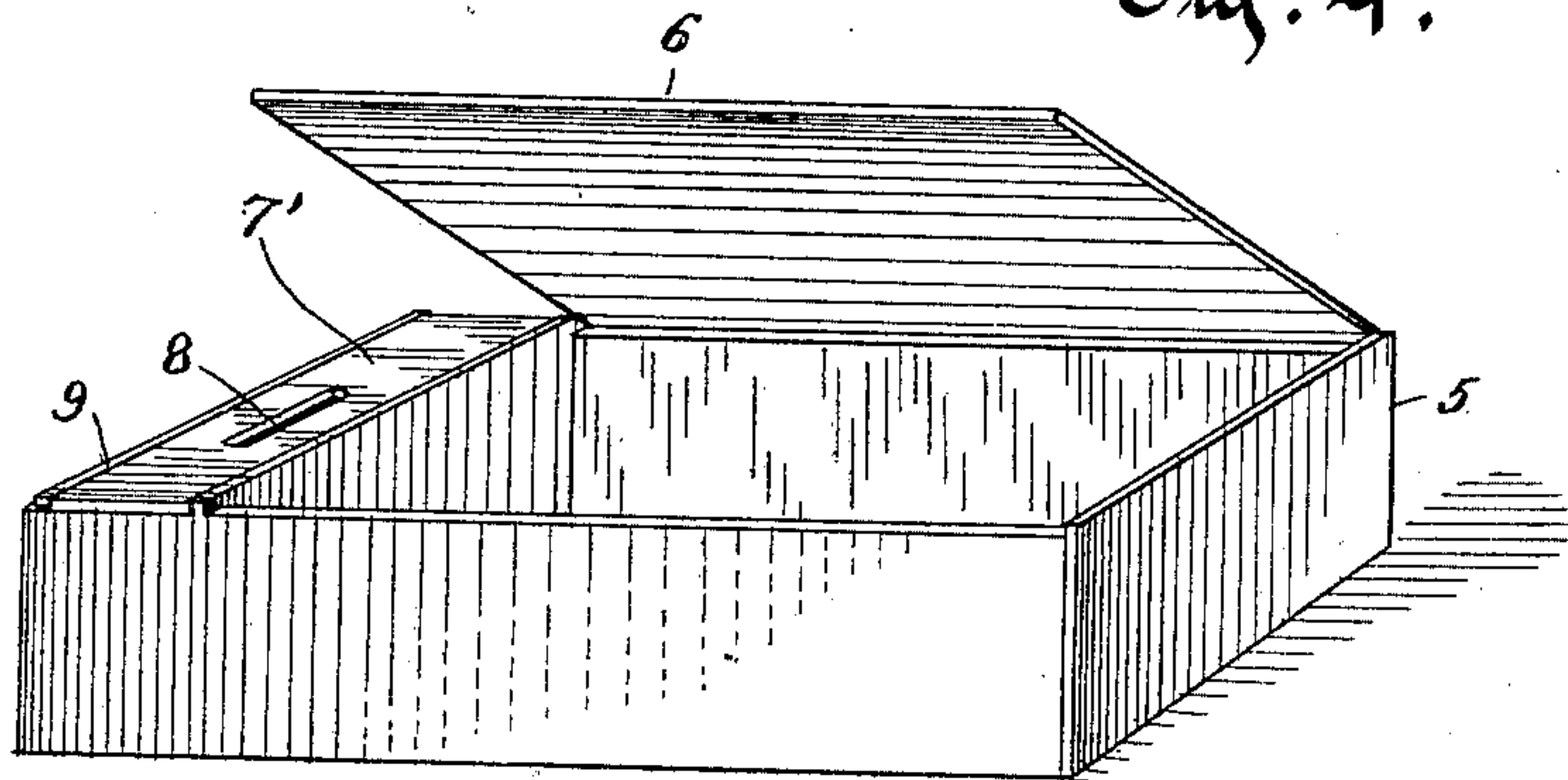


Fig. 2r.



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## BOX OR RECEPTACLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID GOLDMAN, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boxes or Receptacles, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

My invention has relation to an improved box or receptacle for cigars and other articles.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved form of box or receptacle adapted for containing cigars or other articles and of such construction that an accurate tally on the sales of the contained articles may be kept at all times.

With the above primary object in view the invention consists of the improved device and its parts or their equivalents, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigar-box equipped with my improvements, showing the lid of the box partly open. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a debit-sheet, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of construction.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 5 indicates the box or receptacle, provided with a hinged lid 6.

In the form of construction illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 a separate compartment 7 is provided at one end of the main chamber of the box, which compartment when the lid is thrown down is covered by said lid, and hence entirely hidden from view. The top of this compartment is provided with an elongated coin-slot 8, and the outer side 9 of the compartment is removable, preferably by fitting the opposite ends thereof in grooves or ways in the sides of the box, and thereby providing for said side piece 9 being pulled upwardly when the lid is thrown back and permitting access to the interior of the compartment. Against the inner side of this side piece 9 and preferably pasted or otherwise secured thereto is a debit-sheet 10. (Shown in detail in Fig. 3.) For convenience this sheet may be provided with a wide column with the heading "Name" thereabove and narrower columns to the right of the main col-

umn with the heading "Amt.", while at the lower edge of the sheet the word "Total" may appear.

In the use of my invention the box or receptacle is filled with a definite and known number of cigars or other articles. Each time an article is sold from the box the exact amount received for said article is deposited in the compartment 7 through the slot 8. In this way an exact tally can always be kept, inasmuch as by counting the number of cigars left in the box the number taken therefrom may be readily determined, and the amount of cash in the compartment should of course exactly balance with the amount of money which should be received for the sale of that number of cigars. If at any time an employer or clerk should take money from the compartment, he should debit himself with the amount so taken on the debit-sheet 10. When an inspection is thereafter made, the amount debited on the sheet should be added to the amount of money in the compartment and the total should agree with the amount of money which should be received from the sales of the cigars missing from the box.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 instead of compartment 7 being within the main chamber of the box or receptacle, so as to be closed by the lid or cover 6, as in the Figs. 1 and 2 form of construction, said compartment (indicated in Fig. 4 by the numeral 7') forms an extension at one end of the box or receptacle, the lid 6 in such case not covering the compartment.

While in the accompanying drawings I have shown the compartment 7 as arranged at one end of the box or receptacle, yet I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to that precise location, inasmuch as the separate compartment could be arranged at any other convenient position in or on the box, so long as it is fast to said box, without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Also while I have shown in the accompanying drawings the invention in connection with a cigar-box, yet I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to that particular adaptation, inasmuch as it is obvious that it is equally applicable to a box adapted for containing any other articles which are to be separately sold.

What I claim as my invention is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a box or receptacle having a main chamber provided with an open top, said chamber adapted for containing articles to be sold, a cover 5 for the open top of the main chamber, and normally closing said open top, but adapted to be moved so as to open and close the same, and thereby permit articles to be freely placed 10 therein and removed therefrom, a separate money-compartment fast to the box, and hav-

ing its outer side removable to provide for access to the interior thereof, and the remaining sides closed, the upper closed side having a coin-slot therethrough for the introduction 15 of money into the compartment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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