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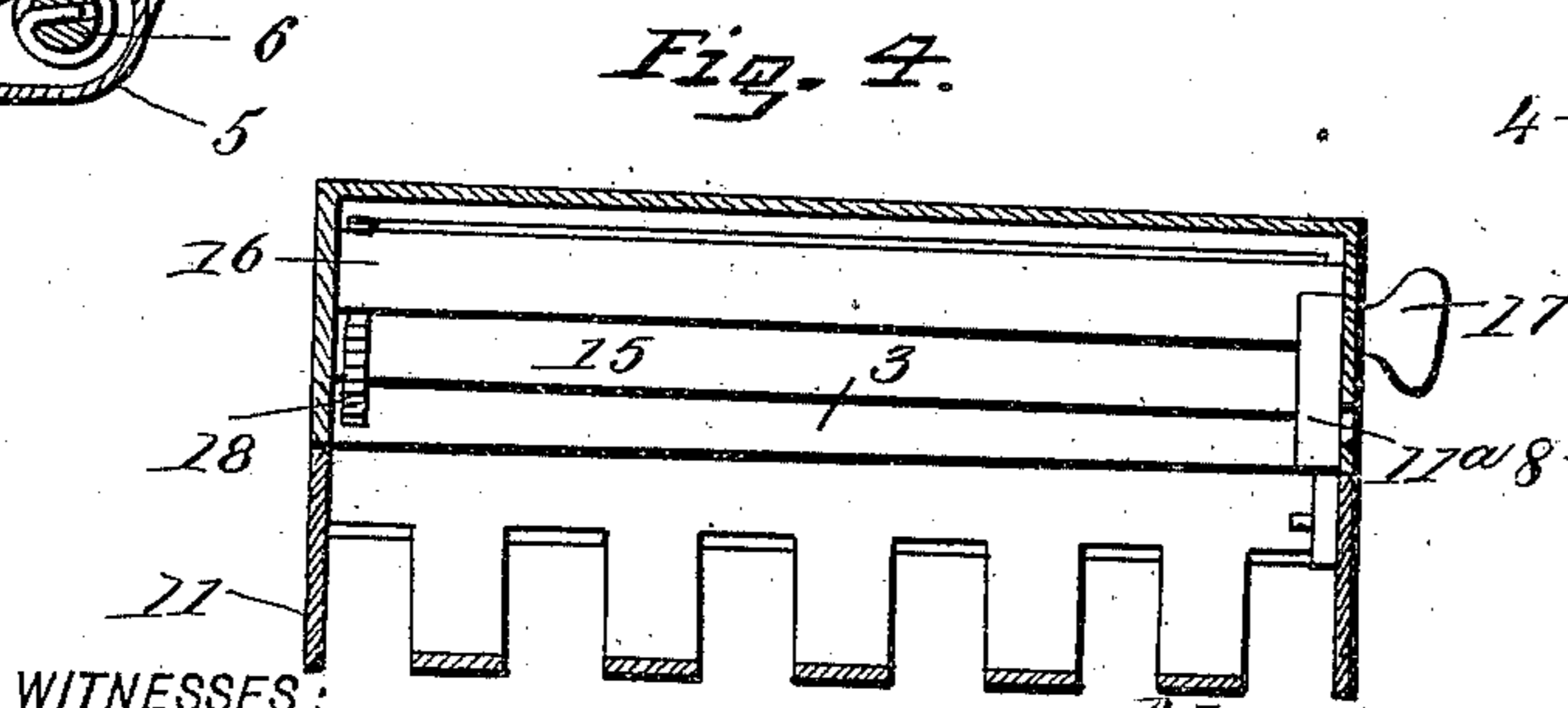
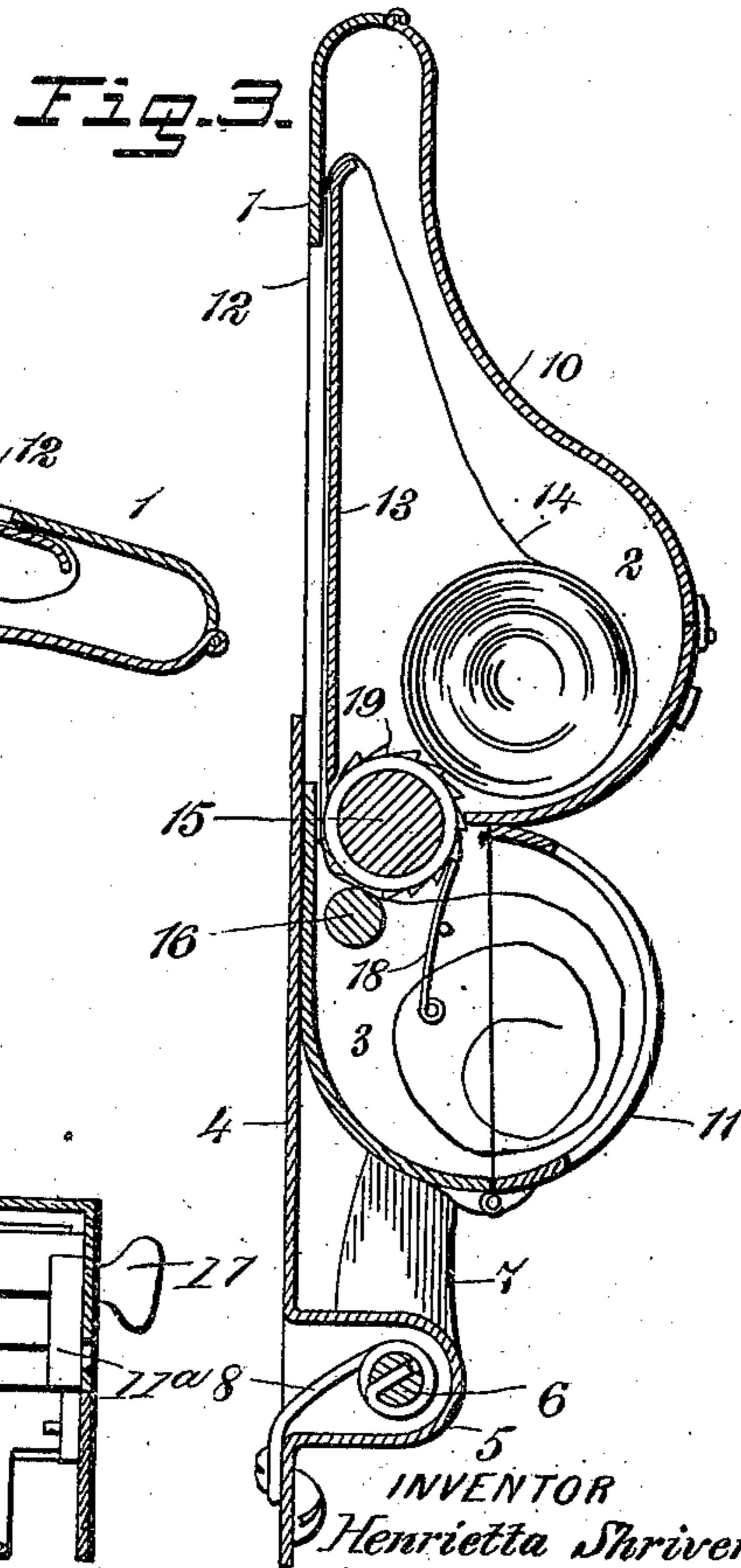
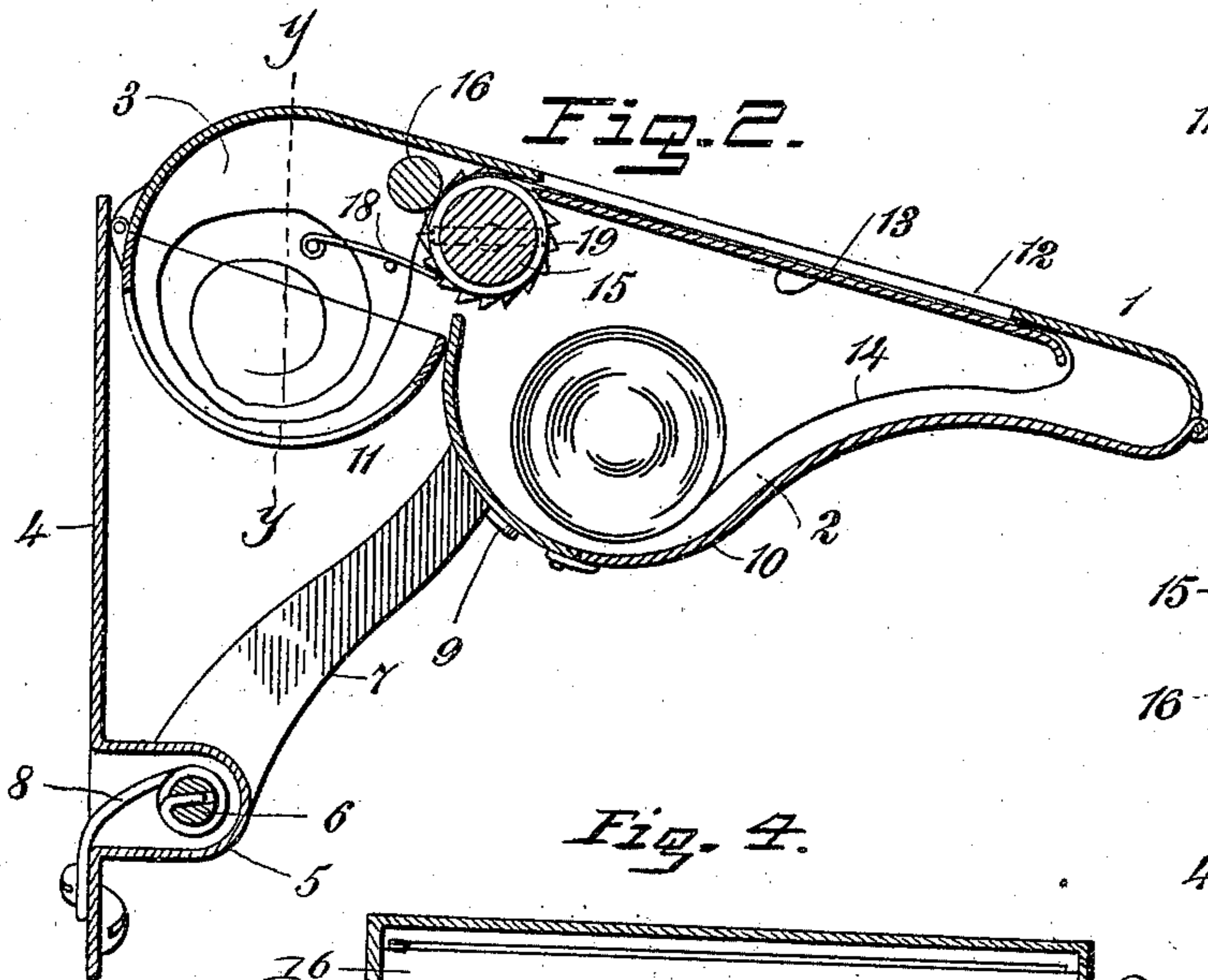
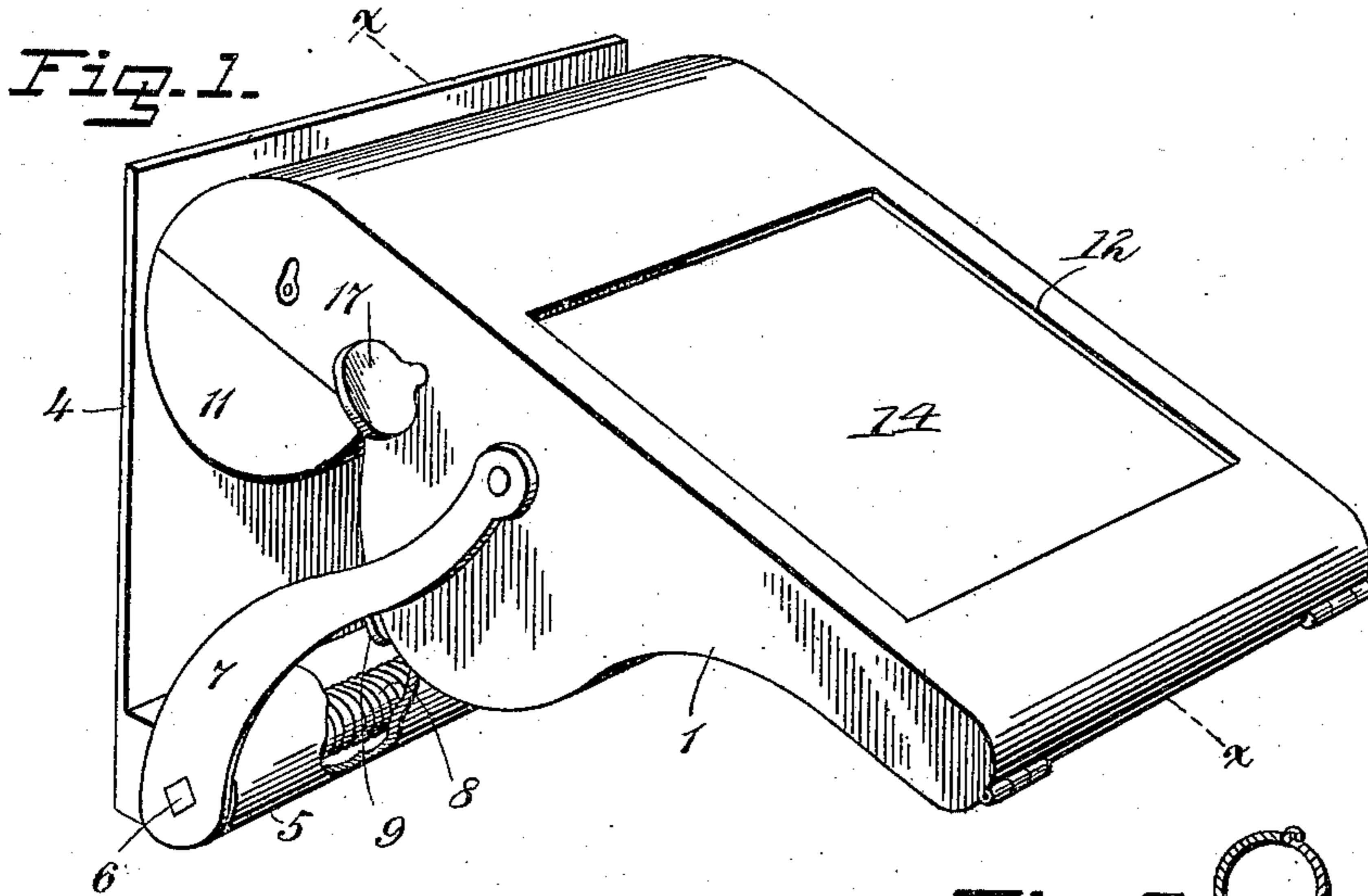
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MESSAGE BOX.

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MESSAGE-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRIETTA SHRIVER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Arbuckle, in the county of Colusa and State of California, administratrix of the estate of AUGUSTUS F. SHRIVER, deceased, late a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Arbuckle, in the county of Colusa and State of California, who did in his lifetime invent certain new and useful Improvements in Message-Boxes, do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention.

This invention relates to improvements in message-boxes; and the object is to provide a message-box that may be secured to the outer side of an office-door or other support, whereby messages may be written on the paper contained in the box and moved to a place of concealment in the box, to which access may be had by the owner or person having the key.

A message-box embodying the invention will be described, and the novel features then pointed out in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a message-box embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a section on the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar section, but showing the box as turned up; and Fig. 4 is a section on the line *yy* of Fig. 2.

The message-box comprises a casing 1, having a roll-holding receptacle or chamber 2 and a roll-receiving chamber or receptacle 3. The box has swinging connection with a plate 4, designed to be secured to a door or other support, and arranged in a boxing 5 at the lower portion of the plate is a shaft 6, from the ends of which arms 7 extend up to pivotal connection with the sides of the box. A spring 8 is secured at one end to the shaft 6 and at the other end to the plate 4 and serves to move the arms 7 toward said plate when the box is moved to its upright or folded position, as indicated in Fig. 3. When moved outward, however, to writing position, the movement

will be limited by means of stops 9, attached to the box and engaging with the arms 7. The portion of the box having the chamber or receptacle 2 is provided with a door 10, and the chamber 3 is provided with a door 11, this door 11 being provided with openings, so that the owner of the box may readily see whether or not a message is contained therein. This door 11 is provided with a suitable lock, as at 11^a. It will be understood that the back of the message will be presented to the openings, so that the contents of the message cannot be read from the outer side. The upper wall of the chamber or receptacle 2 is provided with an opening 12, and underneath this opening is a plate 13, over which the strip of paper 14 is designed to pass, this plate 13 forming a bed-plate for the paper. At the upper end of the plate 13 are feed-rollers 15 and 16, between which the paper strip passes, as clearly indicated in Fig. 2. A projected shaft of the roller 15 is provided with a finger-piece 17, so that the roller may be rotated to feed the strip of paper, and the roller is prevented from backward movement by means of a spring-dog 18, engaging with a ratchet-wheel 19 on the end of the roller 15.

In operation when a person desires to write a message the box is to be turned downward, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. Then the message may be written on the paper disclosed in the opening 12, after which the roller 15 is to be operated to move the message into the receptacle or chamber 3. Then the device may be turned upward, as indicated in Fig. 3, and in which position, it will be observed, the box will require but very little space, or, in other words, will not project sufficiently to interfere with people passing.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A message-box, comprising a casing having a receptacle for a paper roll and a receptacle for receiving the paper, feed-rollers arranged between said receptacles, the roll-holding receptacle being provided with an opening in one of its walls, a plate arranged below said opening and swinging arms on

which the casing is mounted, substantially as specified.

2. A message-box, comprising a casing, arms mounted to swing on a support and having
5 pivotal connection with the casing, the said casing having a roll-holding receptacle and a roll-receiving receptacle, feed-rollers arranged between said receptacles, one wall of the roll-holding receptacle being provided
10 with an opening, and a plate arranged below said opening forming a bed over which the paper passes, substantially as specified.

3. A message-box, comprising a casing having a receptacle for a paper roll and a receptacle for receiving the paper, feed-rolls ar-

ranged between the receptacles, a stop device for one of the rollers, a supporting-plate, a shaft at the lower portion of the plate, a spring connection between the shaft and plate, and arms extended from the shaft to
20 the box, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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