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FIG. 1.

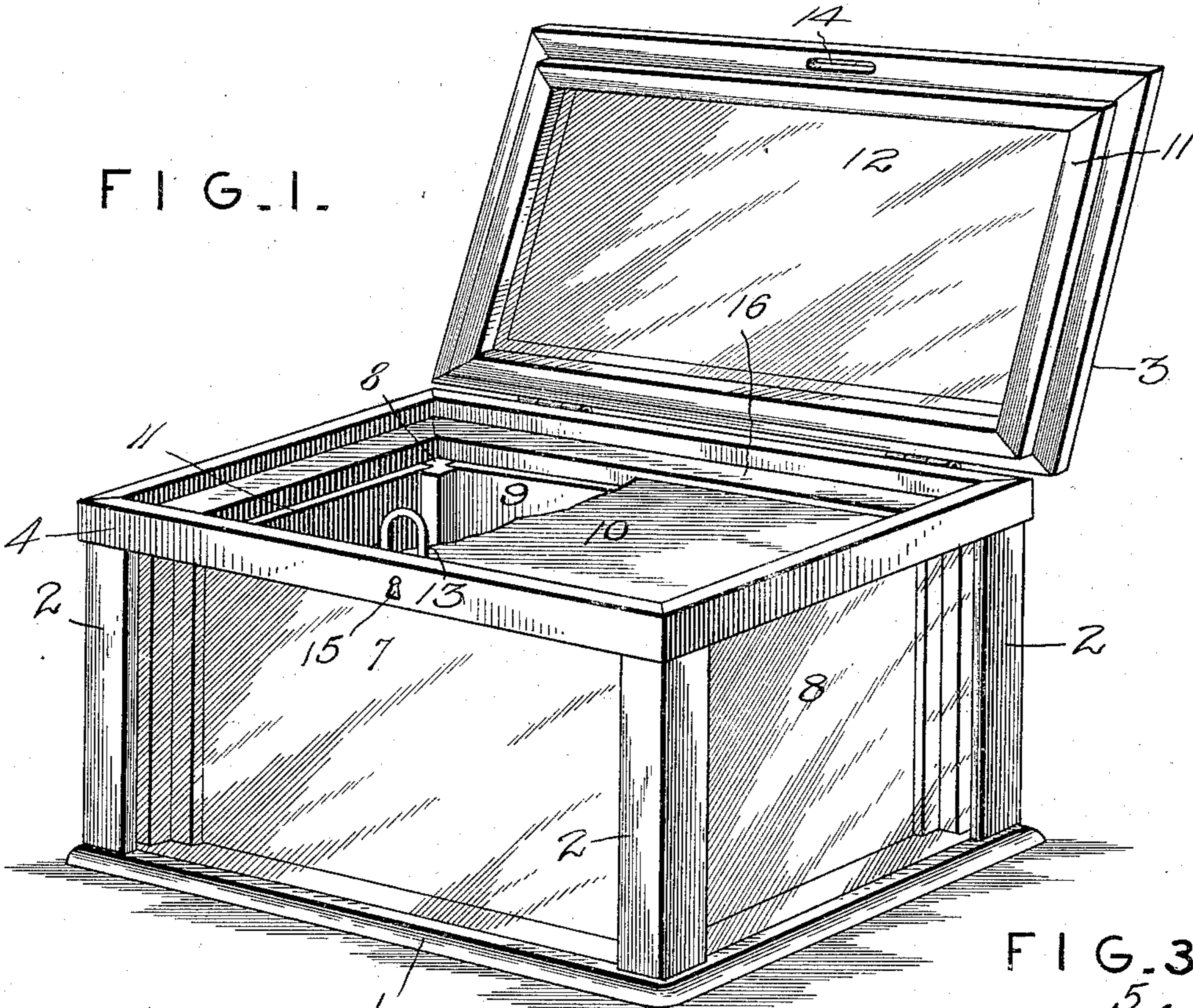


FIG. 2.

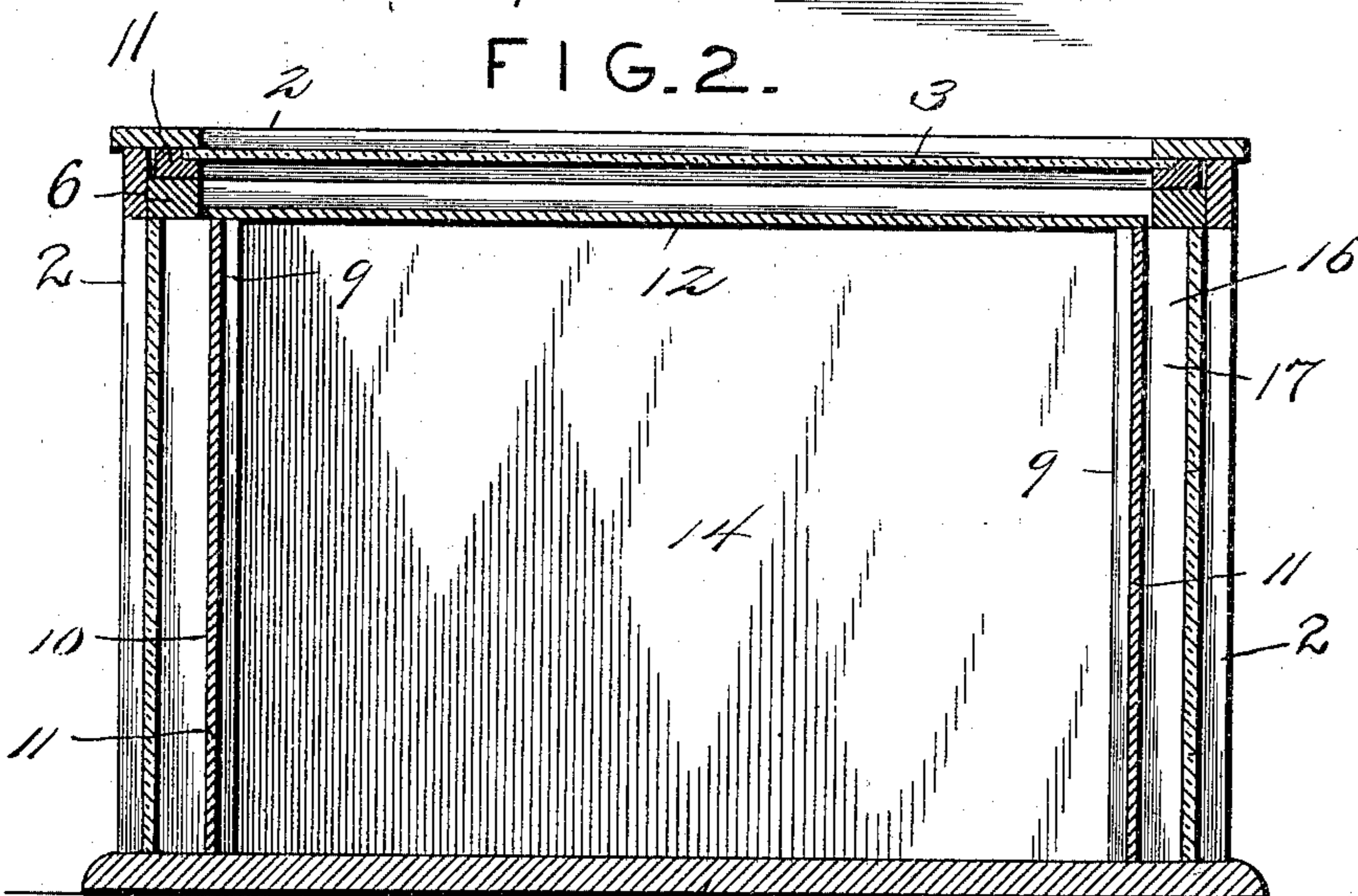
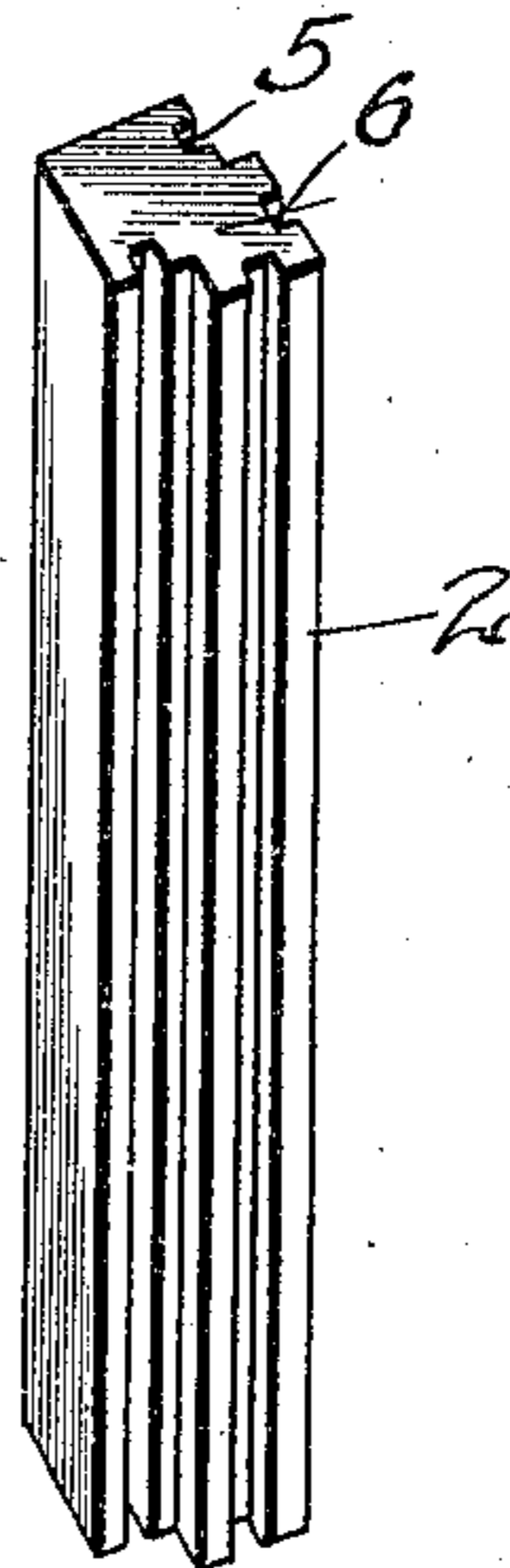


FIG. 3.



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DISPLAY OR EXHIBITING BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL KERR FERGUSON, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Simcoe, in the county of Norfolk and Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display or Exhibiting Boxes; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 This invention relates generally to exhibiting devices, and particularly to a device for exhibiting money to convey the impression that a large sum is contained within the device, whereas, in effect, only a comparatively small sum may be presented to view.

20 With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a coin or money exhibiting device, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

25 In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, there is illustrated one form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof.

30 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of an exhibiting device constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a view in vertical longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the corner-posts of the receptacle.

35 Generally stated, the device of this invention embodies a box or holder having its sides, ends, and lid composed of double walls, the outer wall of which is transparent and the inner wall opaque, the space between the two walls serving as a receptacle for the exhibition of money or any other article desired. By the employment of the opaque walls inspection of the interior of the box or holder is prevented, so that a person viewing

the receptacle from the sides, ends, or top will be of the opinion that the whole receptacle is filled with money or other material, 55 whereas, in effect, only a limited area or portion is thus filled.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the base of the box, which may be constructed of any suitable material, such as wood or the like, 2 the corner-posts thereof, and 3 the lid or cover. The corner-posts are secured to the base in any preferred manner and at their upper ends are connected by a beading or molding 4, as usual. Each of the corner-posts has two sets of vertically-disposed rabbets therein, (numbered, respectively, 5 and 6,) the rabbets 5 being designed to receive the edges of panes of glass 7 and 8, constituting the outer sides and ends or walls of the receptacle, and the rabbets 6 to receive the inner walls 9, which may be of any suitable opaque material, such as pasteboard or the like. The rabbets 6 are spaced a sufficient distance from the rabbets 5 to provide the desired space between the two walls for the reception of the materials to be exhibited. 65 The corner-posts are somewhat less in height than the receptacle, and upon these and the upper edges of the inner walls is disposed a sheet 10 of pasteboard or any other suitable material, constituting the lower wall of the lid or cover. It will be noted by reference to Fig. 1 that the molding 4 projects above the upper edges of the sides and ends, thus presenting a recess or depression to receive the battens or moldings 11, constituting a frame for receiving the pane of glass 12 in the lid, this arrangement being adopted in order to prevent abstraction of money from the place between the pane of glass and the lid and the sheet 10. The front side of the box is provided with a suitable hasp 13 to project through a slot 14 in the lid and to receive the shackle of a padlock, and as a matter of additional security a separate lock may be employed, access to which may be had by a keyhole 15 in the front upper strip of molding. The moldings or battens 11 are designed to bear upon similar strips or battens 16, constituting a rectangular frame which operates to close the receiving-spaces 17 between the inner and outer walls of the sides and ends. 100

In exhibiting money or other articles the lid

is thrown back, as shown in Fig. 1, and the frame composed of the batten 16 is lifted out, and the material to be exhibited is placed in the spaces 17 around the four sides of the box.

5 The frame is then disposed in position over the spaces 17 and the sheet or cover 10 placed in position. This sheet or surface is then covered with the money or other material, after which the lid is closed and locked. To

10 a person giving but a casual inspection of the receptacle the impression will be conveyed that it is entirely filled with money or other material, whereas, in effect, but a small quantity or amount may be exposed. If desired,

15 this space between the inner walls may be employed for containing any article, and this will be found useful where the device is employed in exhibiting candy, as the said inner space may be entirely filled with candy, thus

20 obviating the necessity of disturbing that confined between the inner and outer walls.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A device of the class described, comprising a base, corner-posts carried thereby and provided each with two vertical sets of rabbits, transparent plates engaging the outer

25 sets of rabbits and opaque sheets engaging

the inner sets, a molding connecting the upper edges of the posts and extending above the same, a horizontally-disposed opaque sheet covering the upper ends of the first-mentioned opaque sheets, and a lid or cover provided with a transparent plate and adapted to close over the last-named opaque sheet.

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2. A device of the class described, comprising a base, corner-posts carried thereby and provided each with two sets of vertically-disposed rabbits, a molding connecting the upper ends of the posts, transparent plates engaging the outer sets of rabbits, opaque sheets engaging the inner sets thereof, a frame disposed below the upper edge of the molding and resting upon the said transparent plates, an opaque sheet bearing upon the upper edges of the inner walls of the receptacle, a lid carrying rectangularly-disposed battens to bear upon the said frame, a transparent plate secured in place by the battens, and means for locking the lid in closed position.

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

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