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Fig. 1.

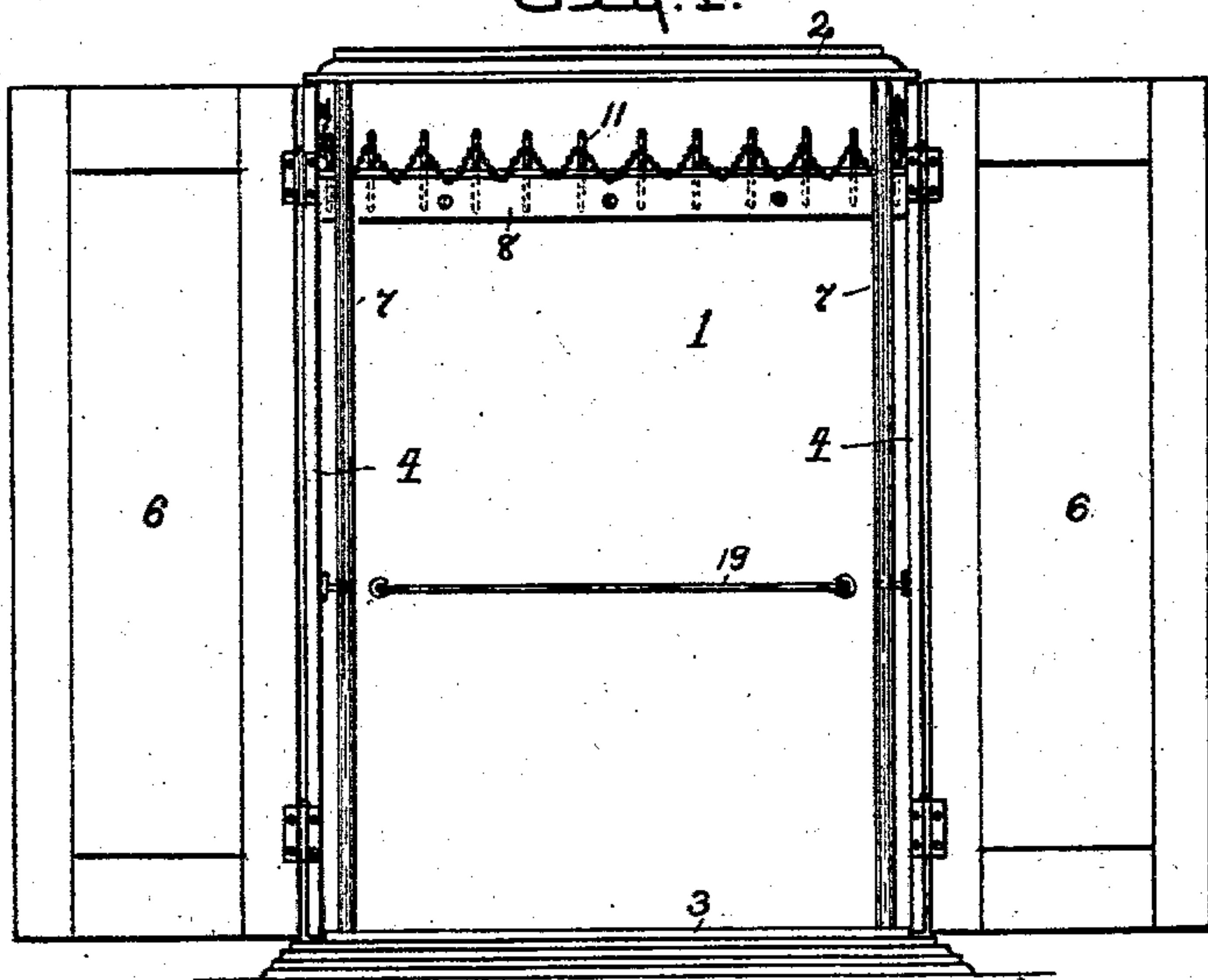
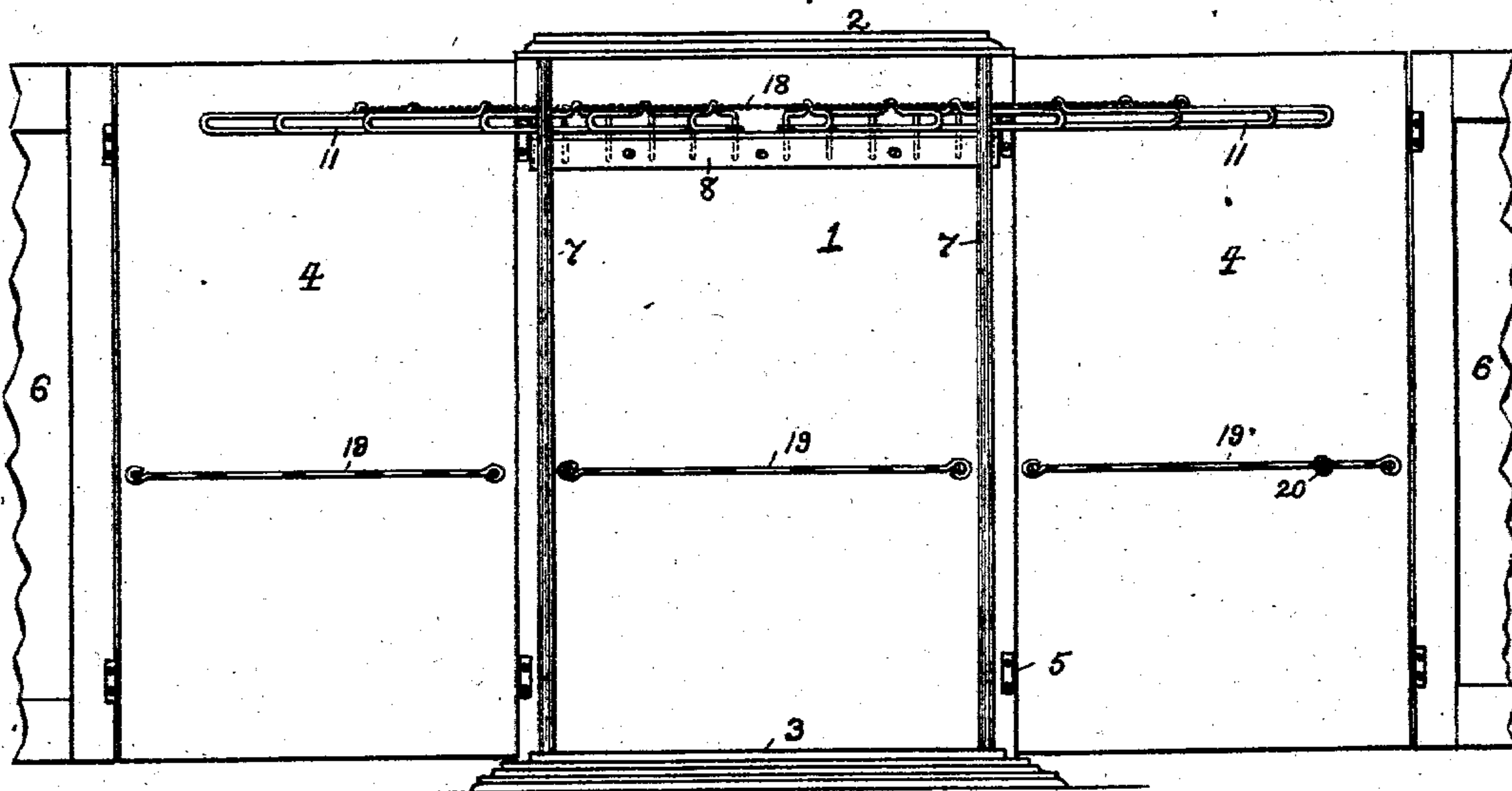


Fig. 2.



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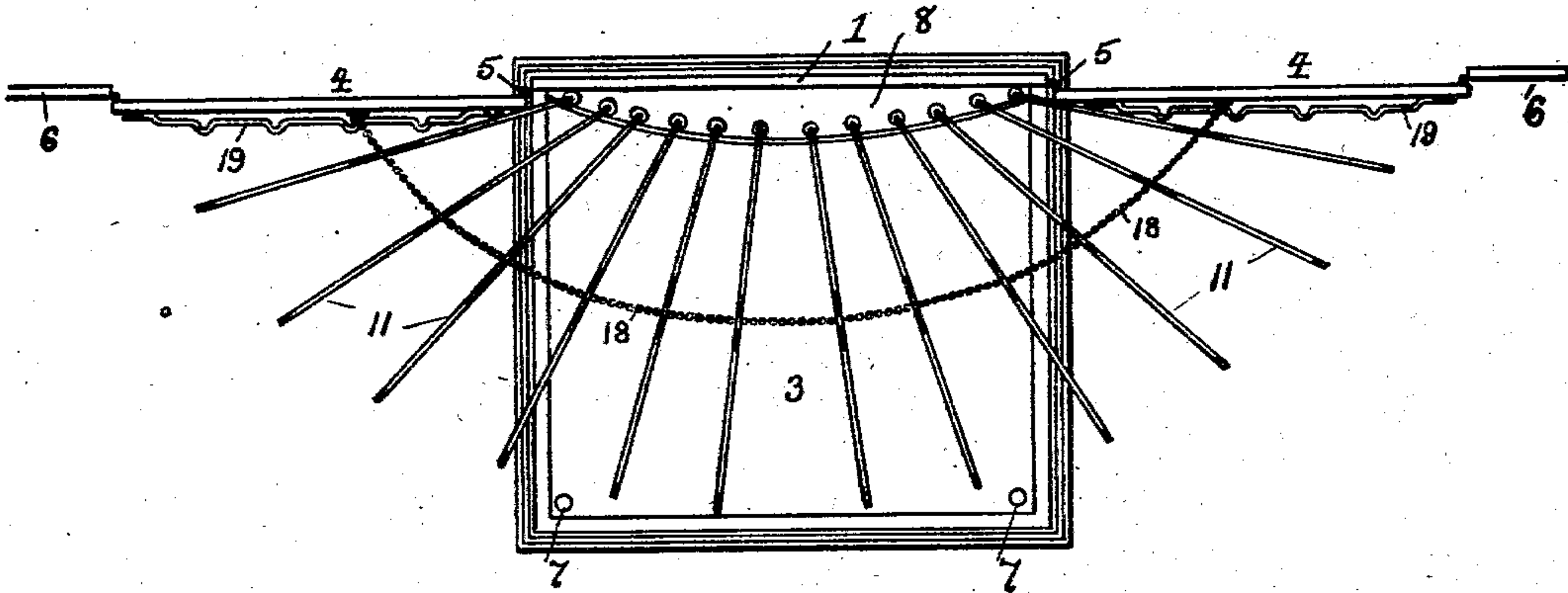
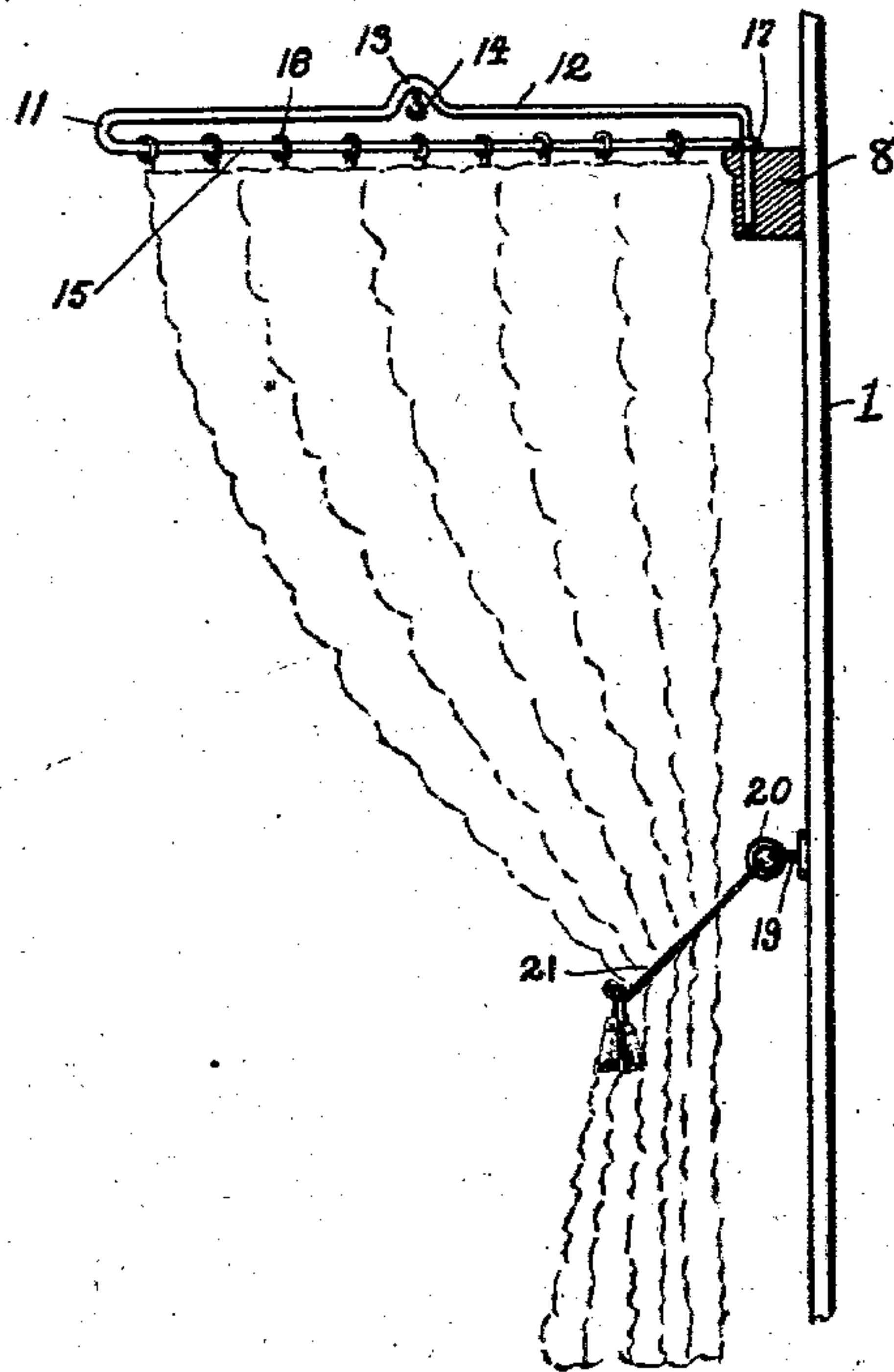


Fig. 4.



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DISPLAY-CABINET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES J. VAN VALKENBURG, residing at Manchester, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, and RANDALL T. VAN VALKENBURG, residing at Laporte, in the county of Laporte and State of Indiana, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Cabinets; and we do hereby 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.

Our invention relates to display-cabinets more particularly adapted for displaying lace-curtains, portières, and the like; and its object is to provide a cabinet of this class which will protect the curtains from the dust and dirt when the cabinet is closed, and which may be readily opened with the curtains artistically draped to display the same to a customer.

The invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described hereinafter, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and finally pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the cabinet with the doors open. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the doors and sides open. Fig. 3 is a top view with the top of the cabinet removed and the side and doors entirely open. Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the cabinet with the top, bottom, and sides removed and showing the hangers removed.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the back, 2 the top, and 3 the bottom, of the cabinet, which is preferably rectangular. The sides 4 are hinged to the back, as at 5, and the front, which comprises two doors 6, is hinged to the front edges of the sides. The doors and sides are adapted to be opened to extend outwardly on each side of the cabinet, as shown in Fig. 3, when the goods are being displayed. The top is supported at the front by means of two posts 7. To the back is secured a bracket 8, having a plurality of vertical apertures in which the ends of a plurality of hangers 11 are journaled. Each hanger is composed of a metal rod doubled upon itself to form an upper portion 12, having an upwardly-bent central loop 13, in which a hook 14 is secured,

and a lower parallel portion 15, on which the rings 16 are mounted, the end of the lower portion being secured to the right-angular journal end 17 of the upper portion. The hangers are all connected together at equal distances apart by means of a chain 18, which is hooked over the hook 13 on each bracket and is secured at its ends to the hinged sides 4. In this manner each of the hangers will be spread apart at equal distances, revolve in the apertures in the bracket, and spread into a semicircle when the sides are opened, as shown in Fig. 3, and thus display each curtain simultaneously. On the back and sides, near the bottom thereof, are secured rods 19, on which rings 20 are held and adapted to support the draping-cord 21. The rings may be dispensed with and the draping-cord attached to the rods, or the rods may be changed to different elevations to provide different effects for different-style curtains.

Other changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle of our invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cabinet provided with hinged sides adapted to be extended on each side thereof, and a plurality of hangers adapted to be spread apart by the extension of the sides.

2. A display-cabinet composed of a casing having a hinged front and sides, a bracket secured to the back of the casing, hangers pivoted in said bracket and adapted to support curtains, a chain connecting the hangers at equal distances apart and secured at its ends to the hinged sides, whereby every curtain will be displayed when the sides are opened.

3. A display-cabinet having a hinged front and hinged sides, hangers pivotally mounted in the cabinet, means connecting the hangers with each other and to the sides of the cabinet to permit the hanger to be spread apart at equal distances when the sides are opened.

4. A cabinet having a plurality of hangers mounted therein and each consisting of an upper and a lower portion, the upper portion having a right-angular bent end to provide a

journal, and the lower portion engaging said right-angular bent end.

5 5. A cabinet having hinged sides, a plurality of hangers mounted therein, a chain for connecting the hangers to each other and to the hinged sides, and means carried by each hanger for securing the chain to the hangers.

10 6. A cabinet having hinged sides, a plurality of hangers pivoted in the cabinet, a flexible connection between the hinged sides and in engagement with the hangers to spread the latter synchronously with the opening of the sides.

15 7. In a display-cabinet, a stationary back and hinged sides provided with draping-cord supports.

8. In a display-cabinet, a stationary back, hinged sides, draping-cord supports secured to the stationary back and hinged sides and consisting of the rods adapted to receive rings. 20

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

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