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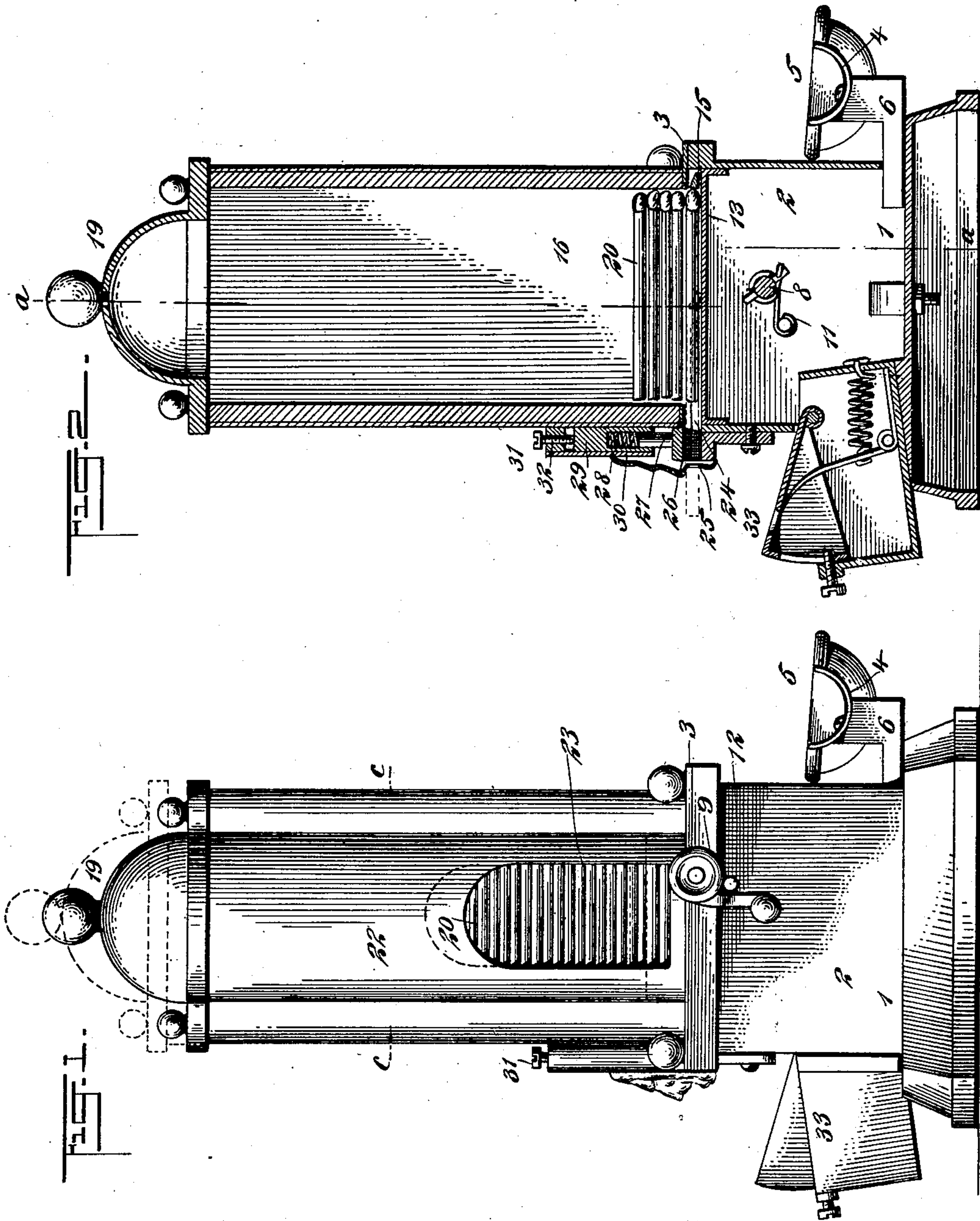
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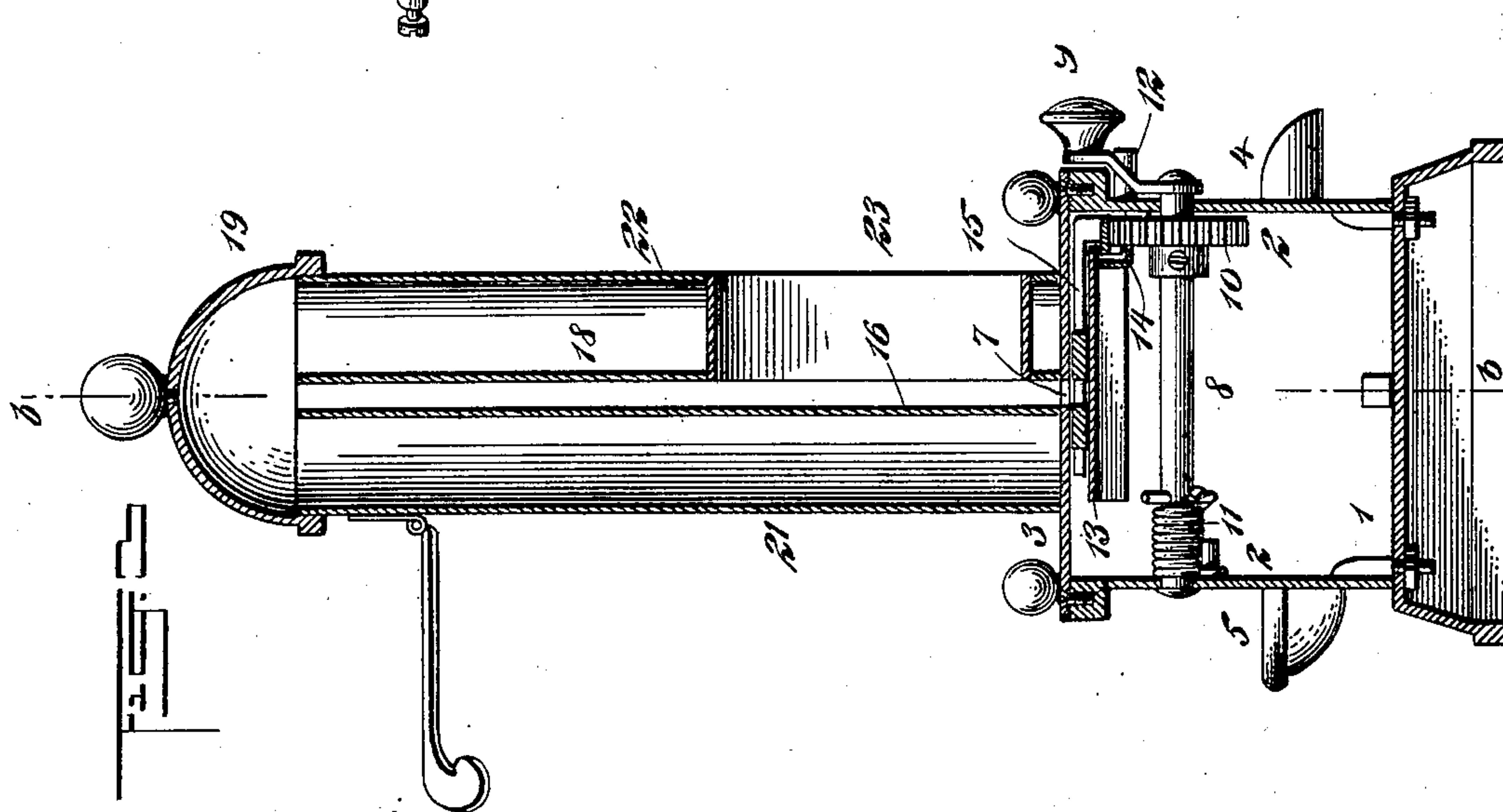
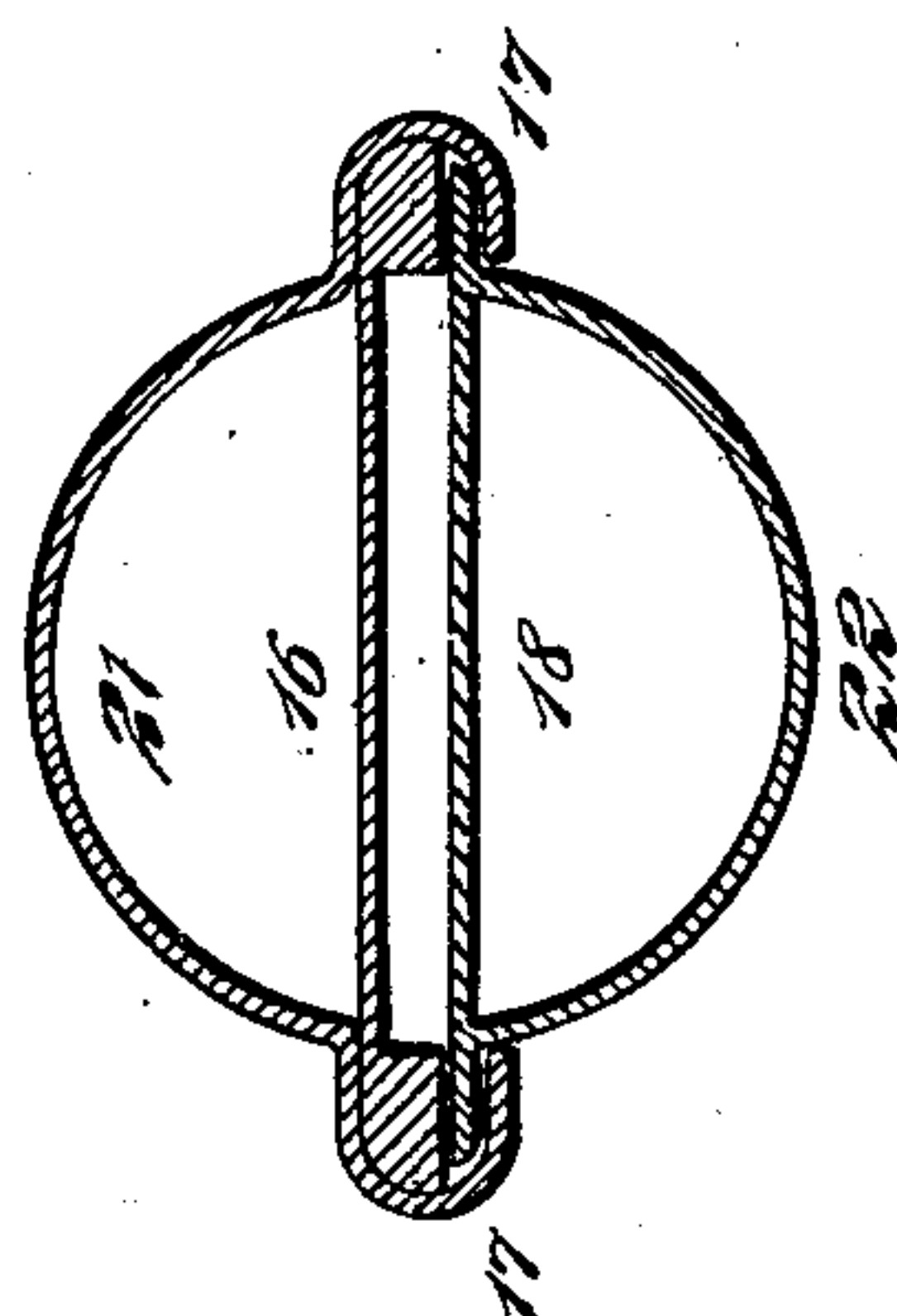
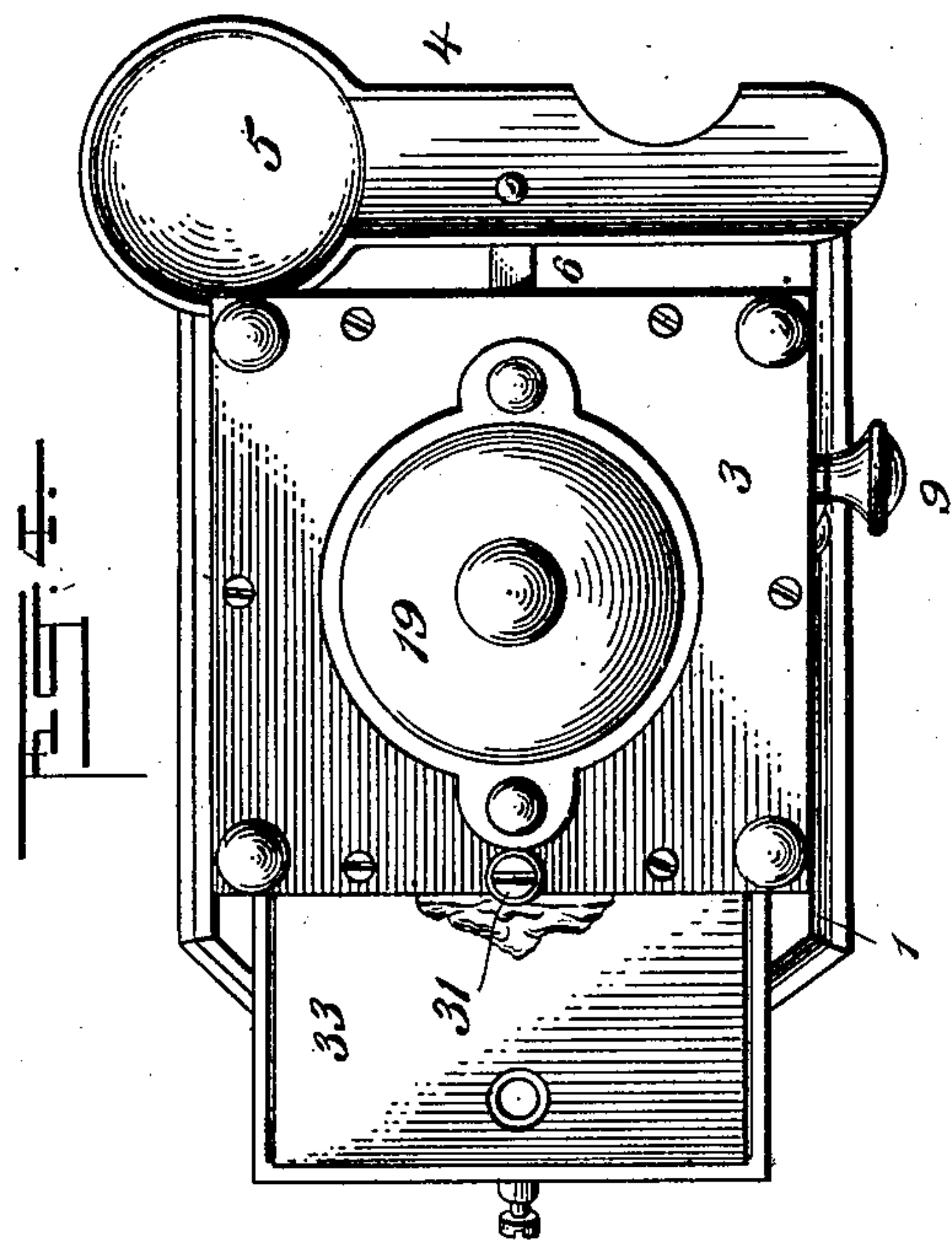
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COMBINED MATCH-BOX AND CIGAR-CUTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GIOVANNI PRIOLETTA, a citizen of Italy, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Match Holder and Ejector and Cigar-End Cutter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates especially to devices employed for cutting off the tips of cigars before lighting and providing matches for igniting the same, and has for its object the provision of a simple, cheap, effective, and ornamental device of this character.

To attain the desired end, my invention consists in certain novel and useful combinations or arrangements of parts and peculiarities of construction and operation, all of which will be hereinafter first fully described and then pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof at line *a a* of Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a like sectional view at line *b b* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a plan view. Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view at line *c c* of Fig. 1.

Similar numerals of reference wherever they occur indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The entire device is preferably made of metal, and the exterior may be finished in any desired manner.

1 is the base.

2 represents the side walls, and 3 a top piece forming a chamber above the base 1.

4 is a cigar-support terminating in an ash-receiver 5, mounted upon a bracket 6.

7 is a slot in the top piece 3, and 13 is a bottom plate held beneath the said slot.

Mounted in bearings in the walls 2 of the chamber above the base of the device is a shaft 8, provided with a manipulating-crank 9 upon the exterior of the wall 2.

10 is a gear-wheel within the chamber, fixed upon the shaft 8.

11 is a spring which normally throws the shaft to the right, Fig. 1, such movement being limited by a stop 12.

14 is a rack, the teeth whereof mesh with the gear-wheel 10. The rack bears an arm

15, extending therefrom at a right angle and resting upon the plate 13.

Extending upward at the rear of the slot 7 is a fixed wall 16, at each edge whereof are slideways 17 for the reception of a movable wall 18, corresponding to the fixed wall 16. This movable wall is connected to a top piece 19. The space between the walls 16 and 18 constitutes a magazine for matches.

20, 21, and 22 are semicylindrical pieces fixed to the walls 16 and 18 to give a finished appearance to the structure.

23 is an opening through the piece 22 and wall 18, through which the matches may be seen, revealing when the magazine becomes exhausted.

At 24 there is an opening for the egress of the matches, and at the mouth of this opening is provided a scratching device in which is comprised a fixed semicircular serrated block 25 and a movable semicircular serrated block 26, normally held in its lowest position by a plunger 27, playing in a cavity 28 in an adjustable rod 29, a spring 30 being placed in the cavity in the rod 29 at the back of the plunger 27. The pressure of the spring 30 is regulated by means of a screw 31 passing through a fixed bearing 32.

33 is a cigar-tip cutter projecting from one side of the base 1, the construction of said cutter being that usually employed in devices of this character.

The magazine being filled with matches, the operation of my device is as follows: By turning the crank 9 to the left the arm 15 comes in contact with the head of the lowermost match, forcing the match partially out of the opening 24, as illustrated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The match is then drawn out by the fingers of the user, and as the head passes between the serrated blocks 25 and 26 it is ignited. When the crank is released, the spring 11 forces the shaft 8 and connected parts back to the initial position and the device is ready for the delivery of another match.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a combined match holder and ejector and cigar-cut-

ter, in which is comprised a casing having a
vertical central match-magazine; a horizon-
tally-movable slide mounted upon ways be-
neath the match-magazine, said slide hav-
5 ing a projection arranged to contact with the
head of a match, and a rack at one side; a
shaft journaled in the casing and bearing a
returning-spring, an operating-crank, and a
gear-wheel which meshes with the rack upon
10 the match-ejector; an opening in the casing
for the ejection of a single match; an adjust-

able, spring-controlled igniting device at the
said opening and a cigar-tip cutter mounted
in the casing, substantially as shown and de-
scribed.

Signed by me at the city of Hoboken, New
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