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Fig. 1

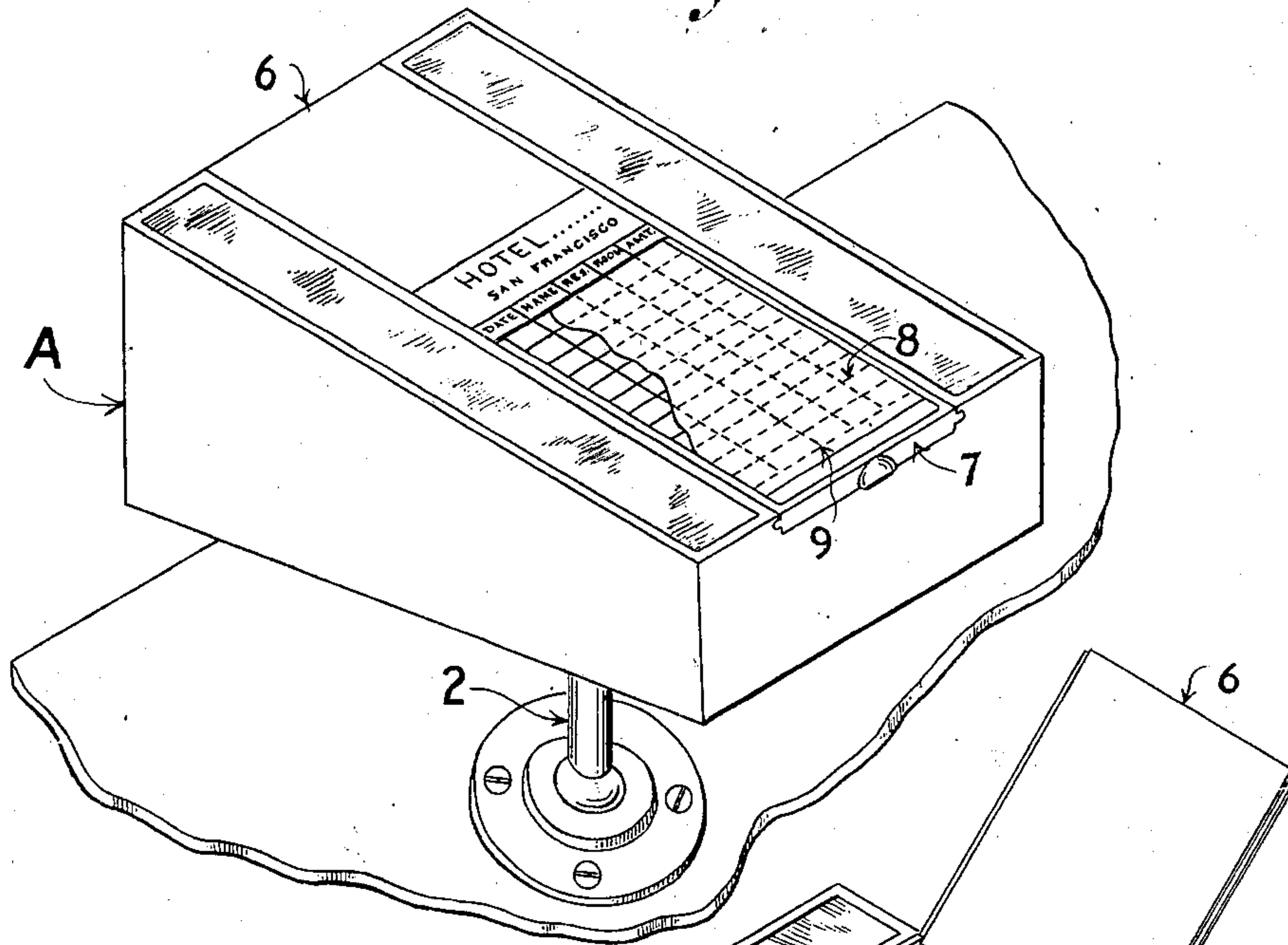


Fig. 2

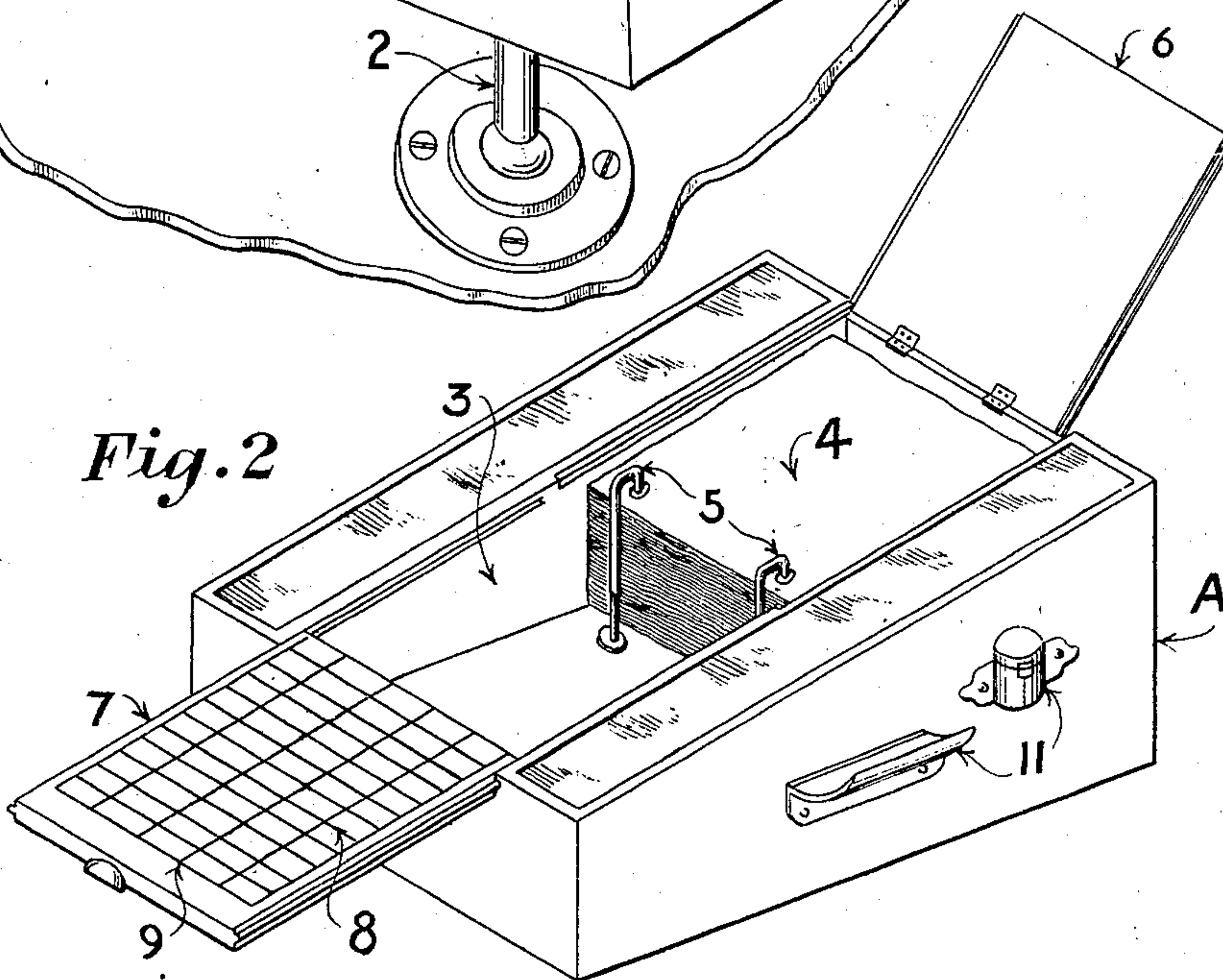
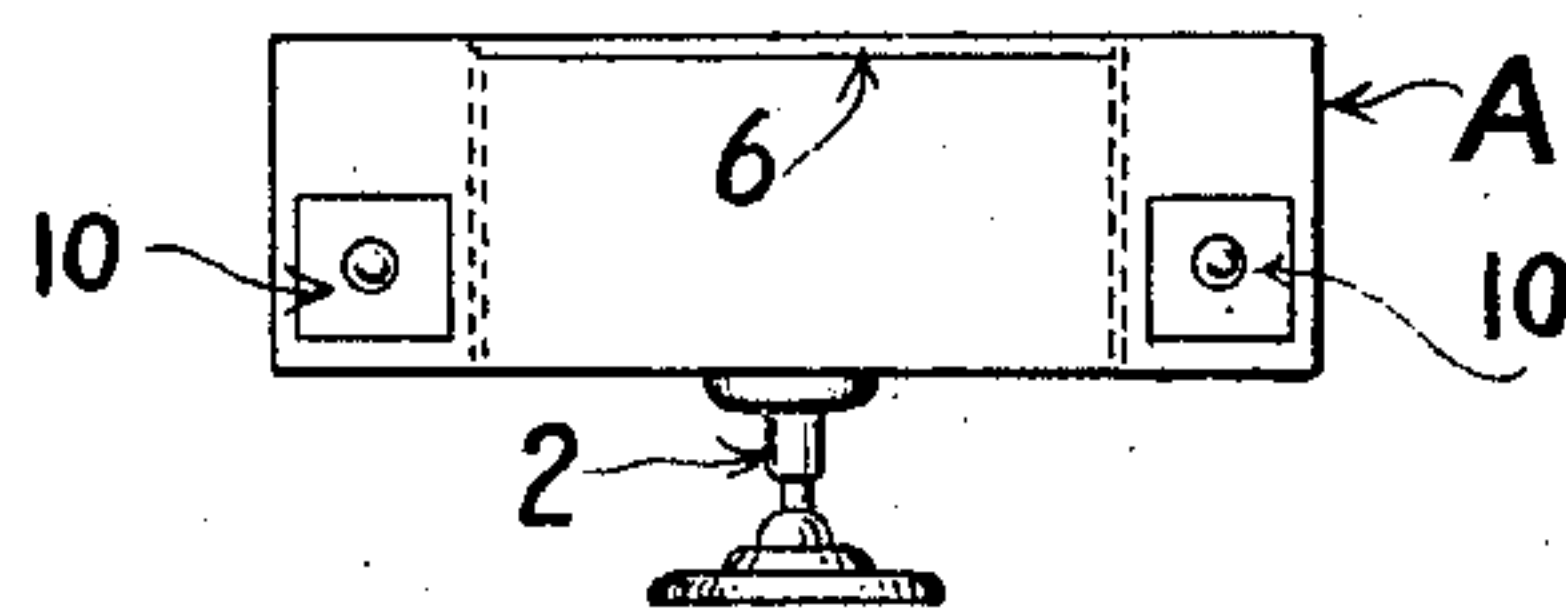


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. HARGER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Hotel-Registers; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to improvements in registering devices in which there is a containing box or case, a series of loose leaves, and a transversely and longitudinally lined supporting-plate for the leaves.

Its object is to provide a perpetual register for hotel purposes which shall be simple, neat, and compact and which shall permit of the introduction of additional leaves when necessary and of the removal of leaves when they have become filled.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows general view of device with recess closed and a sheet in position upon the ruled support. Fig. 2 is a general view of device with recess open, showing column of sheets ready for use. Fig. 3 is a back view of case.

A represents a case with its top preferably inclined, as shown. The case may be suitably swiveled to the counter or desk, as indicated at 2. Extending transversely and centrally of the case is a recess 3, in which is contained a series of loose unruled sheets or leaves 4, carried upon a suitable file, as 5. The latter is disposed centrally of the recess and the comparative lengths of the recess and sheets are such that a small space for the entrance of the fingers will be left between the end walls of the recess and the ends of the sheets, to whichever side the latter may lie.

6 is a lid hinged to the upper edge of the box and closing down over the adjacent column of sheets. The top of this lid has a notation along its lower edge corresponding to the heading on the top of a page of an ordinary hotel-book register—as the date, name of the guest, residence, room, &c.

7 is a movable plate adapted to extend over

that portion of the recess left uncovered by lid 6. This plate is transversely lined, as at 8, corresponding with the lines of the page of a book and is divided longitudinally by lines 9 into columns corresponding to the above-mentioned notation on the lid.

By lifting the lid a sheet may be folded from the body of blanks beneath and laid upon the ruled surface of the plate 7. The sheets are of such quality that the ruling on the plate is plainly visible through the paper, so that the entries may be made upon the sheet in proper manner. When a sheet has been filled, the plate is withdrawn to allow the sheet to drop into the space beneath, whereupon a fresh sheet may be turned, as before, and laid upon the plate.

The panels on the top of the case at either side of the recess may be covered with glass and form suitable receptacles for advertisements and the like. The interior spaces below these panels may be utilized as drawer-spaces to receive account-card-index devices entering the back of the case, as indicated at 10.

Suitable penholding means and ink-receptacles may be provided on the sides of the case, as at 11.

A register of this character is always easily referred to, and the use of blank sheets renders its maintenance inexpensive.

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

1. A hotel-register comprising in combination a casing having a central transverse recess, loose sheets foldable in said recess, a movable ruled supporting-plate, forming a closure for a part of the recess and upon which the sheets may be separately laid and a member serving as a closure for another part of the recess and having notation registering with the rulings on said plate.

2. The combination in a hotel-register of a casing having a central transverse recess, a file disposed centrally of said recess and provided with register-sheets, and closures for

said recess, one of which closures affords a ruled support for said sheets.

3. The combination in a hotel-register, of a casing having a recess or opening, a file in
5 said opening provided with register-sheets, a lid folding over the sheets on one side of said file, a movable plate forming a closure for that portion of the recess left uncovered by

said lid, and said plate adapted to support a sheet.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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