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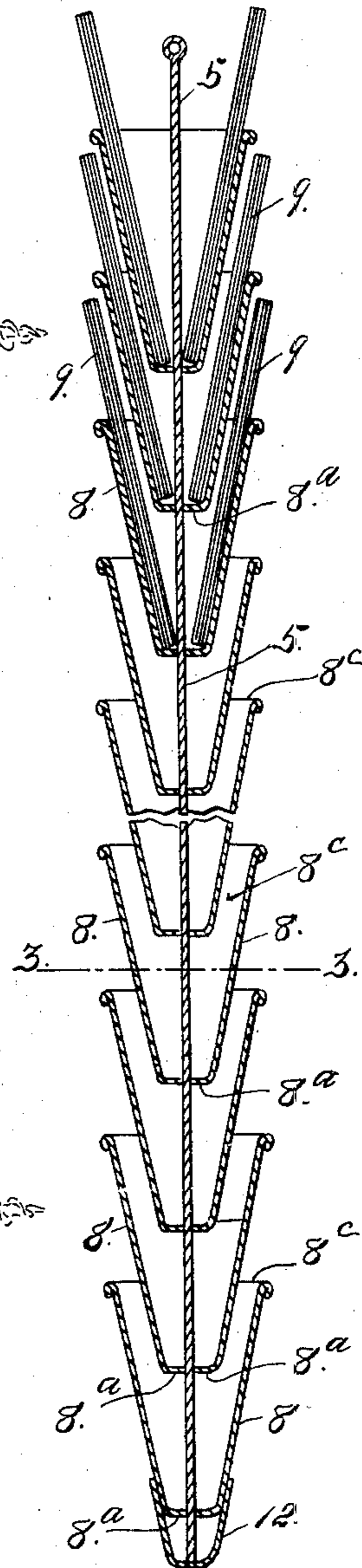
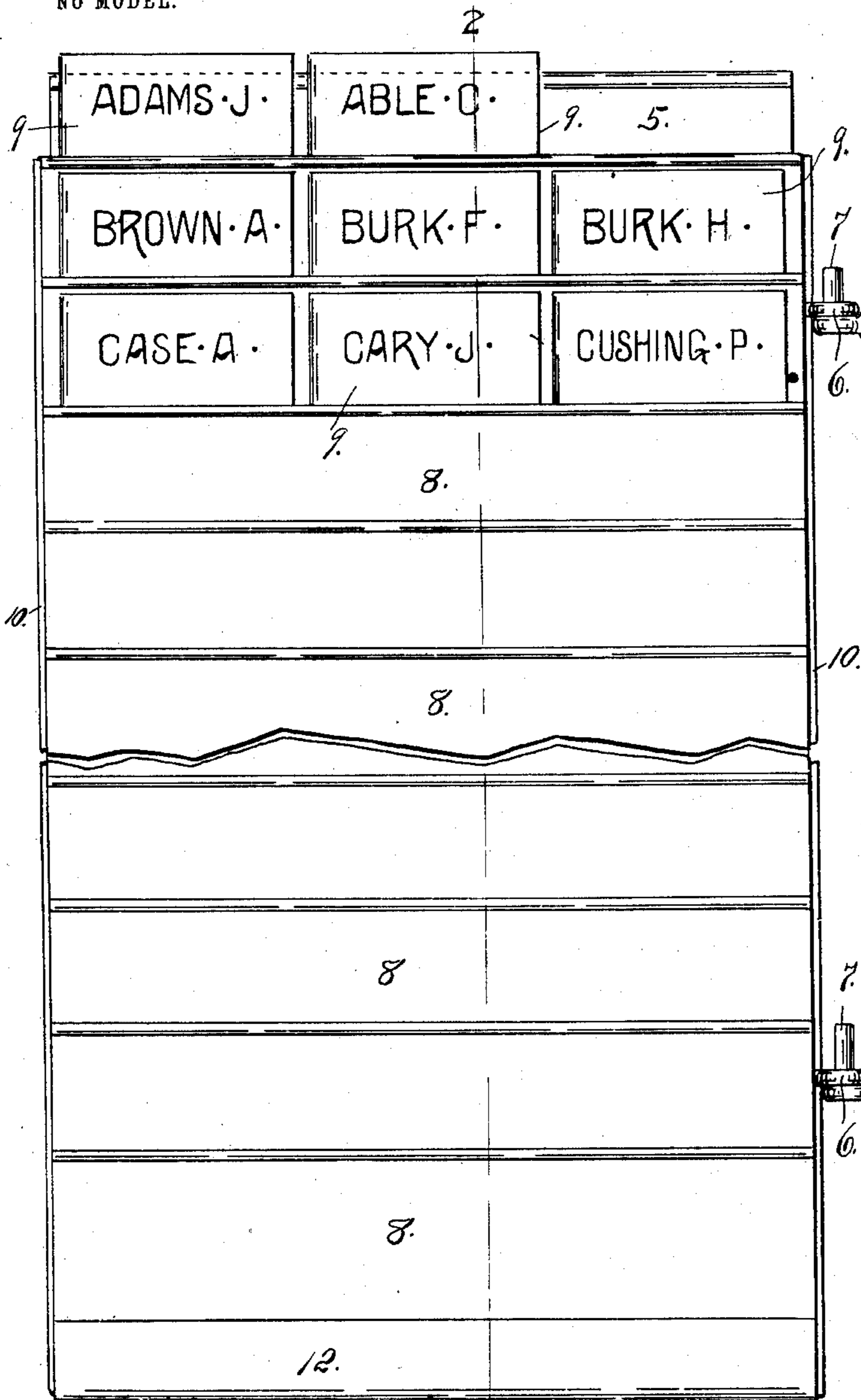
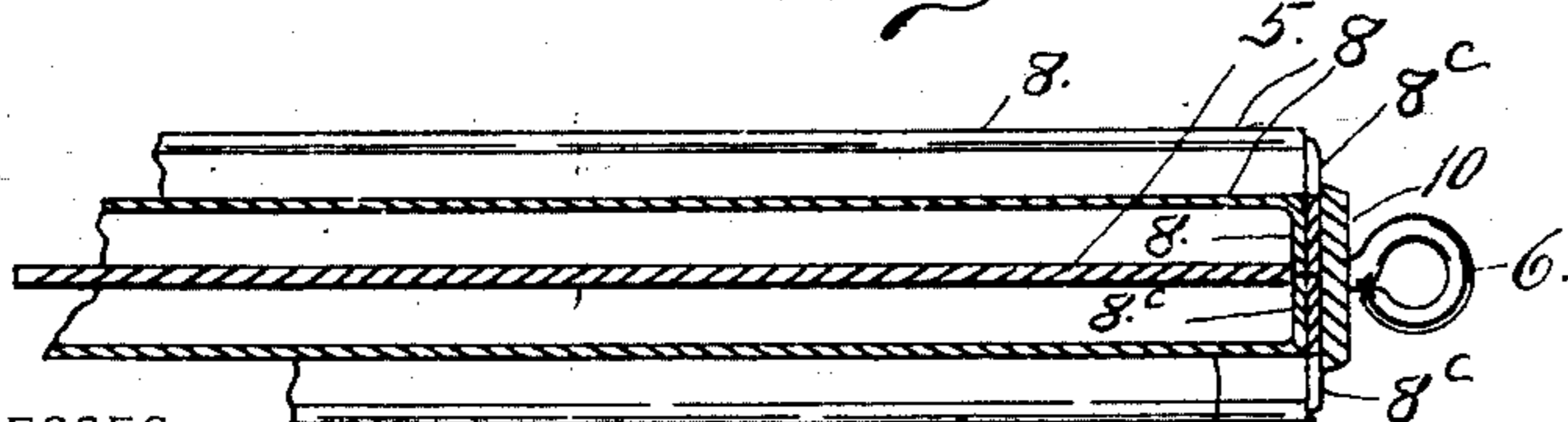


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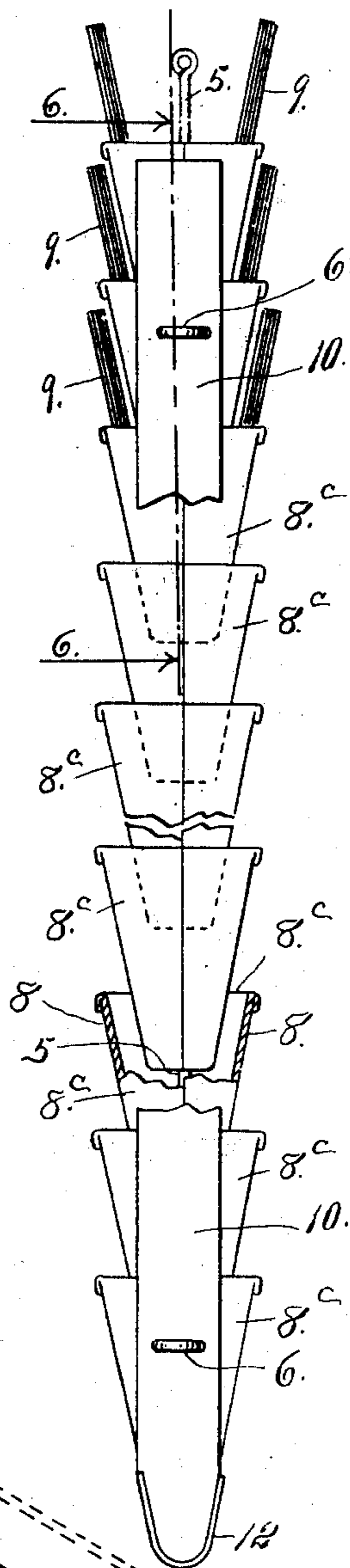


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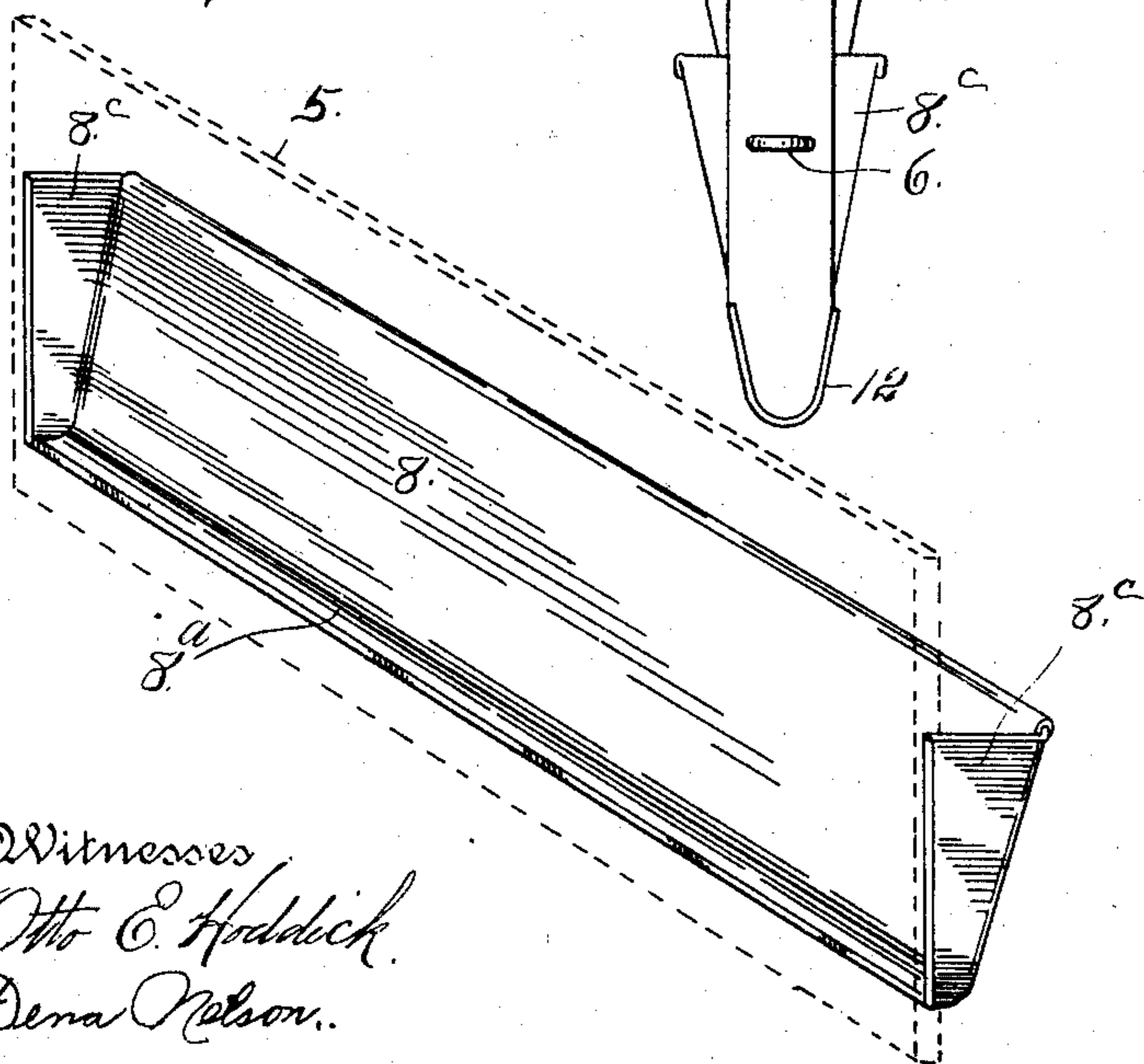


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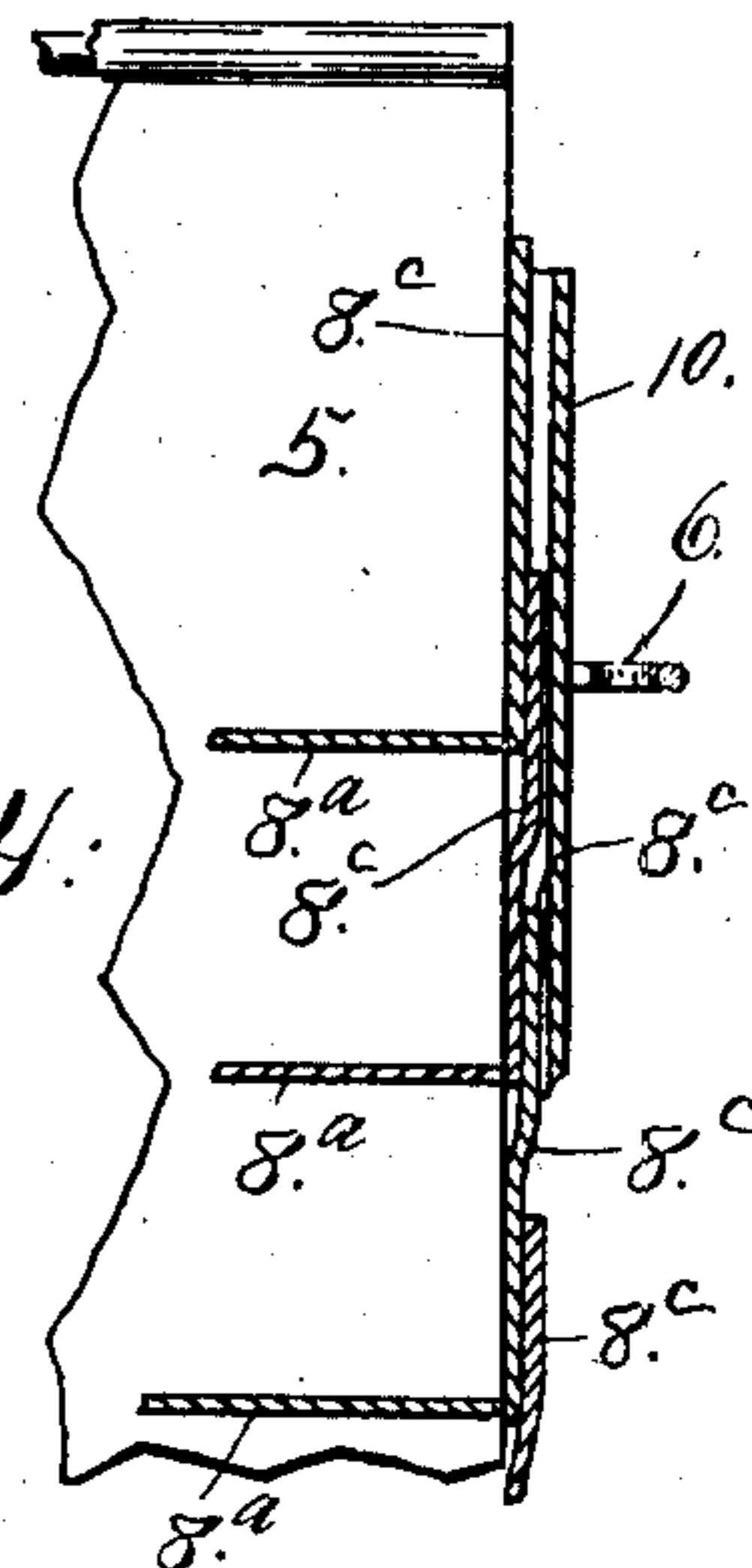


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## PASS-BOOK RACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MILTON J. ROBINSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pass-Book Racks; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in racks especially intended for holding pass-books or small books of account kept by the proprietors of grocery and other stores whose patrons are given credit. Customers in stores where this rack is intended for use make purchases from day to day. An account is kept in these pass-books, and an entry is made for every purchase, giving the items and showing the total amount of the purchase, the customer being given a slip showing a duplicate of the statement. The customer's slip is put in the book underneath the leaf upon which the entry is made, whereby a carbon copy of the entry is reproduced on the slip. This system necessitates that these books should be so located that they are readily accessible and also that they may be readily removed and placed in a safe or other suitable depository, since they contain the accounts of all credit customers and are therefore very valuable to the proprietor of the store.

My object is to provide a portable rack adapted to fulfil all the requirements in stores using the foregoing or a similar credit system; and to these ends the invention consists of the features, arrangements, and combinations hereinafter described and claimed, all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front or side view of my improved rack shown in position for use, being mounted to swing on a stationary support. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken through the same on the line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section of the device on the line 3 3, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an end view

of my improved device, shown partly in section and partly broken away. Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective view illustrating one of the plates 8, the central vertical plate 5 being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 6 is a section taken on the line 6 6, Fig. 5, illustrating how the parts are nested at the ends or showing how the parts 8<sup>c</sup> overlap each other.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate a suitable plate upon opposite sides of which are attached a series of plates 8, forming receptacles whose side walls are inclined outwardly from their lower edge, whereby the receptacles are "nested," so to speak, the upper extremity of any plate 8 extending above (see Fig. 6) the lower extremity of the plate next above, making the book-receptacles of the rack very compact and giving the latter great capacity as compared with the space occupied. The lower edges of the plates 8 are bent inwardly, as shown at 8<sup>a</sup>, and secured to the opposite sides of the vertical plate by soldering or otherwise, while their ends 8<sup>c</sup> are bent inwardly and secured to the opposite vertical edges of the plate. The depth of the receptacles is such that the upper portion of each book 9 projects above the upper edge of the inclined wall 8, whereby the customer's name is exposed to view. When the rack is in use, the books are for convenience arranged with alphabetical reference to the names of the customers, as shown in Fig. 1. In large stores, however, a separate rack may be employed for each letter of the alphabet.

It will be understood from what has already been described that the rack may be lifted from its hinges and placed in a safe or carried to the home of the proprietor, as may be desired. It will also be readily understood that instead of forming receptacles on both sides of the vertical plate receptacles may be formed on but one side of the plate, if desired, since the last-named construction is clearly within the scope of the invention. It will be understood, further, that instead of supporting the device so that it will swing it may be simply hung upon the wall or suspended or supported in any other suitable manner, whereby either one or both sides are accessible.

As shown in the drawings, after the ends 8° of the plates 8 are bent inwardly and secured to the edges of the plate 5, as shown in Fig. 6, a strip of metal 10 is applied to the parts 5 8° exteriorly, whereby the device is strengthened and given a finished appearance. Eyes 6 are secured to the strips 10 and are adapted to engage studs 7, upon which the device is hinged and mounted to swing and from which 10 it may be readily detached by a slight vertical movement. To the lower edge of the plate 5 is applied a trough-shaped part 12, which overlaps the lowermost plates 8 on opposite sides. This also gives additional strength and 15 finish to the device.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a rack of the class described, the combination of a vertical plate, inclined plates 20 whose lower edges are bent inwardly and secured to the surface of the vertical plate, their ends being bent inwardly and secured to the edges of the vertical plate, the said inclined

plates being arranged one above another to form nested receptacles having overlapping, 25 engaging ends.

2. A rack of the class described comprising a vertical plate, inclined plates arranged on opposite sides of the vertical plate and whose lower edges are bent inwardly and secured 30 to the opposite surfaces of the vertical plate, their ends being bent inwardly and secured to the opposite vertical edges of the vertical plate, the said inclined plates being arranged one above another to form nested receptacles 35 having overlapping engaging ends, metal strips applied to the opposite ends of said rack, and means applied to one of said strips for hinging the rack to a suitable support.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 40 in presence of two witnesses.

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