

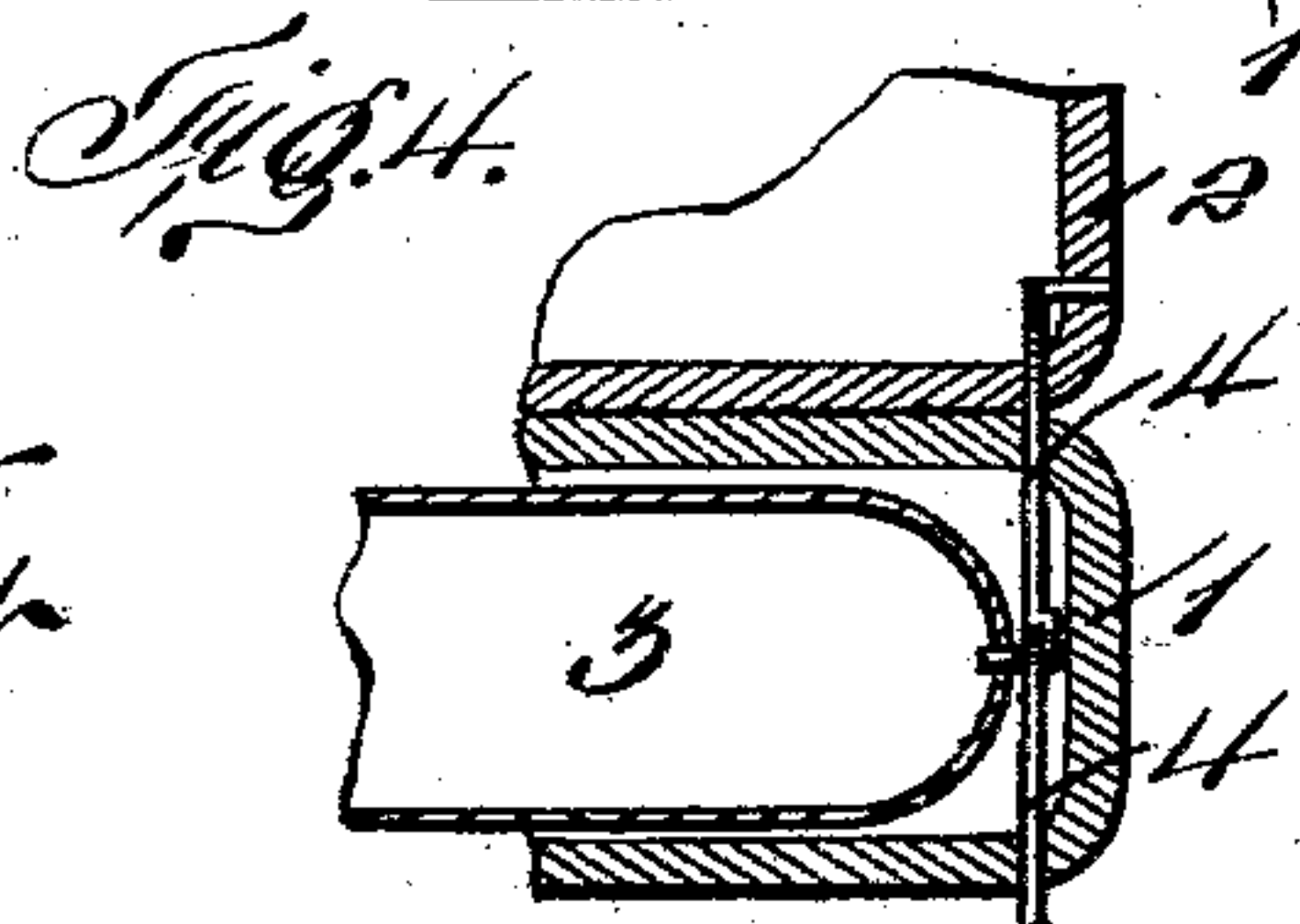
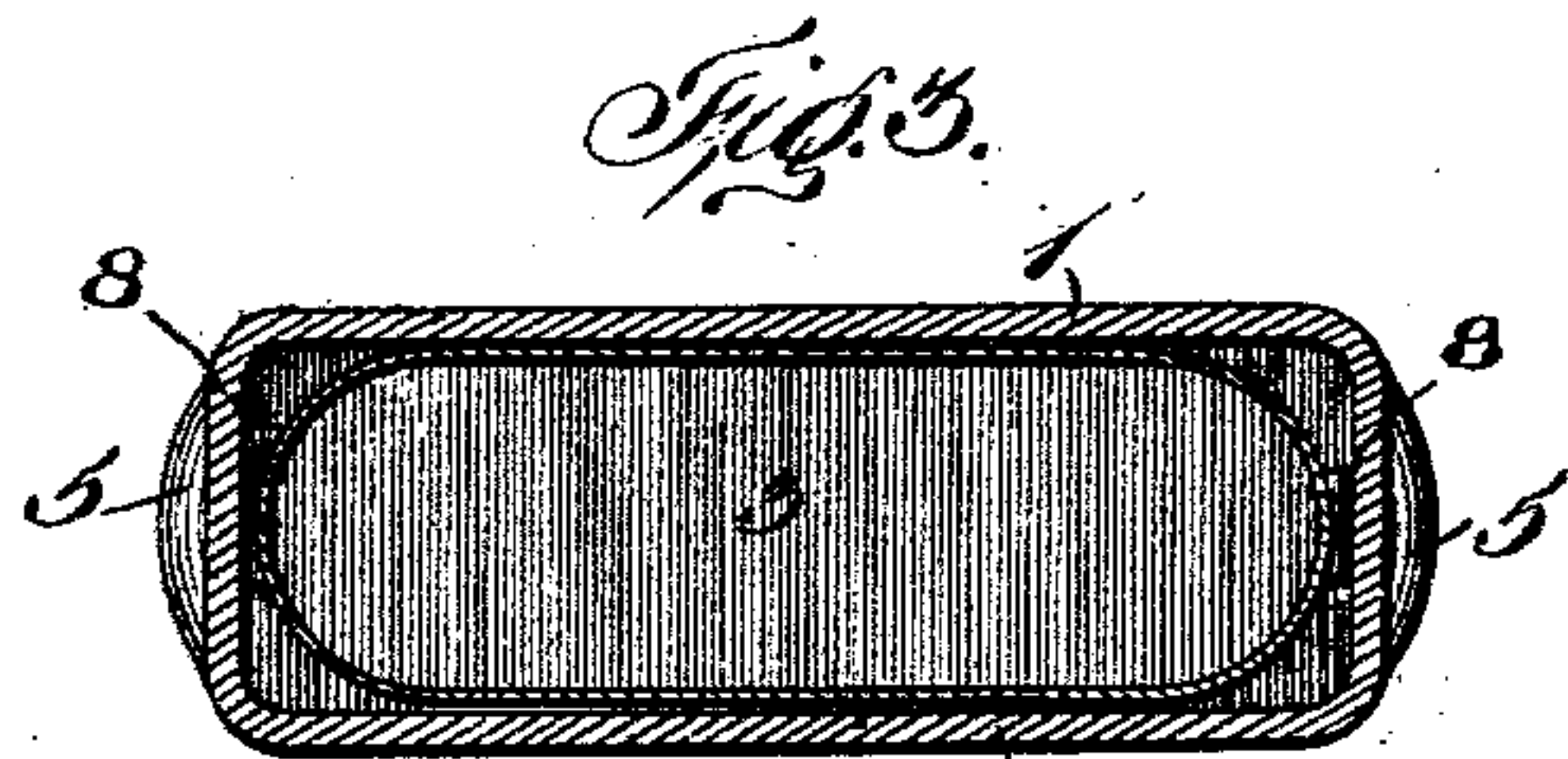
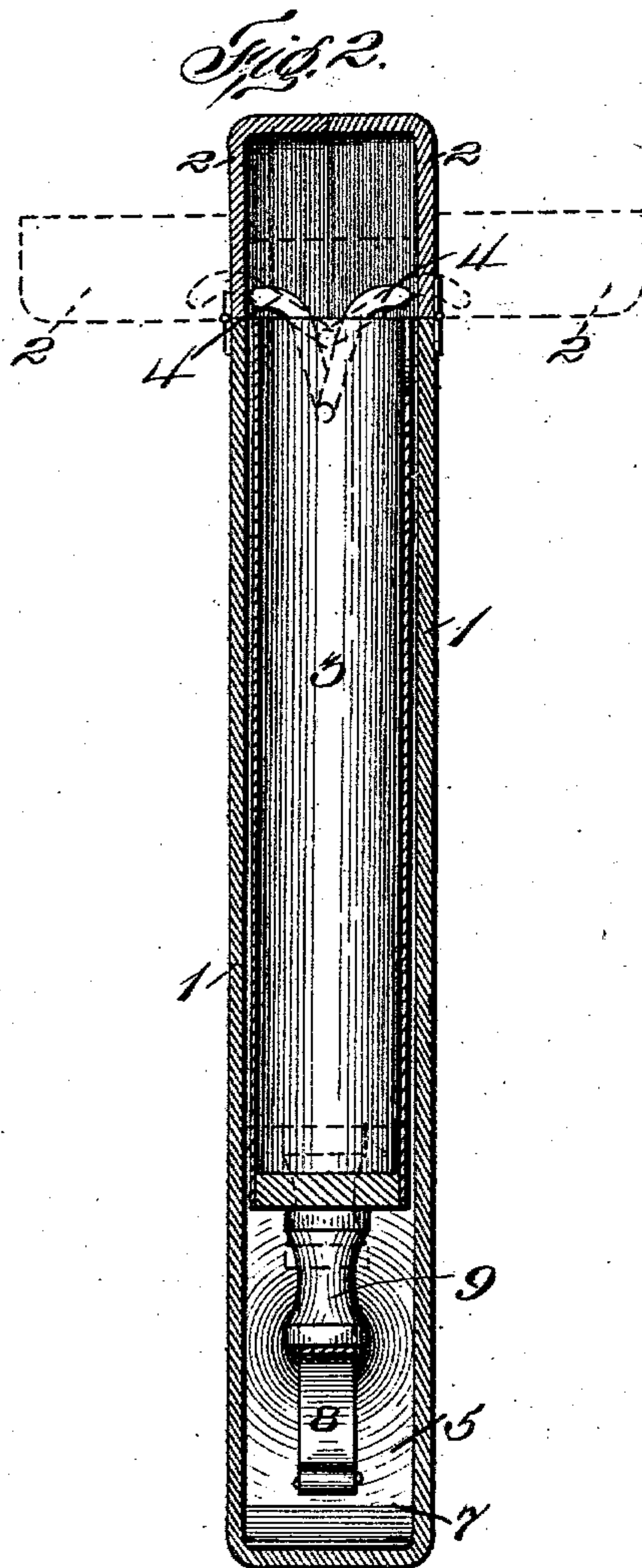
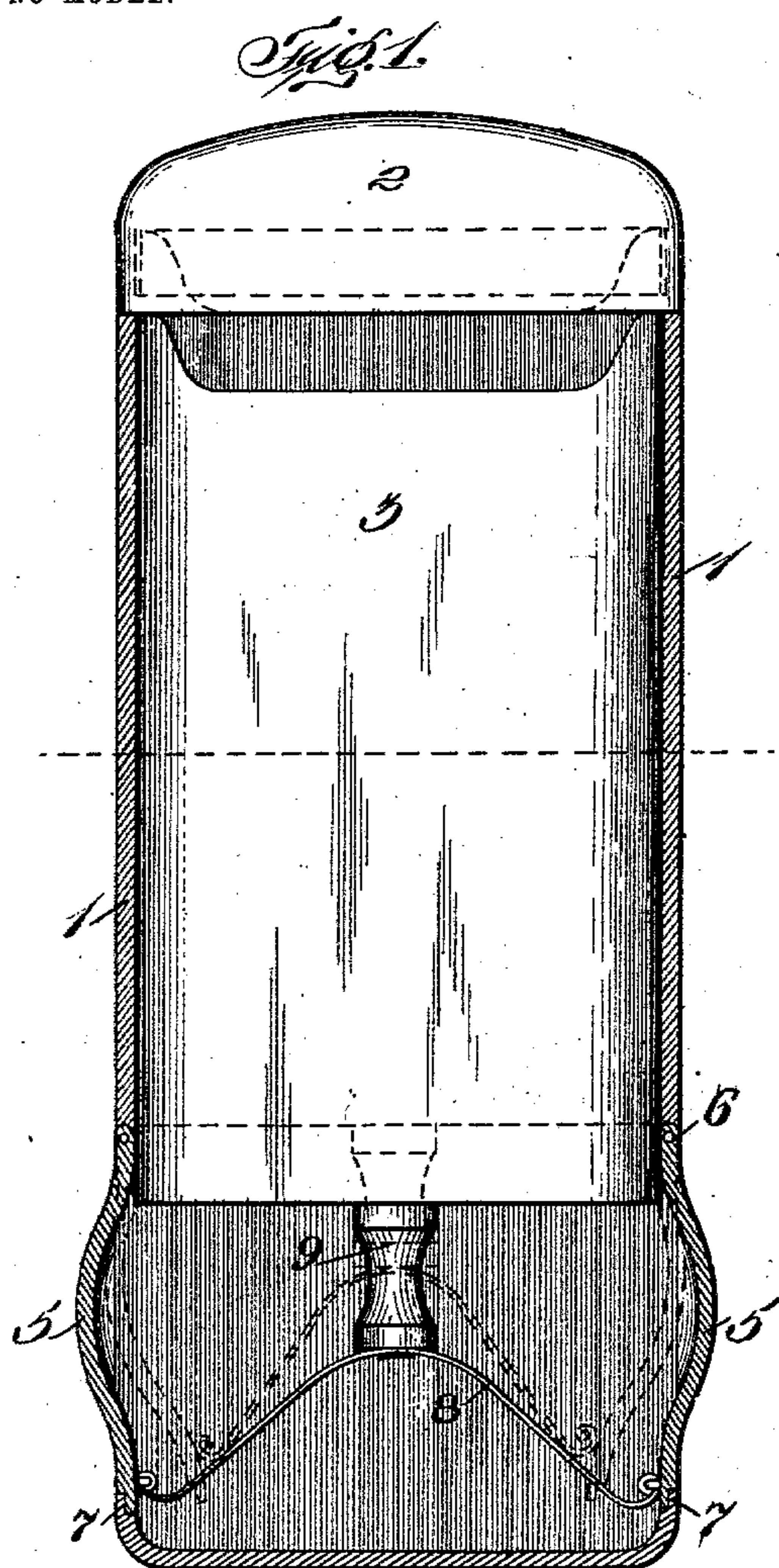
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. PUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of cases or boxes for holding cigars or cigarettes which are adapted to be carried in the pocket and to be so manipulated that an inner slidable box or case containing the cigars may be projected when it is desired to select or remove a cigar or cigarette.

The invention may be conveniently used for holding various other articles than cigars and cigarettes.

The details of construction, combination, and operation of parts are as hereinafter described, reference being had to accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is mainly a longitudinal section of my improved cigar-case. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section taken transversely of the cigar-case. Fig. 3 is a cross-section, and Fig. 4 is a detail section illustrating the connection between the inner slidable case and the hinged top portion of the outer case.

The outer case or box 1 is rectangular and oblong and will in practice usually be made of a size adapted to be conveniently carried in the pocket. The upper end of said case is composed of two hinged parts 2 2, which meet on a central line and are adapted to be thrown backward and outward from each other, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. An inner case or box 3, adapted for containing cigars or cigarettes, is adapted to slide within the outer case, to which it conforms in cross-section. The upper end of the inner case 3 is connected with the hinged top portions 2 by means of curved push-bars 4, both of which are pivoted to the inner case, their outer ends being pivoted, respectively, to the two hinged portions of the top. The outer case 1 is provided adjacent to its lower end with hinged compressible portions 5 5. (See Fig. 1.) These parts are hinged at 6, and their lower ends rest against stops or shoulders 7 when closed, as shown by full lines. The parts 5 are thus, in effect, levers adapted to close the side openings in the end extension of the body

or outer case 1. The lower ends of the parts 5 are connected by a bow-spring 8 with a block 9, which forms a fixed attachment of the bottom of the cigar-holder 3. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the latter is made of about two-thirds the length of the outer case 1, so that ample space is provided between their lower ends for reception and operation of the spring attachment. The spring is preferably constructed of metal and in any case is made semirigid and normally bowed more or less, so as to hold the side pieces or levers 5 closed outward and the inner case 3 retracted. It will be seen that the tension of the spring normally holds the hinged parts 5 closed, as shown by full lines; but when pressure is applied exteriorly to the parts 5 and the same are pressed inward, as shown by dotted lines, the effect is to push and slide the inner case 3 upward, so that the hinged top portions 2 are thrown outward, as shown by dotted lines, Fig. 2, whereby access may be had to the cigars or cigarettes, which in practice will project somewhat above the top of the case 3. To allow inspection and convenient selection, the inner case 3 is cut out at the top, as shown in Fig. 1. As shown, the parts 5 are bulged or curved outward, being thus practically concavo-convex in form. This shape enables them to be pressed inward with greater facility than would be practicable if they were made straight, and thus alined with the fixed portions of the side of the case 1.

By reference to Fig. 4 it will be seen that the push-bars 4 have a lateral projection at their upper ends which enters a perforation or recess in the hinged top portion. I desire it to be understood, however, that I do not restrict myself to the details of connection between the parts 2 and 3, since they may be varied to a considerable degree without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. The improved cigar-case comprising an outer box having a hinged top, a slidable inner box or case, devices that connect the said top with the inner box, and the spring applied to the lower end of the inner case and extended laterally, and pivoted side levers to which the ends of the spring are attached so

that when compressed said inner case is forced upward and the hinged top of the outer case opened, substantially as shown and described.

2. The improved cigar-case comprising the 5 outer case having a hinged top portion, a slidable inner case, and push-bars pivotally connecting the said parts, a movable side part forming a portion of the outer case, and a semirigid spring connecting such part with 10 the inner case, as described.

3. The improved cigar-case comprising the oblong rectangular outer body, the similarly-shaped inner case for containing cigars, the 15 outer case or body having a bottom extension with opposite side openings, levers hinged to the body and normally held in said openings, and a metal spring connecting such hinged

levers with the inner case, substantially as described.

4. The improved cigar-case, comprising an 20 outer box having compressible side portions which are hinged to the end of said box and form practically continuations thereof, the inner slidable holder for cigars, and a semirigid spring connecting said holder with the 25 lower or free ends of said compressible side portions, and serving normally to press the side portions outward, substantially as shown and described.

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