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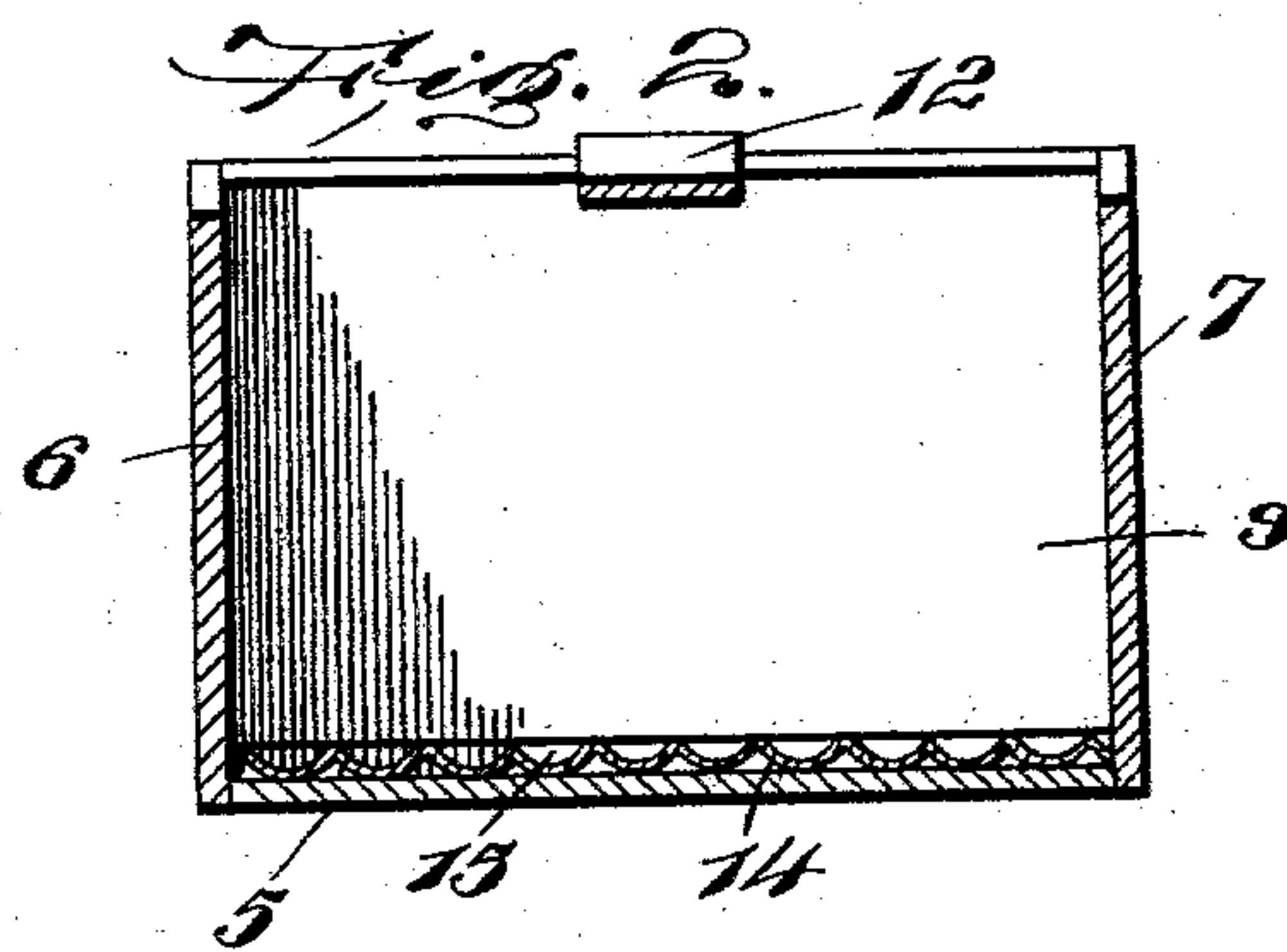
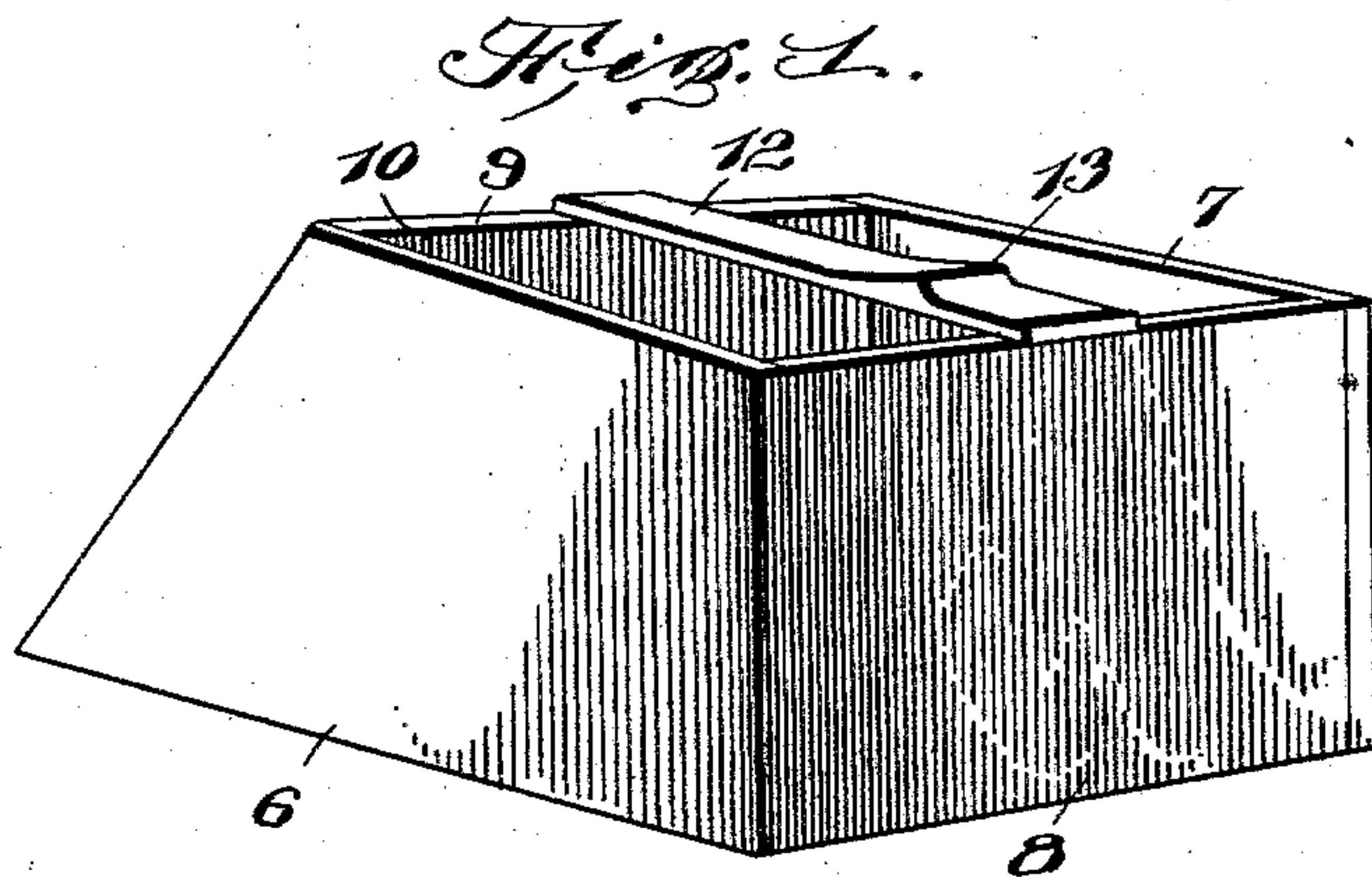
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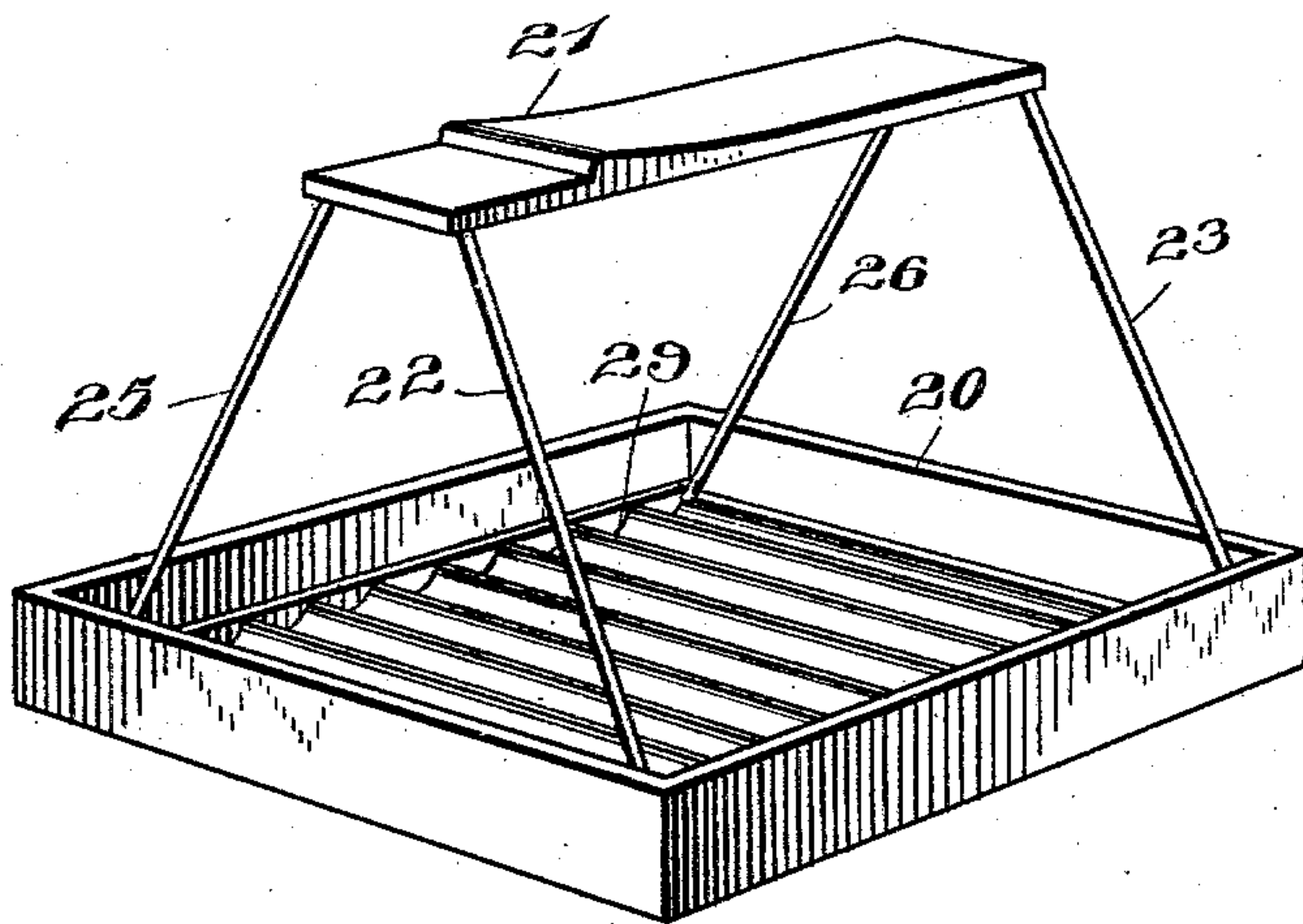
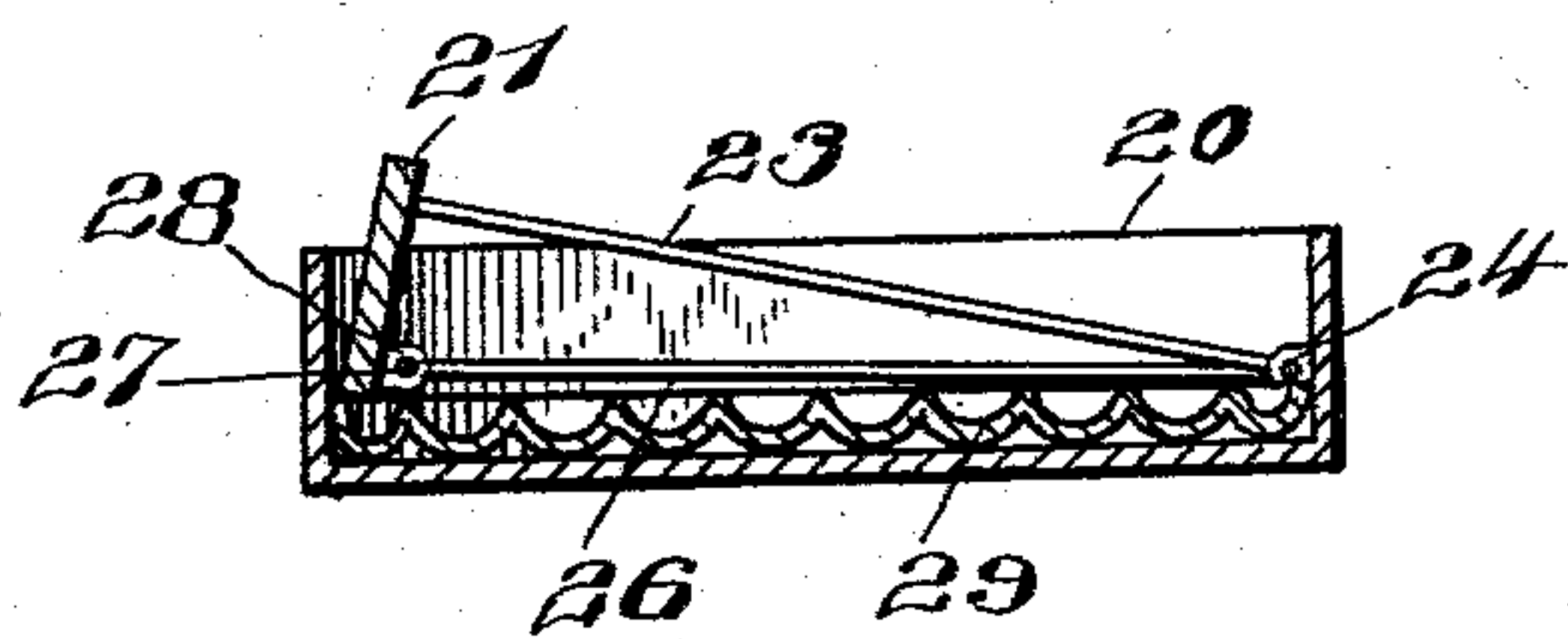


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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SHOE-TRAY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES D. WHITING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashua, in the county of Hillsboro, State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Trays; and I 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.

This invention relates to boot or shoe trays or cabinets; and it has for its object to provide a cheap and convenient article of furniture which will serve as a receptacle for boots and shoes and also as a rest to support the foot while lacing or buttoning the shoe, a further object of the invention being to provide a construction wherein the foot-rest will serve as a handle by which the article may be carried and in which, furthermore, there will be provided a drain on which the boots or shoes will be supported, so that any water may readily pass therefrom.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tray. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the tray. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a second form of the invention. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken through the construction shown in Fig. 3 with the parts thereof in folded positions.

Referring now to the drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, there is shown a hollow body portion, including the bottom 5, from which rise the sides 6 and 7 and one end 8 at right angles to the bottom, while the opposite or rear end of the body slants in the direction of the front end, so that the top 10 of the body is of less area than the bottom.

In connection with the body portion above described there is employed a foot-rest in the form of a strip 12, which is secured with one end upon the upper edge of the end 9 of the body and its opposite end upon the upper edge of the end 8 of the body, the end 9 being somewhat higher than the end 8, so that the foot-rest slants from one to the other.

The lower end of the foot-rest is designed

to receive the heel of a shoe, and adjacent to this end the foot-rest has a projection 13 upon its upper face which acts as a stop to prevent the shoe from sliding forwardly. This foot-rest serves also as a handle by means of which the article of furniture may be carried from place to place.

Within the hollow body portion is disposed a false bottom 14, of suitable metal, which is corrugated and is provided with transverse plates 15 at the ends of the corrugations, so that said corrugations may receive and hold water, mud, or dirt that may fall from boots or shoes placed within the body portion. This false bottom may be fixed in place or may be removable to permit of cleansing, it being understood that the corrugated false bottom is designed to receive and support boots or shoes which may be placed in a soiled or wet condition within the body portion.

In Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings there is shown a form of the invention including a base 20, which is an open-top box. A foot-rest 21 is provided, and fixed thereto adjacent to one longitudinal edge is a supporting-frame including the legs 22 and 23, the lower ends of which are turned laterally and pivotally engaged in eyes 24, arranged within the bottom corners of the base, at one side of the latter, so that the foot-rest may be raised to the position shown in Fig. 3 or lowered to rest with its opposite longitudinal edge within and upon the bottom of the base.

To support the foot-rest in raised or operative position in connection with the legs 22 and 23, additional legs 25 and 26 are formed by the parallel portions of a U-shaped wire or rod, the connecting or bight portion 27 of which is pivotally engaged in eyes 28 on the under side of the foot-rest. When the foot-rest is in raised position, the lower ends of the legs 25 and 26 rest in the corners of the base opposite to the eyes 24, and when the foot-rest is to be lowered the legs 25 and 26 are shifted to the same corners with the eyes 24.

In the base 20 is disposed a corrugated pan 29, for the same purpose as the pan shown in construction first described.

In practice other modifications of the invention may be made and any suitable mate-

rials and proportions may be used for the various parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is—

- 5 An article of furniture comprising an open body having a corrugated pan removably disposed within the body portion, a foot-rest, and legs for supporting the foot-rest, two of the said legs being rigidly attached to the foot-
10 rest and pivotally attached to the bottom of the said body, and the other legs being piv-

otally attached to the under side of the foot-rest and removably engaged with the bottom of the body, said last-named legs being fold-
able to lie against the inner face of the bot- 15
tom when the foot-rest is in lowered position.

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