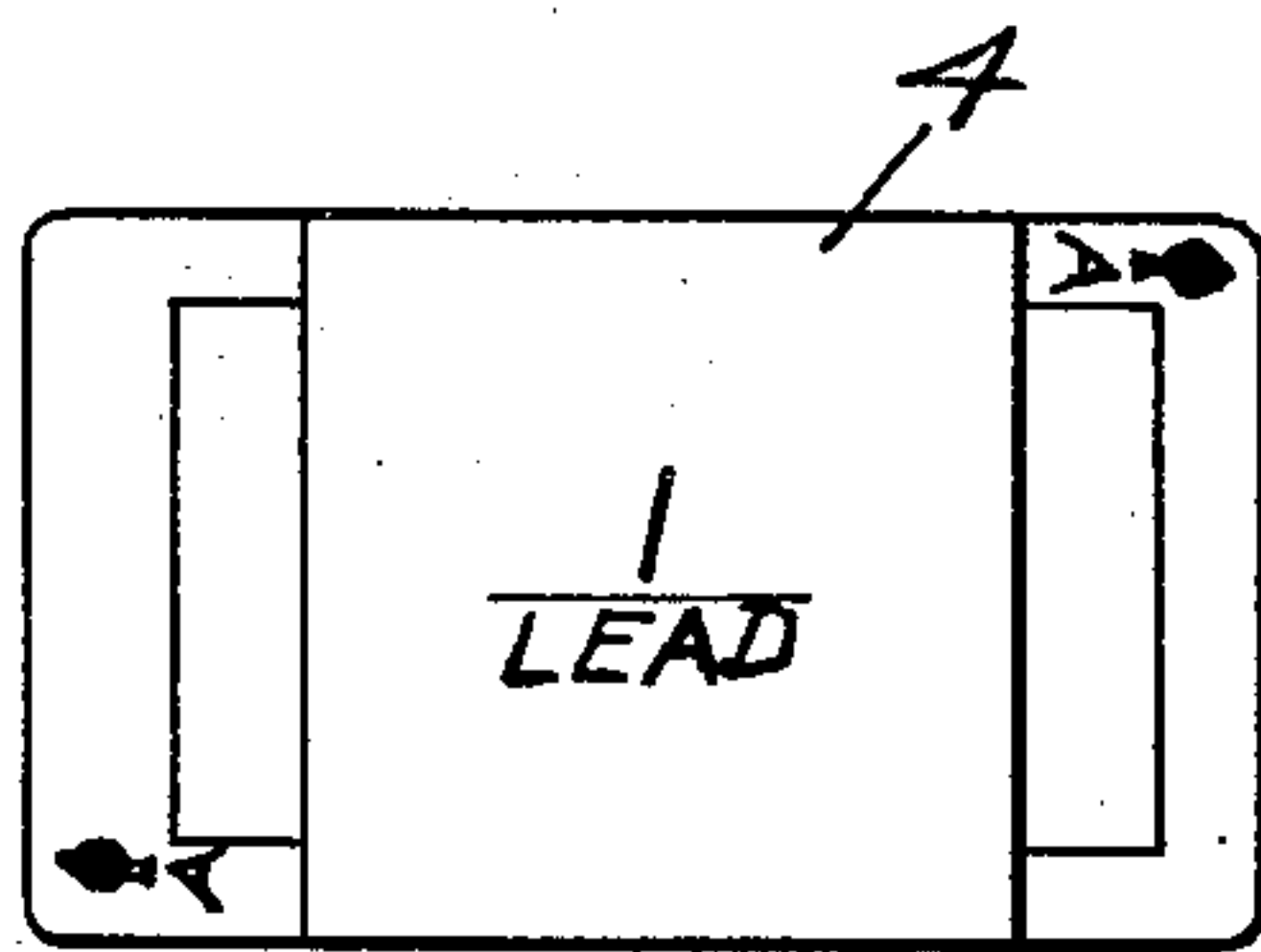
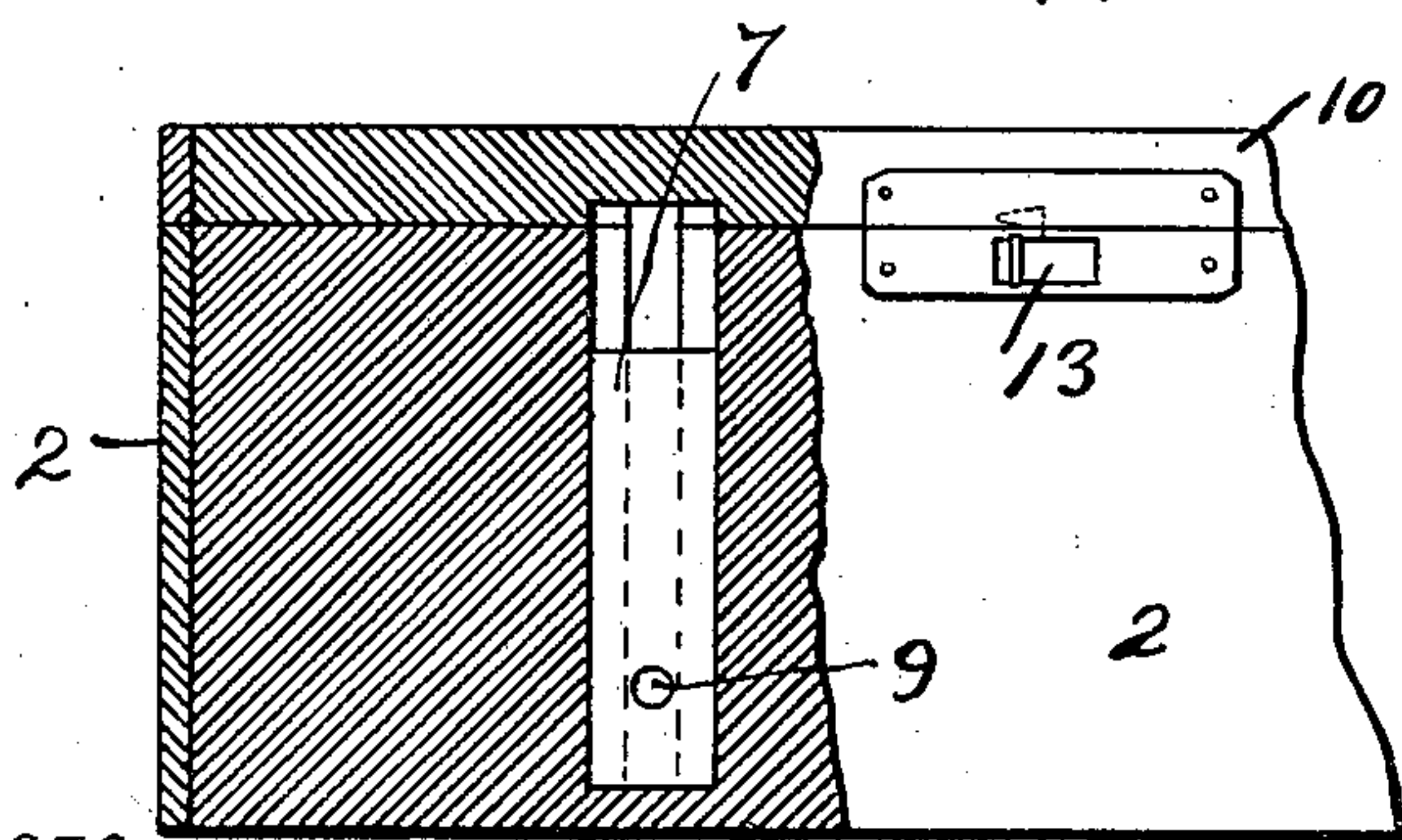
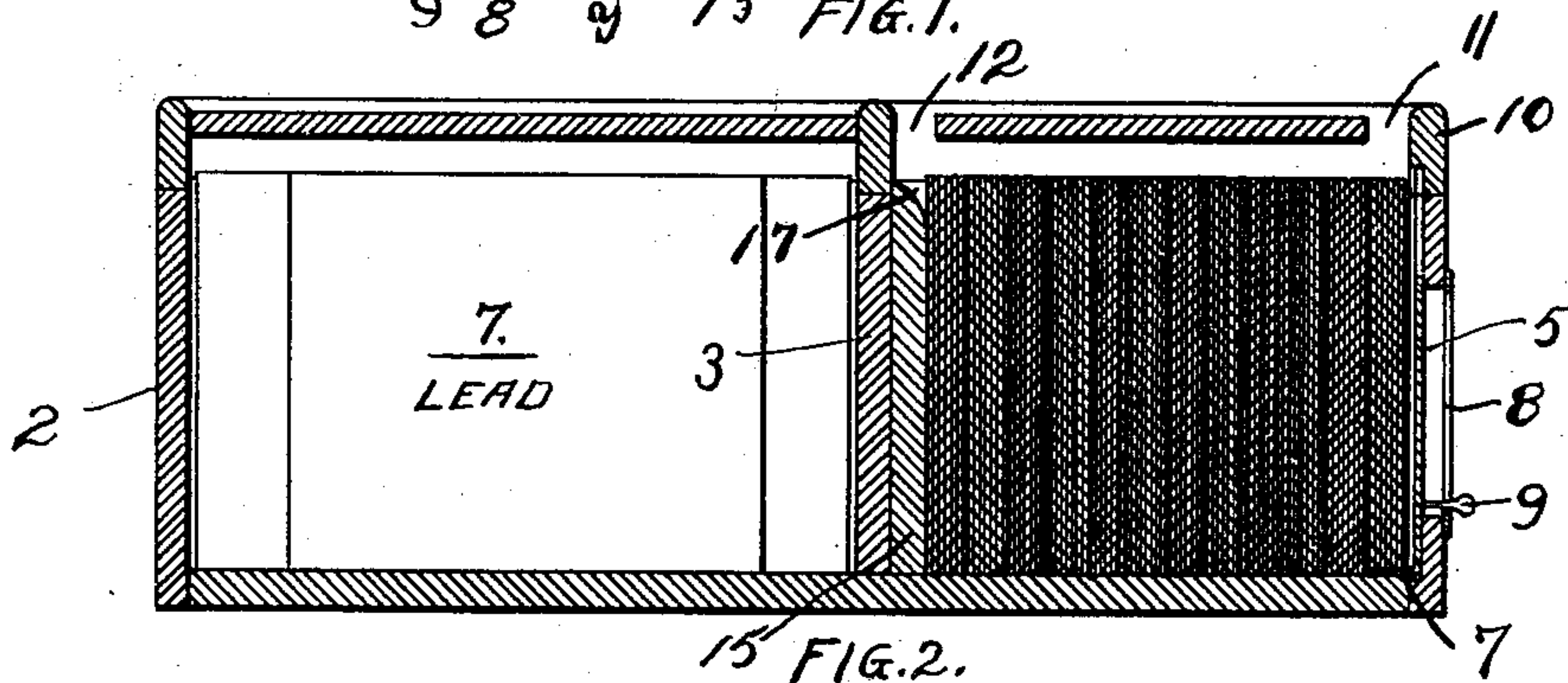
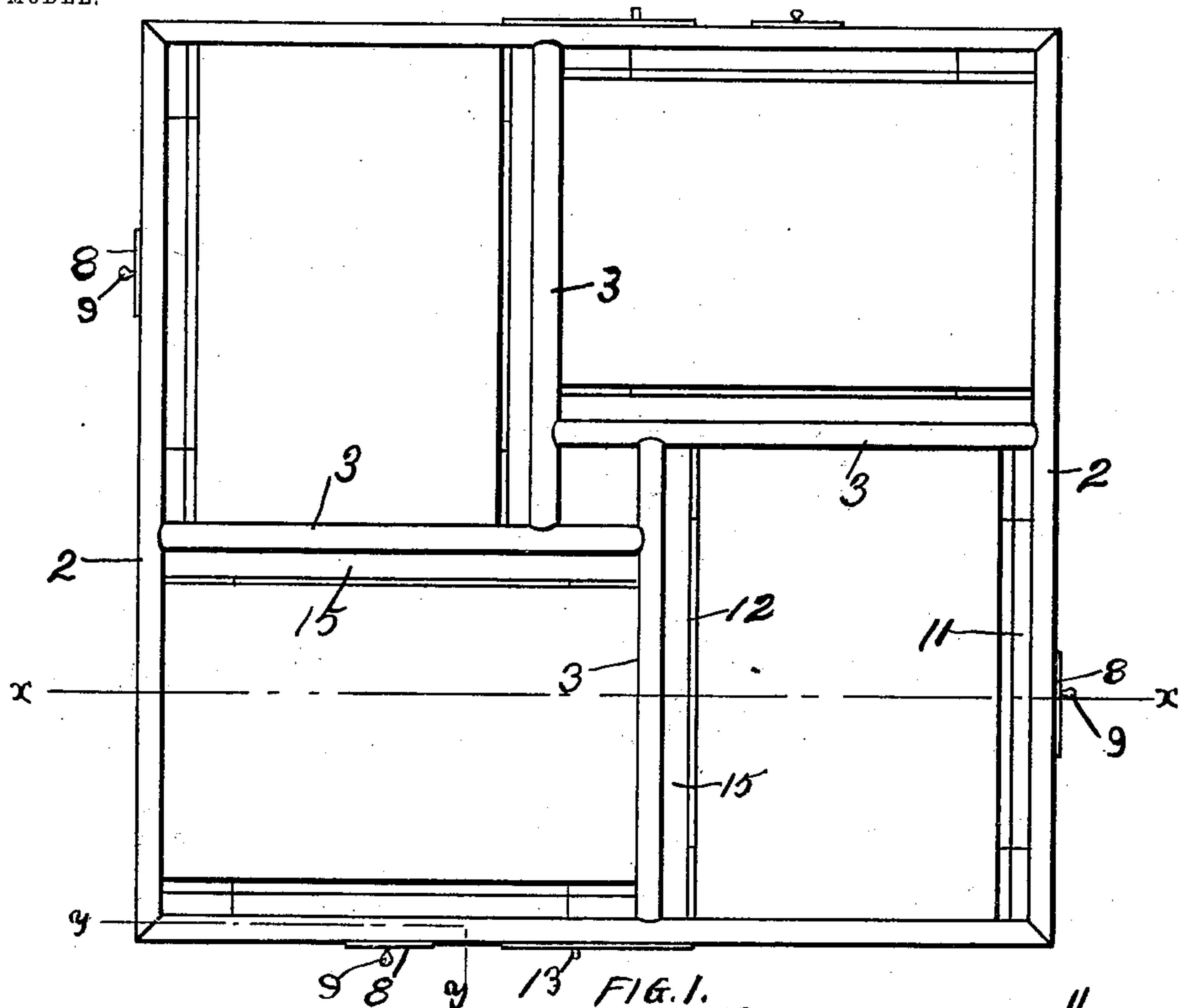


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DUPLICATE-WHIST CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR L. BEARD, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Duplicate-Whist Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cases designed for use in playing duplicate whist; and the objects of the invention are to provide a case in which the cards necessary for a number of deals may be arranged, each hand being readily removable by the corresponding player.

The invention consists in the constructions and combinations hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of a duplicate-whist case embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detailed section and partial elevation on line *yy* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail showing one of the hands with its inclosing case or envelop.

In the drawings, 2 represents a suitable case, preferably divided into four compartments by suitable partitions 3. Each compartment is preferably of rectangular form and of suitable size to contain twelve hands or quarter-pack of cards. Each hand when dealt is placed in a suitable case or envelop 4, (see Fig. 4,) and the hands are placed in order in the compartments so that the four hands nearest the front wall of the four compartments constitute a deal, the next four hands another deal, and soon. Secured upon the inner wall of each compartment is a slide 5, having a lug 7 at its lower end. This lug projects inward and is adapted to engage the bottom of the forward hand. A guide-plate 8 is arranged upon the outside of the case, said case being slotted opposite said guide-plate, and a stud 9 is secured to the slide 5 and projects through the guide-plate 8. The player can grasp the stud or handle 9 and by raising the slide 5 raise the forward hand, so as to project the same through the slot in the cover, hereinafter described. The cover which I prefer to employ is indicated at 10. It is provided with four openings or slots 11, one

over the front portion of each compartment, and with the parallel slots or openings 12 over the rear of each compartment. This cover can be secured in position by any suitable means. I have shown spring-latches 13 arranged to lock the cover to the top of the case. At the rear of each compartment is a guide-plate 15, having its upper edge arranged below the slot 12 and beveled at 17. This plate is of substantially the same thickness as one of the hands.

The manner of using the case is as follows: The hands having been dealt and each hand placed in its appropriate envelop 4 are placed in the four compartments of the case. The envelops are marked to indicate the number of the deal and the lead. The cover is placed in position and secured to the case, and the device is ready for use. Each player grasps the knob 9 that is in front of him, raises the slide 5, and thereby raises one of the hands through the slot or opening 11 in the cover. The hands are then removed from the envelops and the deal is played. Each hand is then placed back in the envelop, and each player pushes the hand that he has just played downward through the slot 12, and its lower edge strikes upon the beveled top 17 and guide-plate 15. This causes the hand to be pushed forward until it comes in contact with the last hand in the compartment and pushes all of the hands forward, so that the one that is nearest the front has its lower edges brought over the lug 7. The slides may be again raised to lift out the hands for the next deal, and these operations are repeated until all of the hands have been brought to the front and removed in the manner described. After all of the deals have been played the case may be turned around and the play duplicated in a manner well understood by whist-players.

I do not limit myself to the details of the construction, as the same may be varied in many particulars without departing from my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. A duplicate-whist case provided with a compartment adapted to receive and hold a hand of cards, said compartment being provided with two openings, through one of

which the cards may be inserted and through the other of which they may be removed, substantially as described.

2. A duplicate-whist case, provided with a
5 compartment adapted to receive and hold a hand of cards, said compartment being provided with two openings, through one of which the cards may be inserted and through the other of which they may be removed, and a
10 slide for engaging and removing the cards through one of said openings.

3. A duplicate-whist case divided into four compartments, a slide in each compartment, and a cover for said case provided with a slot
15 or opening, through which the hand from each compartment may be raised and with a separate opening, through which the hand may be inserted.

4. A duplicate-whist case divided into four
20 compartments, in combination with a cover, provided with openings at the front and rear of each compartment, a slide at the front of

the compartment, and a guide-plate having a beveled upper edge at the rear, substantially as described.

5. A duplicate-whist case divided into four compartments, each adapted to receive and hold a series of hands of cards and each compartment being provided with two openings, through one of which the cards may be in-
30 serted and through the other of which they may be removed, substantially as described.

6. A duplicate-whist case divided into four compartments, each provided with two open-
35 ings, through one of which the cards may be inserted and through the other of which they may be removed, and a slide for removing the cards through one of said openings.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of August, 1903.

ARTHUR L. BEARD.

In presence of—

RICHARD PAUL,
S. V. GRIFFIN.