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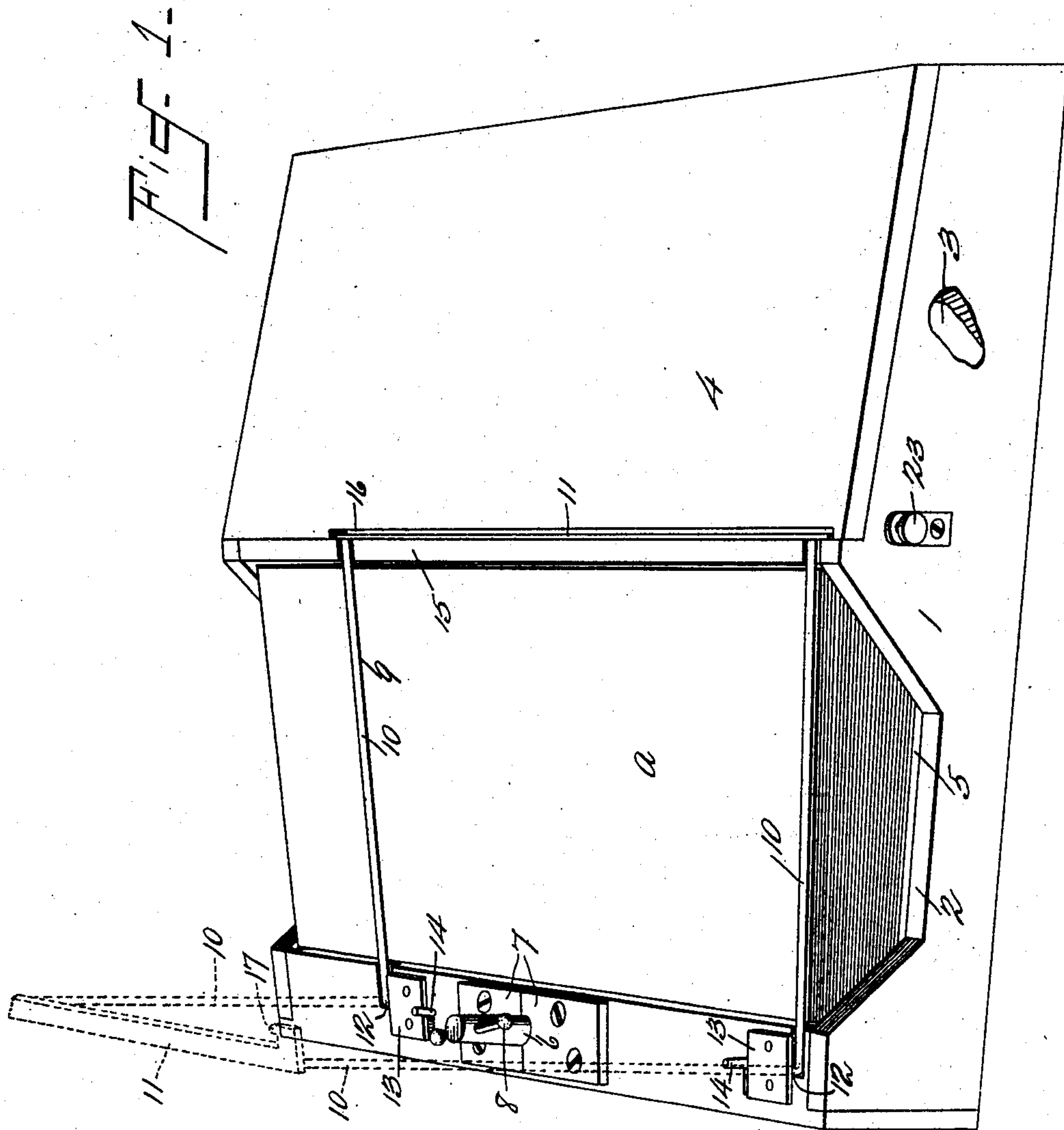
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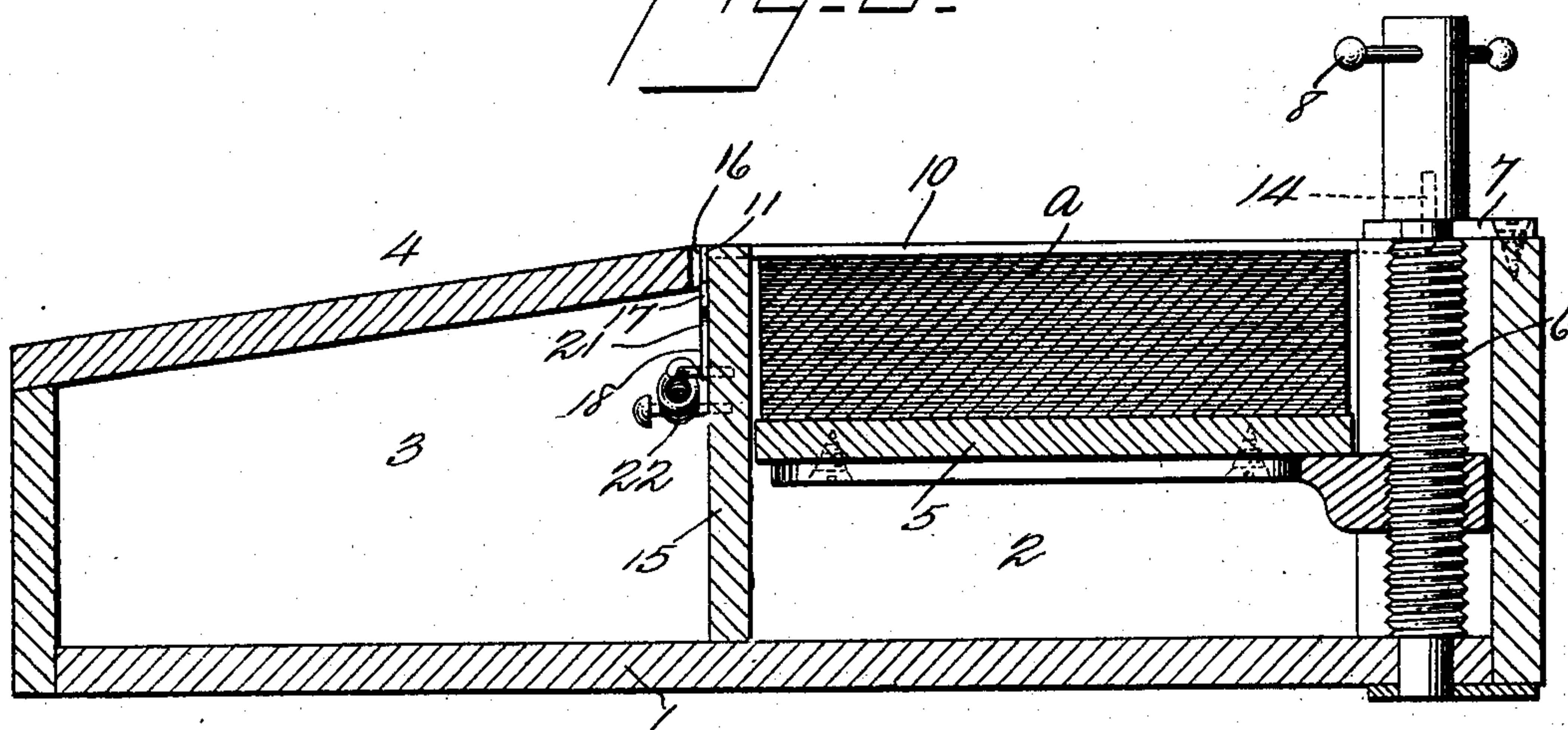
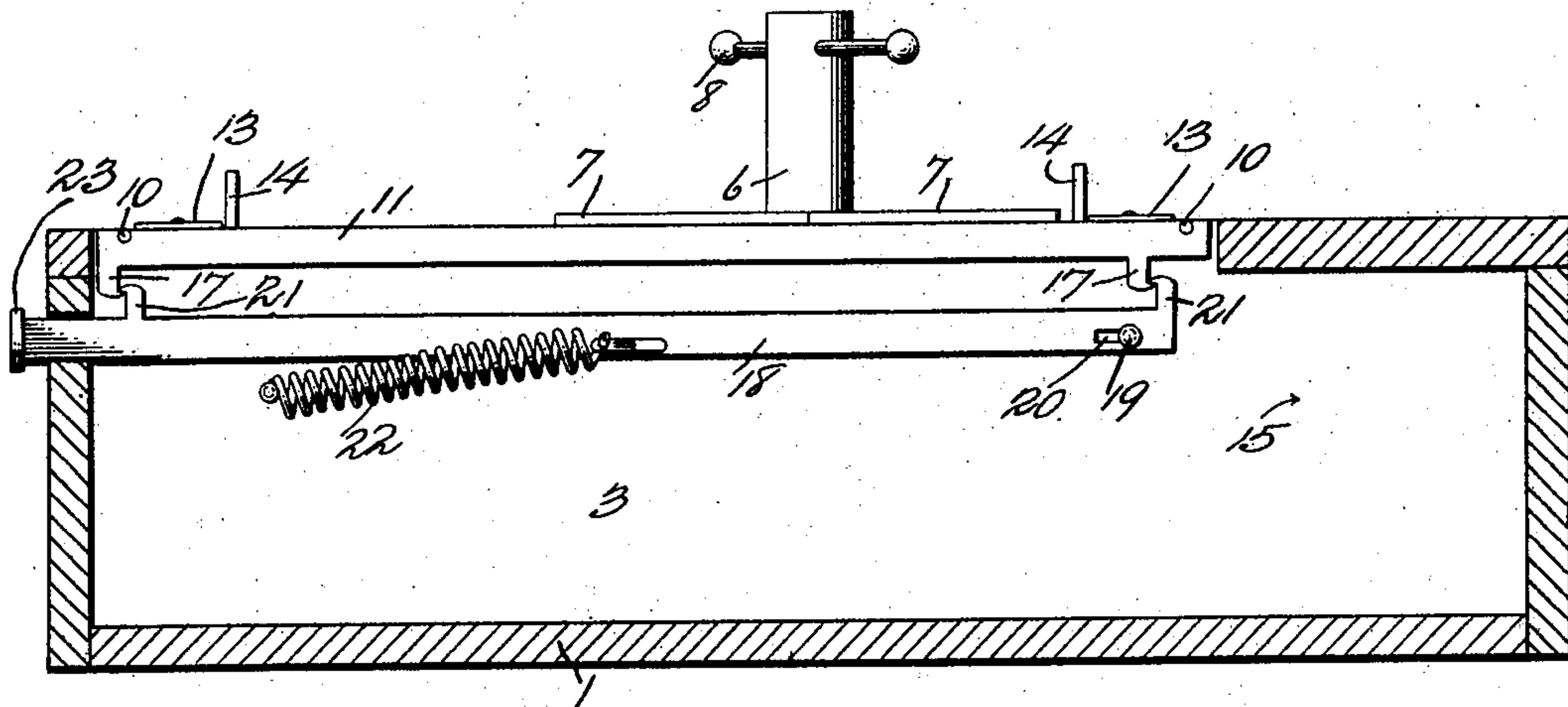
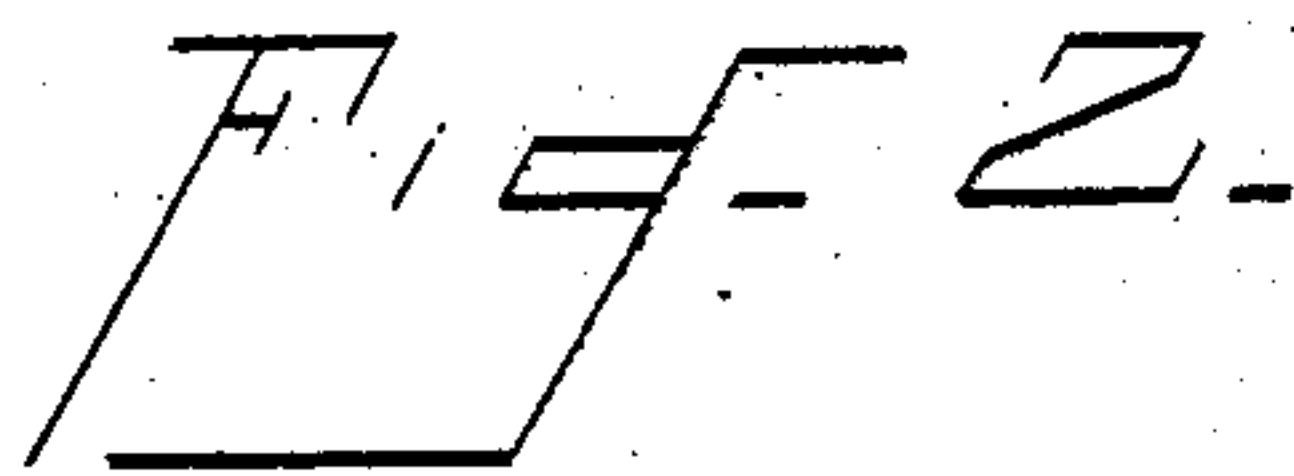
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## WRITING-CABINET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, LEROY JONES and JOHN M. JONES, citizens of the United States, residing at Clay Center, in the county of Clay and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writing-Cabinets; and we 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.

Our invention is an improved writing-cabinet; and it consists in the construction and combination of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of our invention is to provide an improved writing-cabinet which is especially adapted for use by postmasters for making out postal money-orders and which is also adapted for use in writing on tablets of paper of any kind.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a writing-cabinet embodying our improvements. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a similar view at right angles to Fig. 2.

In the embodiment of our invention here shown we provide a cabinet 1, which is provided with a compartment 2 for the reception of a tablet  $\alpha$  of paper, and is also provided with a compartment 3, which has a lid or cover 4, that forms a hand-rest for the writer. It will be observed that the compartments 2 3 are side by side and that the tablet of paper in the compartment 2 may have its upper surface or upper sheet exactly flush with the surface of the hand-rest 4.

To maintain the surface or upper sheet of the tablet of paper flush with the hand-rest as the tablet is used and its sheets torn off from time to time, we provide a paper-supporting element 5, which is here shown as a board on which the tablet of paper is placed and which board is disposed in the compartment 2 and is vertically adjustable therein. Within the scope of our invention any suitable means may be employed for adjusting the paper-supporting element. We here show an adjusting-screw 6 for this purpose, which screw is journaled in bearings 7 and is provided at its upper end with a head 8, whereby it may be readily turned to adjust the

proper supporting element and the tablet of paper.

We also provide a paper-holder which is here shown as a frame 9, comprising a pair of arms 10 and a bar 11, which connects the said arms together at one end. The outer ends of the arms 10 are bent at right angles to form pivots 12, which are secured in bearings 13 in the upper side of the cabinet, and the extreme outer ends of the said arms are turned outwardly at right angles to the said arms and to the said pivot portions thereof to form stop-studs 14, which when the paper-holding frame 9 is turned in an upright position, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, bear on the upper side of the cabinet and support the said paper-holding frame in such position. The paper-holding frame is adapted to be folded downwardly upon the tablet of paper to bear on the same and securely confine the paper tablet in the compartment 2, and the bar 11 of the said paper-holding frame is adapted to bear against one side of the partition 15, which separates the compartments 2 3. The hand-rest 4 has an opening 16 of sufficient dimensions to clear the bar 11, and the latter is provided on its under side with a pair of depending hook-studs 17. A detent-bar 18 is disposed on one side of the partition 15 and is supported by studs 19, which operate in slots 20, with which said detent-bar is provided. The said detent-bar is provided also with a pair of detent-hooks 21, which when the said bar is moved in one direction are adapted to engage the studs 17 of the bar 11 to lock the paper-holding frame in its closed lower position. A spring 22 is provided which normally maintains the said detent-bar in its locked position. One end of the detent-bar projects from one side of the cabinet and is provided with a head or button 23, which when depressed or moved inwardly causes the detent-bar to disengage the paper-holding frame to release the latter, as will be understood.

It will be observed that the paper-holding frame offers practically no obstruction to the tablet, so that the latter may be readily written upon while the said frame bears upon the same. It will be further understood that by first releasing the paper-holding frame the sheets of the tablet may be readily torn off as



the same are used and that from time to time as the tablet diminishes in thickness the same may be raised to keep its upper side or upper sheet level with the hand-rest by means of the adjusting-screw.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of our invention will be readily apparent, it is thought, without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of our invention.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A writing-cabinet having a hand-rest and a paper-receptacle, an adjustable paper-support in the said receptacle, a hinged paper-holder on the upper side of the cabinet, adapted when lowered to extend across the paper-receptacle to bear on the paper, and having stops 17 at its free side, the cabinet having an opening to clear said stops, and a longitu-

dinally-movable detent under the hand-rest to engage said stops and coact therewith to lock the paper-holder in such position, substantially as described.

2. A writing-cabinet having a hand-rest, a paper-receptacle, and an opening 16, an adjustable paper-support in the said receptacle, a hinged paper-holder on the upper side of the cabinet, adapted when lowered to extend across the paper-receptacle to bear on the paper, and having a bar 11 at its free side provided with stops 17, the opening 16 clearing said bar and stops when lowered, a longitudinally-movable detent-bar under the hand-rest, having hooks 21 to coact with the stops 17, and a spring to normally retain the detent-bar in position to engage its hooks with said stops, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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