

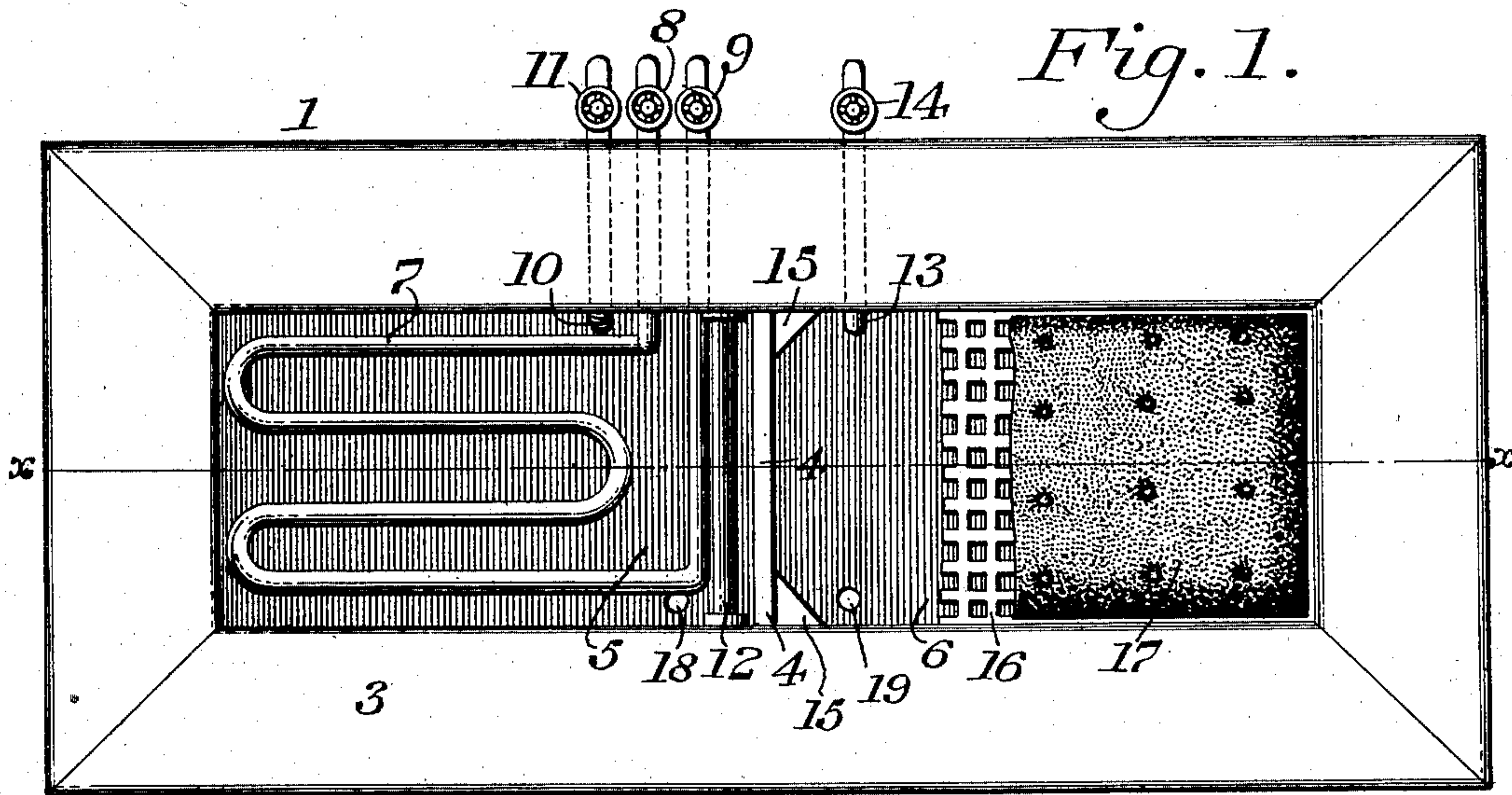
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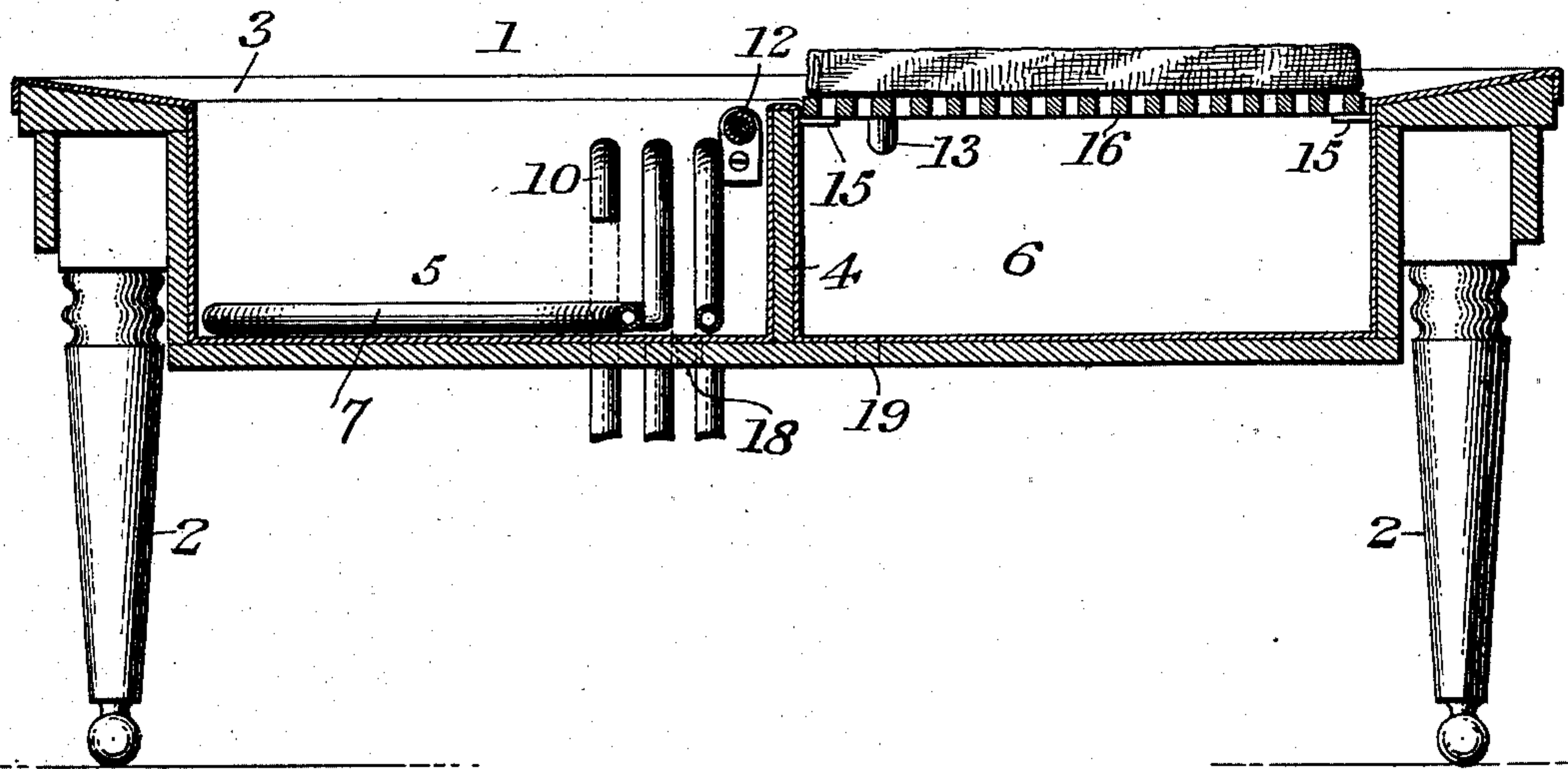
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*Fig. 2.*



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## WASHTUB.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. McLAUGHLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomington, county of McLean, State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Washtubs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a device more particularly designed for washing or cleaning cushions of car and other seats, the construction of parts being hereinafter described, and the novel features pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a washing device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical section of the same.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a frame composed of the sloping rim 3, having an opening centrally within the side of the same and legs 2, on which said frame is supported. Within said opening is a depending tub which is secured to said rim and provided with a vertical partition 4, dividing said tub into tanks 5 and 6. Near the bottom of the tank 5 is a steam-receiving coil 7, provided exterior of the tank with cocks 8 and 9. A water-inlet 10, provided with cock 11, is connected to a suitable supply-pipe. (Not shown.)

12 designates a roller which is mounted in the tank 5 adjacent to the partition 4 and extends horizontally and transversely adjacent to the tops of the elevated portion of the coil 7 and of said partition 4.

The tank 6 has a water-supply pipe or inlet 13, provided with a cock 14 and projecting corner brackets or ledges 15, adapted to support a rack or grating 16, which may be of wood or metal of the shape and size of a car-seat or back cushion 17.

Both tanks are provided with waste-outlets 18 and 19, adapted to be closed by ordinary plugs.

The operation is as follows: The tank 5 is partially filled with water, in which any suitable detergent, as ammonia or other alkali, may be dissolved, as desired. This may be heated to any desired temperature by means of the coil 7. The cushion to be washed is first beaten or dusted and then immersed in the tub or tank 5, where it is subjected to the

action of the hot water and detergent. Then it is raised over the elevated portion of the coil 7 and run over the roller 12 and the top of the partition 4, from whence it is directed to the rack or grating 16, where it is scrubbed. Then said rack is lifted from the brackets 15 and the cushion placed in the tub or tank 6 and rinsed therein in fresh or clear water. The cushion is now withdrawn and the rack restored upon the brackets 15 and the cushion placed thereon, so as to drain.

The rim 3 provides a convenient place for locating the cushion during the manipulation of the same, the water or other fluid on said rim running down the same into the tubs or tanks 5 and 6, the latter being also convenient of access around the sides and ends of said rim.

It will be seen that the device is conveniently arranged for the use of one or two operators.

It will be evident that various changes may be made by those skilled in the art which may come within the scope of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

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

1. A washing device consisting of a frame composed of an exterior rim having an opening within the sides of the same and a support therefor, a plurality of tanks in said opening depending from said rim, a heating-pipe in one of said tanks, a rack on the other tank and means on the latter for removably supporting said rack.

2. A washing device consisting of a frame, a tub within said frame having a partition forming a plurality of tanks, a heating-pipe in one of said tanks, a horizontally and transversely extending sustaining and guiding roller in the latter-named tank and a rack and means for removably sustaining the same in the other tank, said roller and rack being on opposite sides of said partition.

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