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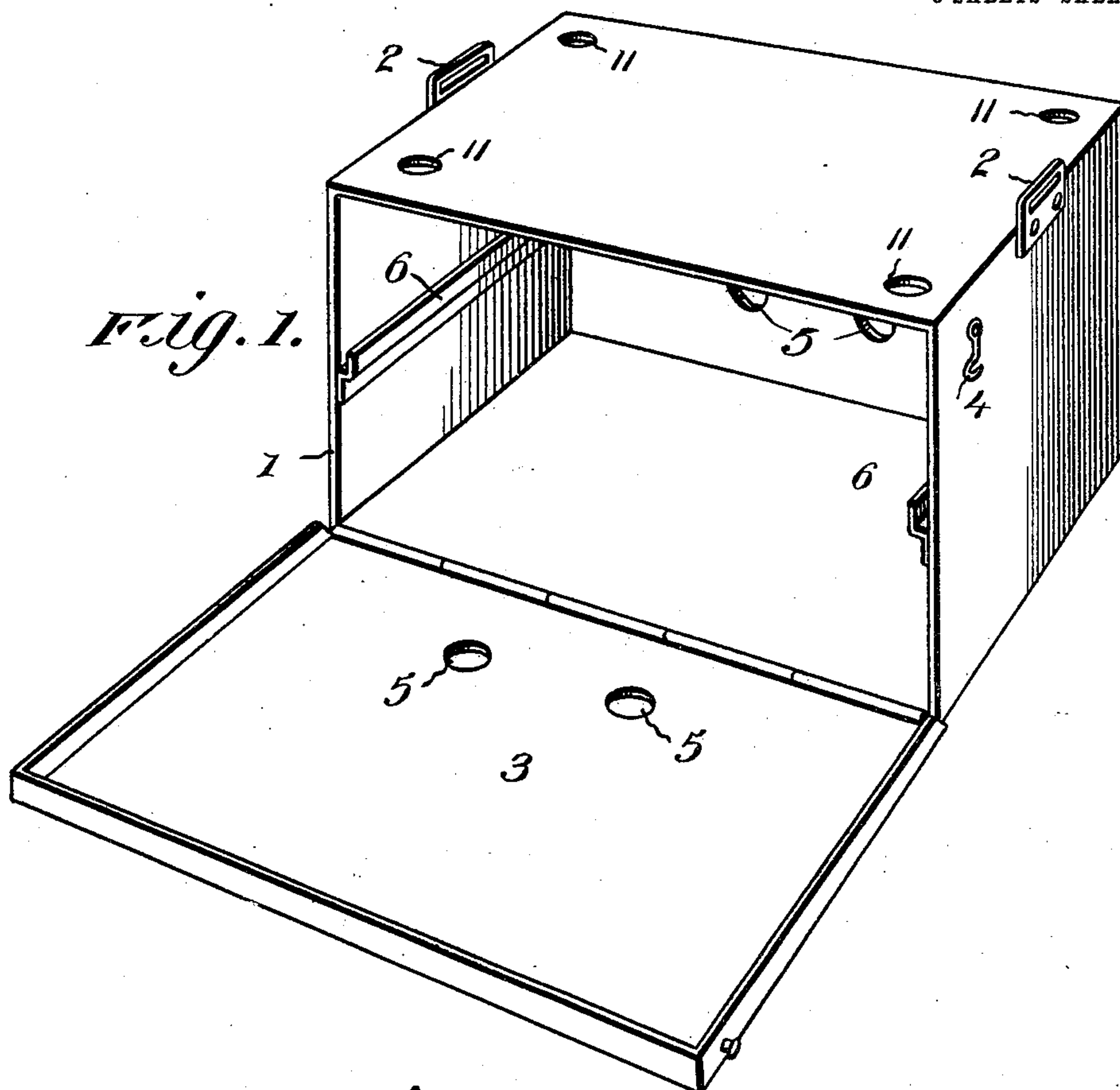
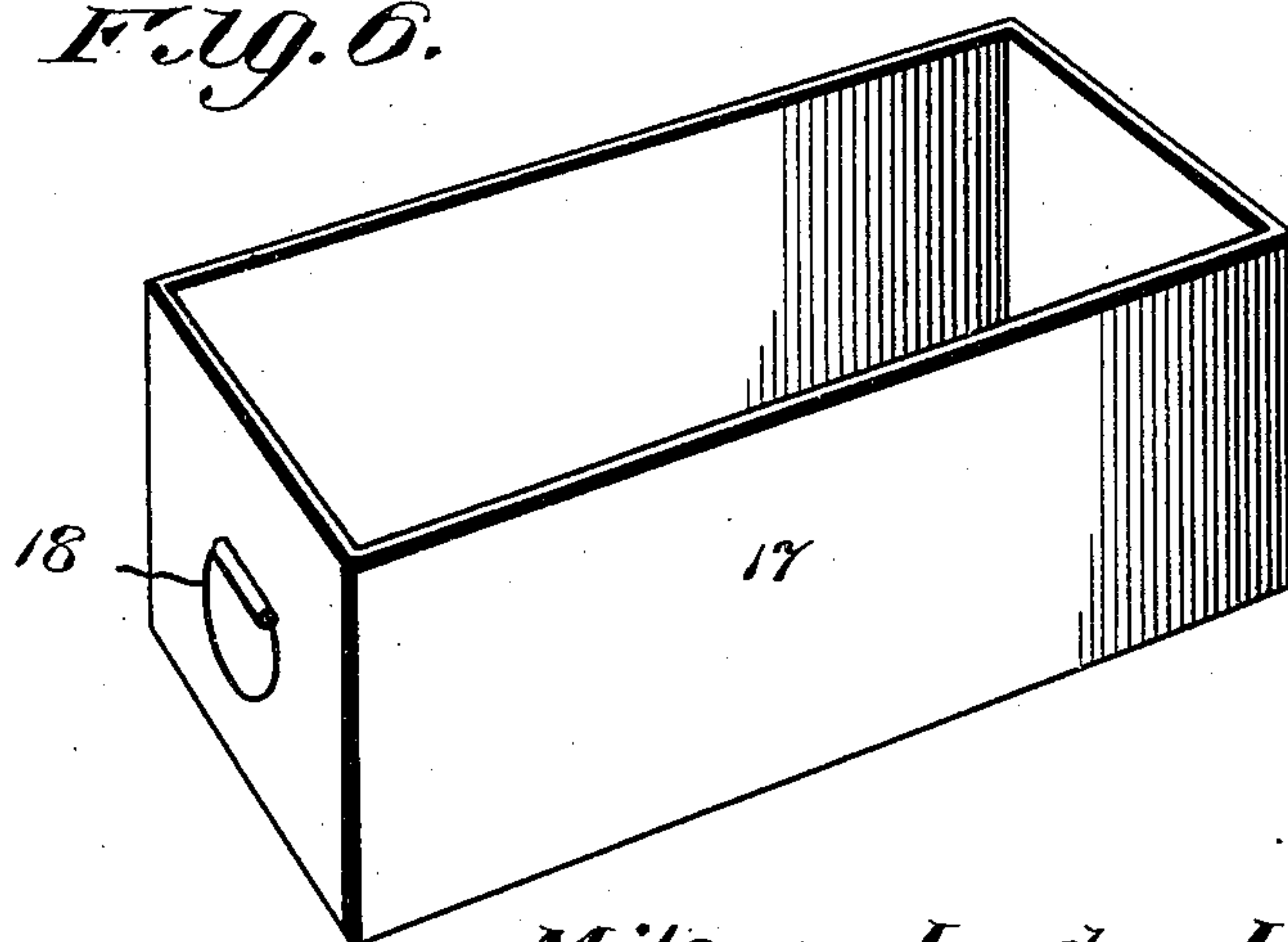


Fig. 6.



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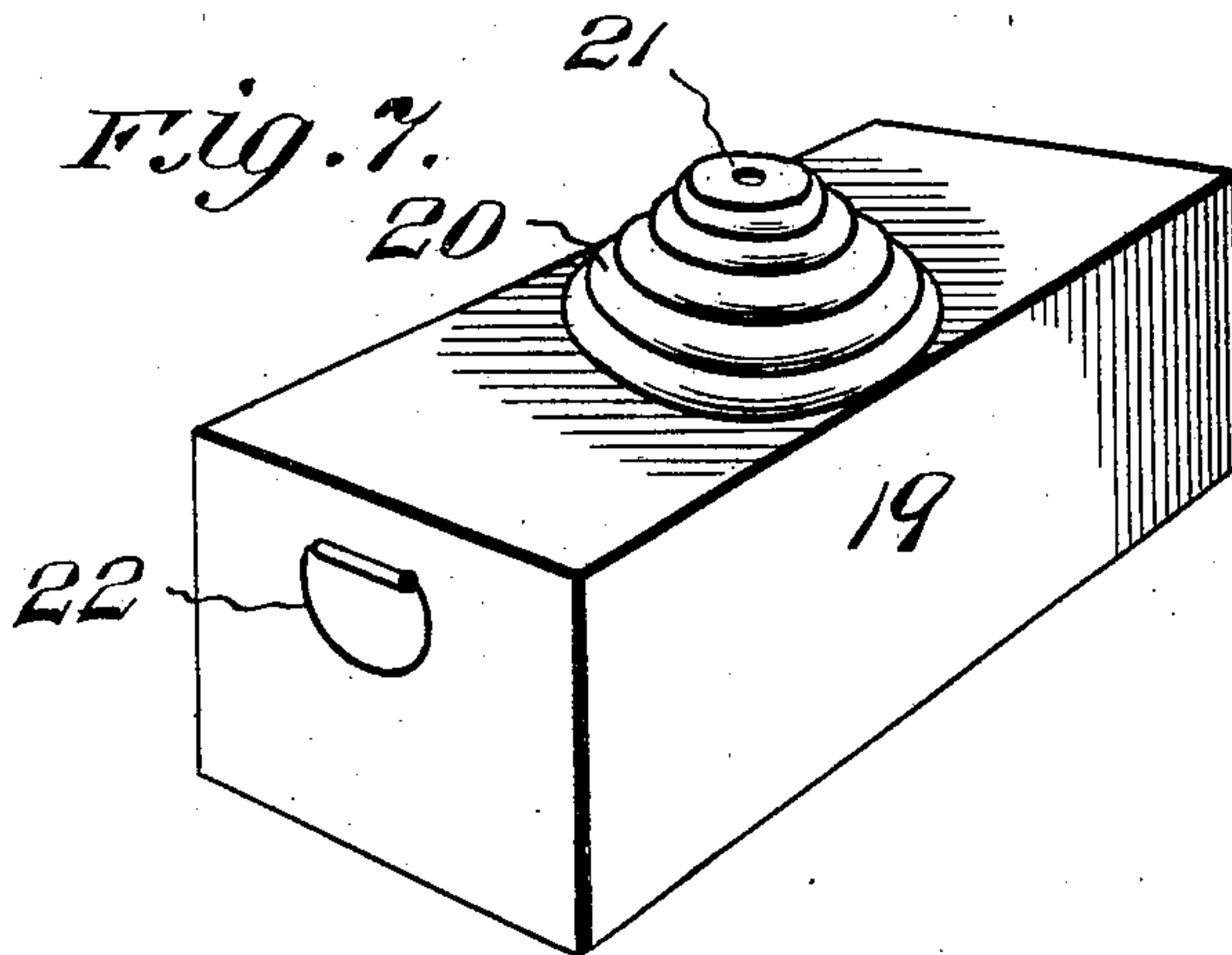
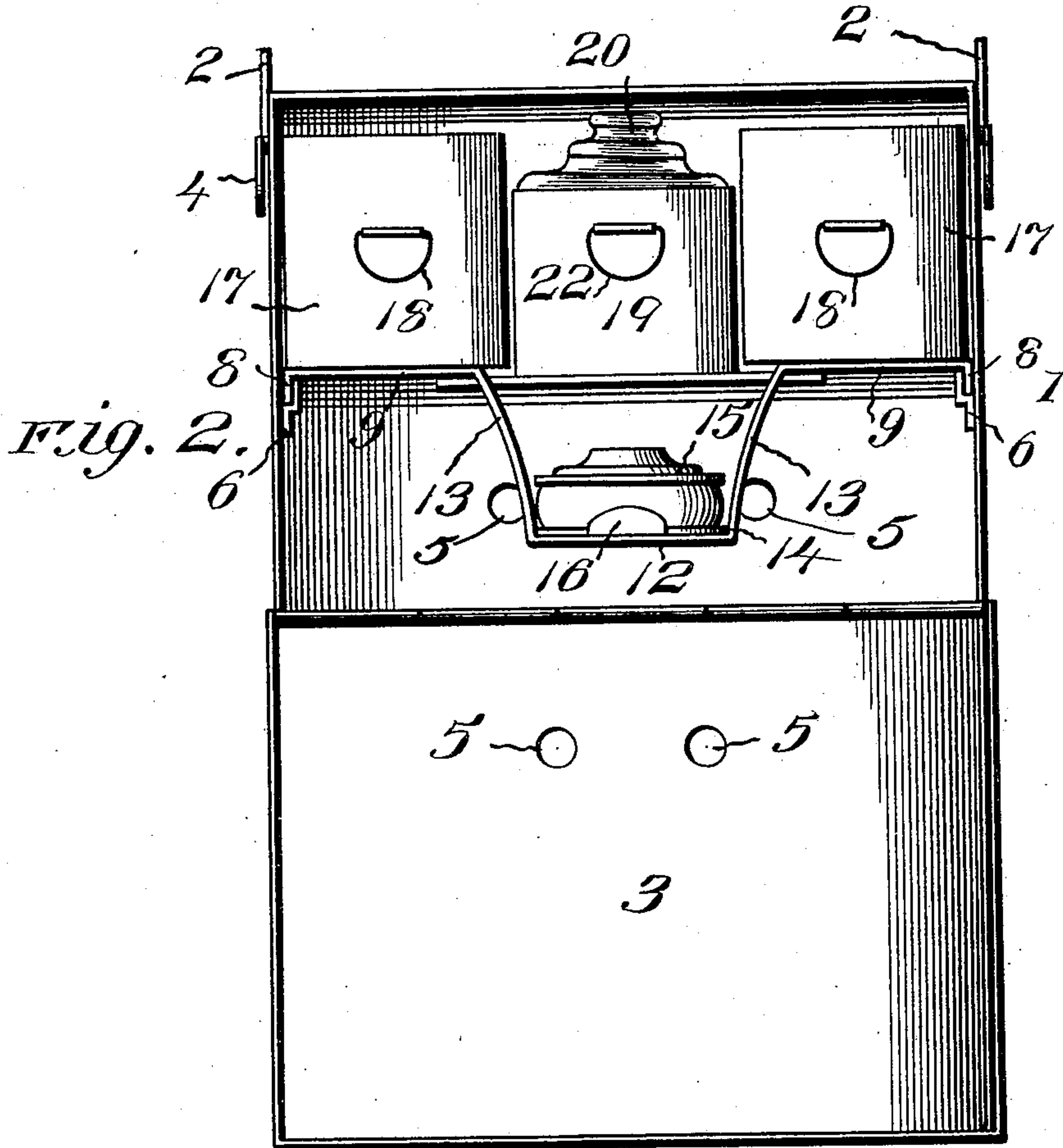
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Fig. 3.

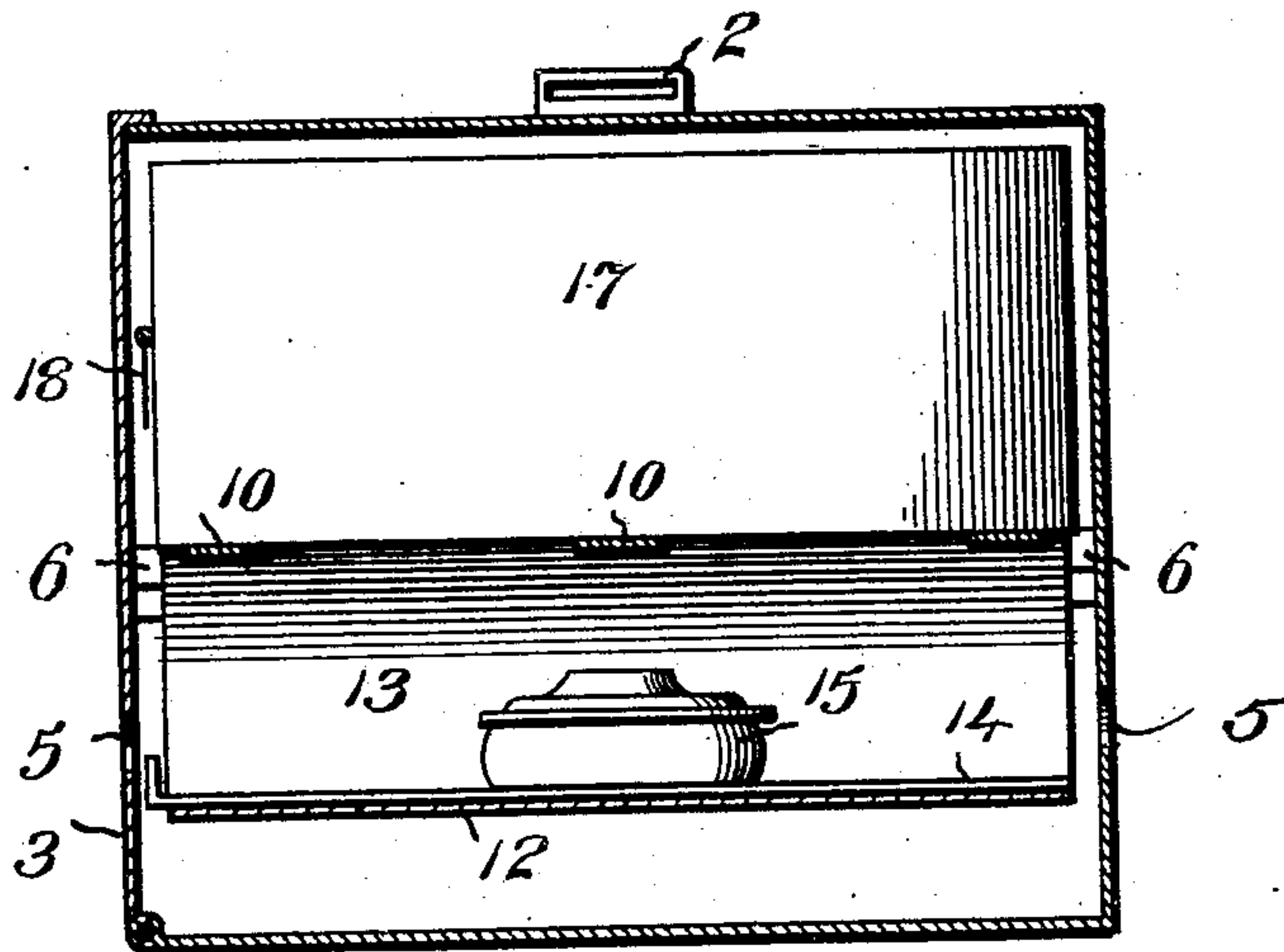


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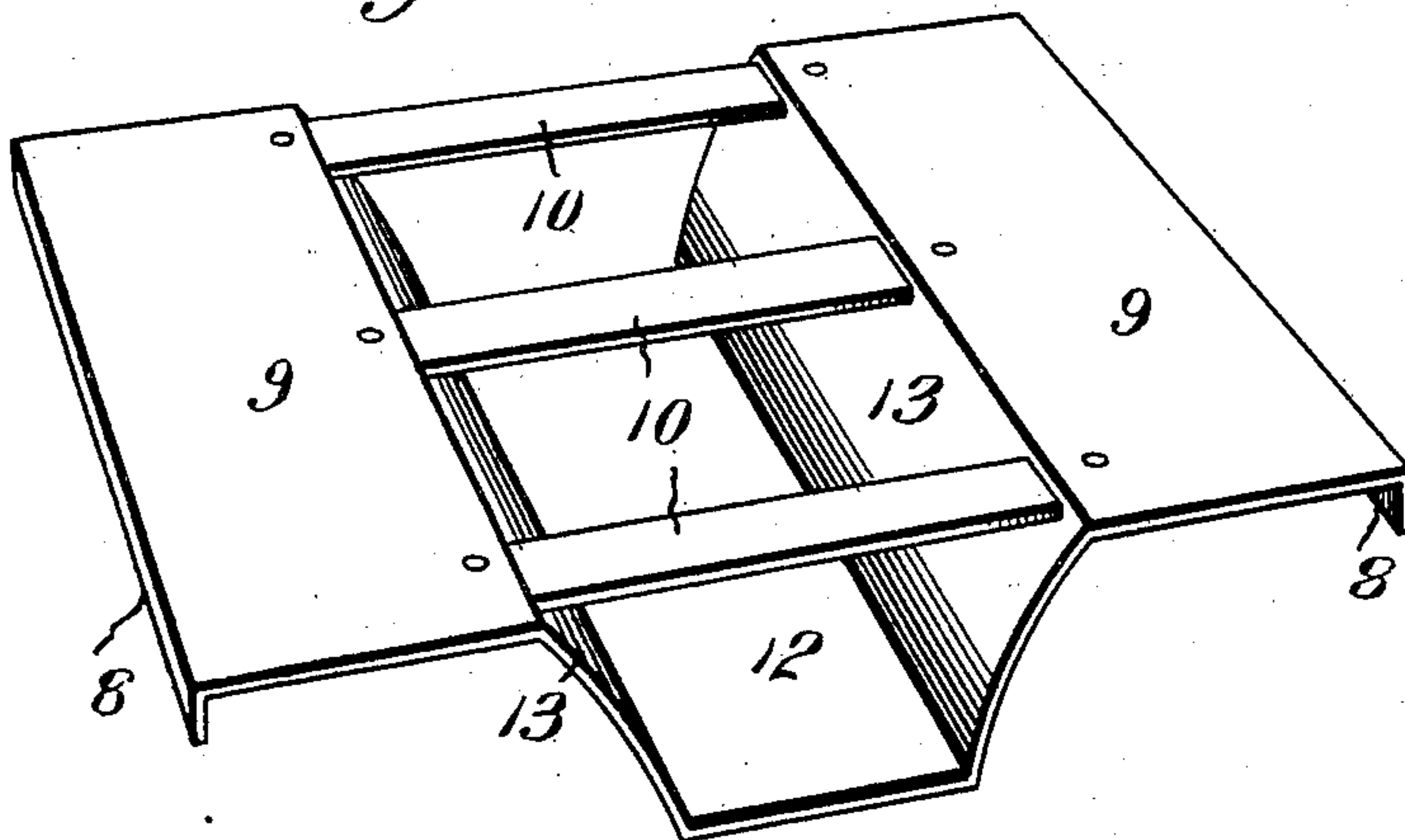
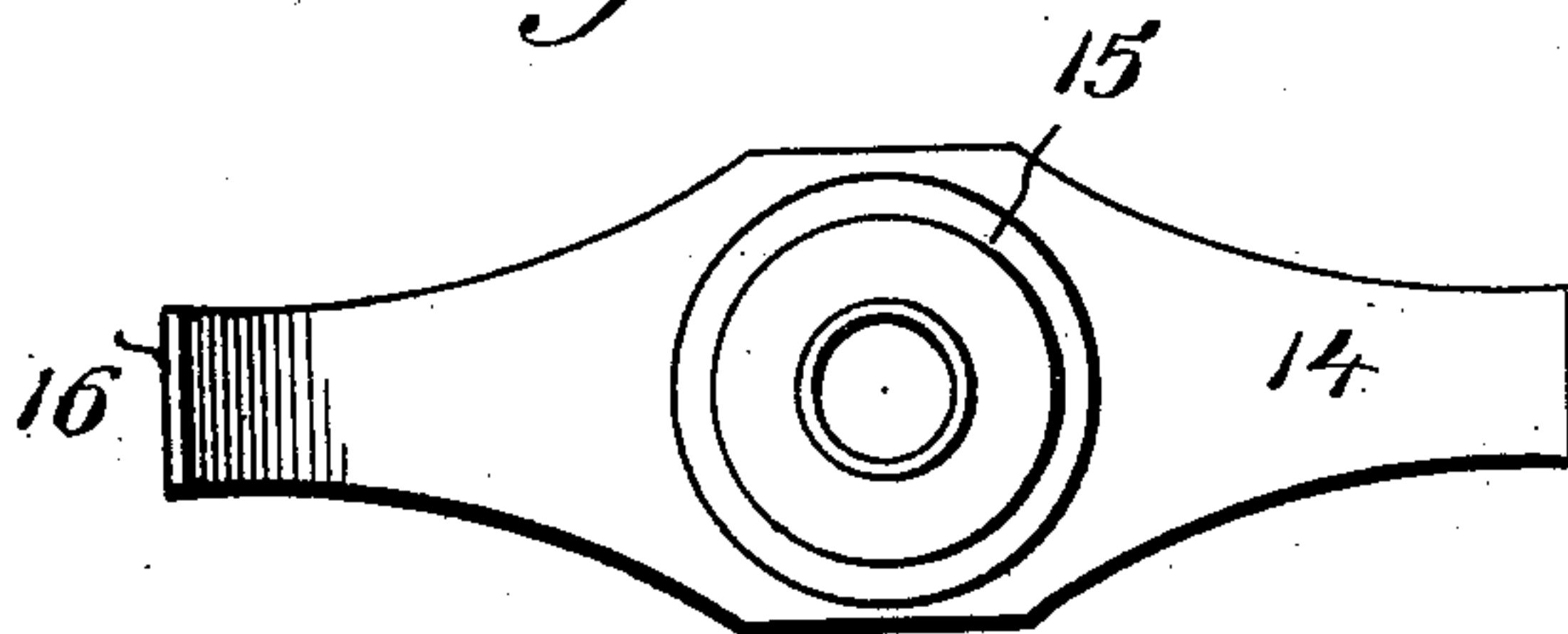


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILSON JORDAN LUCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Lunch-Boxes, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in lunch-boxes; and its object is to provide a device of this character having a heater detachably located therein and above which are adapted to be placed receptacles.

A further object is to so construct the lunch-box as to permit the parts thereof to be readily removed for cleaning purposes.

A further object is to provide a light, durable, and compact device of this character which can be conveniently carried.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in providing a casing the front face of which is adapted to swing outward, and arranged within the casing is a removable shelf having a depending bracket thereon on which is slidably mounted a heater of simple construction. A desired number of receptacles are located upon the shelf and can be readily removed therefrom.

The invention also consists in the further novel construction and combination of parts, hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the lunch-box opened and with the contents thereof removed. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the opened box with the shelf, burner, and receptacles in position therein. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section through the closed lunch-box. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the shelf. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the burner and its slide. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of one of the receptacles, and Fig. 7 is a similar view of the flask.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a casing, preferably angular in form and constructed of suitable metal. Ears 2 are arranged at the top of the casing for the reception of a handle, and hinged to the front edge of the bottom of the casing is a clo-

sure 3, which is adapted to be secured in closed position by means of hooks 4. This closure, as well as the opposite face of the casing, has apertures 5 therein for the admission of air to the casing, and apertures 11 are also provided in the top of the casing. Cleats 6 are secured to the ends of the casing and extend from front to rear thereof and are adapted to receive flanges 8, formed at the side of a shelf 9. Depending from and integral with the shelf is a bracket comprising an intermediate strip 12, which is supported by means of curved side strips 13 from the shelf 9. The strip 12 is directly in the center of the shelf and is adapted to support a slide 14, to the center of which is secured an alcohol-burner 15 of any suitable construction. This slide has a grip 16 at its front end, whereby the same can be readily grasped and drawn outward when it is desired to remove the burner. Straps 10 connect the upper edges of the side strips 13. Located upon the shelf are receptacles 17, having handles 18 arranged at their front ends. These receptacles are removable and are preferably located upon the side portions of the shelf. Between the receptacles 17 and upon straps 10 is a flask 19, which is located above the burner 15 and has a screw-cap 20, which serves to close the top thereof. This cap has a vent 21 for the escape of steam. This flask is also provided with a bail or handle 22 at its front end, whereby the same can be readily removed from the casing.

It will be seen in the foregoing description that the parts of the device can be readily assembled. Liquid, such as coffee or tea, is adapted to be placed in the flask 19, and when it is desired to heat this liquid and the contents of the receptacles 17 it is merely necessary to place a small quantity of alcohol in the burner 15 and to slide said burner inward upon the intermediate portion 12 of the bracket. The flame from the burner will come in contact with straps 10 and the bottom of the flask, and it will therefore be seen that the contents of the flask will be quickly heated and that the warm air will also serve to heat the contents of the receptacles 17. A knife and fork, cake, or other food which should not be heated can be placed in the cas-

ing below the bracket and burner, and as air is freely circulated through the lower portion of the casing it will be understood that the hot gases from the burner will be prevented from contacting therewith.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A lunch-box comprising a casing having a closure at one end thereof, a removable shelf mounted within the casing, a receptacle upon the shelf, a bracket depending from the shelf, and a burner slidably mounted upon the bracket and below the shelf.

2. A lunch-box comprising a casing, a closure hinged to one end thereof, supporting-brackets within the casing, a shelf mounted upon the brackets and having an open por-

tion, a removable burner suspended from the shelf, and a receptacle detachably mounted upon the shelf.

3. A lunch-box comprising a casing, a closure hinged to one end thereof, supports in the casing, a shelf upon the supports, a bracket suspended from the shelf, a slide mounted upon the brackets, a burner on the slide, and a receptacle upon the shelf.

4. In a lunch-box, the combination with a casing having a closure hinged thereto, said casing and closure being provided with air-inlets; of supports within the casing, a shelf upon the supports and having an open portion, straps extending across the open portion, receptacles removably mounted upon the shelf, a bracket suspended from the shelf and below the straps, a slide on the bracket, and a burner on the slide.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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