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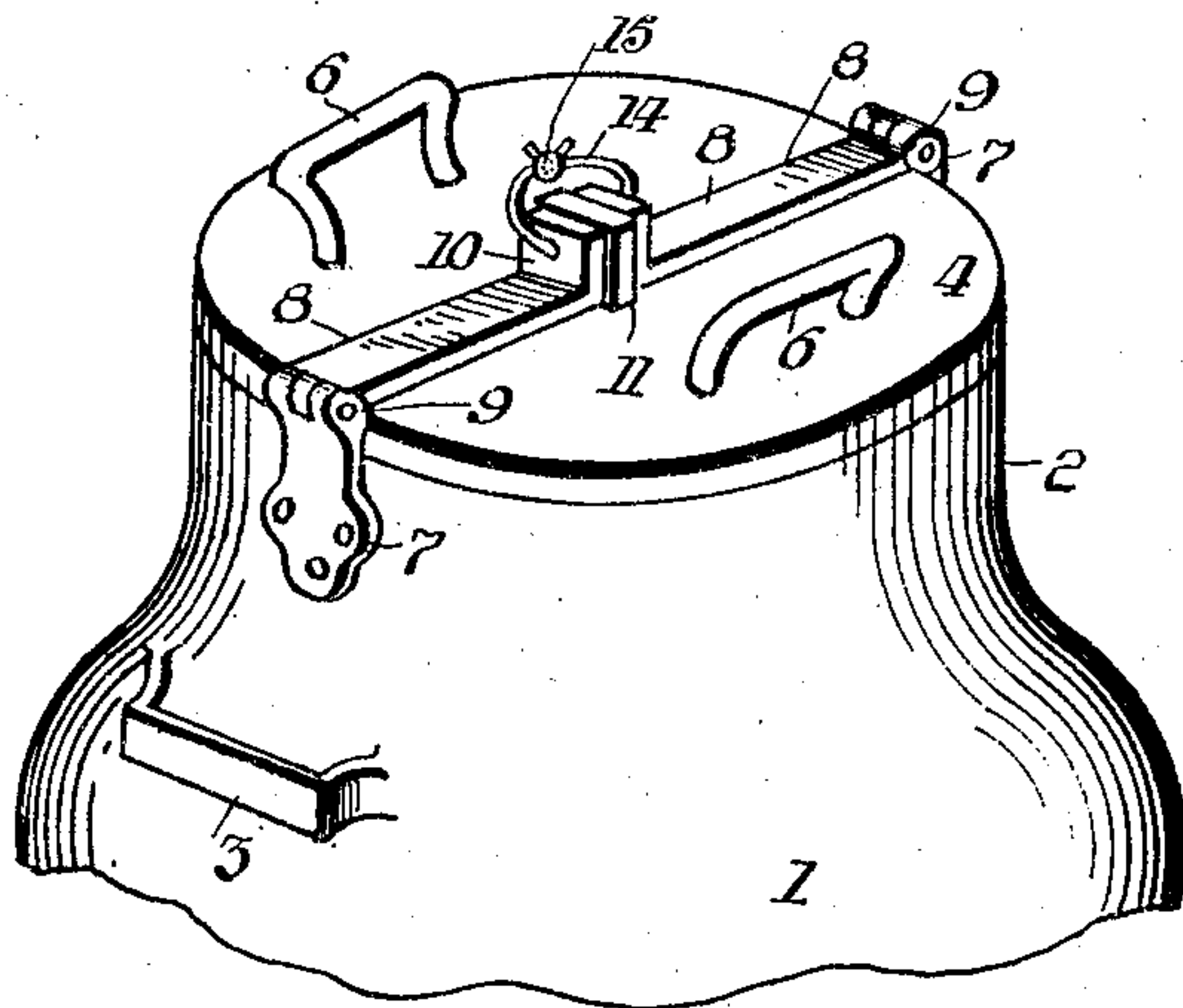


Fig. 1.

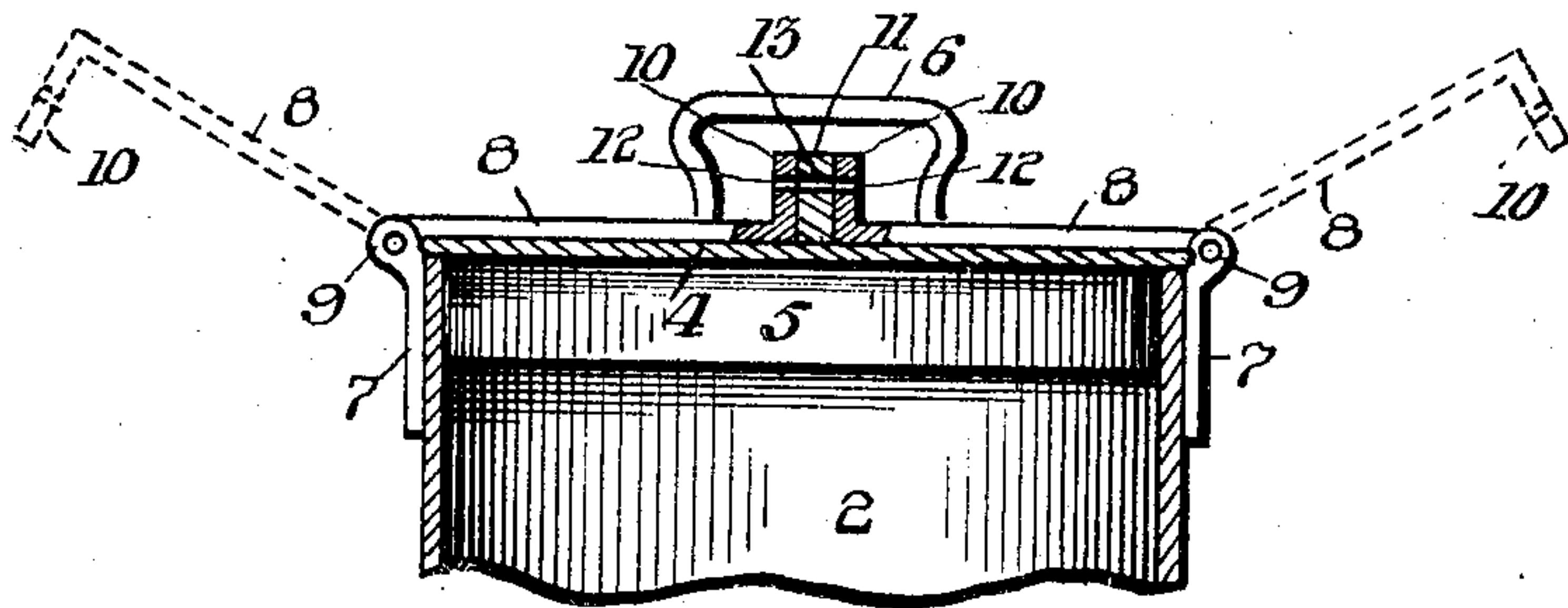


Fig. 2.

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## FASTENING AND SEALING DEVICE FOR MILK-CANS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RALPH S. SCHRUM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Blairsville, in the county of Indiana and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening and Sealing Devices for Milk-Cans, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention has relation to fastening and sealing devices for milk-cans, and has for its object the provision of novel means for securing and sealing the lid in closed position upon the can.

15 In carrying my invention into effect I provide a milk-can with a removable lid, having a centrally-located pierced lug and two locking-bars hinged to the neck of the can at diametrically opposite points and formed with upturned pierced ears, which when the can is closed rest on opposite sides of the lug at the center of the lid, the hole in the lug and the holes in the ears of the hinged bars registering at this position of parts and serving to receive a wire upon which a seal of lead or other suitable material is fixed, so as to lock the can and prevent its being opened without destroying the integrity of the sealing means.

25 My invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

30 In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my improvement, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the top portion of a milk-can, showing my improved locking and sealing devices; and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, the wire and seal being omitted and the locking-bars shown in their opened position in dotted lines.

40 1 designates the upper portion of a milk-can, having a neck 2 and handle 3, these parts being of the usual construction. A lid 4 is fitted to the can, the said lid having the usual depending flange 5 and the handles 6 6. At

diametrically opposite points of the neck 2 I 45 affix ears 7 7, which carry locking-bars 8 8, secured to the ears 7 7 by pintles 9 9, the said locking-bars having upwardly-turned ears 10 10, which when the bars are in their closed position, as shown in Fig. 1, rest on opposite 50 sides of and thus inclose between them a lug 11, located at the center of the lid 4. The ears 10 10 are pierced at 12 12, and the lug 11 is pierced at 13, and a wire 14, which passes through the hole 13 in the lug 11 and the 55 holes 12 12 in the ears 10 10, has its ends twisted together and has a seal of lead or other appropriate material 15 applied to the engaging ends of the wire, so as to prevent the wire from being removed without destroying the 60 seal.

The bars 8 8 being constructed and arranged in the foregoing manner provide a simple and effective means of holding the lid of the can in its closed position, the wire 14 preventing 65 the bars from moving, and the wire with the seal 15 serving as an effective means of sealing the can and preventing surreptitious opening of the same.

Having described my invention, I claim— 70

The combination in a device of the type described, of a milk-can and a lid fitting the mouth of the can, a pierced lug carried by the lid, flat bars hinged to the can and having upwardly-turned pierced ends, resting, when the 75 bars are in closed position, on opposite sides of the lug, with the hole in the lug in registry with the holes in the ends of the bars, a wire passing through the holes in the ends of the bars and the hole in the lug and having 80 its ends twisted together and a seal carried upon the twisted ends of the wire.

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

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