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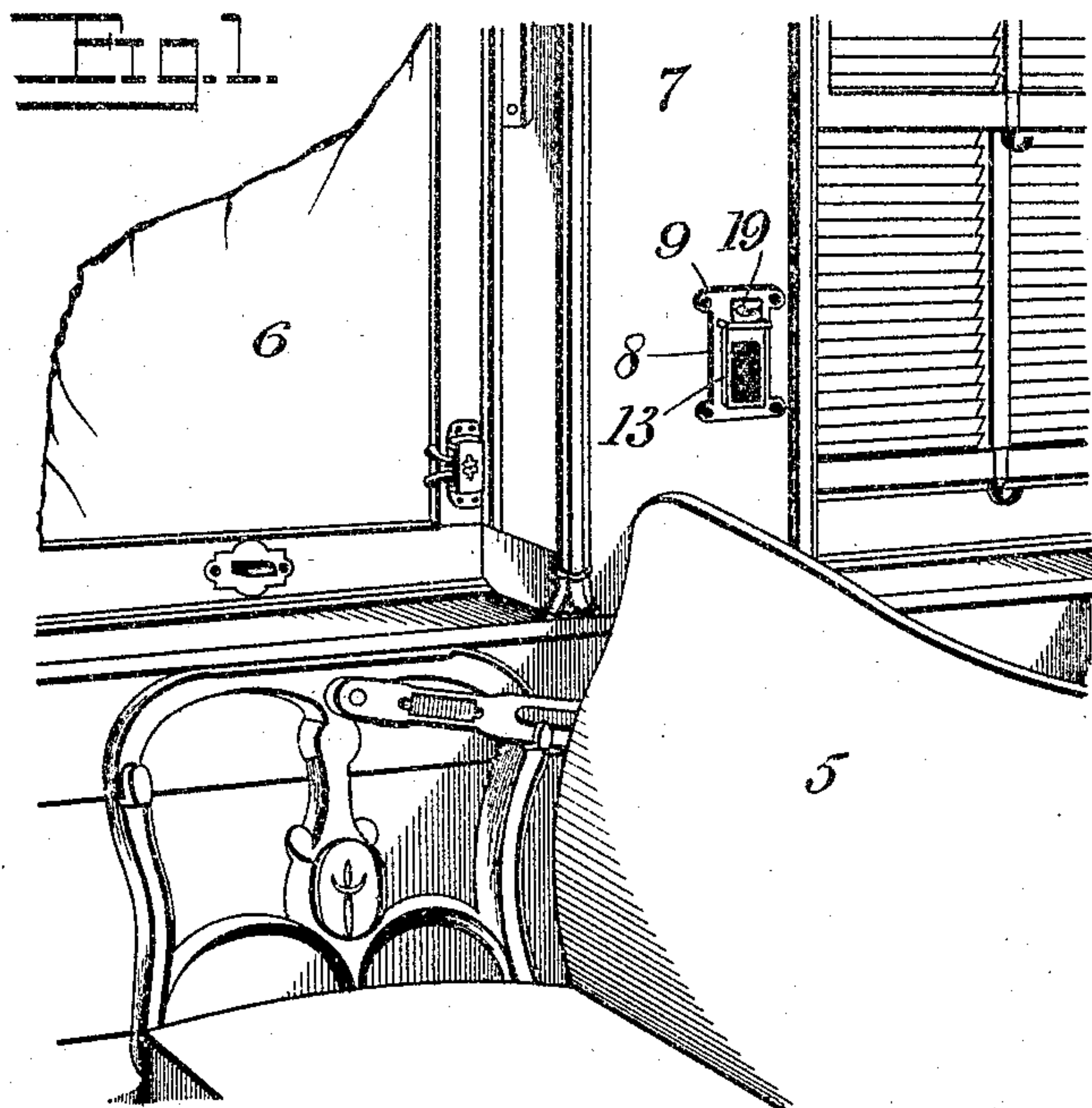


Fig. 2.

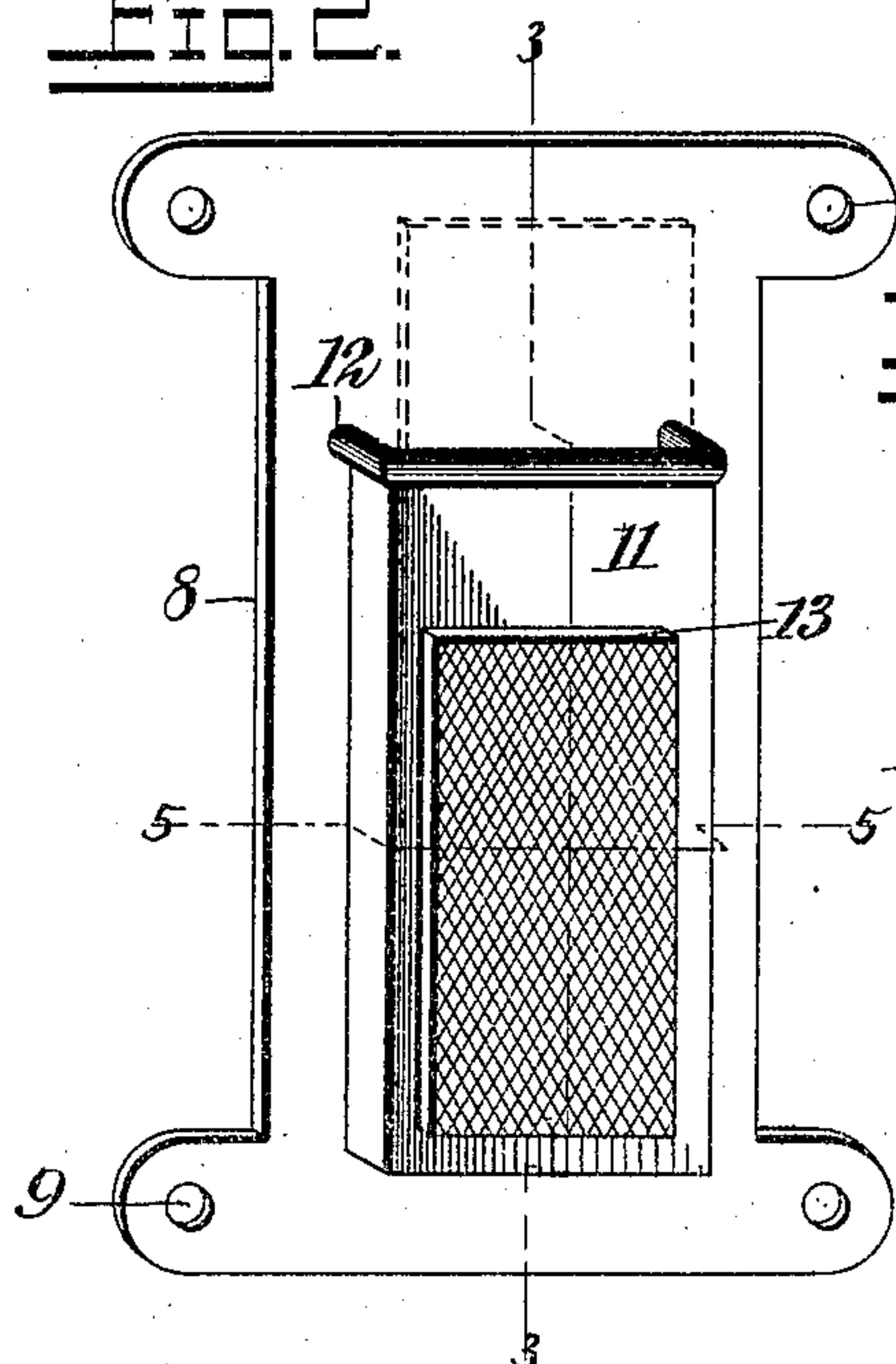


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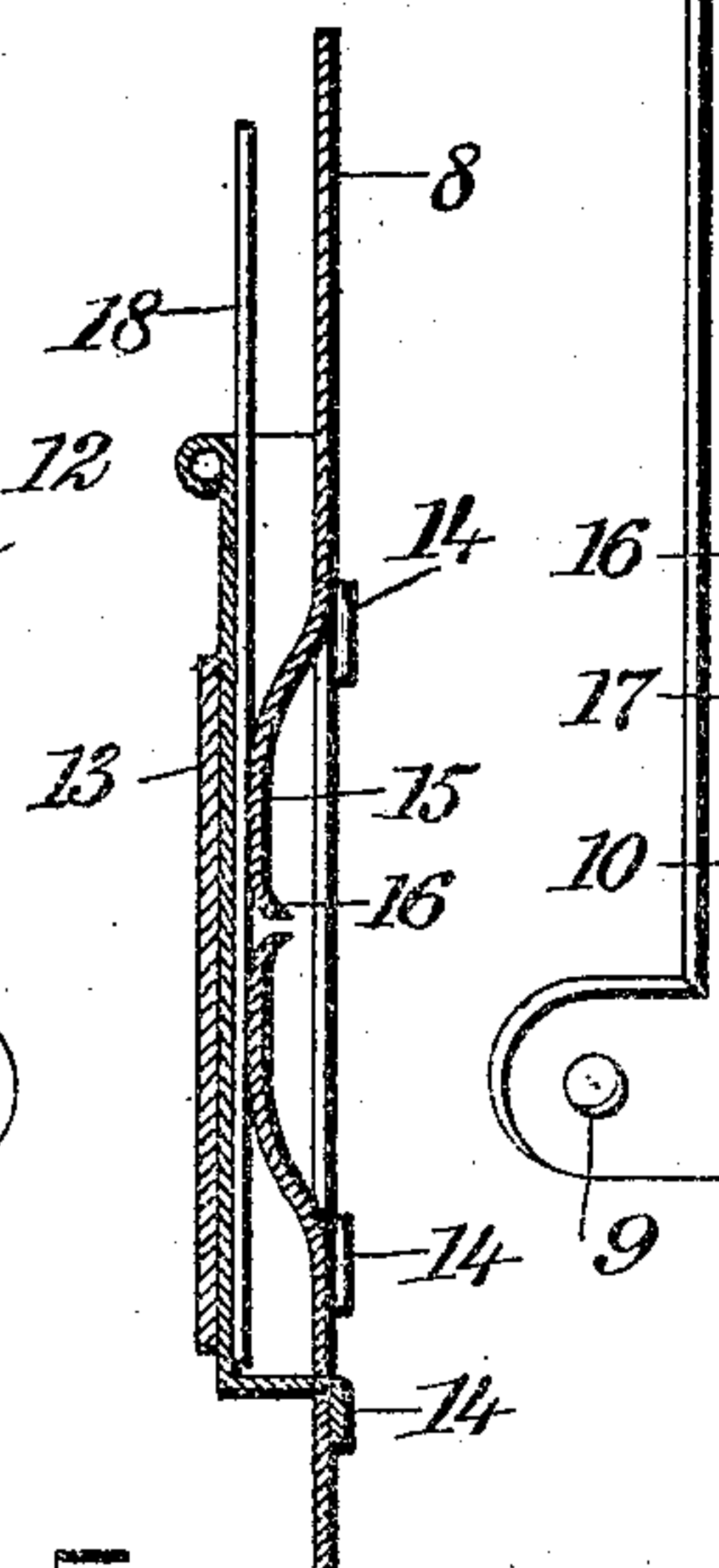
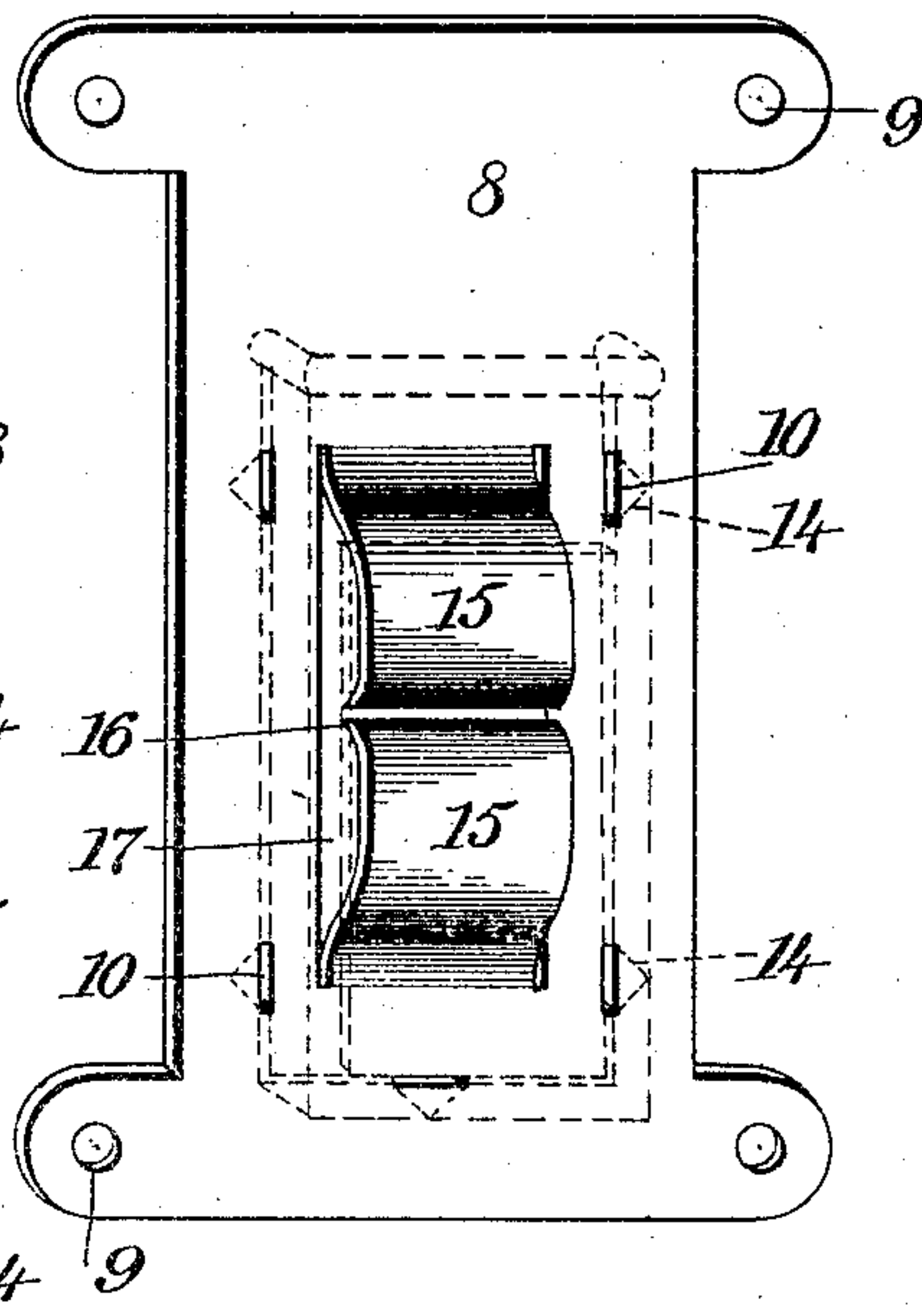


Fig. 4.



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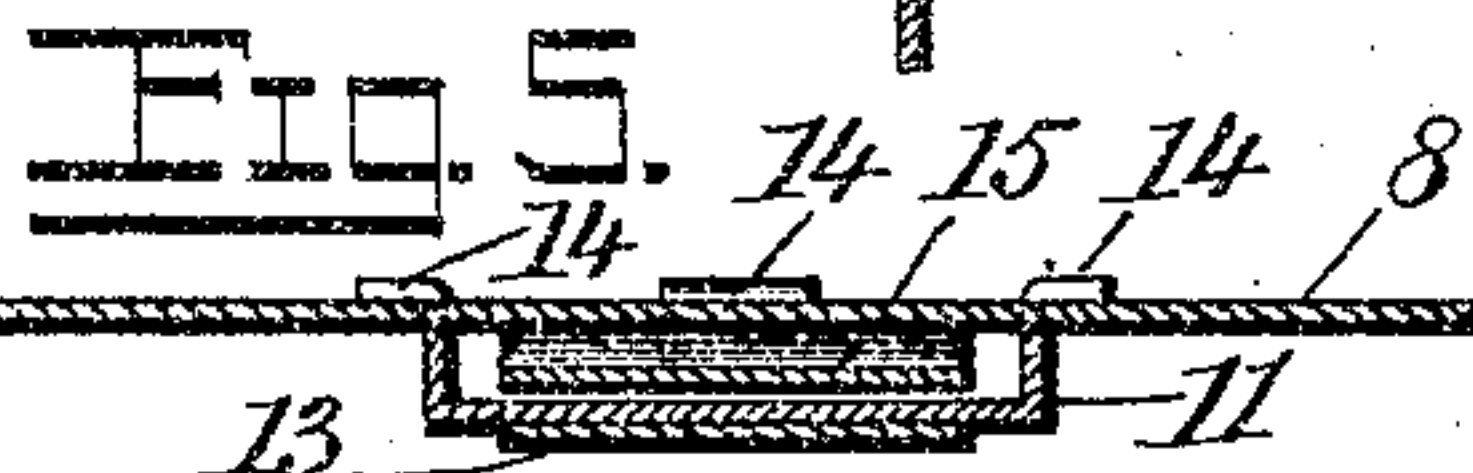
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COMBINED CHECK-HOLDER AND MATCH-PLATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN JEFFERSON BEVANS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of
5 Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Combined Check-Holder and Match-Plate, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 My invention relates to a combinational device capable of use both as a check-holder and as a match-plate.

My invention also consists of certain improvements in the device considered as a
15 "check-holder."

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

20 Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the interior of a railway-car equipped with my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the device. Fig. 3 is a vertical section upon the line 3 3 of Fig. 2 viewed as
25 from the right of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the back plate forming a part of the device. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section upon the line 5 5 of Fig. 2 looking toward the bottom of the drawing-sheet.

30 A car-window is shown at 6, and a panel separating two windows at 7, my device being mounted upon the panel by means of the plate 8, which constitutes the back of the device. This plate is provided with holes 9,
35 which are to be engaged by screws, thus being firmly secured in position. The plate 8 is further provided with slots 10, and a cup-like member 11, provided with a rounded edge 12 and with a match-plate 13, is connected
40 rigidly with the plate by means of anchor-points 14, which are inserted through the slots 10 and bent outwardly, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 4. A pair of leaf-springs 15 are struck up from the plate 8 and are
45 consequently integral therewith. These leaf-springs are rounded at 16, as indicated in Fig. 4. A slot 17 is formed in the plate 8 by striking up the springs 15.

50 In Fig. 3 a check 18 is shown in the position in which it is held by the check-taker.

If desired, the cup-like member 11 may be used for holding other articles, such as matches, and when used for matches the match-plate 13 may be employed for igniting them. This match-plate may be a mere roughened surface
55 of any kind.

My invention is used as follows: The plate 8 being permanently connected with the panel 7, as above described, the conductor of the car comes around, takes up a ticket, and gives
60 the passenger a check. The passenger not caring to hold the check constantly in his hand nor to be disturbed when the check is to be taken up merely inserts it in the member 11 in the position indicated in Fig. 3. The
65 passenger may then read his newspaper or otherwise conduct himself in any way he desires, and when the conductor comes around to take up the check he merely reaches over and pulls the same from its fastenings. The
70 leaf-springs 15 have a moderate degree of tension, such as will hold the check with sufficient firmness from being blown away by the wind, but will readily release it when it is pulled upward by the hand. The match-plate
75 13 is mounted conveniently for the purpose of having matches struck upon it, as will be seen from Figs. 1 and 3. The rounded edge or bead 12 of the receptacle prevents the check or other article from catching upon being in-
80 serted, and the curved edges 16 of the leaf-springs also insure that the check may glide smoothly into and out of position. As the springs 15 are resilient and free to move, any desired number of checks may be inserted in
85 the receptacle at the same time.

The plate 8 and cup-like member 11, constituting the receptacle, may be made of any desired material; but I prefer to make them of thin metal because of its cheapness,
90 strength, and general efficiency.

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

1. As an article of manufacture, a plate provided with means for securing the same upon
95 a wall and also provided with slots, said plate being further provided with a plurality of oppositely-disposed leaf-springs struck up from the substance of the plate and integral therewith, said leaf-springs being provided with
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curved edges disposed adjacent to each other, and a box-like member engaging said plate and adjoining said leaf-springs, said box-like member being provided with anchor-points
5 integral therewith and projecting through said slots and bent substantially parallel with said plate for the purpose of holding said box-like member in position thereupon.

2. The combination of a box-like member
10 provided with an aperture into which a ticket or the like may be inserted, and a plate upon which said box-like member is mounted, said plate being provided with leaf-springs inte-

gral therewith and struck up from the substance thereof, said leaf-springs being pro- 15
vided with rounded edges disposed opposite each other and adapted to press toward said box-like member for the purpose of holding said ticket or the like against the same.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 20
to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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