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FIG. 1.

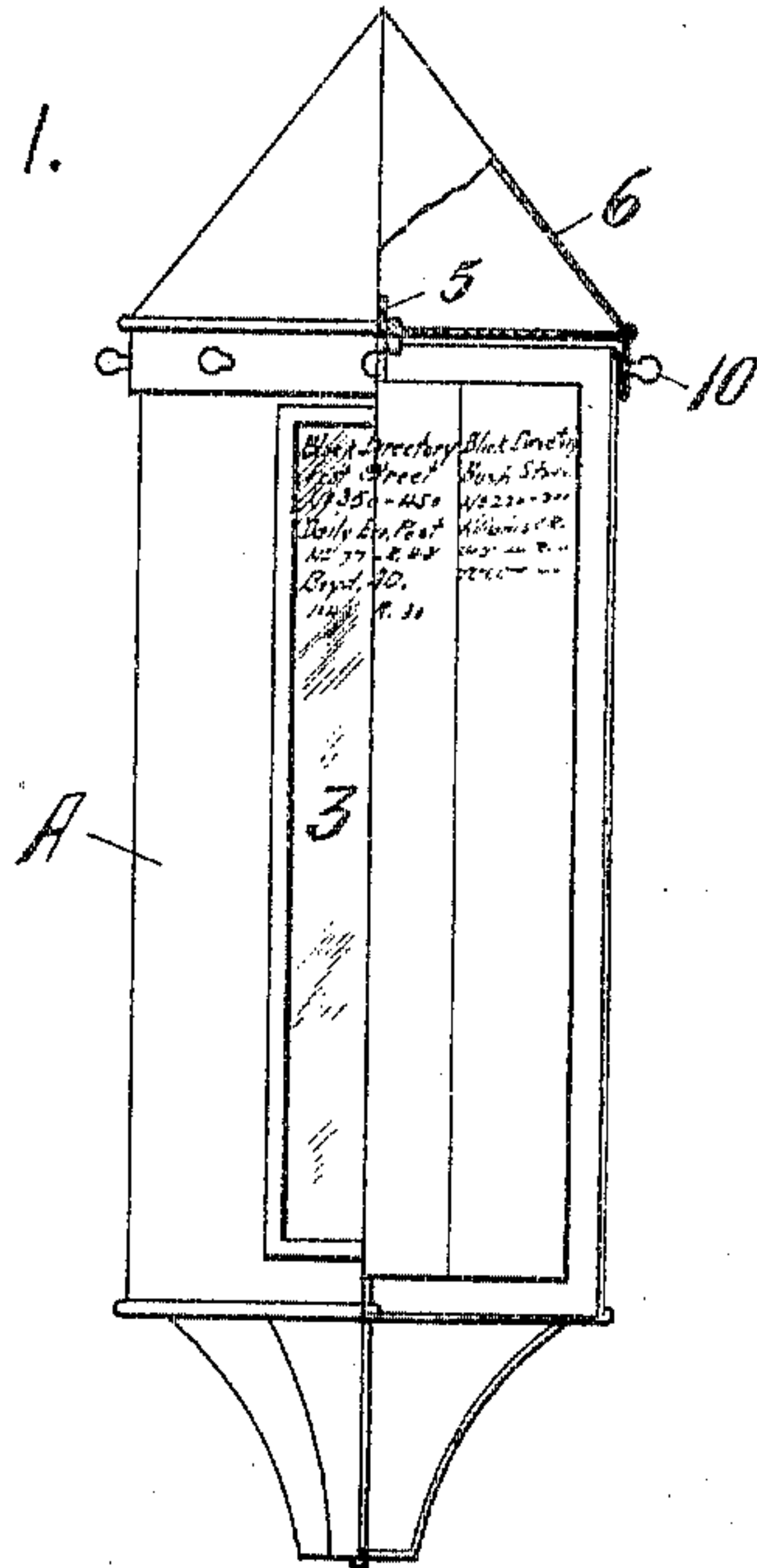


FIG. 2.

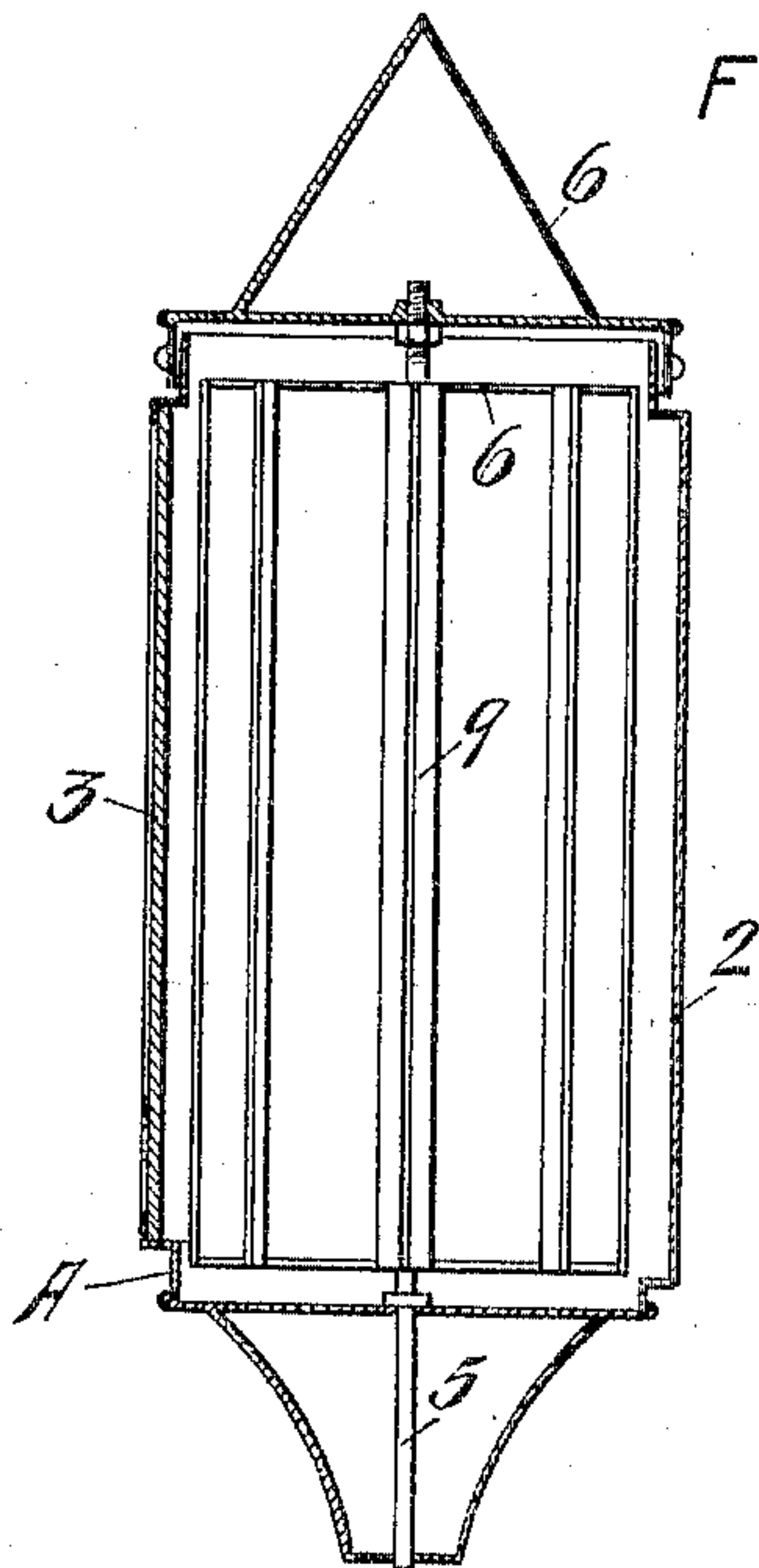
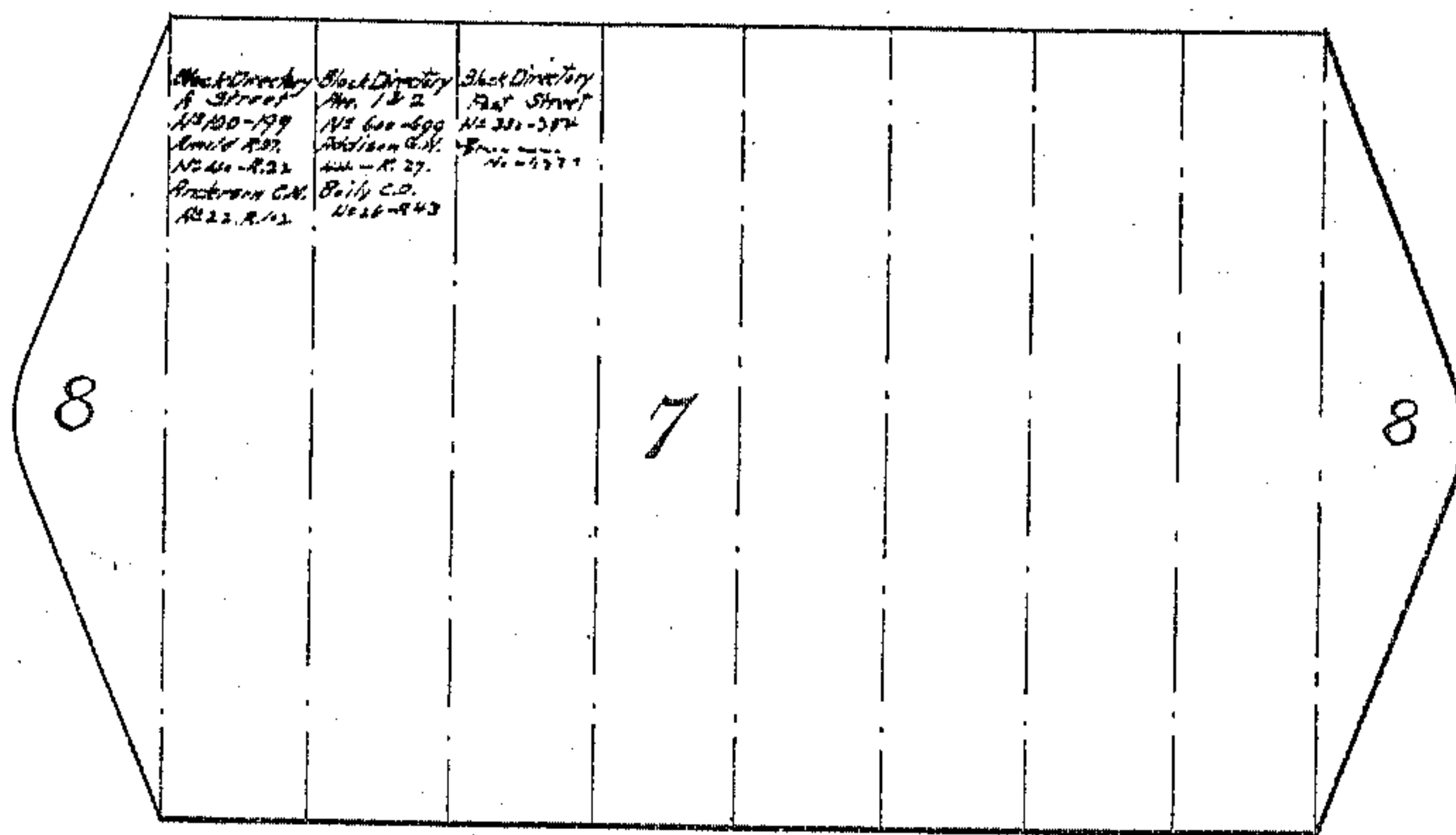


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GIUSEPPE CADENASSO, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Street-Block Directories, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device which I term a "street-block directory," which consists in the combination and arrangement of parts and in details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation and partial section. Fig. 2 is a transverse section. Fig. 3 represents one of the directory-sheets detached.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient means for locating the people living or doing business in any block in a town or city and to provide a greater convenience for those who may be seeking such people than can be had by the use of the ordinary public directories or even by signs which may be placed upon the fronts of the buildings.

As shown in the accompanying drawings, A is an outer casing, which in the present case is shown to be cylindrical, having a length and diameter sufficient for the purpose. The size of the casing and its contents will depend upon the number of people to be found upon either side of the street and within the block. The casing may be made ornamental to suit the taste, and upon one side is preferably formed a flat surface, as at 2. Through this surface one or more bolt-holes are made. The bolts passed through these holes serve to secure the device firmly to the side of a building or post where it is to be located. This location is preferably as near to the corner of two intersecting streets as may be convenient.

In my present invention I have shown the cylinder as standing vertically, although it will be understood that it may also be disposed horizontally if conditions are more favorable for such position. Upon one side of the cylinder and, as shown in the present case, opposite to the flat surface 2 is formed an opening, as at 3, which may be glazed or otherwise

covered. The upper and lower heads of the cylinder have holes made in them adapted to receive a spindle 5, which passes through the revoluble part 6, the two being fixed together, so that the shaft and the part 6 may be revoluble by means of a device to be hereinafter described. I have here shown the part 6 as being polygonal, having as many sides as may be found desirable for the purpose, and it is in the form of vertical bars or posts connecting with heads at each end. Upon these vertical bars or posts are secured the surfaces carrying the names of the occupants of buildings and apartments within the block. If the block is short or not very densely occupied, one of these devices at each end of the block will suffice for both sides of the street; but if preferred one or more may be fixed upon each side of the street, carrying the names of the occupants of that side only. The names may be printed upon sheets, as at 7, and these sheets are of such size as to entirely encircle the framework form of the vertically-disposed posts, and they are bent at the angles, so that between each post will appear an approximately flat surface upon which names may be printed. The names may be arranged alphabetically or in any other desired manner for the greatest convenience. In order to secure the printed sheets in a manner which will hold them and at the same time allow them to be easily released, I have shown each of the sheets 7 as being formed with a tongue, as at 8. At one of the angles of the polygon the bars are arranged in pairs, as at 9, with a narrow slot between these bars. Through this slot the two intumed tongues of this sheet are inserted, and being folded into the interior of the part 6 they form a sufficiently acute angle with the bars or posts between which they pass to hold the directory-sheet firmly in place and without other fastening. Upon the head of the sheet and upon each of the faces may be printed any suitable words, as "Block-directory, A street, Nos. 100 to 199," and between cross-streets, as "Avenue 1 and 2," thus making a convenient reference for strangers within the city and a

special convenience in exactly locating any person within the particular block.

The upper ornamental head may have a flange extending down from the upper end of the exterior casing, and this flange may be provided with projecting knobs 10. This head and flange are made turnable with relation to the fixed casing, and the upper end of the shaft being fixed in this turnable head it will be seen that when the head is turned the part 6 and its faces will be correspondingly turned, so that either of the faces may be brought into line with the open or glazed portion, so as to be readily inspected.

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

1. A block-directory consisting of a cylindrical casing having a flat surface upon one side and means for securing said casing to a support, an open glazed face upon the opposite side, a turnable polygon located within the casing, a sheet having names of the block occupants printed upon faces corresponding with those of the polygon, said sheet having tongues or extensions at opposite edges for removably securing said sheet upon the polygon.

2. A block-directory comprising an outer casing, means for securing said casing to a

support, a glazed opening upon the opposite side of the casing, a polygon having a central shaft and revoluble within the casing, a sheet having names of the block occupants printed upon faces which coincide with faces of the polygon, said sheet having tongues or extensions at its opposite edges, and said polygon having a slot formed in it within which said tongues are inserted and locked.

3. A street-block directory comprising an outer casing, a polygon having a shaft axial with the casing, an opening upon one side of the casing before which the faces of the polygon may be successively presented for inspection, a sheet surrounding the polygon having names of occupants printed upon its faces, means for removably securing the sheet upon the polygon, a head having a flange extending over the end of the casing, and having the corresponding end of the central shaft of the polygon fixed in said head, and knobs or projections affixed to the turnable head corresponding with the polygon faces.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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