

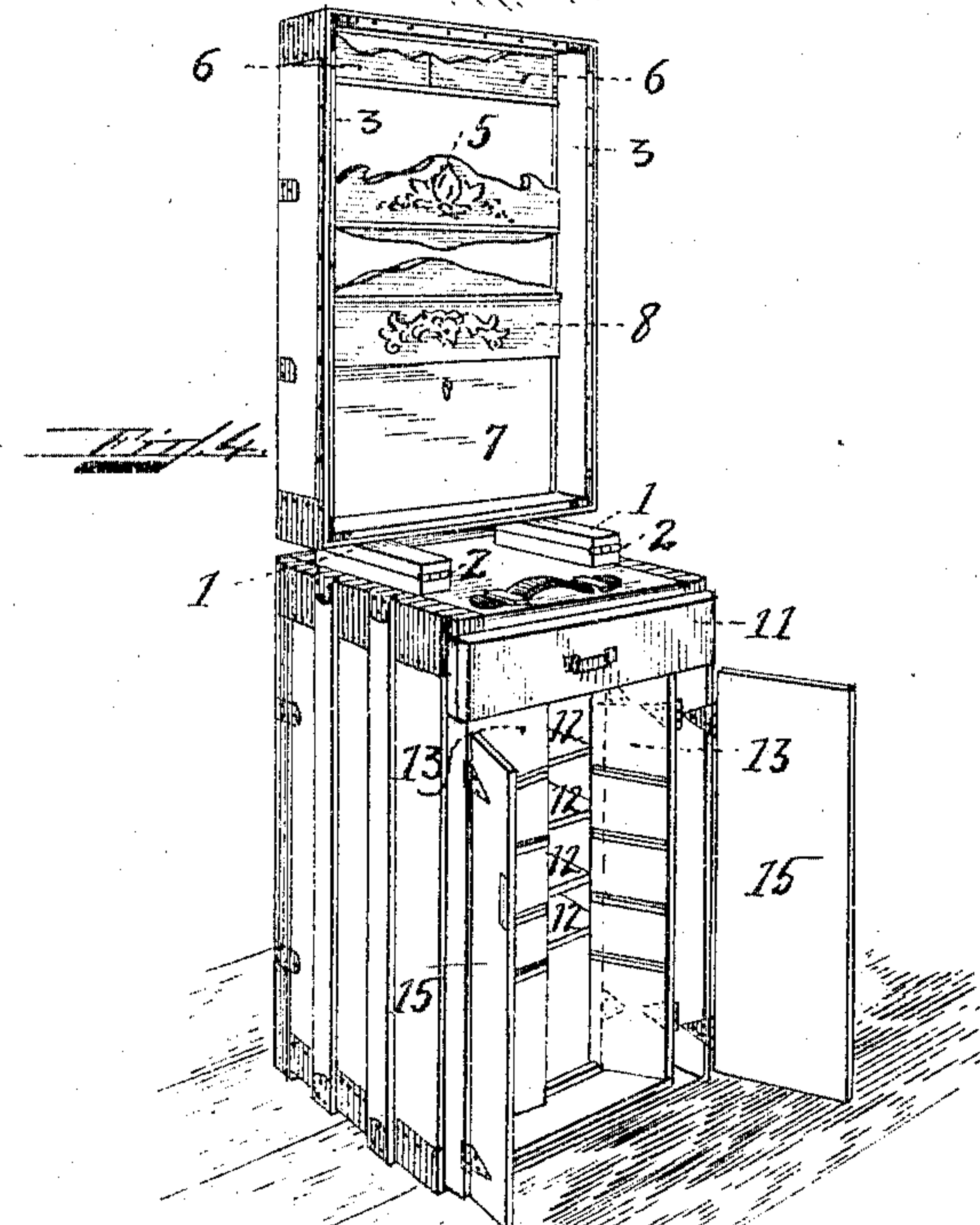
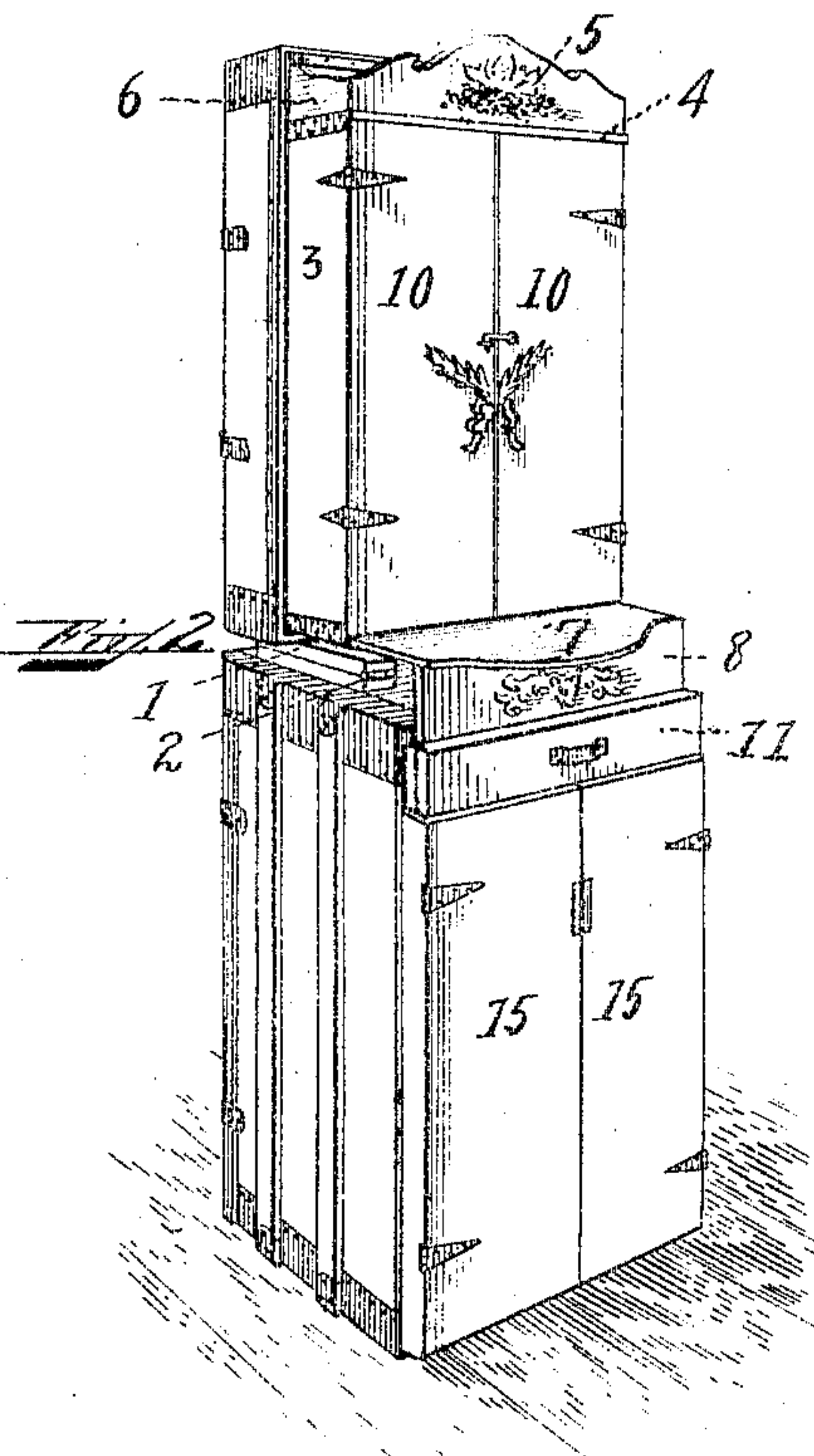
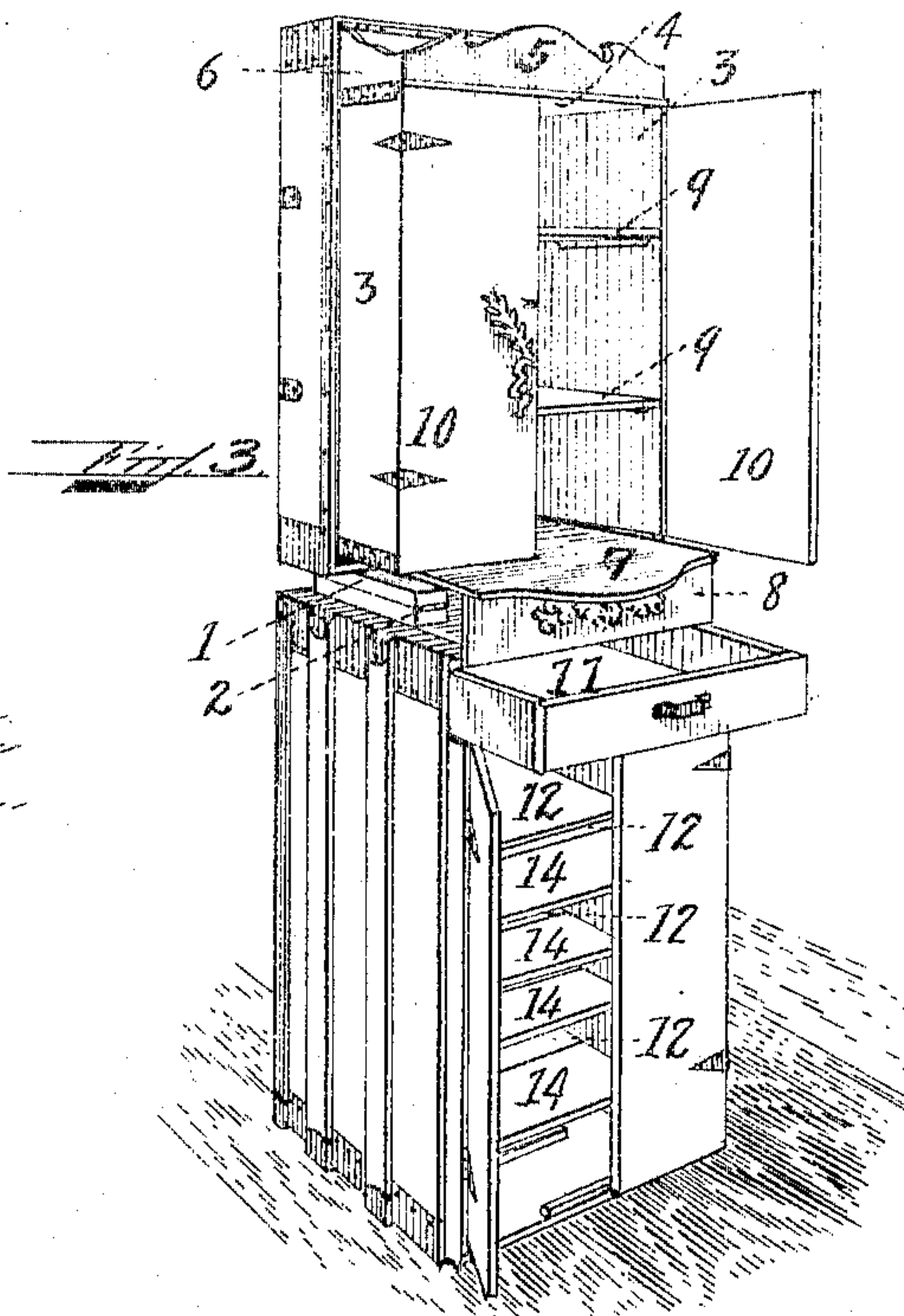
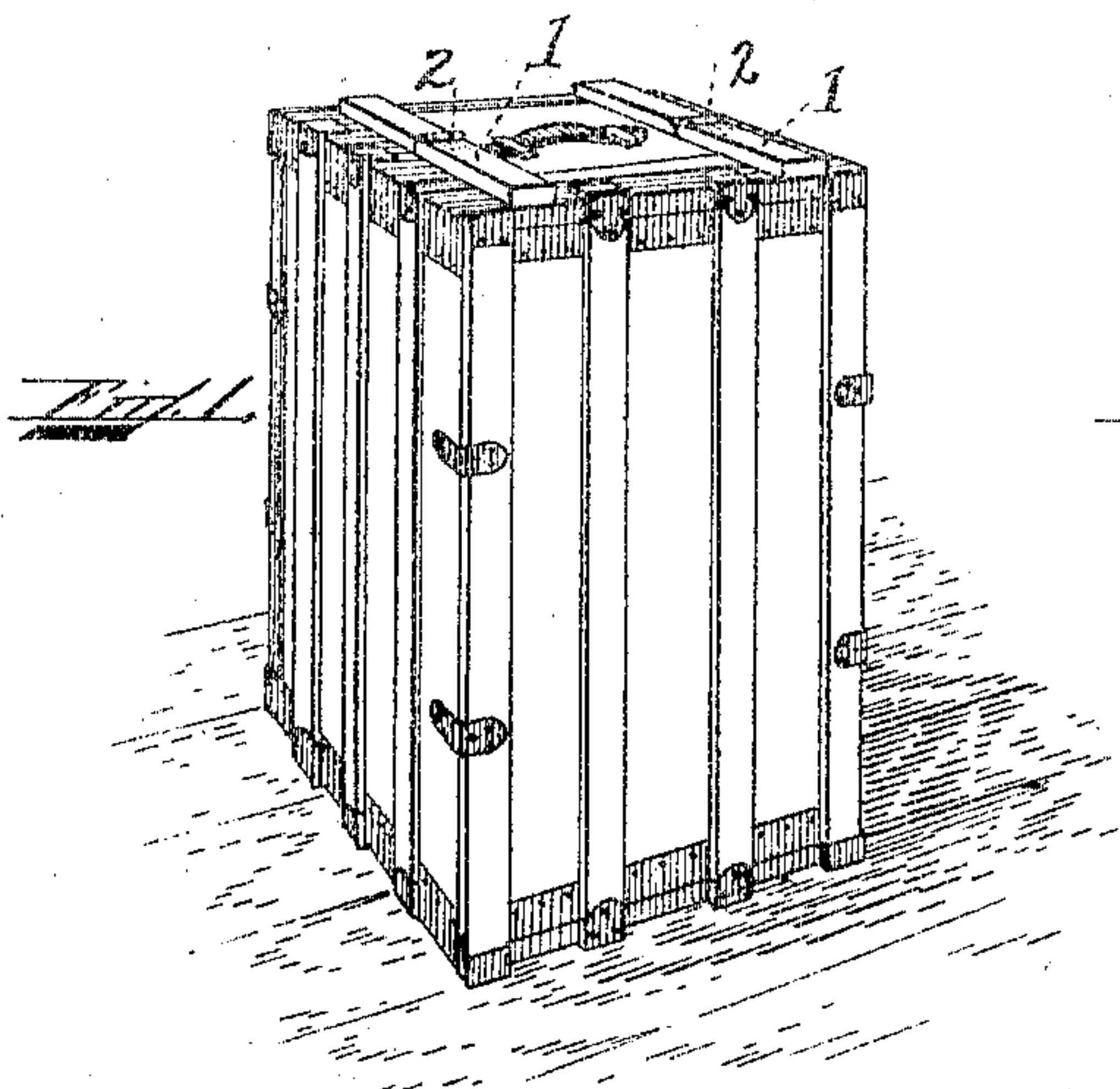
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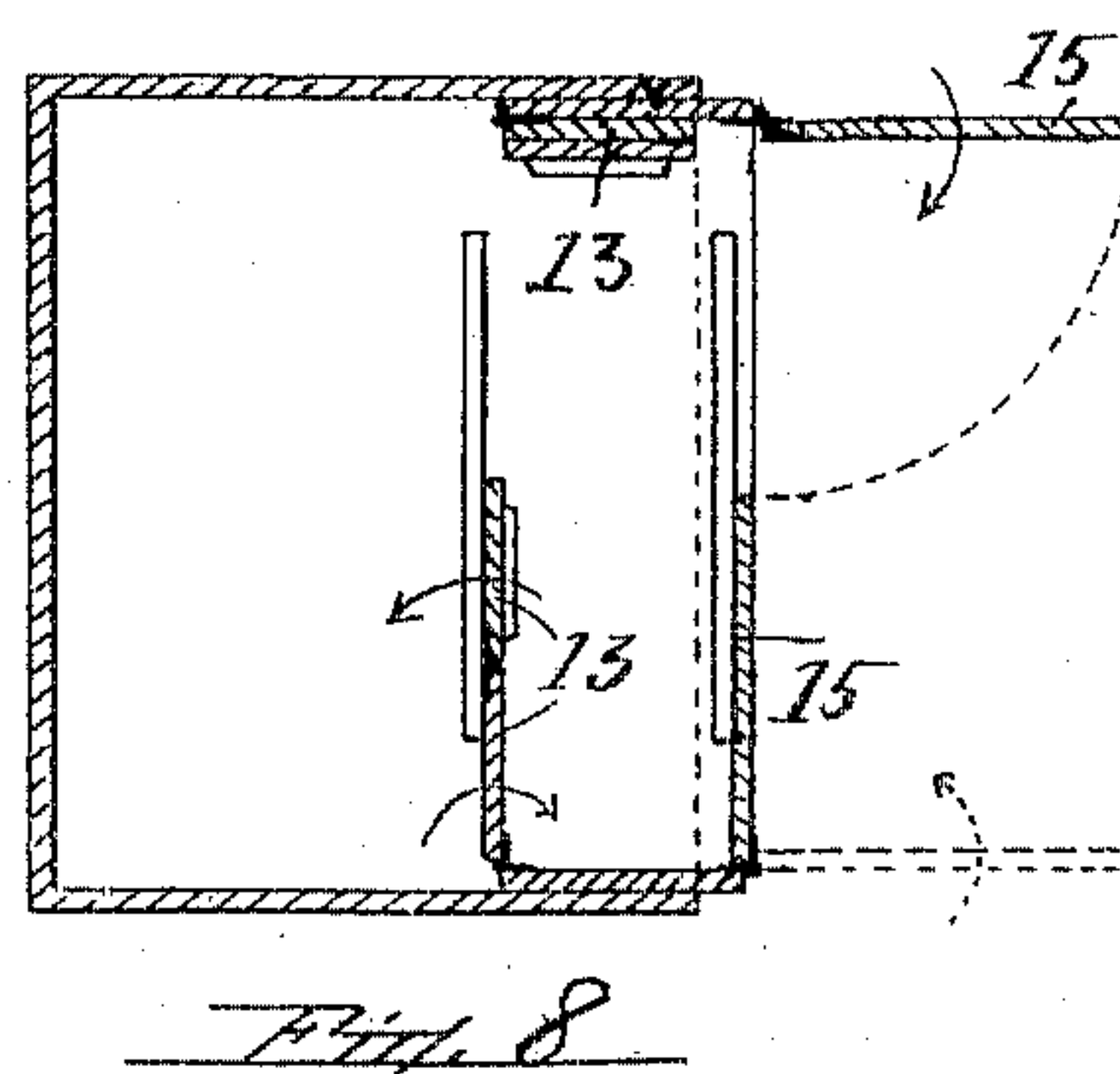
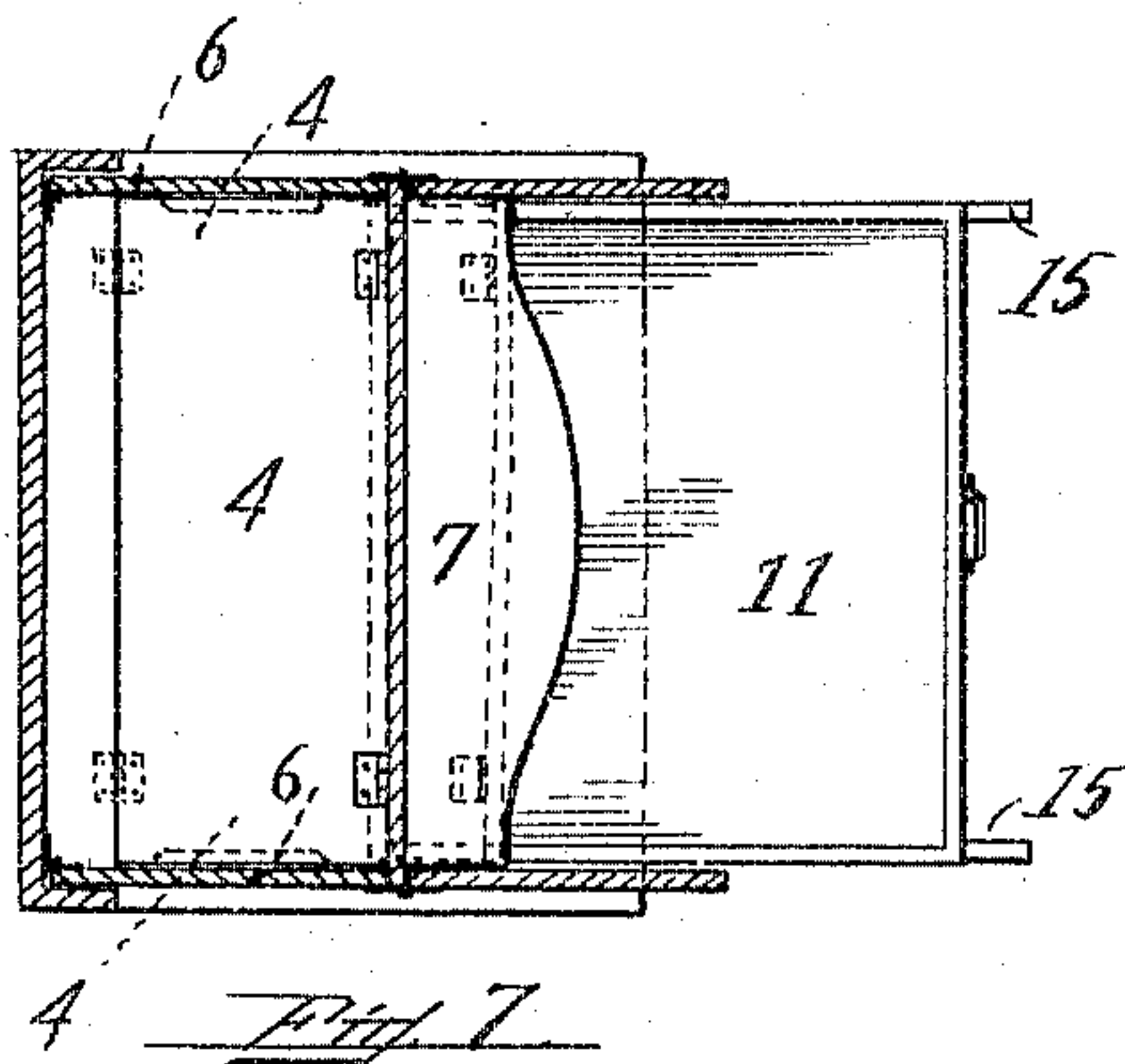
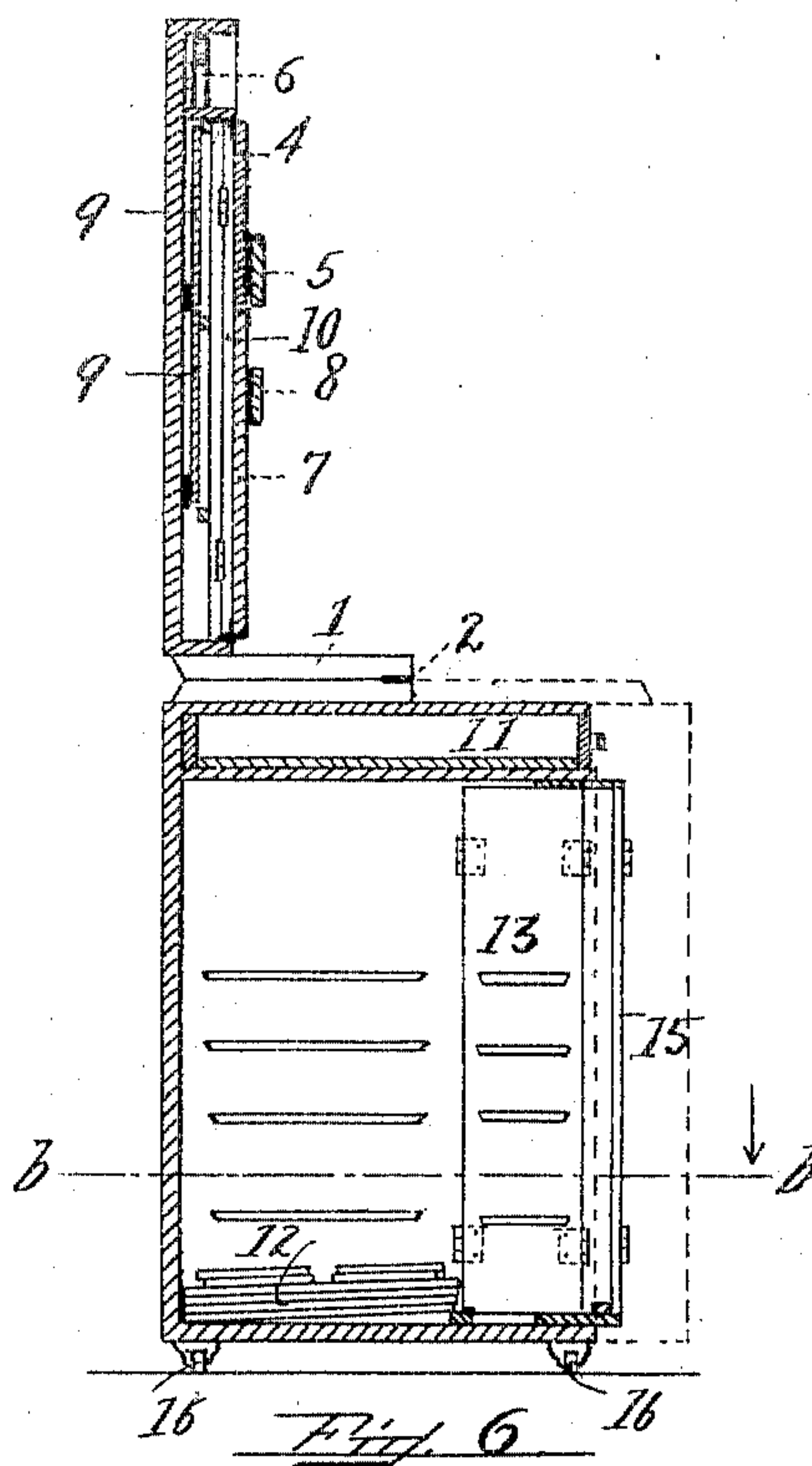
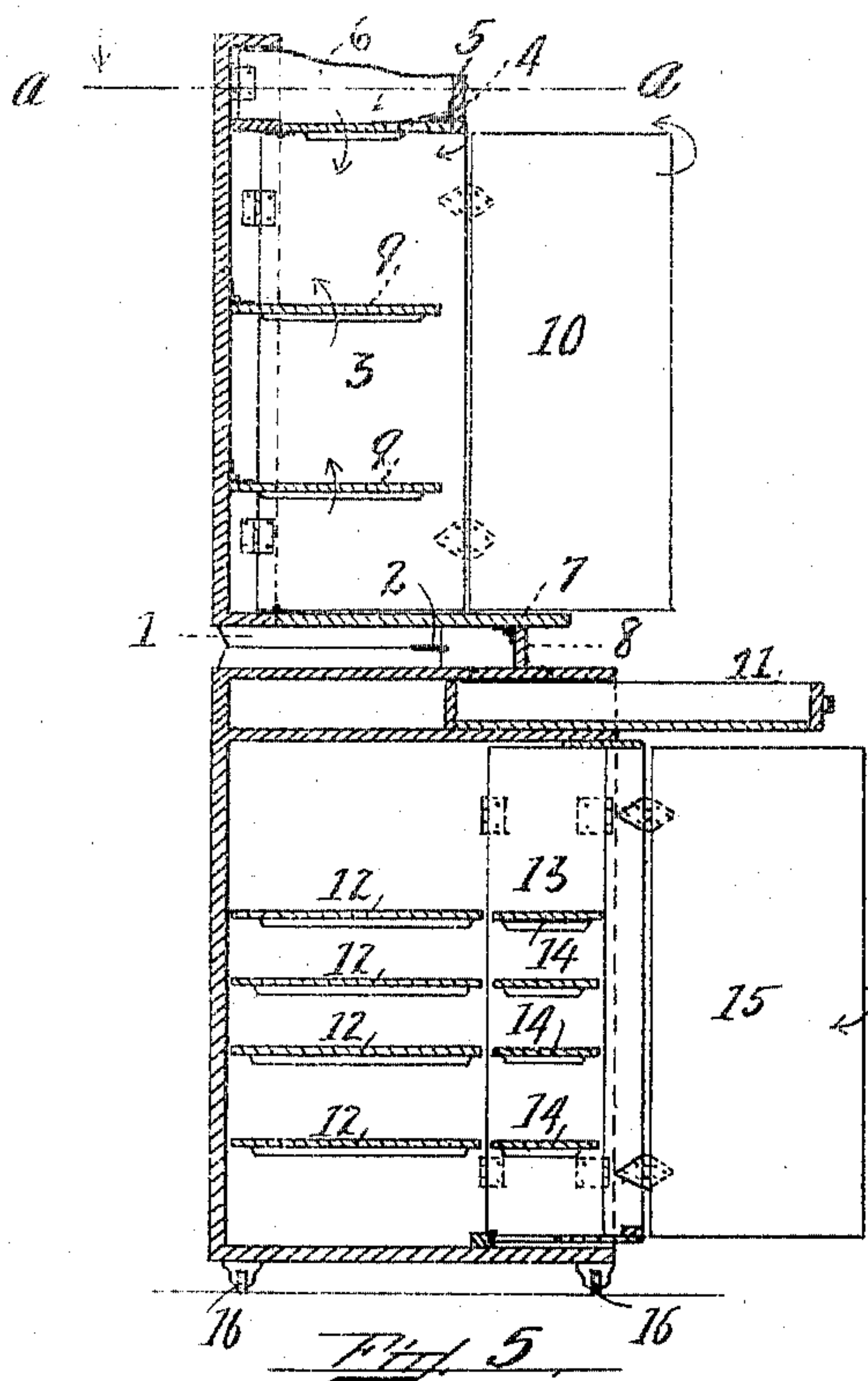
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED FLORES, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in trunks, and has for its object to provide a trunk that may be used as a closet or wardrobe as well as for traveling purposes; and it consists in an arrangement of folding shelves and doors with other peculiar mechanism, whereby a very complete and useful article of furniture is obtained with very little sacrifice of the carrying capacity of the trunk. This is fully set forth in the following description, with the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure I is a perspective of the trunk as closed for shipment; Fig. II, a perspective of the same when set up as a closet with doors closed. Fig. III, the same with drawer partly out and doors partly open, showing shelves inside. Fig. IV shows the same with the upper or lid portion of the trunk with its doors, shelves, and cornice folded within and the lower or body portion with the outer doors open and one inner door closed and one open. Fig. V is a longitudinal vertical section through Fig. III. Fig. VI is a similar section through Fig. IV, showing the removable shelves packed in the bottom of the closet. Fig. VII is a horizontal section through line *a* of Fig. V, showing mostly a plan view of Fig. V. Fig. VIII is a horizontal section through line *b* of Fig. VI.

Similar figures of reference refer to like parts in all the drawings.

In Fig. I, which represents the trunk standing on end, cleats on the upper end will be noticed divided and hinged in the center at 2 2, one-half of each being attached to the lid and one-half to the body of the trunk so that when the trunk is open and the lid thrown back the top of the lid is flush with the bottom of the trunk. (See Figs. II, III, and IV.)

Referring first to the lid in Fig. II, it will be seen that it is provided with the following parts, viz: extension sides 3 3, top 4, ornamental cornice 5, side cornices 6, bottom 7,

which extends to form an open shelf, a support for the shelf 8, doors 10 10, and inside shelves 9 9. All these parts are hinged so as to fold into the top of the lid and occupy a very thin space, as shown in Figs. IV and VI. The inside shelves are hinged to the back of the closet (which is the top of the lid of the trunk) so as to be folded up against it. The extension sides 3 3 are turned inward on hinges attached to their inner edges and the sides of the lid so as to fold over the shelves 9 9. The doors 10 10 fold back upon the extension sides. The base 7 is hinged so as to fold upward upon the doors. The front 8 folds down upon the base when the base is raised. The top 4 folds down also upon the doors, the cornice 5 folding back upon it. The side cornices 6 6 swing horizontally inward against the back, as seen in Fig. IV. The shelves 9 9 when down rest on cleats upon the extension sides 3 3.

Referring now to the body of the trunk, the upper part as it stands contains a drawer 11. (Shown as partly open in Fig. III.) Below the drawer are shelves 12, extending from the back about two-thirds the distance to the front. (Best seen in Fig. V.) These rest on cleats on the sides of the trunk and are removable. Inside doors 13 13 are arranged to close against the front of these shelves, being hinged to the sides of the trunk at the front edge of the shelves. These doors are each divided vertically in the middle, and the two parts of each are hinged together, so that they may be doubled up and folded against the sides of the trunk, as shown in Figs. IV and VIII, one on either side. When so folded, extension-shelves 14 may be placed in line, with the inside shelves resting on cleats on the inside doors as they are folded back against each side, thus making an extension to the cupboard with shelves the full depth of the body of the trunk when desired. Outer doors 15 are shown, which when the shelves are removed and the inside doors 14 folded against the sides of the trunk can be folded inward over the inside doors, so as to leave the main part of the body of the trunk free of incumbrance, except the removable shelves, which being thin occupy little space. Casters



16 are provided for the end of the trunk, which forms the bottom of the closet. Thus it will be seen that an upper and lower capacious closet is provided, the lower one being double, so that the inner doors may be closed and the outer portion, with shelves removed, may be used to hang clothes. A drawer 11 and a shelf 7 are among its conveniences.

10 I claim—

1. The combination with a trunk-body of a lid which contains the following elements; viz., extension sides and ends hinged to the inside of the lid near the angle formed by the sides and top thereof; shelves hinged to the inside of the top of the lid; all adapted to be folded flat on the inside of the lid, arranged and to operate substantially as described.

2. The combination with a trunk-body of a lid which contains in combination, folding extension sides and ends, a front cornice hinged to the end extension which forms the top of the closet as made by setting the trunk on end; side cornices hinged to the upper end of the lid, so as to swing out at right angles thereto, a support for the bottom of the closet hinged thereto; all arranged to fold flat into the lid substantially as described.

3. A trunk having a lid provided with extension sides and ends hinged thereto in combination with doors hinged to the extension sides, and all arranged to fold flat into the top of the trunk, substantially as shown and described.

4. A trunk containing in its body portion, removable shelves extending from the bottom of the trunk to a plane between the bottom and the top thereof, in combination with doors hinged to the sides of the trunk at the front edge of said shelves and thereby adapted to close against said shelves, each of said doors being divided near its longitudinal center line and the two parts hinged together so as to fold upon itself and against the sides of the trunk substantially as described.

5. A trunk containing in its body portion removable shelves extending from the bottom of the trunk to a plane between the top and bottom thereof, in combination with doors

hinged to the sides of the trunk and adapted to close against the shelves thus forming a closet, and a second pair of doors hinged to the sides of the trunk at or near its top and adapted to close the entire body of the trunk, substantially as herein set forth.

6. A trunk provided with an interior closet as described, doors to the same adapted to be doubled and folded against the sides of the trunk outside of the shelves, and additional shelves, supported at their ends by said doors when thus folded, and forming extensions of the inside shelves to the top of the body of the trunk, thus forming a closet the full depth of the trunk, substantially as herein set forth.

7. A trunk provided with means for opening the lid to a position substantially in the same plane as the bottom of the trunk; extension sides and ends for the lid hinged thereto and adapted to be folded flat against the top thereof; shelves and doors in the same forming a closet in combination with shelves and doors in the body of the trunk so that an upper and lower closet can be formed when the trunk is set on end; all arranged and to operate substantially as shown and described.

8. A trunk containing the following elements, a lid hinged so as to open flush with the bottom of the trunk and rest in the same plane therewith, and thus form a structure twice the height of the trunk-body; extension sides and ends to the lid; the lower one extending above the adjacent end of the trunk and forming a table or desk, a front hinged thereto to support the same by resting upon the body of the trunk; a front cornice hinged to the extension-top and adapted to be supported at right angles thereto, and side cornices hinged by their ends to the lid and adapted to be swung out at right angles to the lid and thus form with the front cornice a continuous cornice around the extension-top.

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

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