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Fig. 1

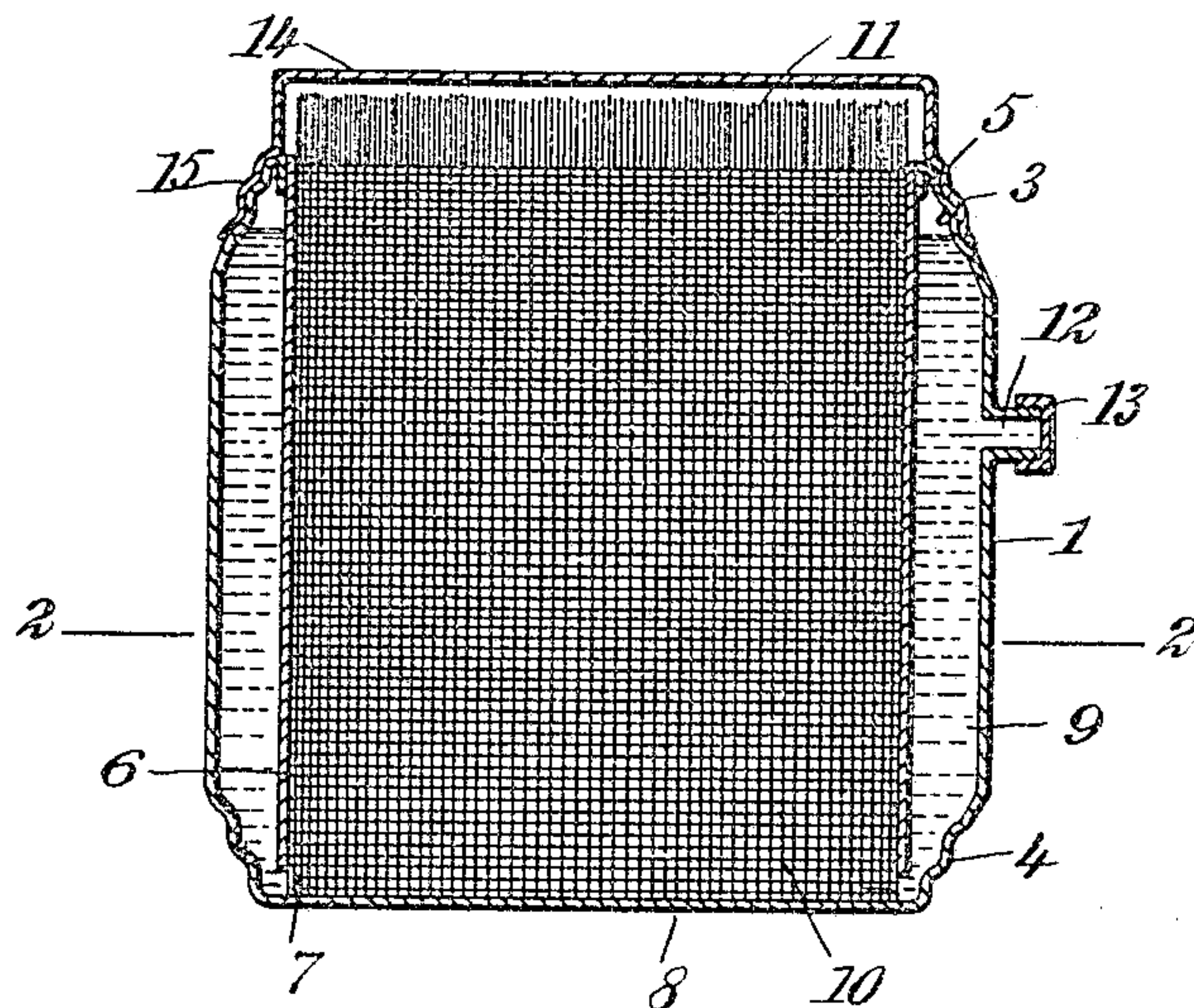


Fig. 2

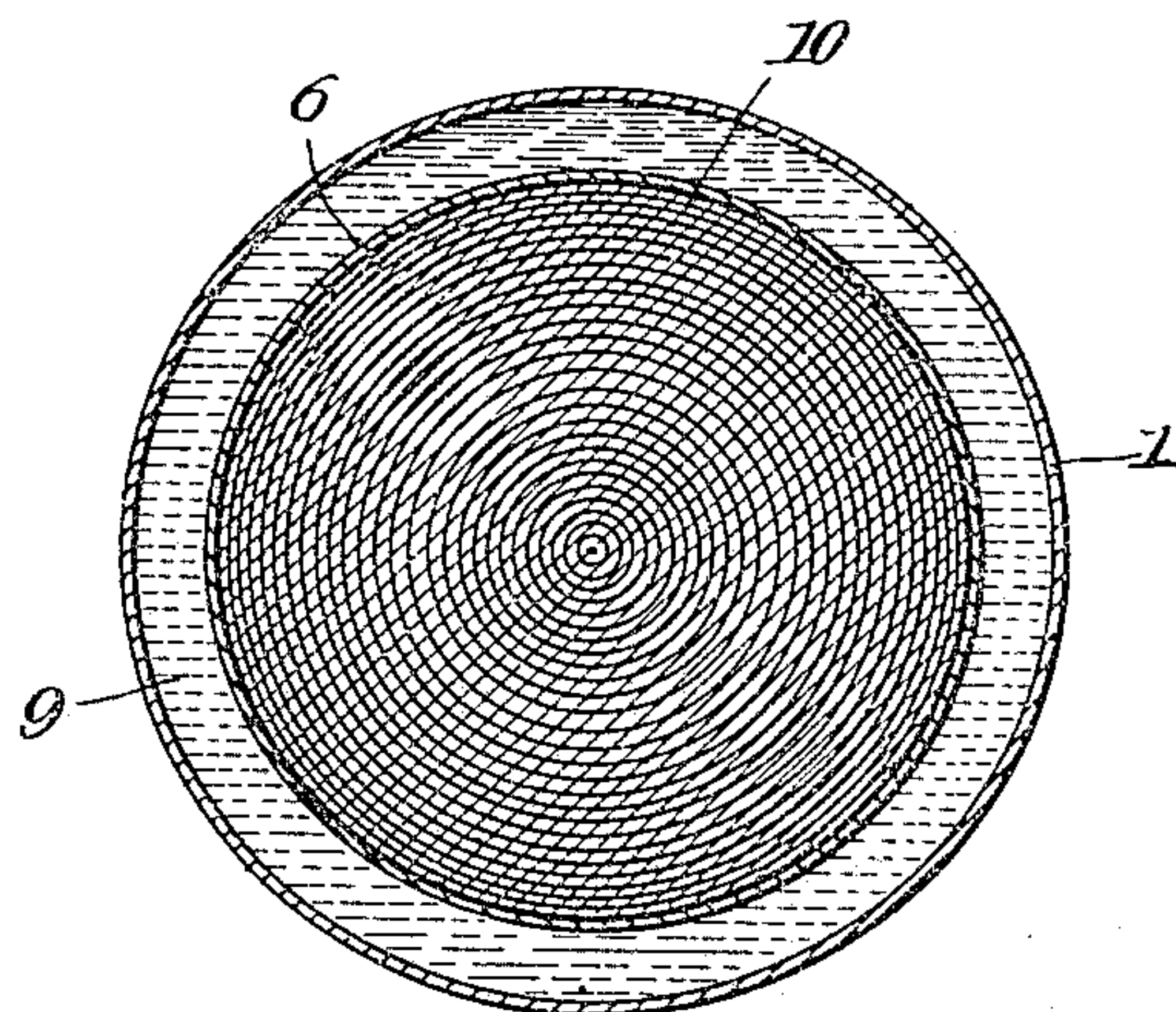
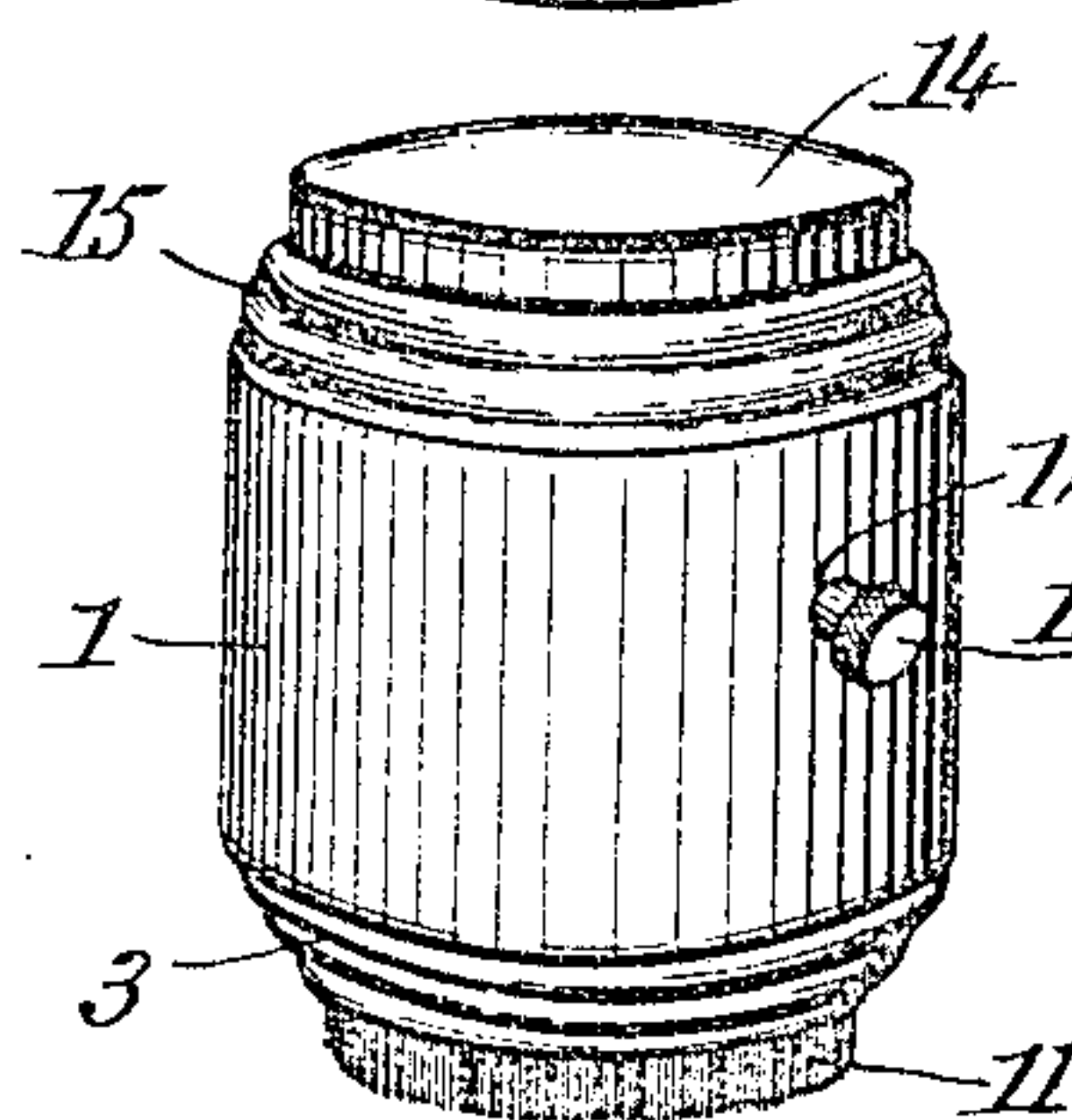


Fig. 3



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## FOUNTAIN-BRUSH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PRESTON H. CLINGAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Florence, in the county of Fremont and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Fountain-Brush, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to fountain-brushes and oil-cans or similar receptacles for lubricants or polishing fluids.

My object is to provide a can of very simple form which is so constructed as to prevent the possibility of spilling the contents thereof. The can includes a wick of absorbent material, which is constantly supplied with oil or other fluid within the can.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and definitely set forth in the claims.

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.

Figure 1 is a vertical central section through a can or fountain-brush constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken substantially on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view representing the device in an inverted position.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the body of the can, which is substantially cylindrical in form, as shown, with contracted extremities 3 and 4, the upper extremity 3 having an inwardly-disposed lip or flange 5 disposed about the open mouth of the can. Within the body 1 there is a thimble 6, which consists of a cylindrical member, the upper edge whereof is attached by solder or similar means to the inner face of the lip 5, as indicated most clearly in Fig. 1. The lower edge 7 of this thimble lies near the bottom 8 of the can, but does not touch the same, whereby communication is had at this point between the interior of the thimble and the annular oil-chamber 9, surrounding the same. Within the thimble 6 a wick 10 is received, the same preferably consisting of a roll of burlap or similar material having a

frayed upper edge 11, which projects beyond the mouth of the can, as indicated, so as to constitute a brush. The annular oil-chamber 9 or reservoir may be supplied with oil through a suitable filling-nipple 12, closed by a suitable cap 13, as indicated.

The mouth of the can is normally closed by a suitable cover 14, which cover has an extended or conical base 15, provided with a spun thread to correspond with a similar spun thread which is formed, as shown, upon the contracted extremities of the can-body.

When the device is in use, the cover is to be removed from the mouth thereof and applied to the threaded base of the can. When the cover is removed in this manner, the extremity 11 of the brush or wick 10 is exposed and projects beyond the mouth of the can, so as to facilitate its application to various purposes.

A can or fountain-brush constructed in this manner is very simple and inexpensive and should have very wide general usefulness for various purposes—such as for oiling or polishing surfaces, cleaning windows, &c.—it being understood that the can may be used as a receptacle for fluids of all kinds.

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

1. A can comprising a cylindrical body having contracted substantially conical extremities, the upper extremity having an inwardly-turned lip formed at the mouth of said can, a cylindrical thimble attached to said lip and extending downwardly within said body to a point near the bottom thereof, a roll of fabric disposed within said thimble and having a frayed extremity projecting beyond the mouth of said can and constituting a brush, a cover adapted to receive a projecting extremity of said brush, said cover having an expanded threaded base, the extremities of said body having threads corresponding thereto, said body presenting a space within the same surrounding said thimble and constituting a chamber to receive a fluid, a filling-nipple for said chamber, and a cap for the same.

2. A can comprising a cylindrical body having a contracted upper extremity with a lip formed at the mouth thereof, a thimble attaching to said lip and extending downwardly within the body of said can to a point near the bottom thereof, a brush of absorbent material carried within said thimble and projecting beyond the mouth of said can, and a cover receiving the projecting extremity of said wick and attaching to the contracted extremity of said body.

3. A can comprising a cylindrical body having contracted threaded extremities, the upper extremity having an inwardly-turned lip, a thimble consisting of a cylindrical body attaching to said lip and extending downwardly within said body to a point near the bottom of the same, a brush of absorbent material carried within said thimble and projecting beyond the mouth of said can, and a cover receiving the projecting extremity of said brush and having an expanded threaded base adapted to seat upon either of the threaded extremities of said body.

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

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