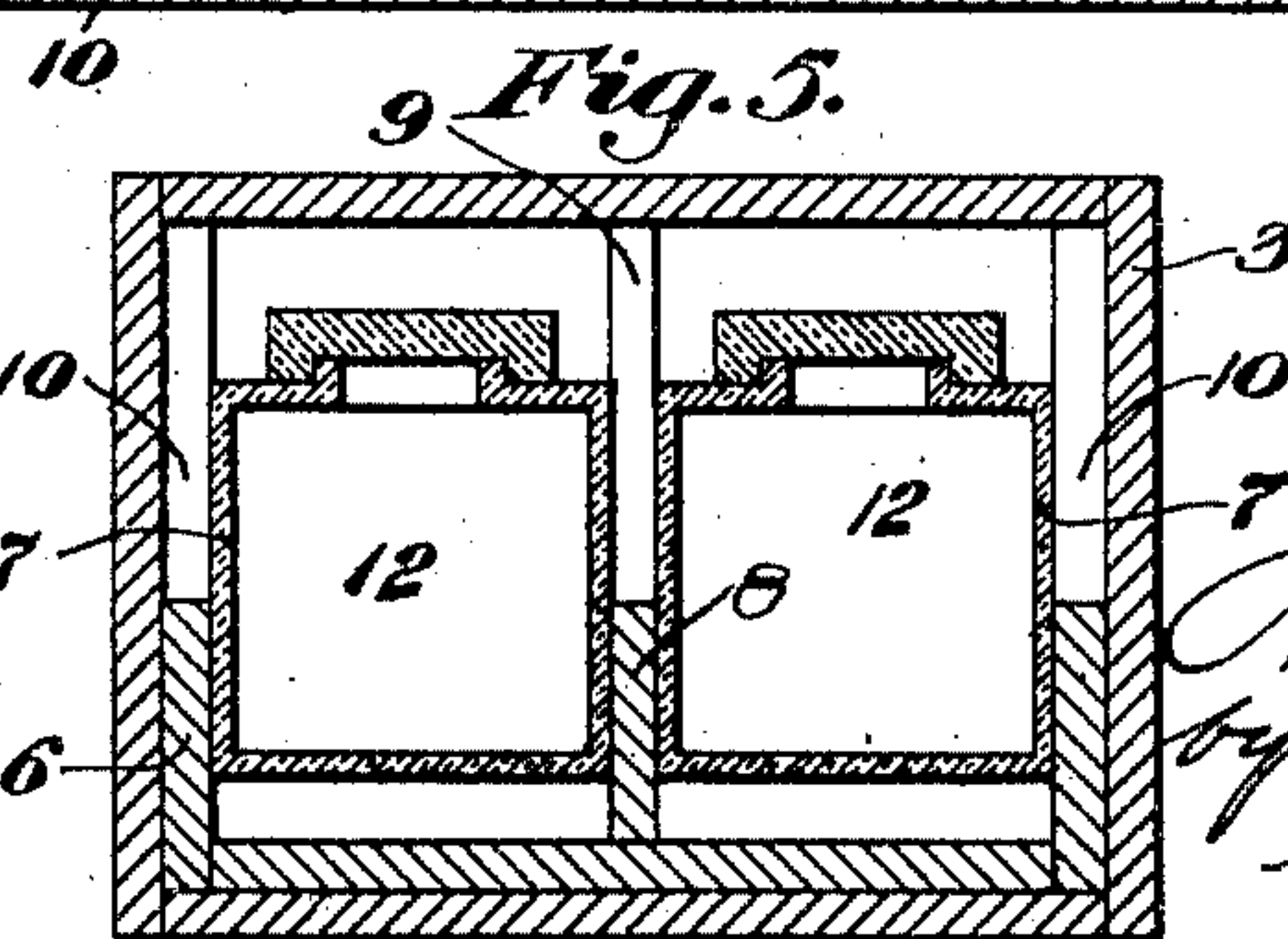
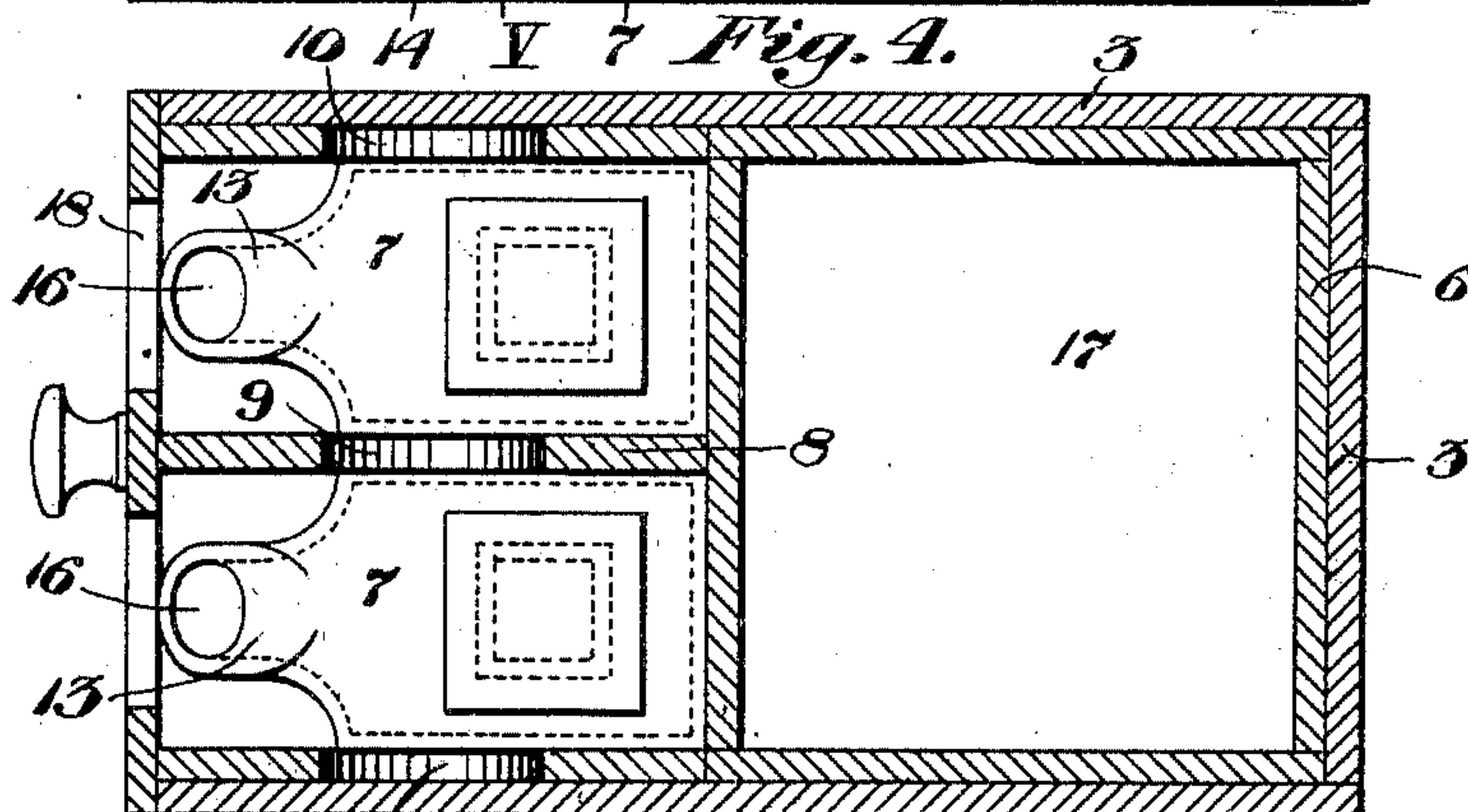
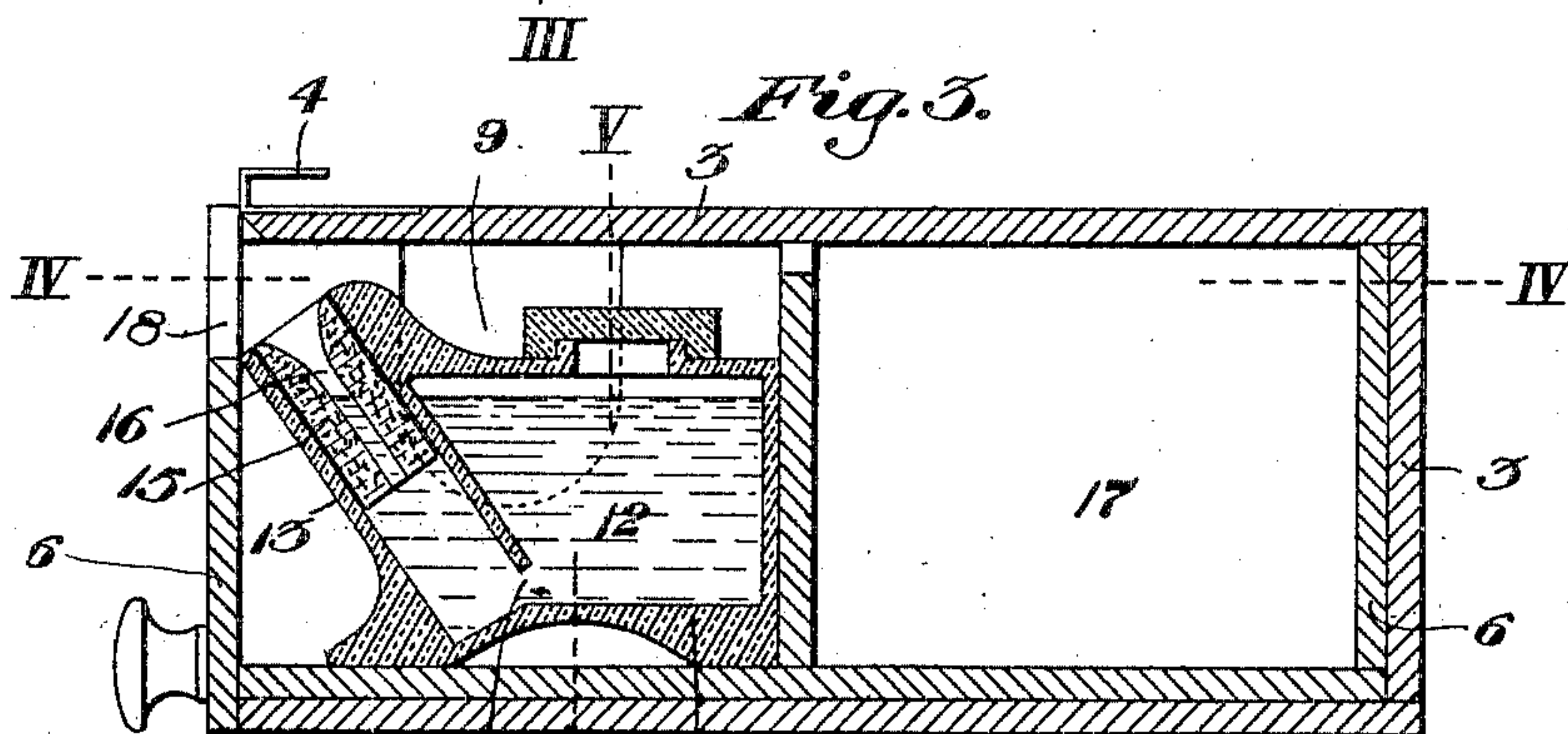
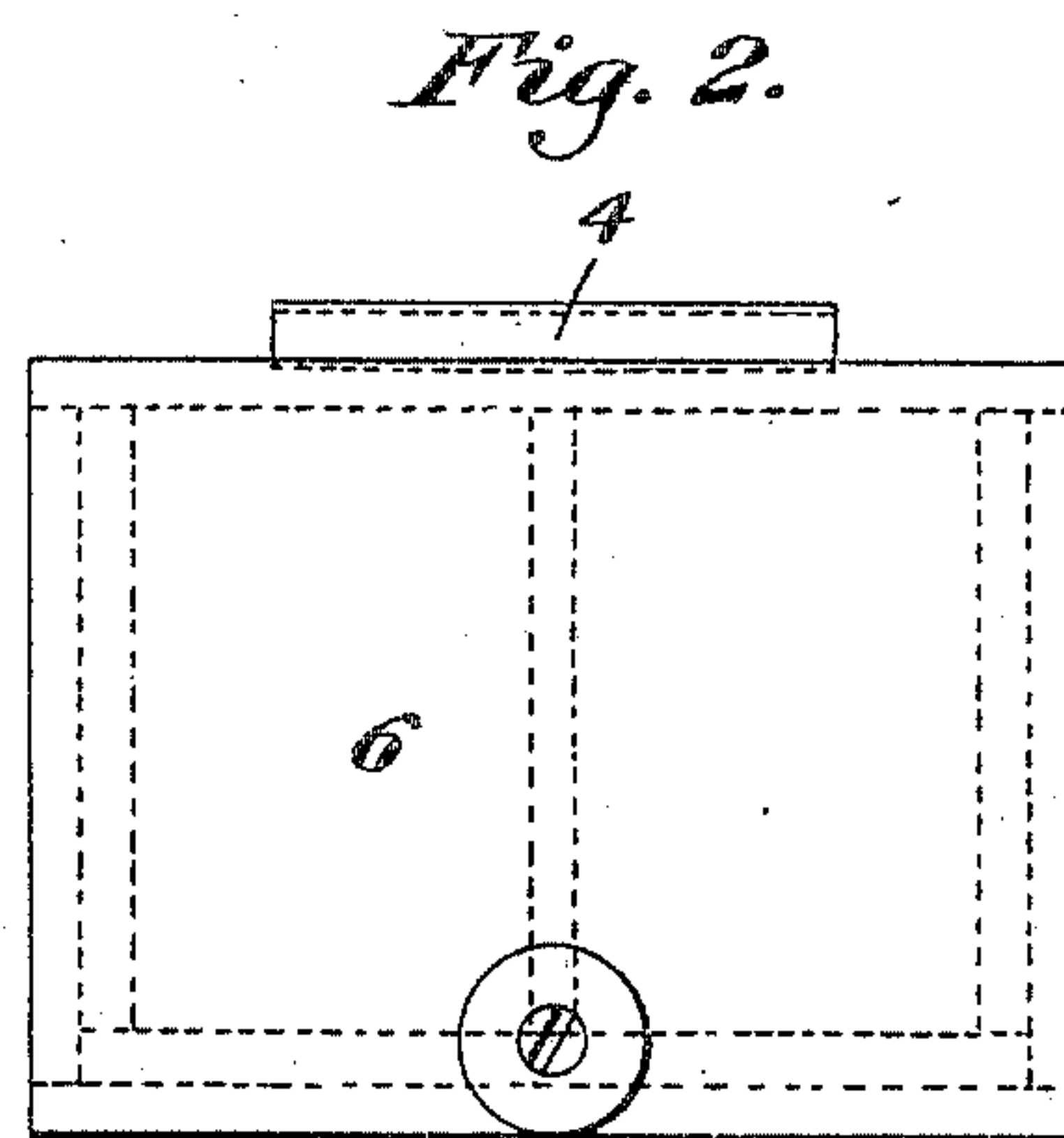
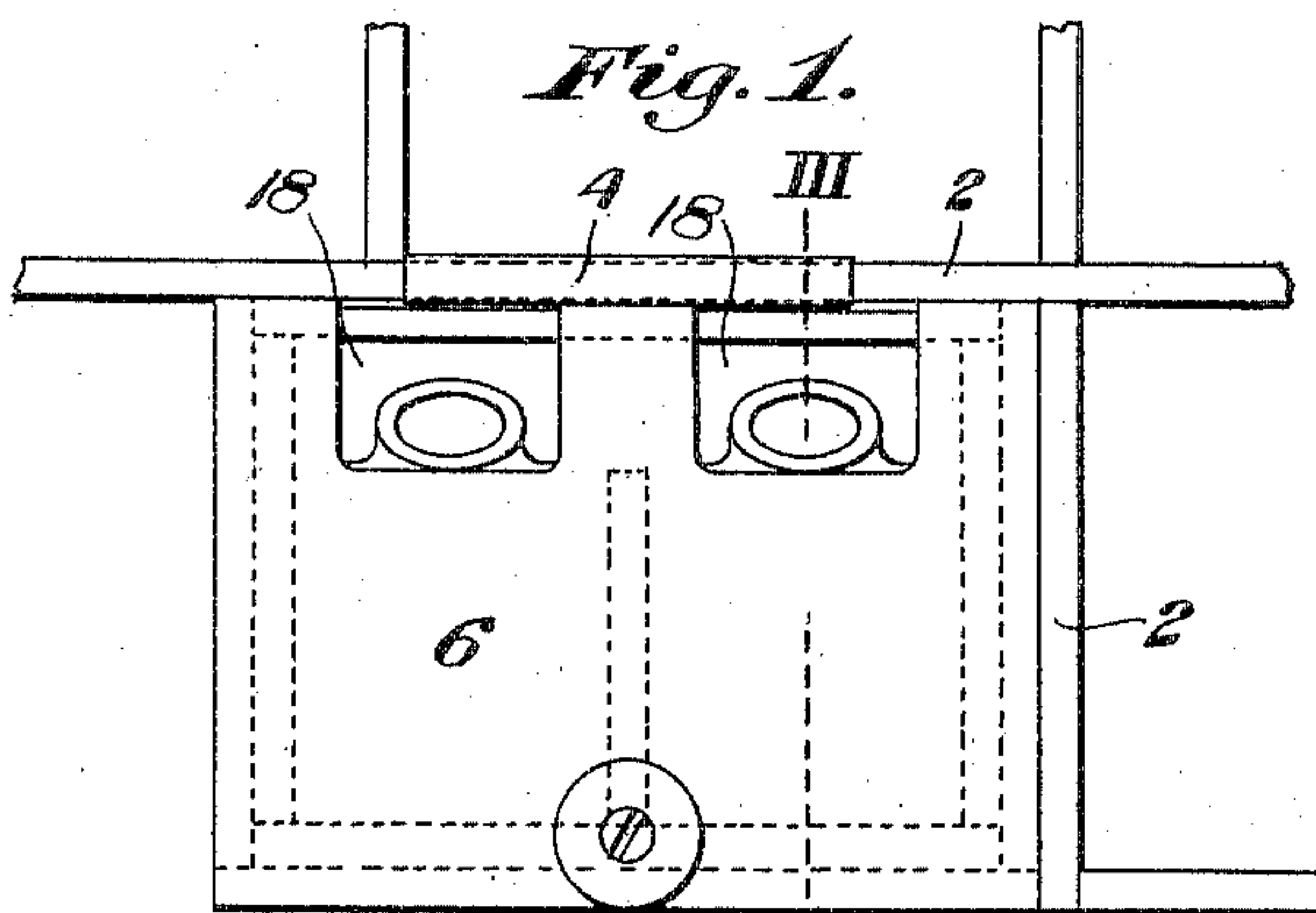


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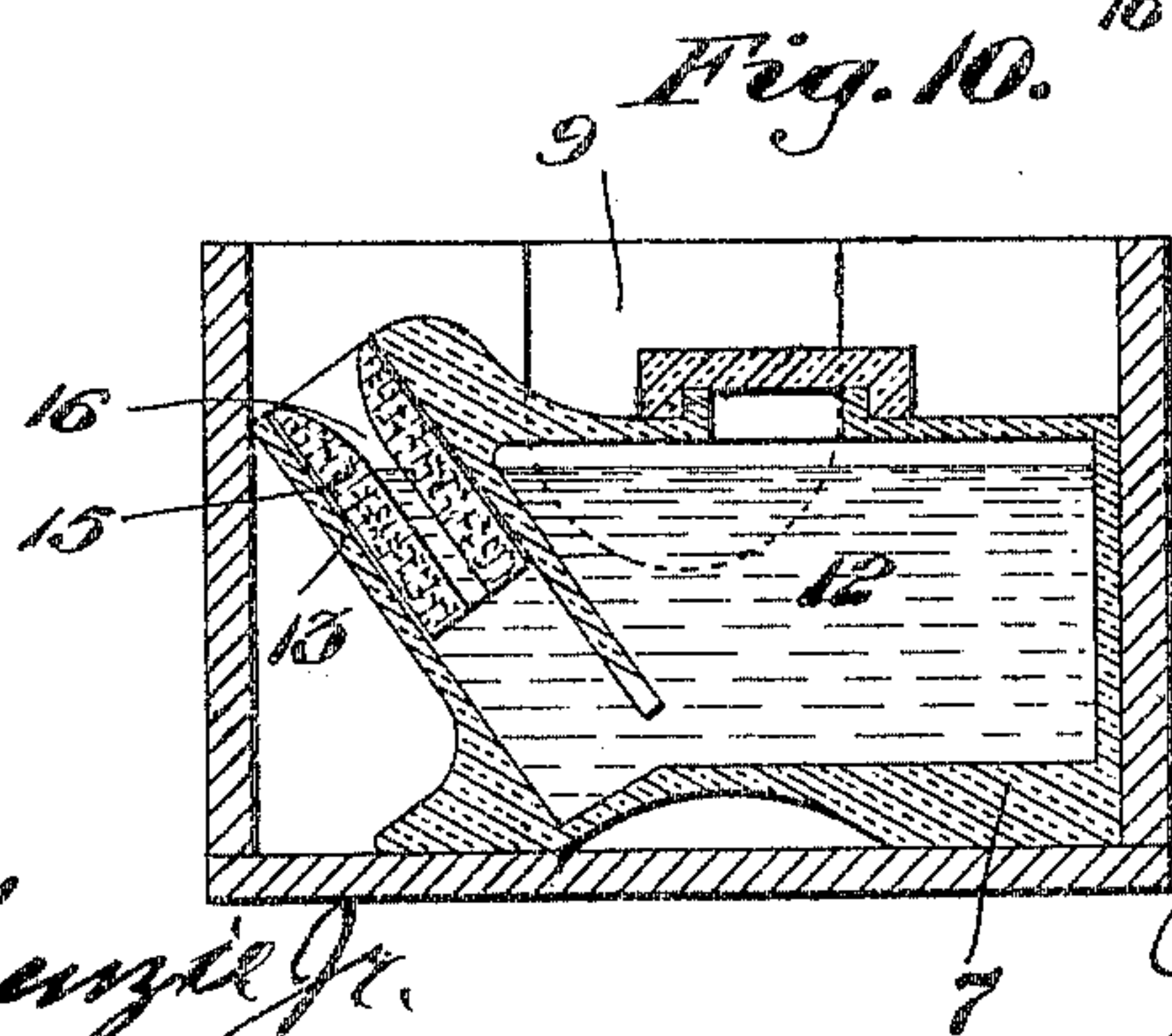
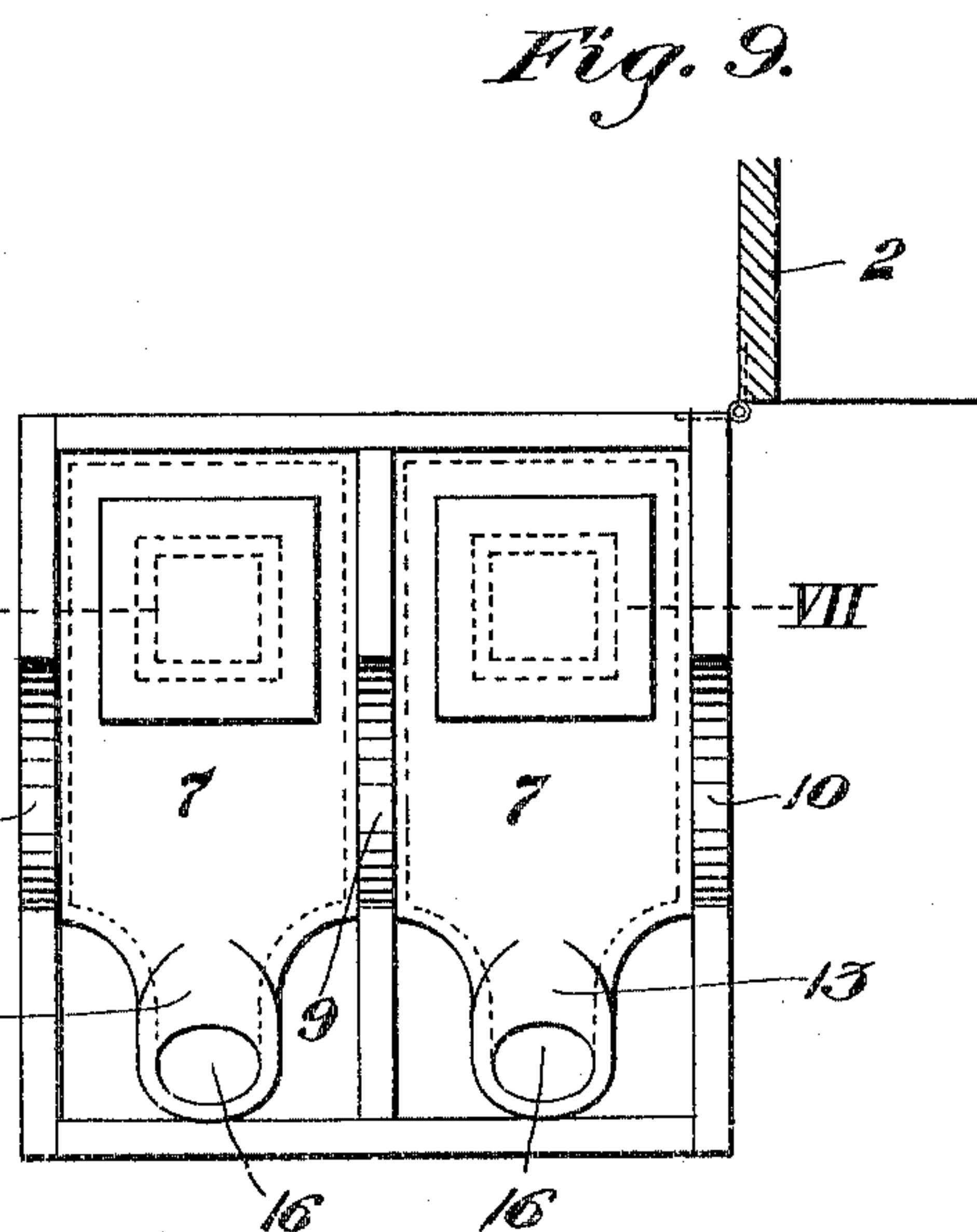
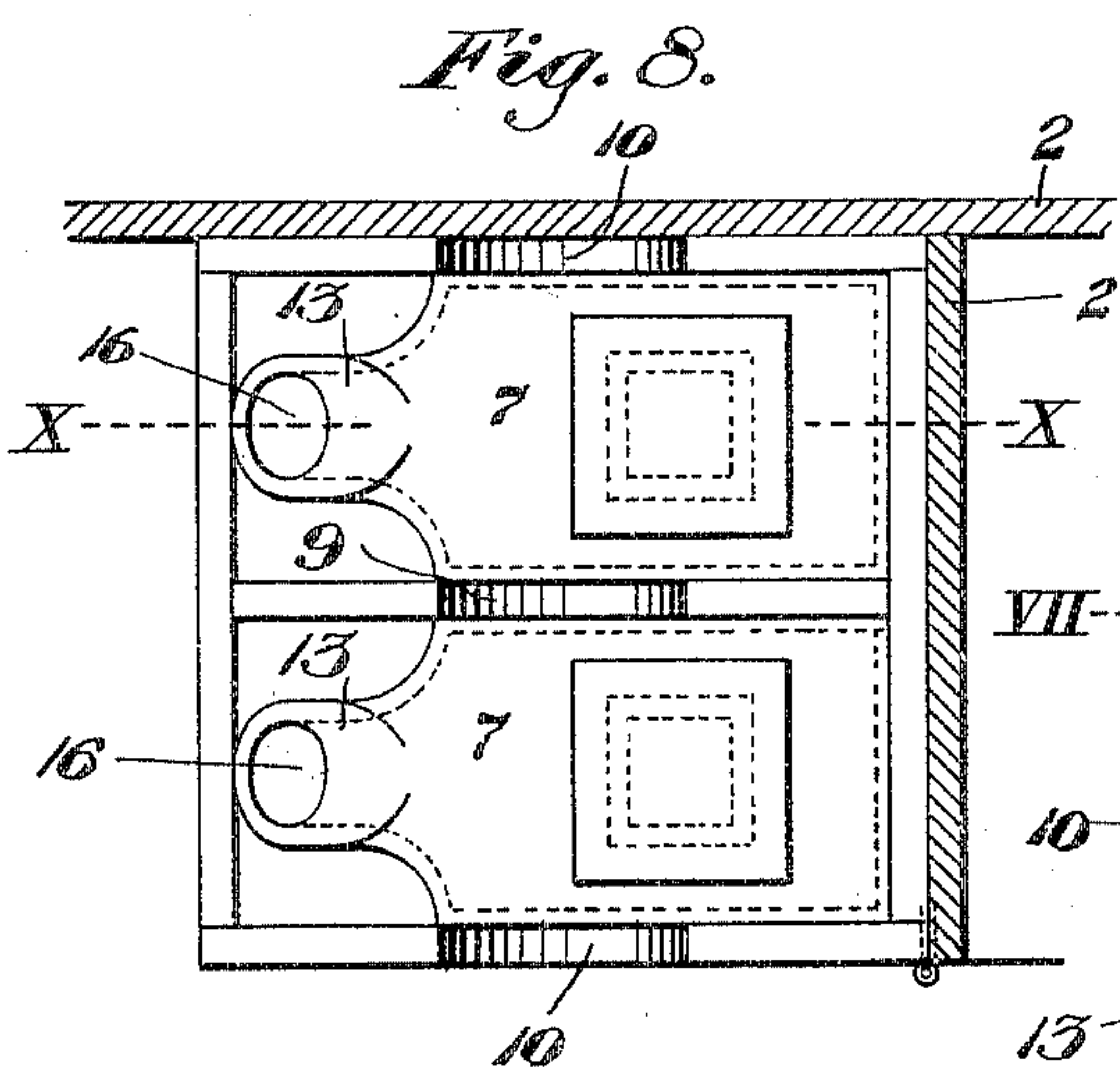
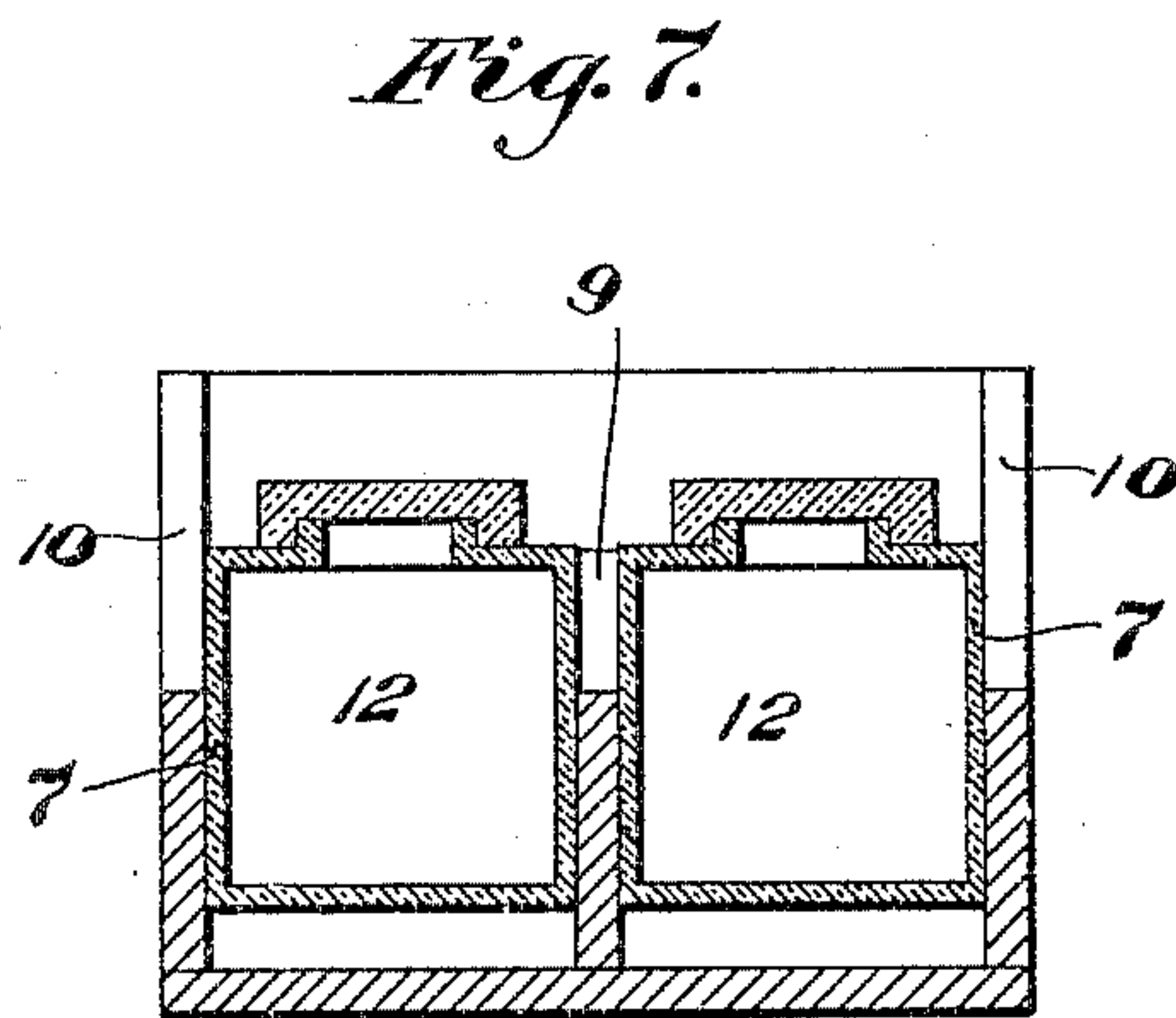
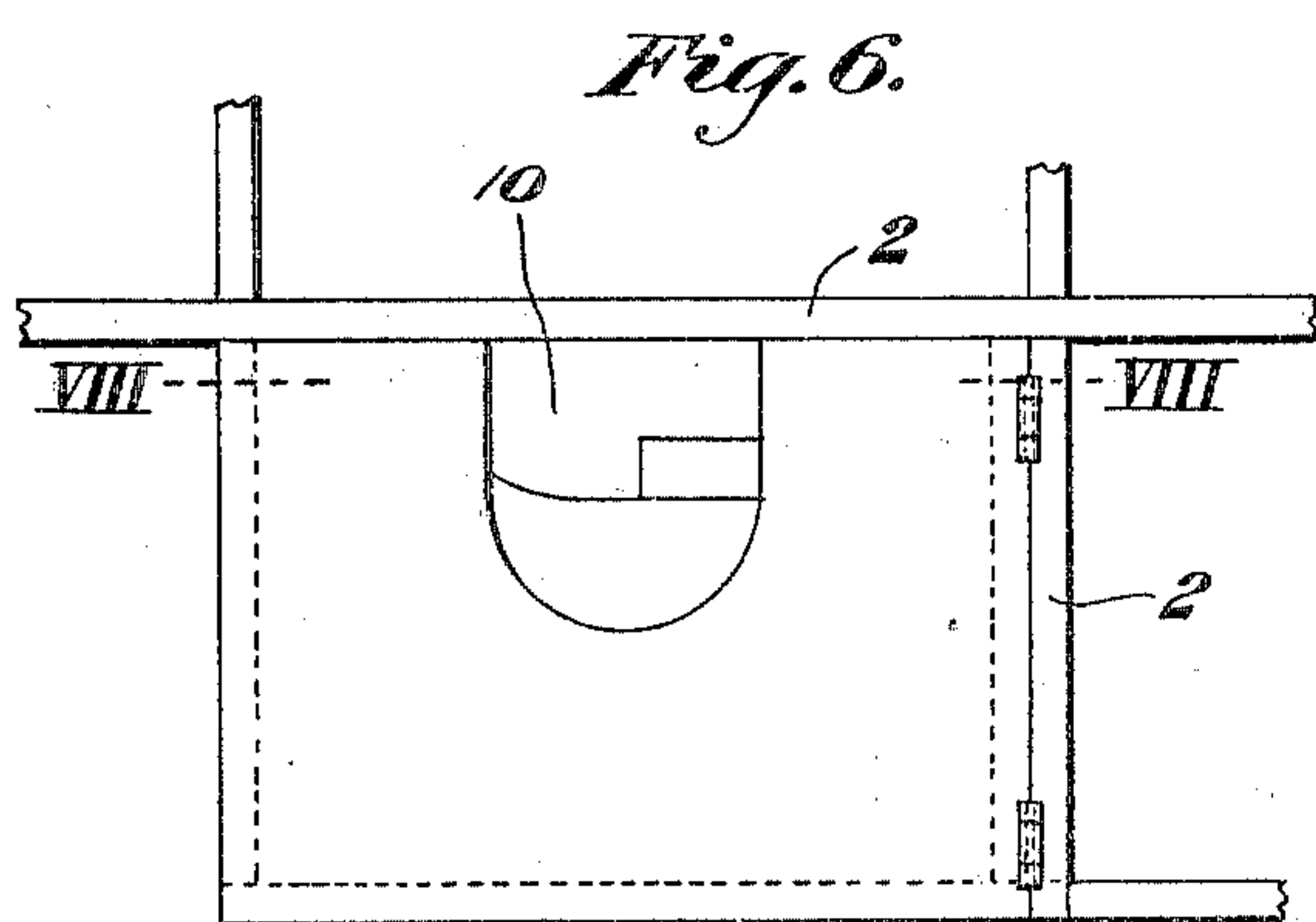


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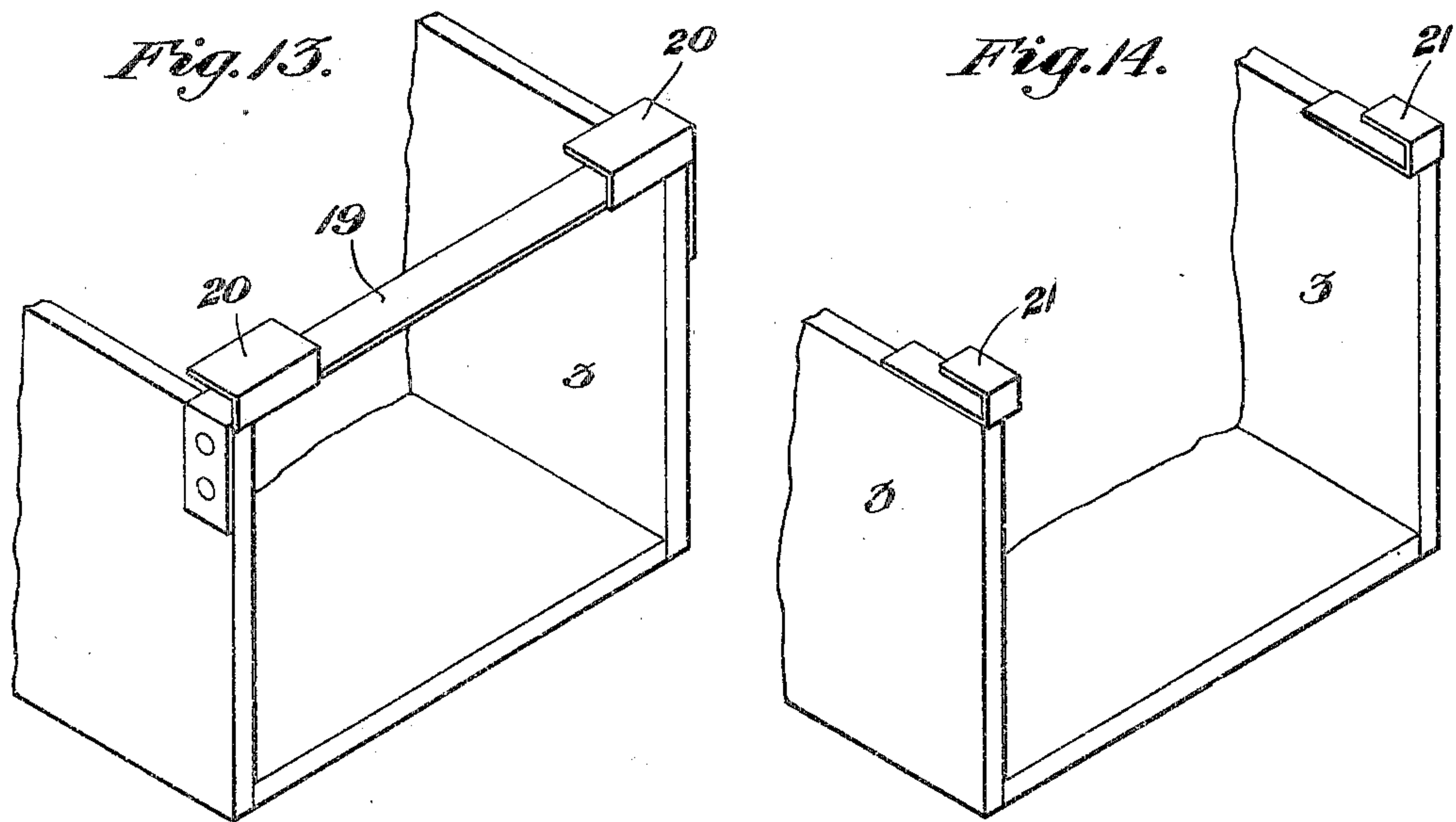
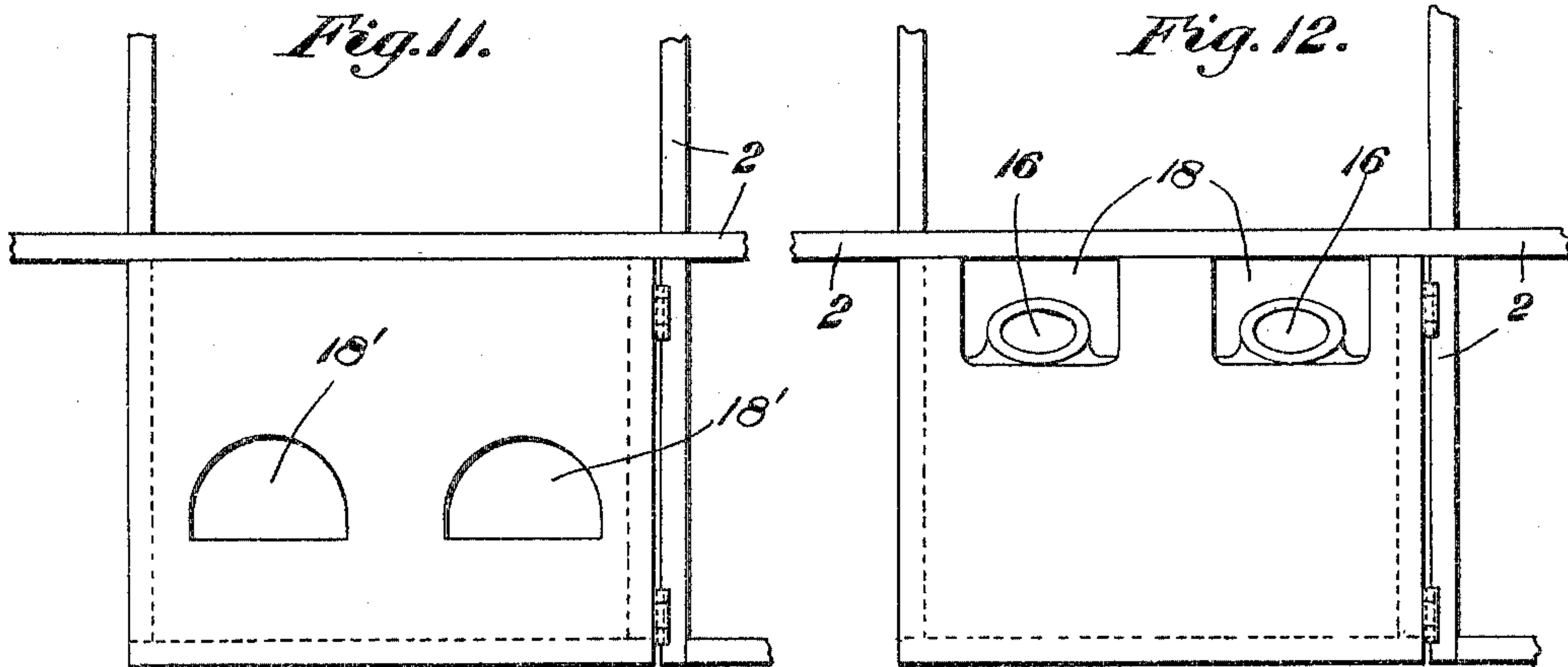


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT T. GILLESPIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochester, in the county of Beaver and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ink-Well Receptacles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved ink-well receptacle attached to the supporting-ledge of a desk. Fig. 2 is a similar end view detached. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section indicated by the line III III of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view on the line IV IV of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a cross-section on the line V V of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the receptacle hinged in position. Fig. 7 is a vertical cross-section through the receptacle on the line VII VII of Fig. 9. Fig. 8 is a horizontal sectional view at the top of the receptacle, indicated by the line VIII VIII of Fig. 6. Fig. 9 is a similar view showing the receptacle swung open. Fig. 10 is a longitudinal vertical section on the line X X of Fig. 8. Figs. 11 and 12 are views similar to Fig. 6, showing modified arrangements of the front openings. Figs. 13 and 14 are detail views showing modified constructions of attaching devices for the receptacle.

My invention consists of improvements in receptacles for ink-wells, and is particularly designed for use with a roll-top desk or other similar desk provided with elevated pigeon-holes or drawers.

The object of the invention is to provide a convenient receptacle or holder for the ink well or wells which will prevent evaporation when closed, keeping ink out of the way when not in use, and which may be conveniently drawn out in front of the user when needed.

A further special advantage is that the ink-wells are always in a position, whether in use or not, where they are entirely free from interference with anything on the desk, and thus very conveniently located for immediate filling of the pen.

The invention is particularly designed for

use with a special type or construction of ink-well having the advantages which I shall hereinafter describe, and while the receptacle may be used with other forms of wells the best results are available with my special improved design.

Referring now to the drawings, 2 2 represent the shelf or partition structure of a desk with which my invention is incorporated.

3 is an outer casing made in the form of a drawer-housing and provided with any suitable attaching means, as a clip 4, by which the housing may be located in position. It will be understood also that the back portion of the drawer-receiver is to be secured to the desk structure in any suitable manner, as by screws.

6 is a drawer-receptacle adapted to slide into the interior of the housing 3 and adapted to receive one or more ink-wells 7 of any suitable design, but particularly adapted to the construction of well shown in the drawings. To this end the drawer-compartment is preferably provided with a longitudinal partition 8, preferably concaved, as shown at 9, while the sides of the drawer at each side are also cut out in the same manner, as at 10, the object being to provide clearance for the fingers in lifting or inserting the well into position.

The ink-well 7 is preferably rectangular as to its body portion for economy of space, providing an internal cavity 12 for the main body of the ink and having a supplemental forwardly-slanting neck 13 communicating with the main reservoir 12 through a port 14 at the bottom. The neck is comparatively reduced in cross-sectional area, so as to prevent or limit evaporation. It is circular or otherwise formed and is provided with a float 15, of cork or other suitable buoyant material, having a central reduced aperture 16, flaring outwardly at the top. This float allows the point of the pen to be inserted, depressing it down into the ink in the neck to fill the pen, returning to its raised position when the pen is withdrawn. This is of considerable advantage and gives a reliable indication of the depth to which it is necessary to insert the pen-point. It becomes of especial advantage with my improved form of receptacle, where-



in the ink-well is entirely closed from view. The back of the drawer or compartment, which is of a greater length than necessary for the ink-wells alone, is preferably provided with  
 5 a back chamber or space 17 for pen-points, &c.

When desired, the ink-well receptacle is hinged at one side, as in Figs. 6 to 12, inclusive, so as to swing outwardly and present the necks of the ink-wells toward the writer,  
 10 as in Figs. 9 and 12. For the purpose of insertion of the pen the wall of the receptacle is cut out, as at 18, just sufficient for the purpose, exposing the ends of the necks, as shown. In Fig. 11 the openings 18' are lo-  
 15 cated at a lower level, thus adapting the device to receive ink-wells of a lower height or with shorter or shallower necks than shown, and it will be understood that the receptacle may be adapted to wells of various sizes, de-  
 20 signs, or construction within the scope of the invention. While the sliding form is intended for insertion in an ordinary pigeonhole or drawer-opening of a desk, it is obvious that the entire receptacle and its inclosing case  
 25 may be used, and in Figs. 13 and 14 I have shown different constructions employing a cross-bar 19, secured to the sides and provided with clips 20 and also the individual clips 21, secured to each side. In either the  
 30 operation and result is practically the same, and the case for the receptacle will be firmly supported with any suitable supplemental securing devices at the back.

The advantages of my invention will be ap-  
 35 parent from the foregoing description. It is very convenient and when not in use may be entirely closed up and put out of the way. The ink is inclosed and kept clean from dust, &c., and also protected from evaporation.

40 The operation of filling the pen by inserting it through a front aperture slightly down-

wardly is much easier than straight down, and by using a well of the kind shown it may be very conveniently raised above the desk out of the way, leaving the surface clear and  
 45 unobstructed.

Various changes and modifications may be made in the design, proportions, or details of the invention without departing from the scope of the following claims. 50

What I claim is—

1. In combination with a surrounding receiving-casing, an ink-well receptacle provided with walls and partitions adapted to provide receiving-chambers, said walls and par-  
 55 titions being provided with pen-insertion openings and finger-clearance openings respectively, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with a surrounding receiving-casing, an ink-well receptacle slidingly  
 60 mounted therein and provided with walls and partitions adapted to provide receiving-chambers, said walls and partitions being provided with pen-insertion openings and finger-clearance openings respectively, substantially as  
 65 set forth.

3. In combination with a surrounding receiving-casing having attaching-clips secured to it, an ink-well receptacle slidingly mount-  
 70 ed therein and provided with walls and partitions adapted to provide receiving-chambers, said walls and partitions being provided with pen-insertion openings and finger-clearance openings respectively, substantially as  
 75 set forth.

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

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