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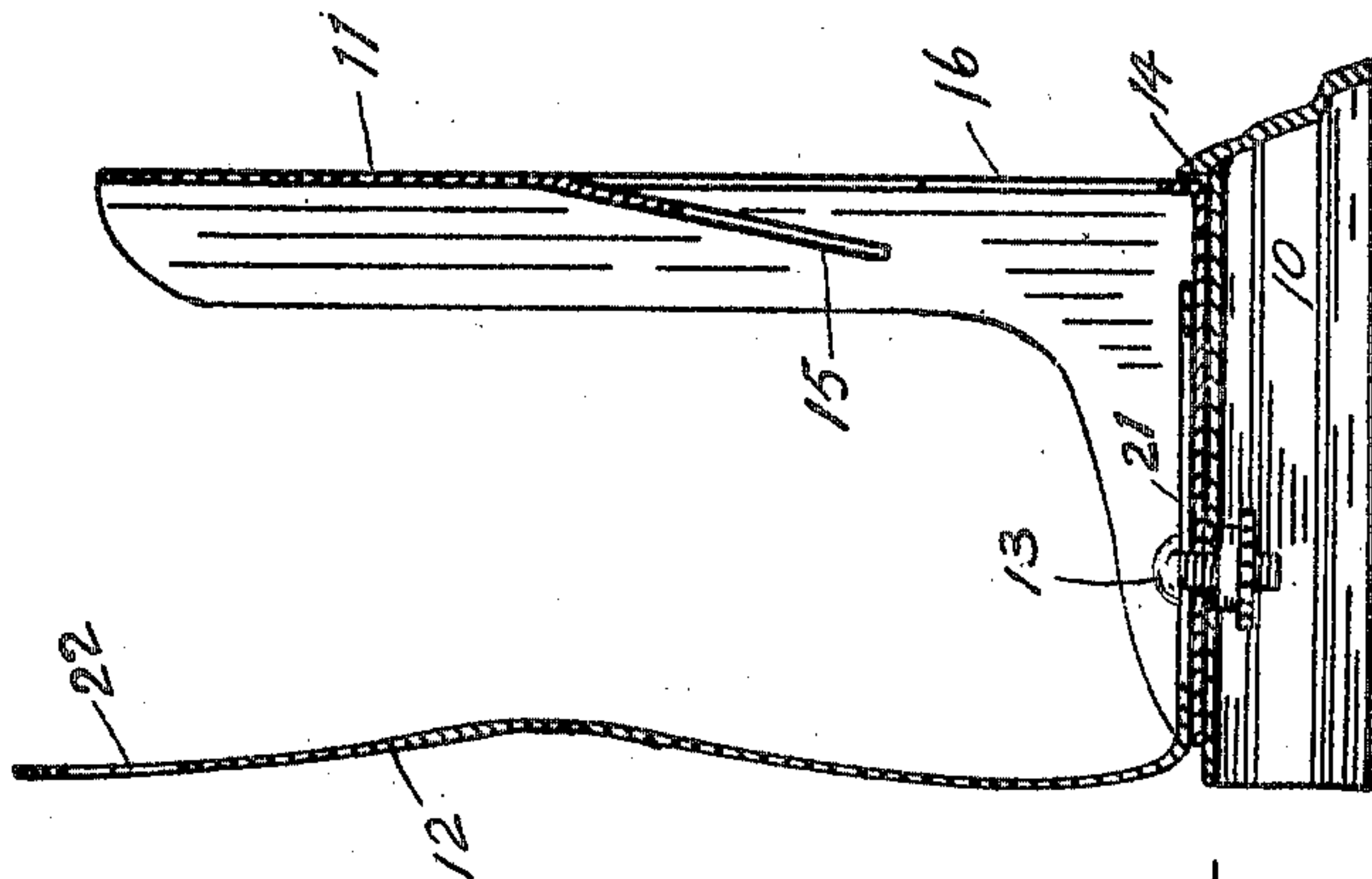


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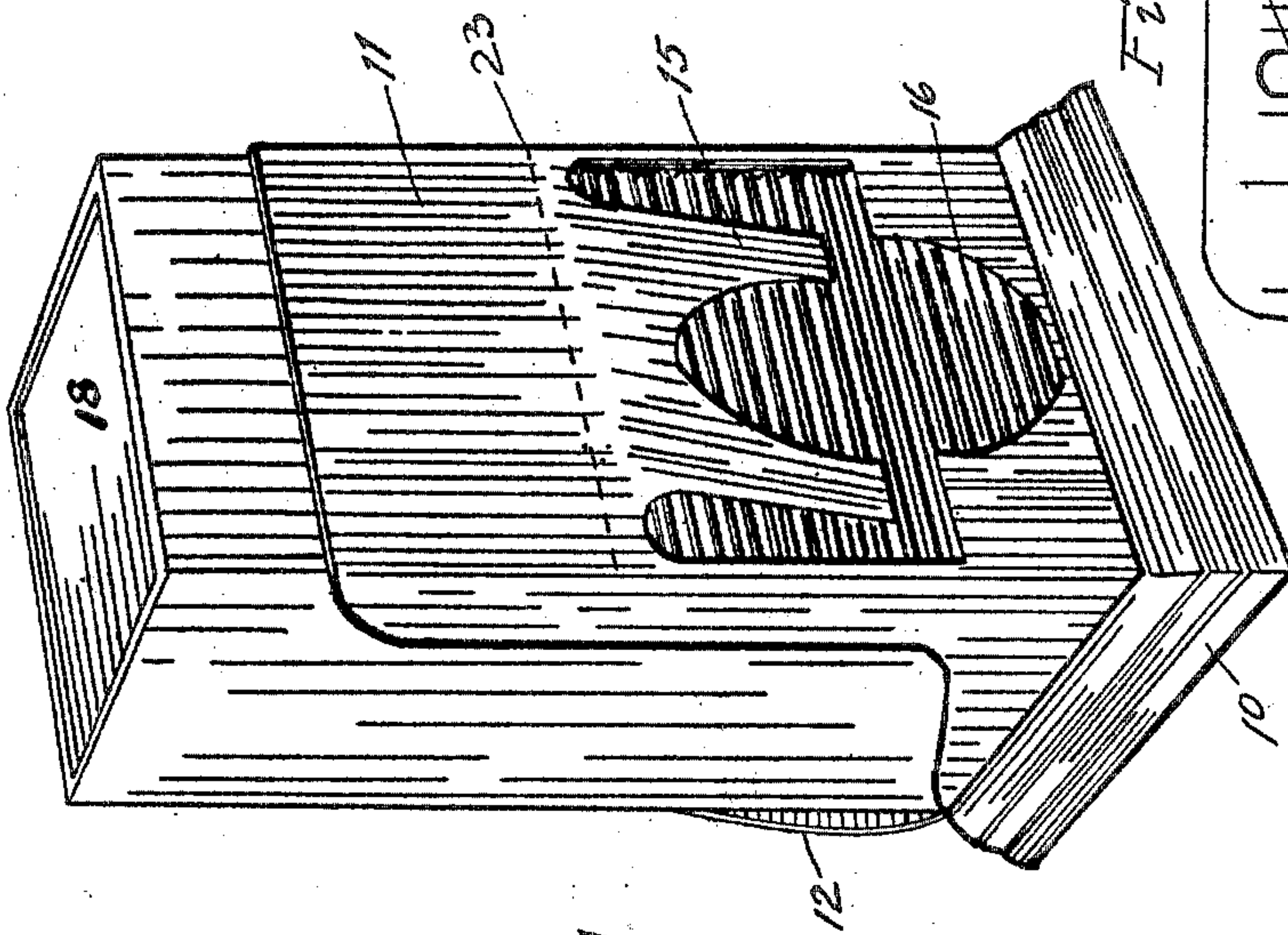


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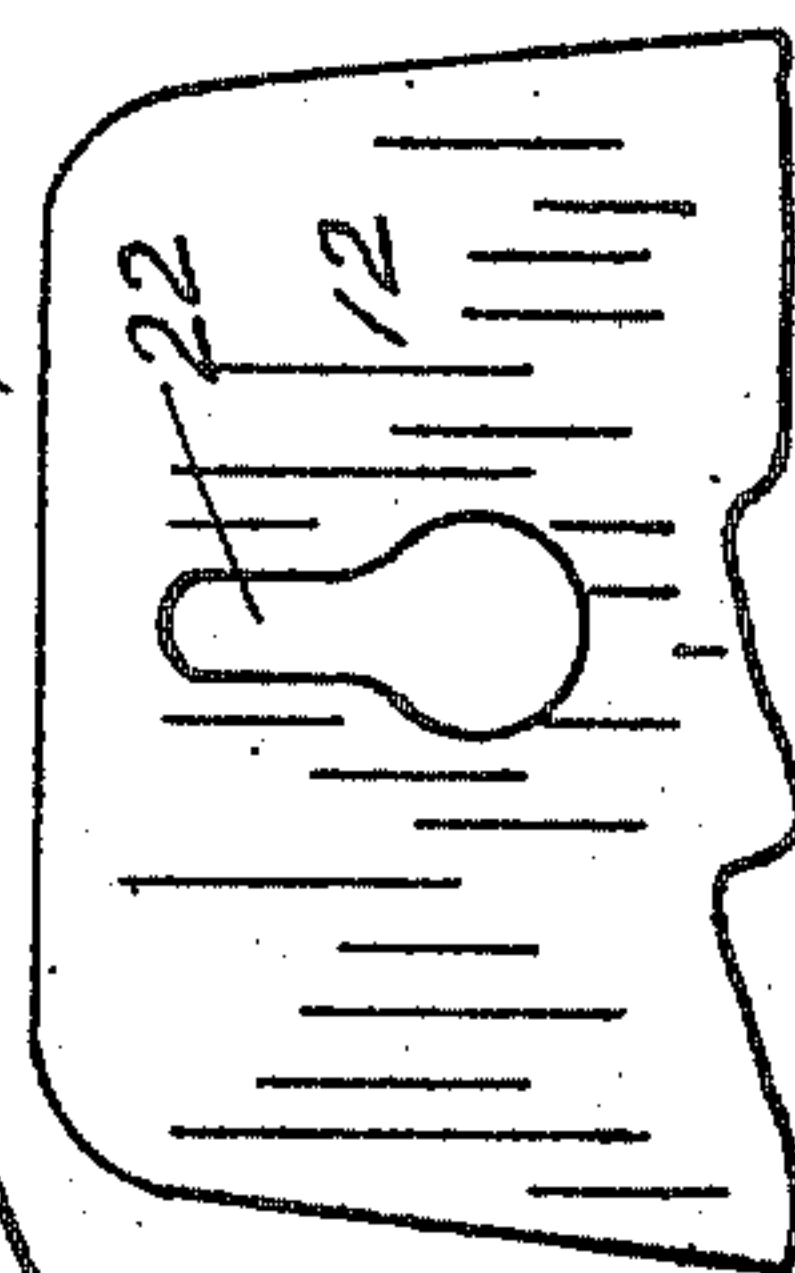
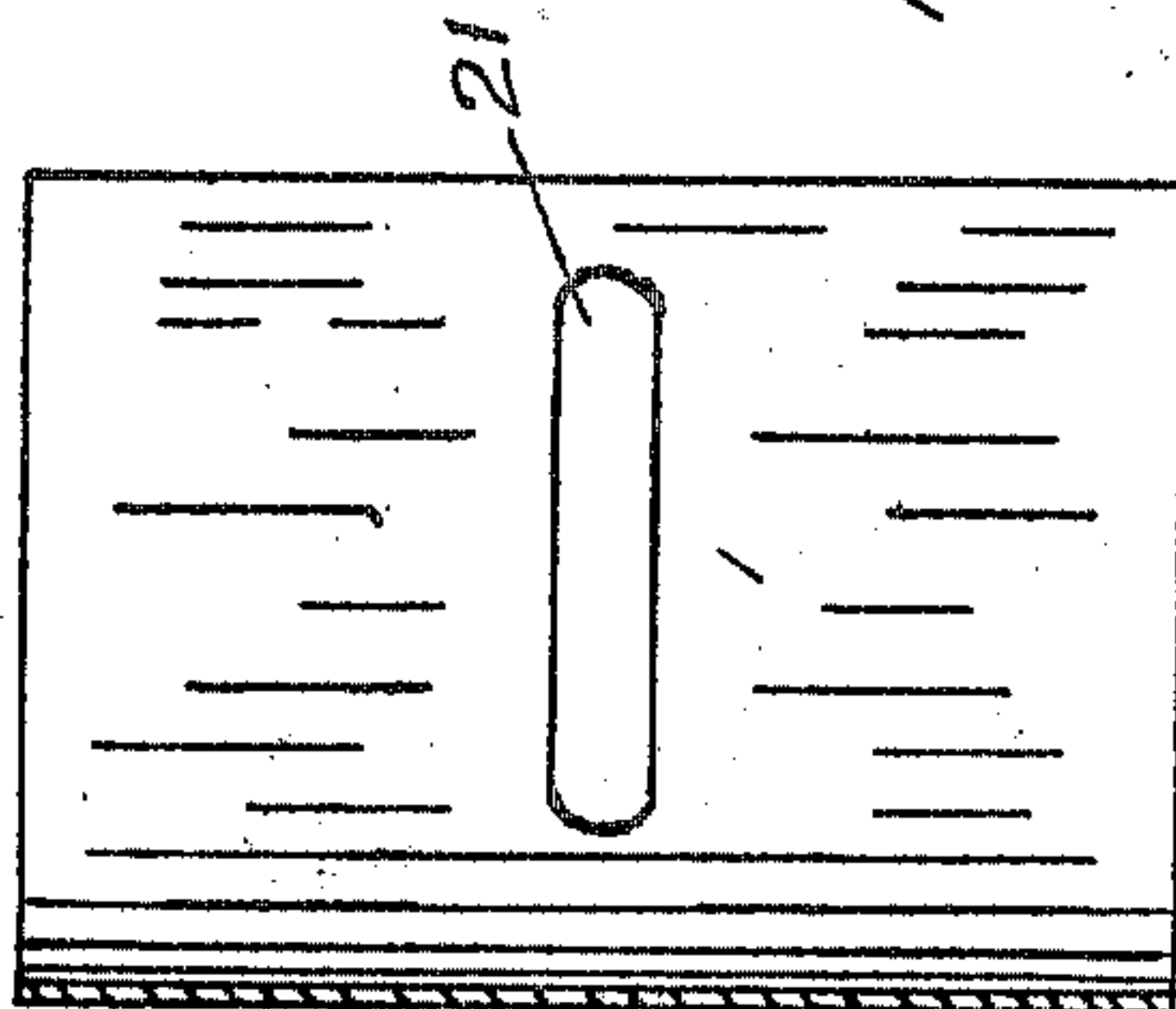


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## MATCH-SAFE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER PAQUETTE, of New Albany, county of Floyd, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and useful Match-Safe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like figures refer to like parts.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved match-safe adapted to receive an ordinary pasteboard match-box in which the matches are purchased at retail.

The nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a match-safe with a box of matches therein. Fig. 2 is a central vertical cross-section of the match-safe with the match-box removed. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the bottom of the rear member of the match-safe. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the upper end of the rear member of the match-safe.

In detail there is a base 10, a front member 11, and a rear member 12, that together with a set-screw 13 constitute the entire article. The base along its upper front edge and sides is provided with an upwardly-extending flange 14, within which and on top of the base the front member 11 is adapted to fit. Said front member has a base portion with a hole in it through which the set-screw extends, whereby said part of the match-safe is clamped to the base. Said front member has side portions, the upper ends of which are narrow, while the lower ends are widened substantially as wide as the base of the front member and the main base. The front face of the front member is cut out to provide two downwardly-extending prongs 15, separated from each other somewhat and also separated by space from the sides. The lower front wall of said member is cut away at 16, so as to make it convenient to insert the thumb and finger into the match-safe to remove a match. To make this convenient, the prongs 13 are both pressed rearwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to hold all the matches in the safe above the lower front wall away from said front wall and permit the lower matches to fall out against the front wall and make them readily accessible. The rear member

12 is bent inward somewhat between its upper and lower ends to bear against the match-box 18 when it is placed in the safe. Said rear member has a bottom portion turned forward at a right angle and resting upon the bottom of the front member and having a longitudinal slot 21, through which the set-screw 13 extends, whereby the position of said rear member is adjustable toward and away from the front member to enable the safe to receive match-boxes of varying sizes and to hold the match-box clamped in place after it has been inserted. The upper end of the rear member 12 has a slot 22 whereby the device can be hung on a tack or nail in the wall.

In use an ordinary match-box 18 is taken in its normal condition and one-half of one side is cut away transversely, as indicated by dotted line 23 in Fig. 1, so that when placed in the match-safe the match-box will have no lower front wall. Consequently the matches by gravity roll down and against the parts of the front member of the safe. The prongs 15 prevent the matches from rolling out of the safe and hold back the upper matches, so that the lower matches can be readily removed. This enables a person to obtain readily one or more matches, if desired.

The device is cheap and simple and well adapted for practical use.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A match-safe, the front face of which is vertical and is cut away vertically along each side some distance above the bottom and also centrally between said laterally-cut-out portions to provide downwardly - extending prongs that at their lower ends are bent inward out of line with the face of the match-safe, and the lower portion of the face of the match-safe being centrally cut away leaving a portion of the face at each side thereof in line vertically with the main part of the face of the match-safe to prevent the escape of the matches at the bottom of the case and yet permit their easy removal.

2. A match-safe consisting of a base, a front member secured thereto with its front face cut out so as to leave a pair of downwardly-extending prongs that at their lower ends are bent inward out of line with the front face of the match-safe, a rear member parallel with the front member, means for securing

said rear member to the base so that its position may be adjusted with reference to the front member, and a match-box fitting between said front and rear members with the lower front portion thereof cut away, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed

my signature in the presence of the witnesses herein named.

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