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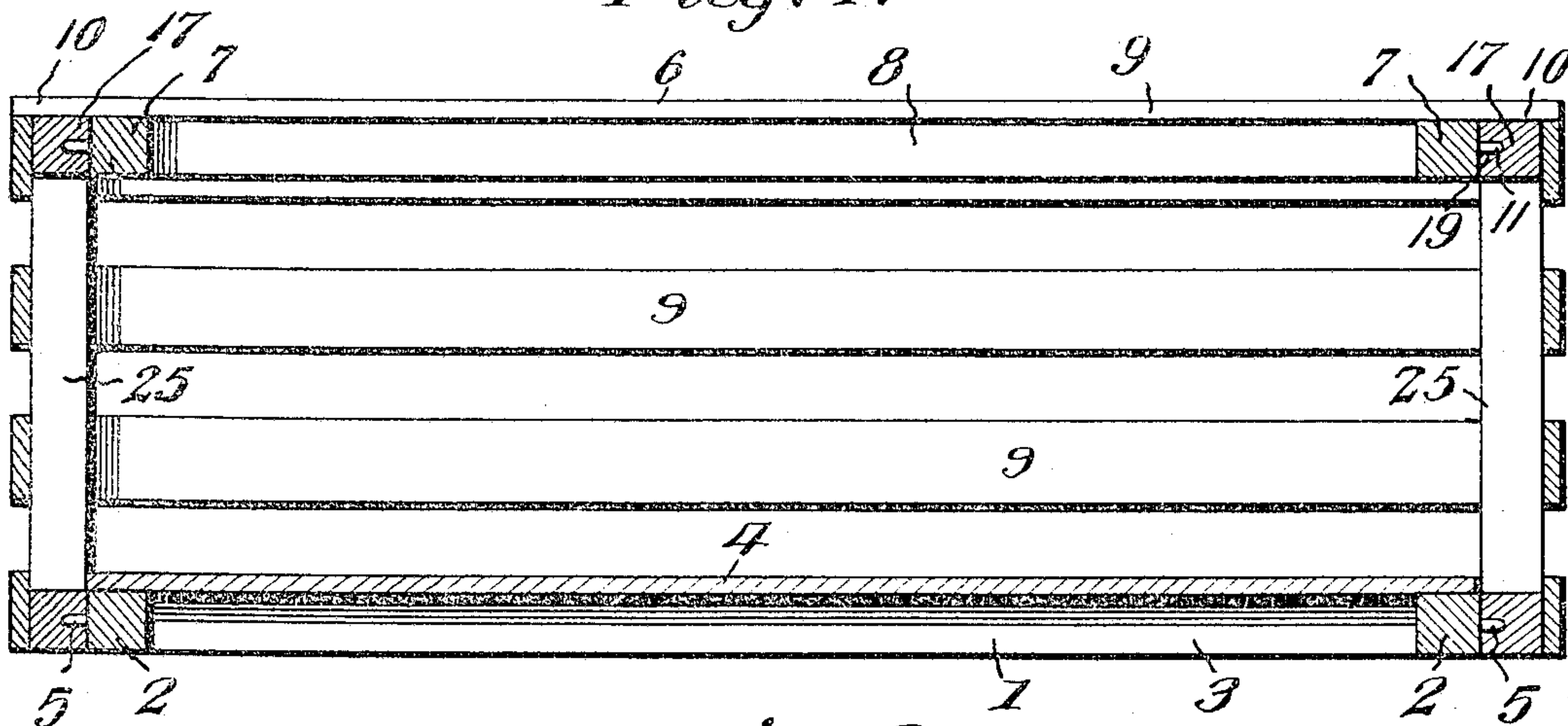
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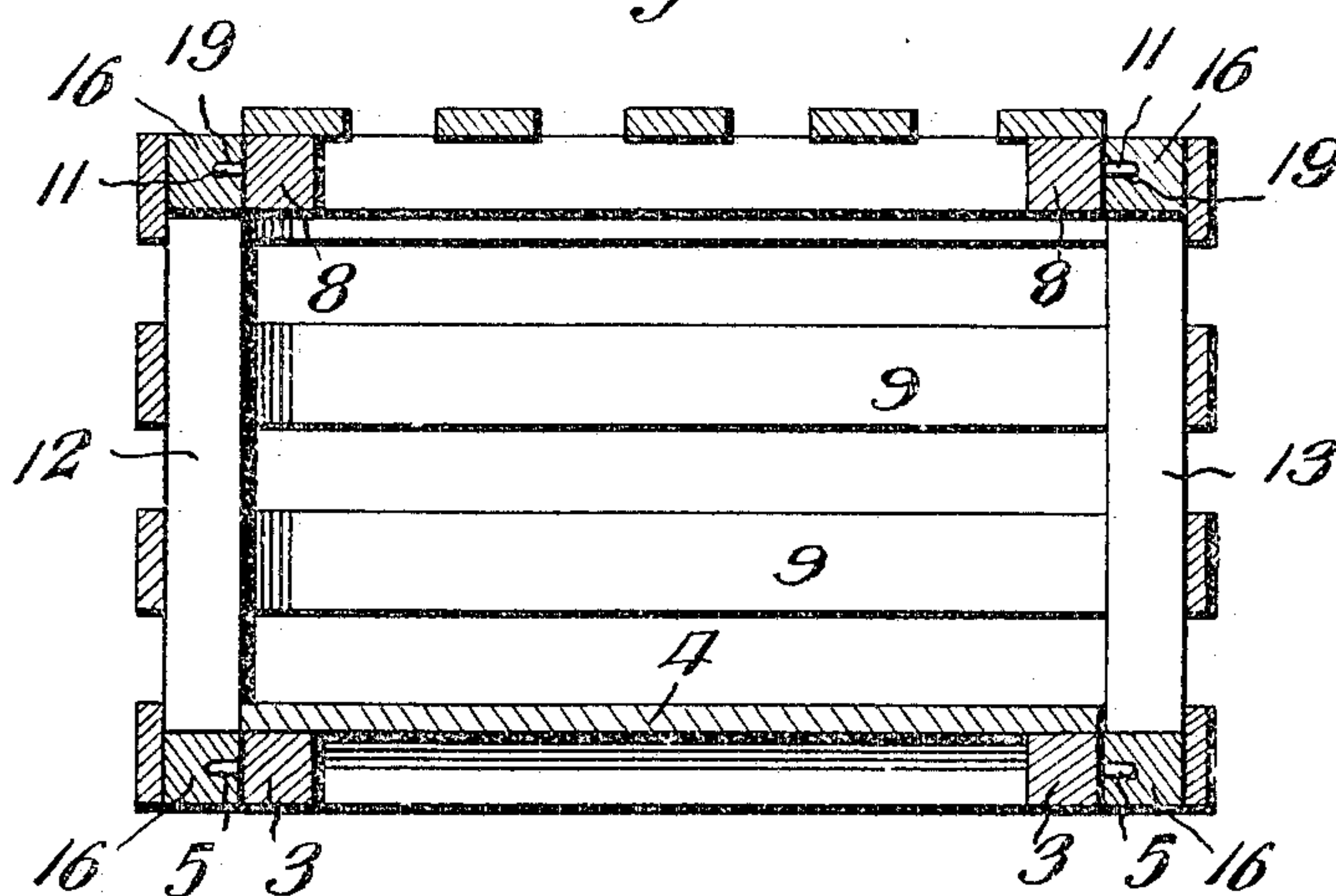
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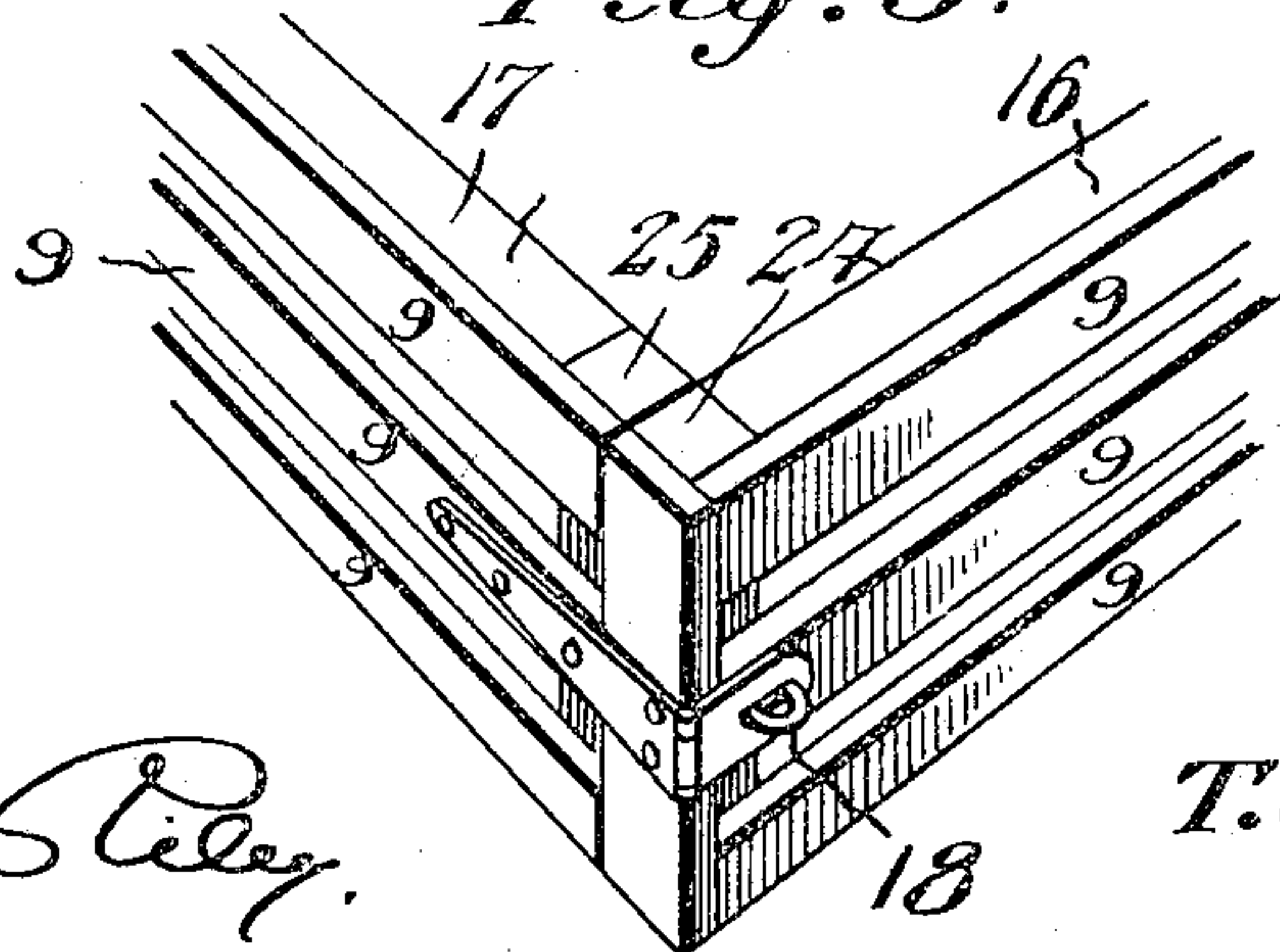
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE J. LA ROSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Owlcreek, in the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Coops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to folding coops.

The objects of the invention are to simplify, improve, and strengthen the construction of such devices and to decrease the expense attending their manufacture.

With these and other minor objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the particular combination and arrangement of parts and in the precise details of construction hereinafter described and claimed as a practical embodiment of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section of a coop constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective showing a convenient form of locking device for one corner of the coop. Fig. 4 is an under plan view of the top piece. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the side and end pieces, showing the manner of hinging them together.

The numeral 1 designates the base or bottom portion of my improved coop, having secured thereto on opposite ends transverse cross-bars 2 and on opposite sides longitudinal bars 3, the inner faces of said end and side bars being provided with pins or projections 5 for a purpose presently to be explained. The side of the coop is composed of a framing consisting of vertical corner-posts 24, having secured at their upper and lower ends and to their inner faces longitudinal bars 16. The end walls of the coop are each provided with vertical corner-posts 25 and have secured at their upper and lower ends on their inner faces transverse cross-bars 17. The said side and end walls are each provided with slats 9 secured thereto. The upper ones, as shown in Fig. 5, are secured to the longitudinal and transverse cross-bars 16 and 17 and are provided with beveled ends, which abut one against the other and serve

to reinforce and add strength to the coop when arranged in an upright position. The side and end walls are hinged together at three corners, as shown, and a locking device co-operating with a staple 18 being provided at the fourth corner.

The top or cover part 6 of the coop is composed of end cross-bars 7 on opposite ends and opposite longitudinal side bars 8. The side and end bars are provided with slats 9. The outer faces of the side and end bars of the said cover 6 are provided with pins or projections 11, similar to those on the bottom or base, these pins permitting of the said top and bottom being detachably connected to sockets 19 on the inner faces of the side and end bars of the end and sides of the body of the coop, whereby the longitudinal and transverse bars of each end, side, top, and bottom sections will be arranged parallel against each other.

It will be observed from Fig. 1 of the drawings that the projecting ends 10 of the slats 9 of the top piece 6 rest upon the upper bars of the end pieces 17 when the coop is in assembled position, thus preventing undue strain from falling upon the pins or projections 11 and also avoiding the possibility of said top piece sinking accidentally upon the base.

The vertical posts of the side and end sections are adapted to be arranged parallel against each other when said side and end sections are in an upright or normal position.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A folding coop comprising slatted end and side sections hinged together, the former sections having transverse upper and lower cross-bars, and the latter being also provided with horizontal upper and lower cross-bars, and each end and each side sections being provided on opposite ends with vertical posts which are arranged parallel against each other when the side and end sections are in an upright or normal position, a top and bottom slatted section, each having longitudinal and transverse cross-bars, said top and bottom sections serving to be removably secured within the top and bottom bars of said side and end sections, so that the horizontal and transverse

bars of each end, side, top and bottom sections will be arranged parallel against each other and the upper longitudinal and transverse cross-bars having slats secured thereto,  
5 which are provided with beveled contacting ends when the coop is arranged in an upright position, substantially as specified.

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

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