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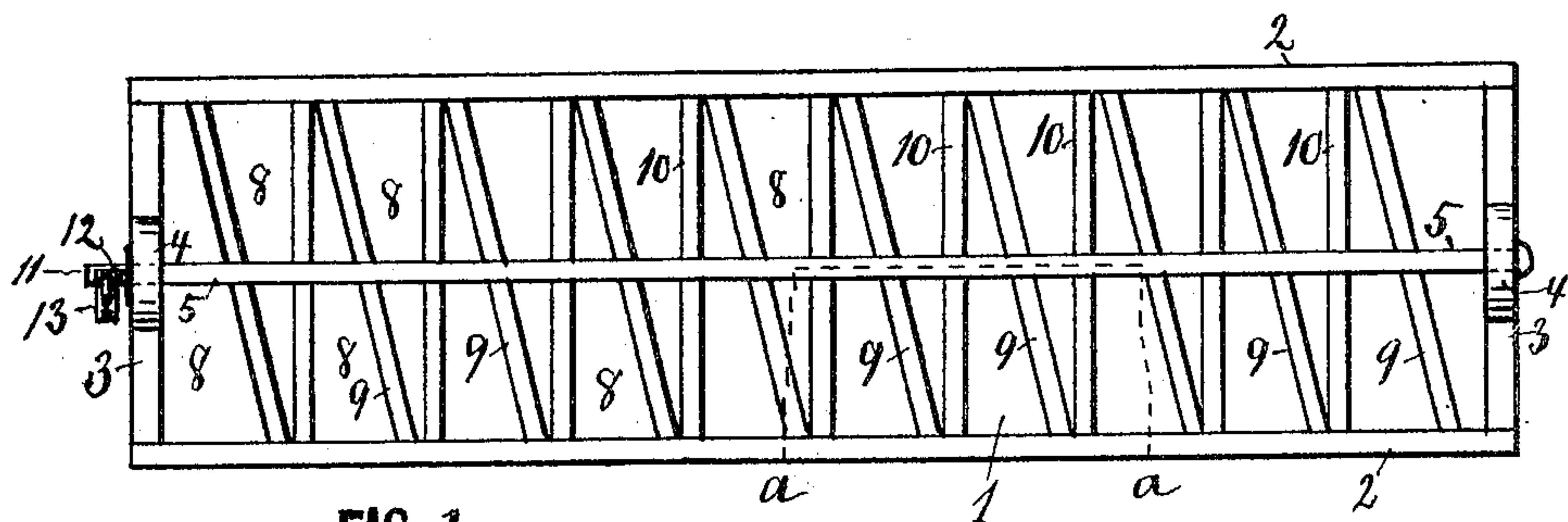


FIG. 1.

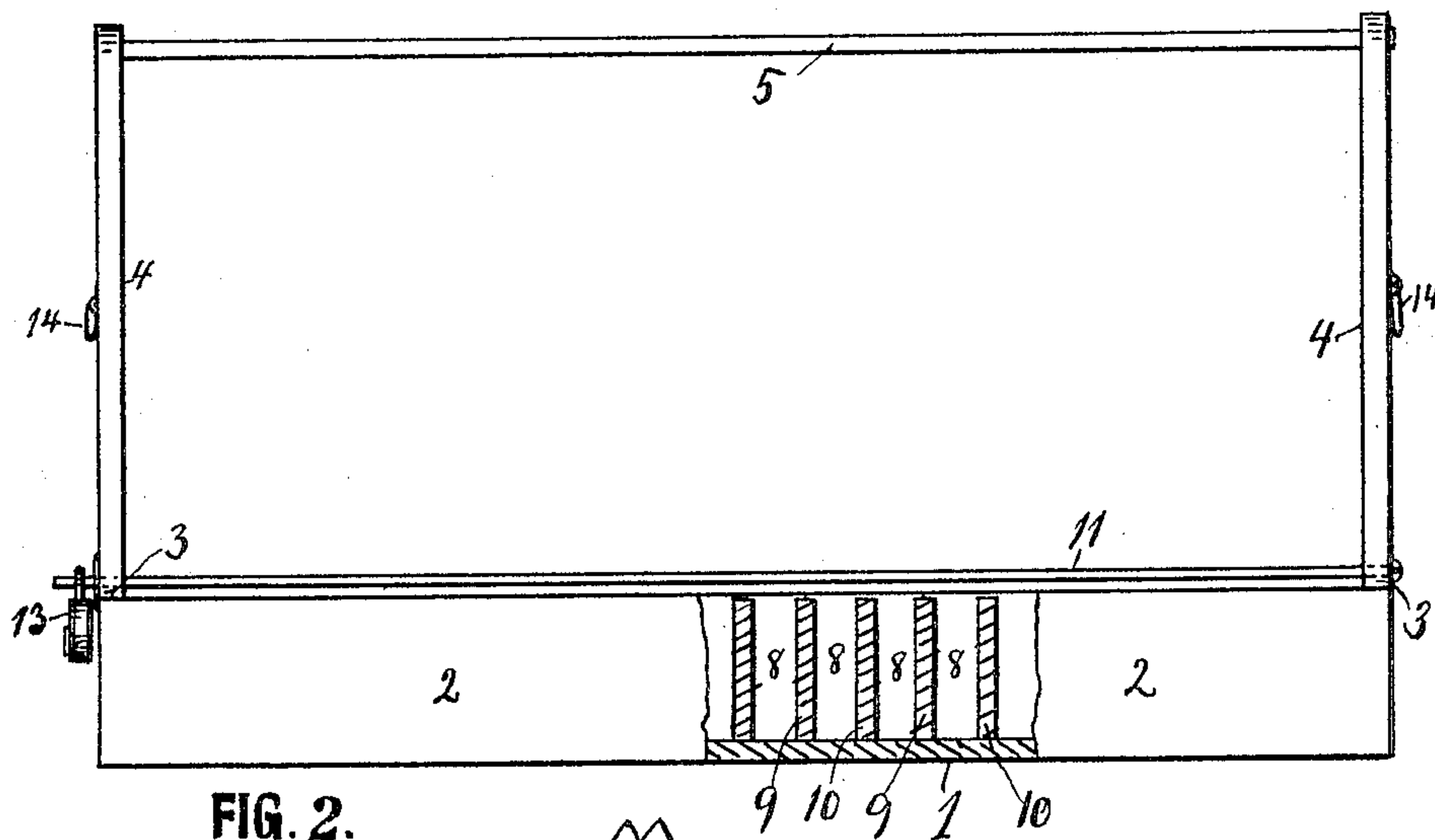


FIG. 2.

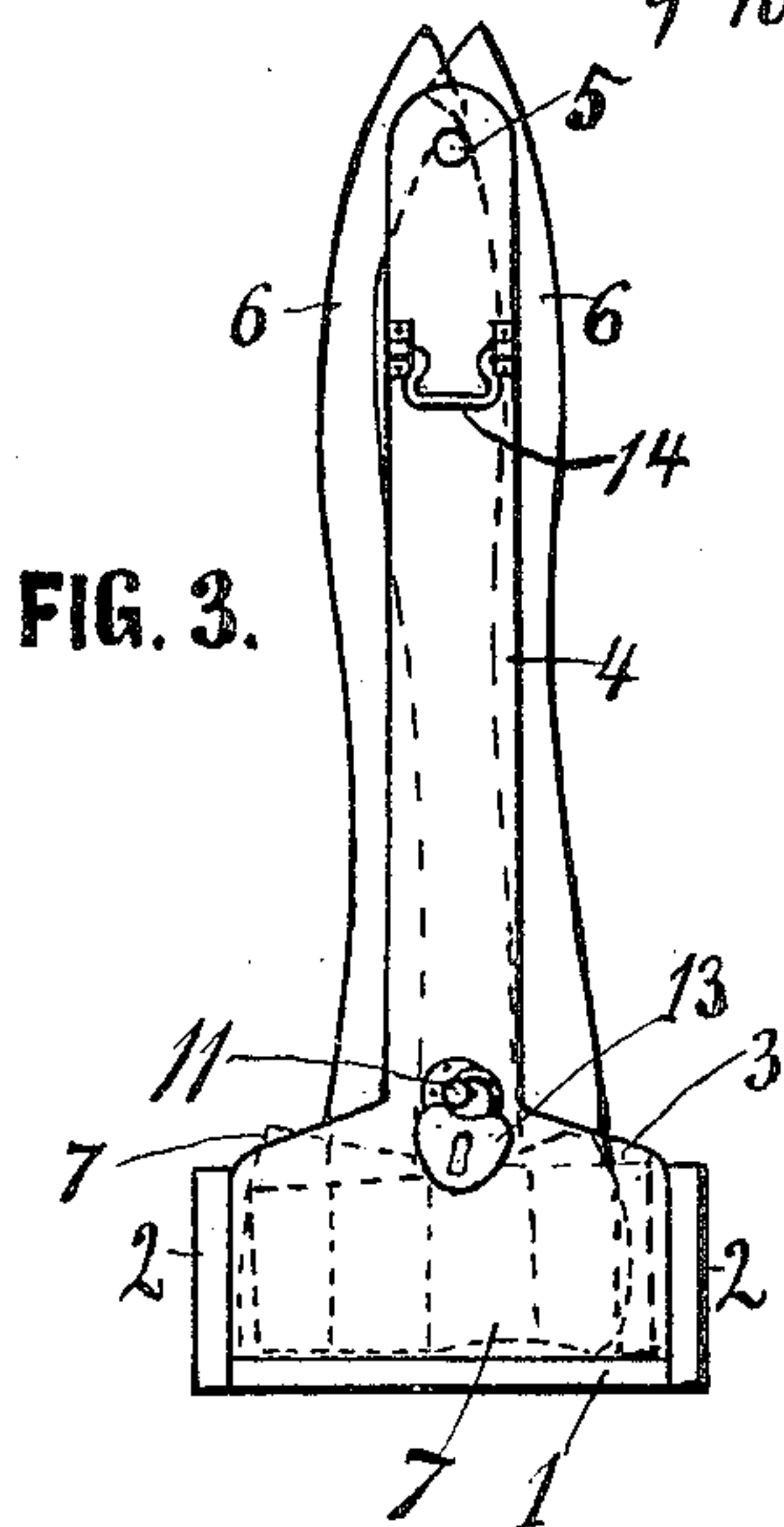


FIG. 3.

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## AX RACK AND LOCKER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. SWANSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ax Racks and Lockers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to boxes or racks for storing, keeping, and transporting axes used by lumbermen and by the various orders of "Woodmen."

The general object of the invention is to provide an efficient device of the said class of such construction that the axes while in the rack have their edges protected, so they cannot either get injured or do injury, and accidental or unwarranted removal of the axes is prevented. These and other objects I attain by the novel construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top or plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device, with a portion of the lower parts in section, as on the line *a a* in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the device with some axes in it.

Referring to the drawings by reference-numerals, it will be seen that a box-shaped elongated frame or chest is formed of the bottom 1, sides 2, and end pieces 3, from which extend upward two standards 4, united by the horizontal bar 5, against the sides of which the upright handles 6 of the axes 7 are held, while the axes rest upon the bottom 1 in the position shown in Fig. 3, each ax in a wedge-shaped pocket 8, formed between the sides of the box and the partitions 9 and 10, which are so arranged that the small end of each pocket comes up to the side of the big end of the next pocket. After the axes are thus placed in the pockets with their edges in opposite directions they are locked in position by a headed rod 11, inserted through the standards 4 close above the axes and having in its free end an eye 12, in which is locked a padlock 13, so that no ax can be removed from the box until the person having charge of the axes unlocks and removes the rod 11.

Upon the standards 4 are provided handles 14, by which to carry the device.

Having thus described the device and its purpose and operation, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A device for carrying and keeping axes, the same comprising in combination an elongated box-shaped frame having bottom and transversely-disposed wedge-shaped chambers or pockets each adapted to receive and fairly fit an ax standing on the bottom with the handle upward; a standard extending centrally upward from each end wall of the box, a frame-bar uniting the upper ends of the standards, holes in the lower ends of the standards, a locking-bar inserted through said holes so closely above the axes as to hold their handles pressed against the sides of the frame-bar, and a lock engaging and holding the locking-bar against unwarranted withdrawal.

2. A device for carrying and keeping axes, the same comprising in combination an elongated box-shaped frame having bottom and transversely-disposed wedge-shaped chambers or pockets each adapted to receive and fairly fit an ax standing on the bottom with the handle upward; a standard extending centrally upward from each end wall of the box, a frame-bar uniting the upper ends of the standards, holes in the lower ends of the standards, a locking-bar inserted through said holes so closely above the axes as to hold their handles pressed against the sides of the frame-bar, and a lock engaging and holding the locking-bar against unwarranted withdrawal, and handles upon the standards for carrying the box in a suspended position.

3. A device of the kind described comprising a box-shaped frame having a series of wedge-shaped chambers or pockets adapted to receive each one an ax with the handle in an upright position, and a locking-bar inserted through the end portions of the box so near above the axes as to prevent their removal from the pockets, and a lock engaging said rod to prevent its unwarranted withdrawal.

4. A device of the kind described comprising a box-shaped frame having a series of wedge-shaped chambers or pockets adapted to receive each one an ax with the handle in an upright position, and a locking-bar inserted through the end portions of the box so near above the axes as to prevent their removal from the pockets, and a lock securing the bar

against unwarranted withdrawal, the end walls of said box having each one a central upright, a bar uniting said uprights and serving to steady the handles of the axes in the box.

- 5 5. A device of the kind described comprising a box-shaped frame having a series of wedge-shaped chambers or pockets adapted to receive each one an ax with the handle in an upright position, and a locking-bar in-  
10 serted through the end portions of the box so near above the axes as to prevent their removal from the pockets, a hole in said bar and a padlock suspended from said hole to

lock the bar, the end walls of said box having each one a central upright, a bar uniting said 15 uprights and serving to steady the handles of the axes in the box, and to prevent swinging of the handles across a central horizontal line of the box, whereby they might get dis-  
20 lodged from the pockets.

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

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