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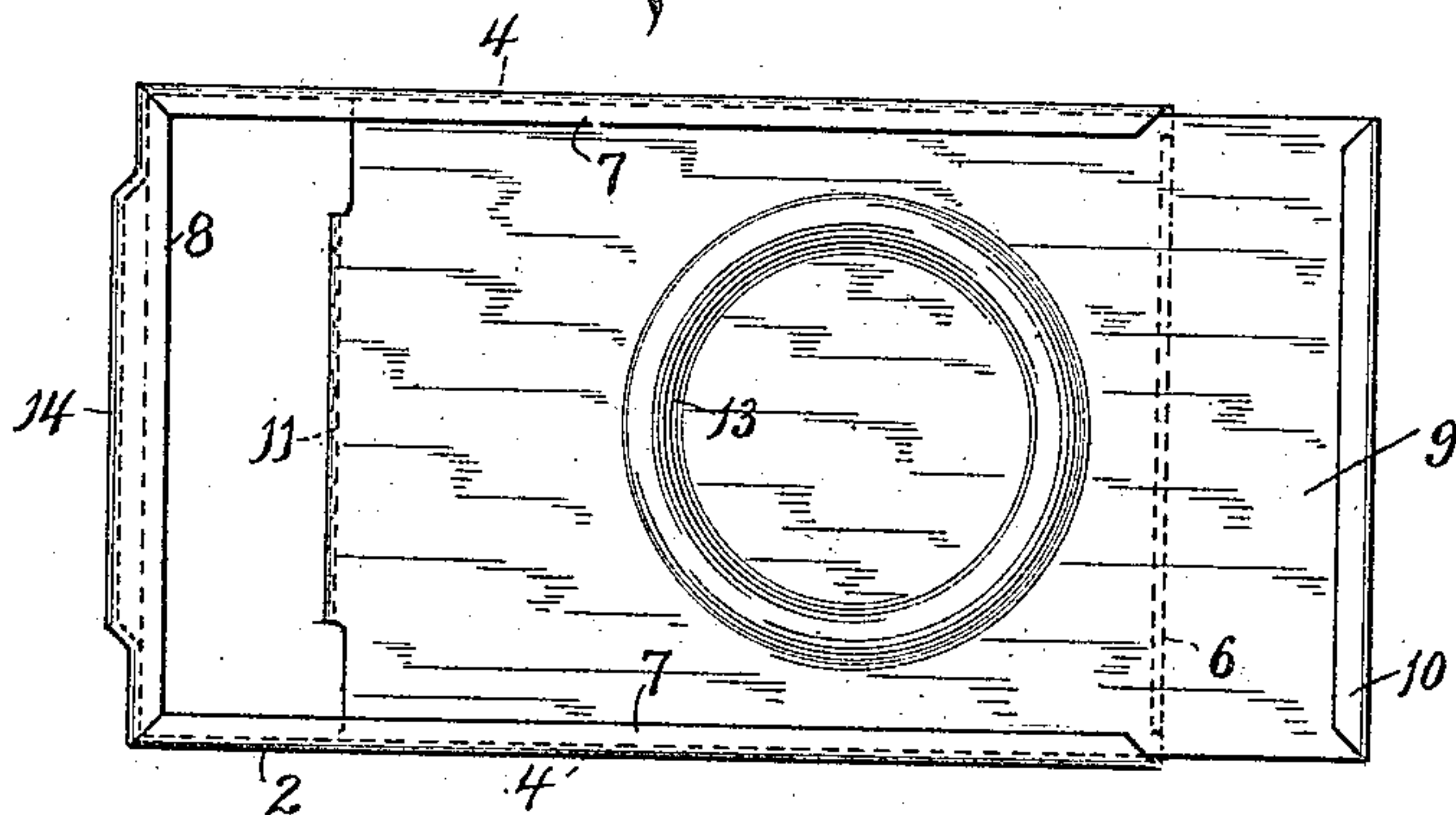


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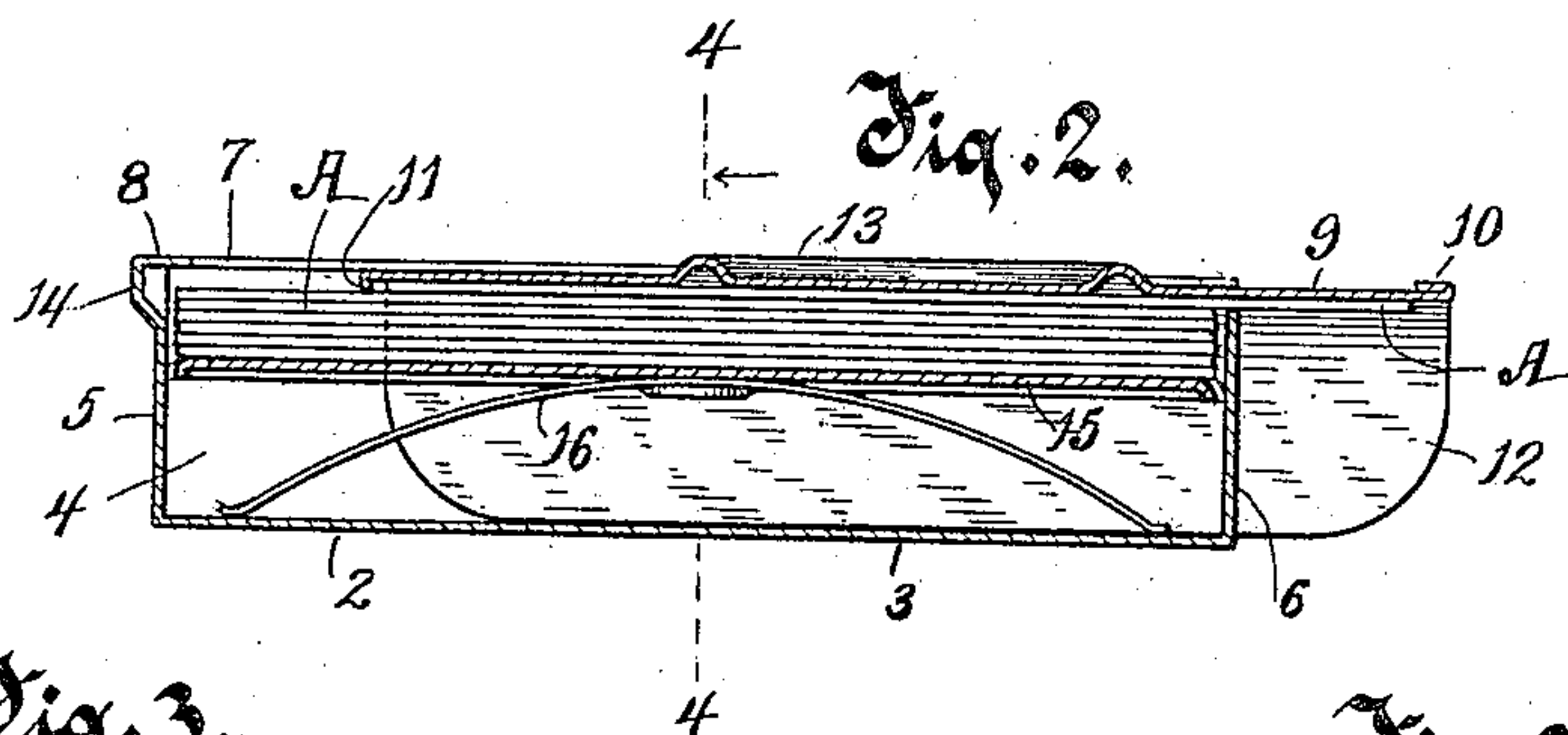


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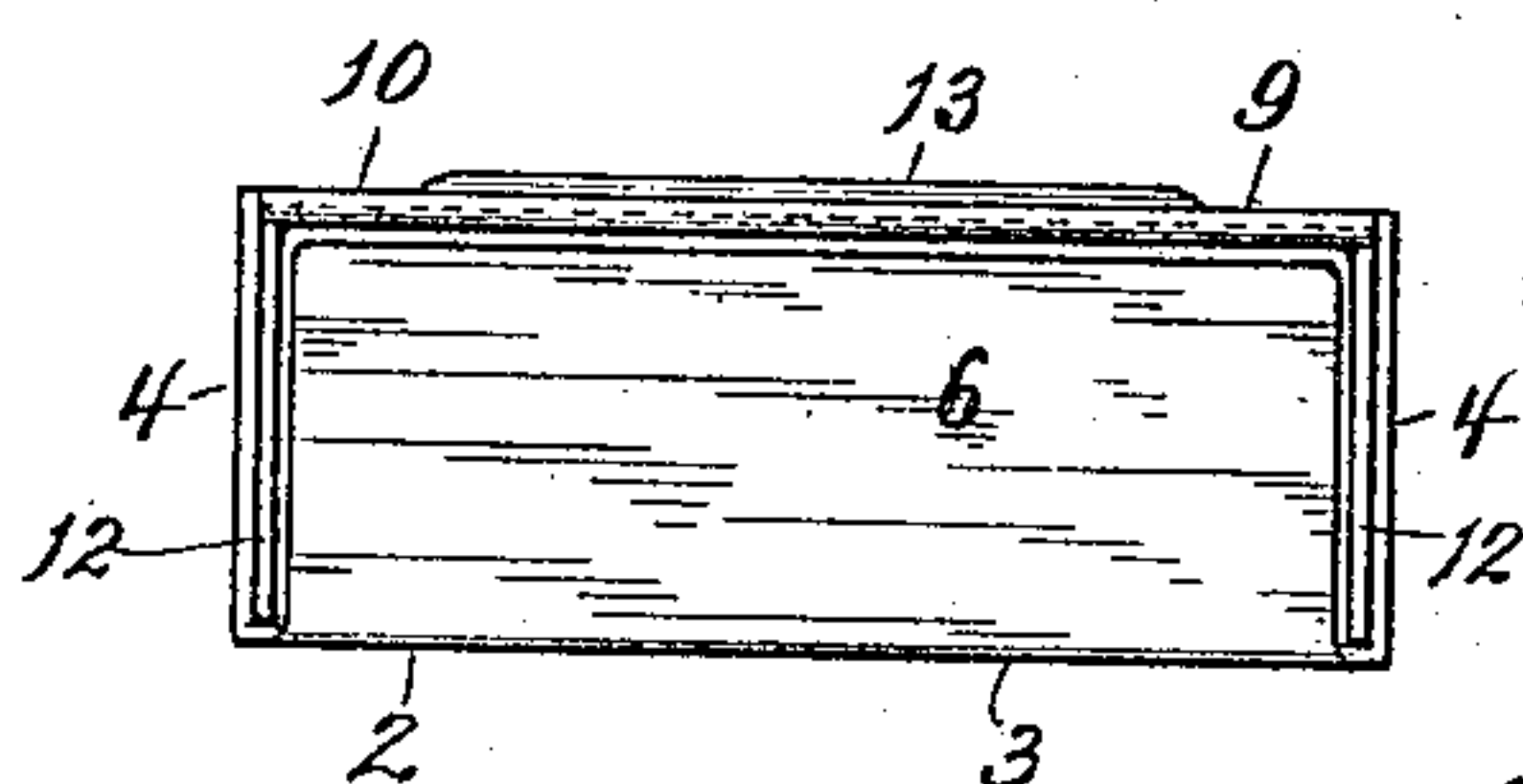


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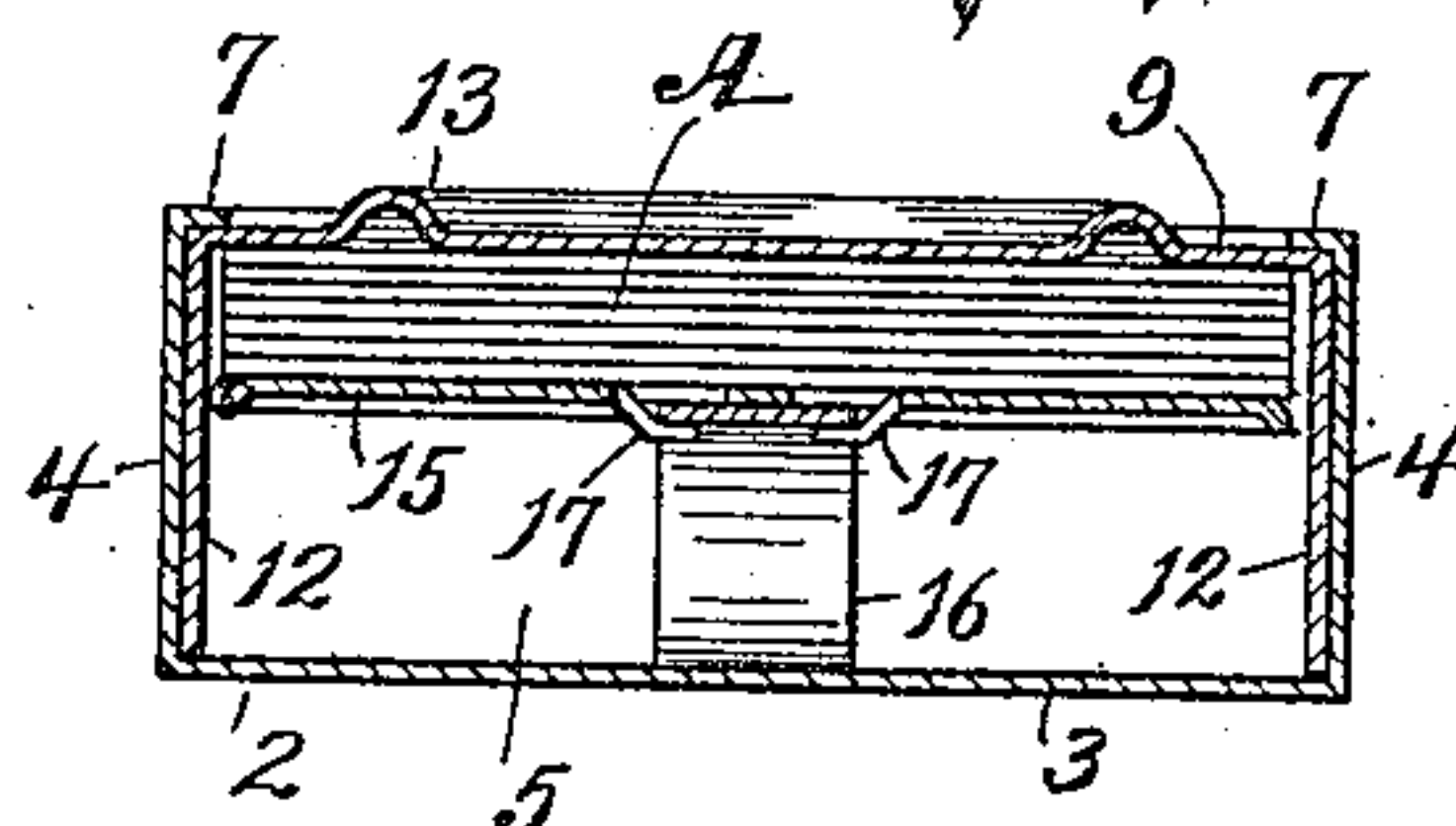


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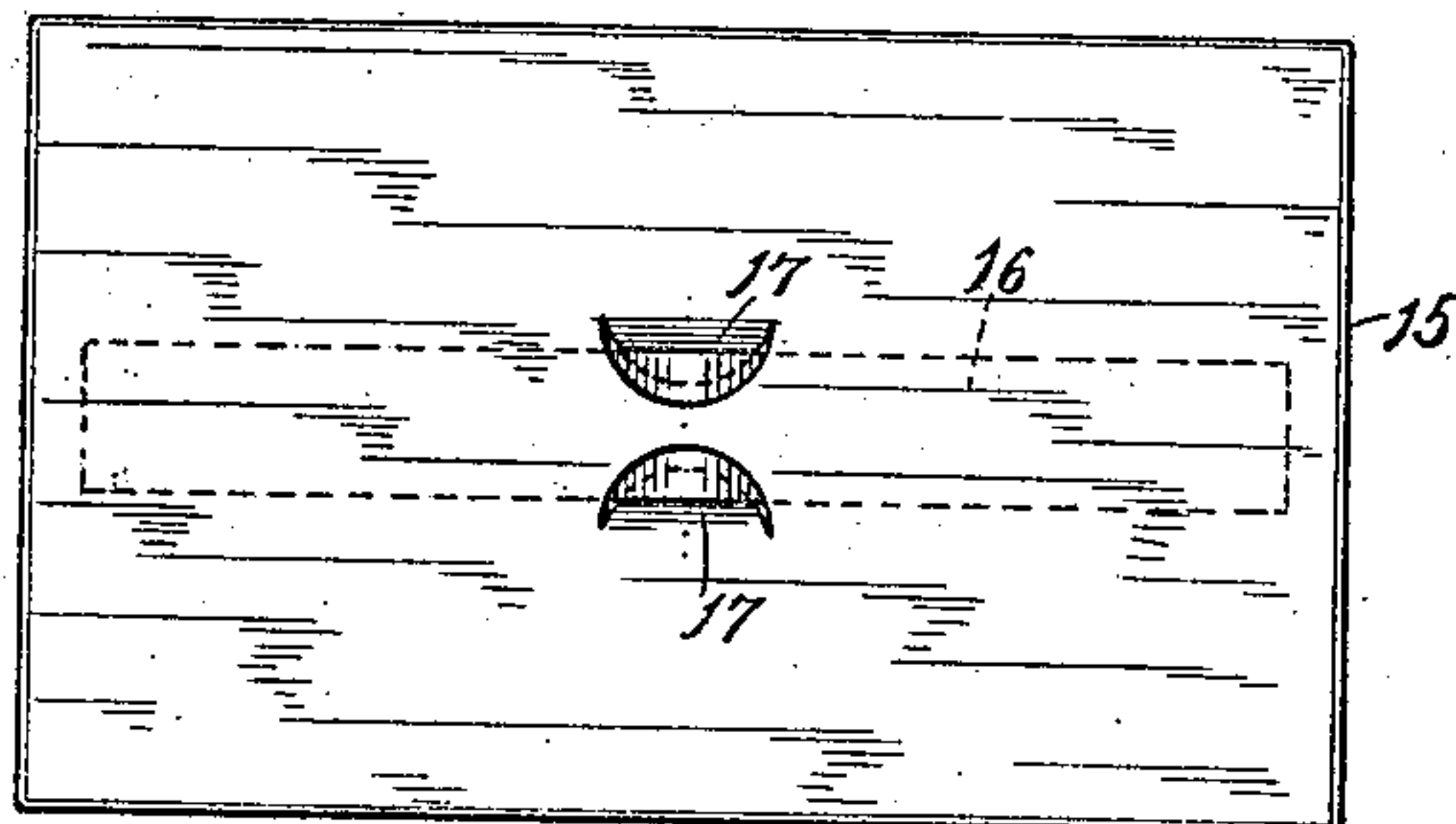


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES D. CANTWELL, residing in Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Portable Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

The invention relates to a small box-like device advisably to be made of sheet metal and of a size adapted to be carried in one's pocket, and especially for the purpose of holding and delivering small tickets, particularly street-car tickets, made of paper in rectangular form; but the device is not to be limited in its use to this particular purpose, since it may also be employed for any other use for which it is adapted.

The invention consists of the device, its parts and their combinations, as herein described and claimed, or the equivalents thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of the improved ticket-holder, the lid or cover being partially withdrawn as it is adapted to be withdrawn in use. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central section of the improved ticket-holder, tickets being indicated in the holder in such position as they occupy when the holder is in use and one ticket being shown as being slid out of the chamber of the holder. Fig. 3 is a front end view of the case, the end being that at the right in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the holder on line 4 4 of Fig. 2, tickets being shown in position in the holder; Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the movable or false bottom in the holder; and Fig. 6 is a fragment of a ticket-holder, partly in section, showing a modified form of construction.

My improved ticket-holder consists of a rectangular case 2, having its bottom 3, its sides 4 4, its rear end 5, and its front end 6 made, preferably and advisably, of a single piece of sheet metal, the sides and ends being turned up from the bottom and overturned flanges or lips 7 7 being formed on and along the upper edges of the sides 4 4 and projecting inwardly therefrom and a similar flange or lip 8 on and along the top of the rear end 5. This case is of such size as adapts it to receive loosely therein a supply of tickets A. The front end 6 of the case is slightly shorter in lateral length than the width of the case and projects upward rigidly from the bottom,

but independently of the sides 4 4, a narrow vertical passage being formed at each lateral end of this end piece between it and the sides 4 4. The end piece 6 is also a little lower than the height of the sides and rear end of the case, such less height of the front end piece providing a space over its top sufficient to permit of the sliding over it of the lid or cover and of a single ticket therewith.

The cover or lid 9 is of such size and form as to fit movably above the front end 6 and under the lips 7 7 and 8, forming a top closure to the case. The lid 9 may be turned over at and along its front end, forming a low rib or reinforcing-piece 10, adapted to strengthen the front end of the lid. At its rear end the lid 9 is turned downwardly medially, slightly forming along a part of its rear end on the under surface a hook 11, projecting below the under surface of the lid a distance substantially equal to the thickness of a ticket which the holder is adapted to hold and discharge. The lid 9 is also provided at and along its longitudinal edges with downwardly-projecting strengthening and guarding wings 12 12, one at each side, which wings are advisably of a depth equal to the height of the case and are substantially as long as the lid exclusive of the hook 11. As a means for enabling the finger of the user of this holder to act readily and effectively on the lid the lid may be provided with an annular boss or rib 13, which can be readily formed therein by stamping, and thus throwing up the rib. As it is necessary that the hook 11 when the lid 9 is slid to the limit of its travel rearwardly shall pass beyond the rear edge of a ticket held in the holder that portion of the lid 9 on which the hook 11 is formed projects toward the rear a little beyond the end of the lid near its sides, and provision is made in the case for receiving this hook and allowing it to pass beyond the ticket in the holder, which provision may consist of an outward extension 14, formed in and of the rear end of the case by carrying it outwardly by swaging or otherwise, thus forming a little hook-chamber at the rear end of the case adapted to receive the hook therein.

Within the case a movable or false bottom 15 is provided, which being made of sheet metal advisably has its edges turned down a little all around it, forming a strengthening-rib. An elongated flat spring 16 is secured medially to the under side of the false bottom piece conveniently by cutting two



clips 17 of the plate and bending them downwardly, so that the spring can be inserted above the clips and against the adjacent surface of the false bottom and is held in place by bending, and thereby pressing, the lips into position against the spring. The spring curves downwardly at each side of its attachment to the false bottom and forms elastic legs, the feet of which bear movably against the bottom 3 of the case, thereby supporting the false bottom and its load of tickets A. The structure is such that the lid 9 being withdrawn toward and at the front a supply of tickets can be placed in the case on the false bottom 15, pressing down the spring 16 against its uplifting energy, and then the lid 9 can be pushed to the rear over the tickets. In this form the ticket-holder, with its supply of tickets, is a convenient device to be carried in one's pocket. The action of the spring will so lift the tickets that the top one will rest against the under surface of the lid in front of the hook 11. When a ticket is to be used, the lid is slid along toward the front about half its length, thereby carrying the top ticket with it, and then by sliding the lid back to the rear the top ticket will be left projecting at the front by reason of its greater friction on the ticket below, and thereupon the ticket can be pulled from the holder.

In the form of ticket-holder shown in Fig. 6 a medial space in the rear end of the case for the hook is provided without bending or extending the rear wall of the case, as shown at 14 in Figs. 1 and 2, by turning the side walls 6 6 inwardly a little distance, as shown at 18, thus providing at the two sides a rear end for the case, against which the rear edge

of the lid will strike, while the hook 11 will enter the intervening space between the marginal intumed ends 18 of the side walls.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a ticket-holder, a case having a bottom with a rear upturned end and with upturned sides turned inwardly at their tops forming cover-retaining flanges, a front end projecting upwardly from the bottom but less wide than the width of the case and slightly less high than the height of the case, a lid having wings projecting from its longitudinal edges into the case alongside the side walls of the case the lid being adapted to slide under the flanges on the side walls and over the front end and the wings to slide past the lateral edges of the front end, means on the lid at its rear end to engage a ticket and carry it outwardly along with the lid, and means in the case for supporting tickets yieldingly upwardly against the lid.

2. In a ticket-holder, a case having a bottom with rigid sides and rear end having inwardly - projecting top flanges thereon, and a front rigid end projecting from the bottom, but shorter than the width of the case and less high than the height of the case, a lid having wings projecting inwardly of the case on and along its longitudinal edges, the lid being adapted to slide over the front end and the wings at and past the ends of the front end, and means on the lid for engaging a ticket and carrying it along with the lid.

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

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