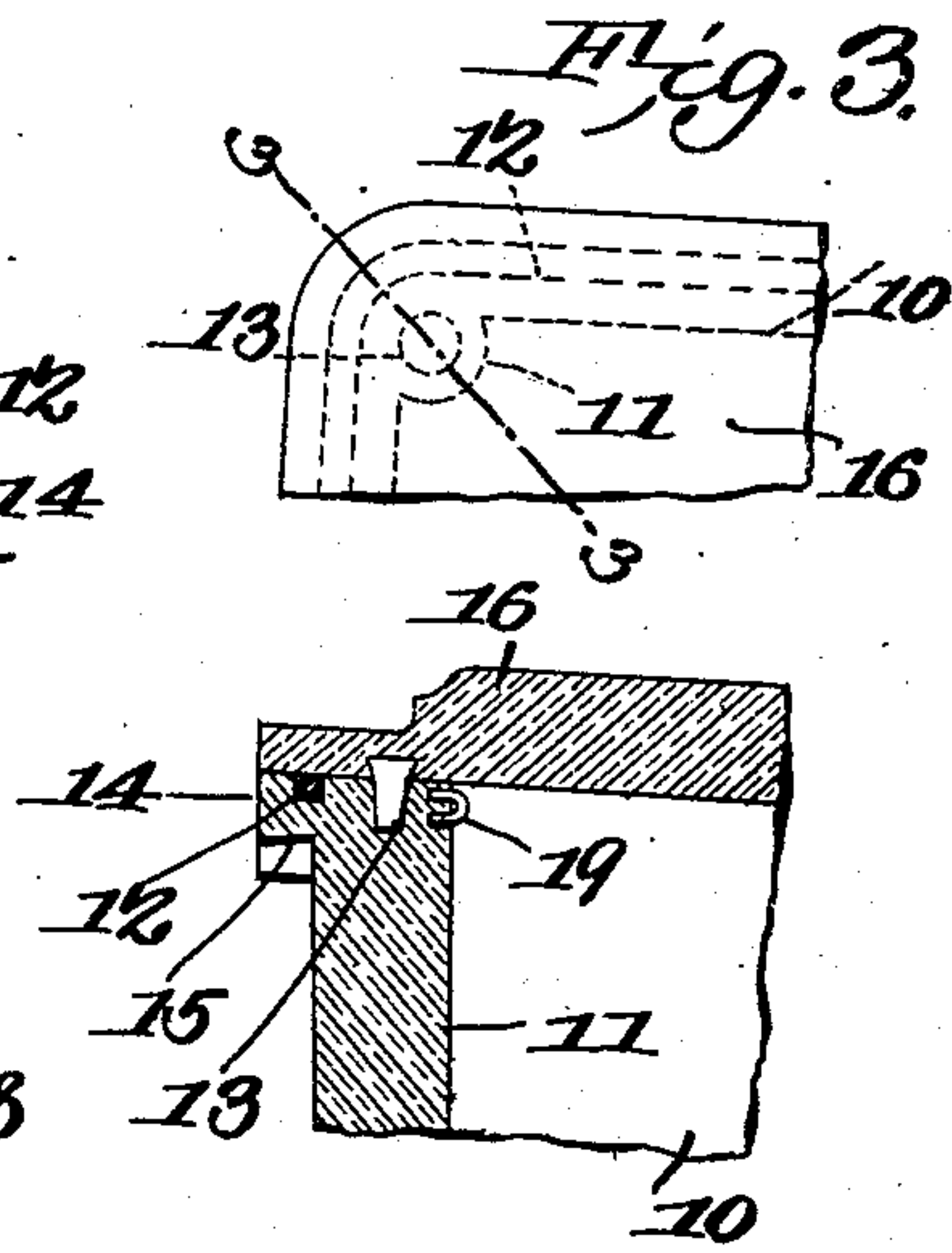
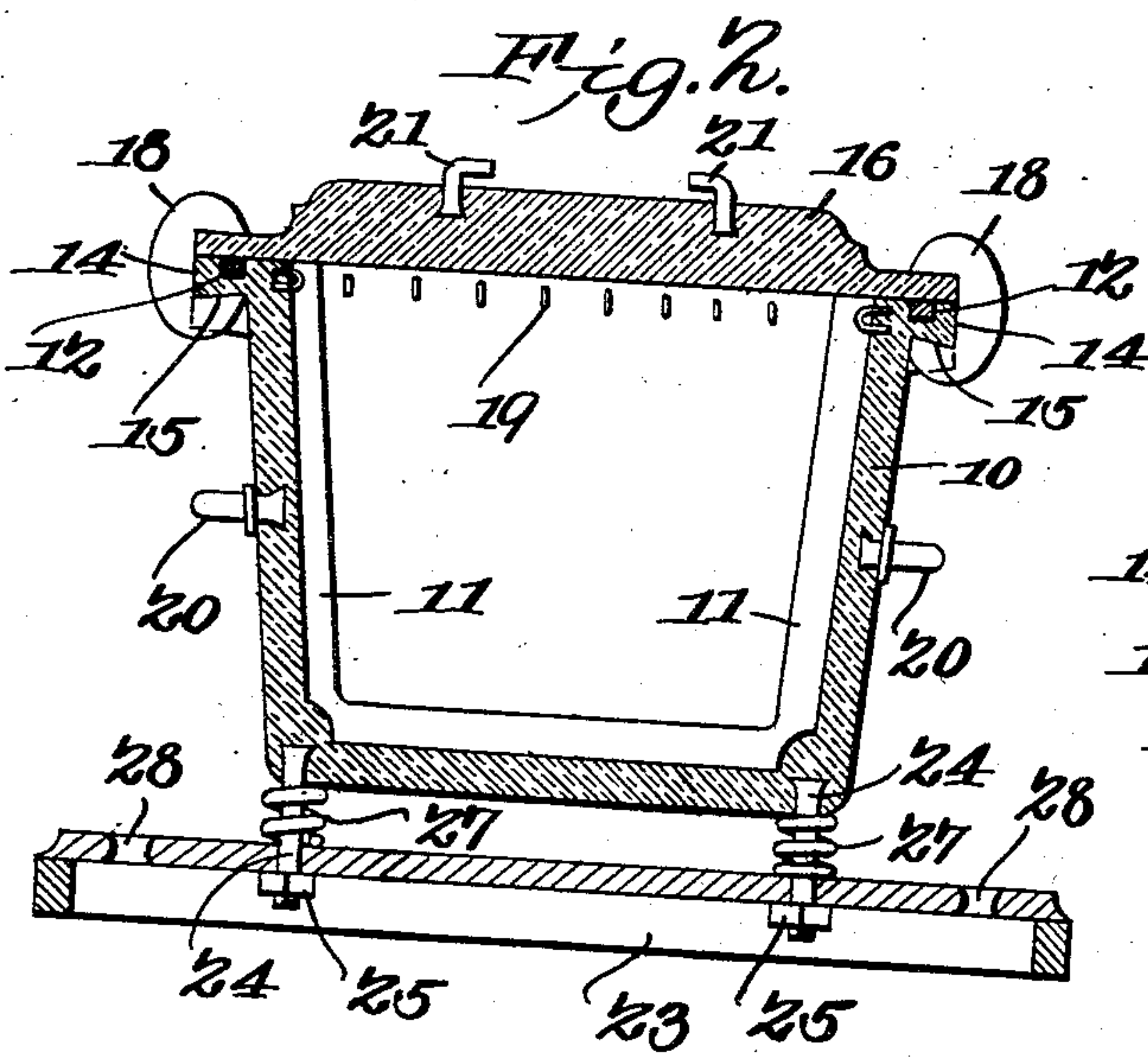
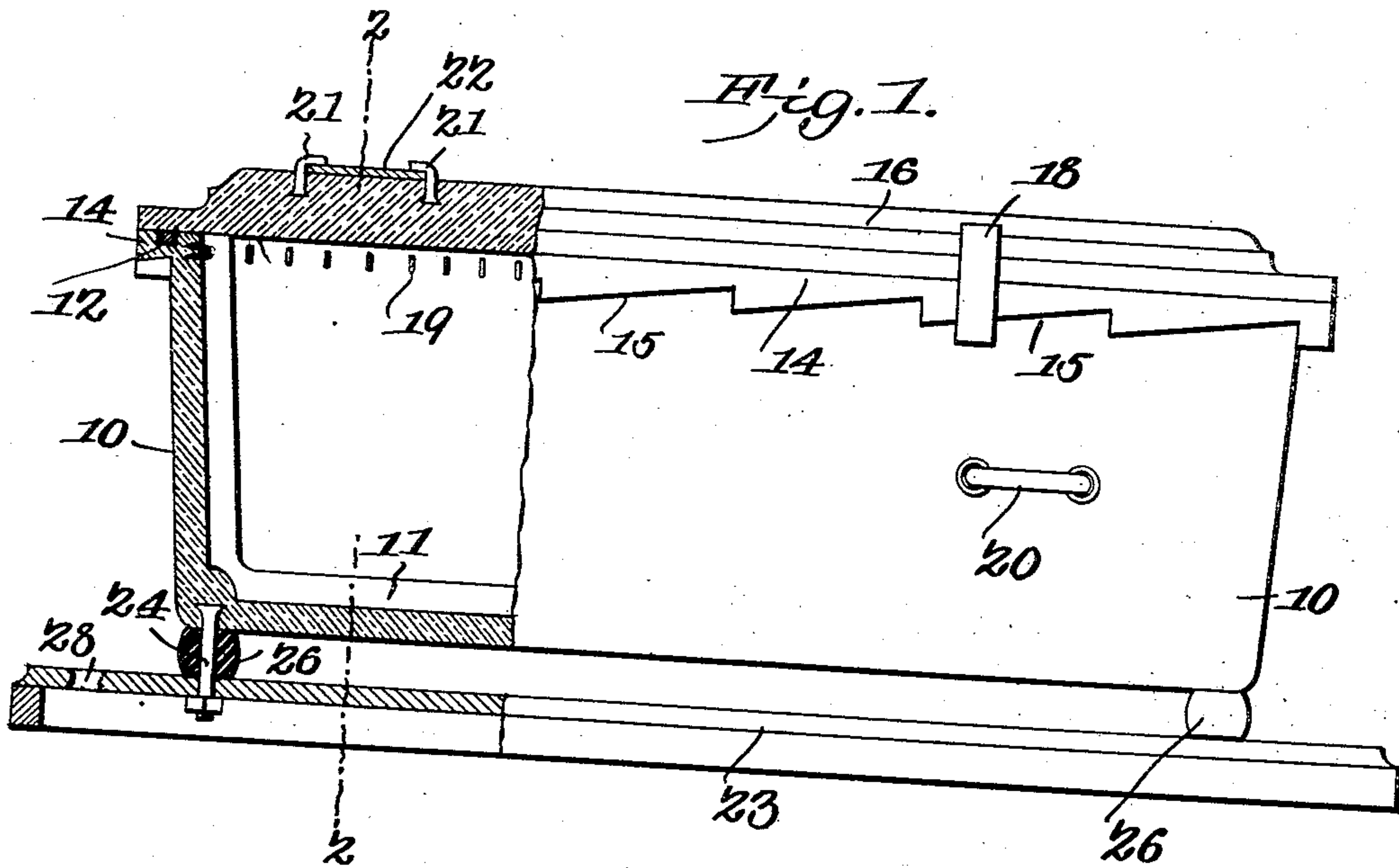


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS FRANKLING COMBS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crawfordville, in the county of Taliaferro and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Casket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to burial-caskets of glass or like material or compounds, and has for its object to improve the construction and increase the efficiency, durability, and utility of devices of this character.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the improved device. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a portion of the device, including one of the corners of the same. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3.

The improved device comprises a body 10, molded or otherwise constructed of glass or like material and with reinforcing-ribs 11 integral with the body and extending along the lower side edges or at the juncture of the sides and bottom and also at the juncture of the sides and ends and at the juncture of the ends and bottom. The upper edge of the body is provided with a channel 12, extending entirely around the same, and with sockets at the corners, one of which is indicated at 13. The body 10 is provided with an outwardly-extending rim or flange 14 around the upper edge, with the lower surface of the rim provided with a plurality of inclined faces 15, the latter "undercut" or dovetailed, as shown. Bearing over the body 10 is a cover member 16 of the same material as the body and provided with pins 17, engaging the sockets 13 in the body. When the cover 16 is disposed in position upon the body 10, the channel 12 is filled with some suitable cement which will firmly unite the cover member air-tight to the body portion. A plurality of clamps 18 are provided for

bearing over the edges of the cover 16 and also beneath the flange or rim 14, the clamps having the lower ends inclined or dovetailed to correspond to the dovetailed portion 15 of the flange. By this simple means it is obvious that when the cover is disposed in position upon the body and the clamp members applied and moved longitudinally of the cover and body the inclined faces of the flange 14 will cause the clamp members to firmly compress the cover member upon the body and likewise compress the cement contained in the channel 12, and thus form a very rigid and firm joint between the parts and efficiently preventing the passage of air, gases, or moisture.

Embedded at suitable points within the body 10 are staples or similar devices 19 to support the trimming for the interior of the body. Handles 20 will also be attached to the body in any suitable manner, preferably by casting or molding them into the body when the latter is constructed. The cover 16 is provided with clips 21, preferably molded or cast into the cover when the latter is constructed and adapted to support a name-plate 22. The body 10 is disposed above a base 23, preferably of wood, the body being provided with threaded studs 24 at the corners and embedded in the material of the body with their upper ends adjacent to the reinforcing-ribs 11 and strengthened and supported thereby, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The bolts 24 extend through the base 23 and are supplied with holding-nuts 25 below the base and with springs 27 between the body and base. The springs may be of coiled wire, as at 27 in Fig. 2, or of rubber or like material, as at 26 in Fig. 1. The springs are designed to relieve the body 10 and its attachments from jars and concussions while in transit and to obviate danger of the breakage of the glass body and cover. The base 23 is provided with suitable handles 28 to facilitate the transportation of the device.

The body 10 and its cover 16 may be of any required size and ornamented in any desired manner and when constructed of glass may be transparent or opaque, as desired.

The rods 24 may be of metal or wood, as preferred.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A burial-casket comprising a molded body formed with integral reinforcing-ribs in the

corners, bolts embedded in the corners of the
body and supported by said ribs and depend-
ing from the body, a base disposed beneath
said body and spaced therefrom and through
5 which said bolts extend, springs between
said body and base and surrounding said
bolts, and clamp-nuts upon said bolts and
bearing beneath said base.

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