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Fig. 1.

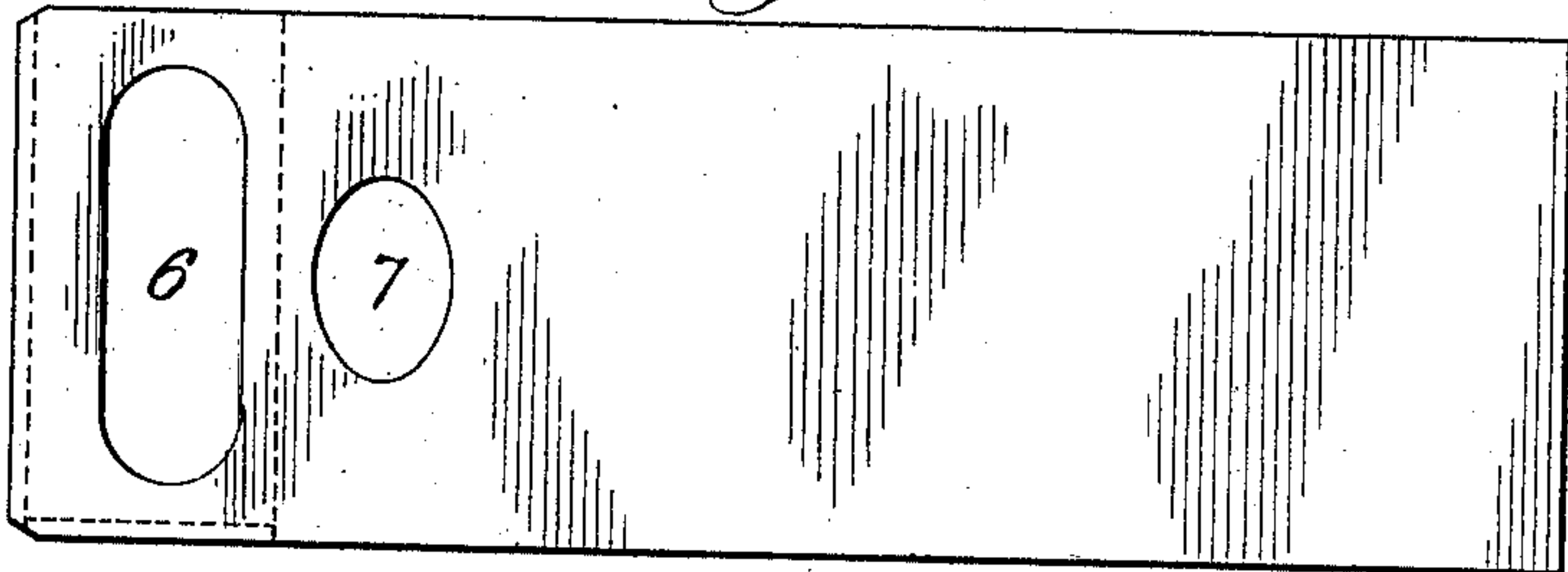


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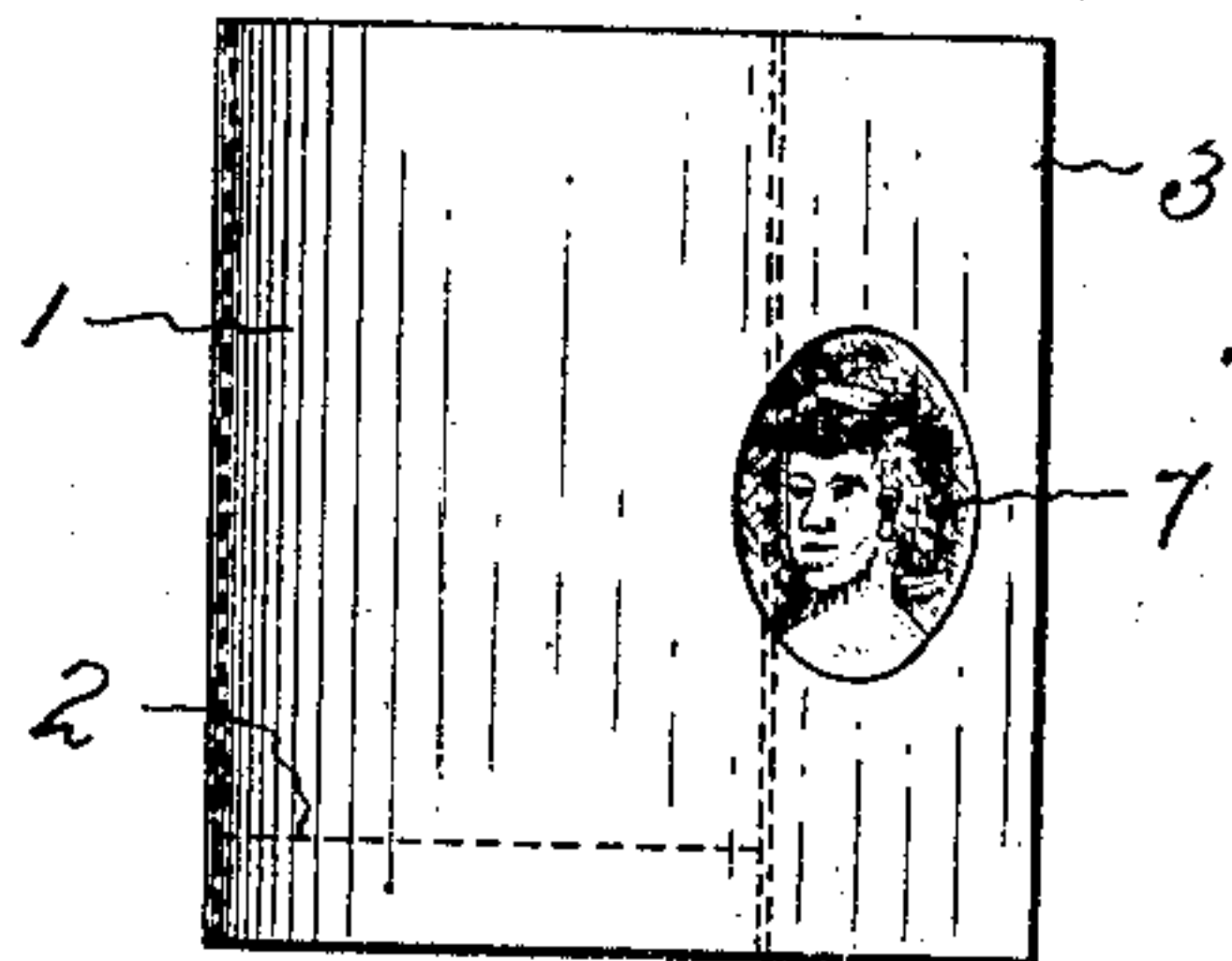


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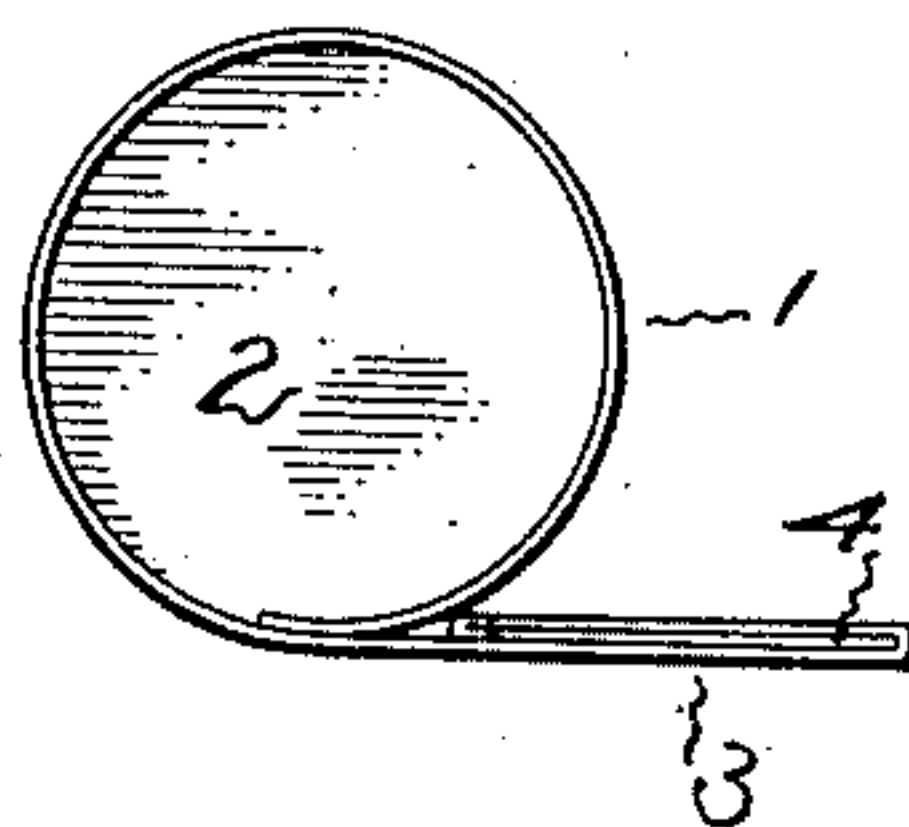


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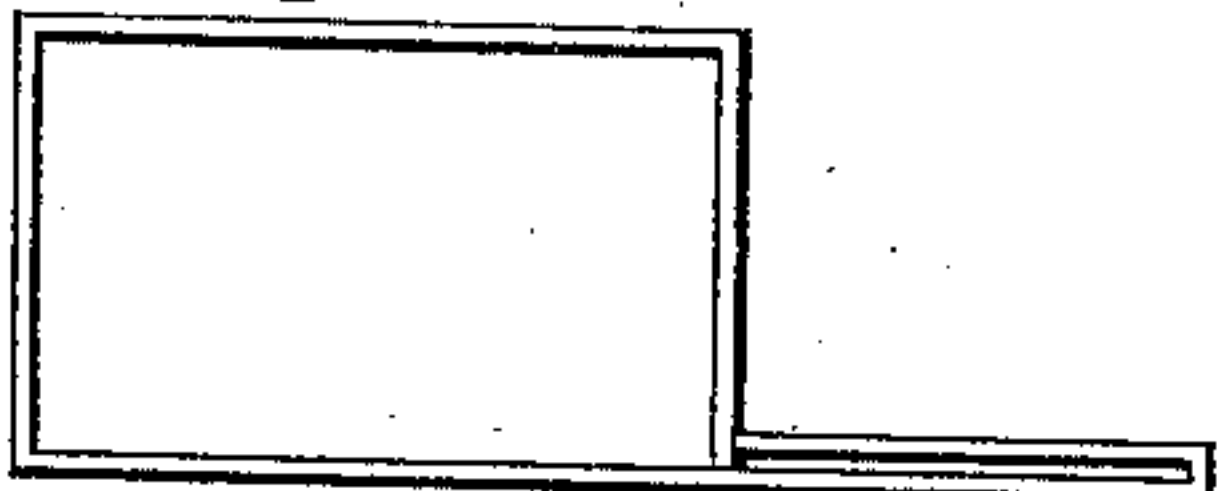


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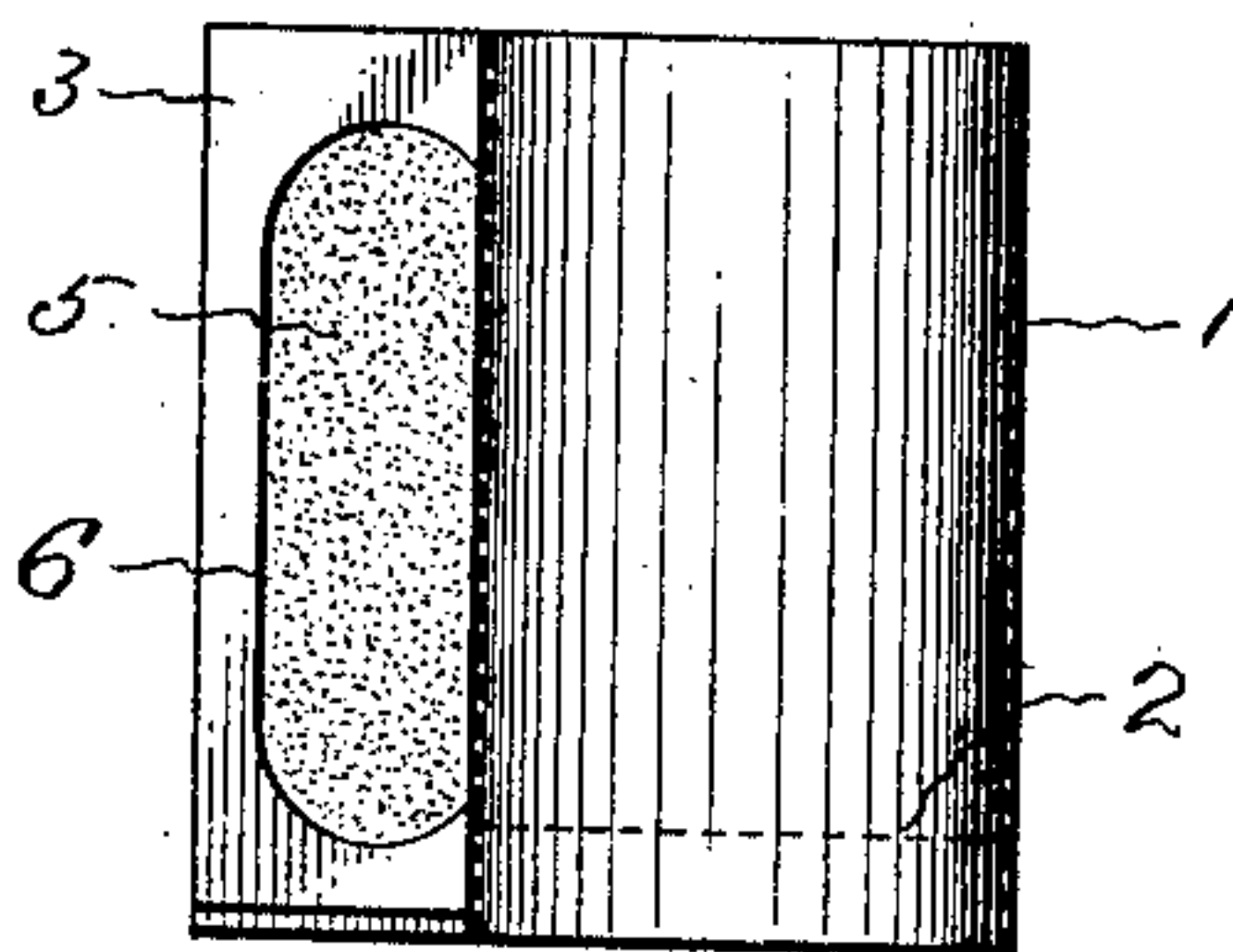


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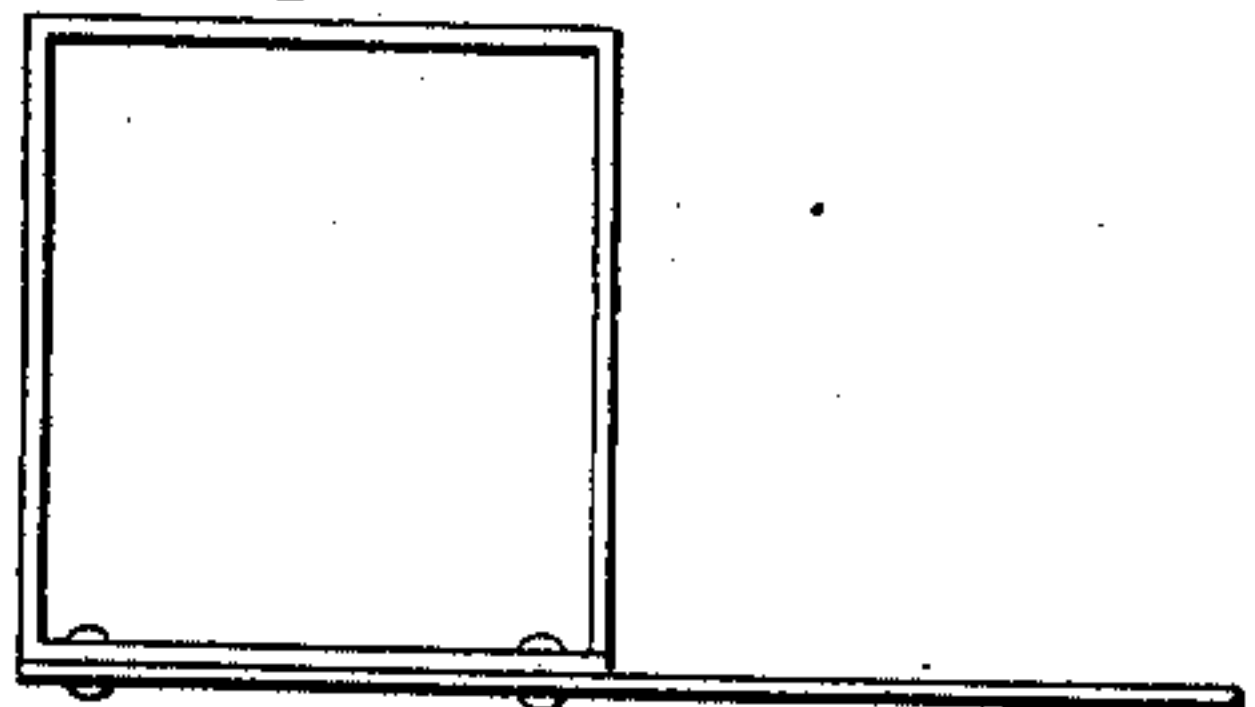
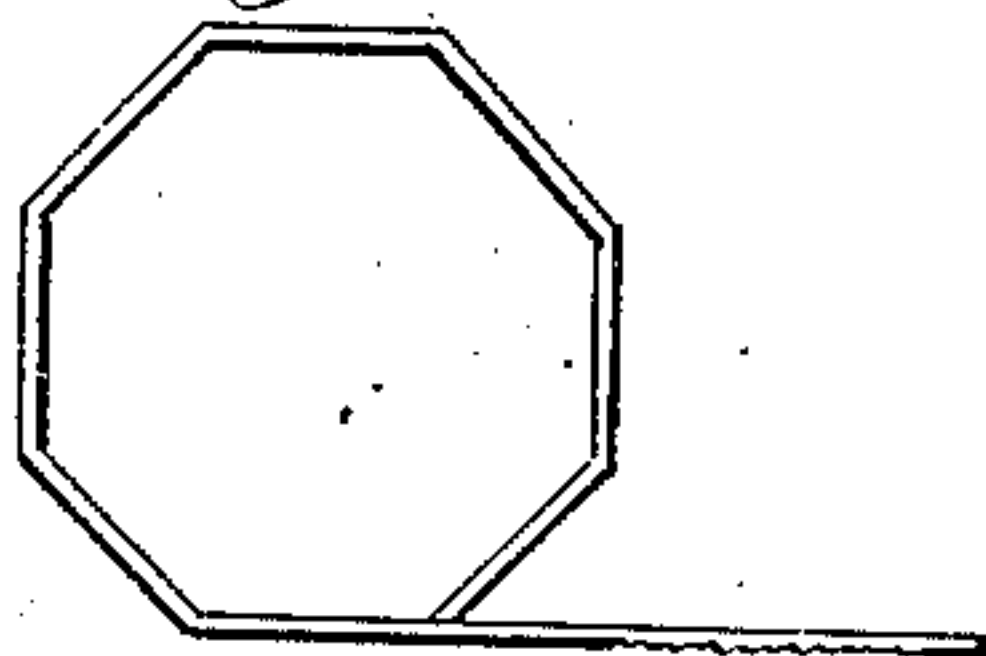


Fig. 6.



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MATCH-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK RATCLIFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Match-Box, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a standard or stationary receptacle for holding matches.

The object of the invention is to provide a very simple, easily-formed, and cheap match-box which will stand upright without danger of toppling over and which is provided with facilities for igniting the matches and for displaying an advertisement or ornamentation.

The form of the invention shown in the drawings has a cylindrical receptacle for the matches and a tangential wing that is arranged to receive the igniting means, these parts in this form being made from a single piece of material, although, of course, the invention is not limited to forming these parts in a single piece.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings shows a blank from which the match-receiver and the wing for holding the igniting means of the form of the invention shown in the drawings are made. Fig. 2 shows a front elevation of the box. Fig. 3 shows a plan of the box. Fig. 4 shows a rear elevation of the box. Fig. 5 shows a plan of the box having a receptacle of different form. Fig. 6 shows a plan of the box having a receptacle of a still different form, and Fig. 7 shows a plan of another modification.

The box shown has a cylindrical match-receptacle 1, which is formed by coiling the sheet-metal blank, which may be stamped from silver, brass, copper, or the like, into a circle. This receptacle, however, instead of being round could of course be formed square or other shape in cross-section, as shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7. A bottom 2, of wood or other material, is secured in the lower end of this cylindrical receptacle.

The wing 3 in the form of box shown extends tangentially to the cylindrical receptacle, and the outer end of this wing is folded back upon itself so as to form a pocket 4, into which a piece of sand or emery paper or the like material 5 may be thrust. An opening 6 is punched in the blank, so as to expose the roughened surface of the igniting material to the rear when the box is finished. A

perforation 7 may also, if desired, be stamped in the blank in such place that it may be utilized for the purpose of displaying a photograph or an advertisement or other reading matter. The tangential wing may of course, if desired, be formed single instead of double and may be roughened to provide the surface for scratching the matches, as shown in Fig. 6; but it is preferred to double it back upon itself so as to form a pocket, as is shown in Fig. 3, for receiving sand-paper or the like material. It is also of course to be understood that the wing might be formed of a separate piece of material from the cylindrical body portion of the box and be fastened by rivets or by brazing to the receptacle, as shown in Fig. 7.

This box is very simple to make when it is formed of a single piece of metal curled and folded on itself, and it provides not only the receptacle for the matches, but convenient means for scratching the matches, which are hidden from view, and means for displaying advertising or other matter, and at the same time the wing adds stability to the receptacle, so that it is not easily tipped over.

The invention claimed is—

1. A match-box having a receptacle for matches and a wing provided with means for igniting the matches extending tangentially from one side of the receptacle, substantially as specified.

2. A match-box having a cylindrical receptacle for matches, and a wing formed of a single piece of metal extending tangentially from one side of the receptacle, substantially as specified.

3. A match-box having a cylindrical receptacle, an integral tangential wing that is folded back upon itself so as to form a pocket, and igniting material located in the pocket, substantially as specified.

4. A match-box having a cylindrical receptacle, a wing extending tangentially from the wall of the receptacle, said wing being folded upon itself and having an opening in the rear fold and a piece of igniting material located between the folds, substantially as specified.

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