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Fig. 1.

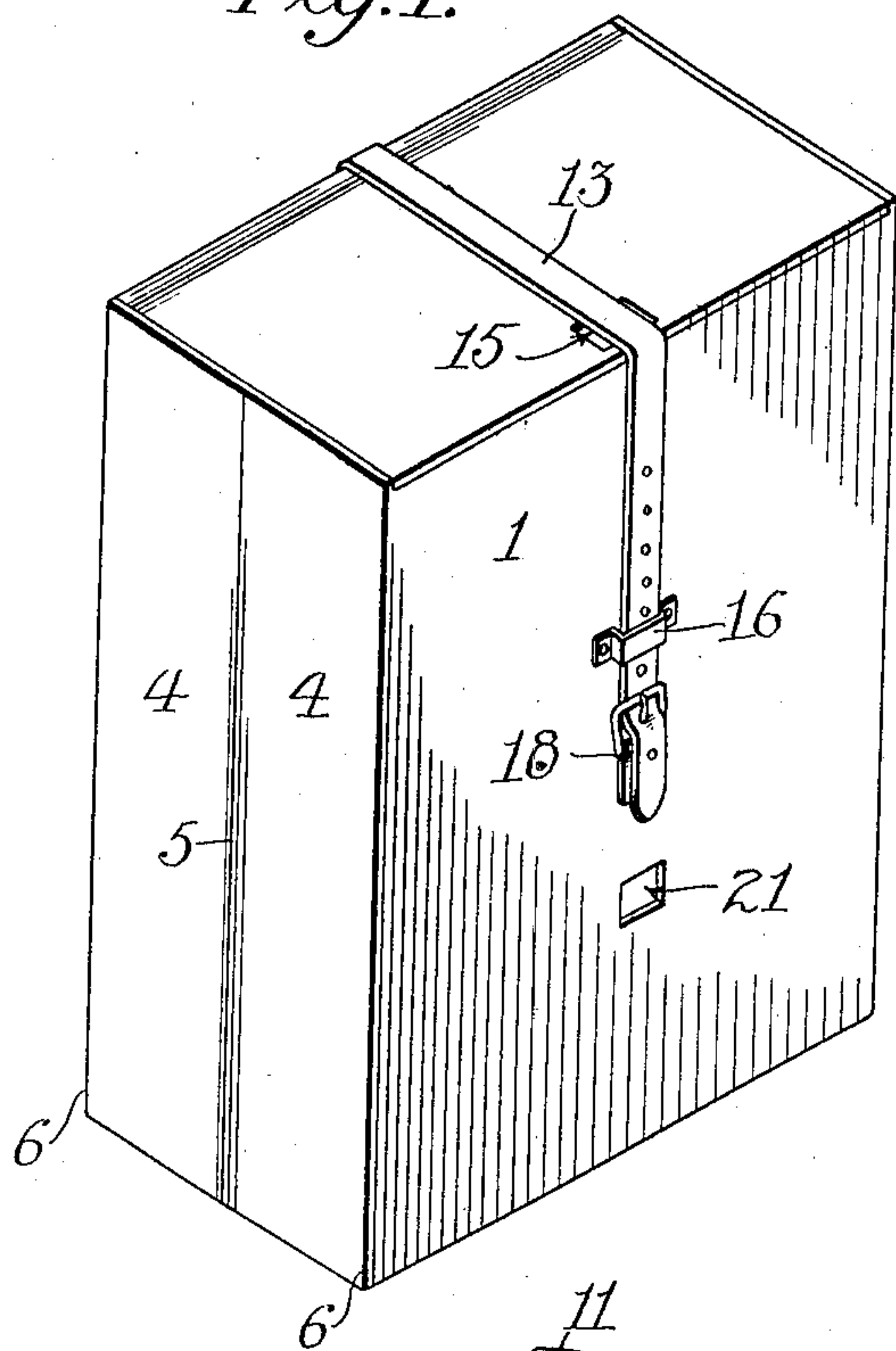


Fig. 2.

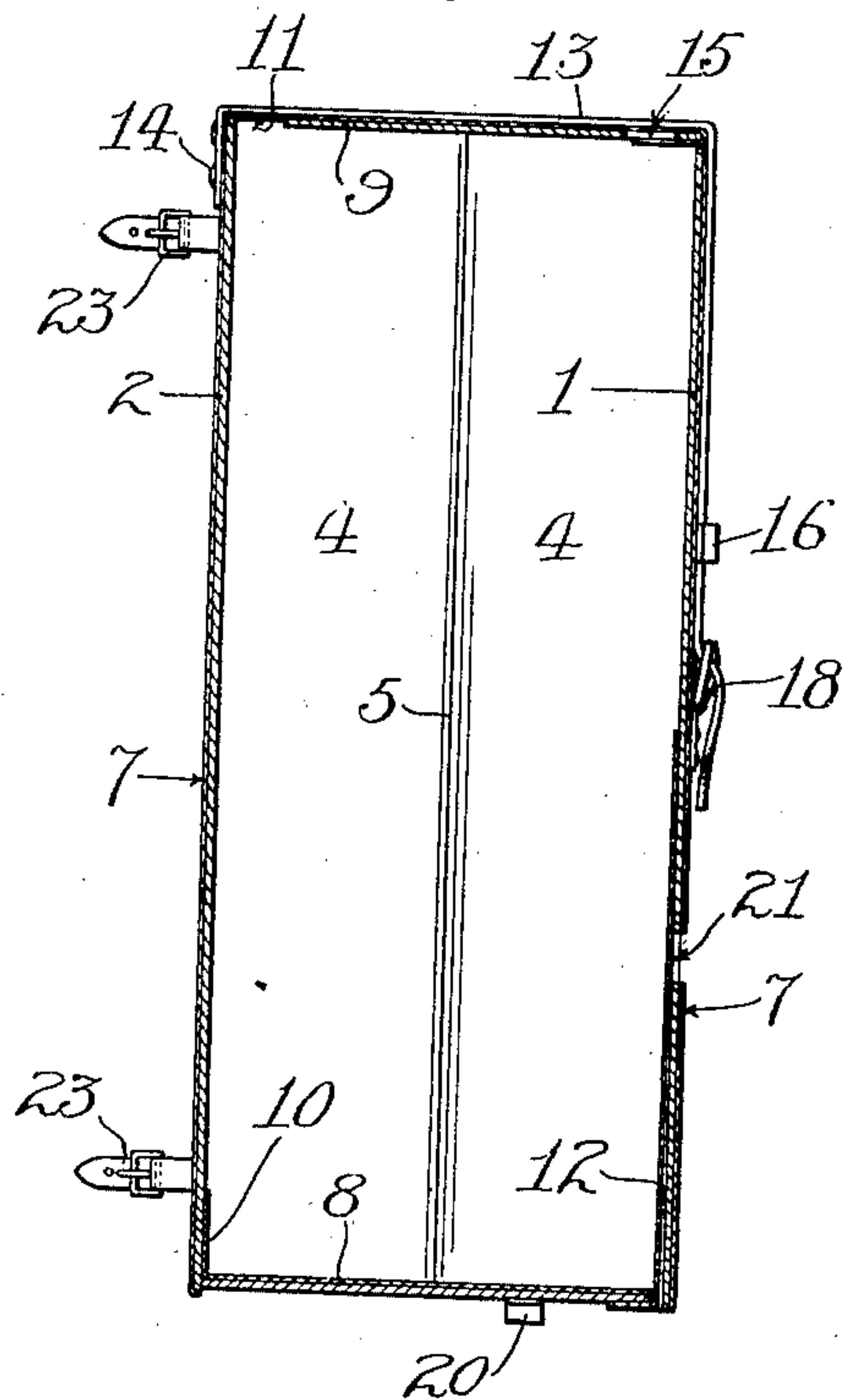


Fig. 3.

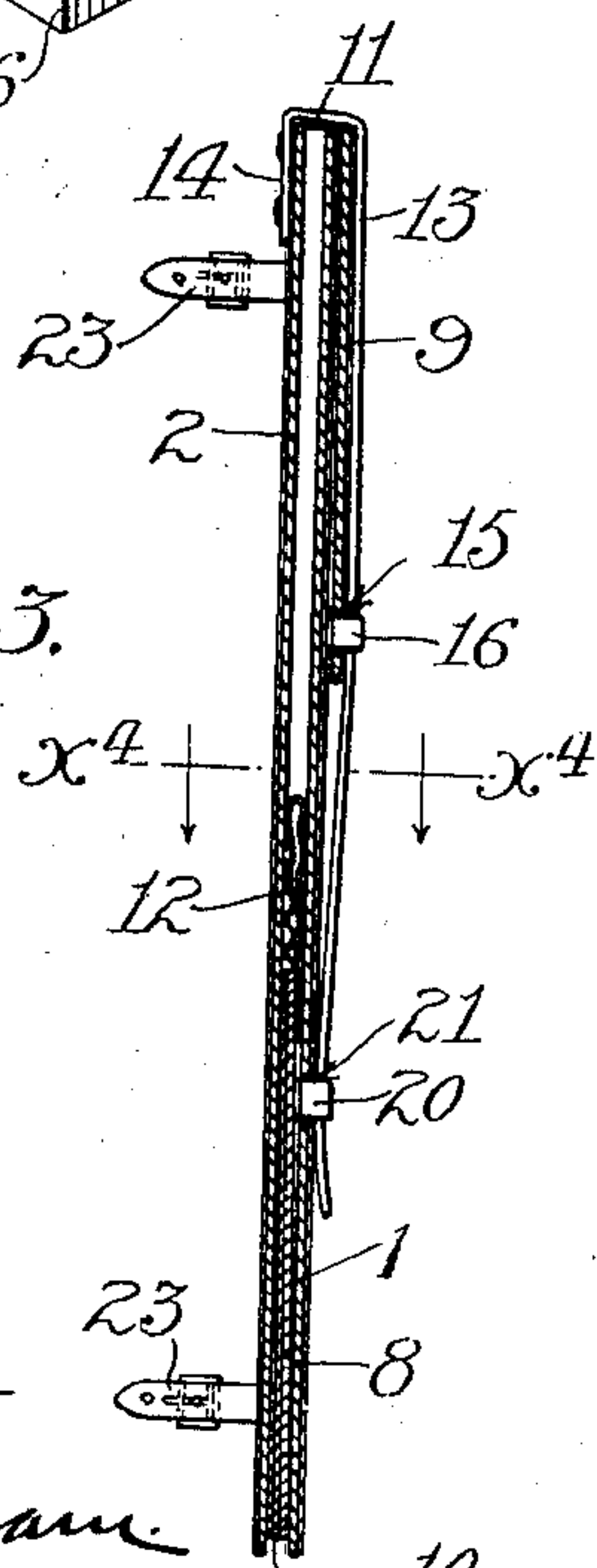
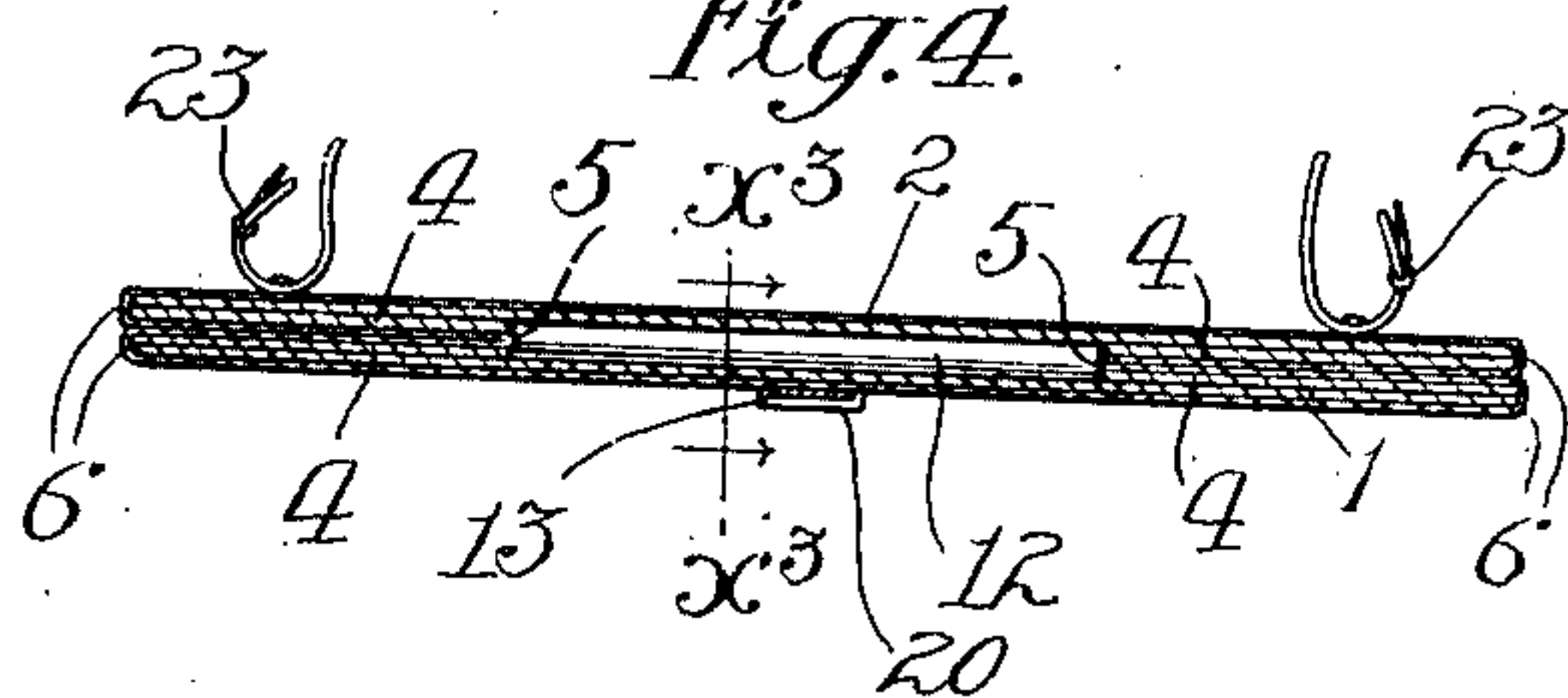


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. ALBRO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Collapsible Parcel Carrier or Case of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates particularly to a case, box, or carrier adapted for attachment to a vehicle, such as a go-cart, for convenient carriage of parcels, &c.

The main object of the invention is to provide a carrier and case which can be collapsed to a condition occupying minimum space and when extended will be held firmly against collapsing.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for fastening the case either extended or collapsed.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the case in closed position. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the case collapsed on the line  $x^3 x^3$ , Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on the line  $x^4 x^4$ , Fig. 3.

The case comprises rear and front members or walls 1 2, connected by hinged side walls, each of which is formed of two parts, members, or flaps 4, hinged or flexibly connected at 5 to one another and at 6 to the side members 1 2, so as to double or fold on one another and the side members, as shown in Fig. 4. The several members aforesaid may be made of pasteboard or other suitable light material, with a covering 7, of canvas or fabric, which extends round all said members and forms not only a covering therefor, but a connecting-hinge for each joint. When the aforesaid members are extended, they form a rectangular tube the ends of which may be closed by end pieces or flaps 8 9, corresponding in shape to the cross-section of the tube aforesaid and connected by hinges at 10 11 to rear wall 2, said hinges being formed of fabric and the end plates being formed of pasteboard, wood, or other suitable material. The hinge 11 of the upper closure 9 is of sufficient length to lap over the rear wall, as well as over the front wall, as shown in Fig. 3, when the case is collapsed, so that the closure 9 can extend in front of wall 1. The lower end closure 8 is also connected to the opposite wall 2 by means of a flexible band or strap 12, of fabric or flexible material, which is secured at one end to the said end

plate and at the outer end to the wall 1 at a point such distance from the bottom thereof, and when the end plate is depressed this flexible connection will be stretched taut and will hold the bottom end plate from being pressed downwardly out of the case, said end plate being supported by its hinge and flexible connection aforesaid in such manner that it will be above the lower end of the case and within the walls thereof, said walls surrounding it on all sides, so that the parts mutually support one another. As shown in Fig. 4, the fabric band 12 is of sufficient width to extend between the members 5 when they are folded inward, so that it closes the space between them and can fold up into the space above the folded bottom member 8. Consequently the parts can be brought in close juxtaposition, the outer members 1 2 folding flat on the folded members 4 and 8, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The upper end or top member 9 is also adapted to fit down between the wall members 1 and 4, the wall member 1 being cut away sufficiently at the top to form a seat for said end member. Means are provided for holding the top member down on said seat when the case is extended and being used as a carrier, said means consisting of a strap 13, connected at 14 to wall 2, said strap being of sufficient length to extend over the top and down on the outside of the wall member 1 and through a staple or hasp 16 on the outside of said wall member and being fastened by a buckle 18 at its lower end to the said wall member. A staple 20 is secured to the bottom member 8, and when the case is collapsed said staple extends through a perforation 21 in wall member 1, so that strap 13 aforesaid can be placed through the same. In this collapsed position of the case the staple 16 on the wall member 1 extends through perforation 15 in the top member 9, and the strap 13 being passed through said staple and then down through the staple 20 aforesaid it serves to lock or fasten the case when in collapsed position.

23 designates strap-and-buckle devices at the rear corners of the case, whereby the case may be attached to a go-cart or other support, if desired.

What I claim is—

1. A collapsible case comprising front and rear walls, side walls connecting said front and rear walls and each formed of two members attached together at the center to fold upon one another and between said front and



rear walls, and to form in conjunction with the front and rear walls when extended, a tube, a closure at the bottom of said tube hinged to one wall and having a flexible fabric connection to the other side wall, said fabric connection extending between the folded end walls and rising above the folded bottom when the end walls and bottom are folded, a top closure for the tube hinged at one side to one side wall, and movable between the folding walls of the case.

2. A collapsible case comprising front and rear walls, side walls connecting said front and rear walls and each formed of two members attached together at the center to fold upon one another and between said front and rear walls, and to form in conjunction with the front and rear walls when extended, a tube, a closure at the bottom of said tube hinged to one wall, a flexible fabric band connecting said closure to the opposite wall, a top closure for the tube having a flexible connection to the front wall, said flexible connection being of sufficient length to extend over both front and rear walls when the latter are folded and enable the top closure to extend down in front of the rear wall and said top closure being movable between the folding walls of the case, the front wall being lower than the other walls at the top to form a seat for the top closure.

3. A collapsible case comprising front and rear walls, side walls connecting said front and rear walls and each formed of two members attached together at the center to fold upon one another and between said front and rear walls, and to form in conjunction with the front and rear walls when extended, a tube, a closure at the bottom of said tube hinged to one wall, a flexible fabric band connecting said closure to the opposite wall, a top closure for the tube having a flexible connection to the front wall, said flexible connection being of sufficient length to extend over both front and rear walls when the latter are folded and enable the top closure to extend down in front of the rear wall and said top closure being movable between the folding walls of the case and fastening means for the top closure.

4. A collapsible case comprising front and rear walls, side walls connecting said front

and rear walls and each formed of two members attached together at the center to fold upon one another and between said front and rear walls, and to form in conjunction with the front and rear walls when extended, a tube, a closure at the bottom of said tube hinged to one wall, a flexible fabric band connecting said closure to the opposite wall, a top closure for the tube having a flexible connection to the front wall, said flexible connection being of sufficient length to extend over both front and rear walls when the latter are folded and enable the top closure to extend down in front of the rear wall and said top closure being movable between the folding walls of the case, the front wall of the case having a staple, and the top closure having a strap for engaging said staple when the case is extended, and also having a perforation to engage the staple when the case is collapsed.

5. A collapsible case comprising front and rear walls, side walls connecting said front and rear walls and each formed of two members attached together at the center to fold upon one another and between said front and rear walls, and to form in conjunction with the front and rear walls when extended, a tube, a closure at the bottom of said tube hinged to one wall, a flexible fabric band connecting said closure to the opposite wall, a top closure for the tube having a flexible connection to the front wall, said flexible connection being of sufficient length to extend over both front and rear walls when the latter are folded and enable the top closure to extend down in front of the rear wall and said top closure being movable between the folding walls of the case, the front wall of the case having a perforation and the bottom closure having a staple passing through said perforation when the case is collapsed, and means on the case for engaging in said staple to fasten the parts in collapsed position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at Los Angeles, California, this 10th day of August, 1905.

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