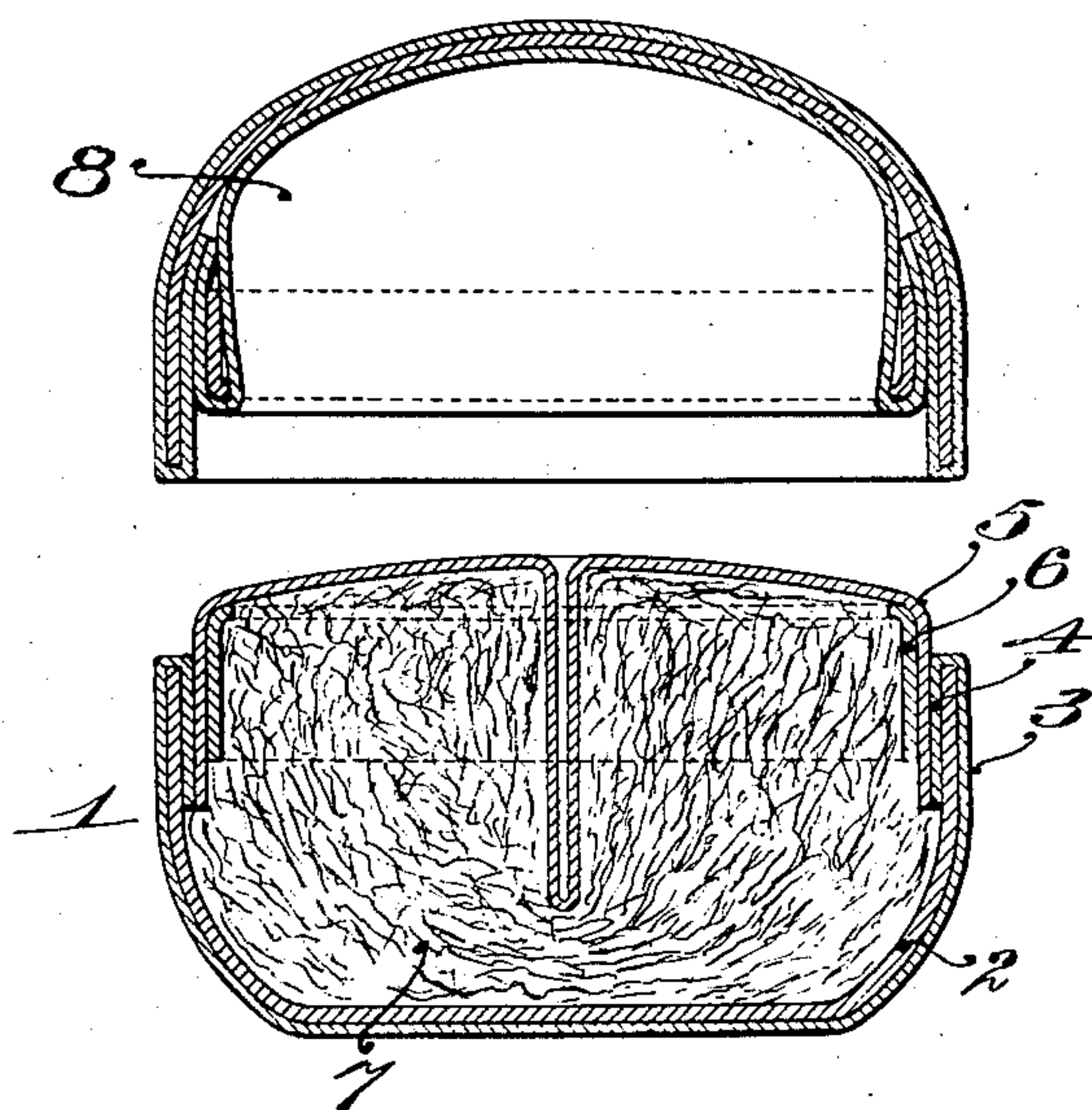


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. DEVINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Jewelry-Boxes; and I do hereby 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.

The present invention relates to an improvement in jewelry-boxes.

The object of the present invention is to produce a covered and lined jewelry-box in which the covering and lining are held in place without the use of paste or cement in a more efficient and acceptable manner than heretofore.

To the above ends the present invention consists in the jewelry-box hereinafter described and claimed.

The accompanying drawing shows in section a jewelry-box, the lid or cover and the box proper being shown separate for convenience of illustration.

The jewelry-box consists of a box proper and a cover which are made in substantially similar manner with the variation necessary to adapt the one member for use as a box and the other member for use as a cover or lid.

The box proper is indicated in a general way by the reference character 1. The main portion of the box is a metal shell or frame 2, which is cup-shaped, as shown, and provided with a flat bottom. This shell or frame 2 is provided with a cover 3, of plush, cloth, leather, or other suitable material stretched upon and over the exterior surface of the frame 2, having its edge 4 turned or folded over the edge of the frame or shell 2. The inside cover or lining 5 has its edge laid against the inwardly-folded edge of the outside cover 3. A fastener 6 is employed to hold both the inside and outside covers in place. The fastener fits the shell or frame, and since it is similar in peripheral outline to the peripheral outline of the portion of the shell or frame with which it coöperates it may, for the sake of brevity, be said to be similar in shape to the shell or frame. The fastener holds the respective covers by pressing and nipping their edges against the inside of the shell or frame. It should be ob-

served, perhaps, that the invention is not necessarily limited to a construction in which the fastener presser and nips the edges of the covers against the inside of the shell or frame, as it contemplates constructions in which the edges of the covers are pressed and nipped against the outside of the shell or frame. It should further be observed that the inside cover 5 covers and conceals the fastening device by being extended over the fastening device. This is an important feature of the invention, and so far as I am aware I am the first to conceal a fastening device by the covering which it secures. The inside cover 5 is in the illustrated embodiment of the invention provided with a depression to receive a ring or other article of jewelry, and suitable stuffing or packing material 7 is provided to support the cover 5 in proper position. The fastening device 6 in the illustrated embodiment of the invention consists of a metal ring and is smaller than the inside of the shell 2, but sufficiently large to press and hold the two edges of the outside and inside covers against the inside of said shell, and thereby held securely in position. The fastening device 6 projects upward beyond the edge of the shell 2 so as to provide a portion which is adapted to be engaged by a corresponding portion of the lid or cover.

The lid or cover (indicated in a general way by the reference character 8) is similar in construction to the box proper, 1, except that the stuffing or packing material 7 is omitted and the fastening-ring is located a slight distance above the edge of the shell, so that the shell of the cover or lid may embrace the projecting portion of the fastening device 6 of the box proper. The outside and inside covers are held in place in the same manner as in the box proper.

The method of securing the inside cover by holding its edge between the fastening device and the frame, which fastening device is concealed by the inside cover, is also applicable, it will be observed, to the securing of an outside cover in place. In the claims, therefore, the word "cover" unless otherwise limited is to be understood as applicable to either an inside or an outside cover.

The present invention is not limited in its use to jewelry-boxes, as it is susceptible of use wherever it is desired to provide a box or



article with a cover, and the claims are not, therefore, to be construed as limiting the invention to use in jewelry-boxes, as the same may be employed in many different connections.

What is claimed is—

1. A jewelry-box member consisting of a shell or frame, a cover for one side thereof and a fastening device for the cover similar in shape to the frame, the cover being extended over one of the surfaces of the shell or frame and over the fastening device and having its edge nipped and held between the fastening device and the frame, substantially as described.

2. A jewelry-box member consisting of a shell or frame, a cover for the inside of the shell or frame, a fastening device similar in shape to the shell or frame located inside of the shell or frame, the cover extending over the inside of the shell or frame and over the fastening device and between the fastening device and the shell or frame and being

nipped and held between the shell or frame and the fastening device, substantially as described.

3. A jewelry-box member consisting of a shell or frame, a cover, a lining and a fastening device similar in shape to the shell or frame, and located inside thereof, the cover extending over the outside of the shell or frame over its edge and between the fastening device and the shell or frame and the lining extending over the inside of the shell or frame and over the fastening device and between the fastening device and the shell or frame, the fastening device acting to nip the edges of the cover and lining and hold them in place, substantially as described.

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

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