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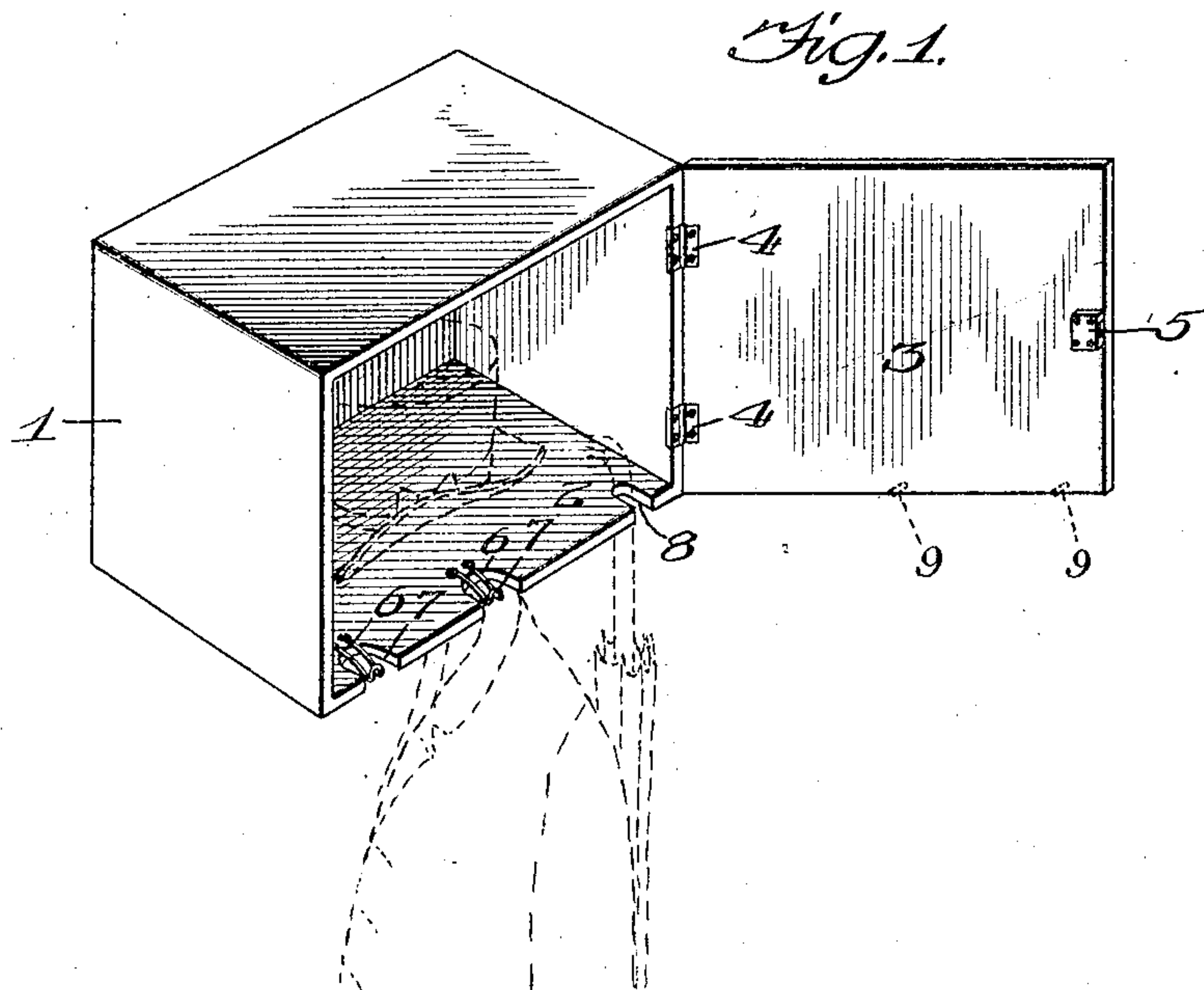


Fig. 2.

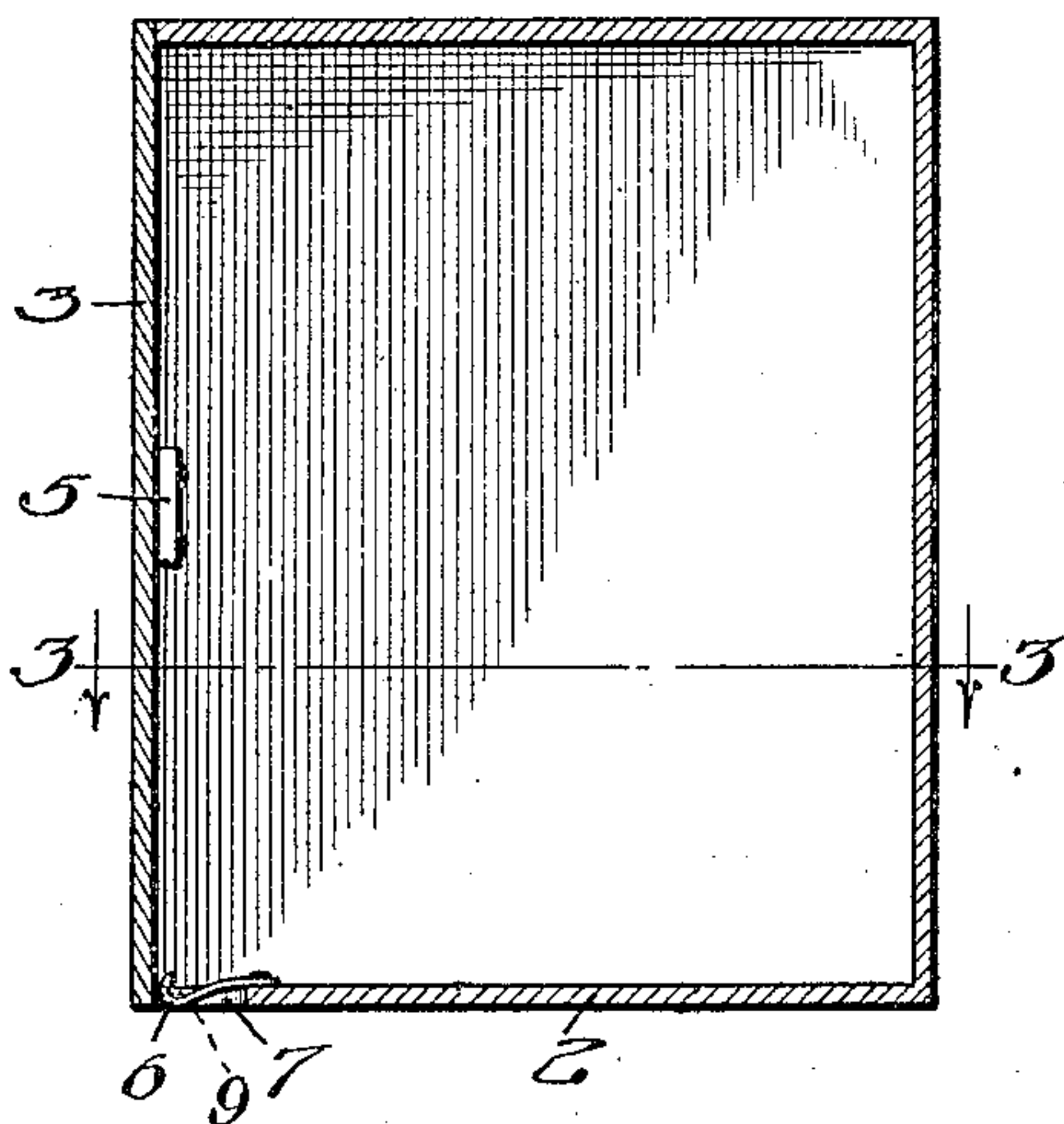
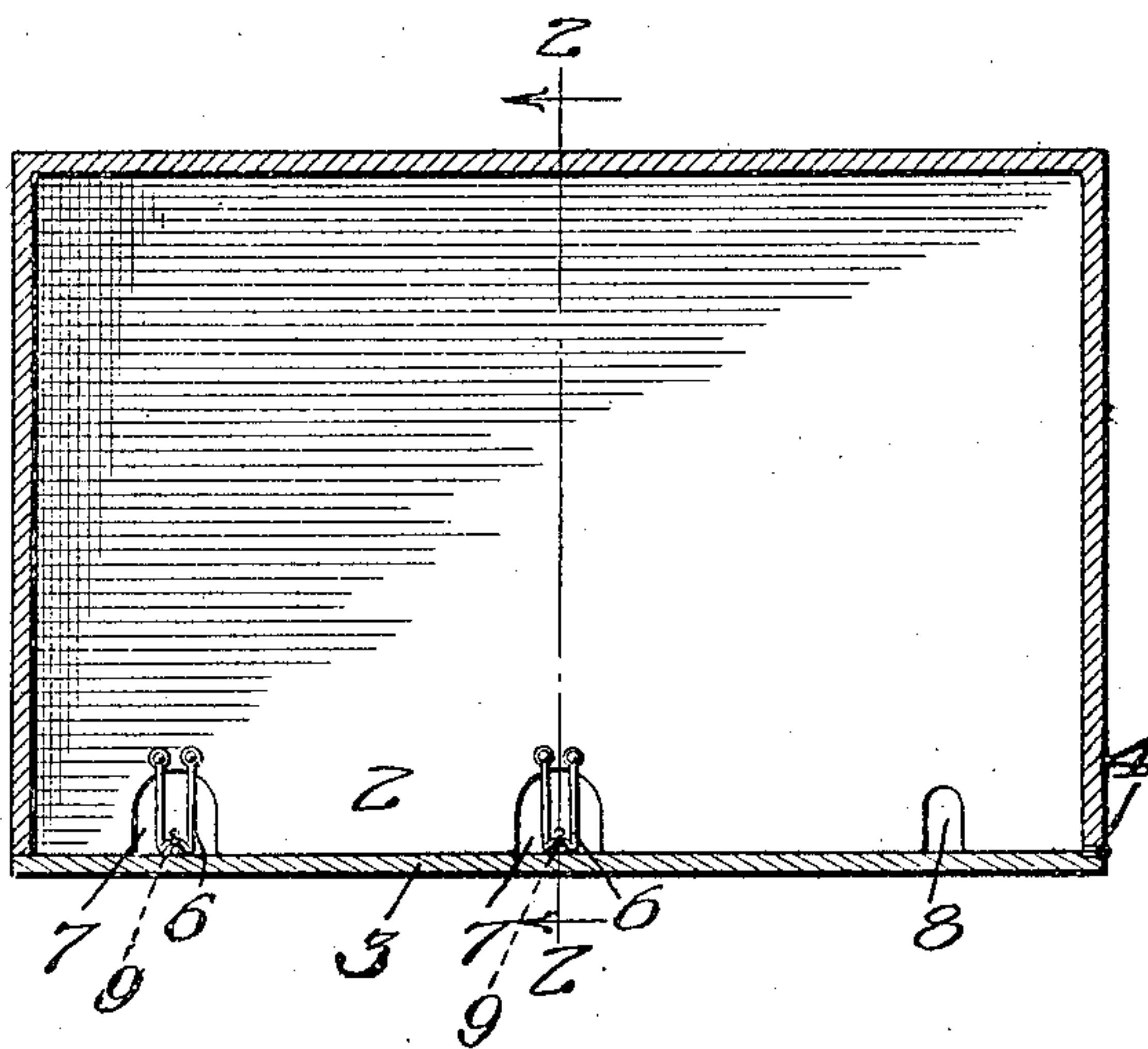


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZEKIEL B. COLVAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hanger and Retainer Devices, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to that general class of devices designed to receive and securely lock up hats, coats, and the like in public places from the depredations of sneak-thieves.

To this end it consists of the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts herein shown and described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, wherein like reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention with the door open and with a hat, coat, and umbrella in dotted lines in position ready for closing the door. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same in line 2 2 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section in line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

As shown in the drawings, 1 is a suitable box or receptacle to readily receive a hat or the like, adapted to be positioned with one of its sides, as 2, to form a floor. The open side of the box is provided with a door 3, preferably vertical when the box is in proper position, hinged to one side, as at 4 4, and provided on its free edge with a suitable locking device 5, constructed to coöperate with the opposite side of the box to maintain the door in a closed position.

Within the box, mounted upon the floor 2, near the outer edge thereof, is positioned one or more hangers 6, so positioned that a coat or other garment hung thereon will be impinged upon the outer end of the hanger by the closing of the door 3 thereon—that is to say, the garment will be pinched between the end of the hanger and the door when the latter is closed. To provide for clearance for the folds of the garment, a clearance-space of any desired form is provided between the door when closed and the floor. As shown, a notch, groove, or depression 7 is formed at the free end of the hanger in the floor 2.

In the preferred construction, also, a suitable notch or retaining-groove 8 is provided to receive the handle of an umbrella or cane,

as indicated, which upon closing the door cannot be removed without again opening the door.

In the preferred form shown the hangers comprise hooks, of wire, suitably formed to afford a slight degree of resiliency, and thus conform somewhat to the thickness of the garment placed thereon to permit the door to properly close and lock.

It will be understood that in the preferred form the locking means is provided with a suitable key, so that when the device is in use only the party with the key can remove the articles.

If desired, the door may carry means which when the door is closed will extend below a part or the whole of the hook in the same vertical plane, and thus serve to lock the hanger against being forcibly drawn downward to clear the lower edge of the door, and thus permit the removal of the garment. Such means may consist of bosses or fingers 9, (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1,) which press against the garment and lie between the side arms of the hook 6 below the loop of the hook, or equivalent means may be employed for the same purpose.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A device of the kind described, comprising a box having an open side, and a side adjacent said opening, adapted to serve as the bottom of the box, provided with a notch at said opening, in combination with a hanger mounted within the box and overhanging said notch, and a door to close the open side of the box, and adapted when closed to clamp a garment between the free end of the hanger and a portion of said door, and means for holding said door closed.

2. In a device of the kind described, a box having an open side, the bottom or floor of said box having a clearance-space at said opening, a door hinged to one of the edges of the open side of the box and provided with locking means for retaining the door closed, a hanger within the box and overhanging said clearance-space, and means for locking the free end of the hanger against downward deflection.

3. In a device of the kind described, a box having an open side, the bottom or floor of said box having a clearance-space at said

opening, and a hanger mounted within the box with its free end overhanging said clearance-space, in combination with a door hinged to one of the edges of the open side of the box,
5 provided with locking means for retaining said door closed, and means carried by the door arranged to lie beneath the free end of the hanger in the vertical plane thereof when the door is closed, adapted to prevent the

downward deflection of the free end of the hanger.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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