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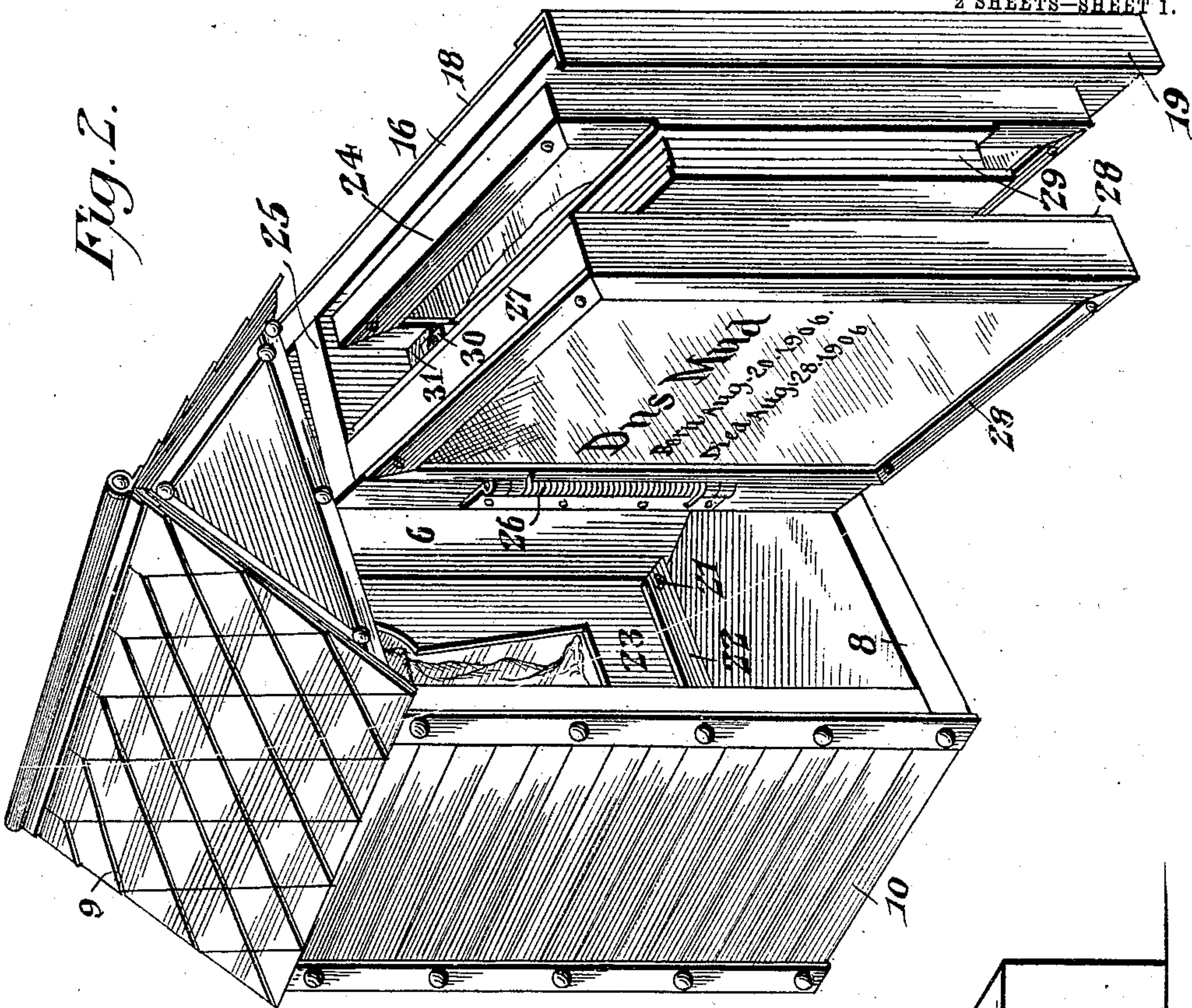
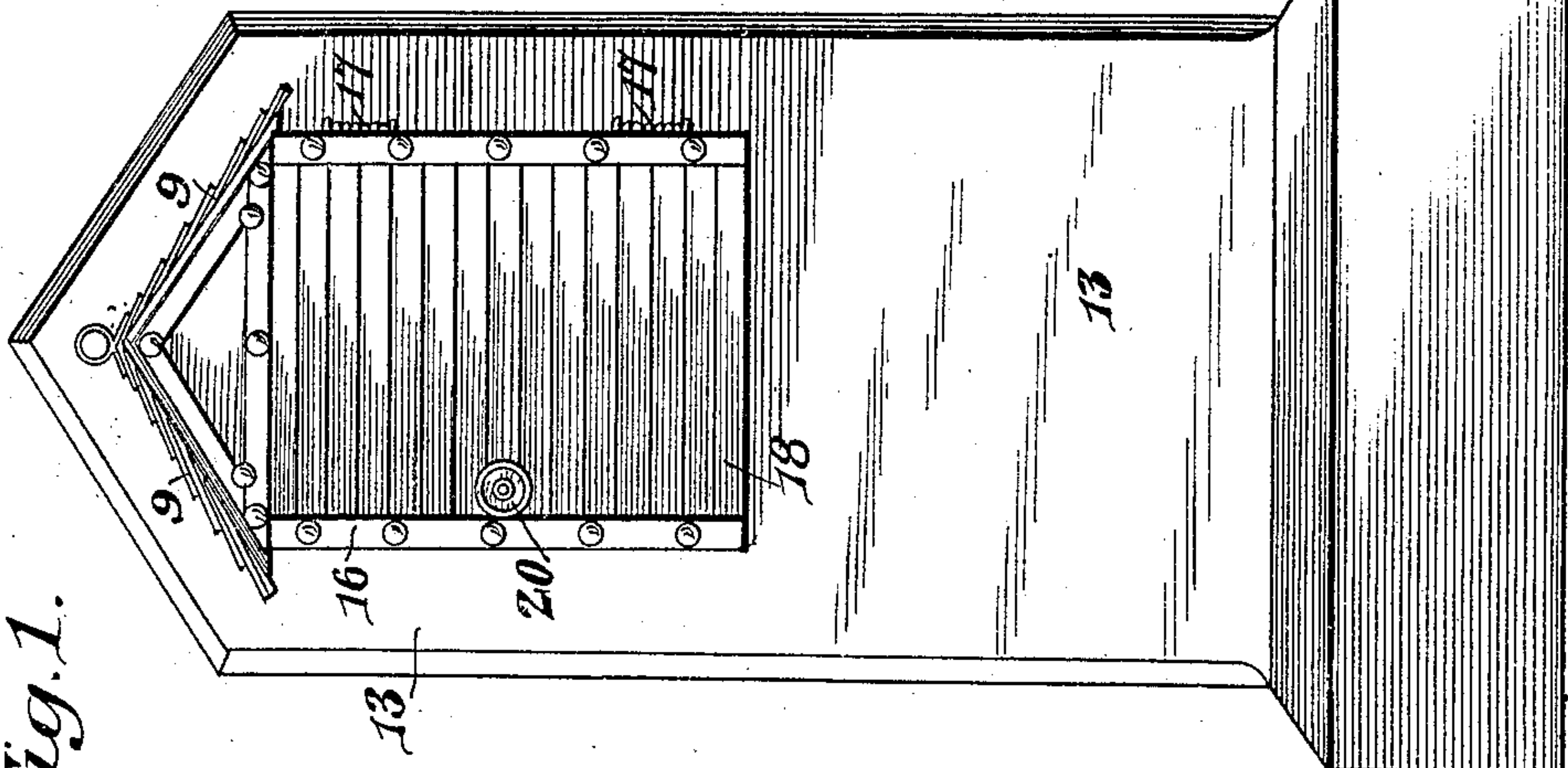


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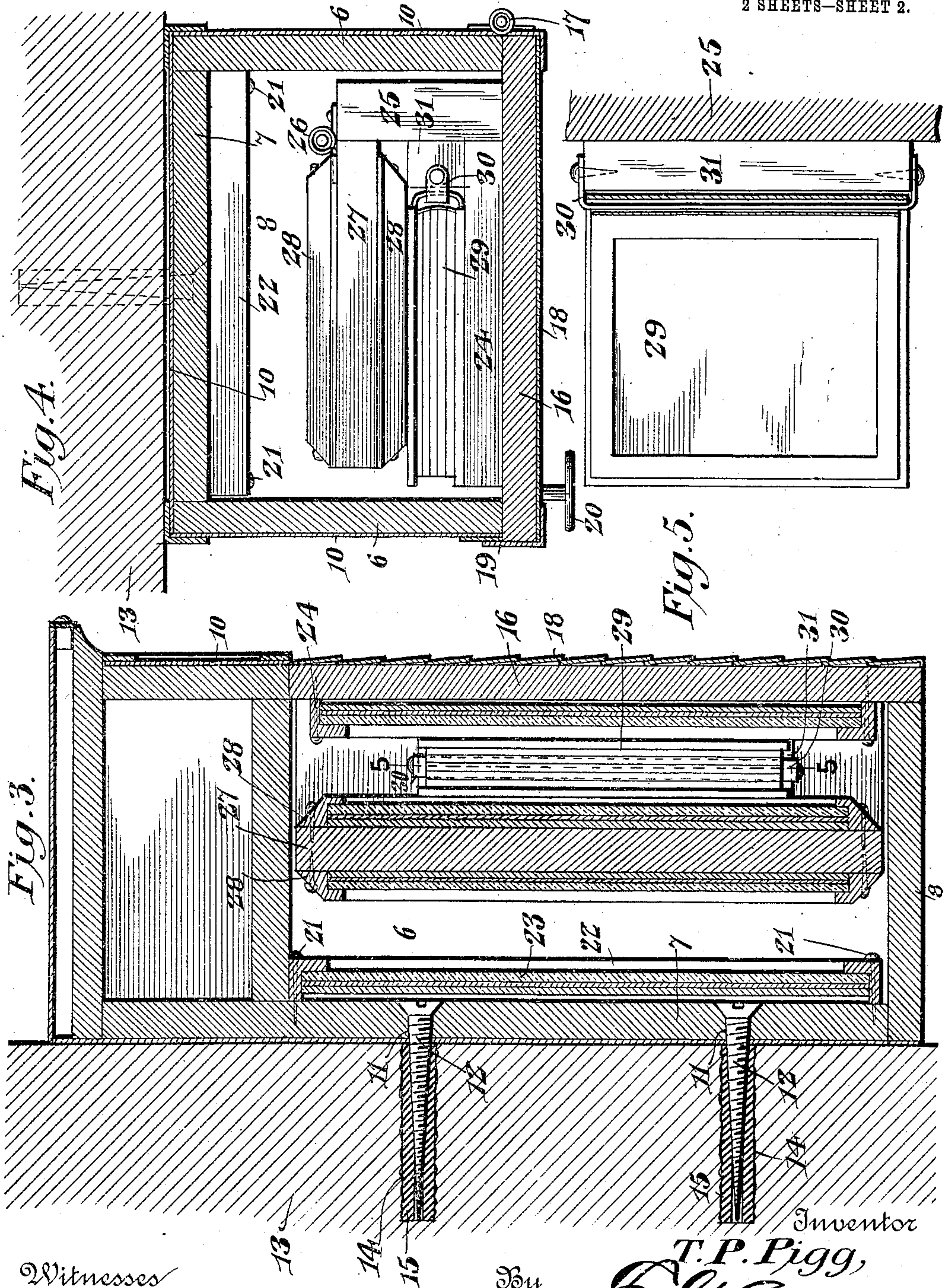
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. PIGG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Farmington, in the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Grave-Record, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for holding the records relating to a deceased person, and is intended more particularly to be placed at the grave of such person.

The principal object is to provide a receptacle that can be readily attached to a tombstone and is durable to withstand the deleterious influences of the elements, said receptacle having novel and effective means for containing the records of the deceased in such a manner that such records can be readily examined and yet are fully protected from the weather.

An embodiment of the invention that is at present considered the preferable one is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a tombstone, showing the device applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of said device with the door partially open. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view, and Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view on the line 5 5 of Fig. 3.

Similar reference-numerals designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the embodiment illustrated a receptacle is employed comprising upright side walls 6, a rear wall 7, a bottom 8, and a sloping roof 9, said receptacle having an open front. The walls and roof of the receptacle are inclosed in a sheathing 10, preferably of some material which is not affected by the weather. Through the rear wall 7 are formed openings 11, that receive fasteners 12 for securing the receptacle to a support—as, for instance, a gravestone 13. In case a stone is used openings, as 14, are drilled into the same, and lead pipes 15 are placed in these openings. The walls of said openings are preferably roughened or irregular, and the fasteners 12, passed through the openings 11 in the rear walls of the receptacle, are threaded into the said pipes 15 and expanding the same force them into binding engagement with the walls of the openings. Thus the receptacle

is effectively secured to the supporting-stone.

A door 16, secured at one edge to one of the side walls by spring-hinges 17, covers the open side of the receptacle and has its outer face protected by a sheathing 18. The upper or roof portion of the receptacle projects beyond the front edges of the side walls 6, and consequently when the door 16 is in closed condition its outer face will be substantially flush with the front face of said roof portion, as shown in Fig. 3. The free upright edge of the door is provided with a flange 19, that is arranged to overlap the front edge of the adjacent side wall 6, and thus cover the joint between the two. A handle 20 provides convenient means for opening the door against the resistance of the springs 17.

Detachably secured to the rear wall 7 of the receptacle by suitable fasteners 21 is a panel 22, having a glass or transparent face 23, that is adapted to receive the portrait of the deceased person. A similar panel 24 is detachably secured to the inner face of the door 16 and constitutes convenient means for holding a photograph, a favorite poem or piece of music, or any similar article the friends of the deceased may wish to place therein. The door is furthermore provided contiguous to its rear edge with a rearwardly-extending supporting-flange 25, rigidly carried by said door and having fastened to its rear margin by a spring-hinge 26 a plate 27, having panels 28 secured to its opposite sides. The spring-hinge 26 serves to urge the plate 27 toward the door 16. The movement in this direction is limited by the abutment of the hinged edge of said plate against the flange 25. The panels 28 are designed to receive printed or written information concerning the deceased or his relatives. An album or holder 29, interposed between the plate 27 and door 16, is swingingly mounted upon the flange 25, a yoke 30 passing through the rear portion of such album, being secured to a bar 31, fastened to the flange. This album is intended to contain photographs of the family and friends of the deceased person, together with written or printed matter regarding them.

In this device it is to be denoted that the fasteners are entirely covered by the rear panel, so that they are not liable to become

removed by malicious persons. It will also be evident that a very complete record and history of the deceased person, his relatives, and friends may be arranged within the receptacle and that the same is entirely accessible, being compactly arranged when not in use and completely protected from the elements. To examine these records, it is only necessary to open the door 20 and swing the plate 27 rearwardly, whereupon the album clamped thereby may be readily opened. As soon as the parts are released they will resume their normal position and the door will close, thereby avoiding any danger of the records being left exposed to the elements by careless persons. In this connection it may be stated that while the present embodiment is particularly intended for holding the records of deceased persons, as above set forth, the structure is clearly applicable for various other uses where it is desired to place accessible records in exposed places.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction, operation, and many advantages of the herein-described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with a receptacle, of a movable door therefor, a movable panel associated with the inner side of the door, a holder movably interposed between the door and panel, and means for yieldingly urging the panel and door together to clamp the same against the holder.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with a receptacle, of a door therefor, a swinging panel associated with

the inner side of the door, and means for effecting a relatively yielding movement of the panel and door toward each other.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination with a receptacle, of a door therefor, a swinging panel associated with the inner side of the door, means for yieldingly urging said panel toward the door, and an album mounted between the door and panel and held in closed condition thereby.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination with a receptacle, of a door, spring-hinges connecting the door and receptacle to urge the former to closed condition, a support carried by the inner side of the door and panel spring-hinges connecting the panel to the support and urging said panel toward the inner side of the door, and an album hinged to the support and interposed between the door and panel.

5. In a device of the character described, the combination with a receptacle having a rear and side walls, and an open front, of a protective sheathing covering the receptacle, fastening means passing through the rear wall for securing the receptacle to a support, a door for the open front of the receptacle, spring-hinges connecting the door and receptacle for urging the former to its closed position, a sheathing covering the outer face of the door, a rearwardly-extending support rigidly affixed to the inner side of the door adjacent to its hinged edge, a panel secured to the inner side of the door, a swinging plate, spring-hinges connecting the plate to the support, said plate having panels on its opposite sides, and an album pivotally mounted on the support between the plate and the door.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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