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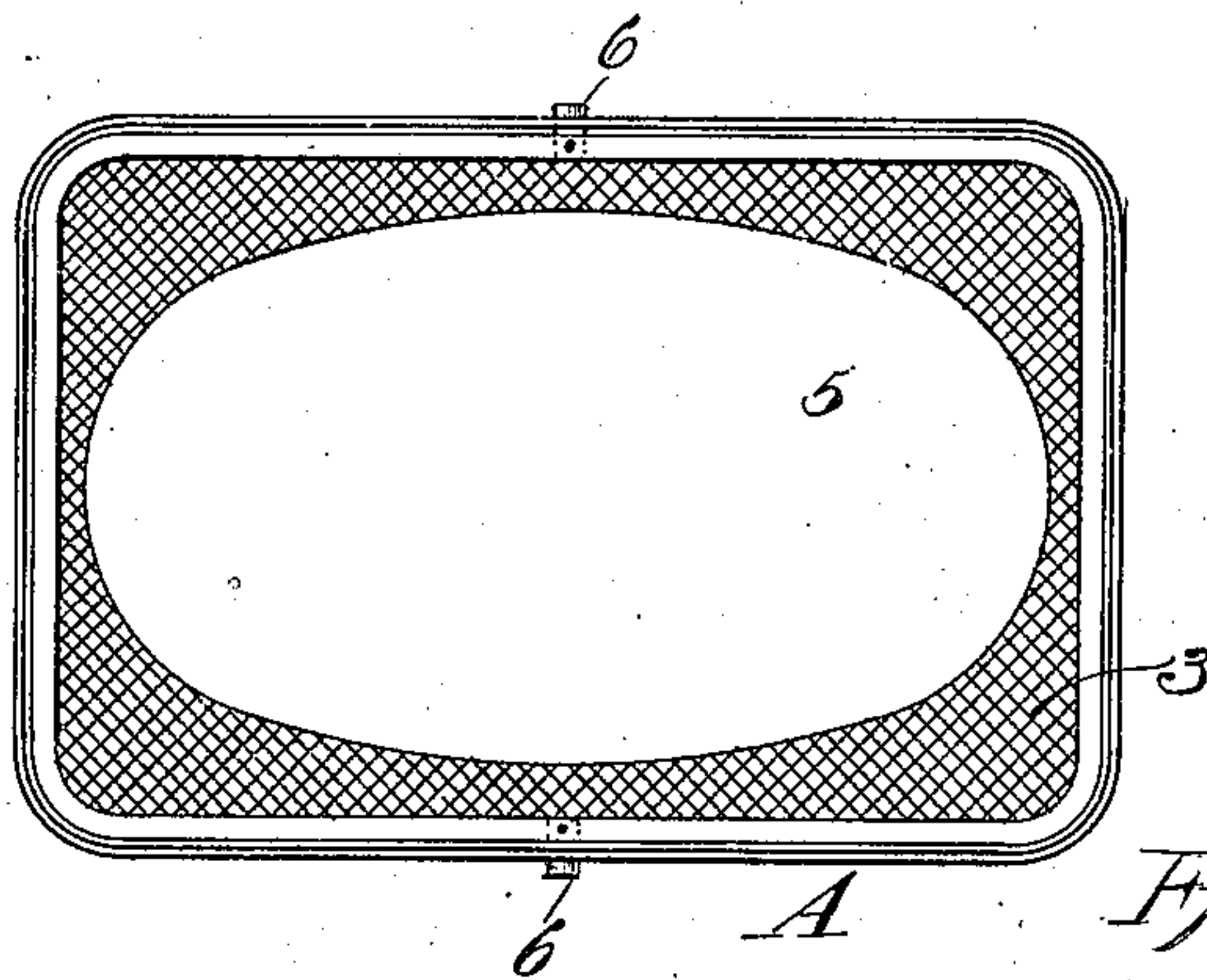


Fig. 1.

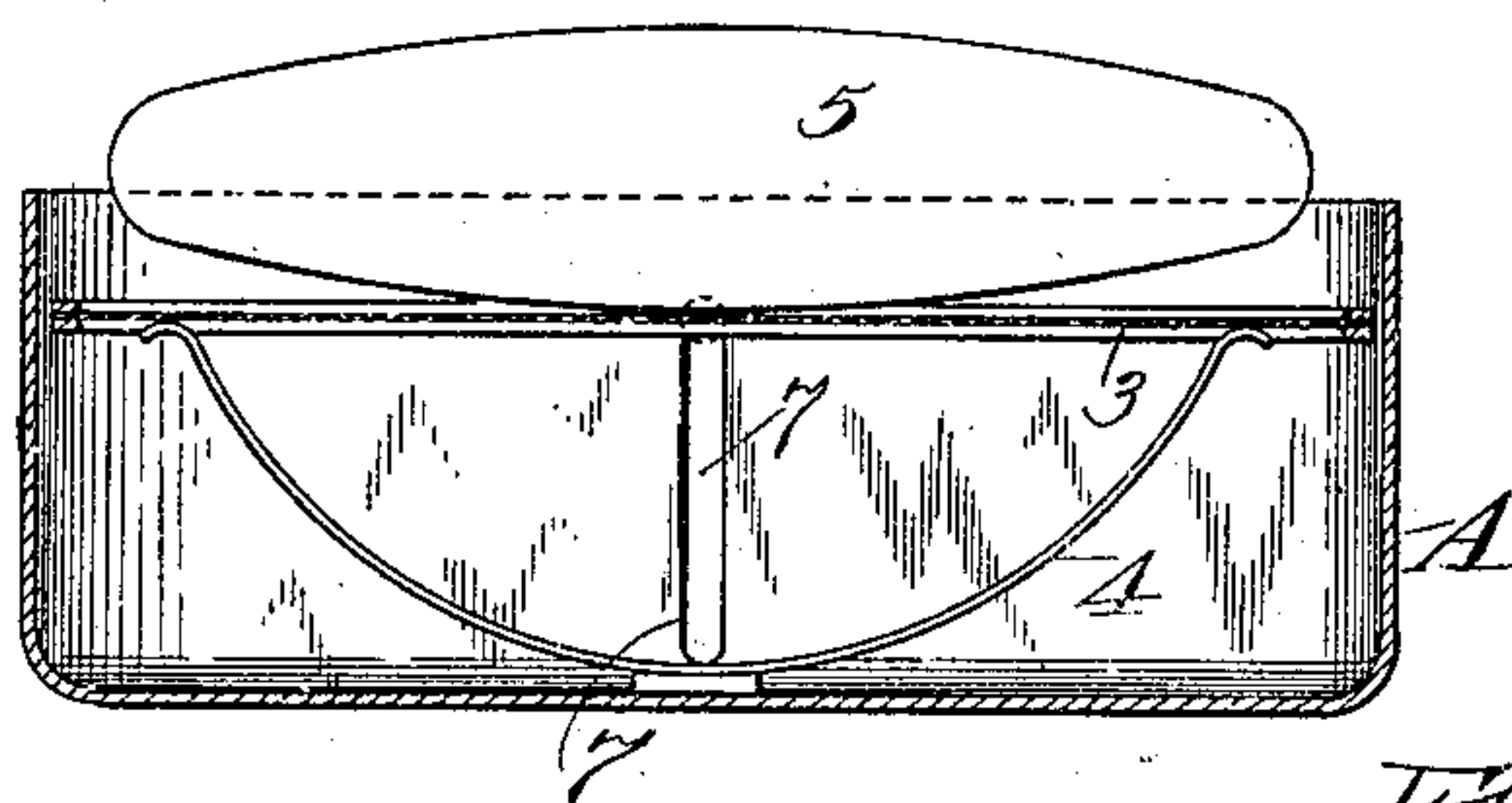


Fig. 2.

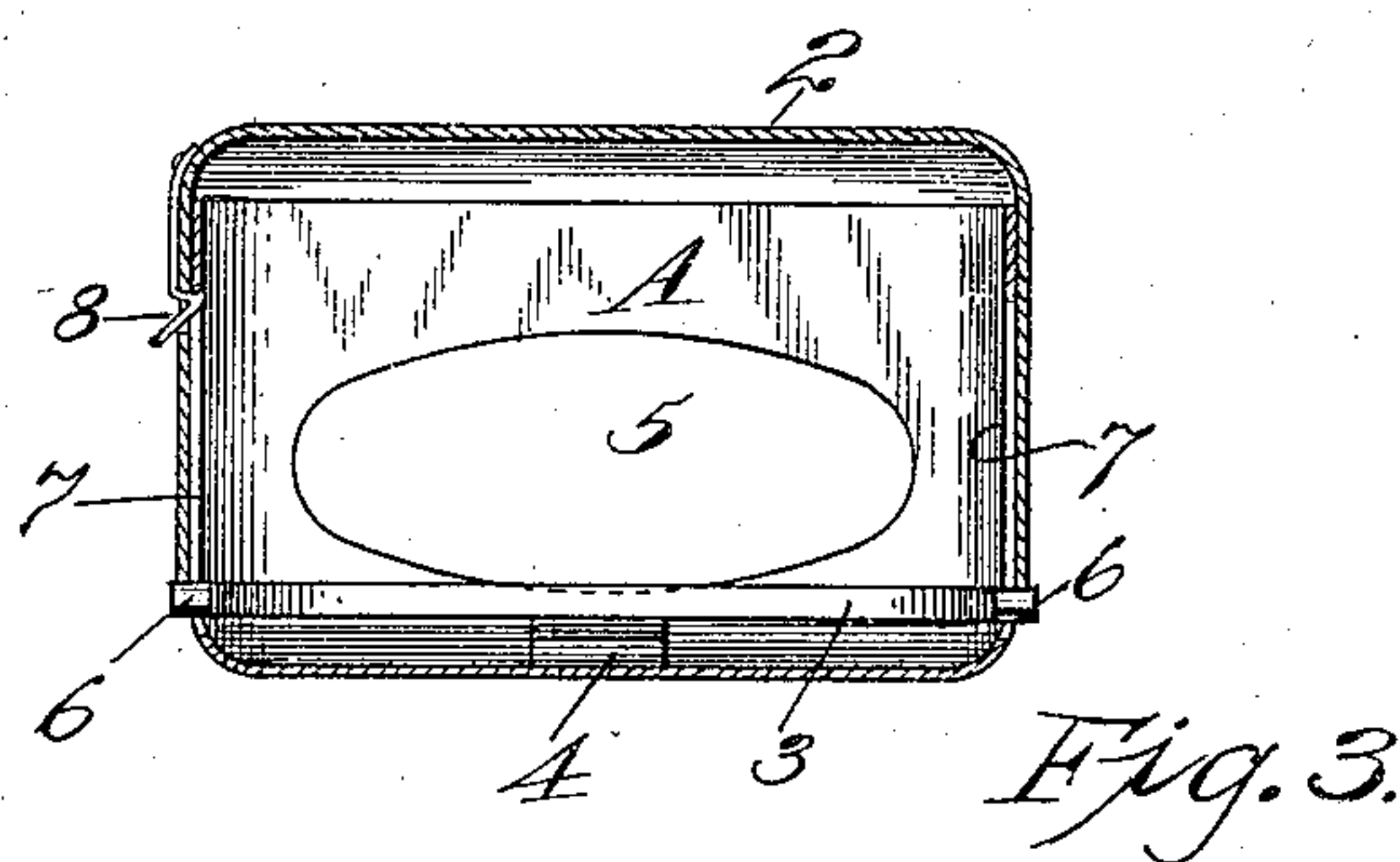


Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KENZAEMON NISHIMOTO, a citizen of Japan, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Soap-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a soap-box for toilet use. Its object is to provide a box or holder for toilet soap in which the soap will be automatically projected upward and held in position to be readily grasped when the cover is removed and which will allow the soap to drain and which will prevent the usual sloppy conditions prevailing where an ordinary box or holder is used.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and the combination of parts, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the box with the cover off. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of same. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the box closed.

A represents a box of any suitable size, shape, material, and form or degree of ornamentation, and 2 is a cover adapted to telescope with and close the box.

3 is a movable screen or false bottom fitting box A and normally pressed upward therein by a spring 4 to support the cake 5 in the manner shown in Fig. 2 when the cover is removed. The screen and spring may be of any appropriate description. The spring is here shown as elliptical and secured to the bottom of the box.

The screen frame or border has two centrally-disposed lateral projections 6, operating in the vertical slots 7 in the walls of box A. These slots are so arranged that while the false bottom 3 may be readily pushed down into the box to accommodate the cake when it is wanted to close the box the upward movement of the foraminous support 3 will be limited by the engagement of projections 6 with the upper end walls of the slots and so leave a sufficient surrounding border portion of the box above the upraised screen to support the cake when the cover is removed. The screen 3 rests loose on the curved ends of the spring and can be readily removed by first pressing down on the spring

and then tipping the screen to disengage one or the other of the lugs 6 from its slot 7. The lugs 6 project out far enough to be engaged by the edges of the cover when the latter is placed on the box. By pushing down on the cover to cause it to telescope with the box the screen is carried down into the box against the tension of spring 4 without any pressure being exerted on the cake itself. Any suitable means, as the catch 8, may be employed to retain the cover on the box.

The closed box looks like and takes up no more room than any ordinary soap-box. On removing the cover the cake is immediately lifted to project above the edges of the box and so be easily grasped when needed. The elevated foraminous support 3 allows the soap to drain and dry quickly.

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

1. A soap-holder having in combination a box, a spring-actuated foraminous false bottom therein, and a cover adapted to telescope with the box, said cover having a flange slidably fitting the box and positioned to engage and depress the false bottom coördinately with the application of the cover to the box.

2. A soap-holder comprising a box, a cover therefor, and a spring-actuated foraminous false bottom within said box having laterally-projecting lugs operative in slots in the box, said cover having a flange positioned to engage said lugs and depress the false bottom coördinately with the application of the cover to the box.

3. A soap-holder comprising a box having slotted sides, a cover therefor, and a removable spring-actuated foraminous false bottom in said box, said false bottom having laterally-projecting lugs engageable in the slots in the box and projecting into the path of the cover whereby the false bottom is depressed coördinately with the application of the cover to the box.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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