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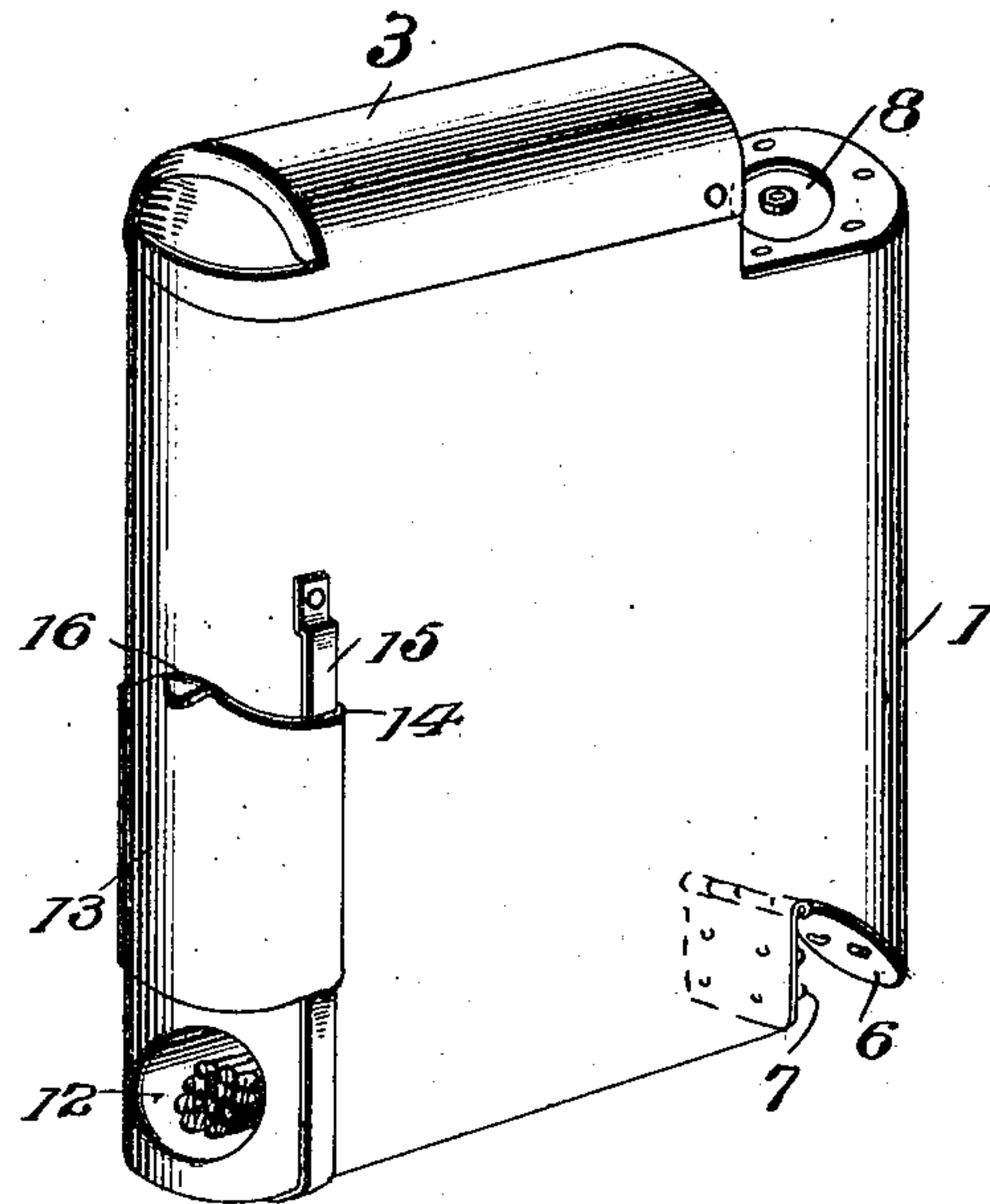
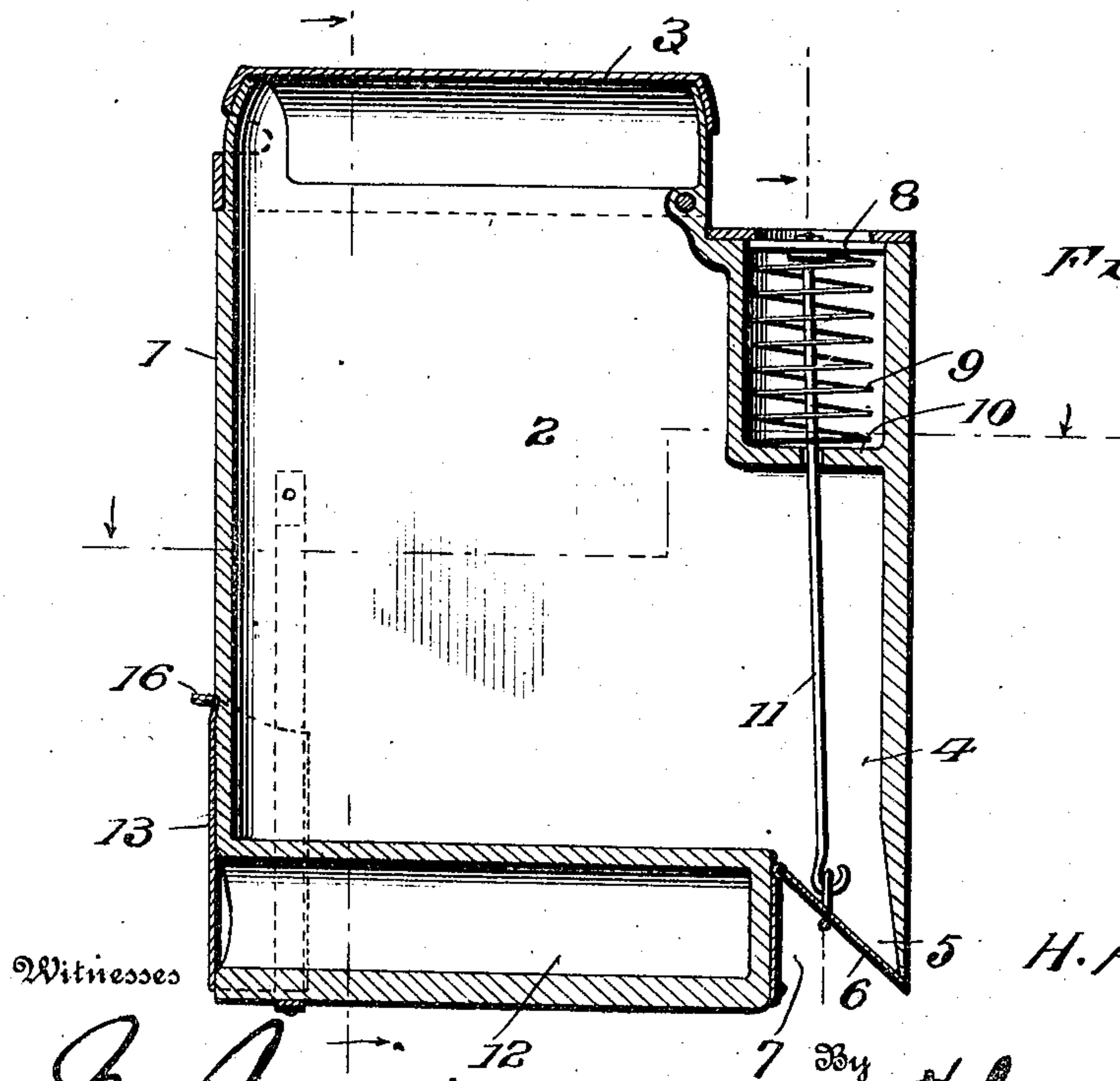


Fig. 2.



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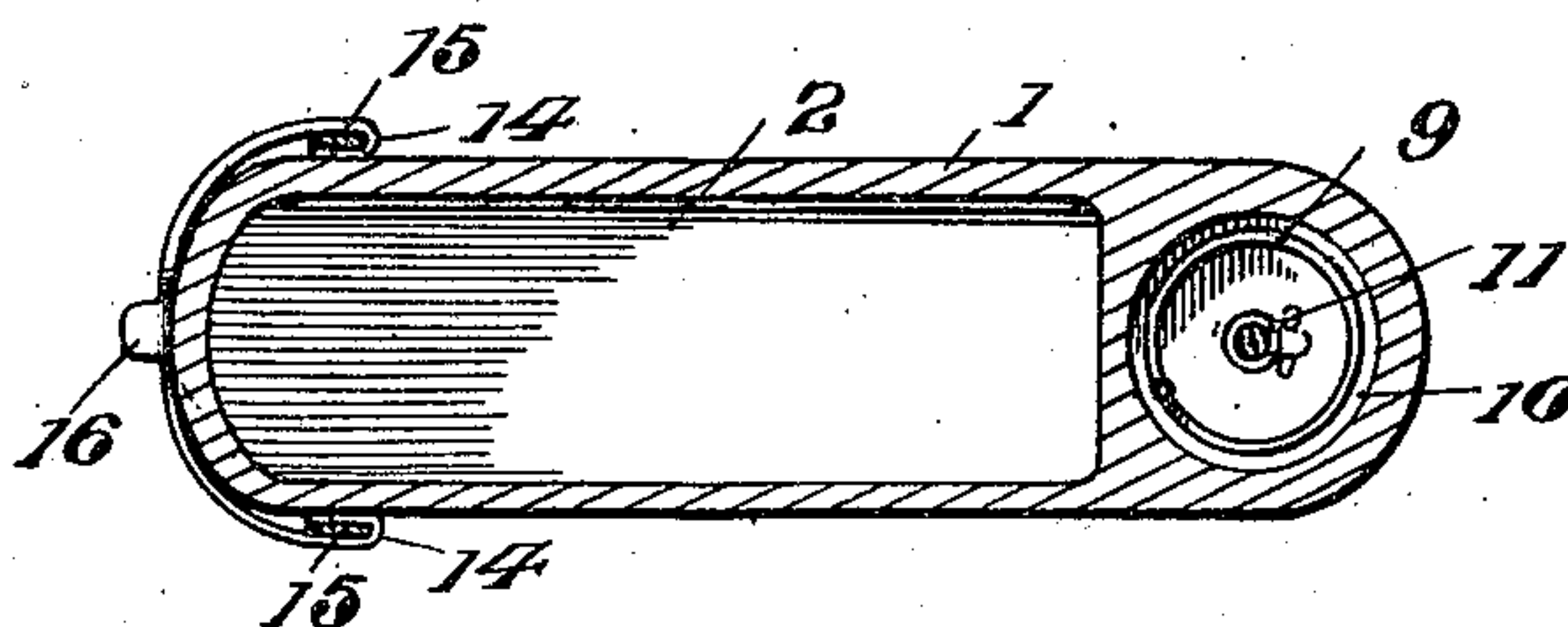


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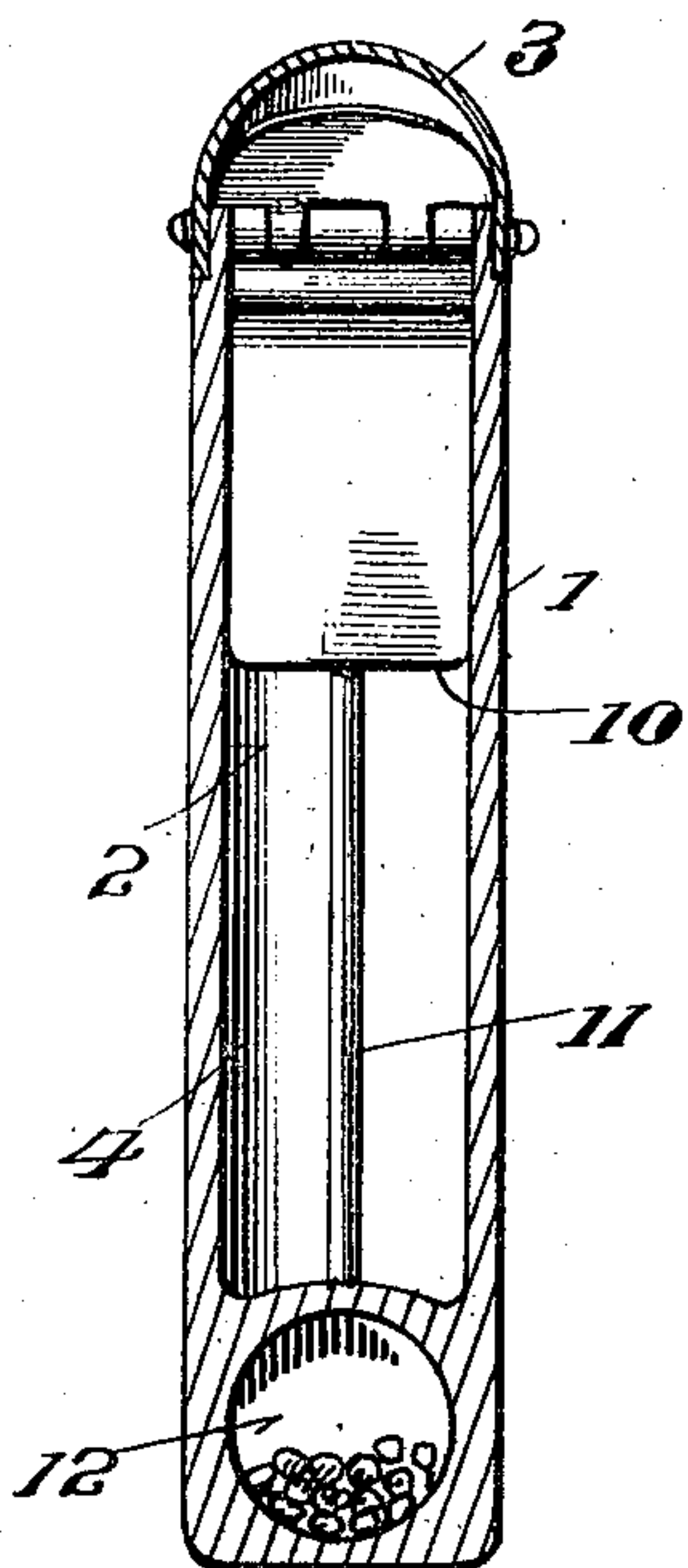
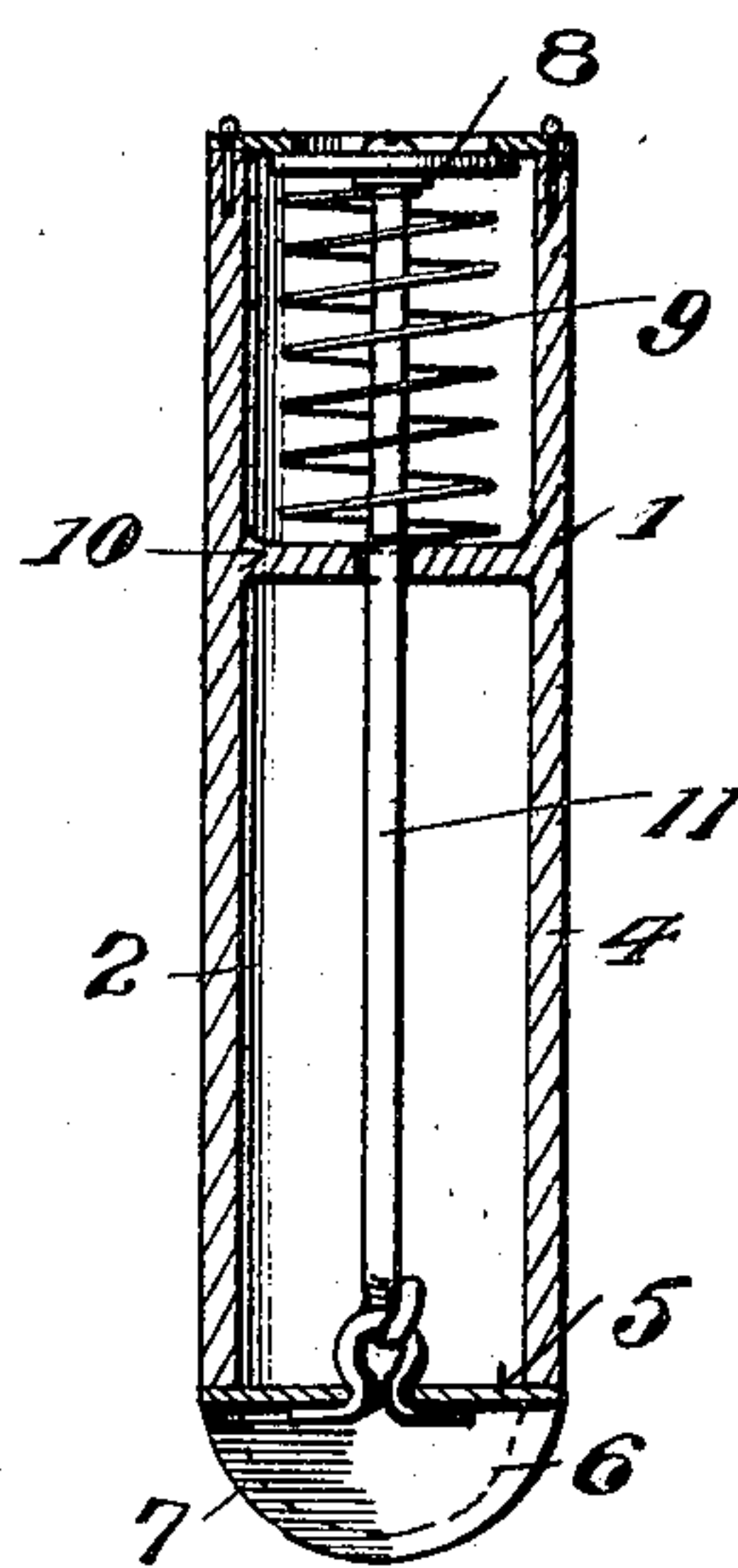


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HOWARD A. BEHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Renfrow, in the county of Grant and Territory of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco and Match Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a handy receptacle for pocket use by smokers and adapted to contain a supply of tobacco and matches and including means whereby to facilitate filling a pipe or feeding the tobacco from the compartment provided therefor.

The invention also includes details of construction, which will appear more fully hereinafter.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line X X of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line Y Y of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line Z Z of Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the drawings the numeral 1 designates the body of the box or receptacle, and said body is divided into a main compartment 2, adapted to contain tobacco and normally closed at its upper open end by means of a cover or lid 3. The compartment 2 communicates with an outlet-passage 4, which extends longitudinally of the body 1 and which is open at one end, as shown at 5. The open end 5 of the passage 4 is closed normally, also, by means of a small hinged lid 6, which operates in a cut-away portion or recess 7 at the lower portion of the body 1. The lid 6 is normally held closed by connection with a finger-piece 8, which is arranged in the upper portion of the body 1 in a similar recess 9 in line with the passage 4, but at the opposite end of the body 1. A spring 10 is interposed between the under side of the

finger-piece and the bottom of the recess 9 and normally tends to hold the finger-piece at the limit of its upward movement. The finger-piece 8 is connected by a short rod 11 with the lid 6, and said lid is held normally closed by the spring action of the spring 10 cooperating with the finger-piece 8.

It will be observed that the tobacco in the compartment 2 will readily feed through the passage 4 to the open end of the latter, and the smoker or user of the box or receptacle can readily depress the finger-piece 8 and by so doing open the lid 6 to permit the tobacco to freely flow from the outlet-opening 5 into a pipe or otherwise.

In connection with the compartment which is used to receive the tobacco another compartment 12 is provided and arranged transversely thereof, the latter being located adjacent to the outlet-opening 5 of the passage 4. The compartment 12 is small, but of a suitable size to receive a quantity of matches located convenient for use by the smoker or user of the box. The outer end of the compartment 12 is closed by means of a sliding cover 13, which preferably consists of a plate having its longitudinal edge portions formed with inturned flanges 14, said flanges engaging longitudinal guide-plates 15, attached to the box.

The upper end of the cover 13 may be out-turned to form a small finger-piece 16, by which to manipulate said cover.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A box or receptacle of the class described and comprising a body provided with a compartment adapted to receive tobacco or like material, said body being formed with an outlet-passage in communication with the compartment above mentioned and open at one end, a lid closing the open end of the passage, and a spring-actuated finger-piece connected with said lid to normally hold the latter closed, the body of the box being formed with a recess in longitudinal alinement with the outlet-passage and receiving the finger-piece with which the lid aforesaid is connected.

2. A box or receptacle of the class described comprising a body having a main compartment adapted to receive tobacco or like material, said body being formed with a longitudinal outlet-passage at one side of the



compartment and communicating therewith, the outlet-passage being open at one end, a lid hinged to the body of the box and adapted to close the open end of the outlet-passage, 5 the body being provided with a recess in longitudinal alinement with the outlet-passage, a spring-actuated finger-piece operating in said recess, and a rod connecting the finger-piece with the lid whereby the latter is normally held closed by the spring coöperating 10 with the finger-piece.

3. A box or receptacle of the class described comprising a body having a main compartment adapted to receive tobacco or 15 like material, said body being formed with a longitudinal outlet-passage at one side of the compartment and communicating therewith, the outlet-passage being open at one end, a lid hinged to the body of the box and adapted 20 to close the open end of the outlet-passage, the body being provided with a recess in longitudinal alinement with the outlet-passage, a spring-actuated finger-piece operating in said recess, a rod connecting the finger-piece 25 with the lid whereby the latter is normally held closed by the spring coöperating with the finger-piece, the main compartment aforesaid being provided with a supply-opening, and a cover for closing the supply-open- 30 ing of the main compartment.

4. A box or receptacle of the class described comprising a body having a main compartment adapted to receive tobacco or 35 like material, said body being formed with a longitudinal outlet-passage at one side of the compartment and communicating therewith, the outlet-passage being open at one end, a lid hinged to the body of the box and adapted 40 to close the open end of the outlet-passage, the body being provided with a recess in longitudinal alinement with the outlet-passage, a spring-actuated finger-piece operating in said recess, a rod connecting the finger-piece 45 with the lid whereby the latter is normally held closed by the spring coöperating with the finger-piece, the main compartment aforesaid being provided with a supply-opening, a cover for closing the supply-opening of 50 the main compartment, the box having a transversely-arranged match-holding compartment adjacent to the main compartment, and a lid or cover for normally closing an open end of said match-holding compartment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 55 in presence of two witnesses.

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