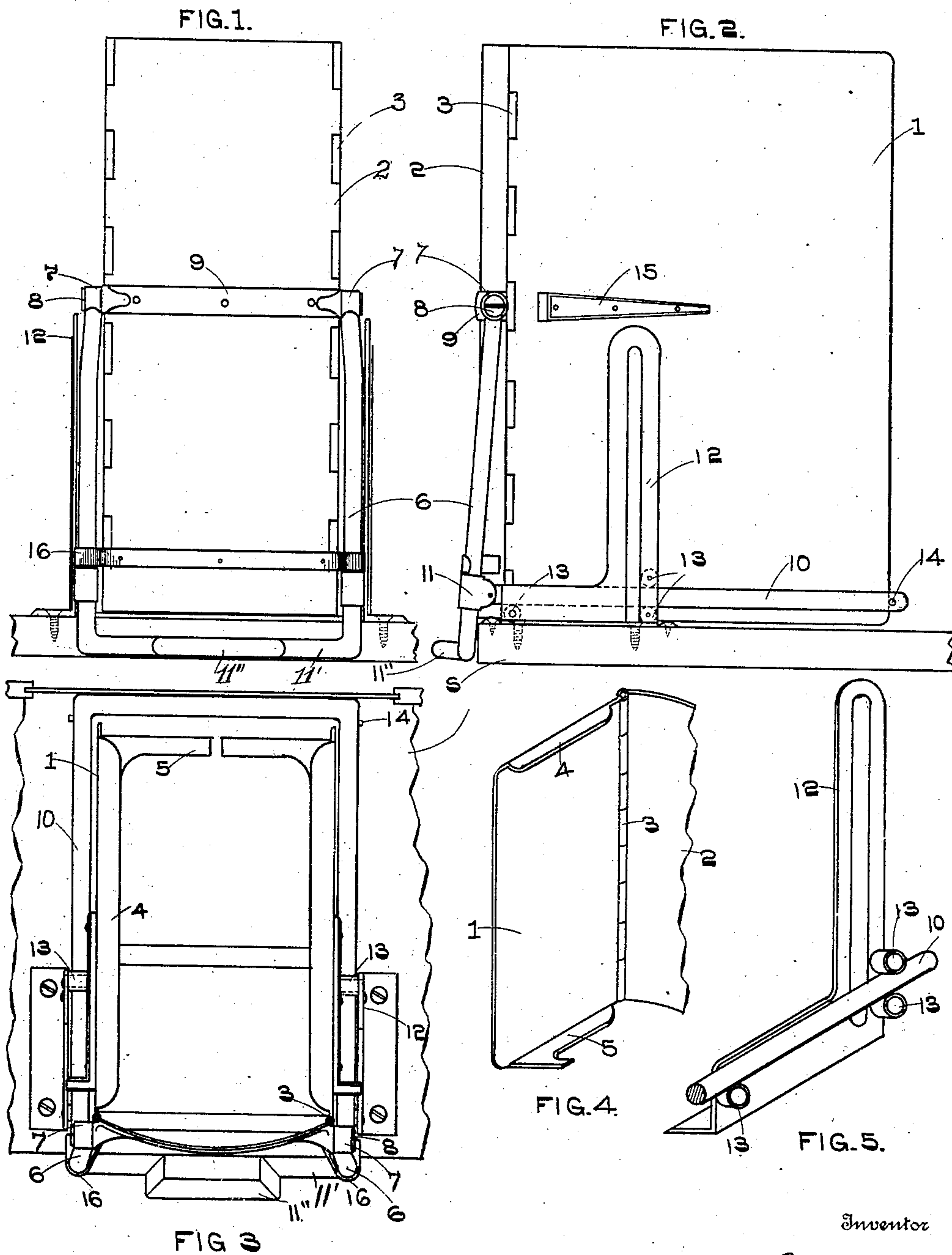


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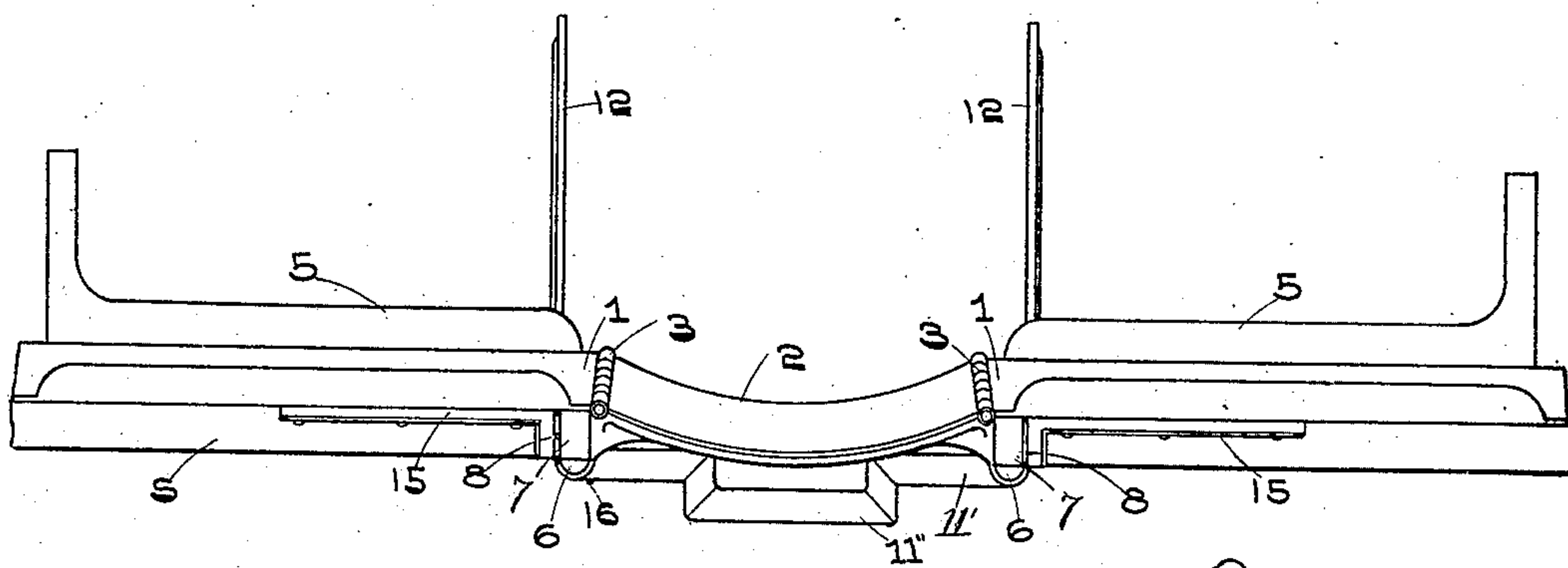


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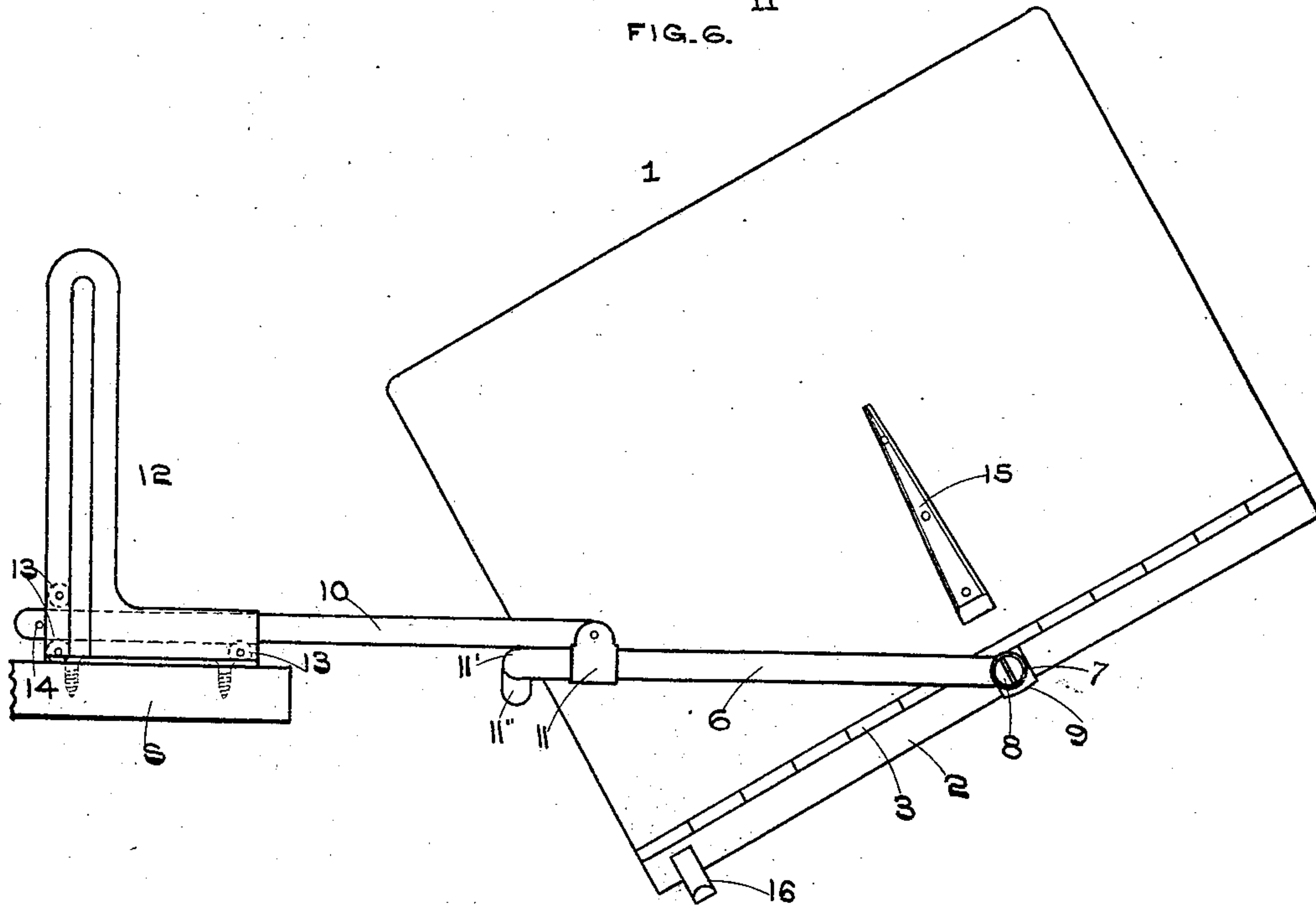


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIS H. FULTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Venango and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reference-Book Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to improvements in reference book holders, and will be fully understood from the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof and in which,—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of my improved holder, Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, Fig. 3 is a plan view, Fig. 4 is a view of one side and a portion of the back of said holder, Fig. 5 is a detail, Fig. 6 is an end view of my holder, in an open position, Fig. 7 is a side elevation thereof, in the extended position, ready to open.

The object of my invention is to provide a compact, convenient and durable reference book holder which may be readily attached to the shelf of a book-case, and in which the book will be so contained as to be readily, easily and conveniently accessible, and from which the book need not be removed in consulting same. These objects I have attained by means of the device here shown, which is constructed substantially as follows:—I provide a case or book-receptacle, which consists of the side-covers 1 and back 2, which are joined together at the approximate edges by means of the hinges 3, so that said sides may swing outward and lie in a line coincident with the back of the case, in the same manner as the covers of a book do. The sides 1 of the case are provided at the top and bottom with inwardly projecting ledges 4, 5, the object of which will be hereinafter more fully set forth. The case thus constructed is mounted in a rack, by means of which it is movably or slidably attached to the shelf of a book-case or to any other appropriate piece of furniture. The construction of said rack and the method of mounting the case thereon, are as follows:—At the top of each end of the stirrup 6 is provided an eye 7, through which passes a pin or screw 8 which enters each end of the strap 9, affixed to the back 2 of the case, this connection being such that the case is free to swing in the stirrup 6. Stirrup 6 is swingingly mounted upon or at-

tached to the ends of the horizontal fork 10 by means of the clips 11, which clips 11 are rigidly affixed to each side of the stirrup. The stirrup extends somewhat below the clips 11 and its horizontal member 11' is formed into a loop 11'', which forms a convenient handle for the manipulation of the holder. Said extended portion of the stirrup 6 also serves as a stop for the downward swing of said stirrup by its contact with fork 10, as shown in Fig. 7. Upon the shelf S to which my holder is to be attached, and in close proximity to each side of the case, is affixed a standard 12, each of which standards has upon its inner side, the rollers 13, 13, which constitute a way or guide through which the arms of fork 10 slide. At the end of each arm of said fork, is placed an outwardly projecting pin 14, which is adapted to strike the edge of standard 12 and thus limit the outward movement of the book-holder. Upon the outer side of each cover 1, and in alinement with the eye 7, is placed a stop 15, which is so located that when the covers 1 are extended or opened, said stop bears against the head of the screw 8 and supports the covers in the proper horizontal position as shown in Fig. 6.

When the holder is in use, the book is placed in the case in an inverted position, the lower edge of the lids of the book resting upon the ledges 5. When the book is to be consulted, the holder is drawn out until stop 14 meets the edge of standard 12, the stirrup and the thereto attached case and its contained book are tilted backward as shown in Fig. 7, the case is then further tilted to a horizontal position or until a clip 16 meets its respective arm of the stirrup; the lids may then be thrown open as shown in Fig. 6, thus presenting the book which the holder contains in a convenient and accessible position. The matter of returning the book to the shelf is, of course, the reverse of the operation just described. Thus it will be readily understood that my improved book-holder consists essentially of a case, adapted to contain a book, and means by which said case may be mounted upon a shelf, stand or table in such a manner as to attain a convenient accessibility of the book.

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

1. A reference-book-holder consisting of a book-receptacle, composed of a back and

sides, hinged together at their approximate edges, a stirrup to which said receptacle is swingingly attached, and a fork swingingly connected at its open end to said stirrup, in
5 combination with means of slidingly mounting said fork upon a suitable support.

2. In a reference book holder, a case adapted to the reception of a book, a stirrup in which said case is pivotally mounted, a fork
10 to which said stirrup is swingingly attached, and means of slidingly mounting said fork upon a shelf or table.

3. In a reference-book-holder, a book-receptacle, a stirrup or bifurcate member, swing-
15 ingly attached at its open end to the back of said receptacle, the closed end of said stirrup extending below said receptacle, and a fork swingingly attached at its open end to

said stirrup, approximate to its closed end, in combination with means of slidingly
20 mounting said fork upon a shelf.

4. In a reference book holder, the combination of a book receptacle, consisting of a back and covers, hinged together as shown, a stirrup on which said case is pivotally mount-
25 ed, a horizontal fork, to the ends of which said stirrup is hinged, and the standards adapted to the reception and slidable mounting of said fork.

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

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