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Fig. 1.

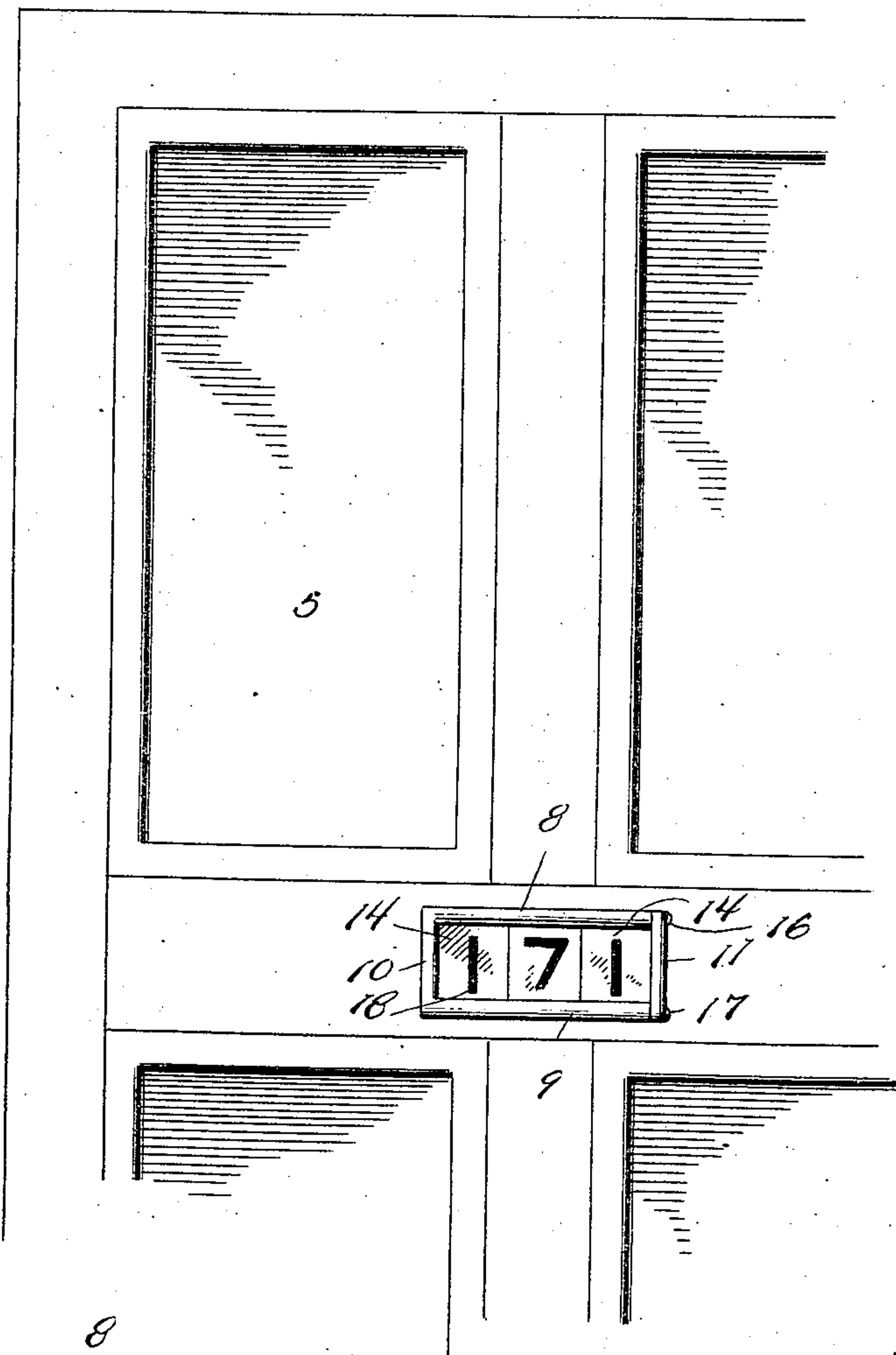
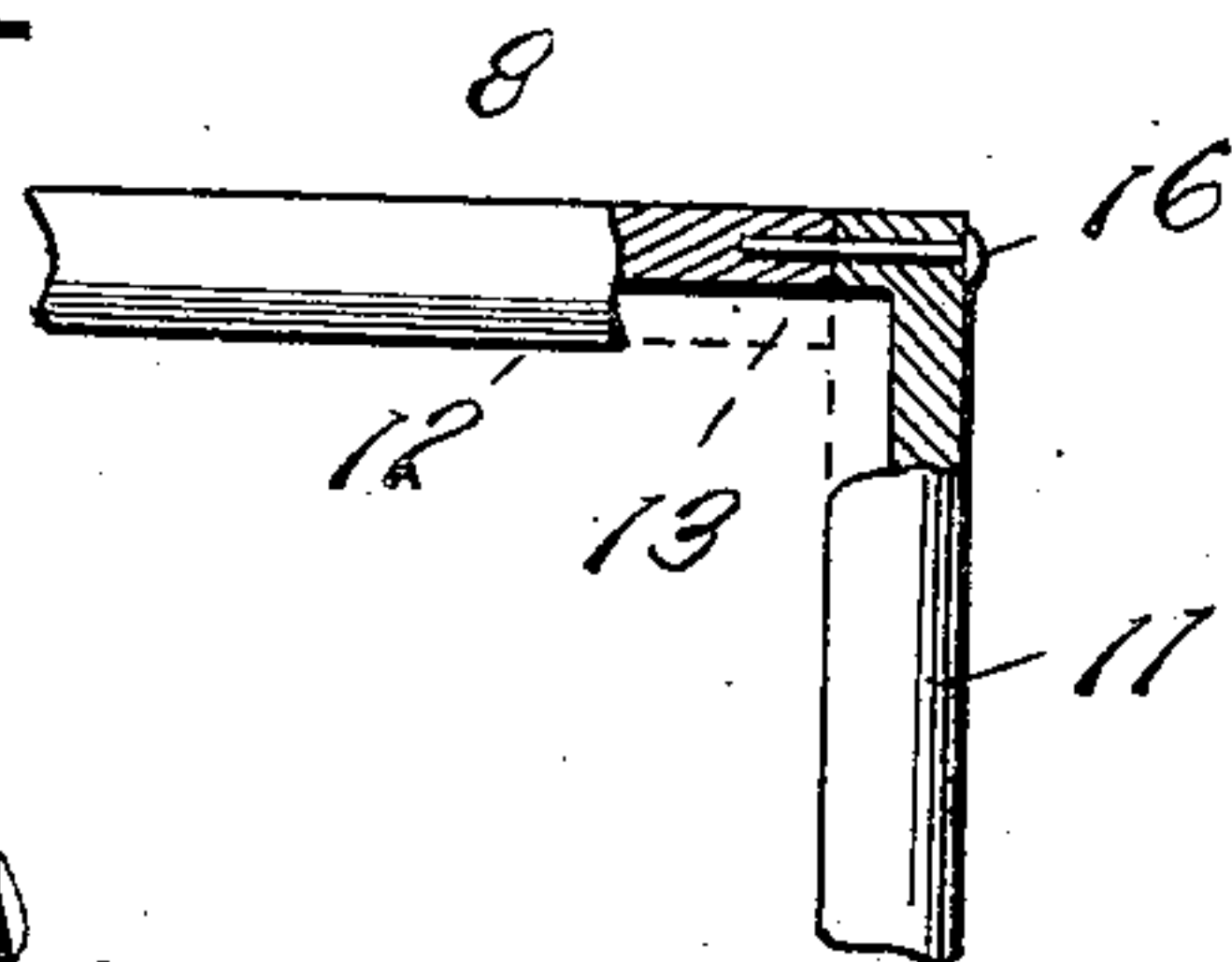


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Fig. 2.

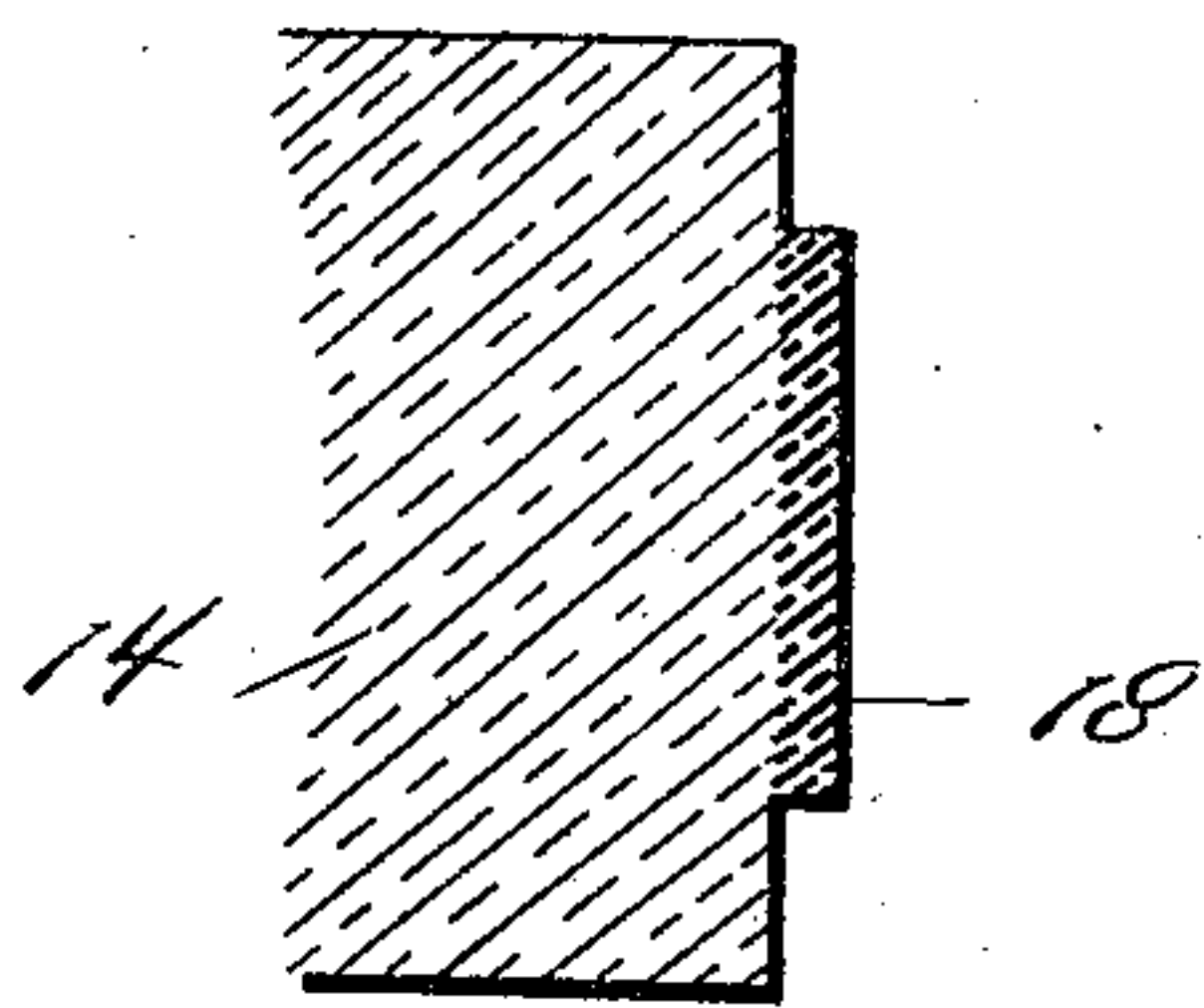
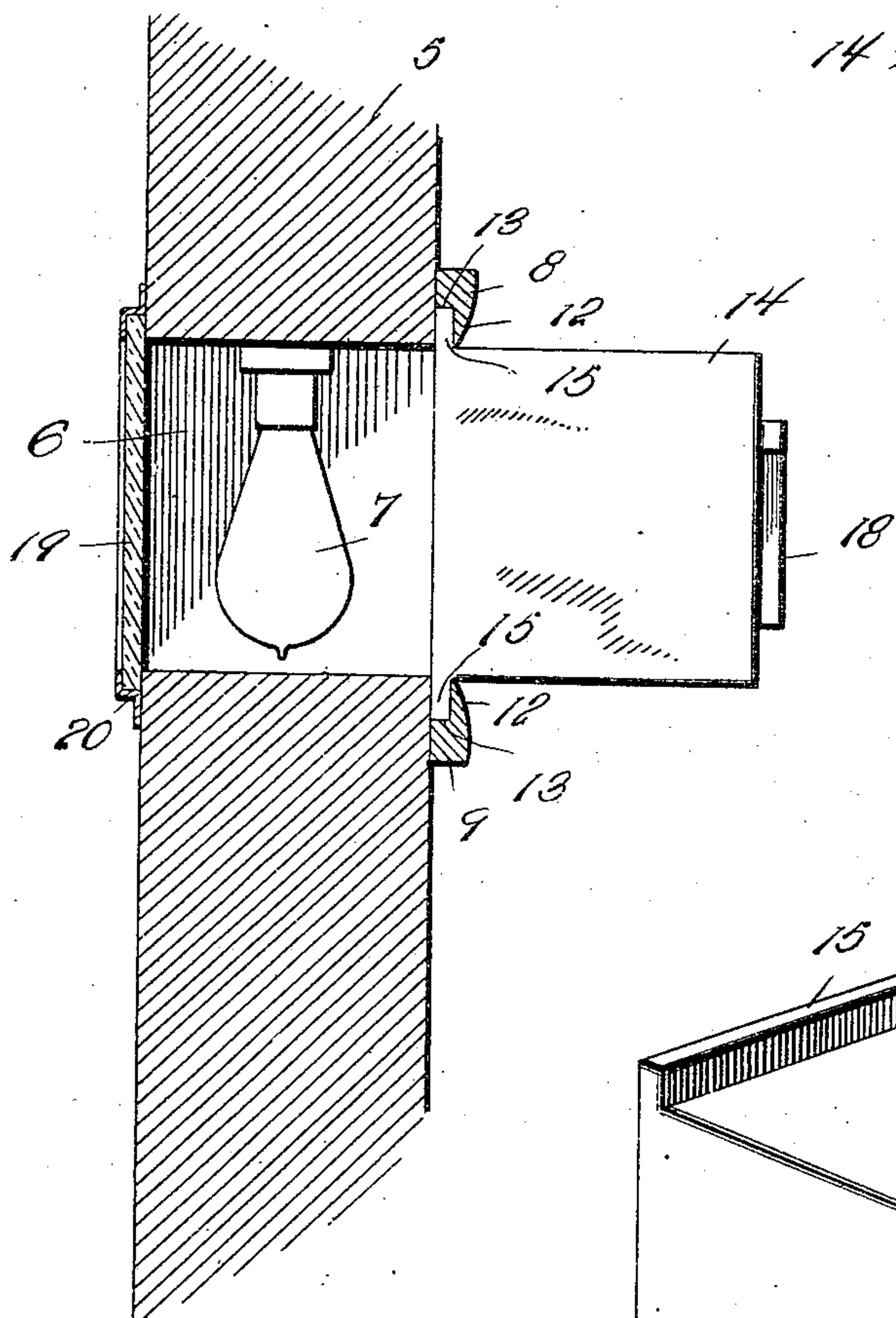
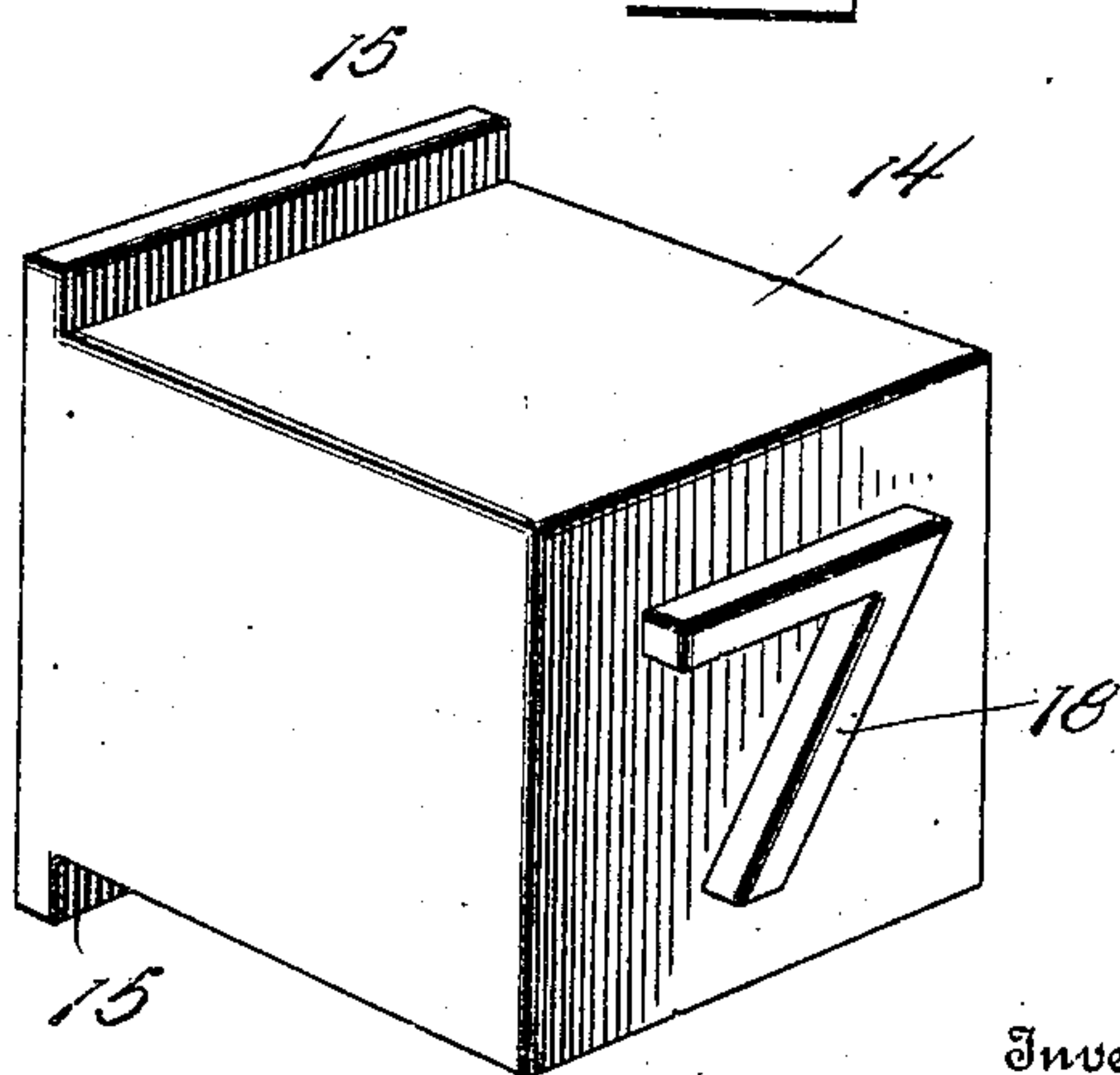


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAULINE ELLEAU, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King, State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Signs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to signs and more particularly to that class which are used to indicate the number of a house at night, the object of the invention being to provide a sign of such construction that the light necessary for the sign may also be utilized to illuminate the hall of the house to which it is applied.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is an elevation of my invention applied to a door or wall. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view therethrough. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the blocks. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view therethrough in detail, and Fig. 5 is a detail view partly in section of one end of the sign frame.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, 5 denotes the door or wall of a house through which is formed an opening 6 of sufficient size to receive an electric light bulb 7 of the ordinary construction, the socket of the bulb being secured to one wall of the opening.

Secured to the outer face of the door or wall is a frame which surrounds the opening therein and which comprises upper and lower rails 8 and 9 respectively and stiles 10 and 11. The rails 8 and 9 are flanged as at 12 throughout their length and along their opposing edges, the edges of the flanges being in alinement with the corresponding edges of the opening 6 thereby forming grooves 13.

The numeral 14 denotes the sign blocks of the device which are designed to be interchangeably supported in the frame in a manner to be described. Each of these blocks is formed of glass or other transparent material, is cubical in form and is provided at the rear edges of its upper and lower faces with

flanges 15 which seat in the grooves 13 and serve to hold the block in the frame. In order that the blocks may be readily removed from the frame for the insertion of new ones or for the insertion of a new bulb 7, the stile 11 of the frame is formed separate from the remainder thereof and is pivoted to the end of the upper rail 8 as at 16 so that it may be swung out of the way when it is desired to remove or insert the blocks 14. After the blocks have been properly arranged the stile is returned to its normal position and is secured by means of a screw 17 which is engaged through the lower end of the stile and into the end of the rail 9 of the frame.

As stated, the body of each block is formed of transparent glass and each block is provided upon its front face with a raised character or characters 18 of any desired form. The characters 18 are formed of opaque glass and are molded integral with the body 14 of their respective blocks as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

In order that the light necessary for the proper illumination of the sign may be utilized to light the hall or vestibule of the house, a pane of glass 19 is supported upon the inner face of the door or wall by means of a suitable frame 20.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, is:—

The combination, with a door-frame having an opening therethrough, of a lamp placed in said opening, a transparent pane of glass back of said opening, a frame on the out-side margin of said opening and transparent sign elements having opaque characters on their faces adapted to be supported in the said frame, whereby an illuminated sign is formed on the outside of the door-frame, and the lamp is made to illuminate the apartment or hall inside the door-frame.

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

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