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Fig. 1.

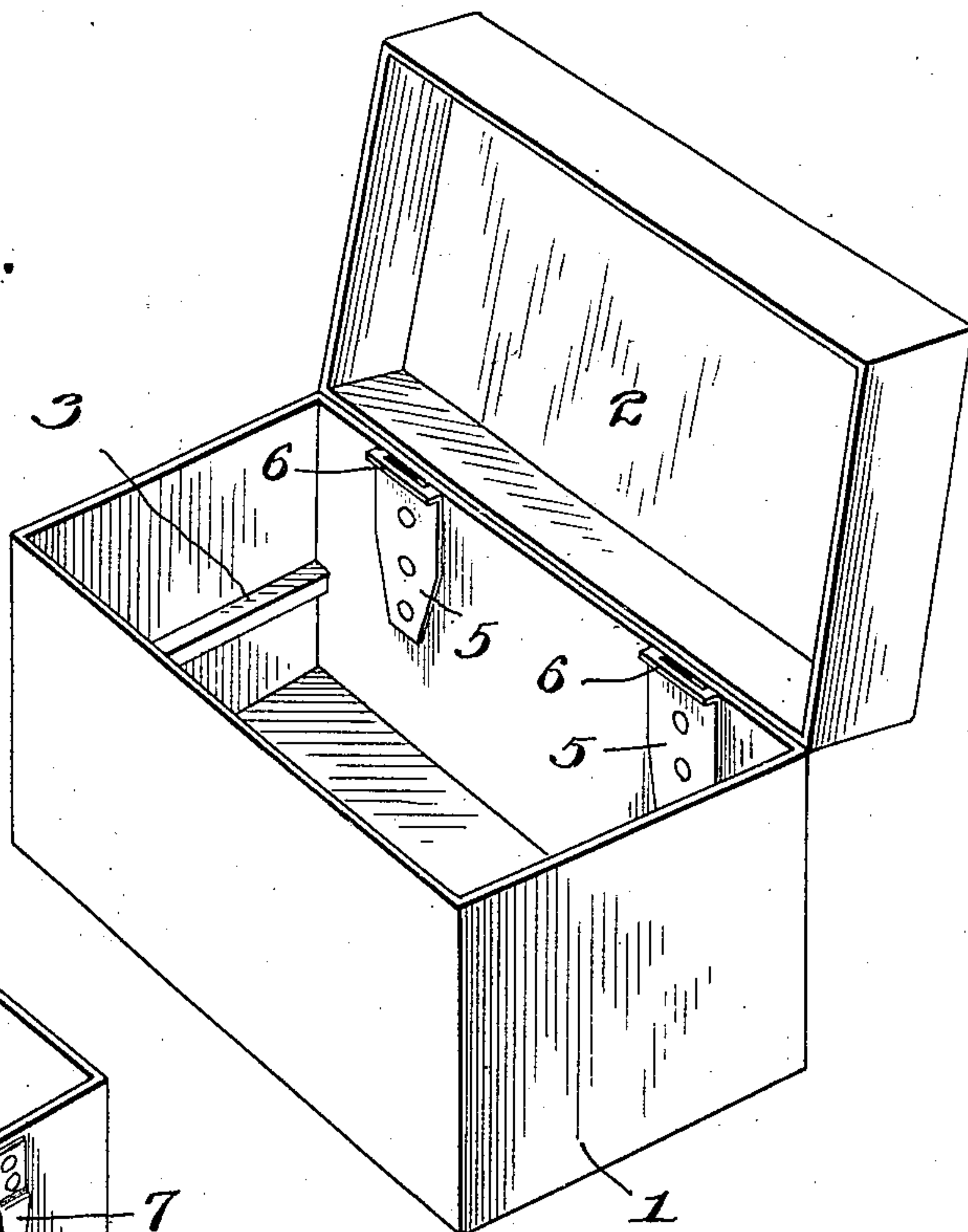


Fig. 2.

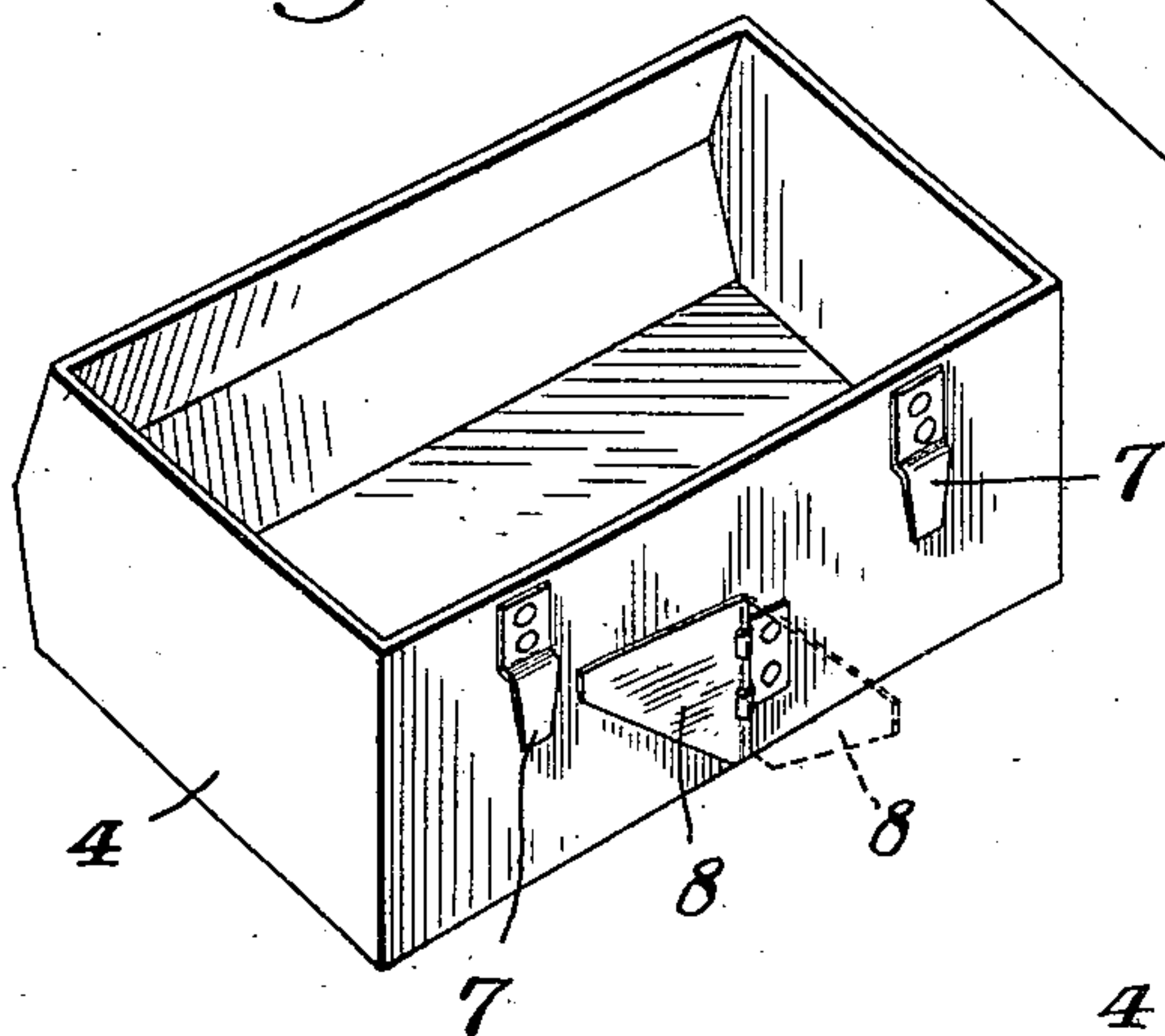
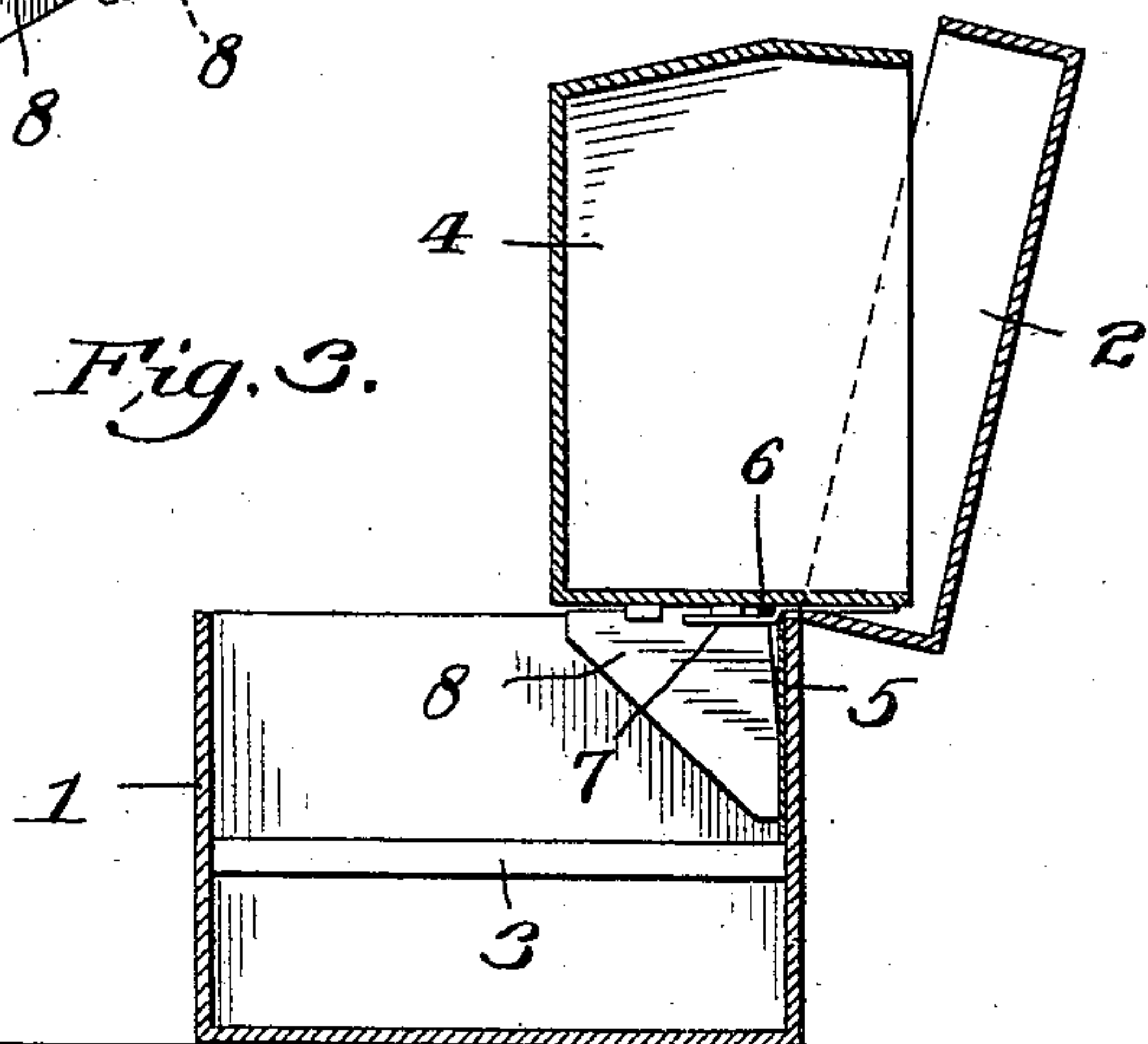


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. A. STOUT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunk-Tray Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in till or tray supports for use in trunks and chests wherein tills or trays are used.

The invention has for its object the provision of a support for holding a hinged till or tray in a raised or tilted position for the purpose of readily permitting access to that portion of the trunk or chest beneath the tray or till without entirely removing it from the trunk.

To this end the invention consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the several parts of the device as hereinafter described, illustrated in the drawing, and more particularly pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a trunk with the lid thrown open and the till or tray removed, showing one member of each of the till hinges secured to the rear inner wall thereof. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the till or tray, showing the opposite members of each of the till hinges secured to the rear outer wall of said till, and my improved till support for holding said till in a tilted elevated position. Fig. 3 shows a vertical cross-section of the trunk and till mounted therein, and held in a tilted elevated position by my improved till supporting device.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates the body of the chest or trunk, 2 the lid thereof, 3 the rests upon which the till sets when in its normal position in the trunk, and 4 the till or tray.

The numerals 5, 5 indicate the members of the till hinges that are secured within the trunk body to the rear wall thereof, and which are provided with loops 6, 6 adapted to receive and hold the opposite members 7, 7 of the till hinges that are secured to the outer rear wall of the till, as shown, said hinges being for the purpose of tilting said till without removing the same from the trunk, as is evident. On the rear outer side of said till near the bottom thereof is a hinged support or bracket 8, adapted, when the till is in its normal position in the trunk, to lie flat against the rear side thereof, but which, when said till is tilted on said hinges, will swing away from the rear side of said till, by gravity,

and engage the rear wall of said trunk and hold said till in raised position, as shown in Fig. 3.

When it is desired to lower the till to its normal position in the trunk, the support or bracket 8 is turned against the rear wall of the till, when the latter may then be lowered into the trunk and set upon the rests 3, as is evident. By reason of the construction of the till hinges the tray may be removed from the trunk by merely lifting said tray vertically, when the members 7, 7, of said hinges will be withdrawn from the loops 6, 6, of the members 5, 5, thereby freeing the tray and permitting it to be set to one side, as is evident.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

1. The combination with a trunk body, and a tray hinged to one of the walls thereof, of a bracket secured to said tray adapted to automatically engage the rear wall of the trunk when said tray is tilted to hold the same in elevated position.

2. The combination with a trunk body, and a tray hinged to one of the walls thereof, of a hinged bracket secured to said tray adapted to automatically engage the rear wall of the trunk when said tray is tilted to hold the same in elevated position.

3. The combination with a trunk body, and a tray hinged to one of the walls thereof, of a hinged bracket secured to the outside of the rear wall of said tray and adapted, when said tray is swung upward, to swing by gravity into engagement with the rear wall of said trunk to hold said tray in elevated position.

4. The combination with a trunk body, and a tray hinged to one of the walls thereof, of a hinged bracket secured to the outside of the rear wall of said tray, and which when the tray is in normal position rests against said rear wall thereof, and adapted, when said tray is swung upward, to swing by gravity away from said tray wall down into engagement with the rear wall of the trunk to hold said tray in elevated position.

5. The combination with a trunk body, and a tray hinged to one of the walls thereof, of a hinged bracket secured to the outside of the rear wall of said tray, and which, when the tray is in normal position rests against said rear wall thereof, and adapted, when said tray is swung upward, to swing by gravity away from said tray wall down into engagement with the rear wall of the trunk, whereby said tray is held in elevated position, and adapted to be turned out of engagement with the rear wall of said trunk to permit the lowering of said tray to its normal position in the trunk.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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