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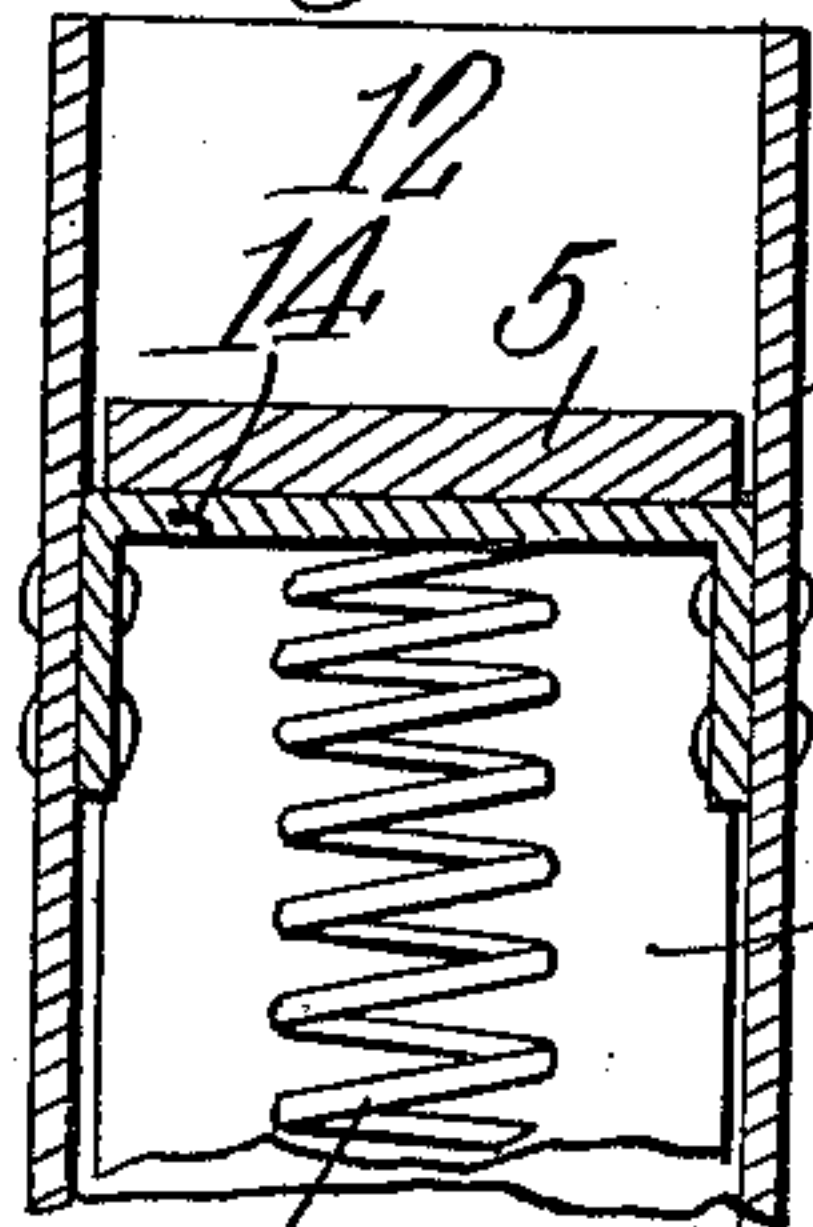


Fig. 1.

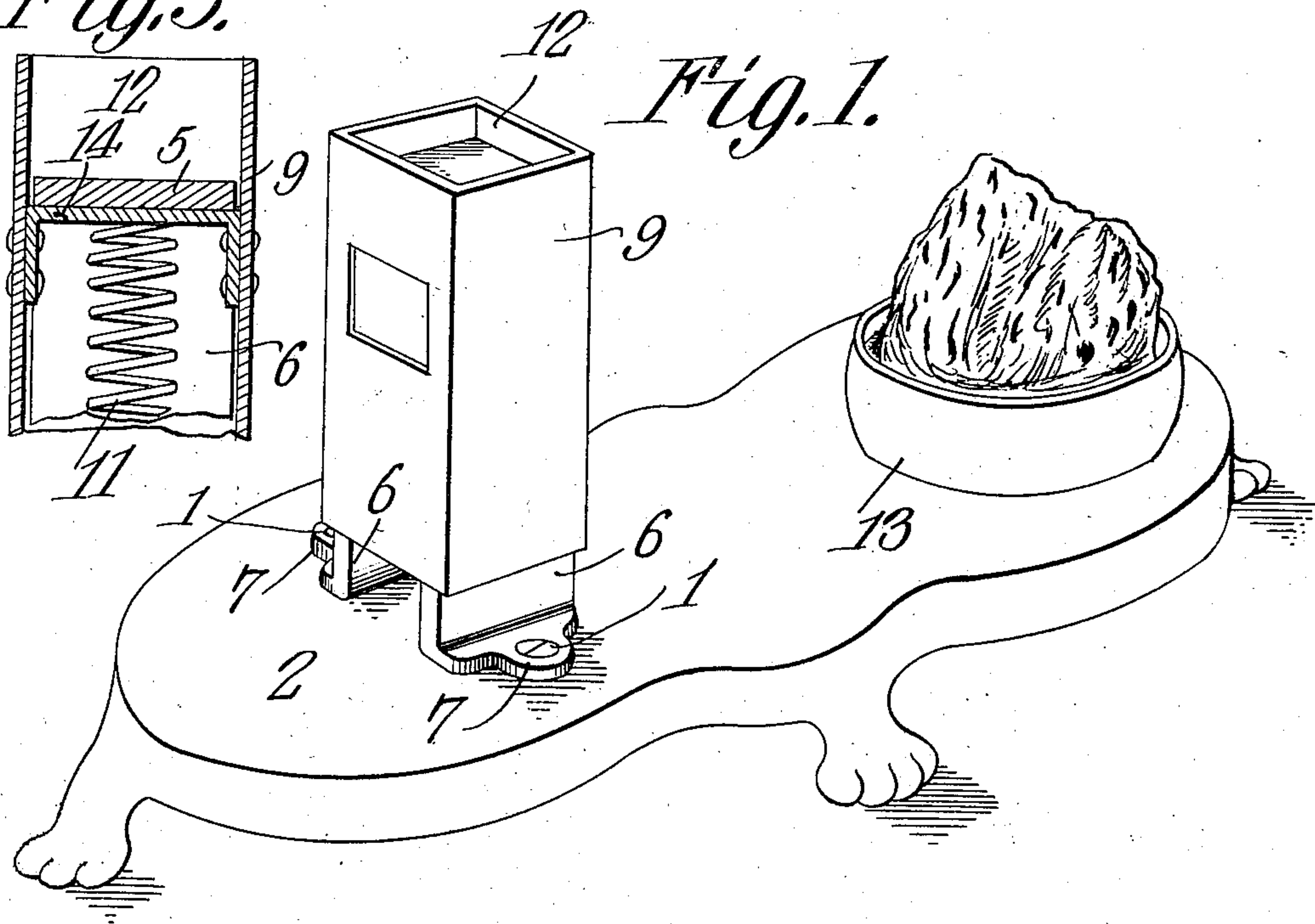


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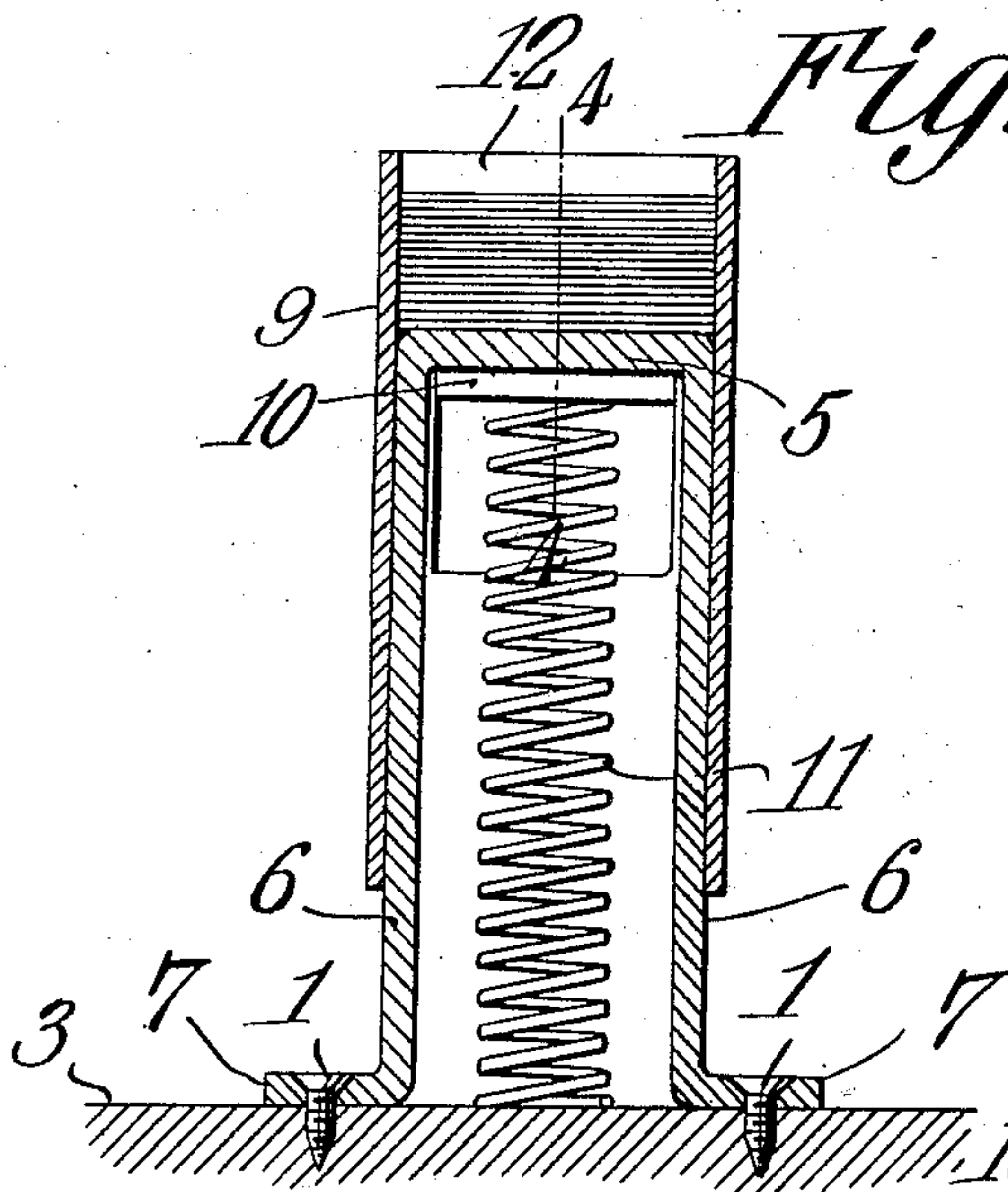


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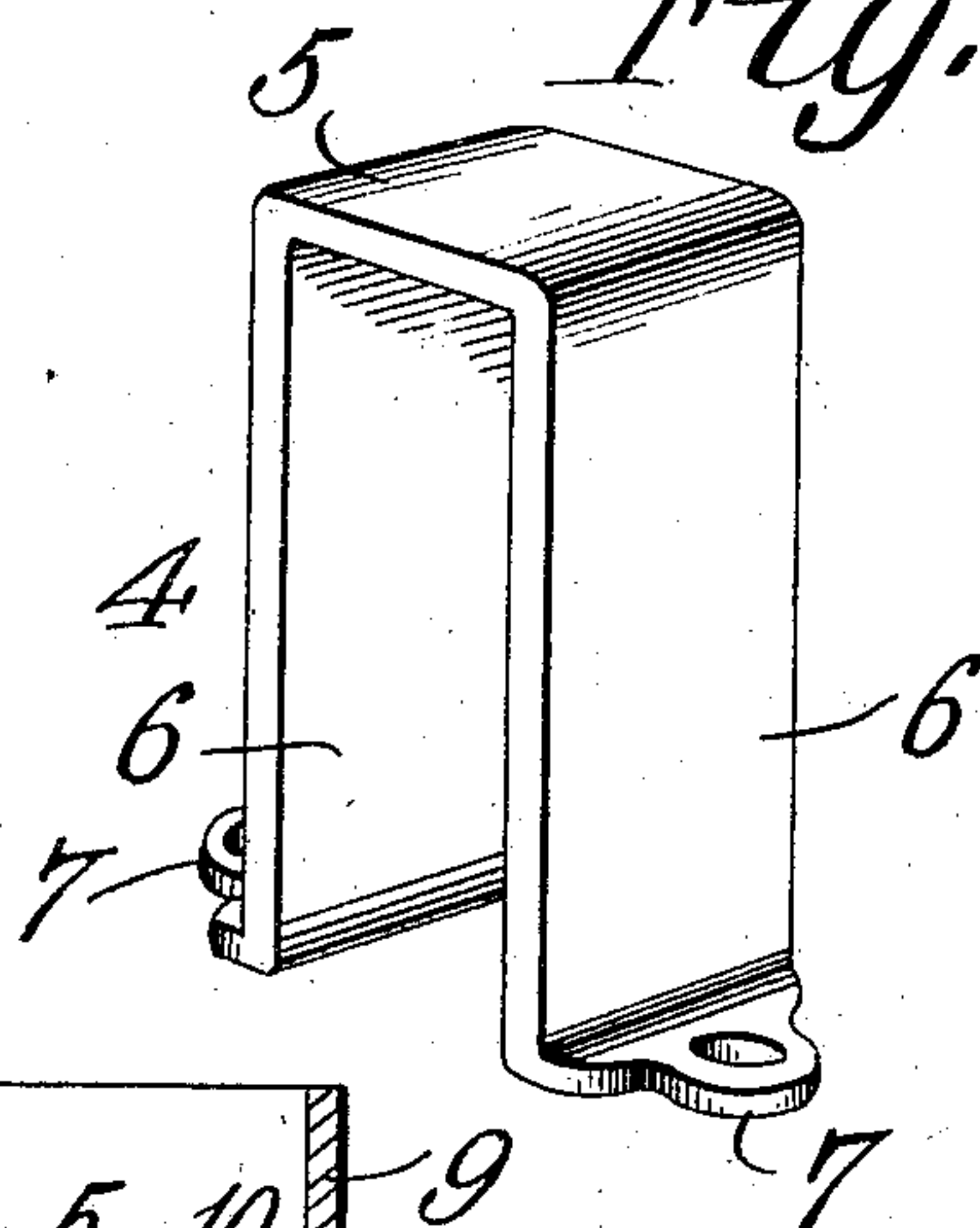
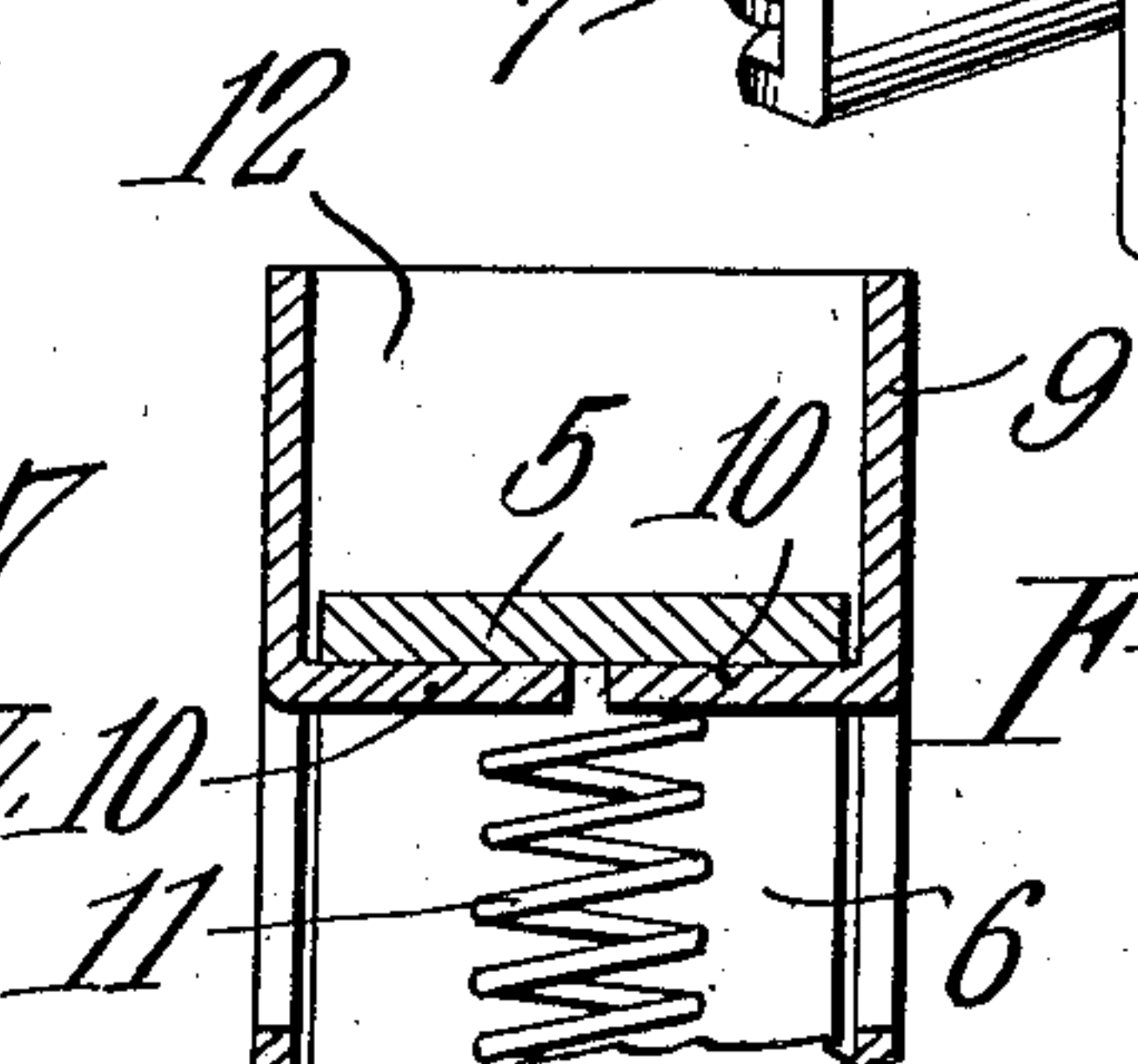


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Smith, in the county of Sebastian and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Stamp-Affixing Device, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device for applying and affixing postage stamps to envelopes, newspaper wrappers, packages, etc., and comprises a simple, cheap and convenient article capable of attachment to a desk or table or to a stand to be placed on a desk for applying postage stamps one at a time to mailable matter; and further, it consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device attached to a stand in connection with a sponge and cup for moistening articles on which stamps are to be affixed. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the device attached to a desk or table. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the parts. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the upper part of the device on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 illustrating a modification.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

Attached by screws 1 to a stand 2, as in Fig. 1, or to a desk 3 as in Fig. 2 is an inverted U-shaped support 4 comprising a flat top 5, vertical parallel sides 6 supporting said top, and on the lower end of each side 6 an outwardly turned foot 7, through which fastening screws 1 pass. The top 5 is preferably horizontal and of the size and shape of the postage stamps to be supported thereon.

Surrounding the support 4 and adapted to move vertically thereon is a rectangular casing 9, open at each end, from opposite sides of which tongues 10 are stamped out of the casing 9 and turned inwardly as indicated in Fig. 4, or a strip 14 with turned down ends soldered or riveted inside the casing, as shown in Fig. 5 may be substituted. A spiral spring 11 bears against the under side of

the tongue 10 within the support 4 and against the base 2 as represented, the tendency being to keep the casing always in elevated position. The casing 9 projects above the top 5 of the support and forms a receptacle or magazine 12 for postage stamps. The bottom of the casing ends some distance above the plate 7, so that it may be moved downward on the support 4 when pressed from above, the spring 11 yielding under pressure and returning the casing to position when pressure is relieved. The upward movement of the casing is limited by the tongues abutting against the under side of the top 5.

The device may be made of sheet metal bent into shape, or cast metal and ornamented to suit the taste. If the device is attached to a stand it is very convenient to place on the same stand a sponge cup 13 and sponge, as in Fig. 1, for moistening articles to be stamped.

The postage stamps, separated, are placed in the magazine 12 gum side uppermost, and when a letter is to be stamped, the corner of the envelop on which the same is to be affixed is moistened by pressing it against the sponge in the cup 13. The moistened corner of the envelop is then placed on the magazine 12 and the casing depressed, bringing the envelop into contact with a stamp which adheres thereto.

I claim:—

A device for affixing stamps comprising a stationary inverted U-shaped open support having a flat top, and horizontally projecting feet, a rectangular casing open at each end slidably mounted on said support, tongues cut from opposite sides of said casing and bent inwardly to bear against the under side of said flat top for limiting the upward movement of said casing, and a spring pressing on said tongues tending to raise the casing.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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