

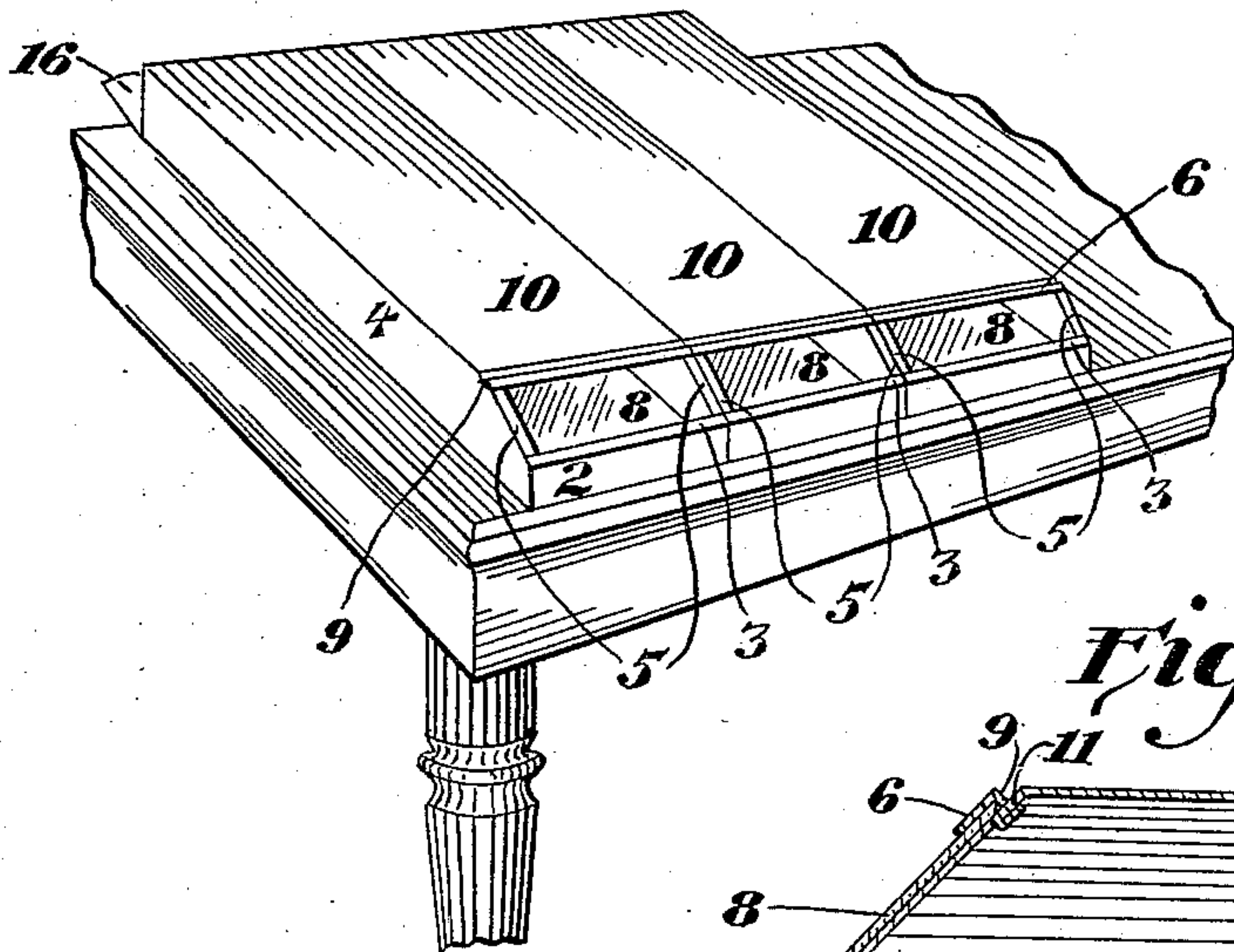
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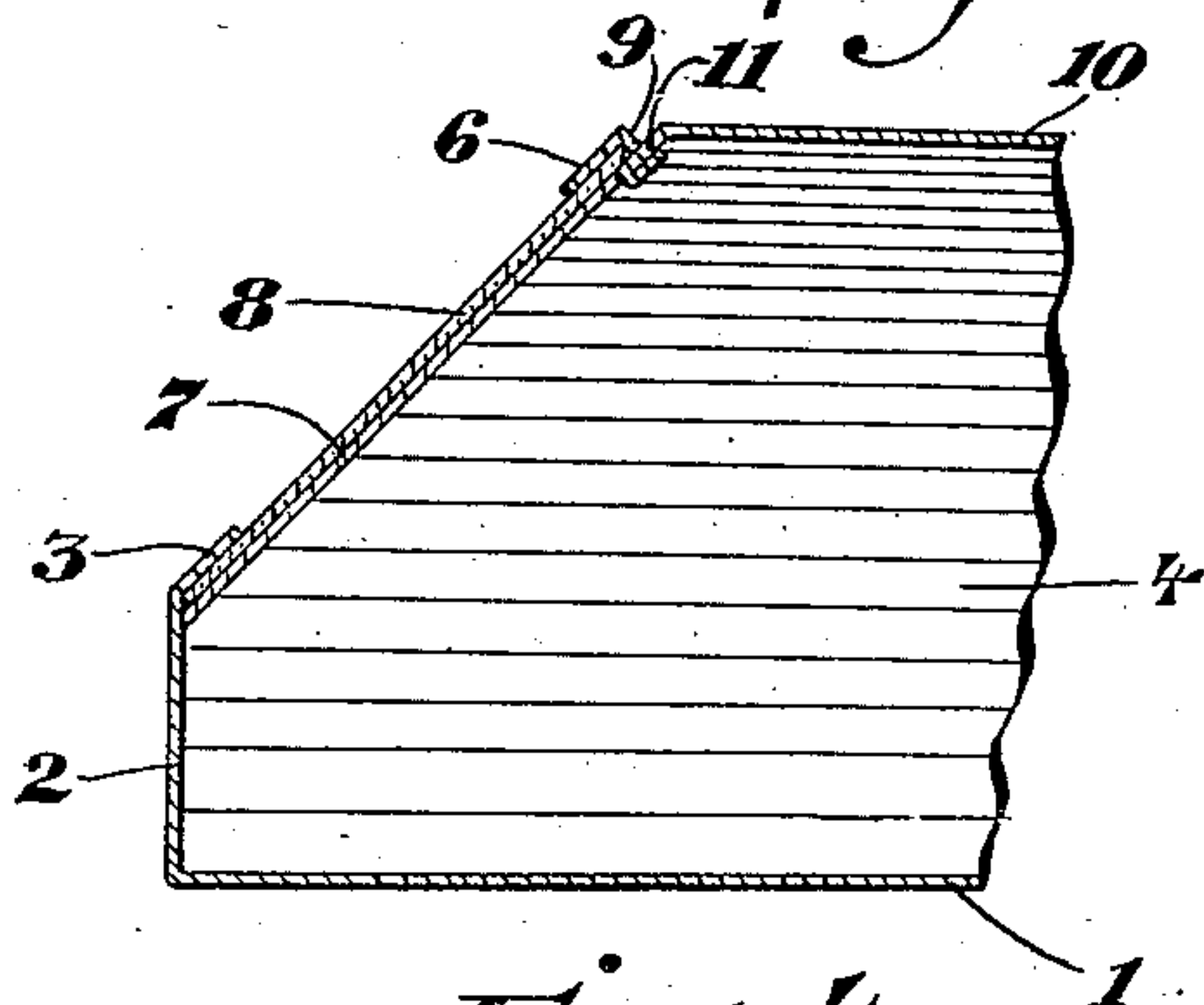
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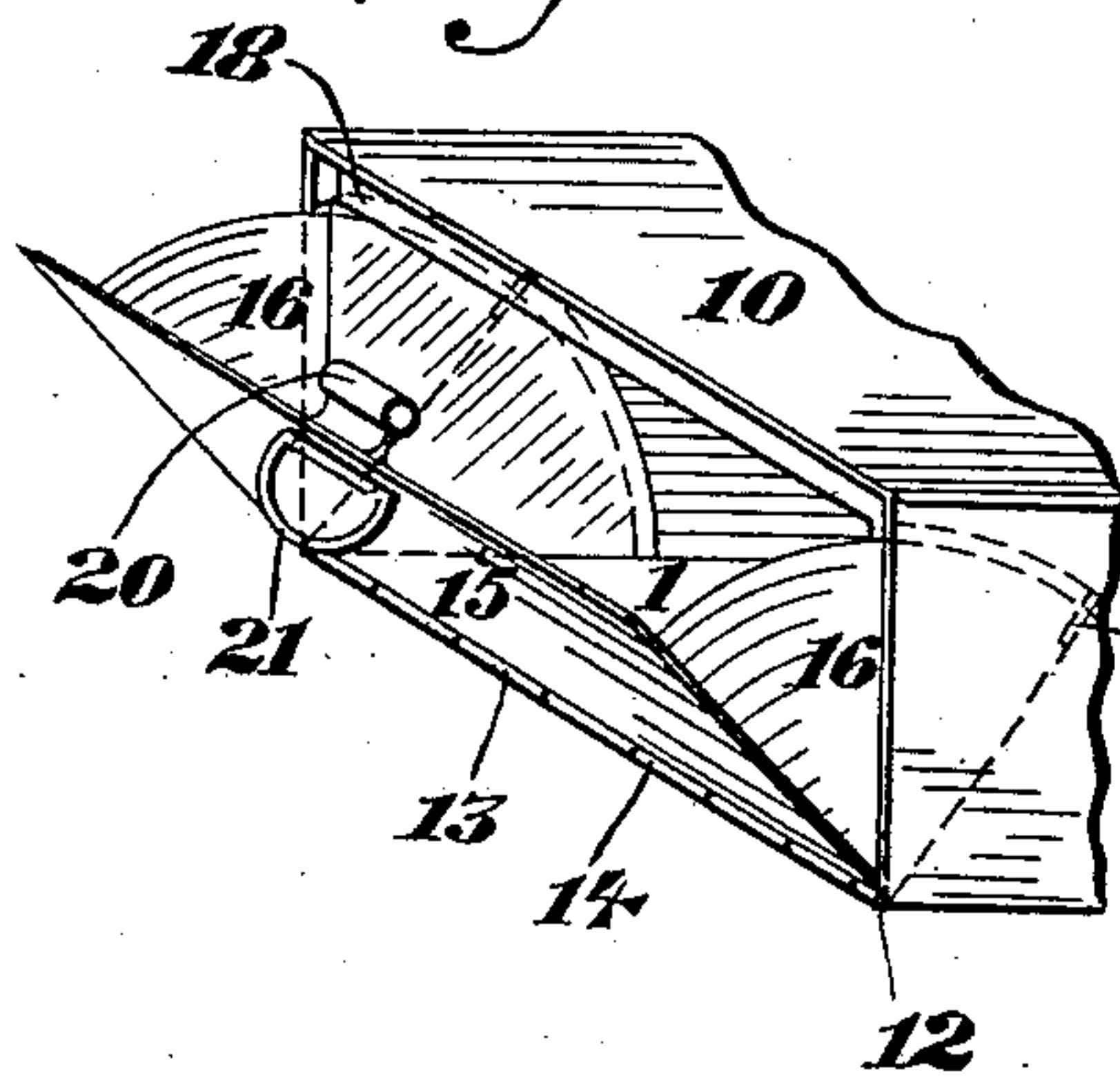
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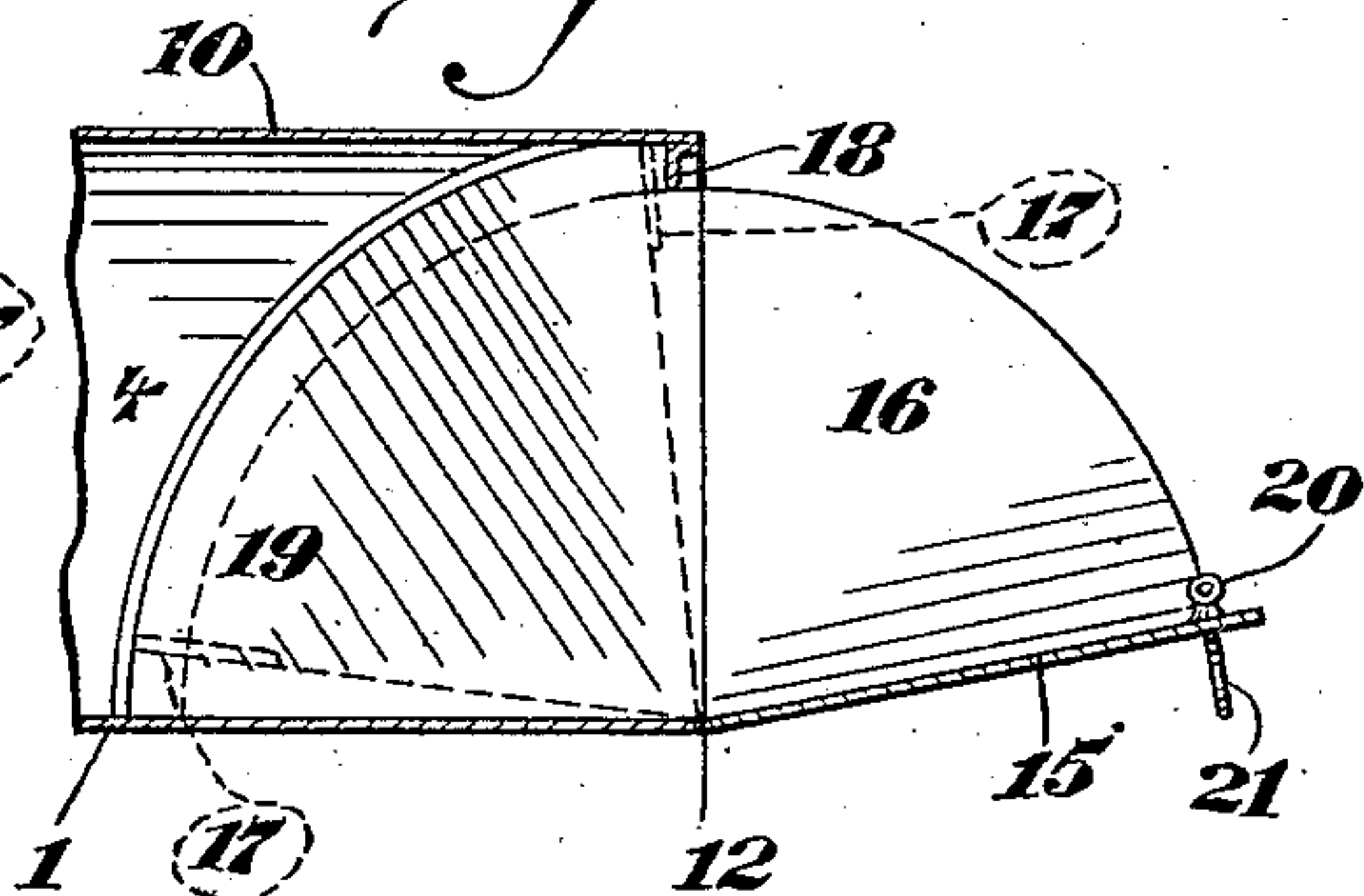
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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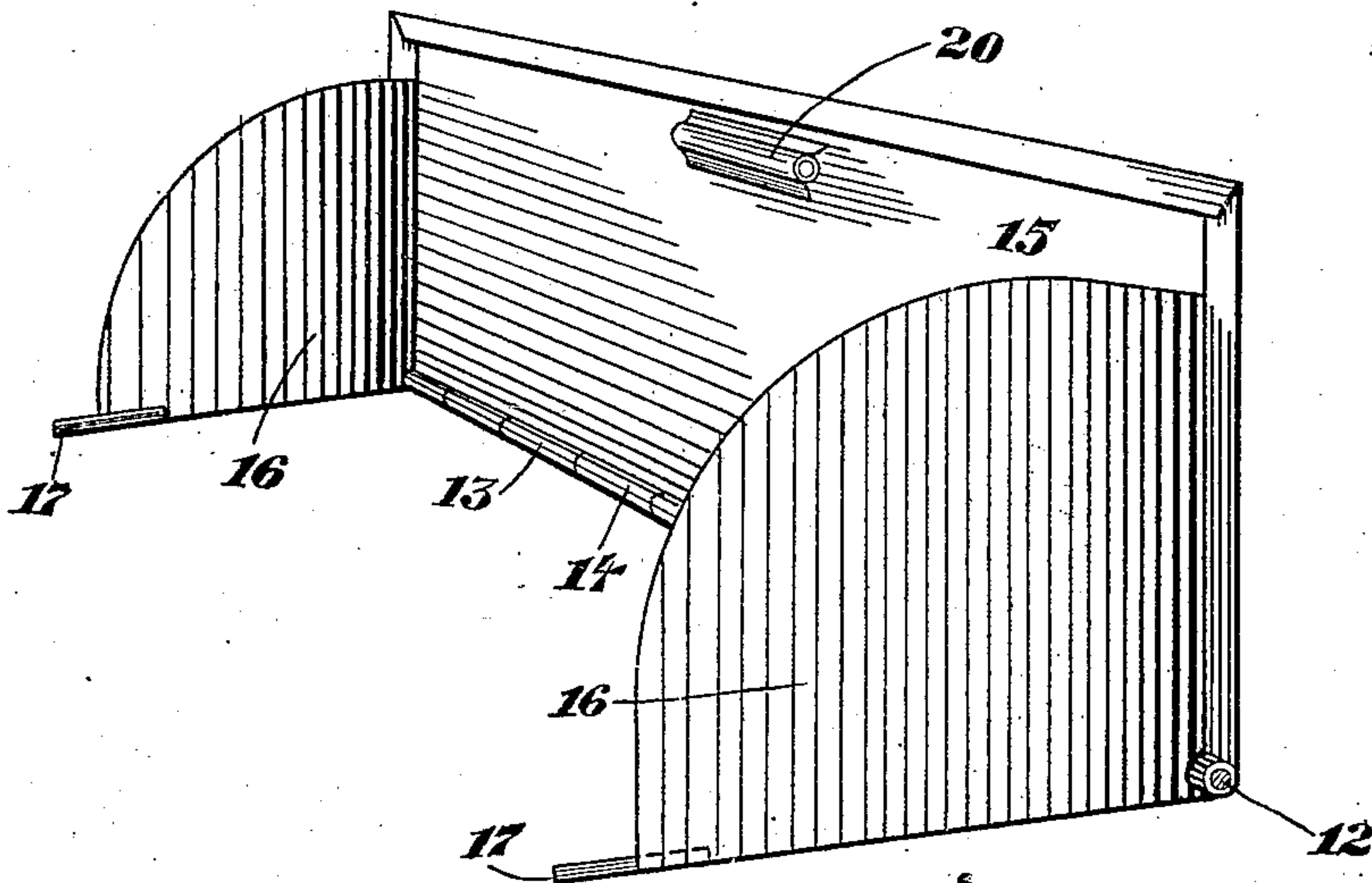
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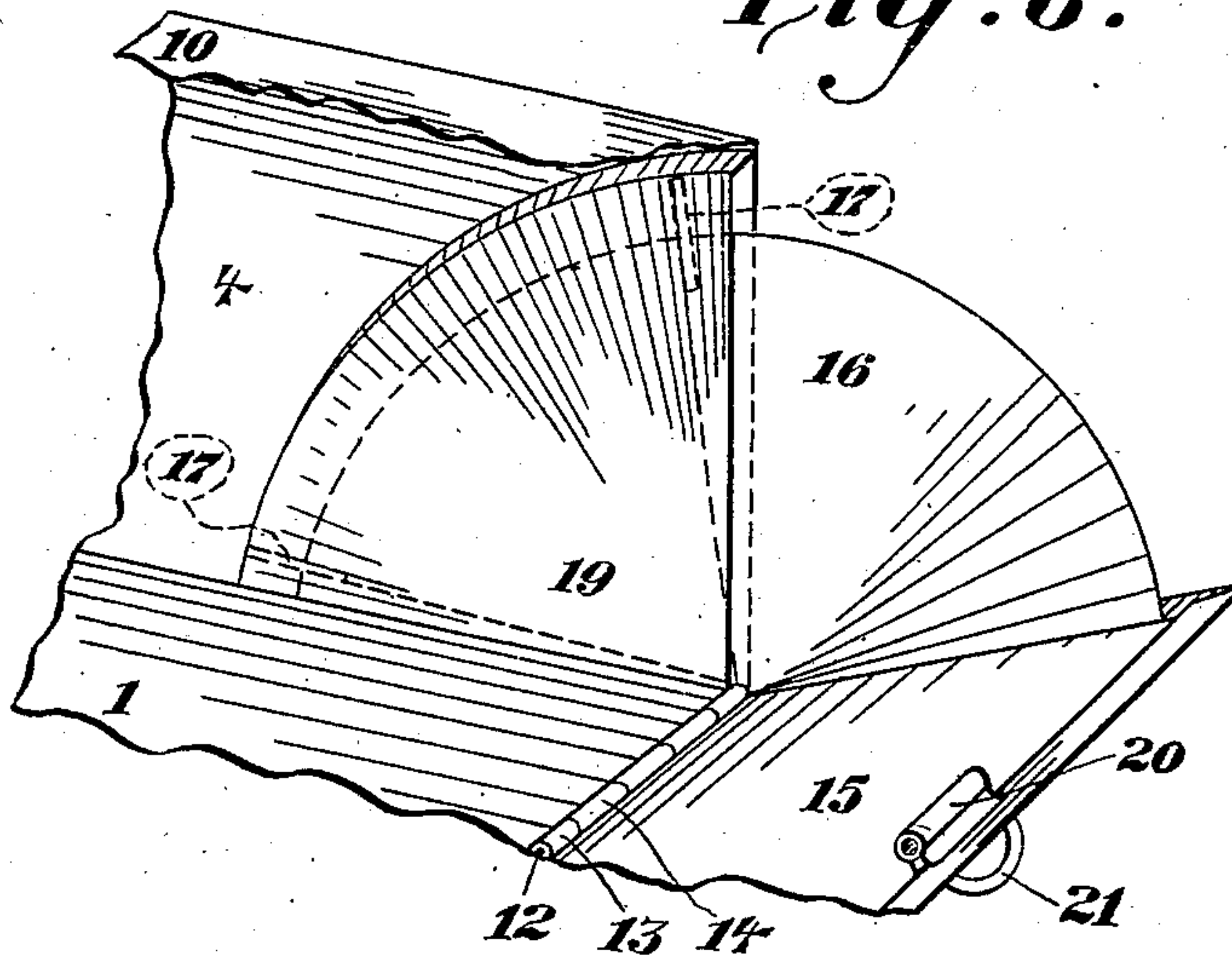
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM N. AUBUCHON, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to display receptacles, and has for its object to provide a cheap, durable, handsome, and useful article of manufacture which, in addition to serving as a convenient package in which goods can  
15 be packed and shipped by manufacturers or wholesalers, can be used by the retailer who receives it in lieu of the old-fashioned show-case. The receptacle is particularly adapted for the shipment and sale of small articles of  
20 merchandise, such as candies, cigars, bakery products, and the like, which can be packed at the factory in these receptacles, shipped therein to the dealer, and retailed directly therefrom, without any unpacking, handling, or transferring, such as is necessary  
25 where the goods must first be placed in a show-case. The receptacles, when emptied, can, if desired, be returned to the factory, and there refilled and reshipped. They will  
30 thus be valuable to the manufacturer, for, while the first cost is higher than that of a strawboard box, for example, they can be again and again reused, while a strawboard or wooden box can be used only once. They will  
35 be valuable and convenient to the retailer, for they enable him to dispense with show cases, and yet at the same time to keep his goods displayed in such manner that customers can readily see them, where they are quickly accessible  
40 when an order is to be filled, beyond the reach of pilferers, and free from exposure to dust, odors, and moisture. Both manufacturer and retailer will appreciate the facts that the receptacles are portable, require but  
45 little counter-space, are practically unbreakable, show the nature of the merchandise contained therein without the necessity of labels or other markings, and keep the goods from being crushed when roughly handled.  
50 Moreover, these receptacles can be set in any position or place or on any support which may be desired, while a show-case requires a certain predetermined amount of space, a comparatively fixed location, and a support  
55 of proper dimensions. The receptacles may be placed either singly or in groups, as cir-

cumstances may make desirable, and a number of them set side by side, as depicted in Figure 1, gives a show-case effect, but they can not always be thus arranged, and may  
60 be placed apart from each other where so desired.

In the drawings accompanying this specification and forming part of same, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts  
65 wherever they occur, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a number of the receptacles set side by side on a table or counter; Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the front end of a receptacle; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the rear end  
70 thereof; Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the rear end; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the rear-end closure; and Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail of a part of the rear end.

Generally speaking, the receptacle comprises a box having a transparent display-  
75 end, which end is beveled or inclined, and a movable closure at the other end, at which end the goods are inserted or removed. The greatest length of the receptacle lies in a  
80 horizontal plane, and the display and closure ends are the shortest sides of the box.

The body is made of sheet iron, tin, or other sheet material, which can be ornamented by any of the metal-lithographing  
85 processes or otherwise. The receptacles are preferably so made that either a horizontal longitudinal or a transverse section there-through will be rectangular, though it is not  
90 necessary that they be made of any particular shape, the rectangular box being, however, the preferred form. Integral with the bottom 1 is a vertical front strip 2 which  
terminates in a flange 3. The sides 4 terminate in flanges 5 while a strip 6 extends  
95 across the front of the box, being soldered or otherwise secured to the flanges 5. To each side 4 is soldered a ledge or bracket 7, said ledges being parallel to the flanges 5, and leaving a slot between each flange and the  
100 ledge adjoining. Within said slots is carried a pane of glass 8, said pane resting upon said ledges, flanges 3, 5, and 6 keeping said pane from being forced outwardly as the merchandise presses thereagainst from the under  
105 side, and, when the pane has been placed in position, the top edge of strip 6 is bent over, as at 9, thereby holding the glass firmly in place. The top 10 is bent over so that its  
end 11 is covered by the flange 9, thus leaving  
110 no sharp edges or corners projecting from the front of the receptacle. The rec-



tangle formed by the flanges 3, 5, and 6 is in a plane oblique to the horizontal, so that the front or display end of the receptacle allows the merchandise to show to better advantage than would be possible if the pane were set vertically, for not only can a larger pane be used when it is placed as herein indicated than would be possible where it is vertically disposed, but, in addition, the observer can see the goods more easily where the glass front is located in an inclined position, so as to form a beveled display front, than where it is vertical, because the observer can view same partly from above.

The closure for the rear end of the box comprises a sheet of metal which is in pivotal relation to the body of the receptacle, one form of such construction being shown in the drawings, in which a pintle 12 passes through sleeves 13 which are formed integral with the bottom and other sleeves 14 which are integral with the back 15. Sector-shaped wings 16, preferably formed of the same piece of metal as the back 15 project therefrom into the receptacle, closely adjacent the sides 4, and prevent any of the merchandise from falling out over the ends of back 15 when the receptacle is opened. Pins 17, soldered to wings 16, or other projections from said wings, catch on the stop 18, which may be formed by bending down the rear end of top 10, as shown in the drawings, or otherwise, and prevent the closure from being swung outwardly too far. Shields 19 are secured to the sides 4, and incase the wings 16 and the pins attached thereto, thereby preventing any of the merchandise from being caught upon or crushed by said wings or pins as the box is opened or closed. A spring-catch 20 engages a suitable projection, such, for instance, as stop 18, and keeps the receptacle closed until it is opened by pulling on the handle 21.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

1. In a combined shipping and display receptacle, the combination of a casing, a closure pivoted thereto, said closure comprising a back, wings projecting therefrom, and a shield attached to the side walls of the casing, said wings being normally contained within said shield.

2. In a display receptacle, the combination of a bottom, a vertical front projecting therefrom, a flange projecting from said front, flanges projecting from the sides, a strip connecting said side-flanges, all of said flanges being disposed in an oblique plane, ledges secured to the sides and parallel to the side-flanges, and a pane of glass supported upon said ledges and the inturned end of the top, said pane being retained in place by said

flanges and said strip, and by the inturned edge of said strip.

3. In a combined shipping and display receptacle, the combination of a casing, a closure pivoted thereto, said closure comprising a back, wings projecting therefrom, and pins secured to said wings, and a shield attached to the side walls and incasing said wings and said pins.

4. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of malleable material and having a top, bottom, and sides all fixedly united together, said casing having one of its shorter ends beveled, a transparent closure held fixedly in said beveled end by a member or members disposed at right angles to the walls of the casing, and a pivoted closure for the other end.

5. In a combined shipping and display receptacle, the combination of a casing, a closure pivoted thereto, said closure comprising a back, wings projecting therefrom, and pins secured to said wings, a spring-catch on said back, and a member projecting from the top of the casing and engaging said spring-catch and said pins.

6. In a display receptacle, the combination of a bottom, a vertical front projecting therefrom, a flange projecting from said front, flanges projecting from the sides, a strip connecting said side-flanges, all of said flanges and said strip being disposed in an oblique plane, ledges secured to the sides and parallel to the flanges projecting from said sides, and a pane of glass supported between said ledges and said flanges, and retained in place by the inturned edge of said strip.

7. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of sheet material and having a top, bottom, and sides all fixedly united together, said casing having one of its shorter ends beveled, a transparent closure held in said beveled end by a member or members disposed in a plane lying at right angles to the plane in which the walls of the casing lie, and a movable closure for the other end.

8. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of sheet material and having a bottom, a flange projecting therefrom, flanges projecting from the side, supporting members secured to the casing, a transparent member retained between said supporting members and said flanges, and a strip extending across the beveled end, which strip is adapted to be turned over the upper edge of said transparent member, thereby to retain the same in place, said strip and flanges being normally disposed in a plane oblique to the bottom of the casing.

9. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of sheet material and having a bottom, a flange projecting therefrom, flanges projecting from the side, supporting members secured to the casing, and



being approximately parallel to the flanges, a transparent member retained between said supporting members and said flanges, and a strip extending across the beveled end, which strip is adapted to be turned over the upper edge of said transparent member, thereby to retain the same in place, said strip and flanges being normally disposed in a plane oblique to the bottom of the casing.

10 10. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of sheet material and having a top, bottom, and sides all fixedly united together, said casing having one of its shorter ends beveled, a transparent 15 closure held in said beveled end by a supporting member which projects inwardly from said casing, a line passing through said member intersecting the casing wall at right angles to a line in said wall passing through the point of intersection, and a movable 20 closure for the other end.

11. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of sheet material and having a top, bottom, and sides all fixedly united together, said casing having one of its shorter ends beveled, a transparent 25 closure held in said beveled end by a supporting member the edge of which that engages said transparent member lies in a plane oblique to the top and bottom, and a movable 30 closure for the other end.

12. A shipping and display receptacle

comprising a casing made of sheet material and provided with supporting members secured to said casing, a transparent closure 35 mounted on said supporting members and adapted to be slid into place thereupon, the end at which said transparent closure is placed being beveled, retaining means at said beveled end to hold said transparent 40 closure in place, and a movable closure allowing access to the interior of said casing.

13. A shipping and display receptacle comprising a casing made of sheet material and provided with supporting members secured to said casing, a transparent closure 45 mounted on said supporting members and adapted to be slid into place thereupon, the end at which said transparent closure is placed being beveled, said closure being 50 adapted to be inserted in place from one of the walls of said casing, retaining means at said beveled end and adjacent that wall at which said transparent member is so inserted and adapted to keep said member in 55 place, and a movable closure allowing access to the interior of said casing.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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