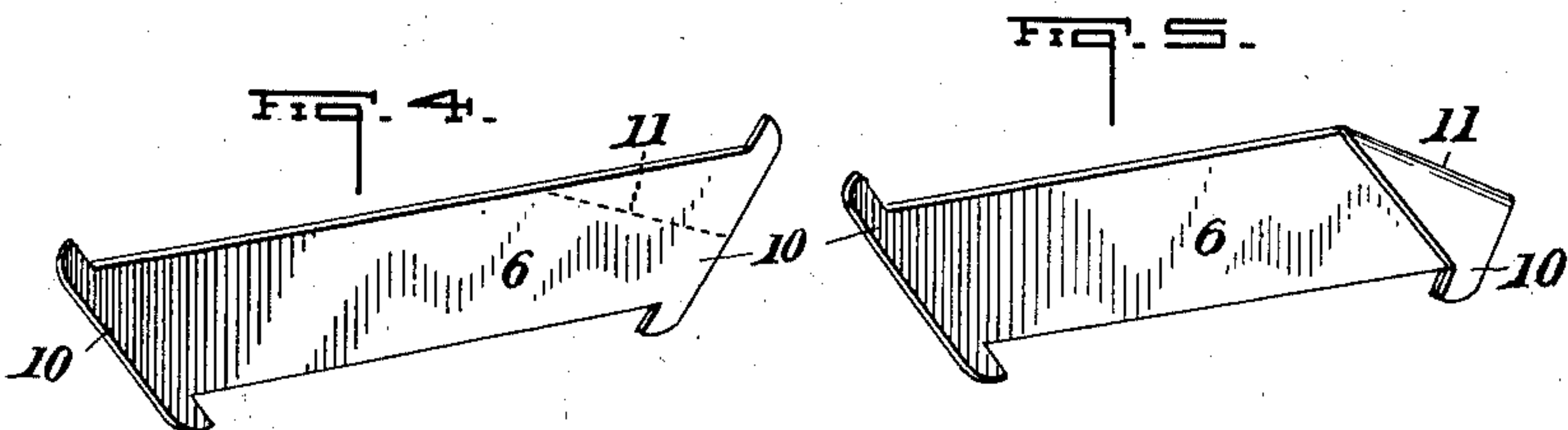
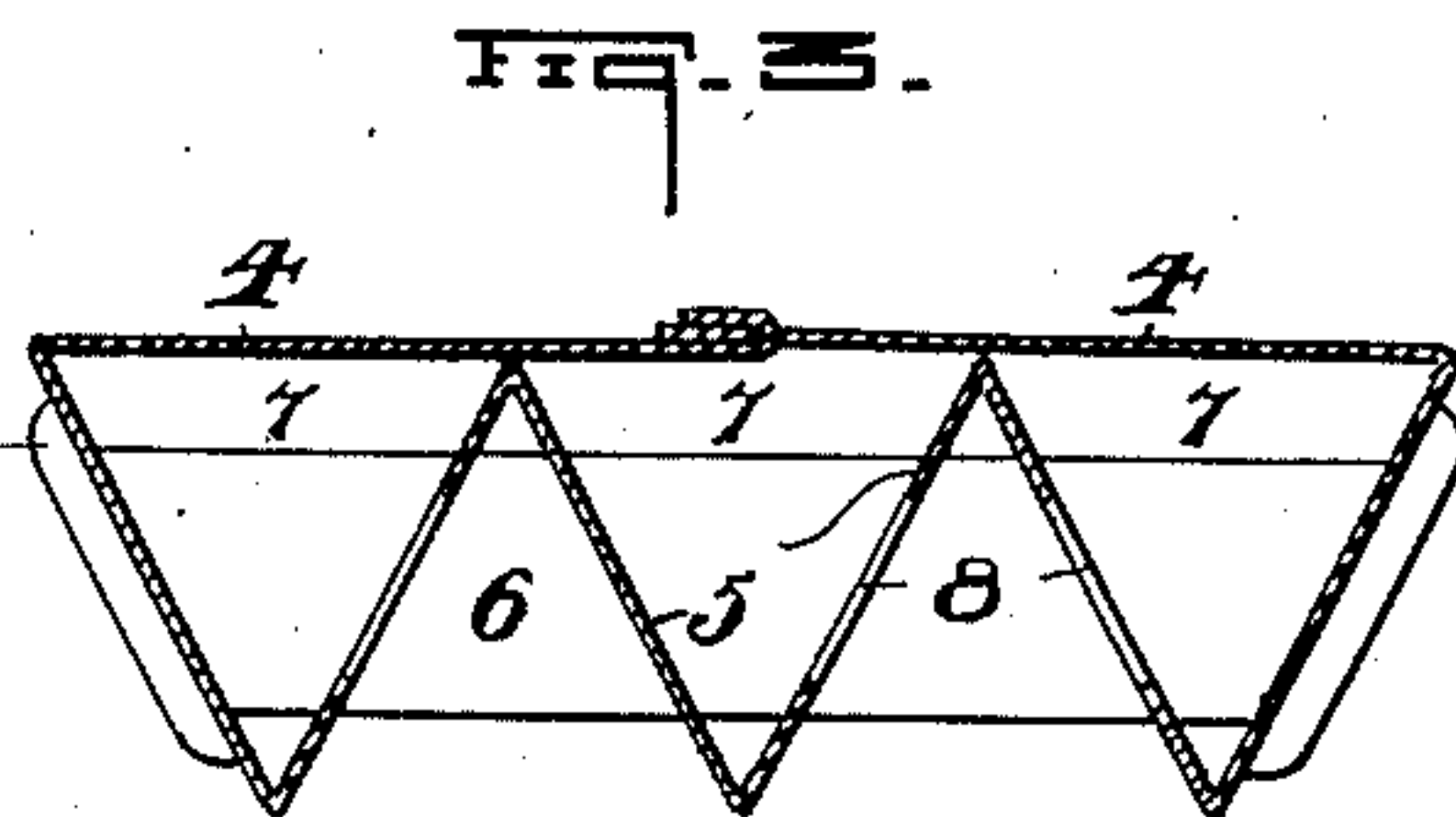
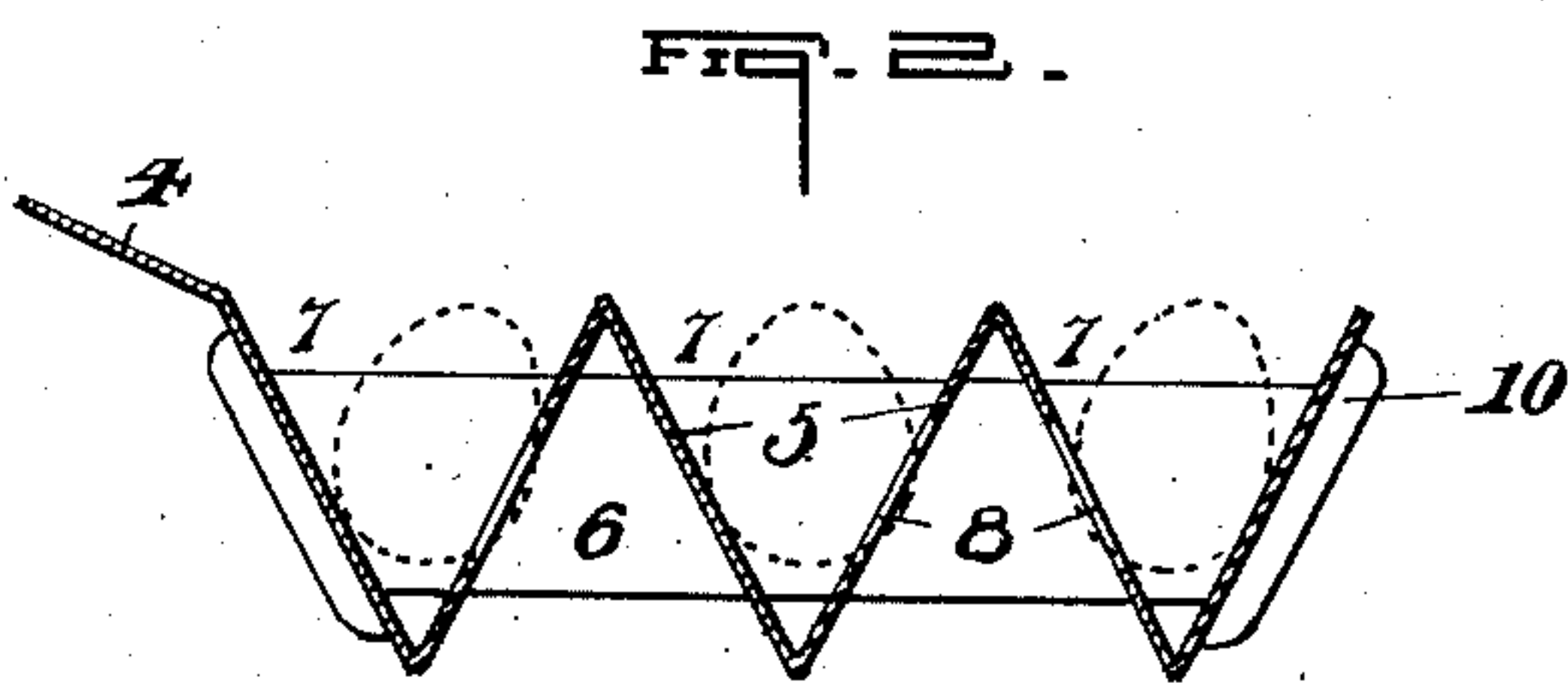
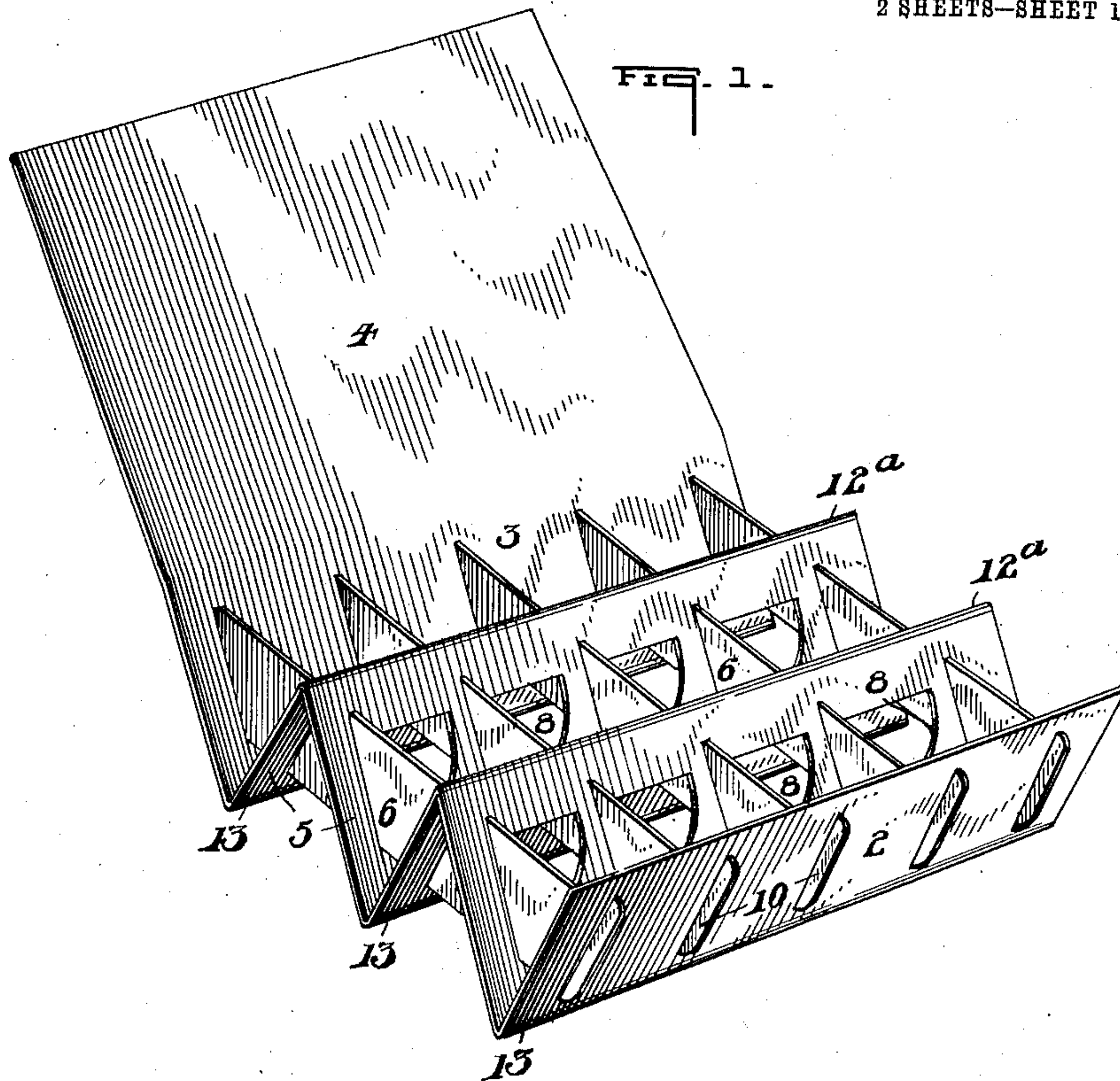


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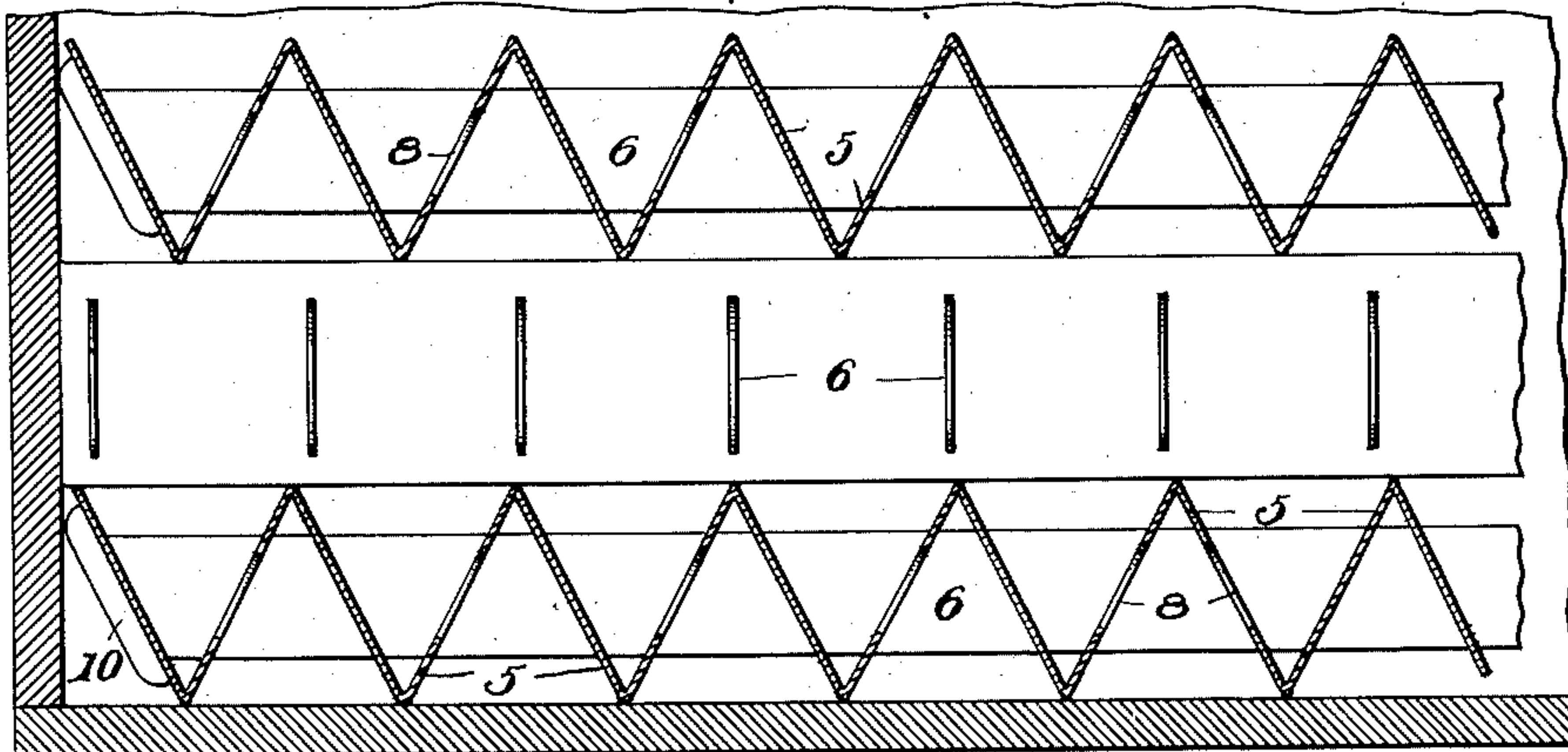


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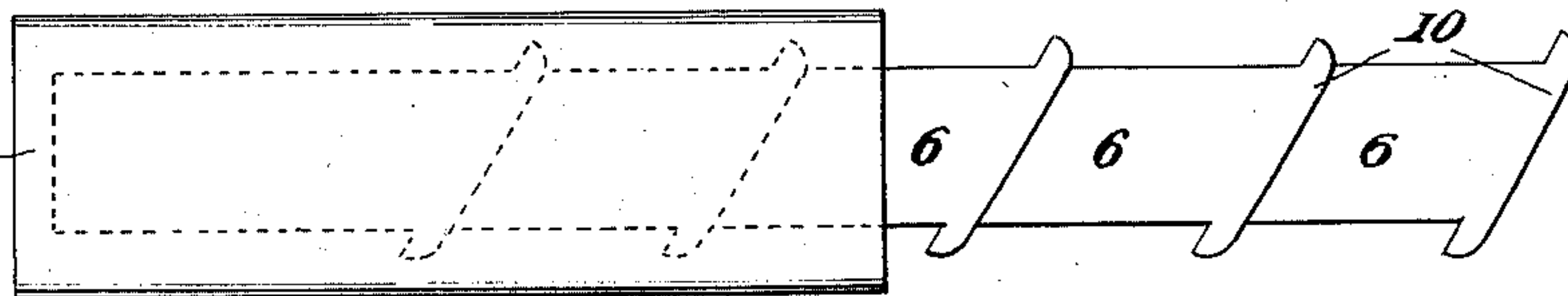
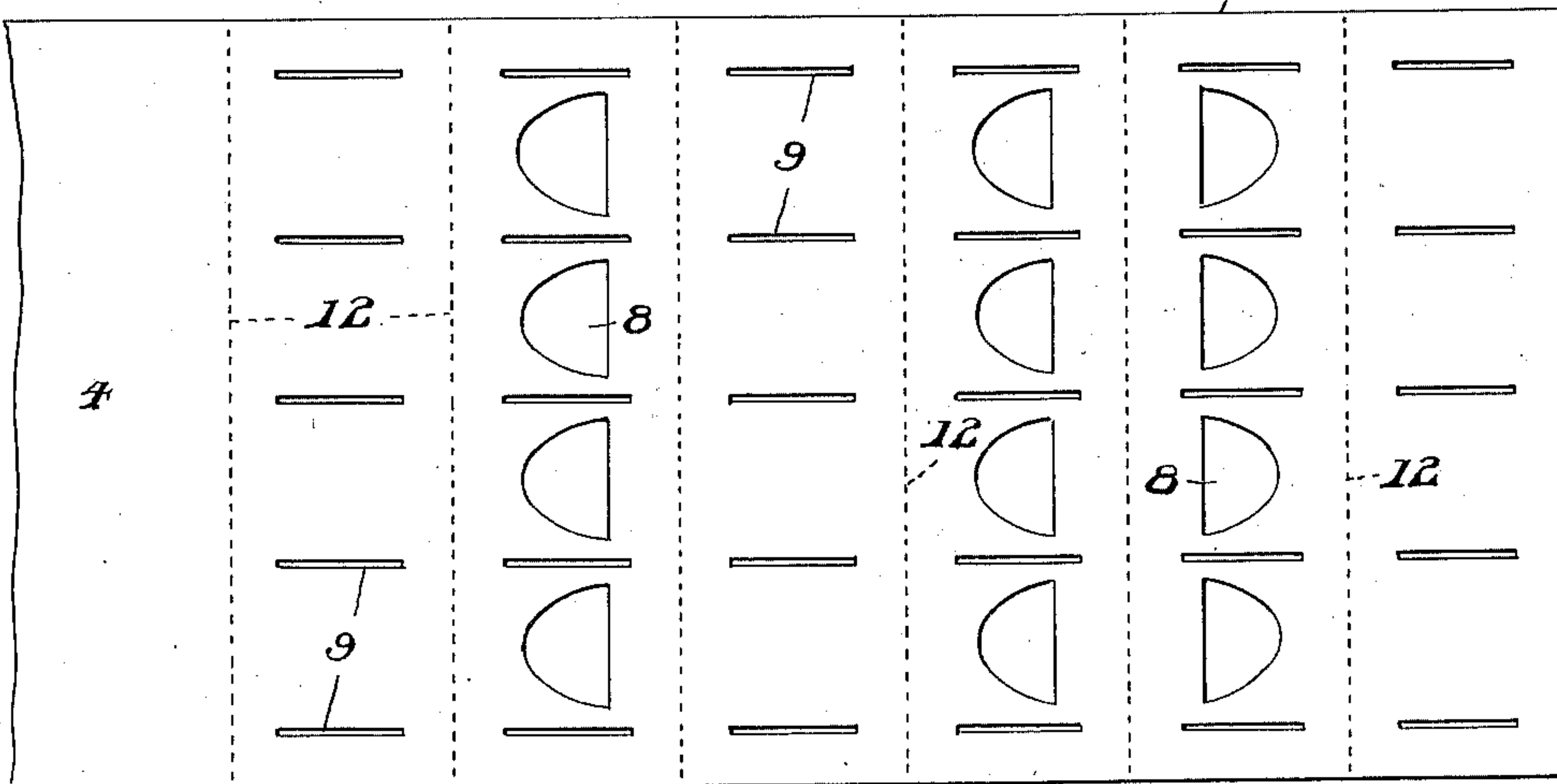


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MICHAEL H. WILSON and LEONARD B. WILSON, both of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg Cases or Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our invention is to provide a new and improved egg-case or carrier, and to this end our invention consists of an egg-case or carrier, in the novel features of construction and in the combination of parts all as fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate applications of our invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an egg-case or carrier embodying our invention; Fig. 2 a cross sectional view with cover thrown back and showing the position of eggs within the case or carrier; Fig. 3 a sectional view showing modified form of cover or lid; Figs. 4 and 5 detail views of strips or laterally disposed partition walls; Fig. 6 diagrammatic view illustrating an application of our invention when applied to an egg crate; Fig. 7 a detail end view of case or carrier when folded; Fig. 8 a side view of folded case or carrier; and Fig. 9 a plan of blank from which the case or carrier is formed.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a blank of any suitable material such as cardboard from which the case or carrier is constructed.

As illustrated and as preferred, the case or carrier comprises front and rear inclined walls 2 and 3, a lid or cover 4, which latter may be formed as shown by Fig. 1 or as shown in the form of Fig. 3 in which the cover consists of two parts formed by extensions of the front and rear-walls. In addition to the said front and rear-walls and intermediate thereof we employ a plurality of longitudinally disposed inclined partitions 5. These partitions are bent to form V-shaped spaces as clearly shown by the drawings and these spaces, formed by the inclined partitions together with laterally disposed strips or partitions 6 form egg-receiving pockets 7. The walls or partitions 5 are cut away as shown to form egg-receiving openings 8 and in addition thereto are formed with slots 9, through which partitions 6 are passed. The egg-receiving openings 8, formed in the intermediate walls 5 are adapted to receive the eggs and to

maintain the same in the desired positions within the yielding pockets 7. By forming the openings 8 in the said walls we are enabled to provide a much smaller and more compact box or tray than would be the case were the walls 5 not provided with such openings and the eggs placed in contact with solid walls. In addition to the above functions of the openings 8, these openings weaken the walls 5 and thereby aid in forming the yielding pockets 7. Partitions 6 are preferably of the form shown and comprise flanged ends or heads 10. In order to insert the partitions 6 in the slots 9 of the walls 5 and the walls 2 and 3, an end of each of the said strips is bent along the score line 11 (see Fig. 4) into the position shown by Fig. 5. After the strips are passed through said walls the bent ends are turned so as to cause the heads 10 to engage the front-wall 2. The said walls 2, 3 and 5 together with the cover or lid 4 are formed from a single piece of material. In Fig. 9 we show a plan view of a blank showing the manner in which said blank is cut and scored preparatory to being folded into a case or carrier; in this figure, 12 designates the score lines on which the blank is folded.

A case or carrier constructed in the manner described produces springy or yielding egg-receiving pockets 7 thereby greatly lessening the danger of breaking the eggs packed in said case. Folding the blank 1 as shown, forms alternating angular ridges 12^a and 13; the upper ridges 12^a acting as supports for the lid when the same is turned to a closed position and the lower ridges 13 as supports for the case or carrier. This particular formation is very convenient in cases where it is desired to use our invention in connection with an egg-crate. In this instance the cases or carriers, with or without lids or covers, are arranged as particularly shown by Fig. 6.

Our case may be collapsed or folded into a compact and convenient form for shipping the same in large quantities in a comparatively small package.

Figs. 7 and 8 show different views of a folded case.

What we claim is:

1. An egg tray having a plurality of inclined walls forming yielding pockets having egg-retaining openings formed therein whereby the eggs are spaced apart by the inclination of the walls and retained in such openings.

2. A collapsible egg-box or tray comprising front and rear-walls each formed with vertically extending slots, a plurality of inclined walls or partitions intermediate the front and rear-walls, said intermediate walls each formed with vertical slots and with egg-retaining-openings, and a series of laterally extending partitions extending through the inclined walls and forming therewith yielding V-shaped egg-receiving-pockets.

3. A collapsible egg-box or tray comprising front and rear-walls each formed with vertically extending slots, a plurality of inclined walls or partitions intermediate the front and rear-walls, said intermediate walls each formed with vertical slots and with egg-retaining-openings, a series of laterally extending partitions extending through the inclined walls and forming therewith yielding V-shaped pockets, and a lid comprising a portion projecting from the front wall and a portion projecting from the rear-wall.

4. An egg tray having a plurality of inclined walls forming yielding pockets having

egg-retaining openings formed therein whereby the eggs are spaced apart by the inclination of the walls and retained in such openings, and a partition extending through the inclined walls.

5. A collapsible egg-box or tray comprising front and rear-walls each formed with vertically extending slots, a plurality of inclined walls forming yielding pockets having egg retaining openings formed therein whereby the eggs are spaced apart by the inclination of the walls and retained in such openings, said inclined walls formed with vertically extending slots, and partitions extending through the inclined, front, and rear-walls.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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