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SINK BACK.

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Fig. 1.

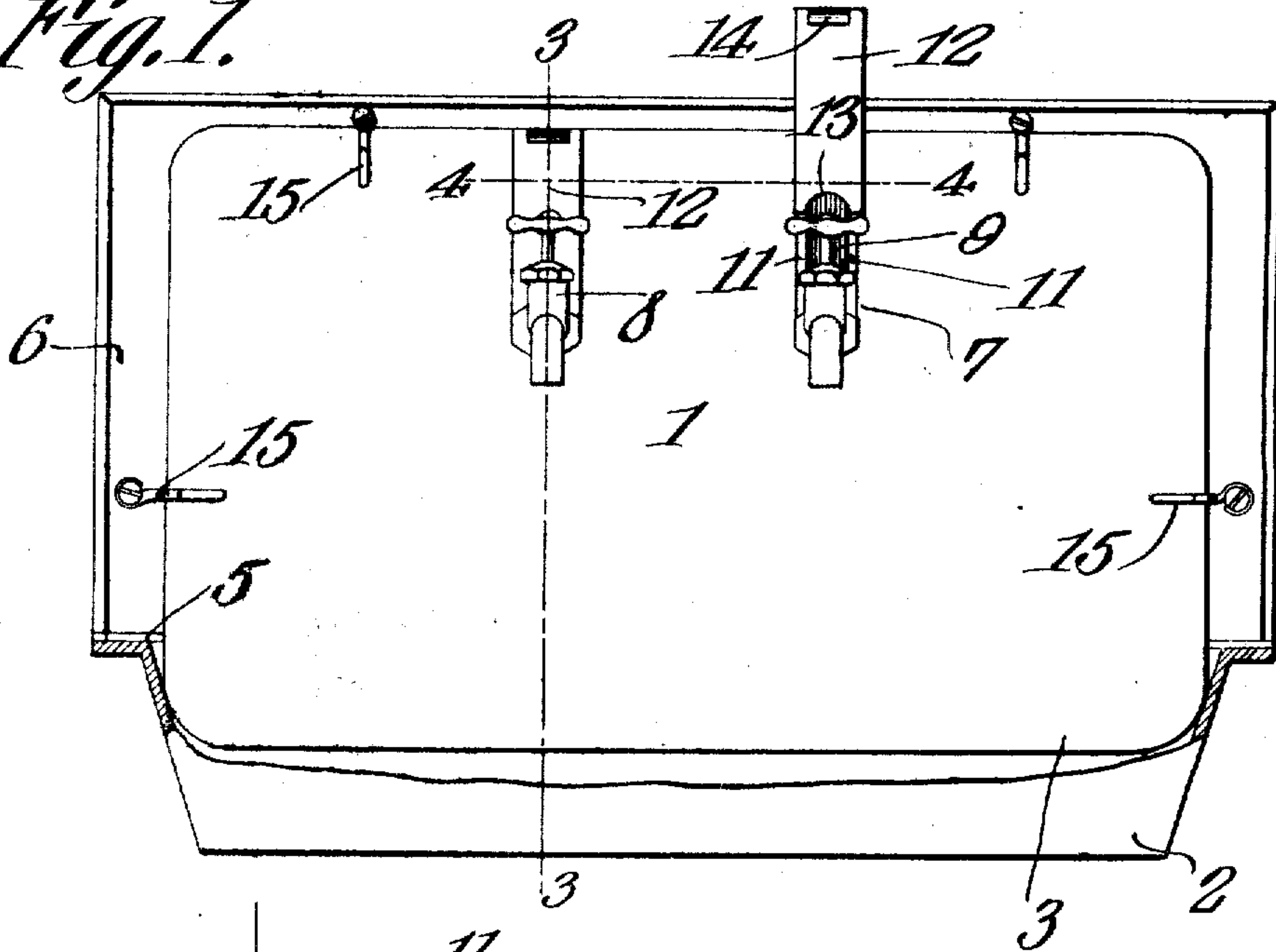


Fig. 2.

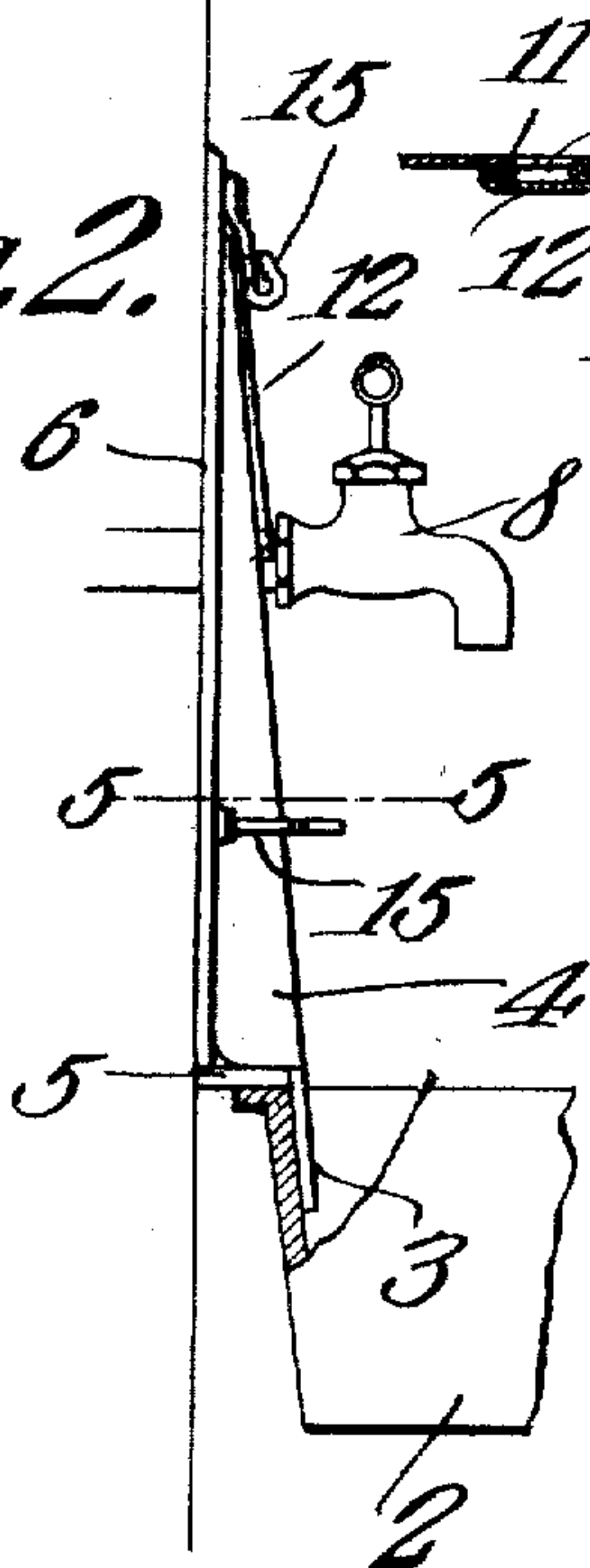
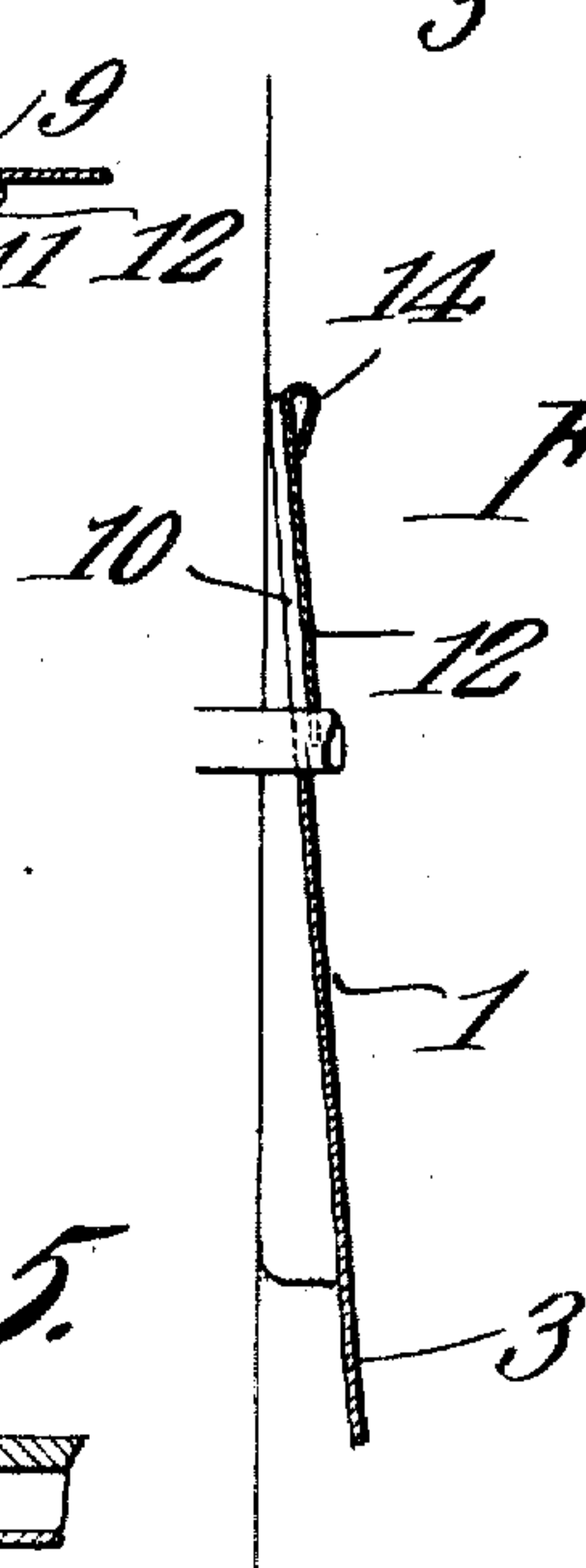


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE EDWARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coatesville, in the county of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Sink-Back, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sink backs, and has for its object to provide a removable back or apron to be applied in front of the usual back or "splash board" to preserve it if made of wood, from decay, to keep it dry and clean and prevent the collection of grease, dirt and vermin on the back strip to which the sink is fastened.

Another object of the invention is to provide the supplemental back or apron with slotted openings for the water pipes or faucets as small as possible to prevent water passing behind the apron, but sufficiently large and properly disposed to permit the removal of the apron without difficulty and replace it with equal ease.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved sink back or apron applied to a sink. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 4—4 of the same figure, and Fig. 5 is a similar view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

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

The removable sink back or apron 1, preferably rectangular in shape with round corners, is made of a single plate or sheet of substantially non-corrodible metal as long as the sink 2 and extending above the same a distance equal to about one-half its length. The lower part 3 of the sink back extends into the sink, near to or resting against the rear side thereof, about midway between the top and bottom of the sink. The side edges of the sink back, or apron, as it will hereinafter be called, are turned rearwardly from its top edge downwardly to the sink 2, form-

ing thereby side plates 4, their lower ends resting on the edge of the sink or on a strip 5 above the sink and to which the back flange of the sink is screwed or otherwise fastened. Because of the strip 5 which forms a narrow shelf the back of the sink is a short distance away from the wall, and as the upper edge of the apron rests against the wall or "splash-board" 6, the apron 1 will have a slight outward inclination from top to bottom, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the side plates 4 therefore will be triangular in shape.

The apron 1 will extend above the hot and cold water faucets 7 and 8 and provision must, therefore, be made to permit the removal of the apron without disturbing the faucets. This is done by cutting straight slots 9 and 10 from the top edge of the apron down to the point where the water pipes pass through on which pipes are the faucets 7 and 8.

The edges of the slots above the pipes are bent over on the front side of the apron to form guideways 11 for vertically movable slides 12, the lower edges of which have each a semicircular notch 13 to fit over the water pipe passing through the slot covered by said slide. A finger piece 14 projects from the upper end of each slide by which it is raised and lowered.

The apron 1 is fastened in position by hooks or buttons 15 pivoted to the wall or splash board 6 and projecting over the apron 1 at the top and side edges. The fastening hooks or buttons may be made of galvanized iron or steel wire having an eye at one end for the pivot screw and a second eye at the other end to be grasped by the fingers. The body of the wire between the ends is to be fastened so as to swing over the edge of the apron and hold the latter close to the wall or splash board.

The apron is put in place by first removing the slides and turning the buttons outwardly. The apron is then placed under the projecting water pipe and gradually raised until the bottom of the side plates can be pushed onto the narrow strip 5 or the top of the sink. The buttons are then turned over the apron holding it in position and the slides returned to place over the slots.

I claim:—

1. A removable sink back comprising a plate of thin metal adapted to be applied to

the wall above a sink and project thereinto and slots extending downwardly from the upper edge of said plate, slides to cover said slots, and means for holding the sink back in position.

2. A removable sink back comprising a plate of thin metal adapted to be applied to the wall above a sink and project thereinto at its lower end, said sink back having slots extending downwardly from its upper edge and provided with guide flanges, slides for covering said slots engaging said guide flanges, side plates on the sink back or apron reaching to the wall, and means for holding the sink back in position.

3. A removable sink back comprising a front plate of thin metal having triangular side plates wider at the bottom than at the top and adapted to rest on a support, the lower end of said front plate projecting below said side plates and having slots for water pipes, flanges at the side edges of said slots, slides to cover said slots guided by said flanges, and manual fastening devices for holding the sink back in place.

4. A sink back comprising a plate having vertical slots cut into it from the top with guide flanges on their side edges, slides fitted on said guide flanges for closing said openings,

and means for removably holding said sink back attached to the wall.

5. A sink back comprising a front plate and two triangular side plates perpendicular thereto, extending rearwardly therefrom and shorter than said front plate, said front plate having vertically disposed slots with guide flanges on the sides of each slot, and slides movable on said guide flanges for closing said slots.

6. A removable sink back comprising a front plate and two triangular side plates perpendicular thereto and extending rearwardly therefrom, said side plates being wider at the bottom than at the top, said sink back adapted to be applied to a wall at an angle thereto and having vertical slots with guiding flanges on their side edges, slides fitted to move on said guide flanges having concave bottom edges, and pivoted buttons on said wall for temporarily holding said sink back in position on the wall.

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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