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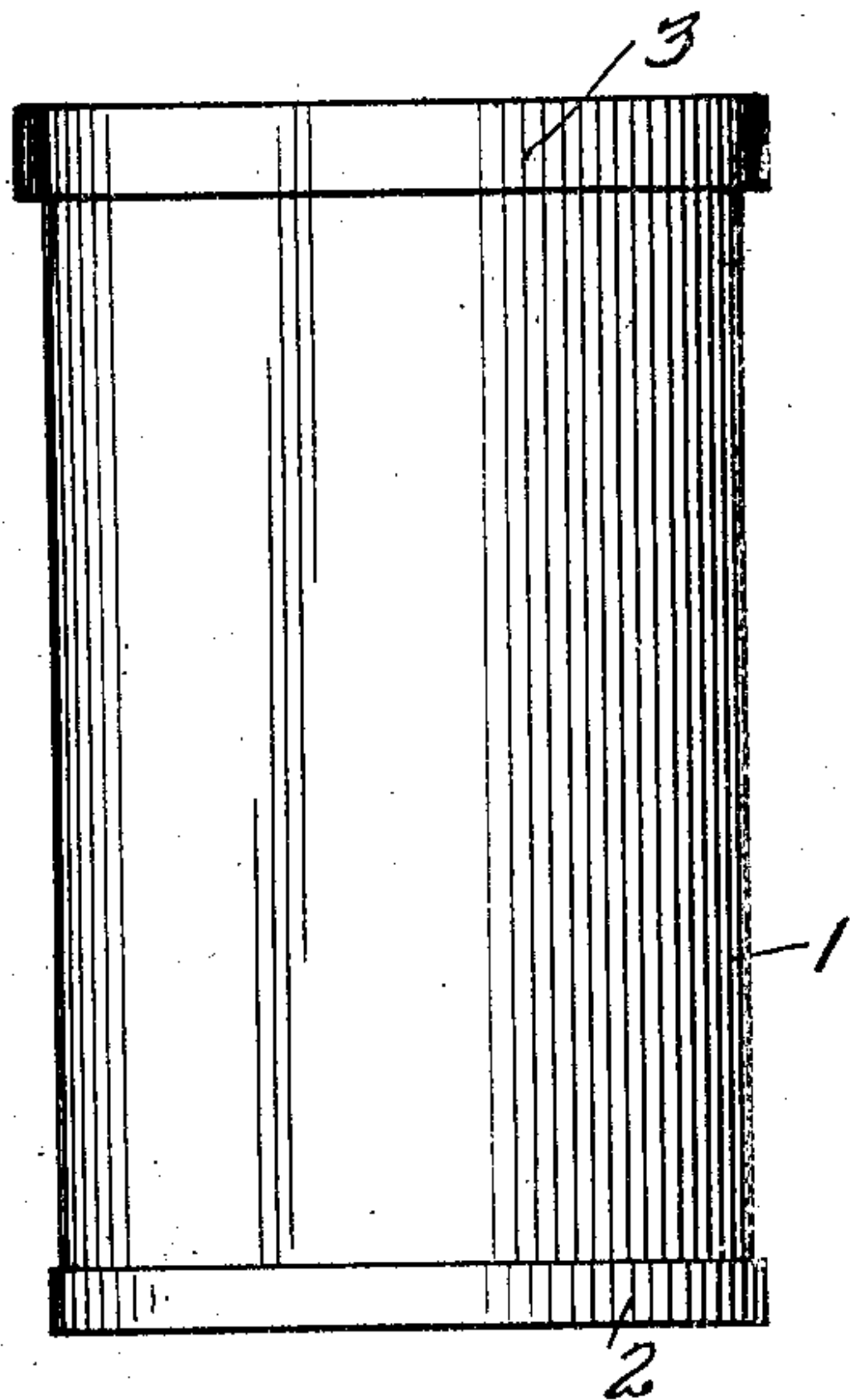


FIG. 1.

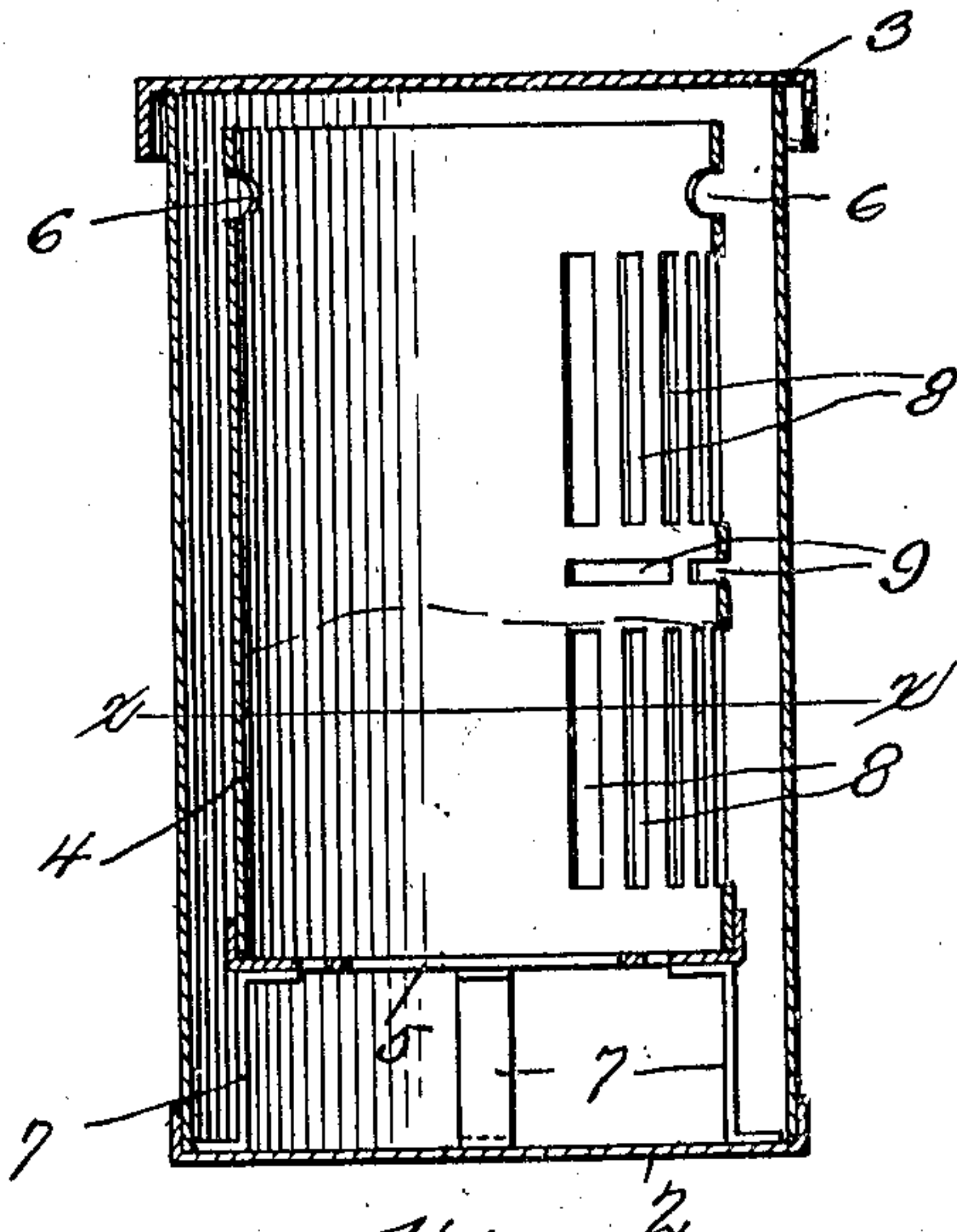


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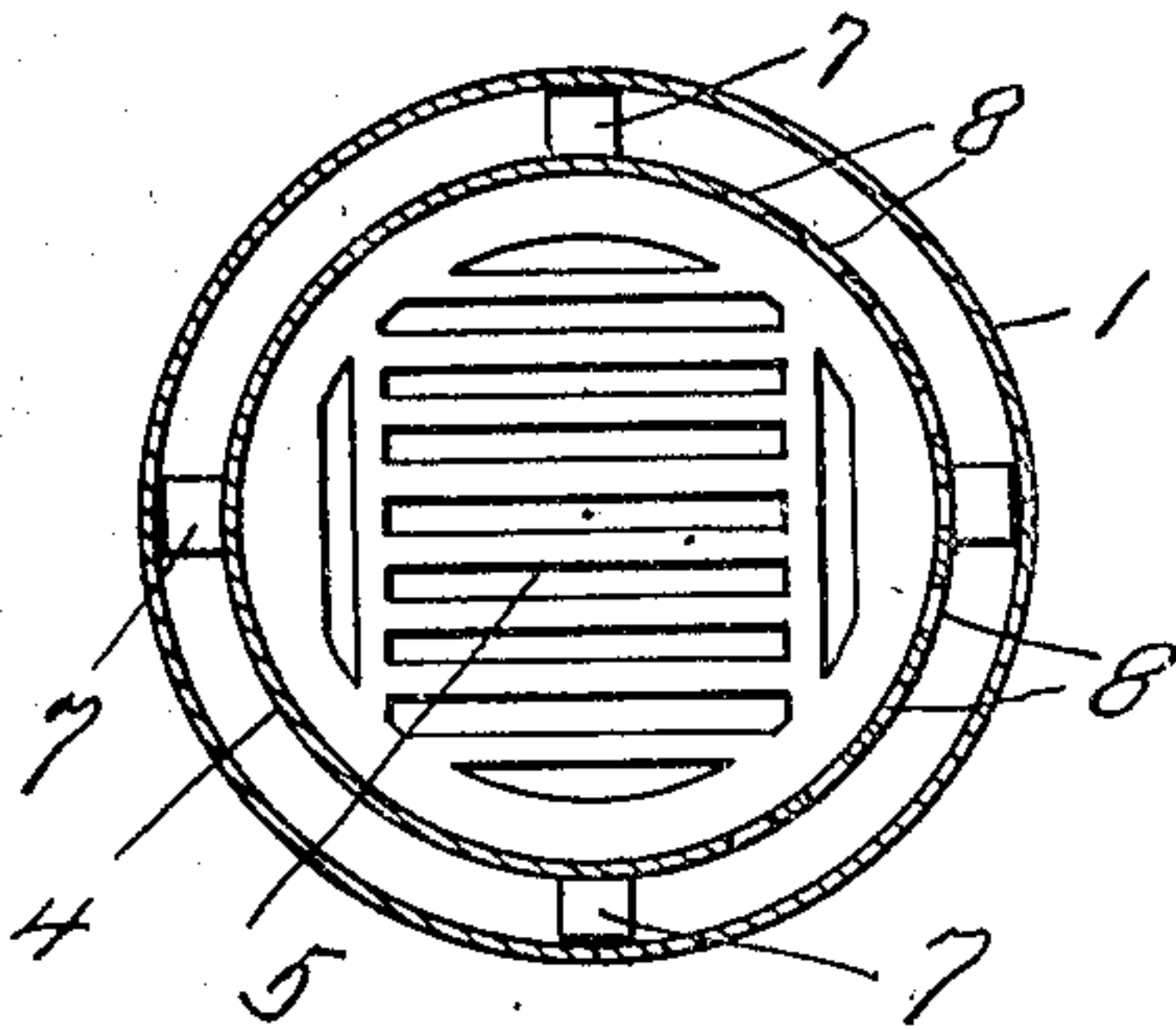


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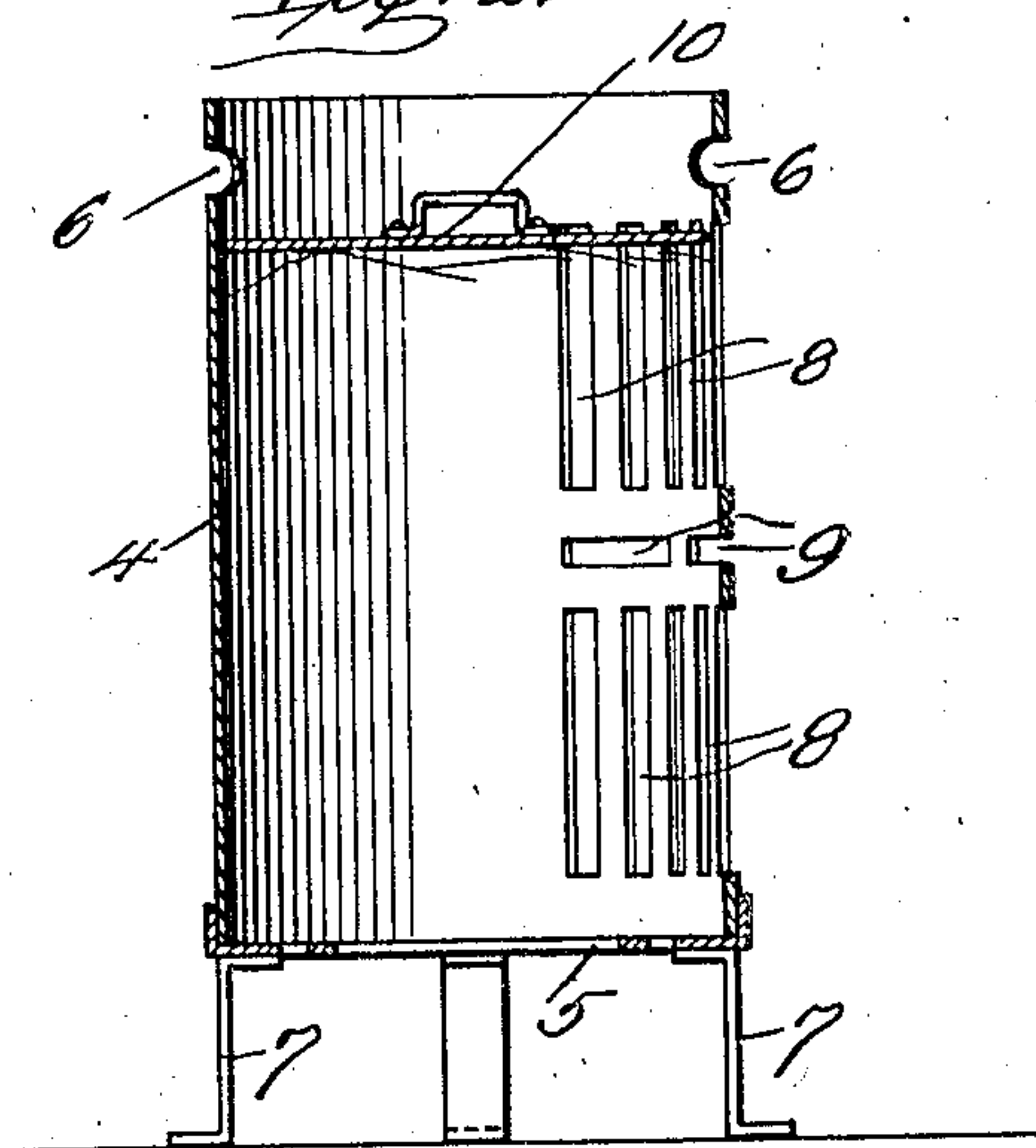


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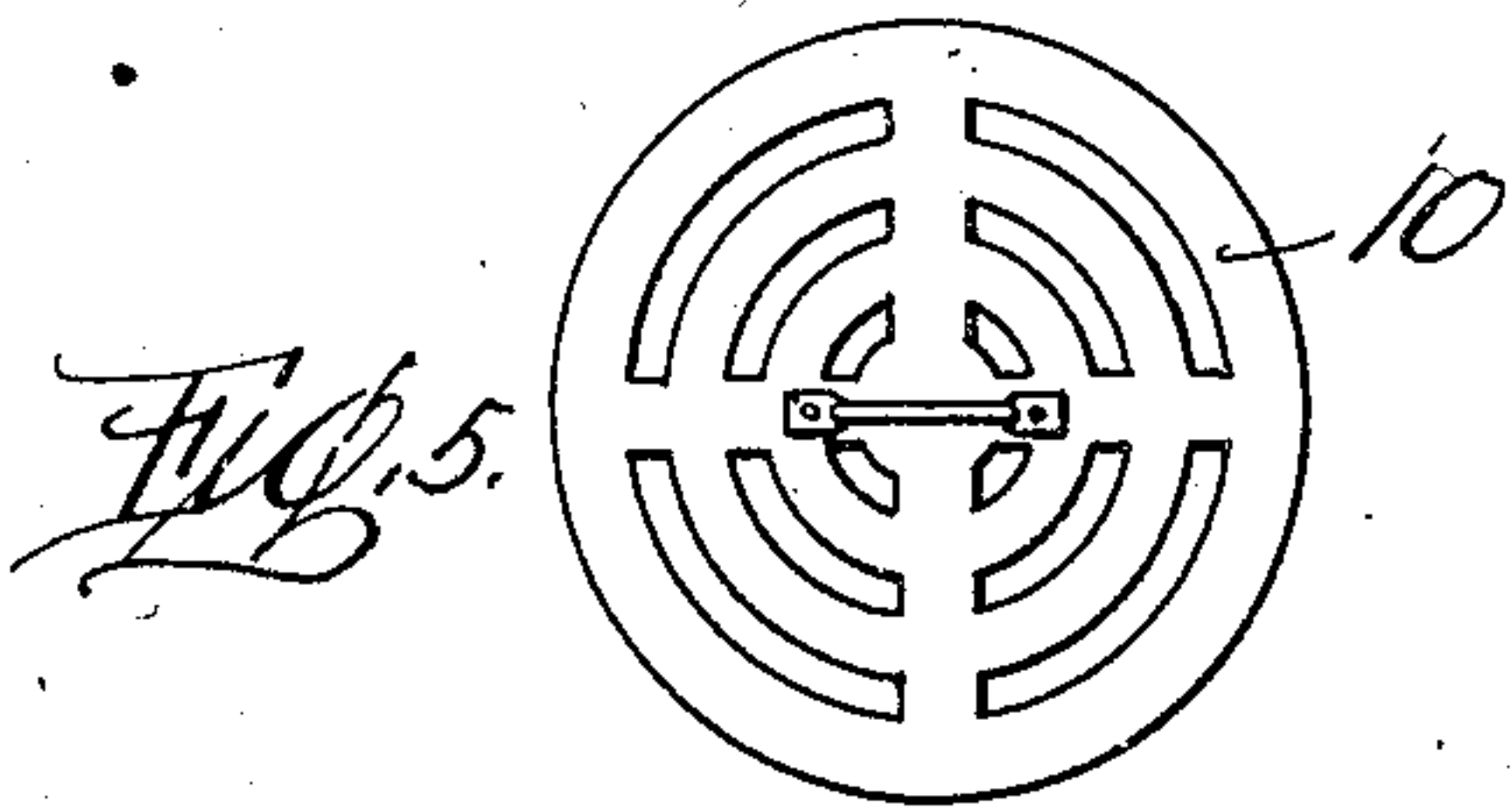


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY K. MILLER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Waste-Paper Cans, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a sanitary waste paper can, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a can that can be used as a waste basket in an office or for garbage in a kitchen.

Another object of this invention is to provide a simple, durable and inexpensive household article that can be easily maintained in a sanitary condition.

My invention aims to combine a waste basket and garbage can. It is a well known fact that in offices, fruit and other matter are thrown in among the paper of waste baskets, causing considerable trouble and labor for a janitor in separating the paper and fruit, as these products cannot be dispensed with through the same channels. It is also a fact that paper and garbage are often placed together in a can in a kitchen, such a mixture attracting insects and rendering the same unsanitary. It is in view of these facts that I have devised my sanitary can, which will facilitate the work of a janitor or housekeeper, as I have made special provision for the burning of paper, the separating of garbage and the drainage of liquid matter placed in the can.

The detail construction entering into my invention will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of a can constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the can, taken on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 2, Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the basket removed from the can, Fig. 5 is a plan of a plate used in connection with the basket, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a poker forming a part of the can.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a cylindrical can having a bottom 2 and a loosely fitting lid 3. The can and the lid are made of light and durable non-corro-

sive metal that can be japanned or finished to present a neat appearance, whereby the same can be used in an office as well as in a kitchen.

In connection with the can, I use a metallic basket 4, said basket having a slotted bottom 5, and the upper edges of said basket are provided with hand grips 6, whereby said basket can be easily removed from the can. The basket is supported within the can upon legs 7, and one side of said basket is provided with vertical slots 8 and horizontal slots 9. In connection with the basket I use a slotted plate 10, and a poker 11, the object of which will presently appear.

Assuming that the can is used in an office, the lid 3 can be laid to one side so that paper can be easily placed in the basket 4. Should fruit or juicy matter be placed in the basket, the drippings from the fruit are retained within the bottom of the can, thereby preventing a carpet or floor from being injured by matter that does not really belong in a waste paper basket. The janitor can easily remove the basket 4 from the can and place the plate 10 in the basket to prevent the wind from blowing the paper away, at which time the paper can be ignited and from time to time stirred up by the poker 11. Any fruit among the paper will settle to the bottom of the basket and after the paper has been burned, the waste can be removed, and the basket and can thoroughly cleansed.

The use of my can in a kitchen is practically the same as in an office only the loosely fitting lid 3 is retained upon the can to prevent odors from escaping from the waste products within the can. The housekeeper by removing the can to the air, can easily remove the basket 4 and burn the contents thereof, at the same time seeing that the garbage contained within the basket and can is placed in a proper place for disposal.

When the poker 11 or the plate 10 is not being used, the plate can be placed in the bottom of the can, and the poker 11 between the sides of the basket 4 and the can 1.

The plate 10 is slotted, whereby smoke can readily escape while paper is being burned, and the slots 8 and 9 are provided whereby the poker 11 can be inserted in the basket to stir the paper and allow solid matter to sift to the bottom.

The basket 4 and its appurtenant parts are constructed of strong and durable metal,



such as galvanized sheet iron to prevent the basket from being distorted by the heat of burning matter contained within the same.

While in the drawings forming a part of this application there is illustrated the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is obvious that the same can be varied or changed as to shape, proportion and manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

The combination of a can, a lid fitting loosely thereon, a metallic basket arranged

within said can, legs carried by said basket for supporting the same in an elevated position within said can, the bottom of said basket having slots formed therein, the sides of said basket having slots formed therein and hand grips, and a slotted plate adapted to fit in said basket, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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