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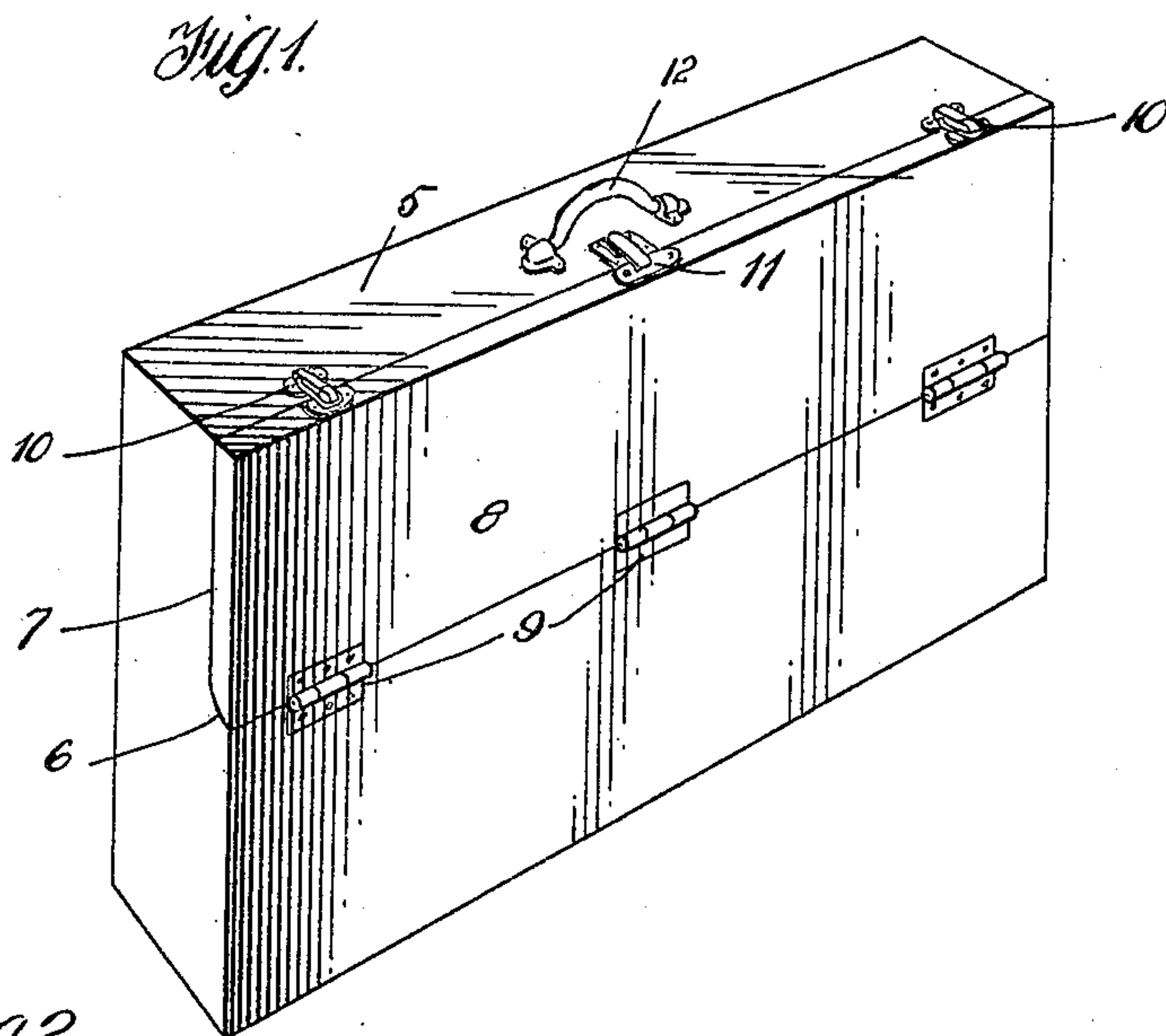
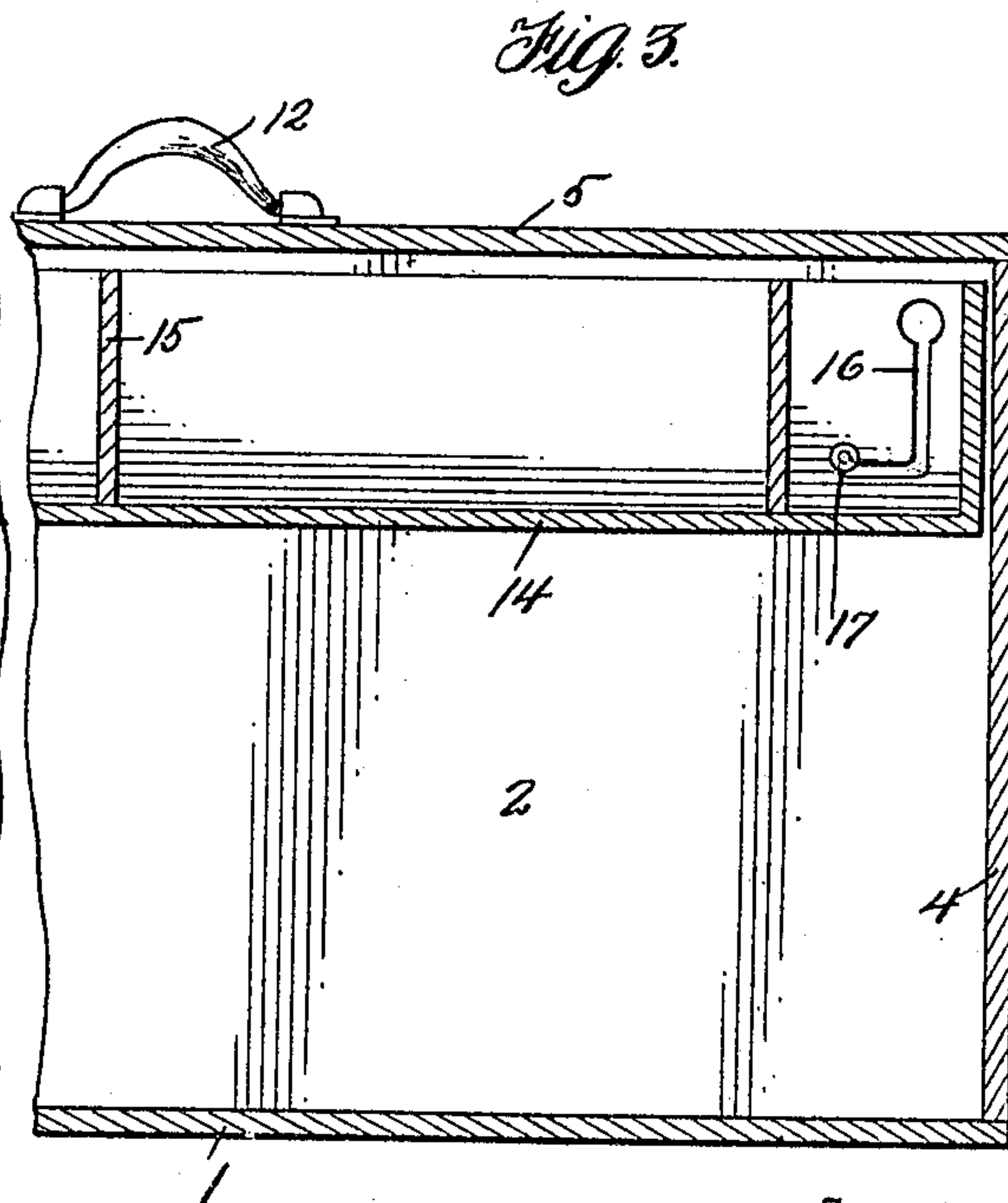
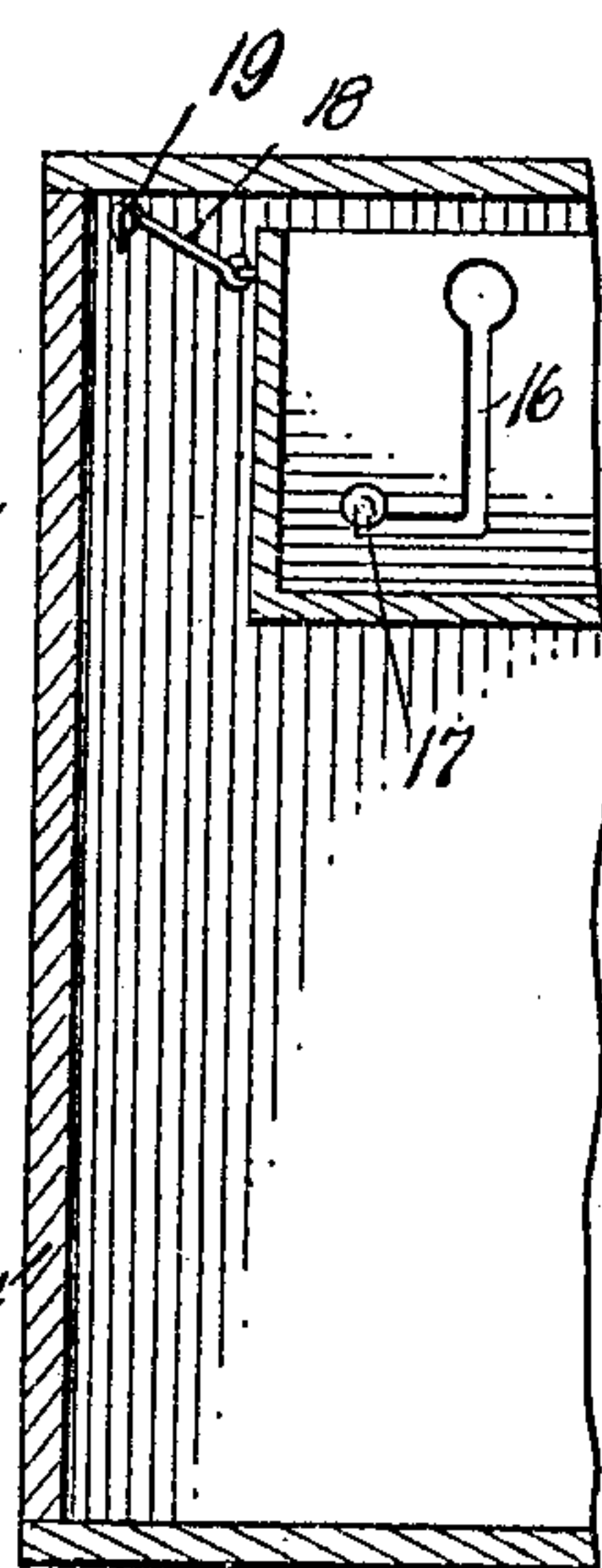
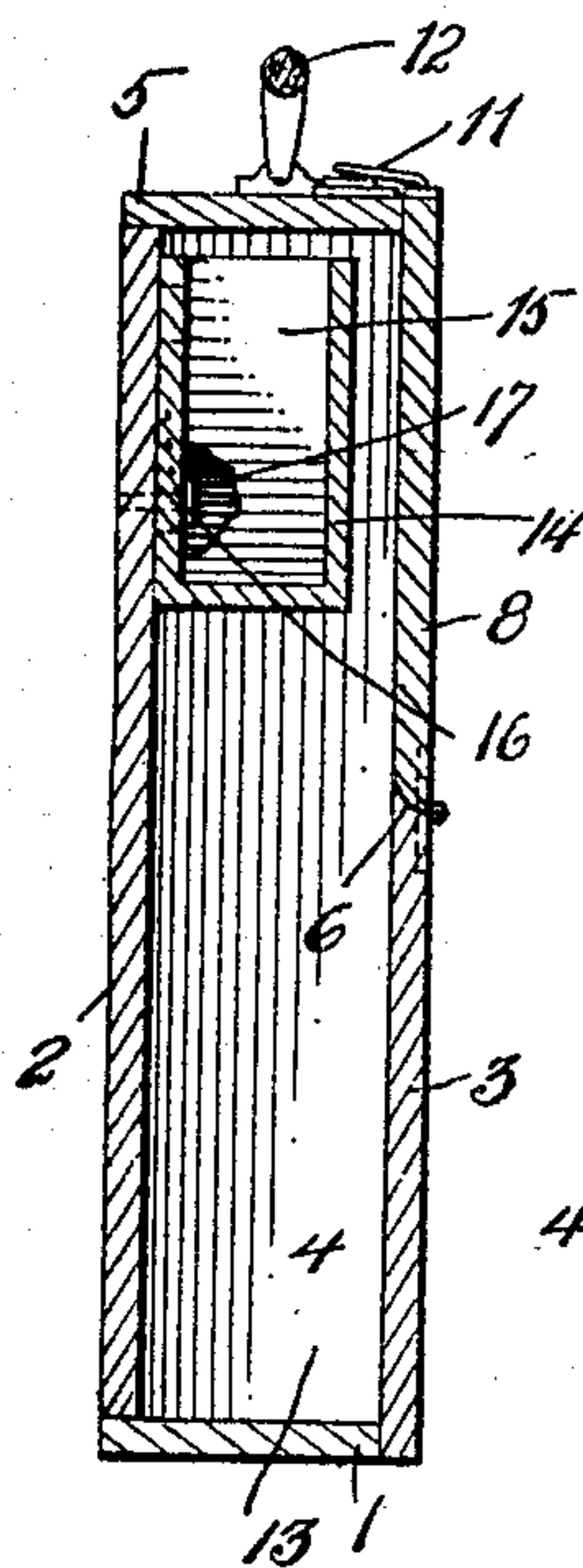


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FRANCIS SHRUM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Latrobe, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mechanics' Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to mechanics' cases, and the objects of the invention are, first, to provide a simple and inexpensive case that can be used as a carpenter's kit for holding the numerous tools and devices used by carpenters; second, to provide a case having a pocket occupying approximately half of the case, the other half of the case having a hinged door or lid by which easy access is had to the pocket thereof; third, to provide an artisan's case that can be conveniently carried and will present a neat appearance, and fourth, to provide a mechanic's case having an auxiliary detachable compartment.

The above objects are attained by a structure that will be presently described and then specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a case constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the case partly broken away.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated an oblong box-like structure constituting a main case and comprising a bottom 1, a rear wall 2, a front wall 3, end walls 4, and a top wall 5, all made of a strong and durable material and suitably connected together, or made of a single piece of material and pressed to conform to an oblong box-like structure. The front wall 3 is approximately half the depth of the rear wall 2 and is provided with a curved upper edge 6. The end walls 4 and the top wall 5 are cut away, as at 7 to provide clearance for a lid or door 8 which completes the front wall 3 of the case. The lid or door 8 is provided with a curved lower edge conforming to the curvature of the upper edge 6 of the wall 3, whereby when the lid or door 8 is closed, the front wall 3 will be completed and an uninterrupted joint provided between the wall 3 and the door or lid 8. The lid or door 8 is hinged at its lower

edge, as at 9 to the front wall 3, and the said lid or door is connected at its upper edge to the top wall 5 by clasps 10 and a lock 11, said clasps and lock being of a form ordinarily used in connection with valises and trunks. The top wall 5 is provided with a handle or grip 12. The arrangement of the various walls of the case provides an oblong pocket 13 for holding tools, and easy access is had to this pocket by opening the lid or door 8 hinged to the front wall 3.

In connection with the case, I use an auxiliary oblong case 14, having partitions 15 arranged therein. One of the side walls of the case 14 preferably the rear wall thereof is provided with bayonet shaped slots 16 to receive headed pins 17 carried by the rear wall 2 of the outer case. The auxiliary case 14 is held in engagement with the pin 17 by a pivoted hook 18 engaging a depending staple 19 carried by the top wall 5 of the outer case. The auxiliary case is used for supporting chisels and small tools that might be injured if allowed to loosely remain in the pocket 13. With the lid or door 8 open, the auxiliary case 14 can be easily removed.

The case is made of a sufficient size to accommodate saws, squares, and similar tools used by carpenters and like artisans.

I reserve the right to make the case of a suitable material and of any desired size.

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

1. A mechanic's case comprising an oblong box-like structure having a rear wall and a front wall approximately half the depth of said rear wall, said front and rear walls being connected by a bottom wall, end walls and a top wall, these walls having their ends connected together, said front wall having the upper edge thereof curved and the end walls and top wall cut away to accommodate a lid hinged to the curved edge of said front wall, the lower edge of said lid being curved to conform to the curvature of the upper edge of said front wall, pins carried by the rear wall of said casing, an auxiliary case detachably mounted upon said pins, said auxiliary case having partitions formed therein, a pivot hook carried by one end of said auxiliary case and adapted to engage said top wall, for holding said auxiliary case in engagement with said pins, a handle carried by the top wall of said casing, clasps for clamping the upper edge of said lid to said

top wall, and a lock arranged intermediate said clasps and adjacent to said handle for securing said lid to the top wall of said case, substantially as described.

5 2. A mechanic's case comprising a main case embodying a rear wall and a front wall approximately half the depth of said rear wall, said front and rear walls being connected by a bottom wall, end walls and a
10 top wall, these walls having their ends connected together, said front wall having the upper edge thereof curved and the end wall and top wall cut away to accommodate a lid hinged to the curved edge of said front wall,
15 the lower edge of said lid being curved to conform to the curvature of the upper edge of said front wall, pins carried by the said rear wall, an auxiliary case open at its top and having bayonet slots in the rear wall to re-
20 ceive said pins, said pins supporting the auxiliary case, and means connected to said auxiliary case and one of the walls of the main case for retaining the auxiliary case on said pins.

25 3. A mechanic's case, comprising a main case embodying a front wall, a rear wall, a bottom, end walls, and a top all connected together, the front wall being of approximately one-half the height of the rear wall
30 and end walls, a door hinged at its lower edge to the front wall and constituting the remainder of said front wall, the end walls and the top being cut away to receive said door

whereby the outer face of the same when closed is flush with the outer face of the front wall, means for securing said door in a closed position, an auxiliary case detachably secured to the inner face of the rear wall of said main case, and means connected to said auxiliary case and to one of the walls of the main case for holding the auxiliary case rigid within the main case. 35 40

4. A mechanic's case, comprising a main case embodying a front wall, a rear wall, a bottom, end walls, and a top all connected together, the front wall being of approximately one-half the height of the rear wall and end walls, a door hinged at its lower edge to the front wall and constituting the remainder of said front wall, the end walls and the top being cut away to receive said door whereby the outer face of the same when closed is flush with the outer face of the front wall, an auxiliary case within the main case having an open top and provided in its rear wall with bayonet slots, and pins carried by the rear wall of the main case, to engage in said bayonet slots in the auxiliary case and support the latter in the main case. 45 50 55

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 60

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