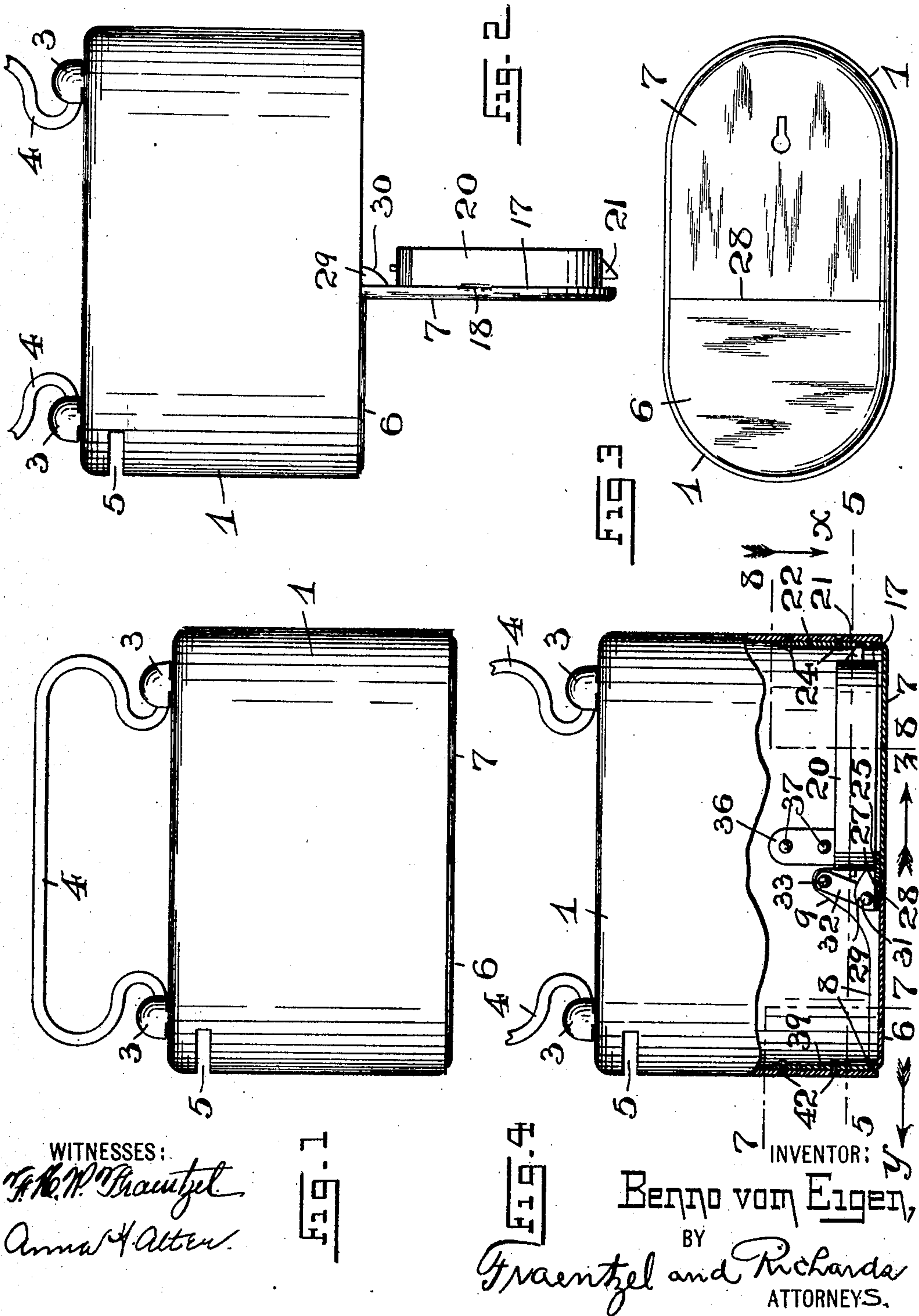


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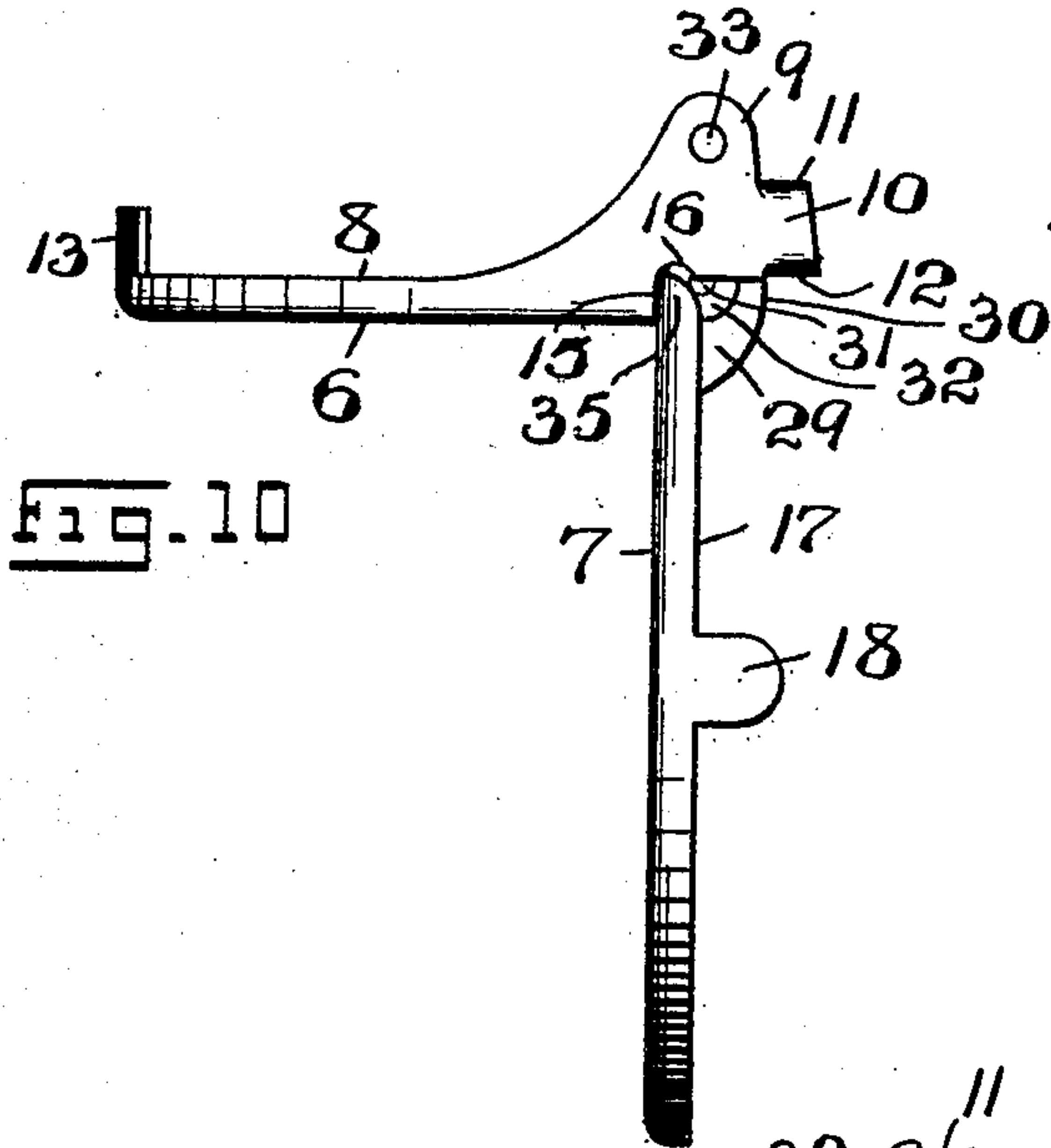


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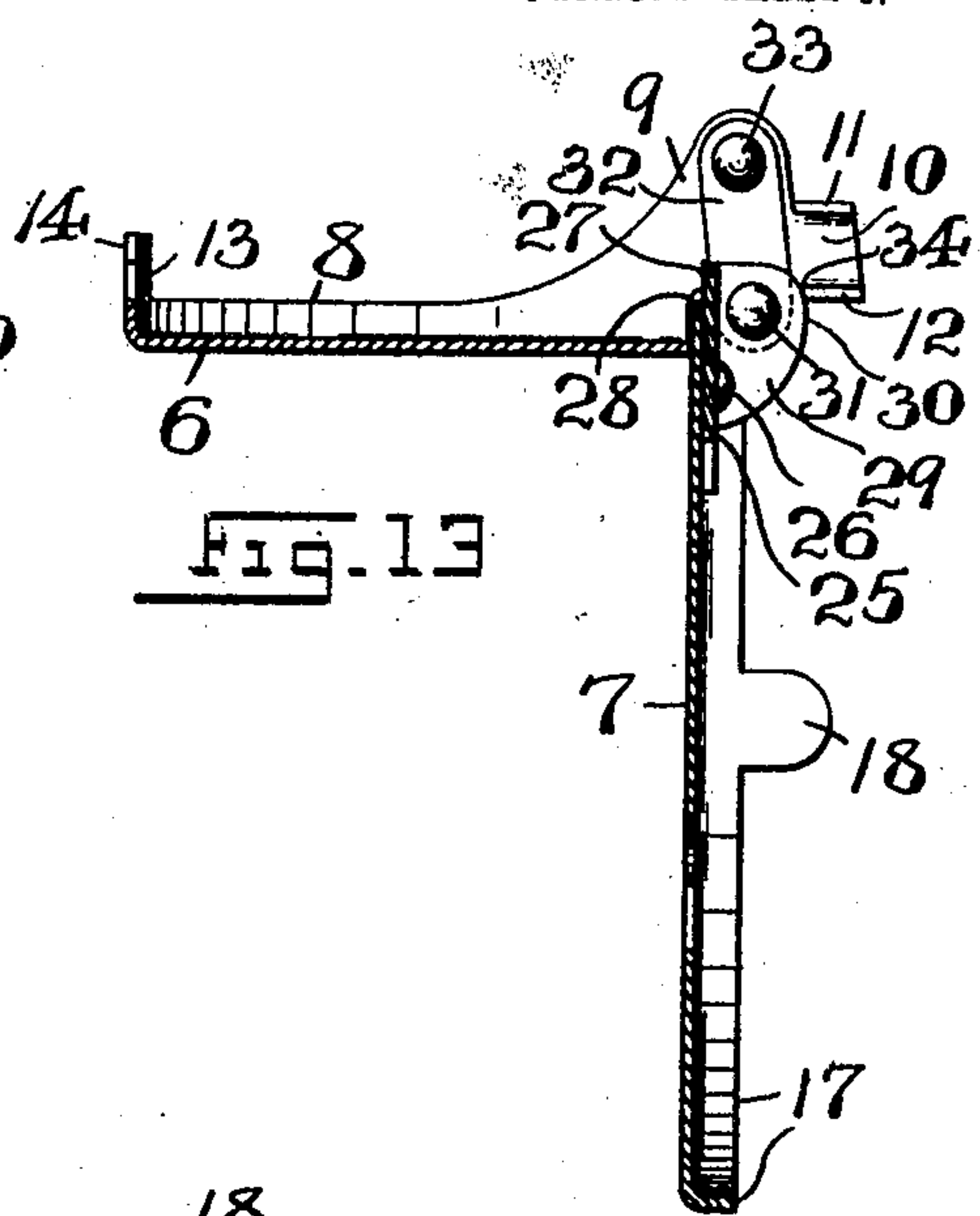


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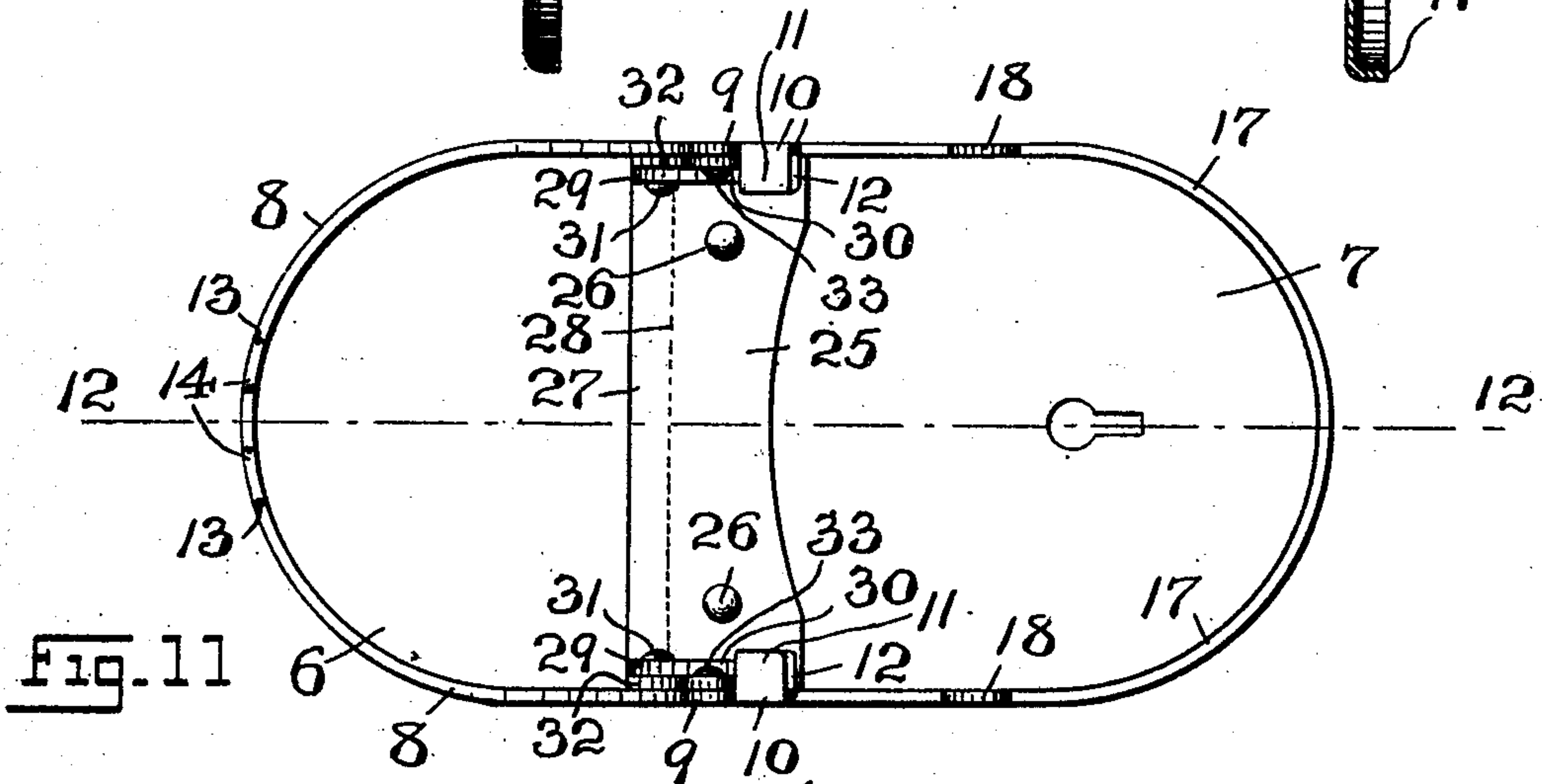


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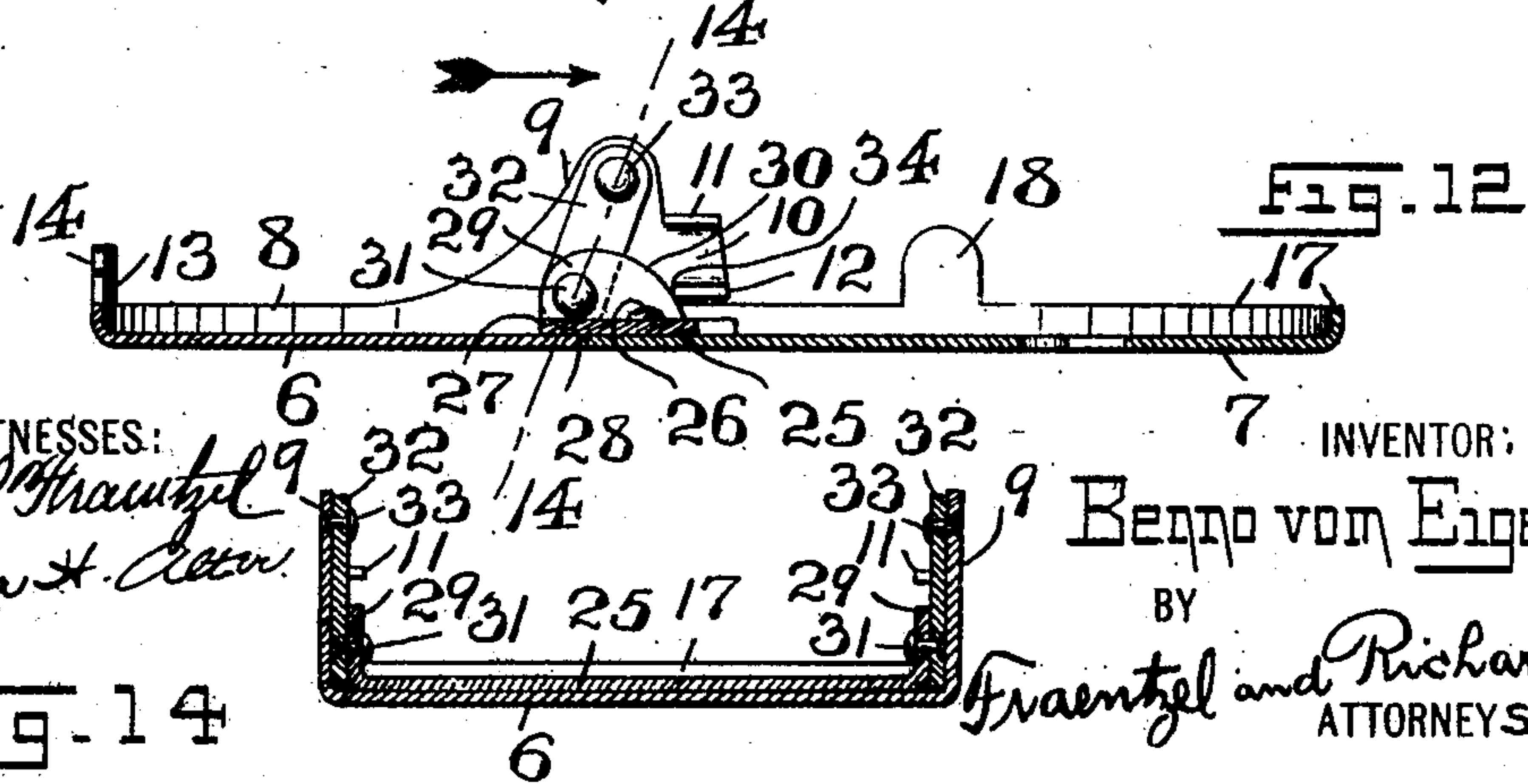


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENNO VOM EIGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coin-Repositories; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has reference, generally, to improvements in coin-repositories or banks; and, the invention relates, more particularly, to a novel construction of coin-repository hereinafter more fully set forth, in which the shell or body of the device is provided with a novel form of hinged element or gate for opening and closing said shell or body, and the said gate is provided with a novel form of hinge or means of pivotal connection between the said gate and that portion of the body or shell to which it is attached.

My present invention has for its principal object to provide a neat and simply constructed coin-repository and a novel construction of hinged element or gate therefor, the several devices and parts of which can be quickly and easily assembled; furthermore, to provide a novel construction of hinge or means of pivotal connection between the gate and a portion of the body or shell of the coin-repository or bank; furthermore, to provide such hinged gate or element with a key-actuated lock for unlatching the gate when it is desired to open the body or shell, but the holding or locking member of the lock being adapted to spring, automatically, into its holding or locked engagement with the body or shell of the coin-repository when the hinge-element or gate is closed; furthermore, to provide a novel means of attachment for securing the lock-casing in its operative position upon the hinged element or gate; and, finally, to provide a novel hinge-connection between the said element or gate and the body or shell of the coin-repository or bank.

Other objects of this invention not at this time more particularly mentioned will be clearly understood from the following detail description of the same.

With the various objects of my present invention in view, the said invention consists, primarily, in the novel coin-repository or bank hereinafter set forth; and, the invention consists, furthermore, in the novel arrangements and combinations of the various devices and parts, as well as in the details of the construction of the same, all of which will be more fully described in the following specification, and then finally embodied in the clauses of the claims which are appended to and which form an essential part of this specification.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of one form of coin-repository, money-box, or bank provided with a hinged element or gate embodying the features of the present invention, and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the coin-repository or bank, showing the hinged element or gate in its opened position. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the coin-repository or bank, said view showing the hinged element or gate closed; and Fig. 4 is a view of the coin-repository or bank, shown partly in side elevation and partly in longitudinal vertical section, said view showing also in longitudinal vertical section, the hinged element or gate, and in side elevation, the hinge-connection and the lock-casing secured upon the inner side of the gate. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken on line 5—5 in said Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrow *x*; and Fig. 6 is a similar section upon the same line, with the hinged element or gate shown in its open position. Fig. 7 is a detail transverse section taken on line 7—7 in said Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrow *y*; and Fig. 8 is a similar section taken on line 8—8 in said Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrow *z*, both said Figs. 7 and 8 being made on an enlarged scale. Fig. 9 is a side elevation, on an enlarged scale, of the bottom or end-plate of the body or shell of the coin-repository or bank, and the hinged element or gate, the parts being represented in their normally closed relation to each other. Fig. 10 is a similar view of the same parts, but showing the hinged element or gate in its opened relation to the bottom or end-plate of the body or shell of the coin-repository. Fig. 11 is a plan view of the parts, as shown in said Fig. 9; Fig. 12 is a longitudinal vertical section taken on line 12—12 in said Fig. 11, showing the

hinged element or gate in its closed relation to the bottom or end-plate or the shell or body of the coin-repository; Fig. 13 is a similar section of the same parts, showing the hinged element or gate in its opened relation to the said bottom or end-plate; and Fig. 14 is a transverse section, taken on line 14—14 in said Fig. 12.

Similar characters of reference are employed in all of the above described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring now to the several figures of the drawings, the reference-character 1 indicates a suitably shaped body, shell or casing having a closed top from which may extend in an upward direction suitably constructed handle-posts, as 3, and with which may be suitably connected a handle 4 of any desired shape. In one of its sides, in this case one of its ends, the said body, shell or casing is formed with a coin-receiving slot or opening 5. The bottom or opposite end-portion of the said main body, shell or casing comprises a bottom-member 6 and a hinged element or gate 7, the same being secured in the open-ended shell or casing and operating in the manner to be presently more fully described. As shown, the said bottom member 6 is made with an upwardly extending marginal flange 8 terminating at its two free ends in upwardly extending and perforated ears or pivot-lugs 9, each ear or lug being formed with a longitudinally projecting extension 10, provided at its upper and lower edge-portions with the inwardly bent portions 11 and 12, which form receiving or holding members for the purposes to be presently set forth. Upon another point upon said marginal flange 8, preferably midway between the perforated ears or lugs 9, are a pair of upwardly extending posts, 13, each post being provided with an inwardly projecting retaining or holding finger 14, substantially as shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings. Each ear or pivot-lug 9 is also formed with an off-set 15 and a curved portion 16, as shown in Figs. 9 and 10, said curved portions 16 forming suitable receiving recesses. The previously mentioned hinged element or gate 7 is also made with an upwardly extending marginal flange 17 provided with suitable holding lugs or tongues 18 which are adapted to be bent over and inwardly so as to be brought in clamping engagement with the main plate 19 upon which is secured, in a suitable manner, a shell or casing 20, containing a suitably constructed key-operated lock-mechanism, the bolts or nosings 21 of which extend from said shell or casing 20 and are adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a pair of retaining fingers or members 23 extending laterally on opposite sides of a bar or plate 22, suitably secured upon the inner side in the bottom of the main body, shell or casing 1, by means of rivets 24, or any other suit-

able fastening devices. Suitably secured upon the inner surface of said member or gate 7, by means of pins or rivets 26 is a hinge-plate 25 having its edge-portion 27 extending beyond the straight edge 28 of the said member or gate 7, so as to overlap the straight edge-portion of the bottom-member 6, as clearly shown in Figs. 11 and 12 of the drawings, the said plate 25 being provided with a pair of perforated ears or lugs 29 which are bent at right angles at the opposite edge-portions of the said plate 25.

Each ear or lug 29 is made with a cam-shaped marginal edge 30, in the manner illustrated in Figs. 12 and 13 of the drawings. Each ear or lug 29 is provided with a pintle or pivot 31 with which is pivotally connected the one end-portion of a link 32, each link extending in an upward direction and having its opposite end-portion pivotally connected by means of a pintle or pivot 33 with an ear or pivot-lug 9 of the bottom-member 6, as clearly shown. In this manner, the member or gate 7 is pivotally connected with the member or plate 6, so that the said gate can be moved from the positions indicated in Figs. 9 and 12 to the positions represented in Figs. 10 and 13, the said links having a slight swinging or oscillatory motion, as will be understood from an inspection of Figs. 12 and 13. At the same time, the relative positions of the parts is such so that the cam-shaped marginal edges 30 of the ears or lugs 29 ride in frictional contact against the edge-portions 34 of the inwardly bent portions 12 of the ears or pivot-lugs 9, whereby, when the pivoted member or gate 6 is moved from the position indicated in Fig. 13 to that shown in Fig. 12, the two straight and laterally extending edge-portions of the bottom-member 6 and the hinged element or plate 7 will be brought into a tightly closed abutting relation to each other, as will be clearly seen from an inspection of said Figs. 12 of the drawings. The purpose of the previously mentioned off-sets 15 is to cause the said off-sets to act as stops against which the hinged element or gate is brought when opened, so as to limit its opening movement, as will be understood from an inspection of Fig. 10 of the drawings, the curved portions 16 serving to receive the edge-portions 35 of the marginal flange of the gate, as shown, so that the parts can be readily brought into their open relation.

Secured to the inner faces of the opposite sides of the body or shell or casing 1, so as to be in alinement with the longitudinally projecting extensions 10, are suitable plates, as 36, said plates being fastened in position preferably by means of pins or rivets 31, and each plate being made with a longitudinally extending holding or retaining finger or tongue 38. To secure the said bottom-member or plate 6, and the gate which is hinged

thereto, as above described, in the bottom or open end-portion of the main body, shell or casing 1, the flanged portion of the bottom-member or plate 6 is fitted into the inner open end of the said main body or shell, the inwardly projecting retaining or holding fingers 14 are forced into recessed or cut-away parts 41 formed in the opposite side-edges of a plate 39 which is formed with a T-shaped holding end 40 and is secured in position by means of rivets or pins 42, as clearly shown in Fig. 7. At the same time, each normally straight and longitudinally extending holding or retaining finger or tongue 38 is doubled upon itself, as clearly indicated in Figs. 5 and 6 of the drawings, each doubled-over portion being arranged between the longitudinally extending ribs or inwardly bent portions 11 and 12 of each projection or extension 10, and it will be clearly evident that the said bottom-member 6 is thereby rigidly secured in place. The arrangement of the hinged member or gate 7 is such that it can be employed for closing the remaining open portion of the said main body or shell 1, the free end-portions or nosings 21 of the lock-mechanism being adapted to be sprung into locked engagement with the retaining members or fingers 23 of the plate 22, so as to securely retain or lock the member or gate 7 in its closing position, the gate to be opened only by means of the use of a suitable key, to be inserted through the key-hole 43 for engagement with the lock-mechanism contained in the shell or casing 20, as will be clearly understood.

Of course I am aware that some changes may be made in the arrangements and combinations of the various devices and parts, as well as in the details of the constructions of the same, without departing from the scope of my present invention as described in the foregoing specification, and as defined in the appended claims. Hence, I do not limit this invention to the exact arrangements and combinations of the devices and parts, as set forth in the said specification, nor do I confine myself to the exact details of the construction of the various parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

I claim:—

1. In a coin - repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, and a hinge-connection between said bottom member and said gate, said hinge connection having a combined pivotal and slidable action, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a coin - repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, a gate for closing the

other portion of the open end of said main shell, and a hinge-connection between said bottom member and said gate, said hinge-connection having a combined pivotal and slidable action, and means carried by said gate for retaining said gate in its closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a coin - repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-connection between said bottom-member and said gate, said hinge-connection having a combined pivotal and slidable action, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking-mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In a coin - repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, perforated pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. In a coin - repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, perforated pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom - member and said gate, and means carried by said gate for retaining said gate in its closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

6. In a coin - repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, perforated pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking-mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

7. In a coin - repository, a main shell

formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, perforated pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said hinge-plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

8. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, perforated pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said hinge-plate, and means carried by said gate for retaining said gate in its closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

9. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in a portion of said open end, perforated pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, links connected with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said hinge-plate, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking-mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

10. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinal projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the re-

taining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

11. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinal projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, and means carried by said gate for retaining said gate in its closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

12. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking-mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a

portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

13. In a coin-repository, a main shell 5 formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with 10 longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding 15 engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinal projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the 20 retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate 25 being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom- 30 member and said hinge-plate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

14. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being 35 provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts, 40 upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bot- 45 tom-member, a longitudinal projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement 50 with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, 55 pivot-ears connected with said plate, links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said hinge-plate, and means carried by said gate for retaining said gate in its closed 60 position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

15. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being 65 provided with a T-shaped retaining portion,

and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending 70 posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinal pro- 75 jecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing 80 the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said 85 plate, links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said hinge-plate, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking- 90 mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and 95 for the purposes set forth.

16. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said 100 last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, 105 said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being 110 provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, 115 pivot-ears connected with said gate, said ears being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, and links pivotally connected at their re- 120 spective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

17. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being 125 provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts 130

upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

18. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, pivot-ears connected with said gate, said ears being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking-mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

19. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being

tension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, said ears being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, and links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

20. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are arranged for holding engagement with said ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, said ears being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, and means carried by said gate for retaining said gate in its closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

21. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, and other plates secured in said shell, said last-mentioned plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, perforated ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs between which the retaining fingers of said second-mentioned plates are

arranged for holding engagement with ribs, a gate for closing the other portion of the open end of said main shell, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, pivot-ears connected with said plate, said ears being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, links pivotally connected at their respective ends with the pivot-ears of said bottom-member and said gate, and a key-controlled locking-mechanism mounted upon the inner face of the gate, said locking-mechanism being provided with a locking bolt adapted to be sprung into holding engagement with a portion of the main shell when the gate is closed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

22. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom-member in said open end, pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs, plates secured in said main shell, said plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers arranged between and in holding engagement with said ribs, and a gate pivotally connected with the ears of said bottom-plate.

23. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom-member in said open end, pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudinally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs, plates secured in said main shell, said plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers arranged between and in holding engagement with said ribs, a gate, and pivot-ears connected with said gate, said ears being pivotally connected with the ears of said bottom-plate and being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

24. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom-member in said open end, pivot-ears carried by said bottom-member, a longitudi-

nally projecting extension upon each ear, each extension being provided with ribs, plates secured in said main shell, said plates being provided with longitudinally extending retaining fingers arranged between and in holding engagement with said ribs, a gate, a hinge-plate secured to said gate, said plate being adapted to extend over the abutting edges of said bottom-member and said gate, and pivot-ears connected with said gate, said ears being pivotally connected with the ears of said bottom-plate and being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with one of said ribs, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

25. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom member rigidly secured in said open end, and a gate provided with pivot-ears pivotally connected with said bottom-member, said pivot-ears being provided with cam-shaped portions in slidable engagement with portions of said bottom-member.

26. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a plate secured in said shell, said plate being provided with a T-shaped retaining portion, a bottom-member, upwardly extending posts upon said bottom-member, and an inwardly projecting retaining finger upon each post, said posts and fingers being in fixed holding engagement with said T-shaped retaining portion, and a gate pivotally connected with said bottom-member.

27. In a coin-repository, a main shell formed with a closed end and an open end, a bottom-member fixed in a portion of said open end, a gate pivotally connected with said bottom-member, holding lugs upon said gate, and a shell containing a locking-mechanism secured to said gate by means of said holding lugs, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony, that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of November, 1908.

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