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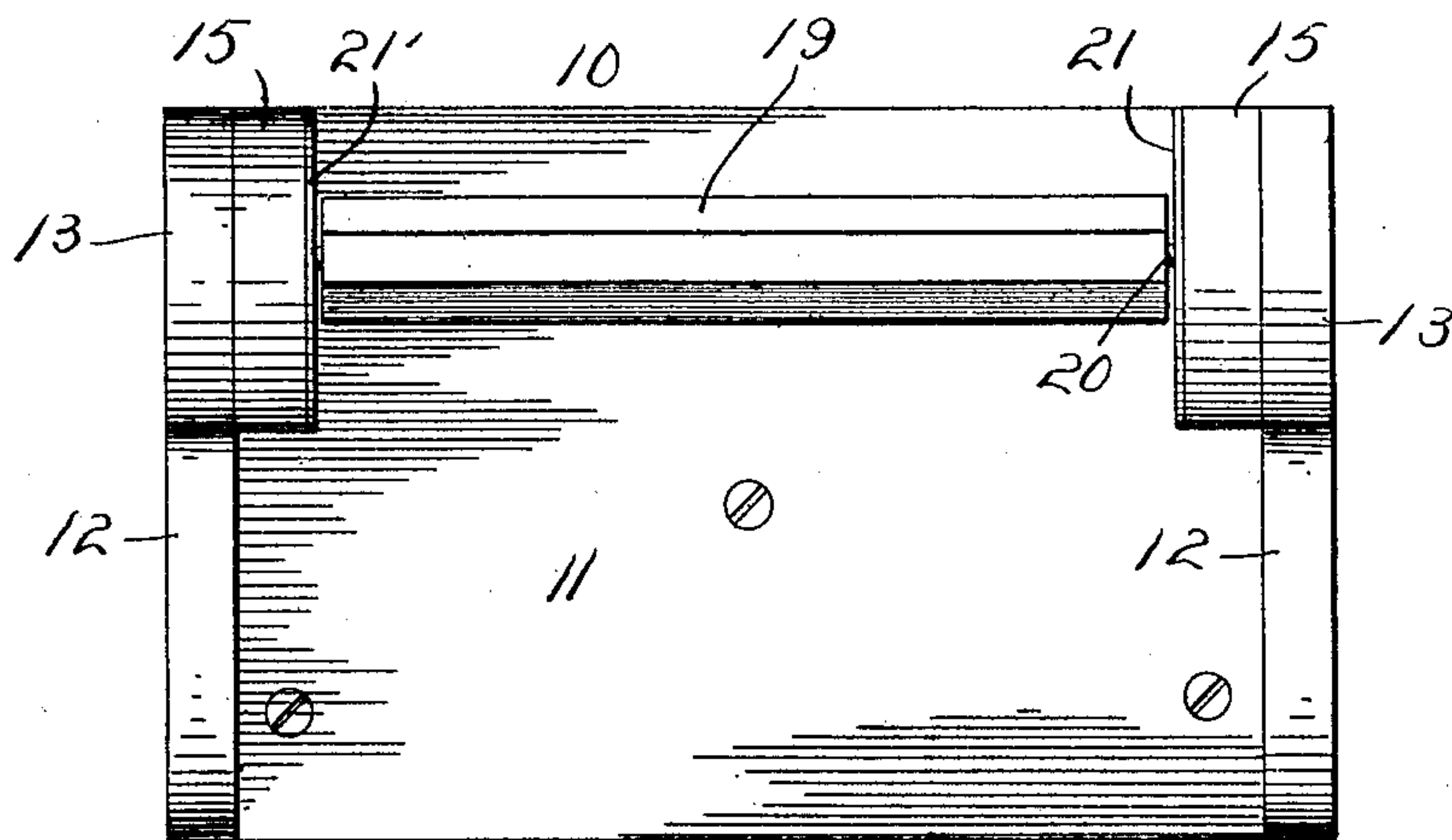


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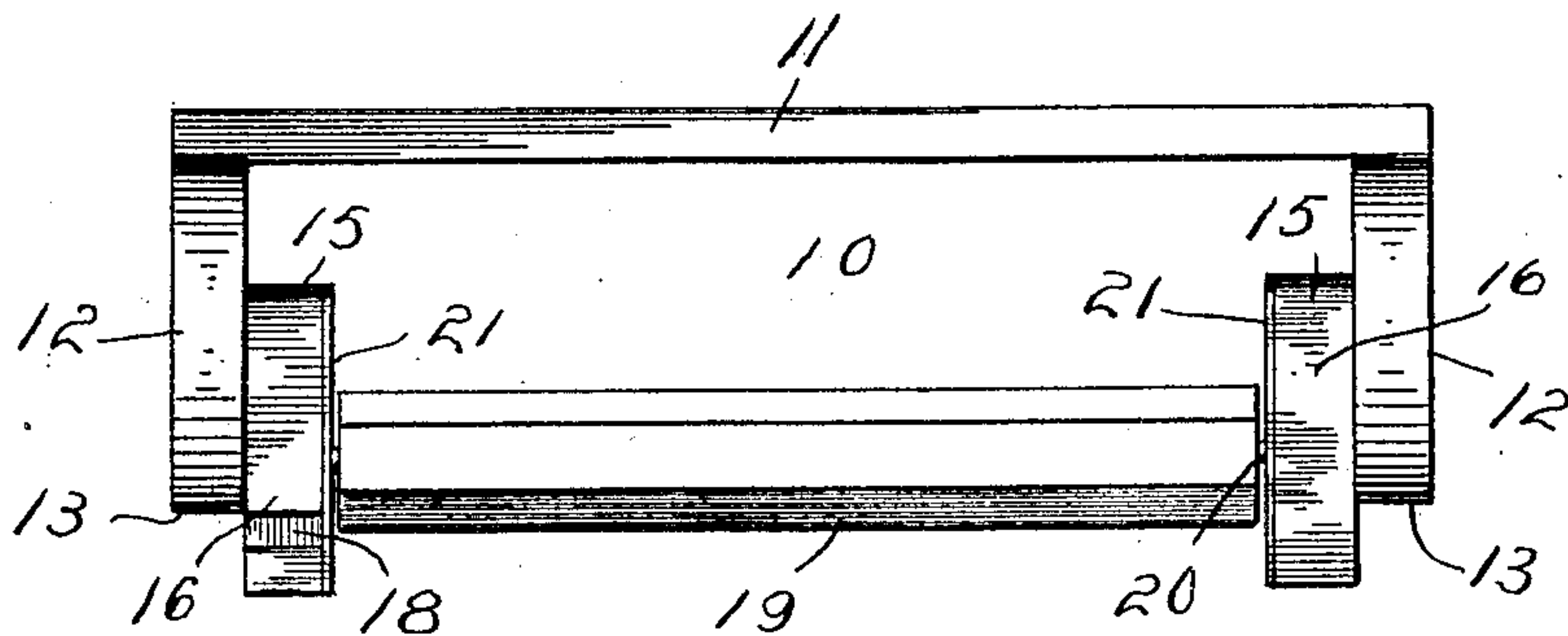


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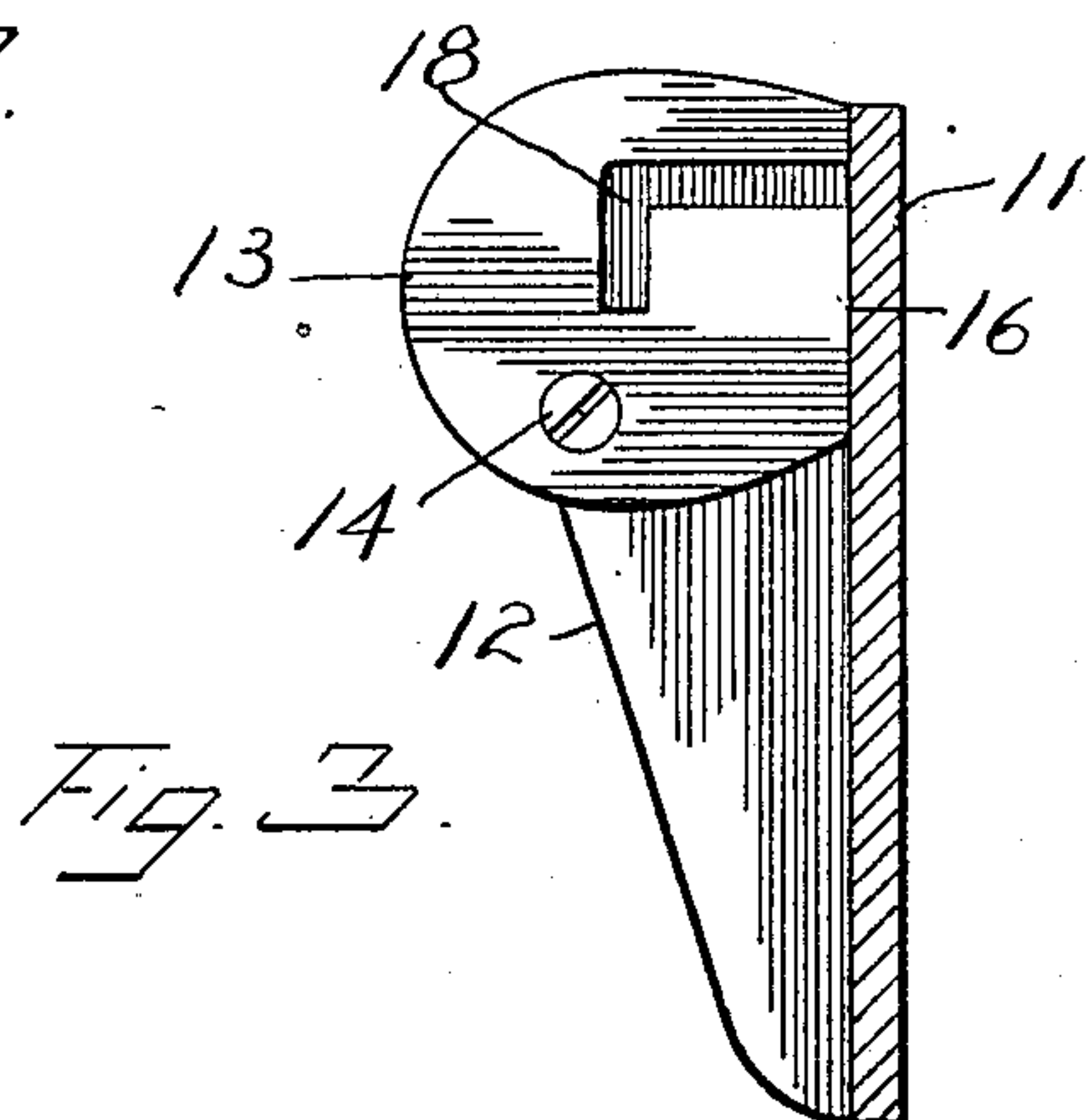


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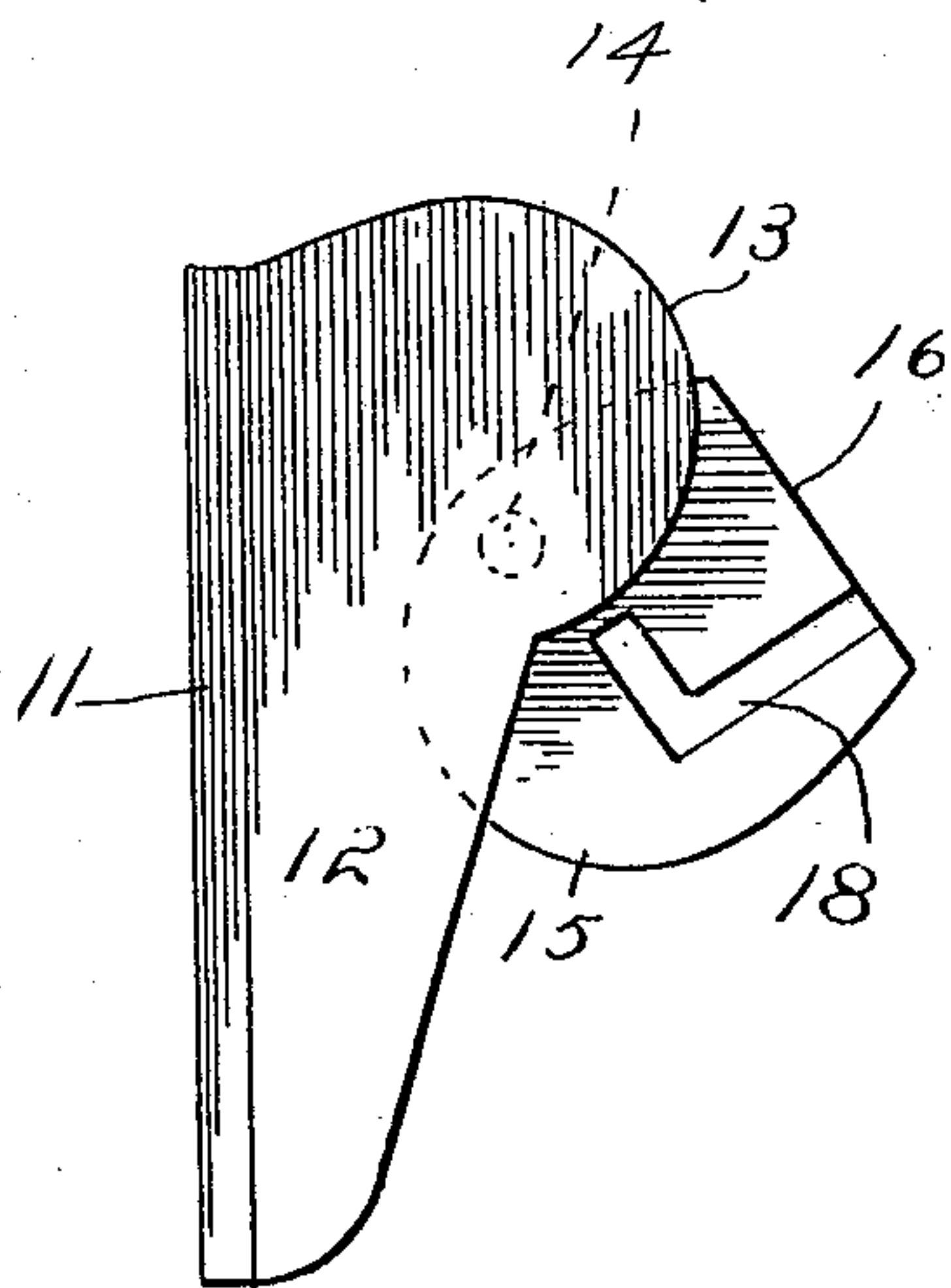


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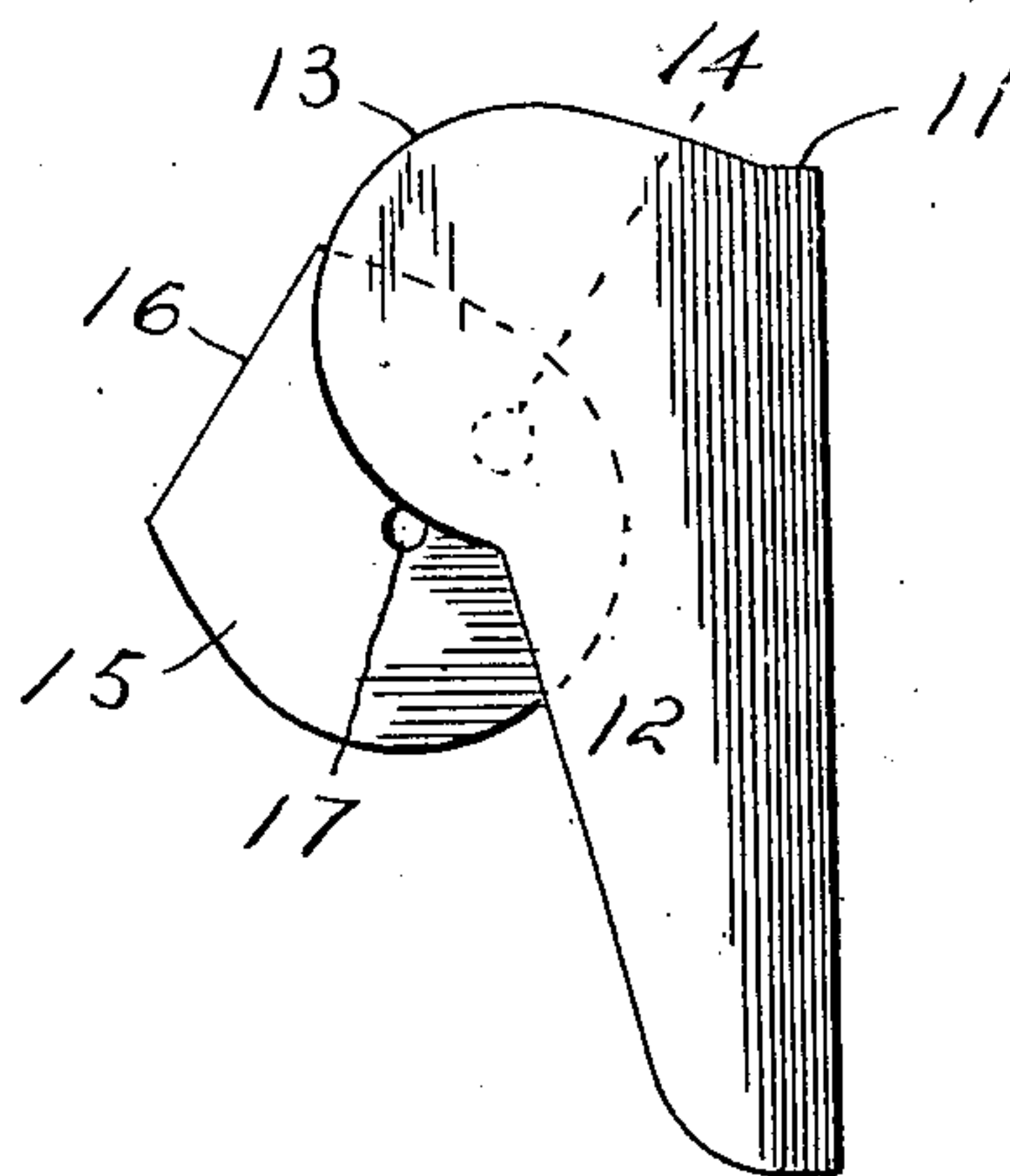


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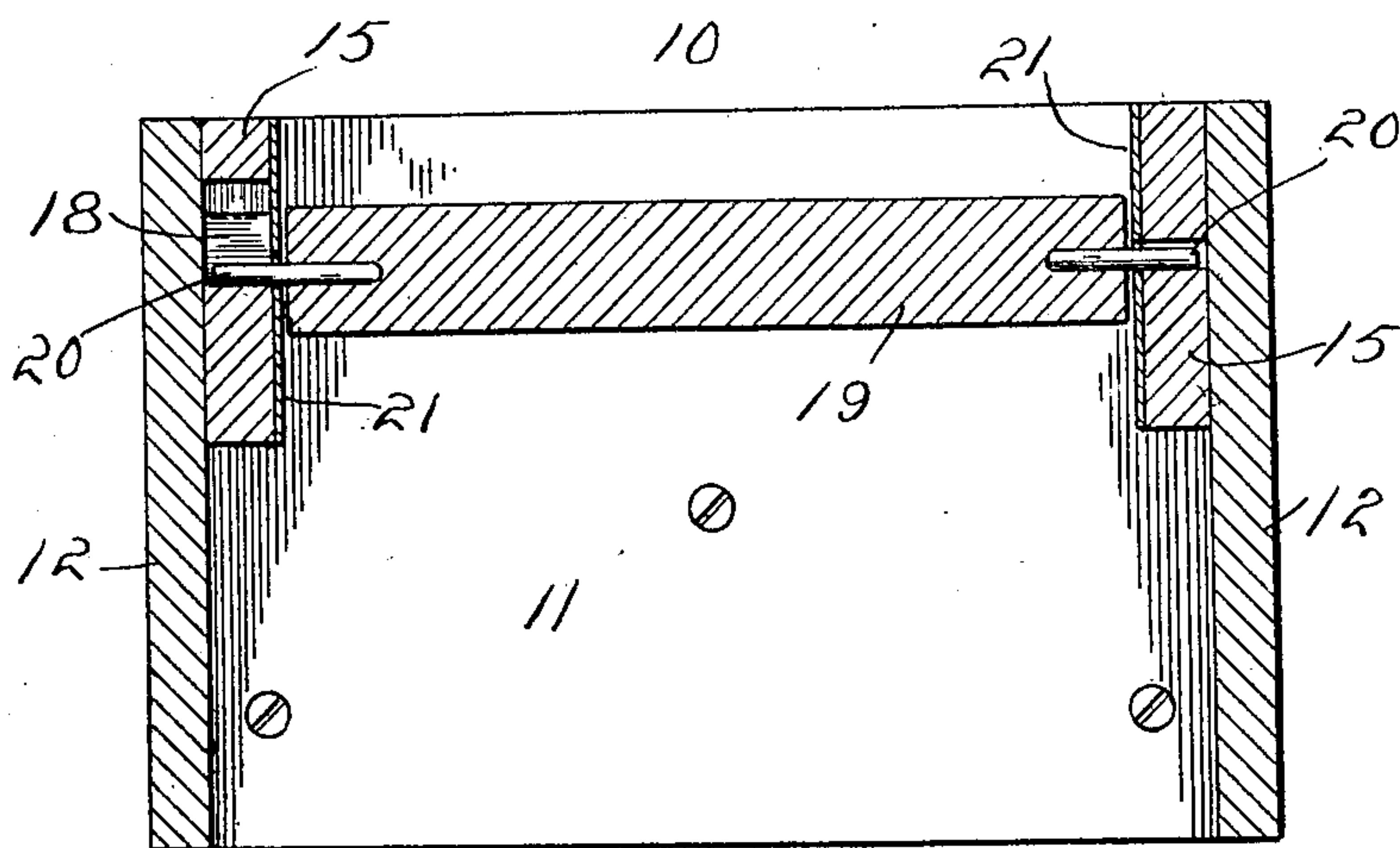


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. BURTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sylvan Grove, in the county of Lincoln, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Racks; 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.

The invention relates to a towel rack and more particularly to the class of towel racks having a rotatable roller for supporting a towel.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a towel rack having a roller supported in swinging bearing plates eccentrically mounted upon the rack and adapted to be swung outwardly whereby the roller may be detached and when said plates are swung inwardly the said roller is held secured to the rack.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a towel rack having eccentrically mounted members for detachably receiving a roller and which members when swung outwardly permit the roller to be detached and when swung inwardly abut against the base of the rack so as to hold the roller against detachment from the rack and concealing plates coöperative or associated relative to the eccentrically mounted members to hide the manner of connecting the said roller thereto whereby the particular movement of the members to permit the release of the roller is obscure to malicious persons should any attempt be made to detach or separate the towel or disengage the same from the roller of the rack.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a towel rack the roller whereof may be manipulated in removing and replacing towels easily and quickly and which structure is simple and inexpensive in the manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention, for example, consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described in detail to enable those skilled in the art to practice the invention and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings which disclose the preferred form of embodiment of the invention. However, changes, variations and modifications may be made such as come properly within the scope of the

claims hereunto appended without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a front view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the invention with the eccentrically mounted members shown in a position for releasing the roller. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view with the eccentrically mounted member in a position to lock the roller to the rack and with the concealing plate removed. Fig. 4 is an end elevation of one end of the rack with the bearing member swung outward to permit release of the roller. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the other end of the rack. Fig. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view of the roller when in position in the rack.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawings.

In the drawings, the numeral 10 designates generally the rack comprising a base forming an abutment wall 11 having at opposite ends brackets 12 secured and disposed at right angles thereto each of which has a substantially circular enlargement 13 to both of which at their inner faces are connected by pivots such as screw fasteners 14 swinging bearing members, such as locking plates 15 which latter are eccentrically mounted upon the pivots and each have a straight abutment edge 16 to contact with the abutment wall 11 of the rack when the locking members or plates have been swung to normal position. The said bearing members or locking plates 15 correspond in shape to the enlargements 13 of the brackets 12 so that the edges thereof will lie flush when the locking plates are swung inwardly to have their abutment edge 16 contact with the base 11 of the rack.

Centrally of one locking member or plate 15 is an opening 17 while in the other locking member or plate 15 there is an L-shaped open slot 18 the mouth portion thereof or open extremity formed in the straight abutment edge 16 of said locking plate and the closed extremity in said slot terminating centrally in the latter.

For detachable engagement with the bearing members or locking plates 15 is a roller 19 having reduced journal ends 20 which engage the opening 17 and the L-shaped slot 18 of the bearing members or locking plates respectively. Mounted upon the journal ends 20 of the roller 19 are concealing plates 21 which latter are of corresponding



shape to the bearing members or locking plates 15 and the same normally cover the inner faces of the latter so as to hide the L-shaped open slot 18 and the opening 17 in the locking plates which receive the journal ends 20 of the roller 19 whereby it is made impossible for a malicious person to determine the manner of detaching the said roller 19 from the bearing members or locking plates 15 when the same are swung inwardly on their pivots to have the abutment edges 16 contact with the base 11 of the rack.

To disengage the roller 19 from the bearing members or locking plates 15 the latter are swung outwardly on their pivots 14 and the journal end 20 of said roller engaging the L-shaped open slot 18 is detached or disconnected from said slot whereas the other journal end 20 of the roller is free to be disengaged from the opening 17 in the other bearing member. Now to mount the roller again in the rack 10 it is necessary to insert one journal end 20 of the roller in the opening 17 while the members or locking plates 15 are in their outward position and the other journal end 20 engages the L-shaped slot 18 in the other member or locking plate 15 and then both of said members or locking plates are swung inwardly on their pivots so that the abutment edges 16 contact with the base 11 of the rack and in this manner the roller is operatively connected to the latter.

What is claimed is—

1. A towel rack comprising brackets spaced from each other and having enlargements, locking bearing members eccentrically pivoted to the inner faces of the enlargements and of corresponding shape with respect to the latter, one of said members containing a central opening, the other of said members having an open slot terminating centrally thereof, and a roller journaled

in the said slot and opening of the members respectively, said members adapted to be swung into register with the enlargements to close the slot and lock the roller in the rack and to be swung in an opposite direction to permit the release of the roller.

2. A rack of the class described comprising a base, brackets mounted thereon and having enlargements, bearing members eccentrically mounted on the inner faces of the enlargements and of corresponding shape with respect thereto, and having abutment edges normally contacting with the base, and a roller mounted in said members and held against detachment therefrom when the members are in register with the enlargements and their abutment edges are in contact with the base.

3. A rack of the class described comprising a base forming an abutment wall, brackets mounted upon the base and having enlargements at their upper ends, locking plates eccentrically mounted on the inner faces of the enlargements, one of said plates containing a central opening and the other of said plates containing an open slot, said plates having abutment edges to contact with the base whereby the open slot will be closed when in this position, a roller having reduced journal ends engaging the slot and opening of the plates respectively, and concealing plates adjacent the inner faces of the first mentioned plates to hide the connection of the journal ends of the rollers with the said first mentioned plates.

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

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