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Fig. 1

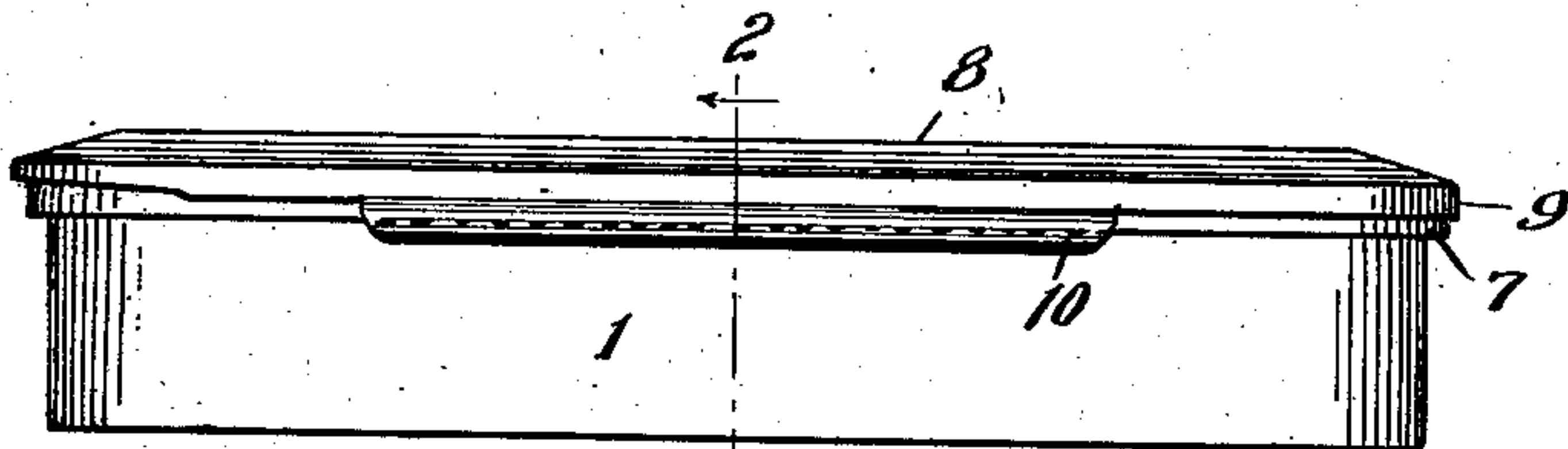


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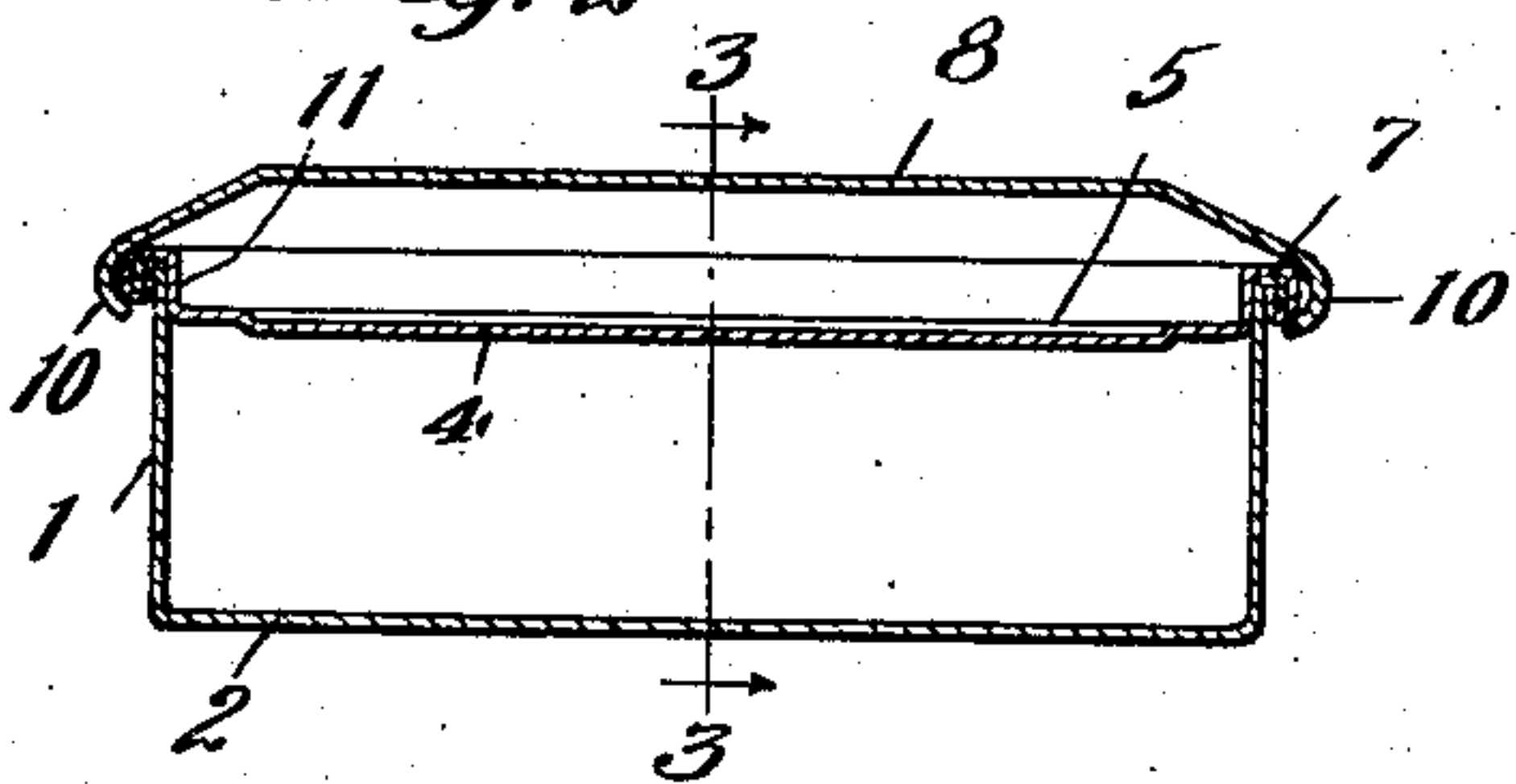


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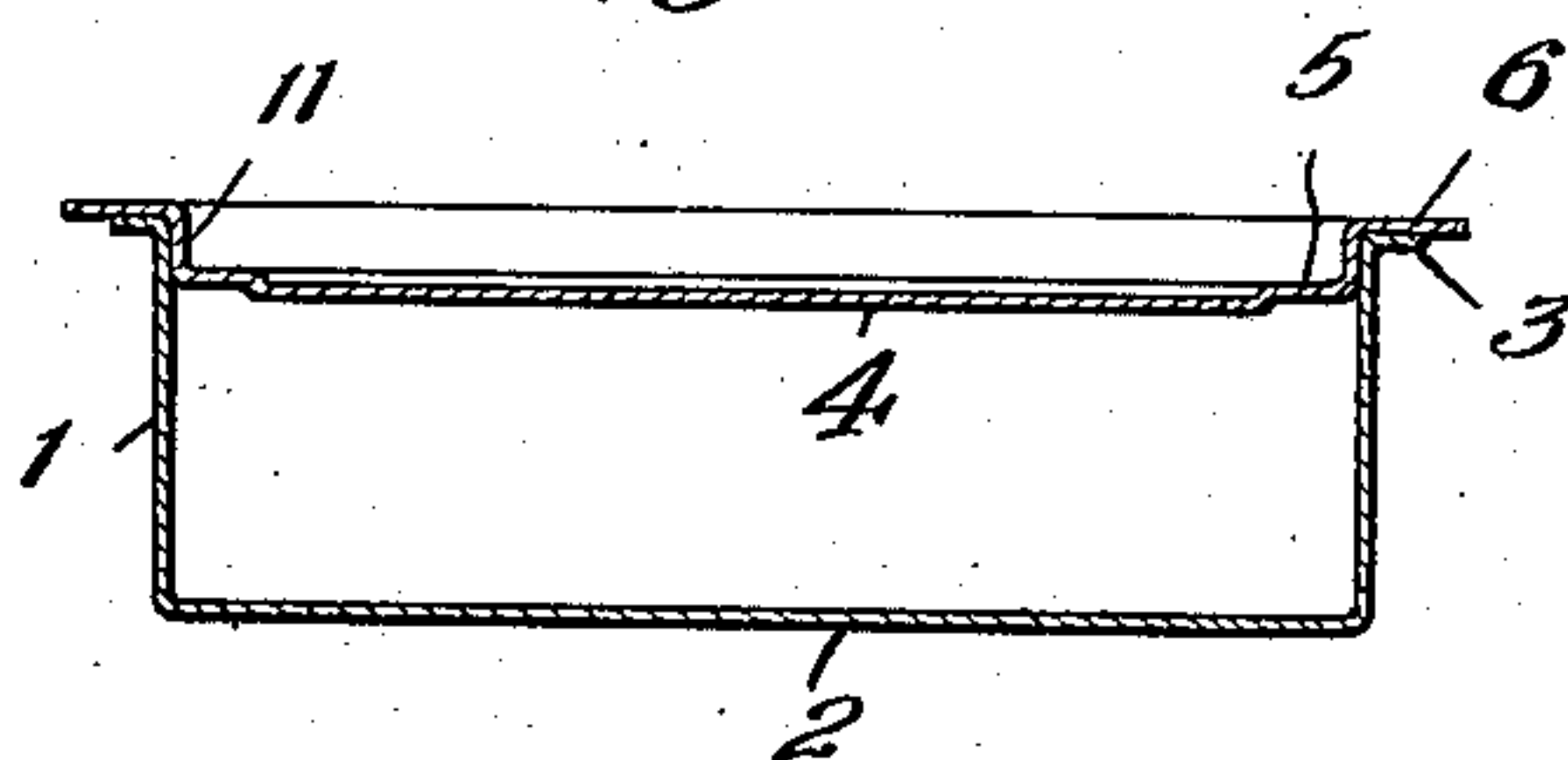


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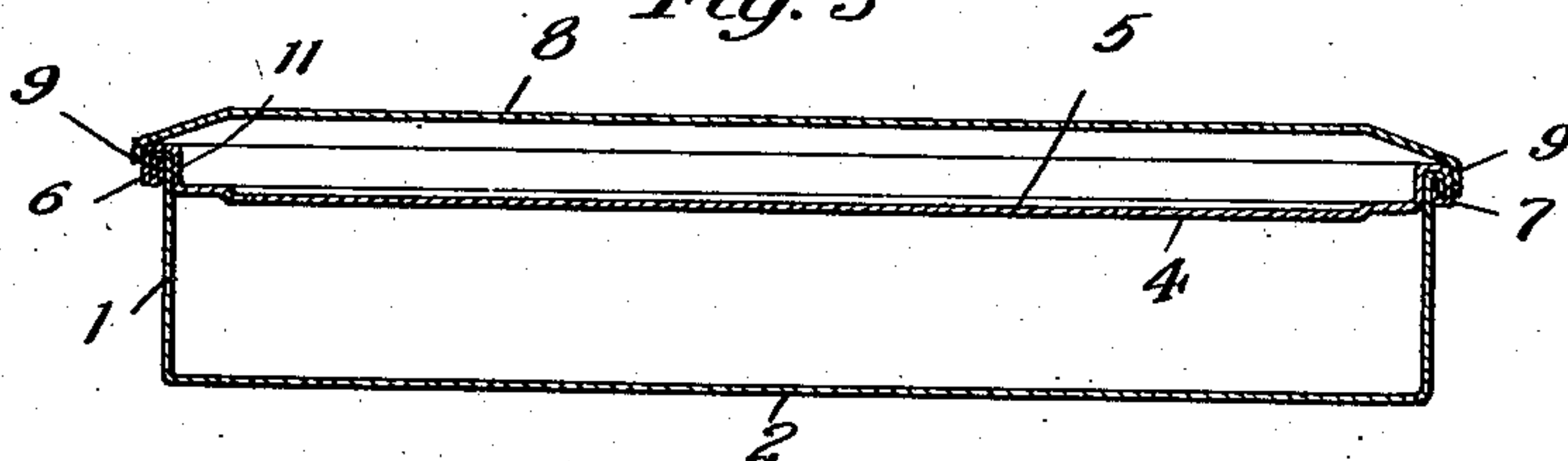


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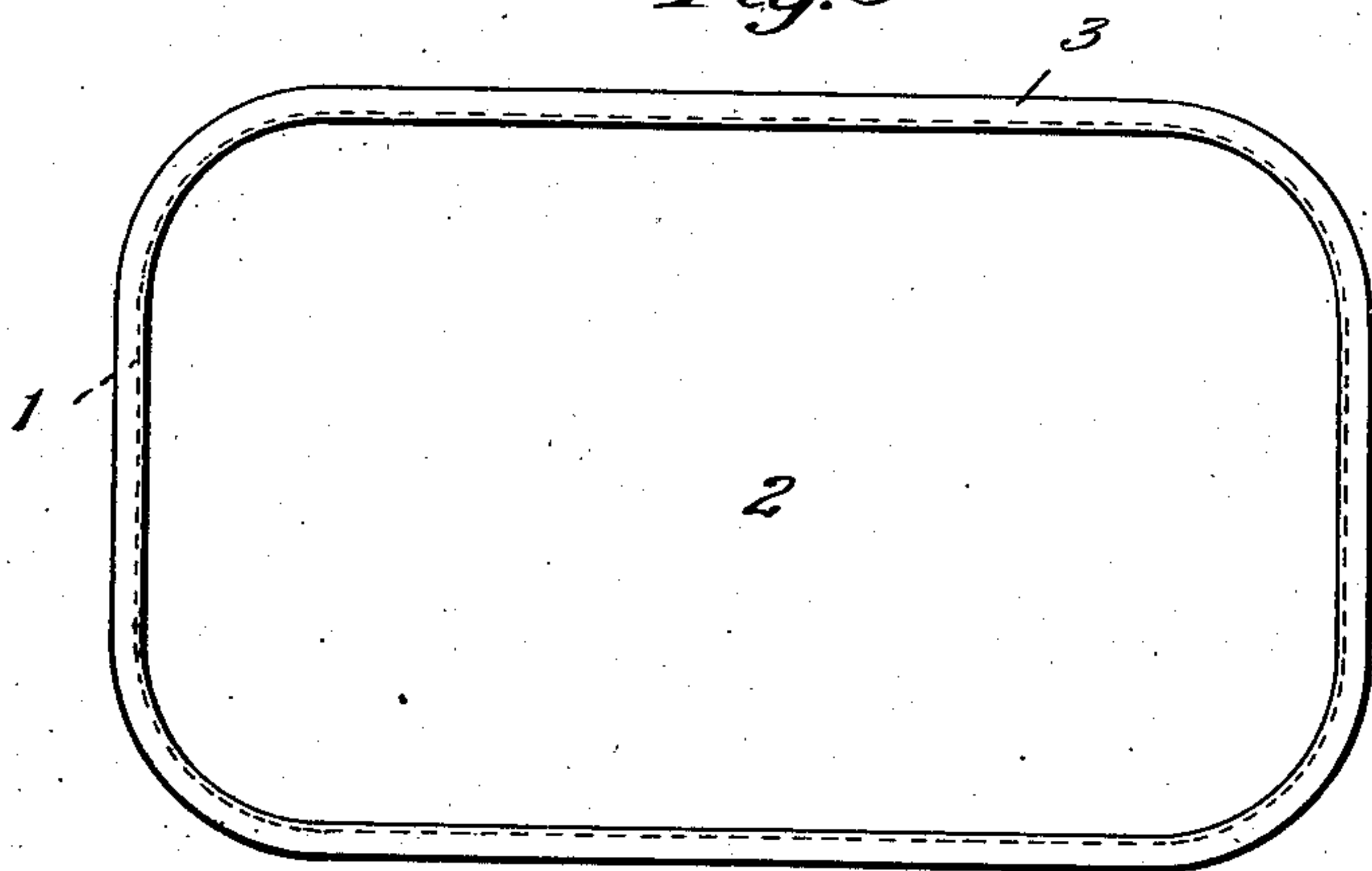
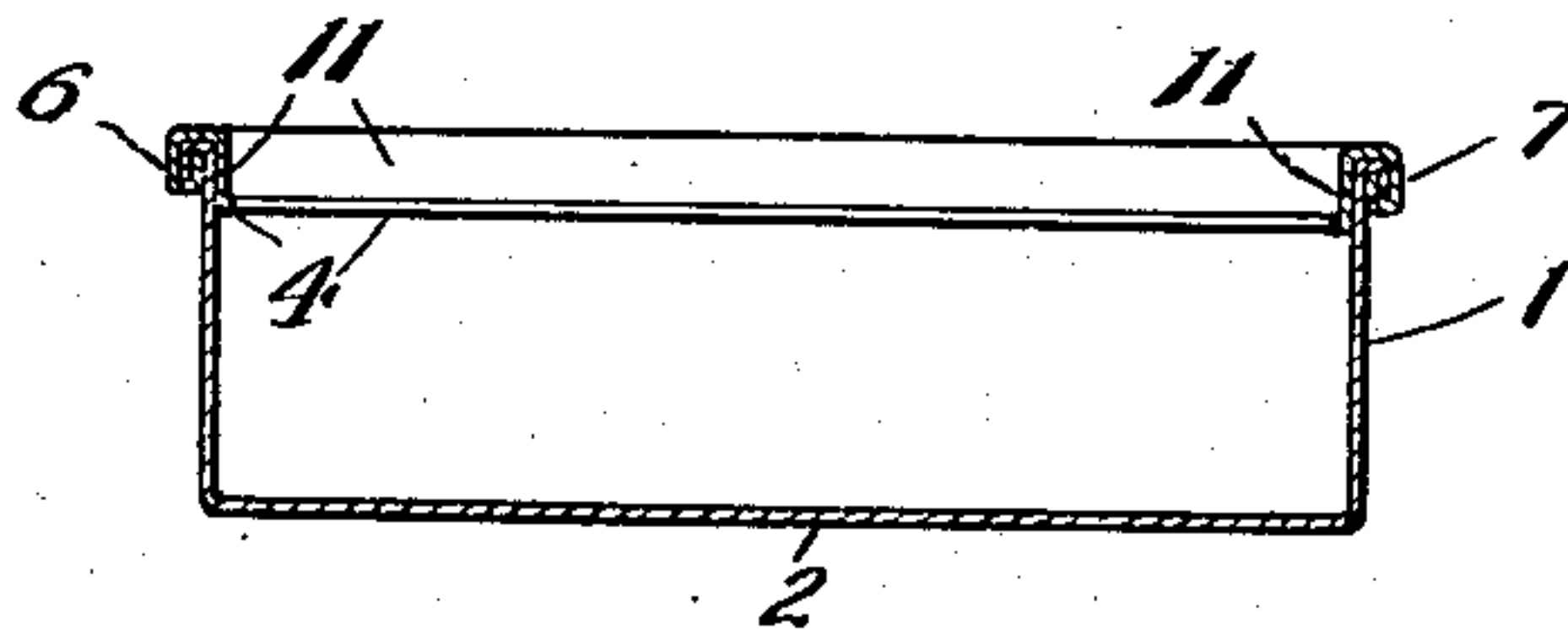


Fig. 6



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## TOBACCO-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ISAAC J. MARCUSE and EDWARD S. CLARKE, citizens of the United States, residing in Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tobacco-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in sheet metal tobacco boxes.

The object of our invention is to provide a sheet metal tobacco box of a shape and construction suitable for carrying in the pocket, which may be readily opened and closed, and which at the same time may be hermetically sealed for better preservation of the tobacco prior to its sale at retail or for use, and in which the hermetic closure may be conveniently opened, and when opened will leave no exterior rough edges or projections interfering with the convenient use of the box as a pocket receptacle.

Our invention consists in the means we employ to practically accomplish this object or result as herein shown and described.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a sheet metal hermetic closure pocket tobacco box embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a cross section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a cross section showing the body and hermetic closure cover before it is double seamed thereto. Fig. 5 is a detail plan view of the body of the box; and Fig. 6 is a cross section showing the severable soft metal hermetic closure cover cut out and the box thus open.

The sheet metal hermetic closure pocket tobacco box embodying our invention comprises a body 1 of long, narrow, shallow form, preferably rectangular, and with rounded corners, and preferably of a drawn or seamless construction, and having an integral bottom 2, and an externally projecting integral seaming flange 3; in connection with an hermetic closure cover 4 of thin, soft, readily severable sheet metal, such as tagger's tin or a soft metal foil, and having a countersunk portion 5 fitting within the mouth of the body 1 and an externally projecting seaming flange 6 folded or curled into an externally projecting double seam 7 with the seaming flange 3 of the body, thus

producing an hermetic closure; and a supplemental sliding cover 8 furnished with a marginal rim or flange 9 adapted to fit over and embrace the externally projecting shoulder or rolled rim on the body formed by the double or other folded seam 7 which unites the hermetic closure cover with the body, the rim of said supplemental sliding cover being provided at two opposite edges of the cover, preferably its side edges, with inwardly curved guides or flanges 10 which fit under and engage the external seam or roll 7 on the body and slidably connect the supplemental cover with the body. The rim 9 of the sliding cover 8 at one end thereof forms a stop to limit the inward sliding movement of the cover on the body, and at the opposite end of the cover the rim is adapted to snap over the rolled rim or shoulder of the body and thus serve as a spring catch or lip to hold the sliding cover in its closed position.

As the thin soft metal hermetic closure cover 4 is deeply countersunk, when it is cut out with a knife in order to open the box, the countersunk wall 11 of this hermetic closure cover remains attached to the body by the double seam 7 and is left downwardly projecting closely adjacent to the wall of the body, so that the box after it is opened by thus cutting out the soft metal cover, is left with a perfectly smooth rim or mouth suitable for carrying in the pocket and for reception of the sliding cover 8.

We claim:—

1. An hermetic closure sliding cover pocket tobacco box comprising a long, narrow, shallow body having an externally projecting seaming flange, a soft metal severable countersunk hermetic closure cover having a seaming flange folded into an external seam with the seaming flange of the body, said external seam having opposite parallel portions to serve also as guides for a sliding cover, and a sliding cover having a depending marginal rim furnished at opposite edges with parallel guides engaging said external seam to slidably connect said cover with the body, substantially as specified.

2. An hermetic closure sliding cover pocket tobacco box comprising a long, narrow, shallow body having an externally projecting seaming flange, a soft metal severable countersunk hermetic closure cover hav-



ing a seaming flange folded into an external seam with the seaming flange of the body, said external seam having opposite parallel portions to serve also as guides for a sliding cover, and a sliding cover having a depending marginal rim furnished at opposite edges with parallel guides engaging said external seam to slidably connect said cover with the body, the rim of the cover serving at one end as a stop to limit its sliding movement and at the opposite end as a spring catch to hold said sliding cover in its closed position, substantially as specified.

3. In a pocket tobacco box, the combination with a seamless body, of a soft metal severable cover, said body and cover having an externally folded seam said external seam having opposite parallel portions to serve also as guides for sliding cover, and a sliding cover having a rim embracing the mouth end of the body and parallel guides engaging said seam to slidably connect said cover and body, substantially as specified.

4. In a pocket tobacco box, the combination with a seamless body, of a soft metal severable cover, said body and cover having an externally folded seam said external seam having opposite parallel portions to serve also as guides for a sliding cover, and a

sliding cover having a rim embracing the mouth end of the body and parallel guides engaging said seam to slidably connect said cover and body, the rim of the cover at one end thereof serving as a spring lip to hold the cover in its closed position, substantially as specified.

5. The combination with a seamless body, of a countersunk severable cover fitting within said body and united thereto by an external seam forming a marginal externally projecting shoulder at the mouth end of the body and a sliding cover having parallel guides at opposite edges engaging said seam to slidably connect the cover and body, substantially as specified.

6. The combination with a vessel body, of a cover seamed thereto, said body having externally projecting parallel shoulders on opposite sides thereof formed by the seam uniting said cover to said body, and a sliding supplemental cover having parallel guides engaging said external shoulders on the body, substantially as specified.

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