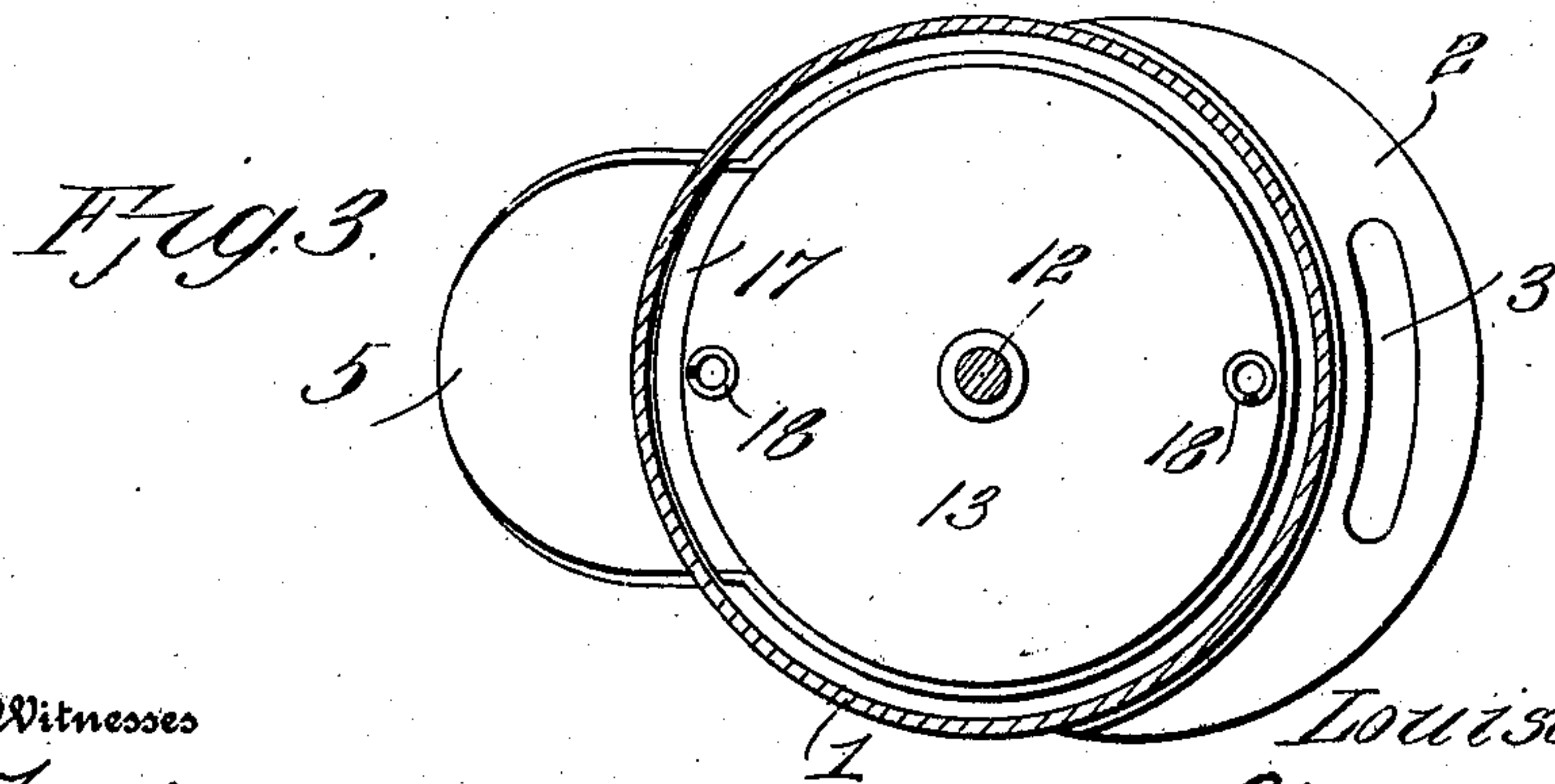
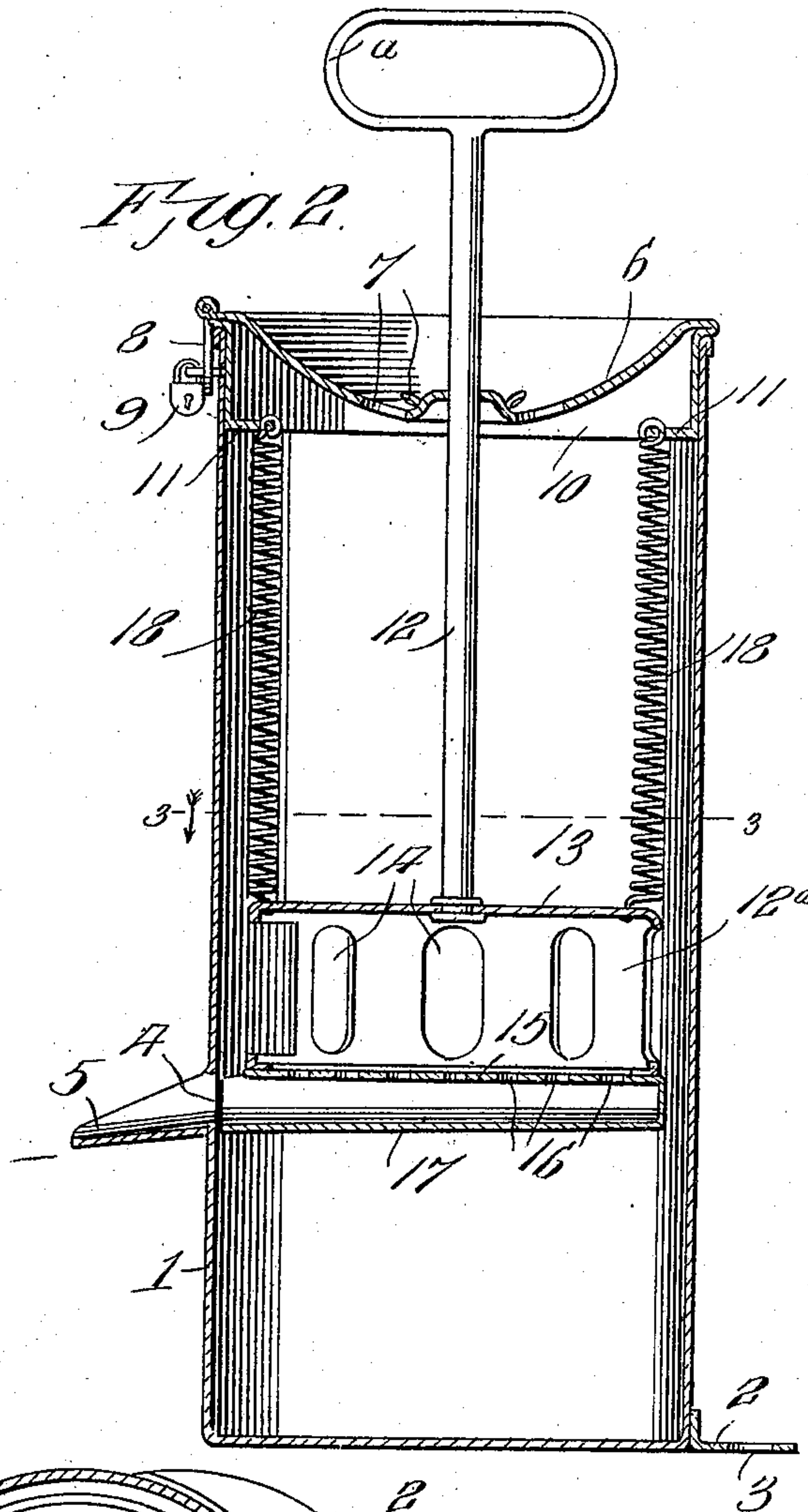
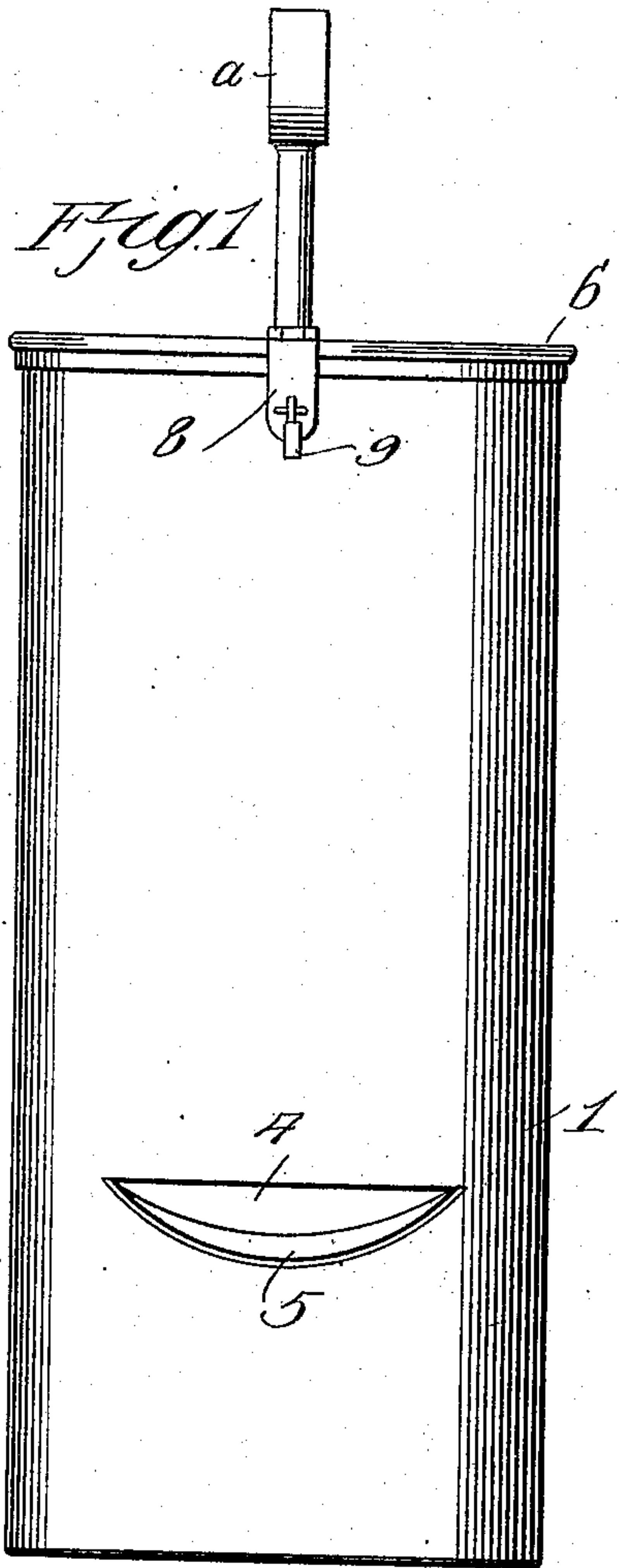


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUISA M. PITSCH, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Bloomington, in the county of McLean and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Soap-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to soap holders designed for use in hotels, restaurants, railway stations and other public places, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide reliable and efficient means for preventing the loss of soap.

It is a well known fact that toilet soap used in hotels, restaurants and other public places is often stolen when placed in a soap dish upon a washstand to be used by the public generally.

It is one of the principal objects of my invention to provide means whereby the soap may be used but cannot be removed and taken away by the person who uses it. These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a soap holder made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction indicated by the arrow.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a casing which is preferably formed of sheet metal and provided with a base plate 2 having an opening 3 therein to secure the casing in place upon a washstand or other suitable support. At the side of the casing a discharge opening 4 is provided, and a discharge spout 5 is secured immediately under said opening. The top 6 of the casing is substantially concavo-convex, providing a bowl-like structure to admit water, and 7 designates perforations in said cover through which water passes into the casing. The cover is provided with a suitable hasp 8, and a lock 9 is provided for locking said cover in place. Fitted within the top of the casing is a rim or flange 10 having inwardly projecting ears 11. A plunger rod 12 passes through an opening in the cover 6, and at its lower end a soap holder 12<sup>a</sup> is secured, said soap holder comprising a top 13 to which the rod 12 is secured, sides provided with openings

14, a bottom 15 provided with perforations 16 and an imperforate curved bottom or floor 17. Springs 18 are connected to the ears 11 at one end, the opposite ends of said springs being connected to the top 13 of the soap holder.

The operation of my invention may be briefly described as follows: Whenever it is required to place a piece of soap in the holder 12<sup>a</sup>, the cover 6 is unlocked, and the plunger 12 is withdrawn sufficiently to permit a bar of soap to be inserted in the holder 12<sup>a</sup>. The cover 6 may then be again locked. Water may now be poured into the top 6 through the perforations 7. When a person desires to use the soap the plunger rod 12 is operated by means of the handle *a* to produce a suds in the casing and to permit it to pass over the bottom or floor 7 into the spout 5 and into the wash bowl. Any required amount of suds may be produced necessary for the purpose.

My invention is of simple character, can be produced at slight cost and is very efficient for its purpose.

I claim:—

1. A soap holder comprising a casing having a concaved cover therein, and said cover having a series of perforations, a plunger rod extending through said cover, and a soap holder connected to said plunger rod, said casing provided with a discharge spout.

2. A soap holder comprising a casing, a cover for said casing, a lock for said cover, a plunger mounted to slide in said cover, a soap holder connected to said plunger, said soap holder having openings in the sides, a perforated bottom, and an imperforate curved floor.

3. A soap holder comprising a casing having a discharge spout, a cover provided with openings, means for locking said cover to the casing, a plunger extending through the cover, a soap holder connected to said plunger, and springs connected to said casing and holder.

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

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