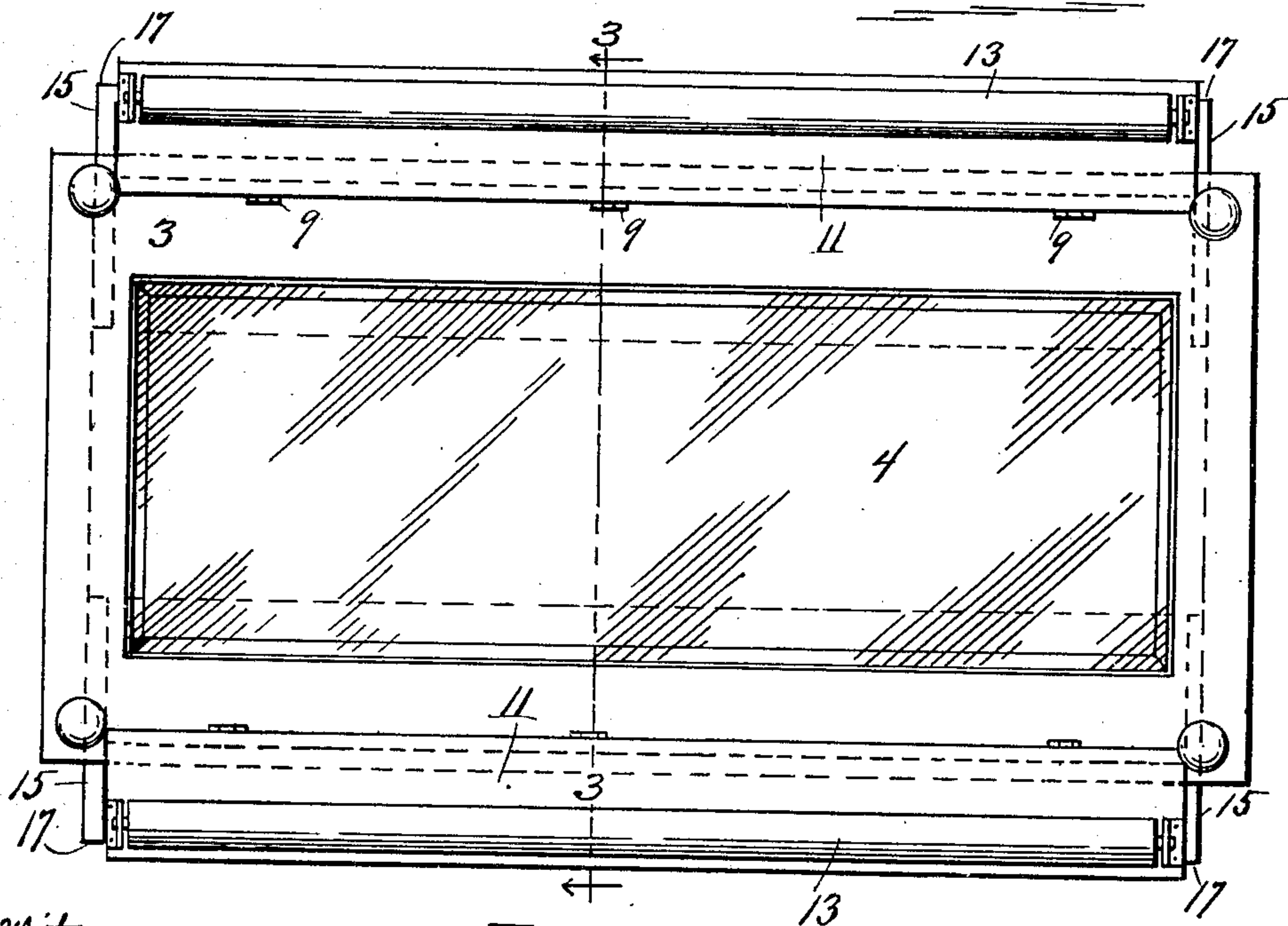
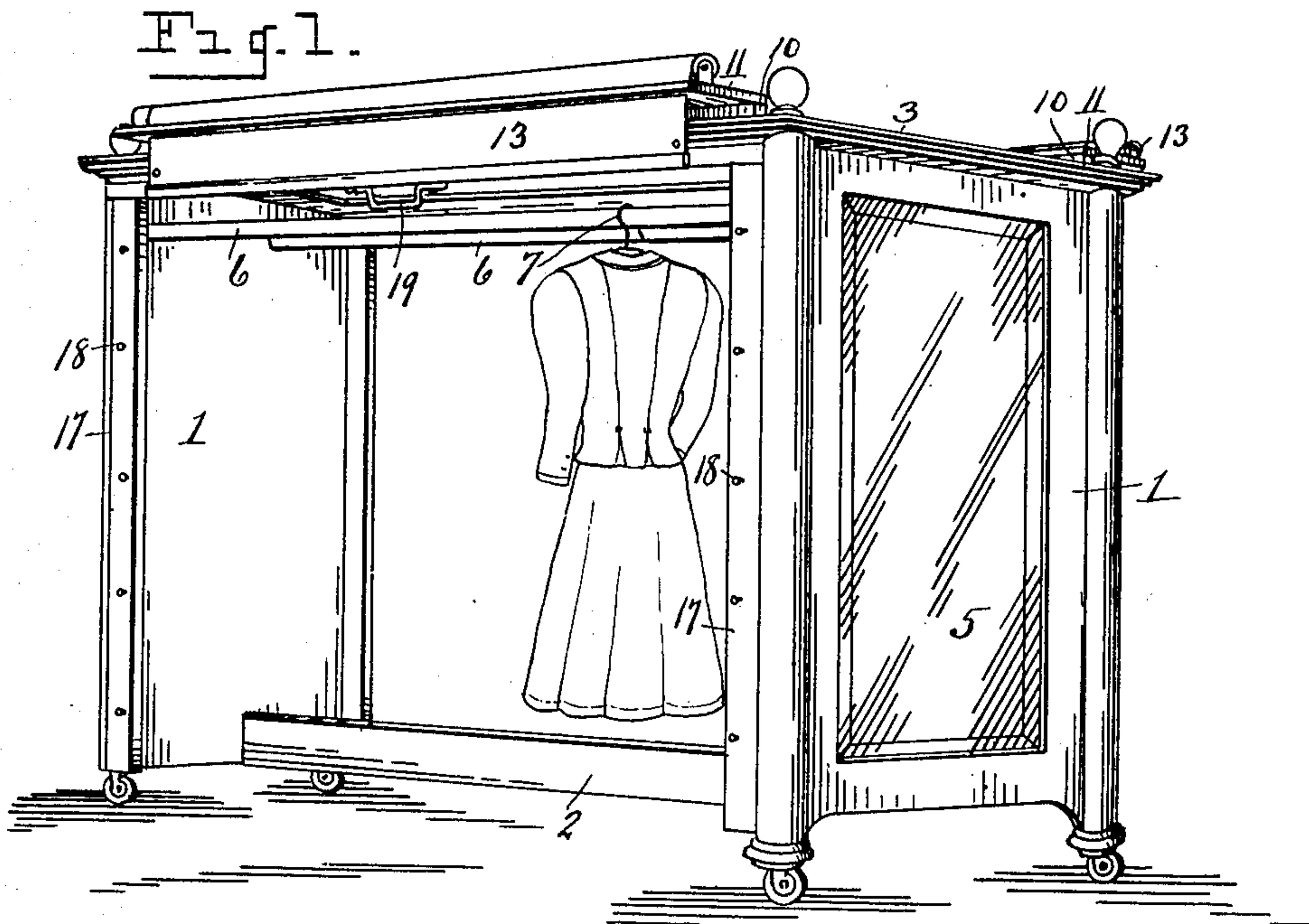


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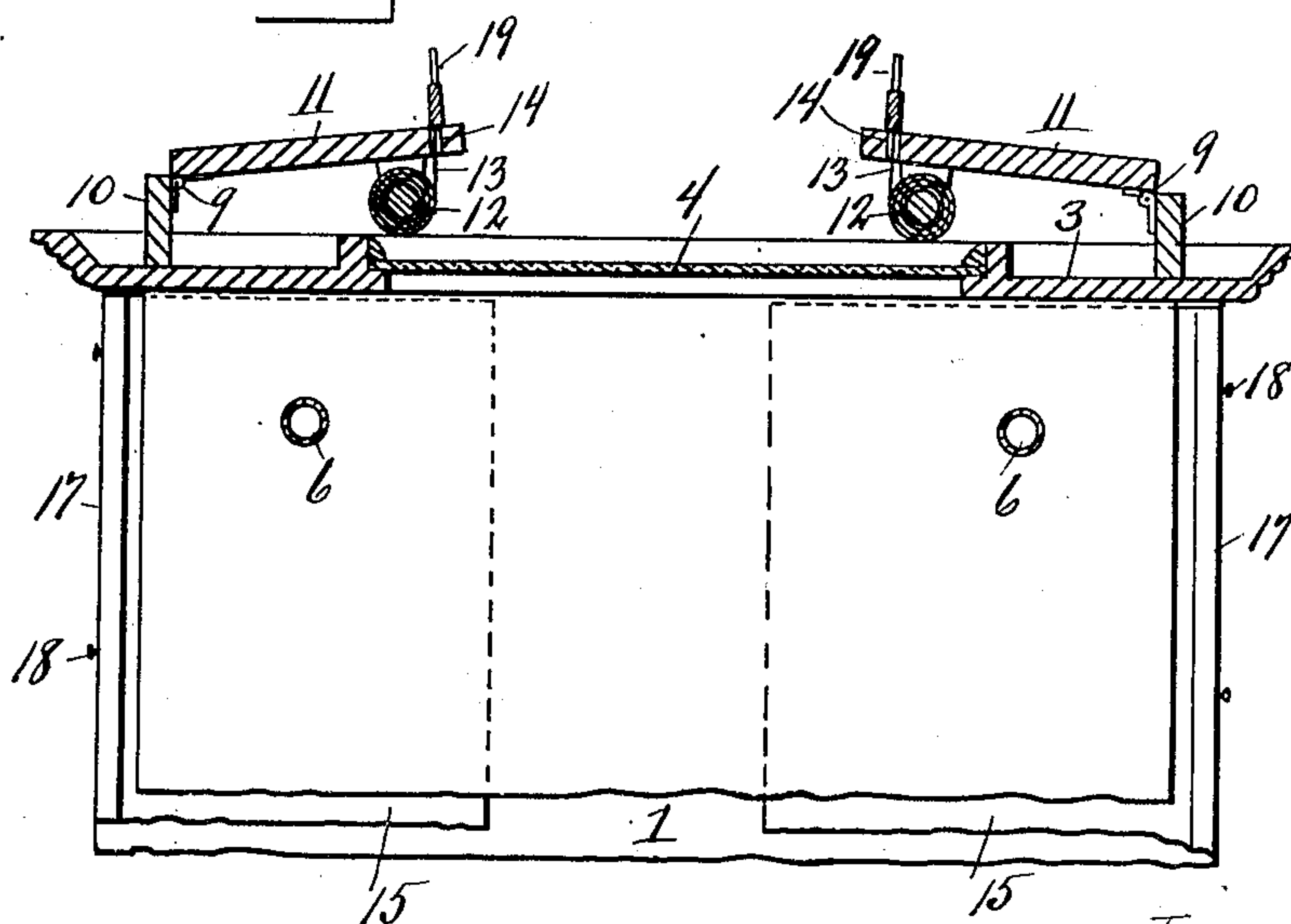
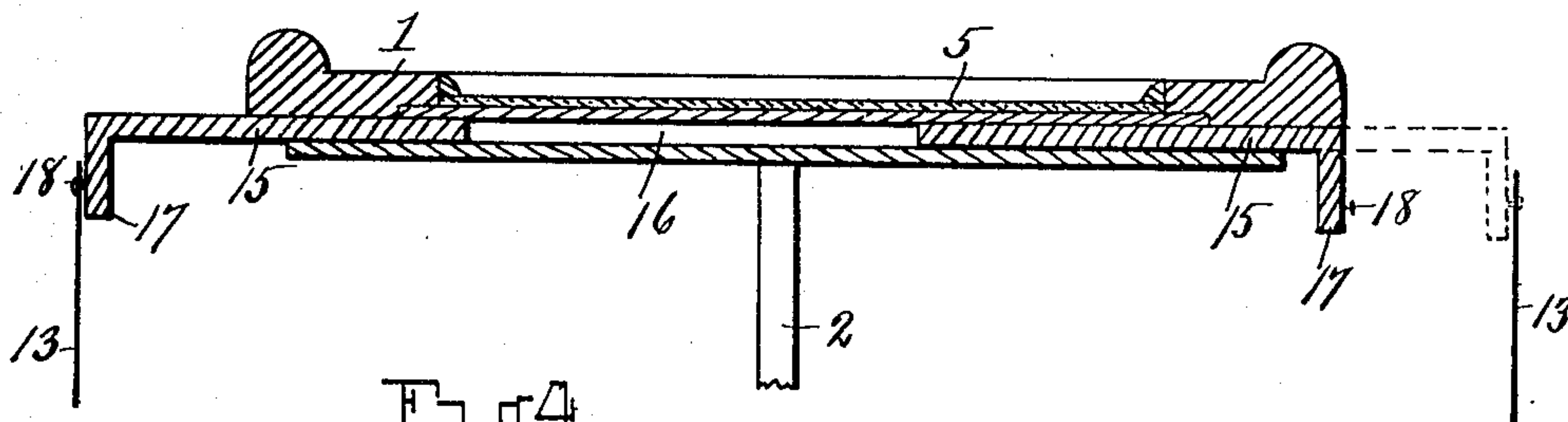
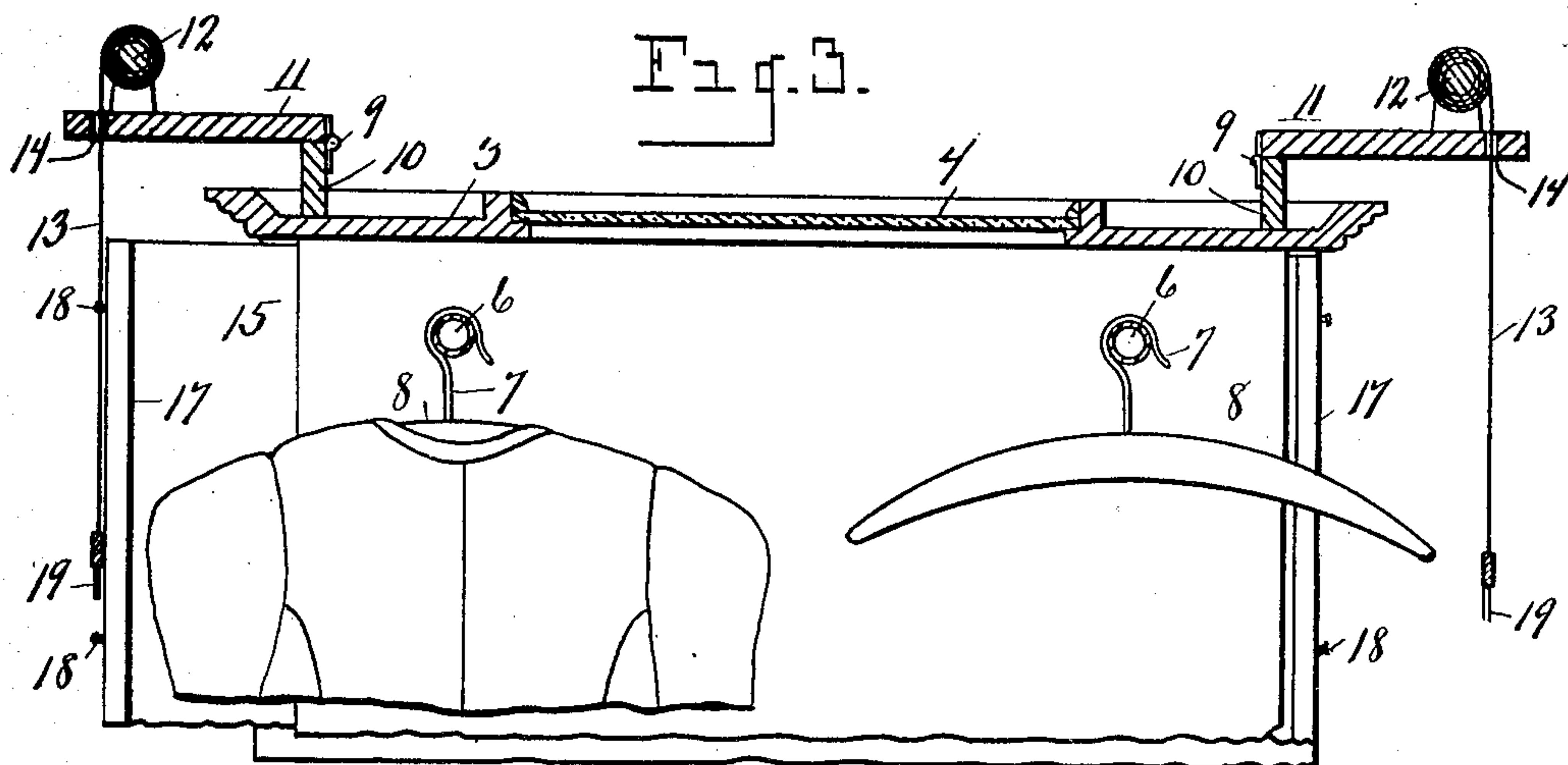
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN SIEGEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Display Racks; and I do 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 the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a rack for displaying suits and garments, and consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully set forth and pointed out particularly in the claims.

The object of the invention is to provide simple and efficient means for displaying garments, wherein the arrangement is such as to render the garments readily accessible, and at the same time maintain them in proper shape, and wherein by a further arrangement the rack may be quickly and easily closed so as to form practically an inclosing case, wherein the garments are protected from dust, provision being also made for admitting light through the top of the rack or case to render the garments more plainly visible when hanging therein.

The above object is attained by the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a rack embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the rack, showing the position of parts when the protecting curtains are drawn downwardly to inclose the sides thereof. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view in transverse section, as on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view in horizontal section through one end of the rack, showing the slidable end sections which may be drawn outwardly to meet the margins of the curtains when said curtains are drawn down to inclose the rack. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view in transverse section, showing the hinged leaves on which the curtains are mounted, folded inwardly in the position they normally occupy when the rack is in service.

Referring to the characters of reference, 1 designates the ends of the rack which are connected at the bottom by the longitudi-

nally extending bar 2, and at their upper ends by the horizontally extending top 3 having in the center thereof a glass panel 4 for the admission of light. One or both of the ends of the rack, if desired, may be provided with a mirror.

Extending longitudinally of the rack near the top and secured in the ends thereof are the supporting bars 6 adapted to receive the hooks 7 of the hangers 8 upon which the garments are hung.

Hinged at 9 to the longitudinally extending pieces 10 on the top of the rack are the leaves 11 which, when swung outwardly, as shown in Fig. 3, project beyond the sides of the rack. Mounted upon said leaves near the outer edges are the spring-actuated rollers 12 upon which are wound the curtains 13 which pass downwardly through the slotted openings 14 extending longitudinally of the outer margins of said leaves. By swinging said leaves outwardly, as shown, and drawing said curtains downwardly by means of the handles 19, the rack may be so inclosed as to protect the garments therein from dust. In order that there may be no opening between the ends of the curtains and the ends of the rack when the curtains are drawn downwardly, there are provided slidable end sections 15 which are mounted to slide in a way 16, see Fig. 4, formed in each end of the case. The outer edge of each of the slidable end sections is provided with a right angle portion 17 which extends laterally from the slidable end portion to meet the margin of the curtain and carries suitable buttons 18 with which the margin of the curtain may be fastened, as clearly shown in Fig. 4, whereby the curtains are firmly retained in place so as to prevent their being swung away from the rack by a draft of air, and at the same time the rack is made more nearly dust-tight. By mounting the curtains upon the hinged leaves, when said leaves are swung outwardly and the curtains are drawn, said curtains will stand away from the garments in the rack so as not to soil them by contact, as shown in Fig. 3.

This arrangement obviates the necessity of covering the racks at night with a cloth or spread to protect the garments, as is commonly practiced, and also obviates the labor of removing said cloth in the morning, at the same time preventing the garments being soiled or wrinkled by contact of said covering fabric.



When it is desired to inclose a rack provided with these improved features, it is only necessary to swing the leaves 11 outwardly and draw downwardly the curtains, at the same time drawing outwardly the slidable end sections of the rack to join the curtains at their ends, as before stated. When it is desired to display the garments in a rack, the curtains are caused to roll upwardly upon their spring-actuated rollers and the leaves 11 are folded inwardly onto the top of the rack, as shown in Fig. 5, where they are entirely out of the way and the curtains are protected because of the fact that when the leaves are folded inwardly, the curtains are upon the under side thereof. After raising the curtains, the slidable end sections are returned to their normal position, thereby rendering the garments in the rack accessible from both sides thereof.

It will now be understood that by means of this improved structure better protection is afforded the garments than by the ordinary method of spreading a covering cloth, and a material saving is made in the matter of time and labor.

Having thus fully set forth my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a rack for garments, the combination with a top and closed ends, of spring-actuated rollers, curtains upon said rollers, said curtains being adapted to be drawn downwardly and in conjunction with said ends to inclose the rack, and slidable end sections to close the space between the margins of the curtains and the ends of the rack.

2. In a display rack for garments, the combination of the ends and top, said top ex-

tending over said rack, a leaf hinged to the top to swing outwardly and extend in a horizontal position, said leaf having a slot through the longitudinal margin thereof, a spring-actuated roller mounted upon the upper face of said leaf when extended, and a curtain on said roller passing through said slot.

3. In a display rack for garments, the combination with a frame comprising closed ends having movable sections, a top supported by said ends, a leaf mounted on the top to move outwardly, a roller carried by said leaf, and a curtain carried by said roller adapted in conjunction with the movable section of the ends to inclose the rack.

4. In a display rack for garments, the combination with a frame and top, of a leaf hinged to the top to swing outwardly, a roller mounted on the outer margin of said leaf, a curtain upon said roller to draw downwardly, and slidable end pieces movable into contact with the extended curtain and co-acting therewith to inclose the rack.

5. In a display rack for garments, the combination of closed ends and a top, of leaves hinged to the top to swing outwardly, said leaves extending longitudinally of the rack, curtains mounted on said leaves to draw downwardly and inclose the sides of the rack, and slidable end pieces movable into contact with and having means of attachment to the curtain.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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