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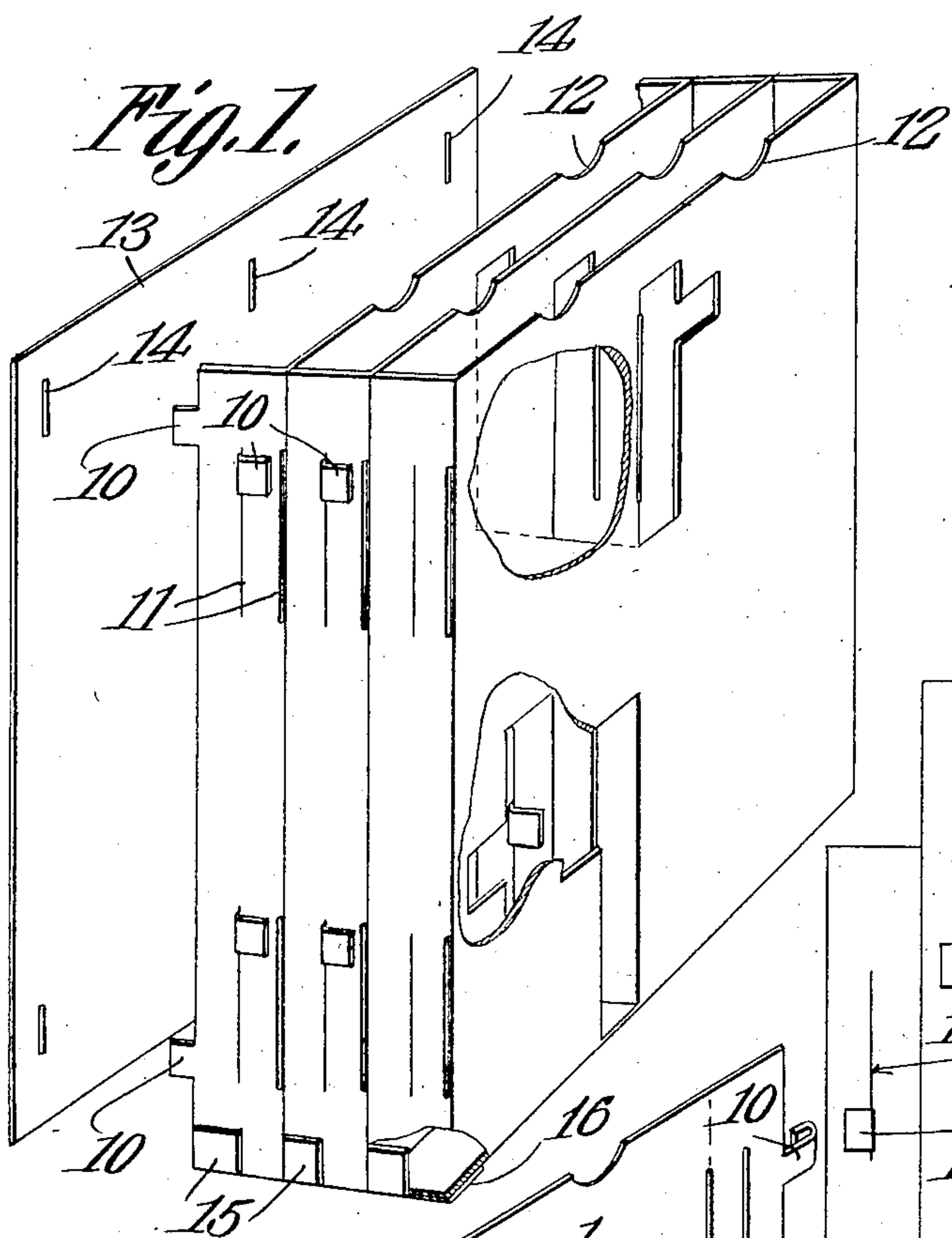


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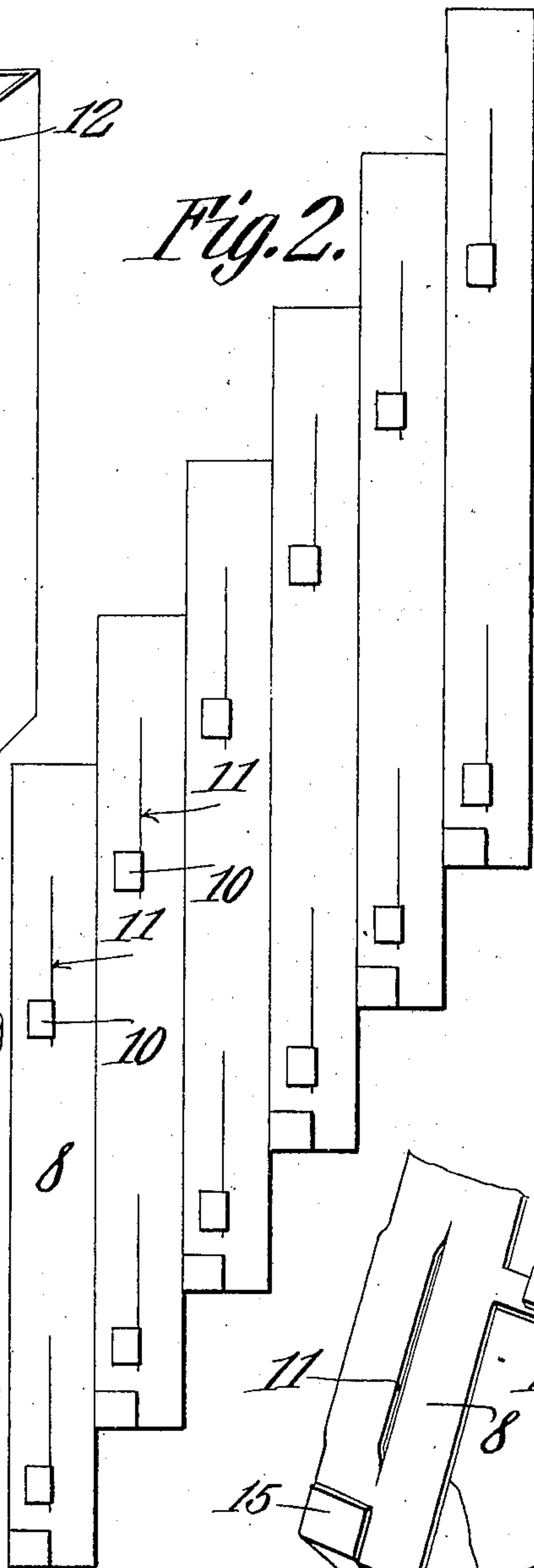


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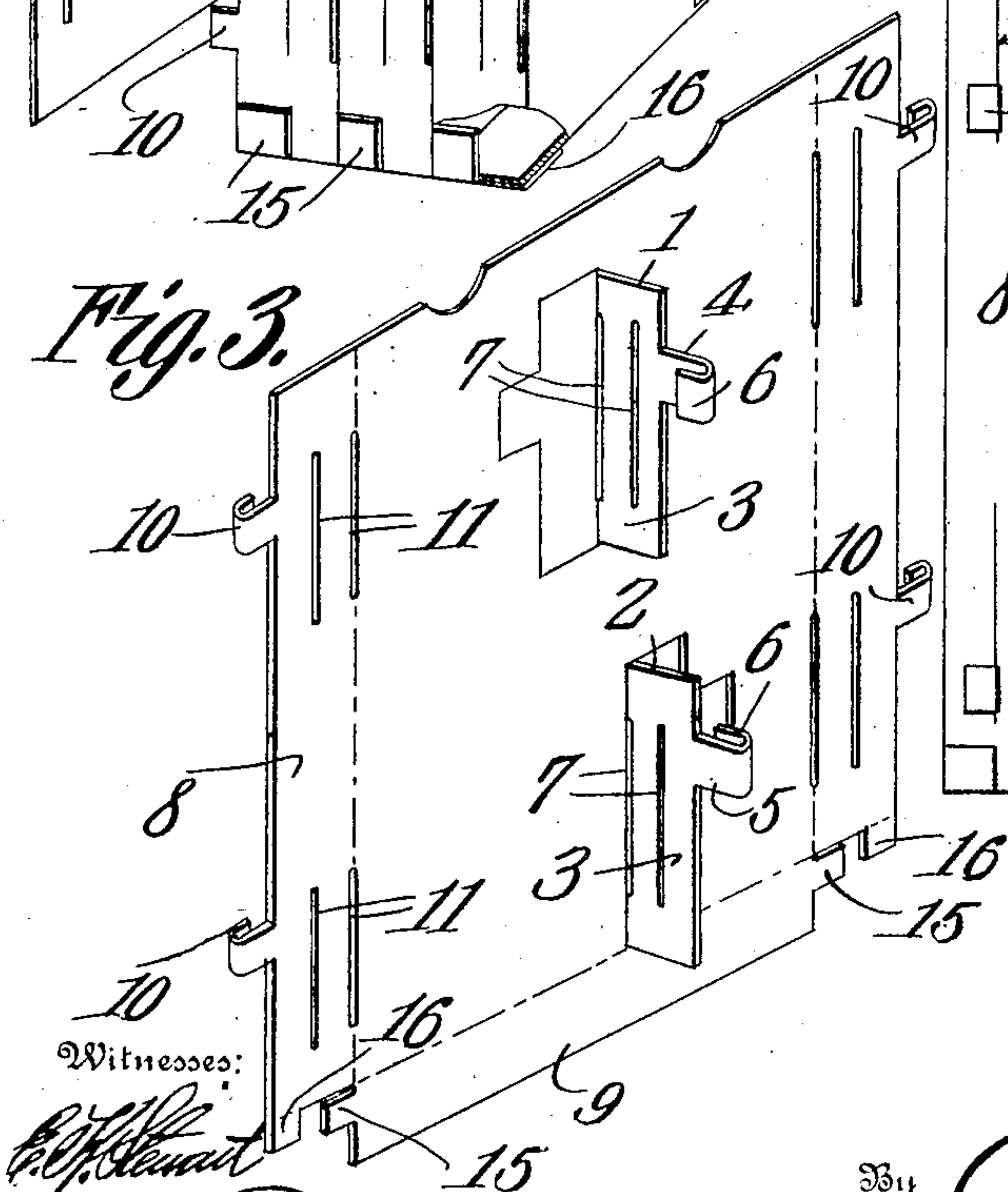
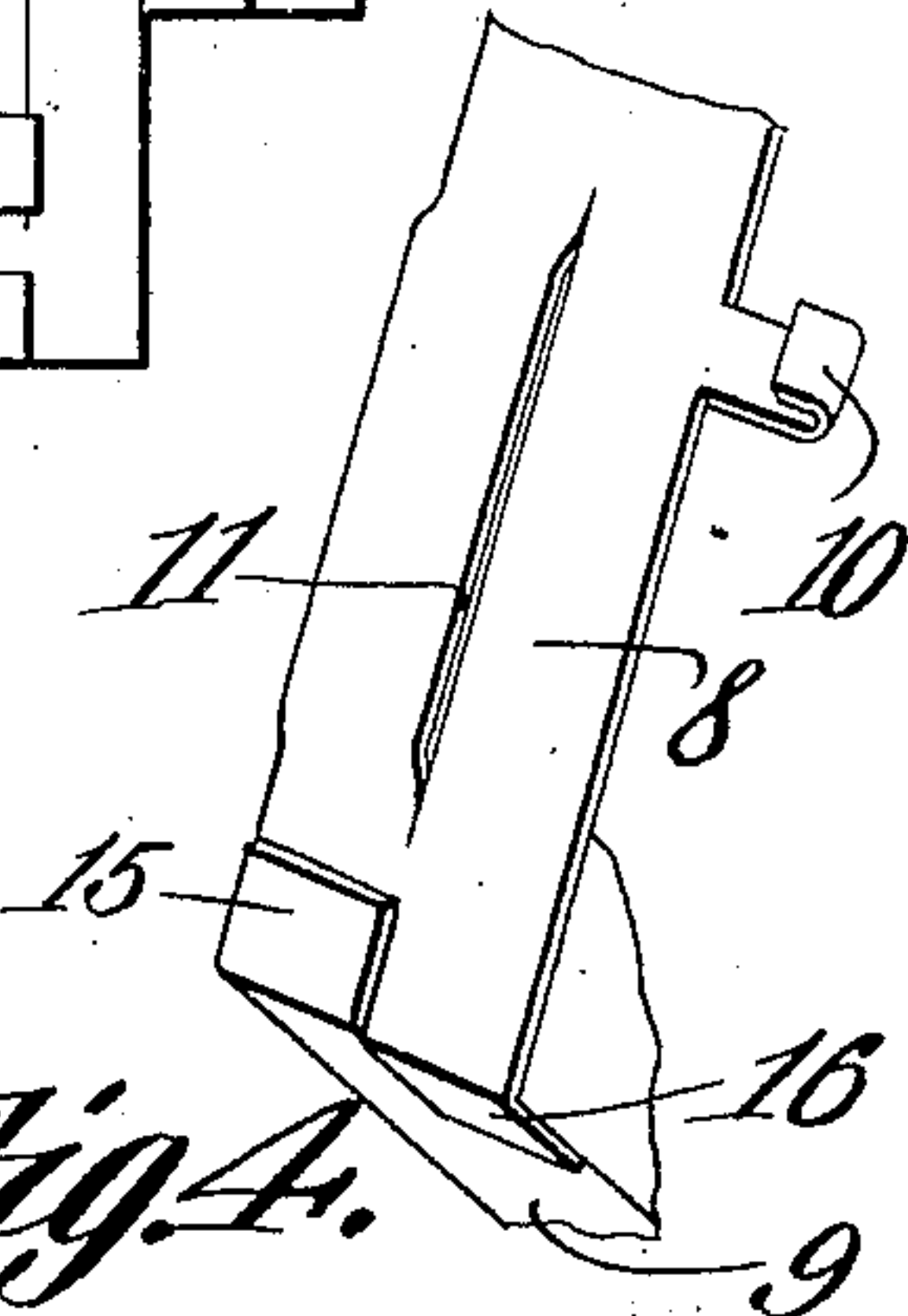


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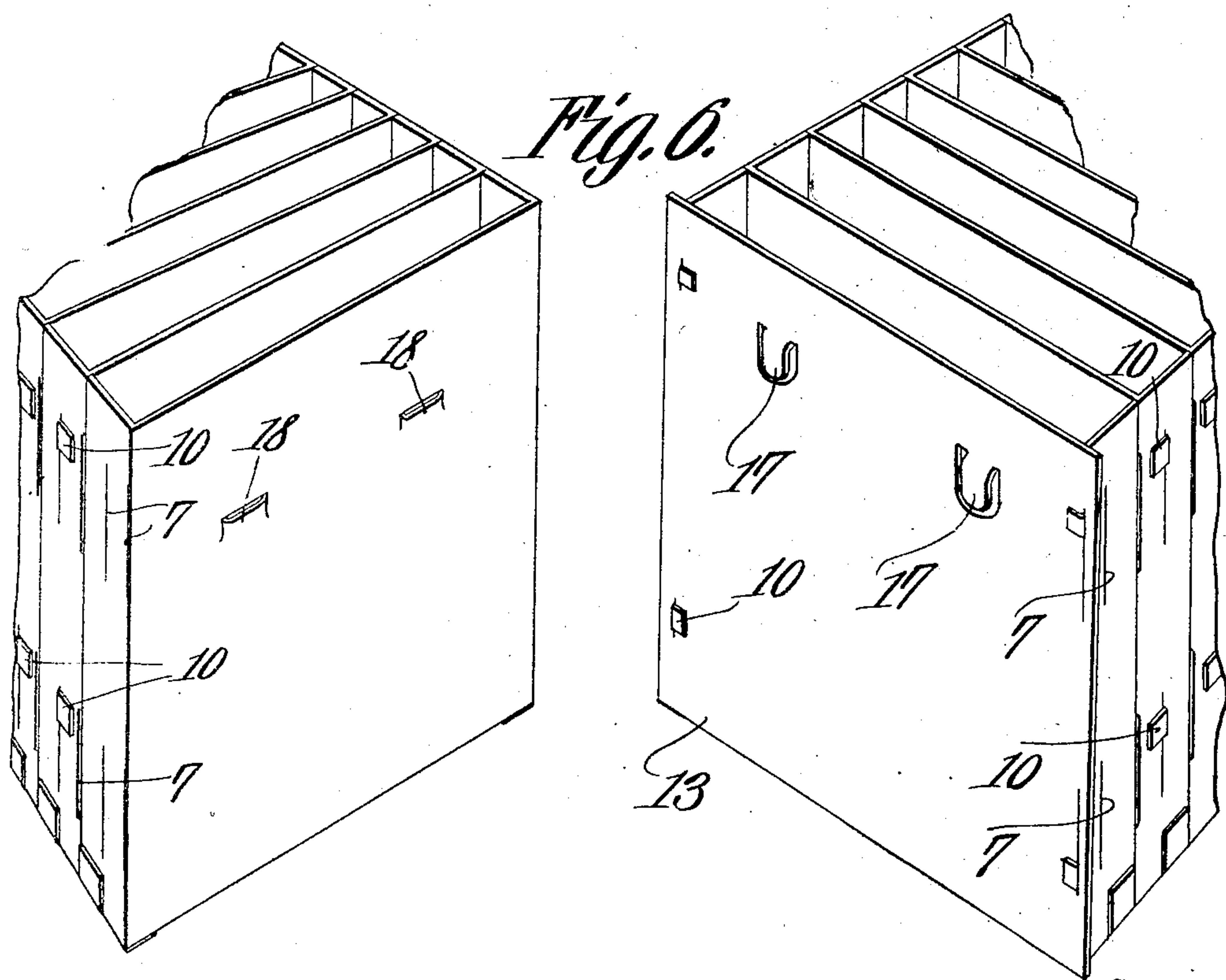
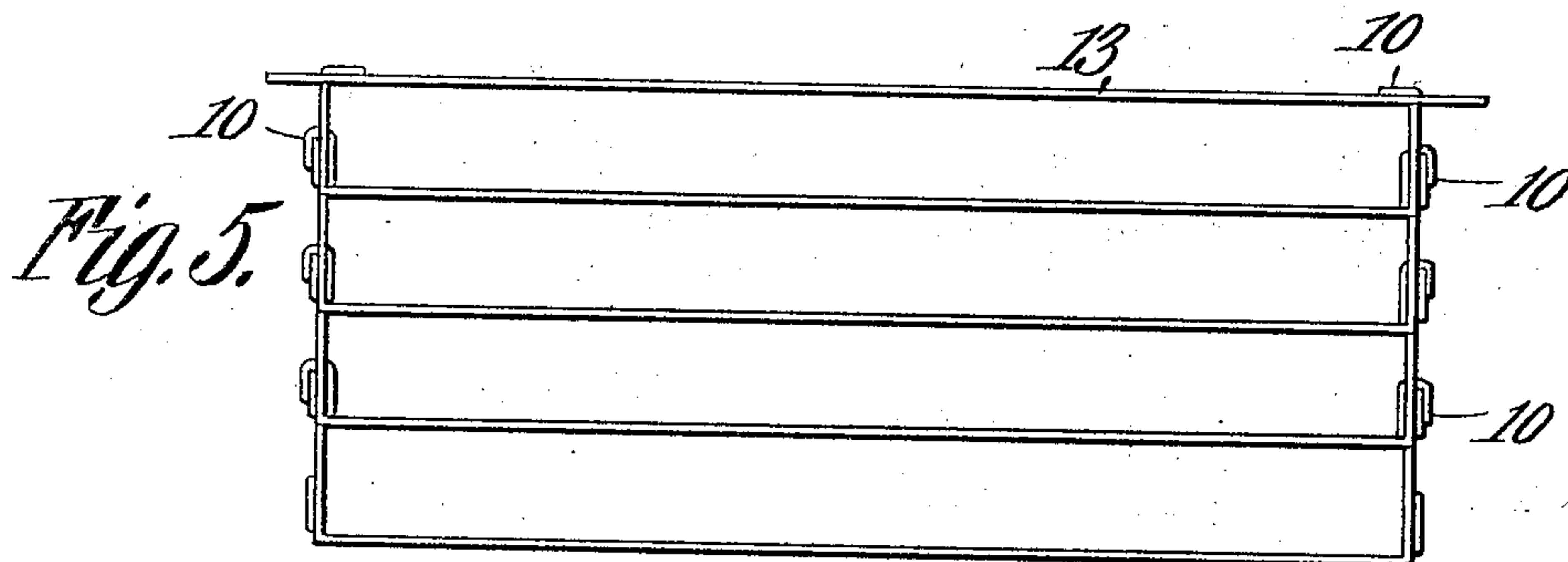
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. SCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winston Salem, in the county of Forsyth and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and useful Collapsible Bookcase, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to book holders such as are employed in stores doing a credit system of business.

The object of the invention is to provide a holder of this character, in which any desired number of sections may be connected at will, and that shall be peculiarly adapted for containing credit books, and which shall be of such construction as to be capable of extension when in use to present the series of contained books to view, and collapsible in such a manner as to occupy but slightly greater space than the naked books, whereby to adapt the holder to be transferred from the bookkeeper's desk to the safe without removing the books, thus saving the time necessary each night to arrange the books in the pigeon holes of the safe, and each morning to reconvey the books from the safe to the desk and dispose them in alphabetical order.

A further object is to provide an article of this character that shall be simple of construction, efficient and durable in use, and cheap and easy to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a book holder or file, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts: Figure 1 is a view in perspective, with parts broken away, of one form of book holder and showing the members collapsed. Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation of the holder shown in Fig. 1, showing the members extended. Fig. 3 is a perspective detail view of the blank of one of the sections or units employed in constructing the book holder shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail view in perspective, of one corner of one of the units. Fig. 5 is a top plan view of a modified form. Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the manner in which the sections are connected.

It may be stated as a preface to this speci-

fication that the holders can be constructed to accommodate a double row of books as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or a single row of books, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, or more than two rows, thus to adapt the article to meet any demand that may arise.

Each row of holders may contain as many pockets or compartments as desired, say twenty-six, corresponding to the number of letters in the alphabet, or any other number may be employed according to the taste of the user, or of the character of the system employing the article. For this reason only a small number of pockets is shown in each embodiment of the invention.

The pockets of each of the holders are constructed from sheet metal of any preferred character, and may be painted or otherwise treated to impart to them a neat and finished appearance.

Each of the blanks that form one of the pockets shown in Figs. 1 to 4, is provided along its vertical medial line with two approximately T-shaped tongues 1 and 2 that are bent or struck up to lie at right angles to the face of the blank. The heads 3 of the tongues are attached to the blank, while the stems 4 and 5 are rebent to form clips 6 that are designed slidably to interlock with slots 7 formed in the heads. The side and bottom portions of the blank are bent at right angles to the face thereof to form sides 8 and a bottom 9, these parts being held firmly in contact with the back or body portion of the next succeeding pocket by the clips 10 that project from the sides 8 slidably to interlock with slots 11 in the like parts of the next succeeding pocket. As will be noted by reference to Fig. 3, the tongues are struck up in opposite directions, that is to say, the tongue 1 is struck from the metal at the right of the medial line of the blank, and the tongue 2 at the left of the said line. The object of this arrangement is to prevent weakening the blank which would result if both the tongues were struck up from the same side of the medial line. The heads of the tongues constitute partitions that will operate in an effective manner to hold the books in their respective apartments.

In order to facilitate removal of the books, the upper edge of each of the pockets is provided with a semi-circular recess 12 for the purpose.

Each of the pockets of the series is a counterpart of the other except the rear one,

and as will be obvious, this will have to be provided with a supplemental back 13 to complete the pocket, which is provided with slots 14 to be engaged by the clips 6 and 10 of the last pocket.

As will be observed by reference to Fig. 1, the slots 7 are of considerably greater length than the width of the stems 3 and 4, the object of this arrangement being to permit of the pockets being shifted to occupy a step order relatively to each other as shown in Fig. 2.

In order to complete the corners of the pockets, the bottom of each is provided with two terminal tongues 15 and the lower end of each side with a similar tongue 16, the former tongues being bent up against the sides and the latter under against the bottom, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

The form of holder shown in Figs. 5 and 6 is the same as that above described, except that the tongues 1 and 2 are dispensed with, thus adapting each pocket to contain but one book.

In order to connect up a series of holders when desired, the back of each section will be provided near its upper edge with two tongues 17 that are designed to interlock with two slots 18 in the front of the adjacent section.

It is designed that each of the pockets shall be but slightly larger than the books that they contain, so that they will not prove cumbersome nor objectionable when placed on a desk. Furthermore, by having the pockets connected for sliding movements relatively to each other, they may readily be collapsed when they are to be stored away in the safe, and as easily be extended when they are again to be used.

I claim:

1. In a device of the class specified, a plurality of sheet metal pockets each comprising one main side wall and a pair of end walls, the end walls of each member being provided

with clips and each end wall having longitudinal slits for the reception of the clips of the adjacent end wall to thereby permit longitudinal sliding of the pockets upon each other.

2. In a holder of the class described, a plurality of pockets each comprising a main wall, a bottom wall and a pair of end walls, the end walls being provided with longitudinally disposed slits and the metal of the end walls being extended and bent to form clips that engage said slits to thereby permit longitudinal sliding of the pockets upon each other.

3. In a holder of the class described, a plurality of sheet metal pockets each comprising a main wall and a pair of end walls, the end walls being provided with longitudinal slits and with extended clips, the clips of one end wall fitting into the slits of the adjacent end wall, the metal of the main wall being cut on opposite sides of its median line and bent to form tongues that extend at a right angle to the plane of the main wall and thereby forming dividing partitions within the pockets, said tongues having extended clips for engagement with slits in the main wall of an adjacent pocket.

4. In a holder of the class described, a series of sheet metal pockets each comprising a main wall, a pair of end walls, and a bottom wall, the end walls and the bottom wall being provided with overlapping lugs, and said end walls being each provided with slits and with clips, the clips of the end wall of one pocket fitting within the slits of the end wall of said adjacent pocket.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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