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SHEET METAL CAN.
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Fig. I.

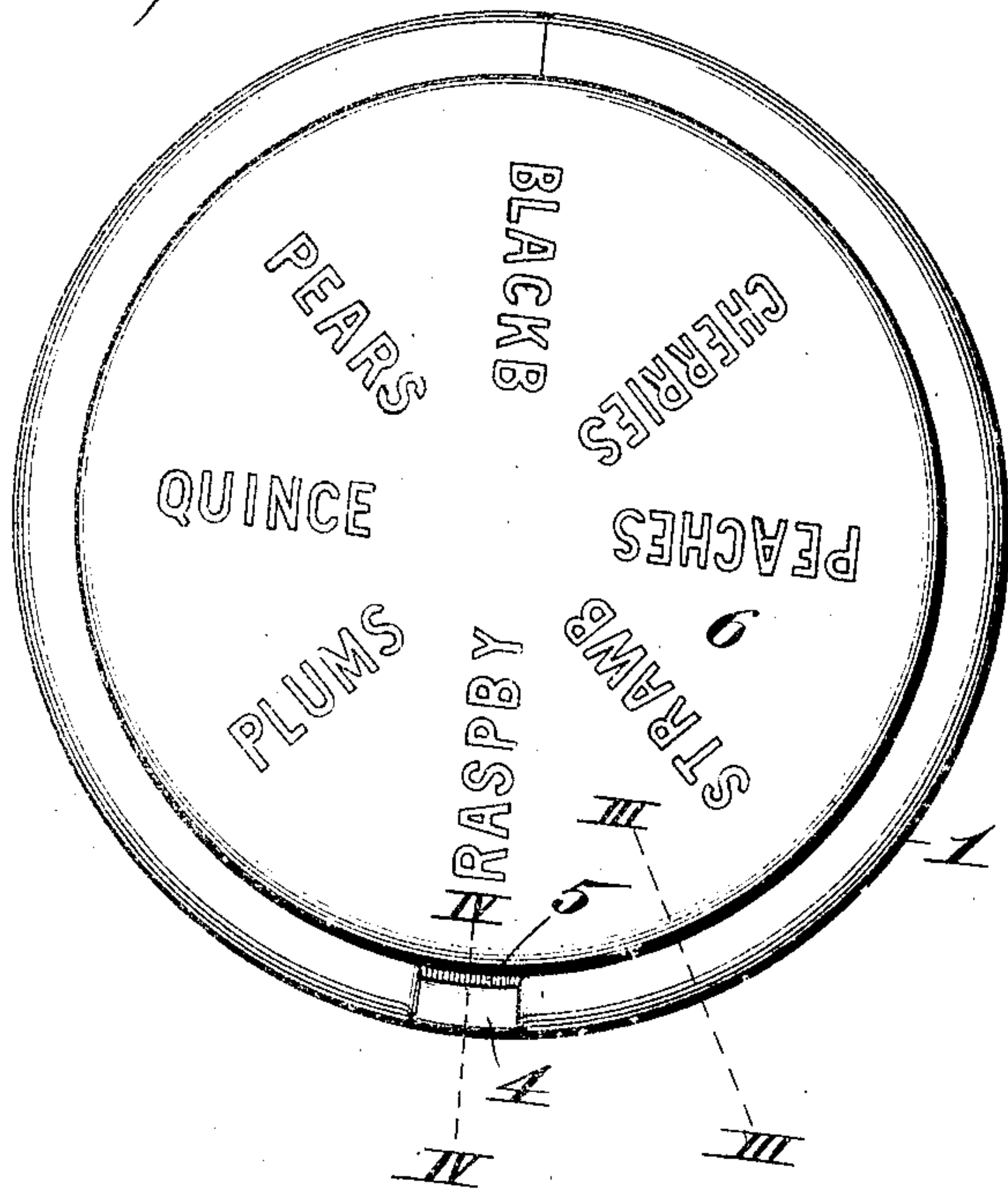


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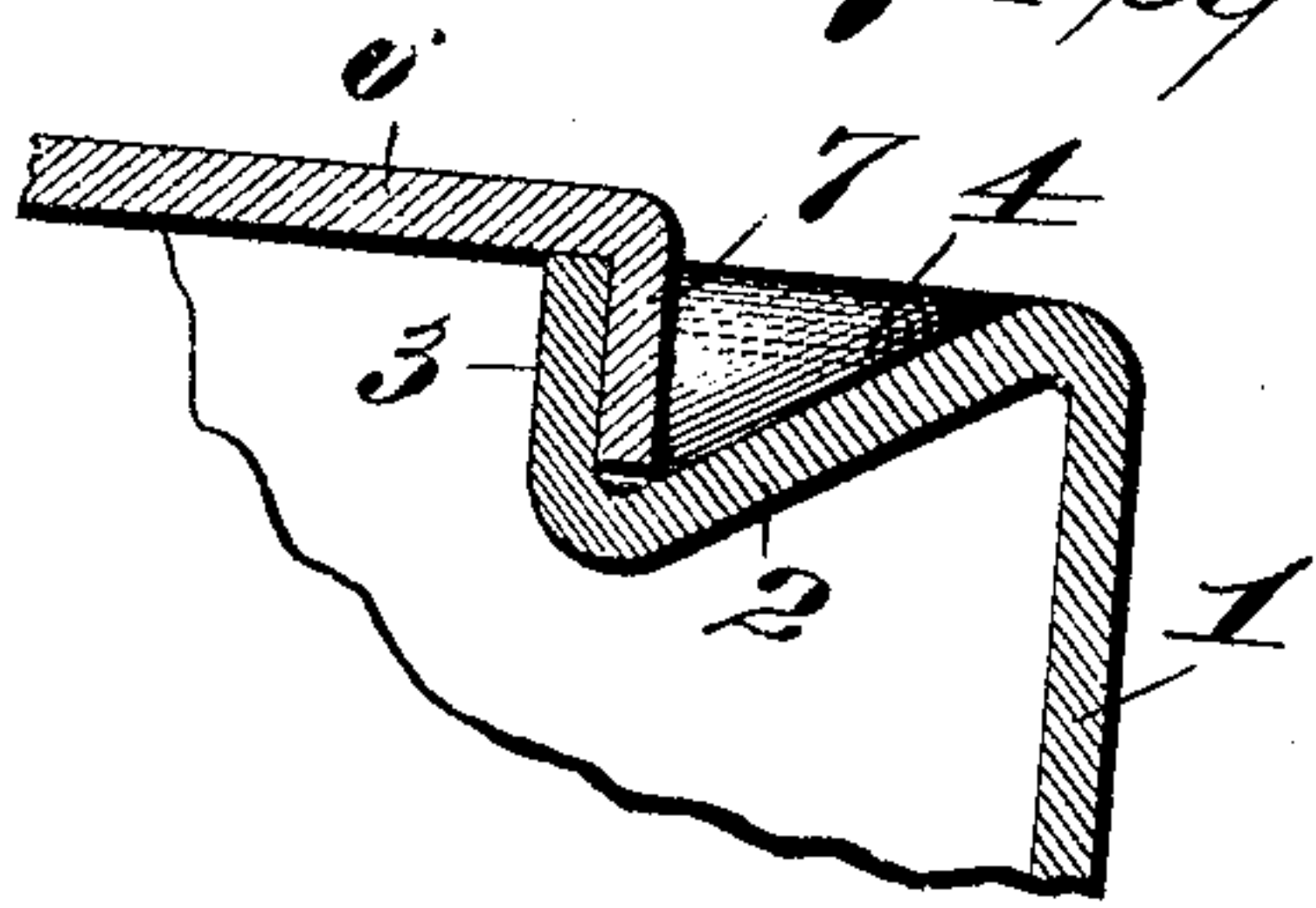


Fig. II.

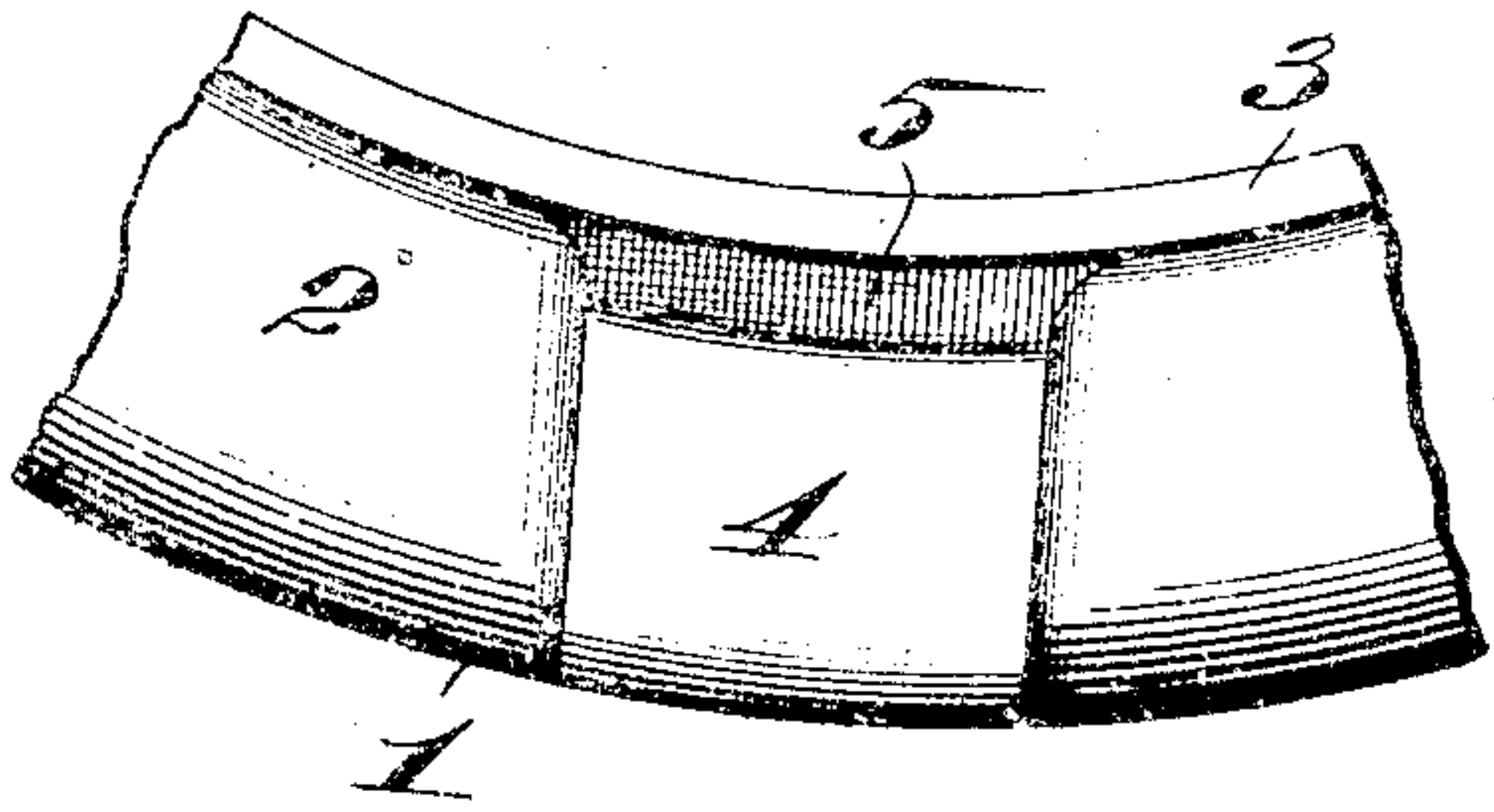
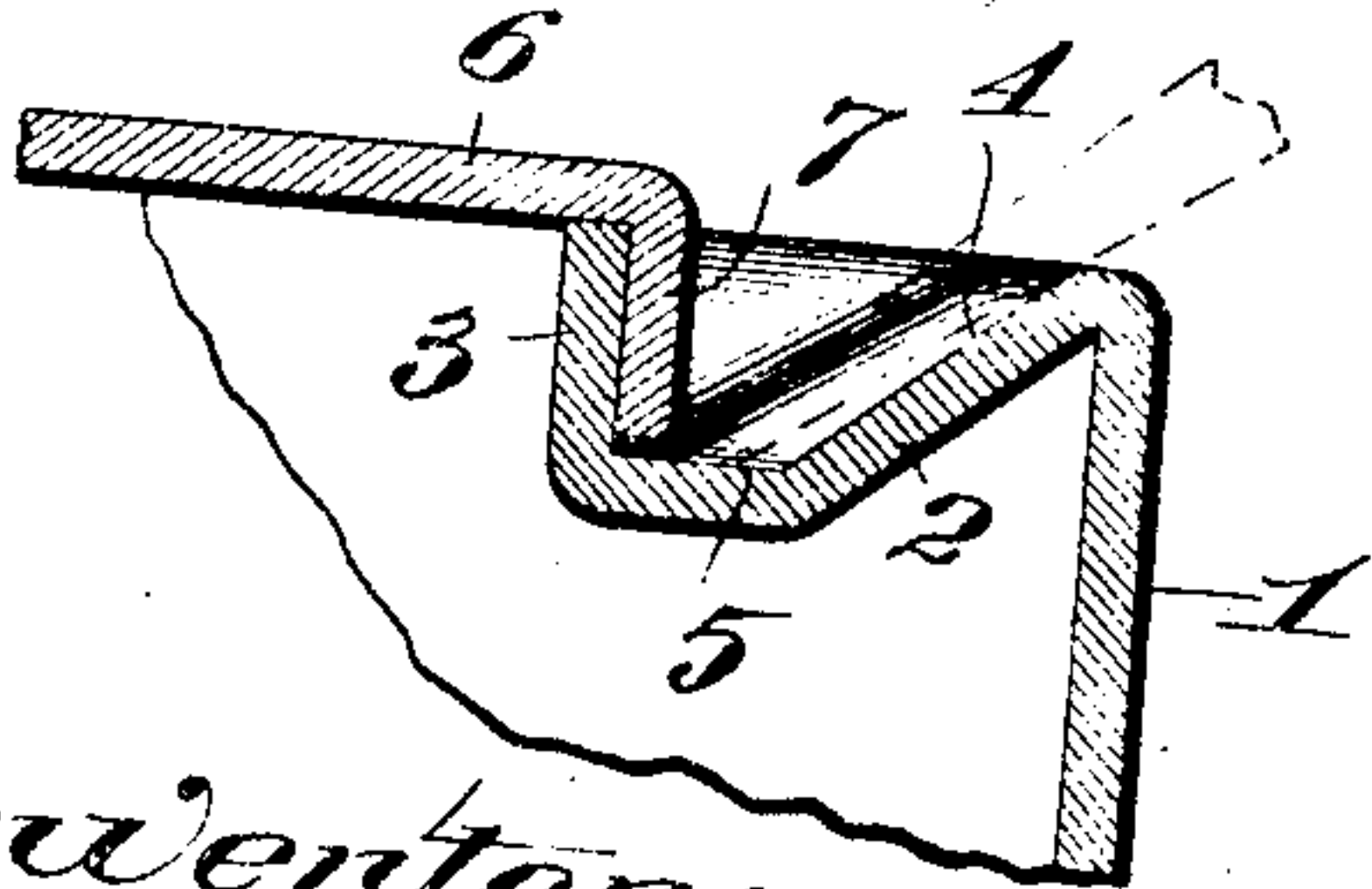


Fig. IV.



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SHEET-METAL CAN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK WESTERBECK, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sheet-Metal Cans, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of sheet metal cans more particularly used for the preservation of fruit, and it has for its object to provide a construction in the can whereby its lid may be more readily removed than in such cans as heretofore made.

A further object of the improvement is to provide an indicator whereby the contents of cans may be designated.

Figure I is a top view of my can with the lid seated thereon. Fig. II is an enlarged top view of a fragment of the can with the lid removed. Fig. III is an enlarged cross section taken on line III—III, Fig. I. Fig. IV is an enlarged cross section taken on line IV—IV, Fig. I.

1 designates the body of my can at the top of which is the inturned and downturned flange 2 having an upwardly extending annular lip 3. The flange 2 and lip 3 provide the usual sealing mixture pocket common to fruit cans.

At the top of the can body is a depression 4 formed in the inturned flange 3 and at the bottom of this depression is a flat surface 5 that is located between the downwardly in-

clined portion of the flange 2 and the upwardly extending annular lip 3.

6 designates the lid of the can which is provided with a downturned rim 7. This lid is adapted to be applied to the upturned annular lip 3 so that its rim fits over the upturned annular lip 3 of the can and occupies the pocket formed by said rim and the inturned flange 2. The lid 6 bears a variety of designations of articles that may be introduced into the can and through the medium of which the contents of the can may be indicated.

When a can constructed in accordance with my improvement has been filled the lid is so applied thereto as to position a designation on the lid corresponding to the contents of the can in line with the depression 4, whereby the contents of the can is indicated, due to the depression serving as an index.

I claim as my invention:

In a sheet metal can, the combination with the can body having an inwardly and downwardly inclined flange terminating in an upwardly extending lip forming an angular annular sealing pocket in the top of said body; of a lid provided with a depending rim impinging the inclined flange without reaching the bottom of the pocket, said inclined flange being provided with a radial depression to permit the introduction of a lever below the rim of said lid.

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