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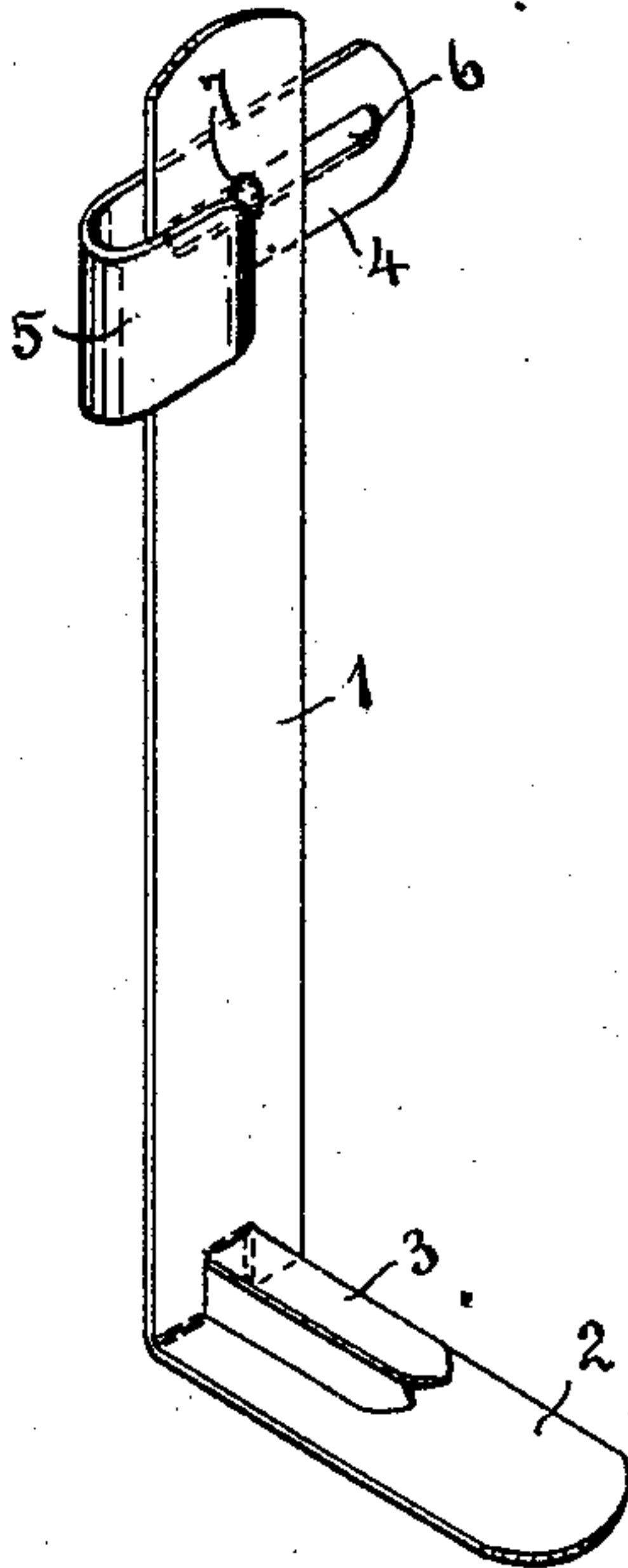


Fig. 1.

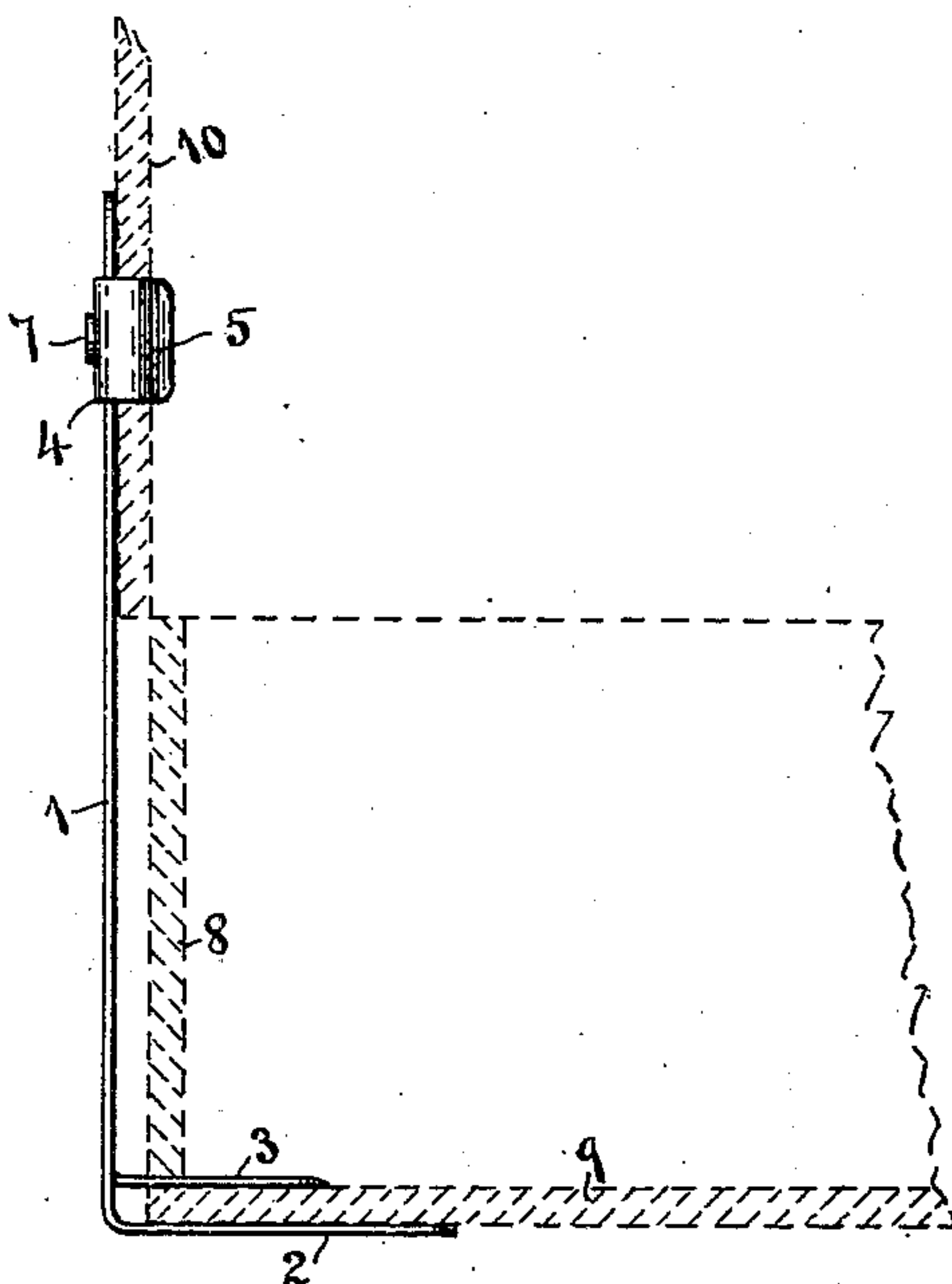


Fig. 2.

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## BOX-LID HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. UFFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elmira, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Box-Lid Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in devices for holding open the lids of boxes to disclose the contents, when set out by merchants for display to customers; and has particular reference to the display of cigars in their boxes in show cases, wherein the boxes must be set in close proximity to one another with the lids held in a substantially upright position, in order not to hide the boxes beyond.

My object is to provide a simple and effective device of this character, which will be cheap to manufacture, and will be held securely in place when applied to the box.

I attain my object by constructing the holder in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the holder; and Fig. 2, a side elevation thereof, with a portion of a box in section, shown in broken lines, to illustrate the mode of attachment.

Like numerals designate like parts in the two views.

The holder is made from thin, stiff metal, and consists of an upright portion 1, bent over at the bottom to form a foot piece 2 at right angles to the upright. Above this foot piece is a prong 3, which is preferably stamped from the metal, and bent up parallel to the foot piece, as shown, the distance between this prong and the foot piece corresponding to the thickness of the bottom of the box to which the holder is to be applied. The thickness of the bottom being practically the same in all cigar boxes, the holders can be made standard for application to such boxes. At its upper end, the upright has attached to it a cross-bar 4, provided at one end with a hook 5. Where it passes across the upright, the cross-bar is provided with a slot 6, which is engaged by a pin 7 projecting from the upright and headed over at its outward end to hold the cross-bar against the upright.

When applying this holder to a box, the prong 3 will be inserted through the joint between the back 8 of the box and the bottom 9, as shown in Fig. 2, near one end of the box, the foot piece 2 passing under the bottom of the box. The upright, by this means, is held securely in position. The hook 5 is then drawn out to one side, to permit the cover 10 to be thrown up against the upright; after which the hook is pushed back to engage and hold the cover in this open position. The holder may be applied to the box near either end, since the cross-bar may be swung over to place the hook at one side or the other of the upright.

What I claim is—

1. A box-lid holder comprising an upright having a foot piece projecting from its lower end and a prong projecting over and parallel to the foot piece, and means on the upper end of the upright for fastening a lid thereto.

2. A box-lid holder comprising an upright having a foot piece projecting from its lower end and a prong projecting over and parallel to the foot piece, and a cross-bar slidably mounted on the upright at its upper end, said cross-bar being provided with a hook at one end adapted to engage a lid when turned up against the upright.

3. A box-lid holder comprising an upright provided with means for fastening it at the back of a box, and a cross-bar slidably mounted on the upright at its upper end, said cross-bar being provided with a hook at one end adapted to engage the lid of the box when turned up against the upright.

4. A box-lid holder comprising an upright provided with means for fastening it at the back of a box, a pin projecting from the upright adjacent its upper end, and a slotted cross-bar secured to the upright by said pin, said cross-bar being provided with a hook at one end adapted to engage the lid of the box when turned up against the upright.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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