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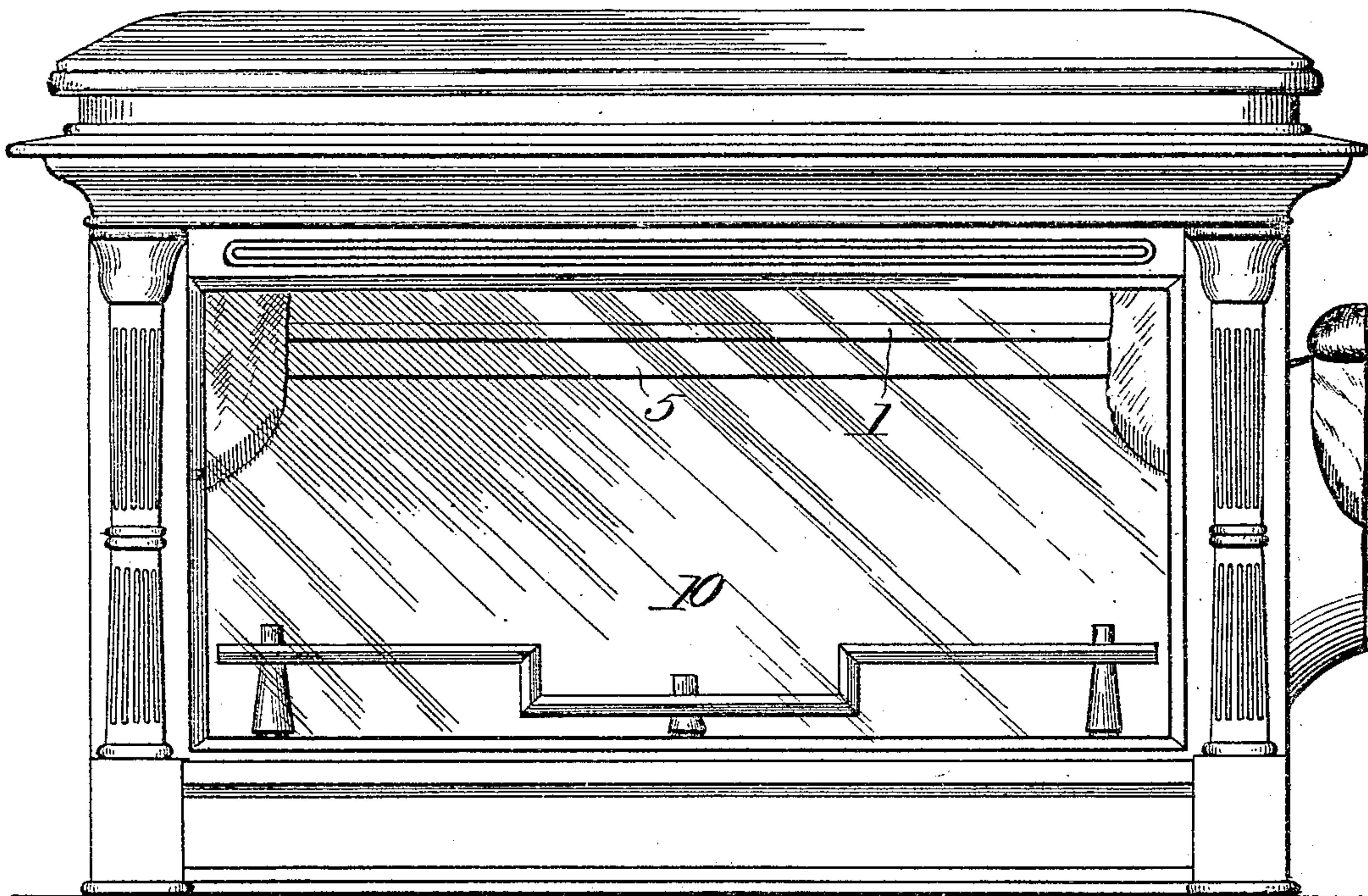
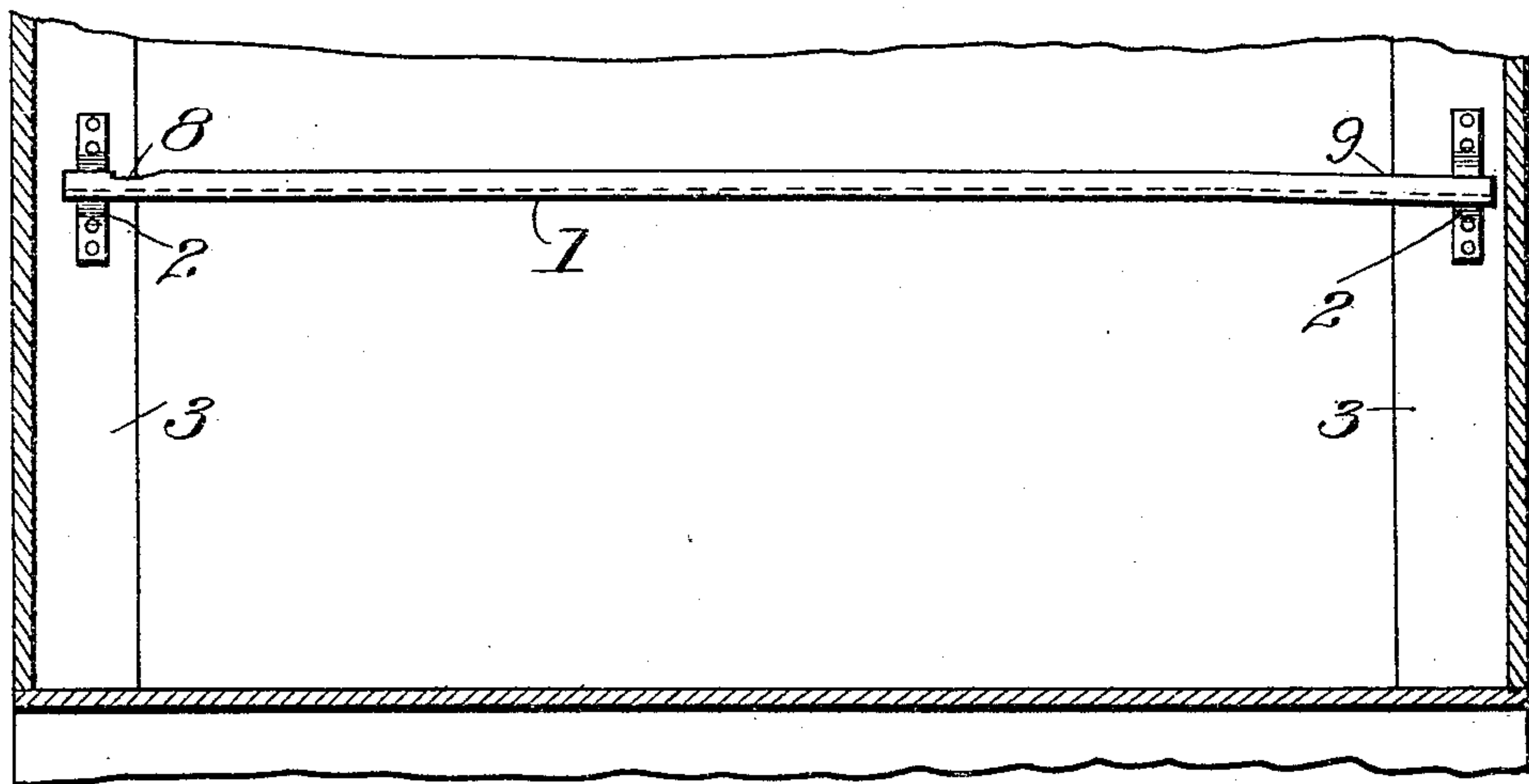


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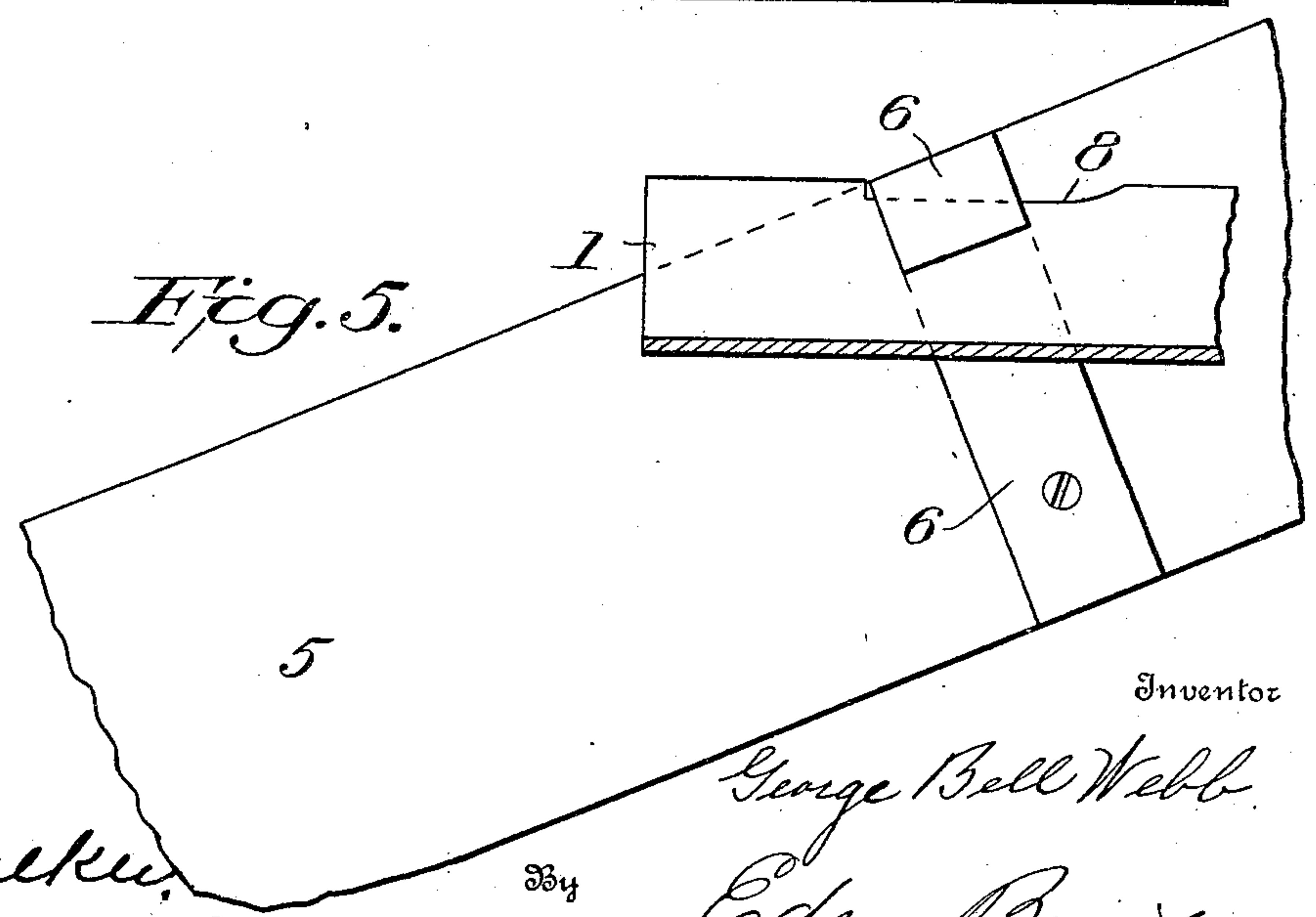
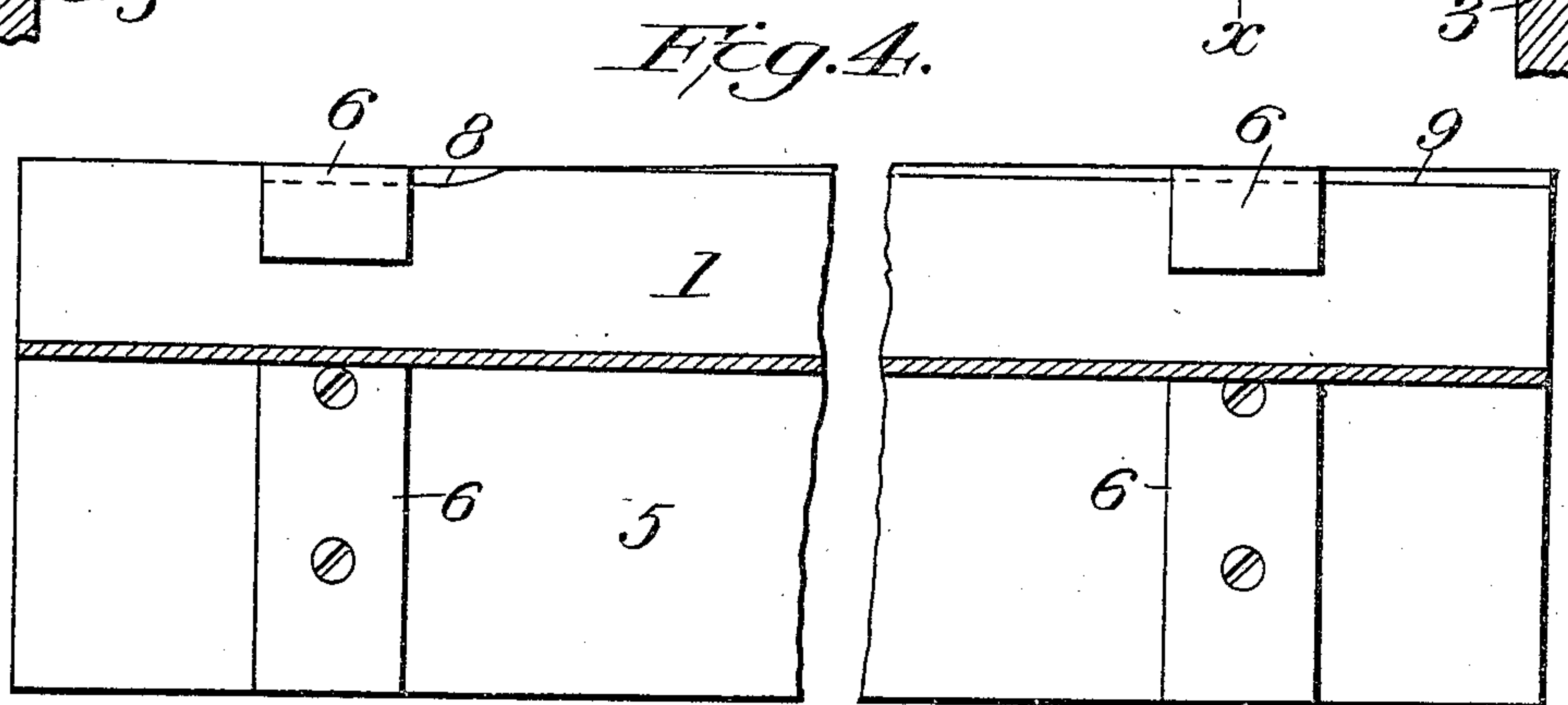
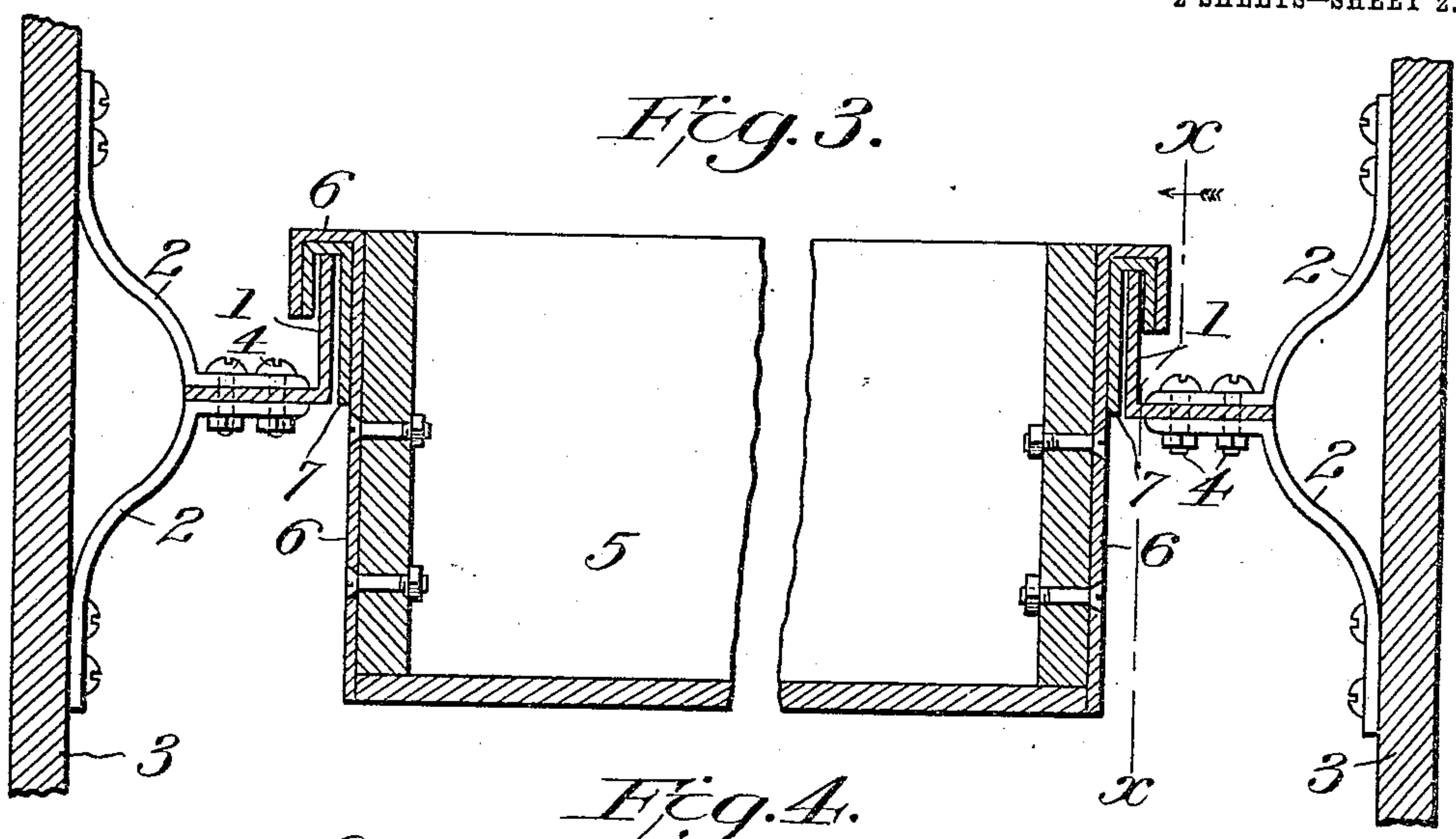
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. WEBB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kinston, in the county of Lenoir and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Hearses; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to hearses.

It has for its object to provide for the conveyance of flowers inside of a hearse at burials in such a manner that they may be easily and quickly placed in position and removed without danger of their being disarranged or broken.

The invention consists in placing a removable tray in the hearse, said tray being supported upon tracks secured to the inner surfaces of the side walls of the vehicle.

The invention also consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter described and specified in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating the preferred embodiment of my invention: Figure 1 is a side elevation of a hearse constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a broken longitudinal vertical sectional view with the tray removed. Fig. 3 is an enlarged broken transverse vertical sectional view showing the tray in place. Fig. 4 is a broken sectional view on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a view taken in a similar way but showing the tray partially removed.

In carrying out my invention, I arrange tracks 1 within the hearse, each of said tracks being supported on brackets 2 secured to the inner surfaces of the side walls 3 of the vehicle. Said tracks preferably comprise angle irons of suitable size, the horizontal flanges of which are secured to the brackets 2 by bolts 4. Variations in the width of the horizontal flanges of the tracks will enable them to be adjusted to fit different widths of hearses so as to accommodate the same width of tray.

The tray 5 may be constructed of any suitable material and carries hangers 6 which fit over and run upon the tracks. I prefer to use two hangers on each side of the tray, as shown, one being placed near each end, but a greater number may be employed if found

desirable for any reason or continuous strips extending substantially the entire length of the tray may be substituted for said hangers. Each of the hangers is lined with leather, cloth, or other suitable material, as shown at 7, to deaden the sound when the tray is moved along the tracks. Rollers may be placed in the hangers but I prefer to use the slide contact because it makes less noise.

Each track has a notch 8 near its rear end so that when the tray is in place the rear hanger will rest therein and prevent said tray from being inadvertently removed or jarred out of position. When the tray is partly removed as illustrated in Fig. 5, the front hangers engage these notches and hold the tray in an inclined position and prevent it from sliding all the way out. The upper edges of the forward portion of the upper track decline gradually, as at 9, in Figs. 2 and 4, for the purpose of bringing the forward hangers on a level with the rear hangers when the tray is in place and said rear hangers rest in the notches 8.

The side walls of the hearse may be provided with windows 10 as illustrated in Fig. 1 to permit a view of the flowers in the tray from the outside.

I do not limit myself to the details of construction shown and described herein as they may be changed without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of my invention.

I claim:

1. The combination, with a hearse, of tracks arranged therein and having notches near their rear ends, a removable tray, and hangers mounted on said tray and adapted to engage said tracks, said notches being arranged to engage certain of said hangers when the tray is in place for transportation and to hold said tray in a substantially horizontal position with its rear end arranged interiorly of the rear end of the hearse.

2. The combination, with a hearse, of tracks arranged therein, said tracks having notches in their upper edges near their rear ends and their front ends lower than their middle portions, a removable tray and four hangers on said tray, two being arranged near the rear end thereof in position to normally engage said notches when said tray is supported on said tracks for transportation, the other two hangers being positioned so as to engage the lower front portions of said tracks when the rear hangers are arranged in

said notches whereby the tray is supported in a horizontal position.

3. The combination, with a hearse, of tracks arranged therein, said tracks having
5 notches in their upper edges near their rear ends and their front ends gradually declined forwardly, a removable tray and four hangers on said tray, two being arranged near the rear end thereof in position to normally
10 engage said notches when said tray is supported on said tracks for transportation, the

other two hangers being positioned so as to engage the declined front portions of said tracks when the rear hangers are arranged in said notches whereby the tray is supported 15 in a horizontal position.

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

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