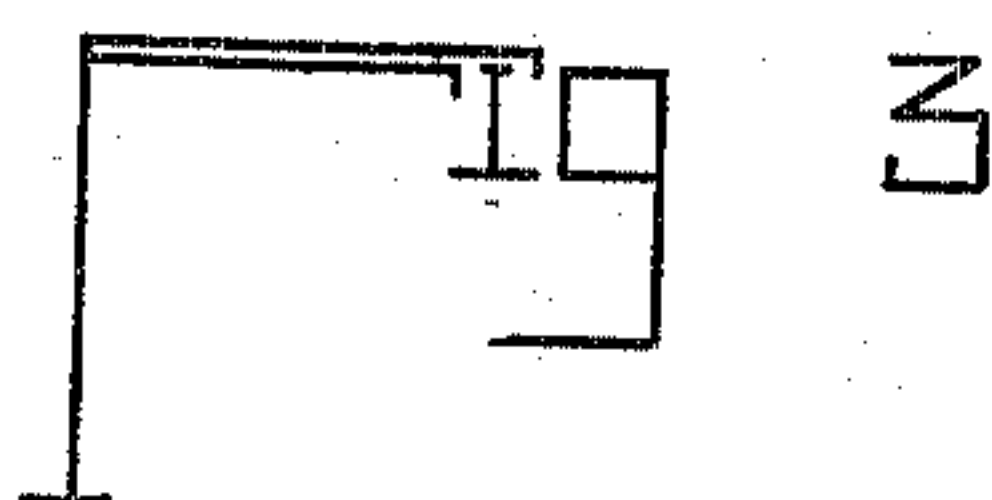
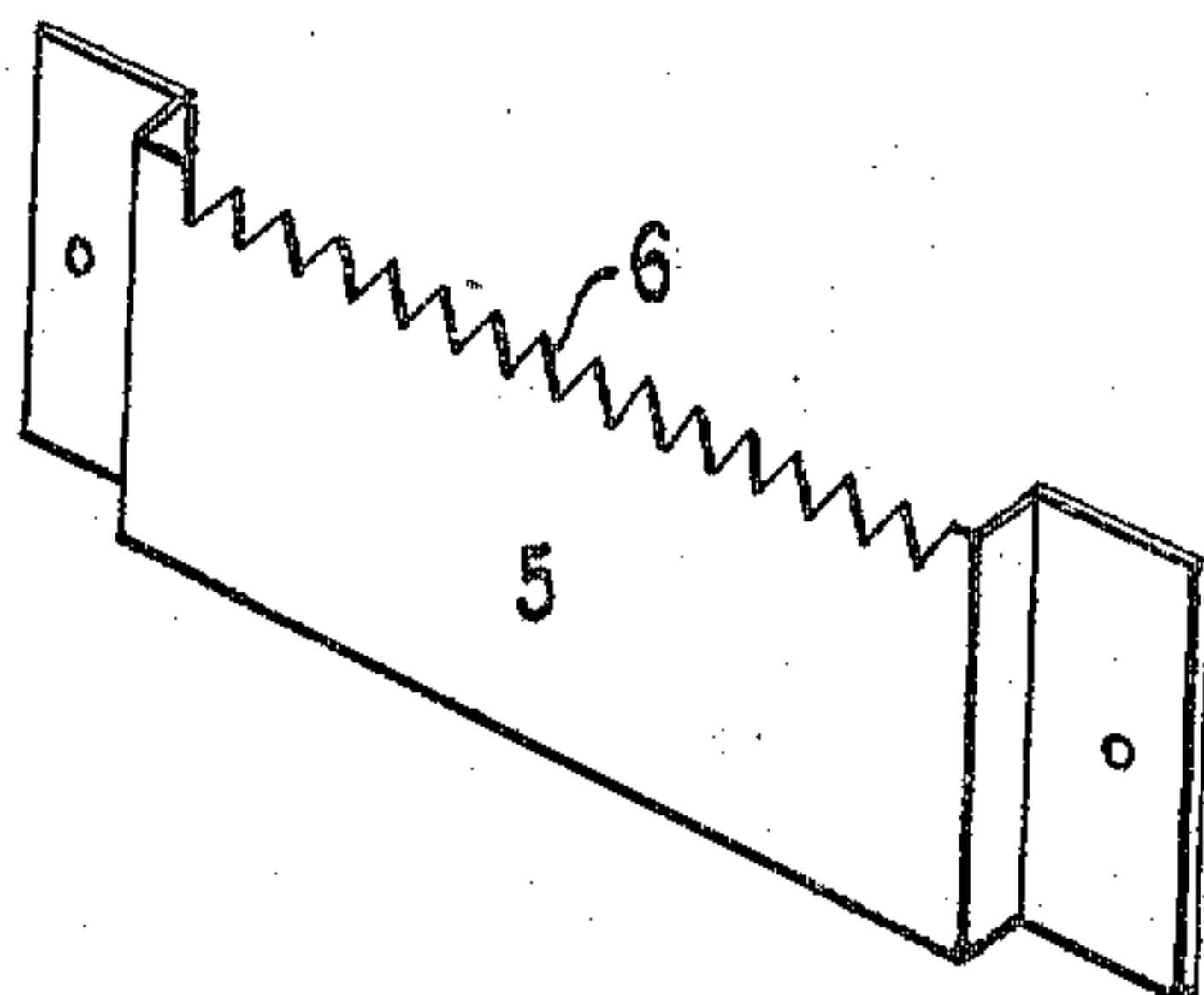
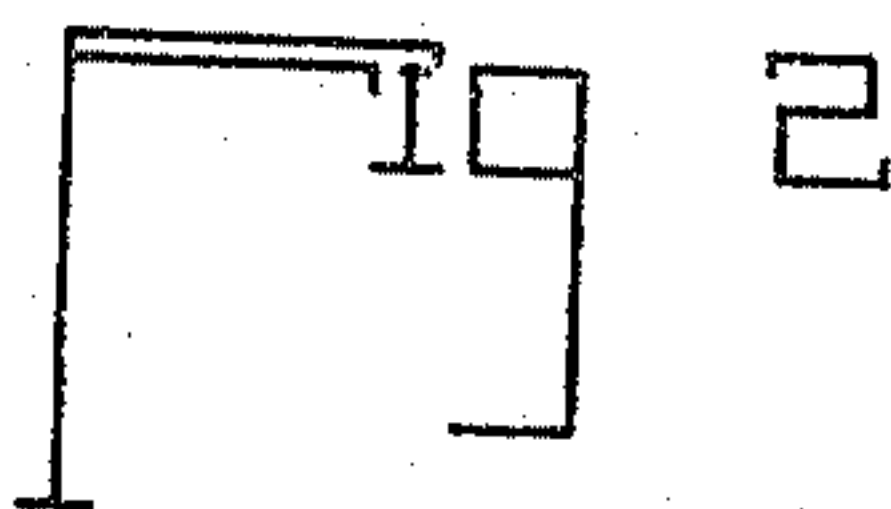
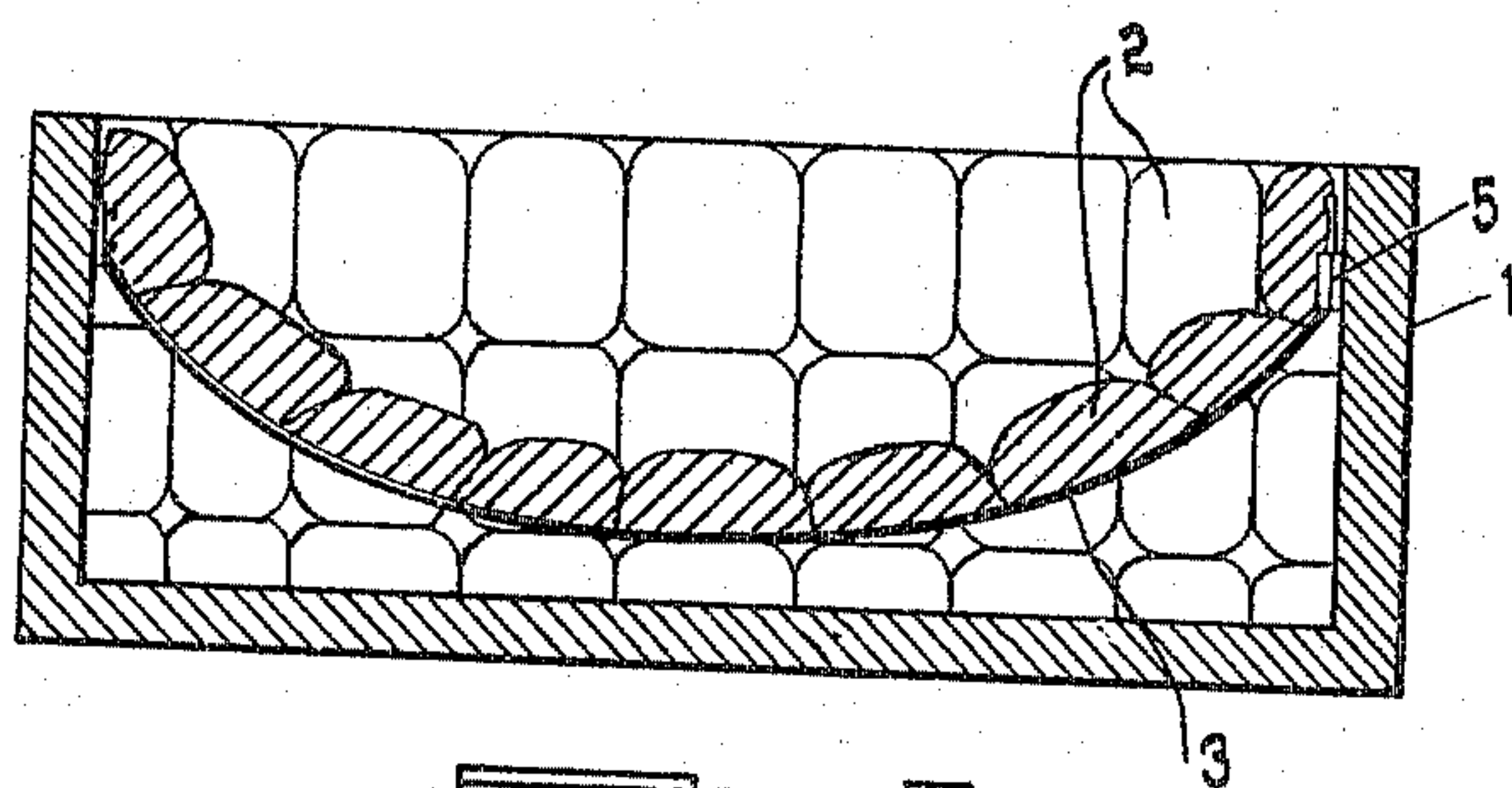
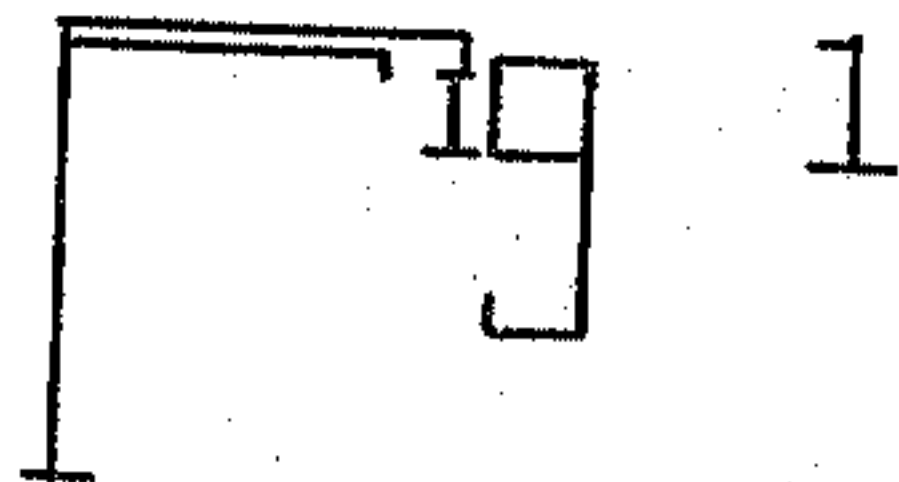
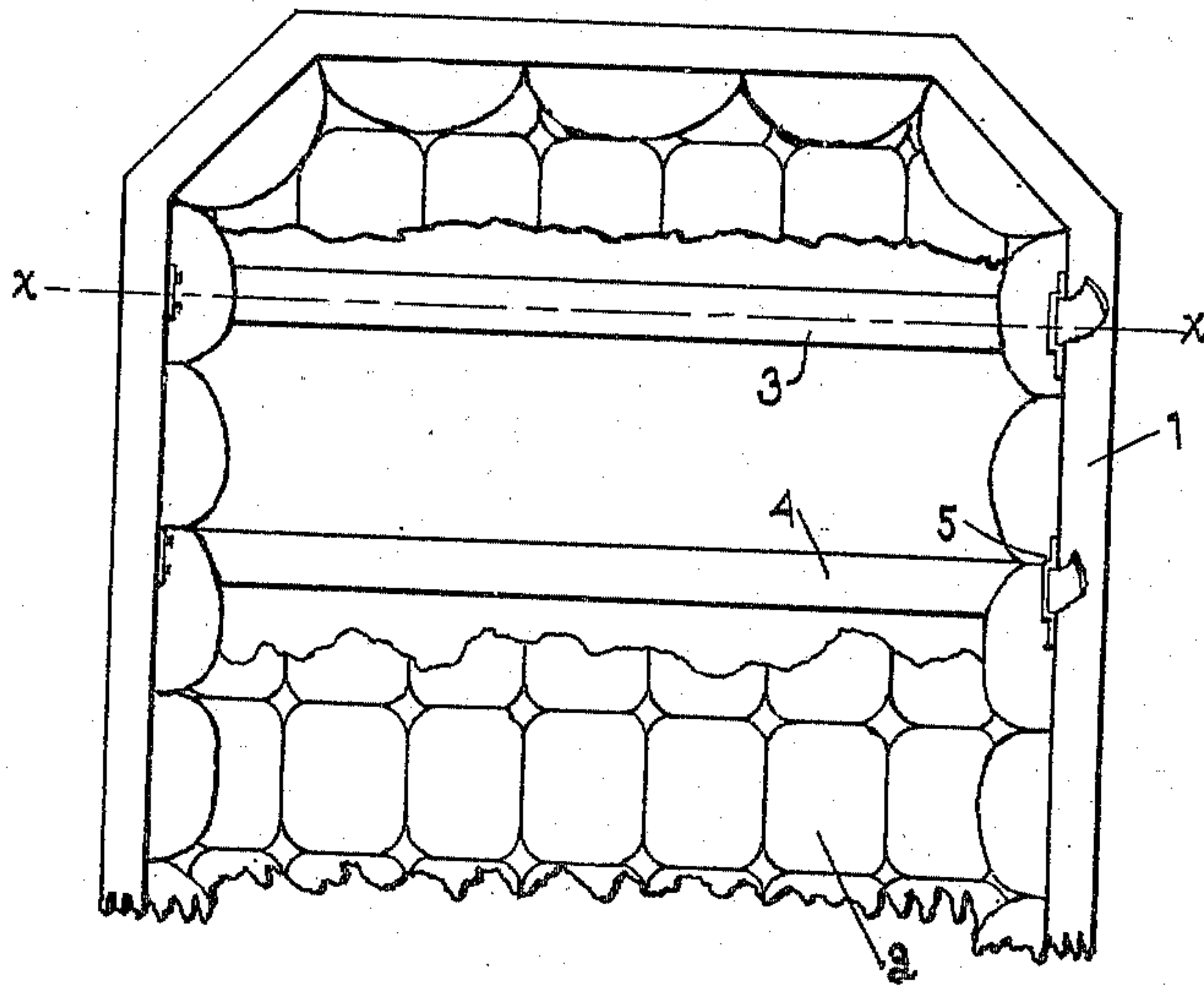


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, URIAH H. DEERING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleburne, in the county of Johnson and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Coffins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful attachment for coffins, and has for its object the provision of means by which the position of the head and shoulders of a corpse may be vertically adjusted in a coffin.

A further object is to accomplish this adjustment by means of two flexible bands extending transversely across the coffin, one of which bands supports the head of the corpse and the other the shoulders, the length of said bands being adjustable.

Finally the object of the invention is to provide a device of the character described, which will be strong, durable, simple and efficient, and comparatively easy to construct.

With these and various other objects in view my invention has relation to certain novel features of the construction, an example of which is described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top view of the head portion of a coffin, showing said flexible bands extending thereacross, a portion of the upholstery being broken away to permit said bands to be seen. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view upon the line "X—X" of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a toothed metal fastener, one of which is employed to secure an extremity of each of said flexible bands.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing wherein like numerals of reference designate similar parts in all the figures, the numeral 1 denotes a coffin or casket adapted to receive a corpse, and 2 designates the upholstery thereof. Flexible bands 3 and 4 extending transversely across the head portion of the coffin are adapted to support respectively the head and shoulders of a corpse. It is intended that these bands pass beneath

the upholstery of the coffin so as to be entirely invisible. One end of each band is permanently secured to one side of the coffin. The other end of each band is secured to the other side of the coffin by the metal attachments illustrated in Fig. 3. The extremity of the band is brought up between the wall of the coffin and the offset portion of the metallic device 5 and is caught by the teeth 6 carried at the upper extremity of said device. The two bands may be tightened or slackened to any desired position and secured in that position by the teeth 6.

This device is simple and inexpensive and may be attached to any coffin or casket. It permits the head and shoulders of the corpse to be quickly adjusted up and down, and does not detract in any way from the appearance of the upholstery.

I am aware that a fastening other than that shown in Fig. 3 might be used to accomplish the same purpose in this device, and that various other changes might be made as regards the form and proportion of the parts without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes and alterations in this device as fairly come within the scope of the following claim.

What I claim is:

An attachment for a coffin, consisting of a flexible band, having one end permanently secured to one side of the head portion of the coffin, and a toothed fastening attached to the other side thereof, and having an offset portion providing a space between the wall of the coffin and the holding device, through which said band is adapted to be passed, the extremity of the band being adjustably secured by the teeth of the fastening.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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