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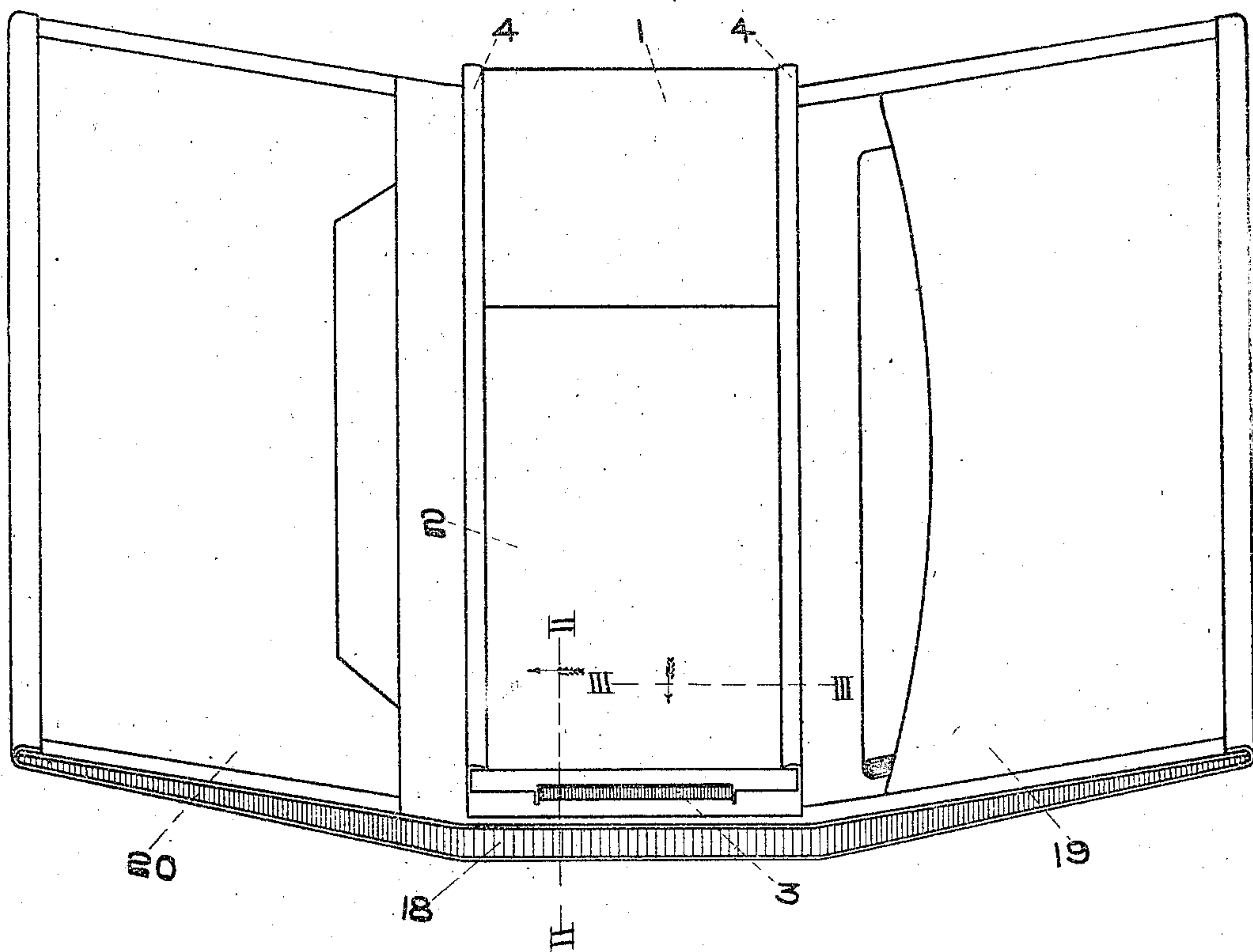


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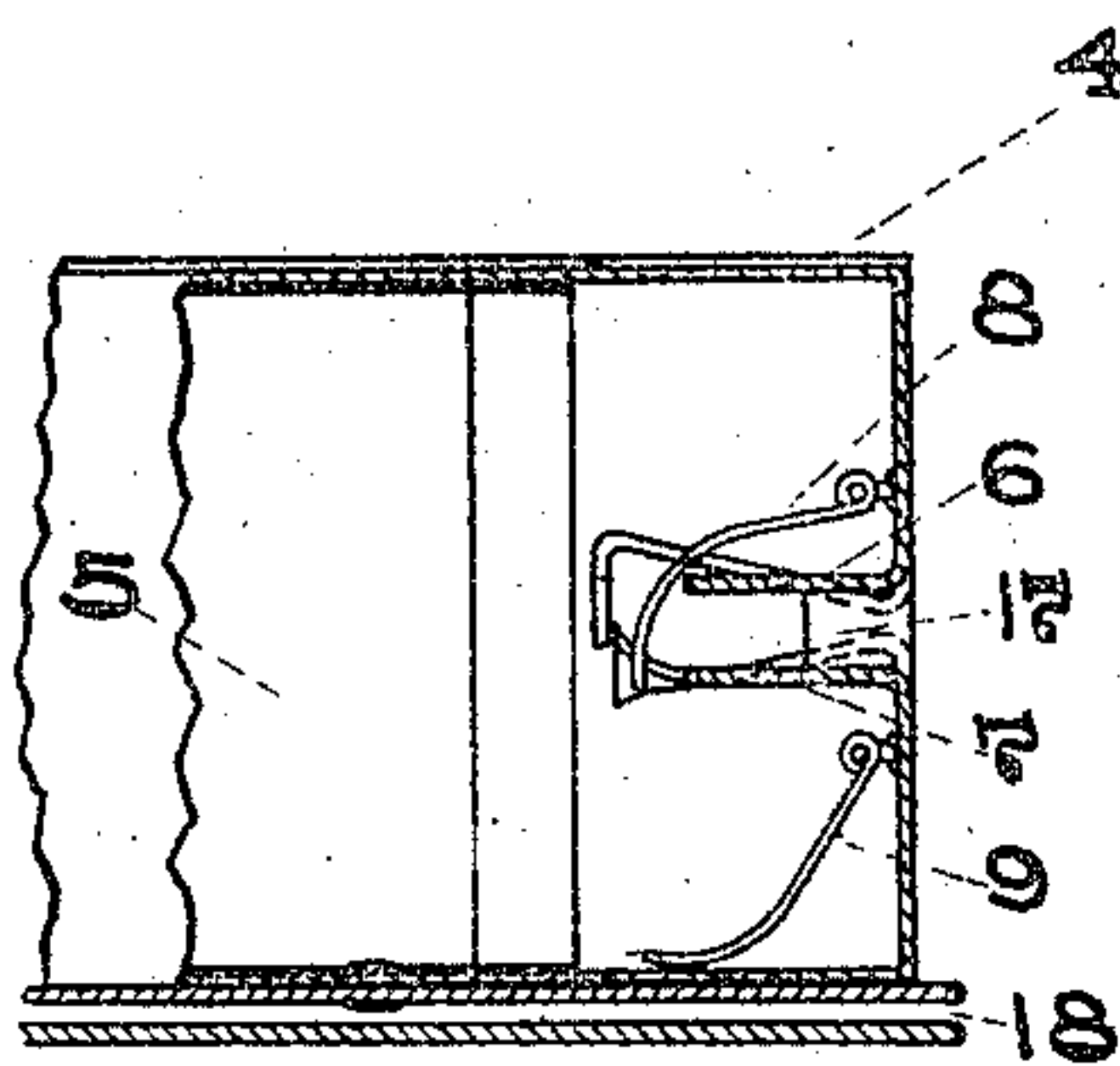


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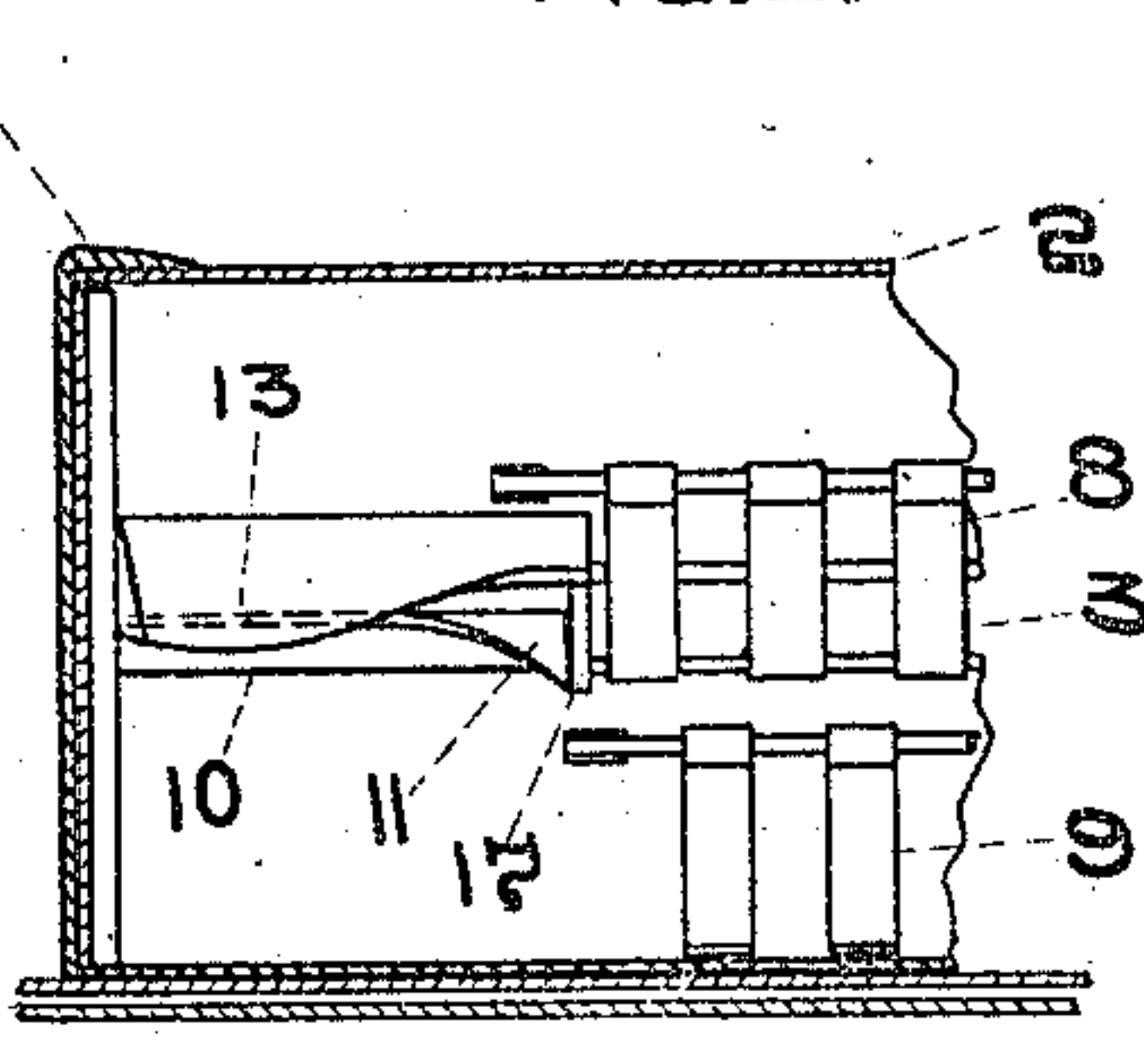


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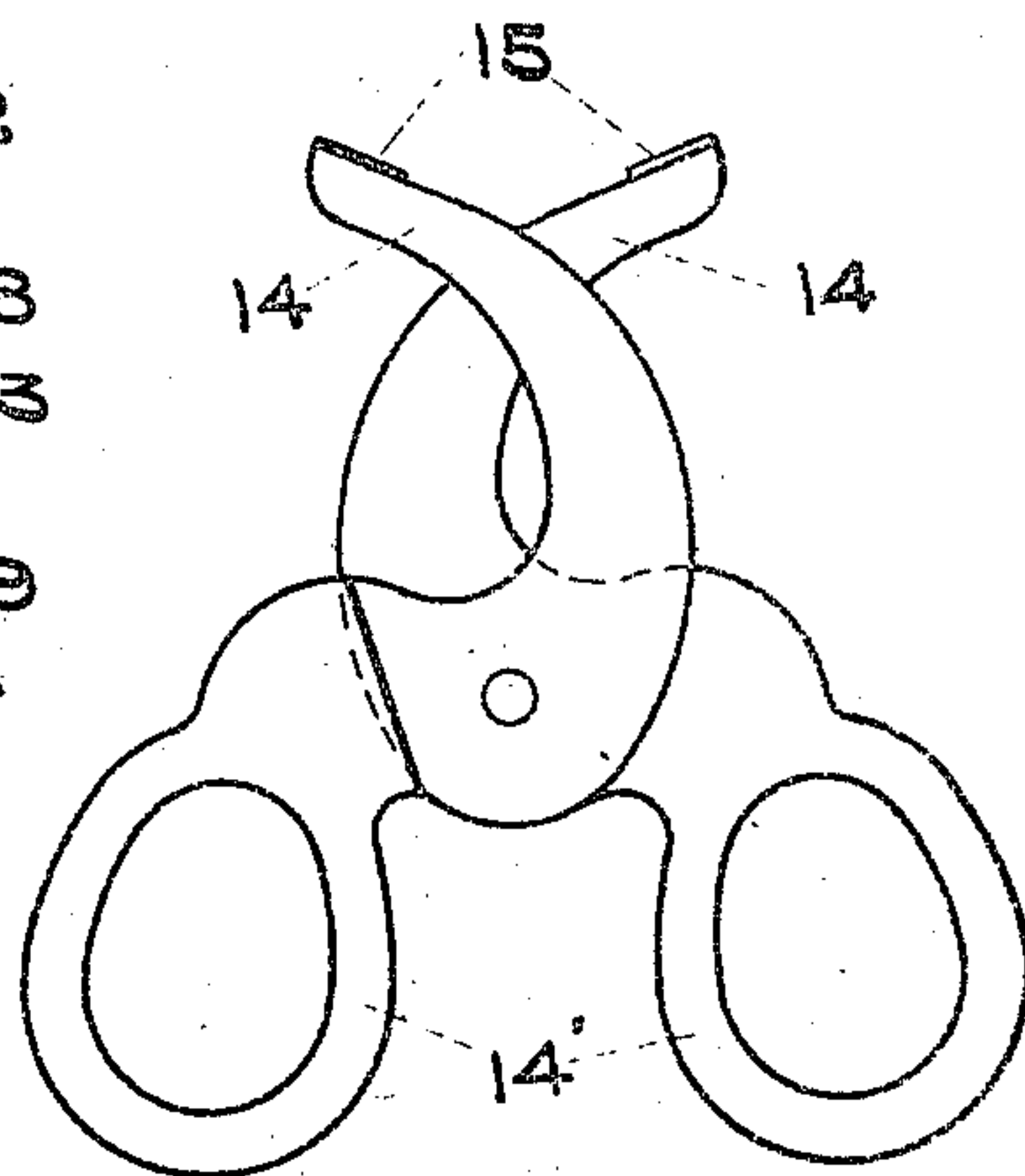


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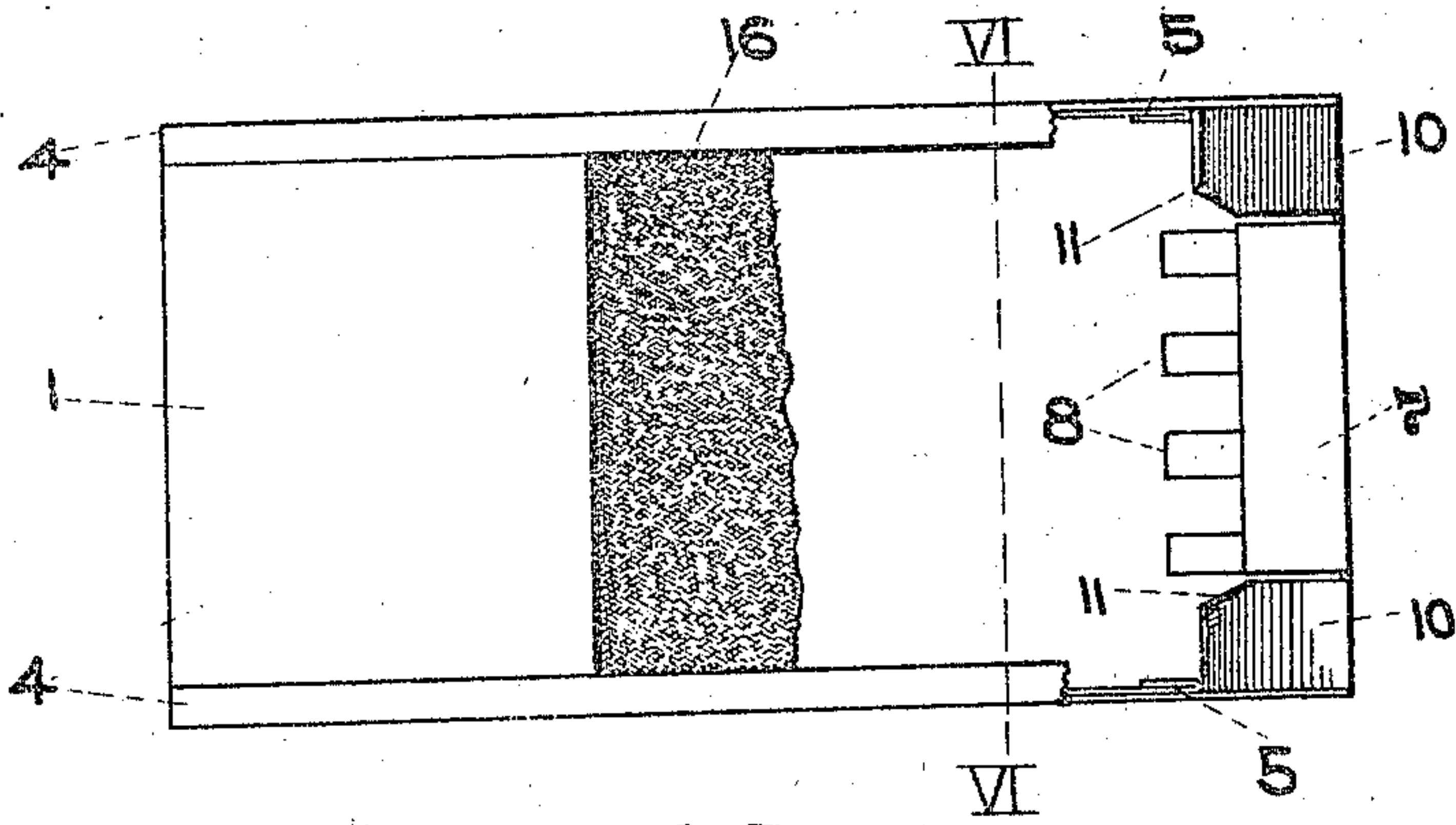


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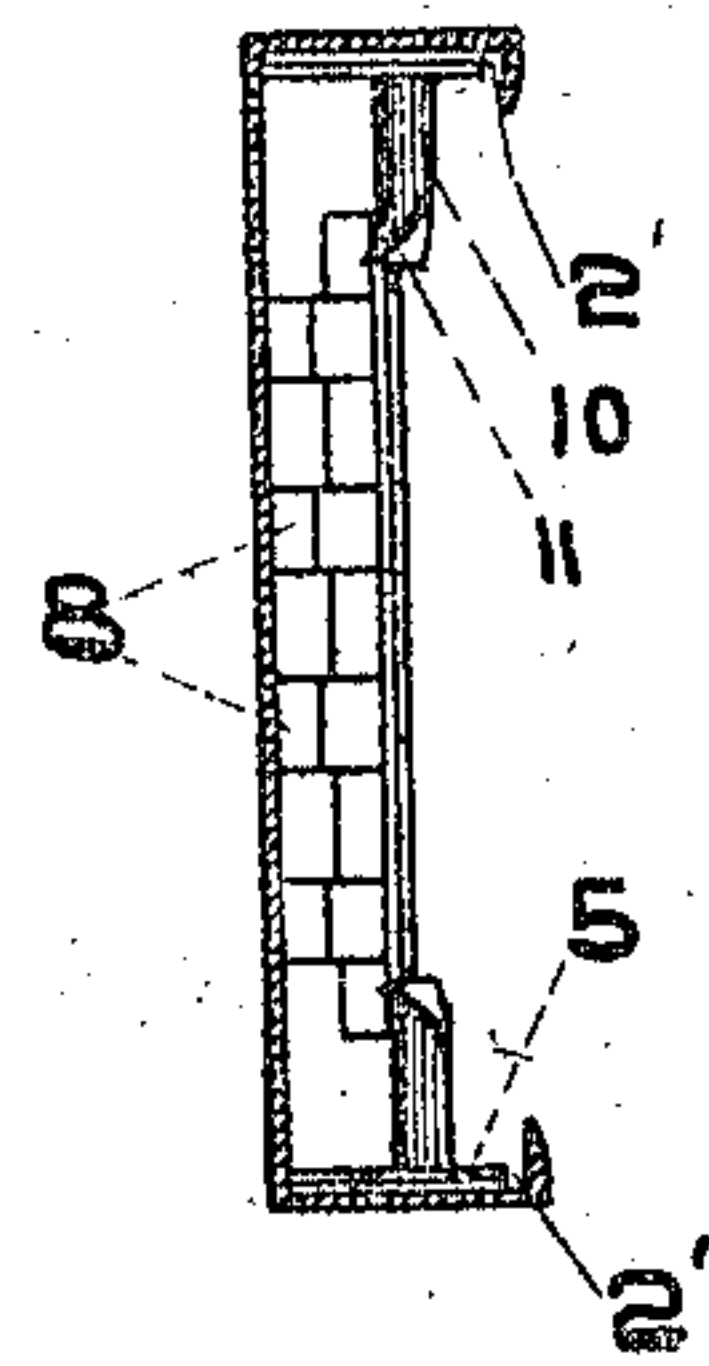


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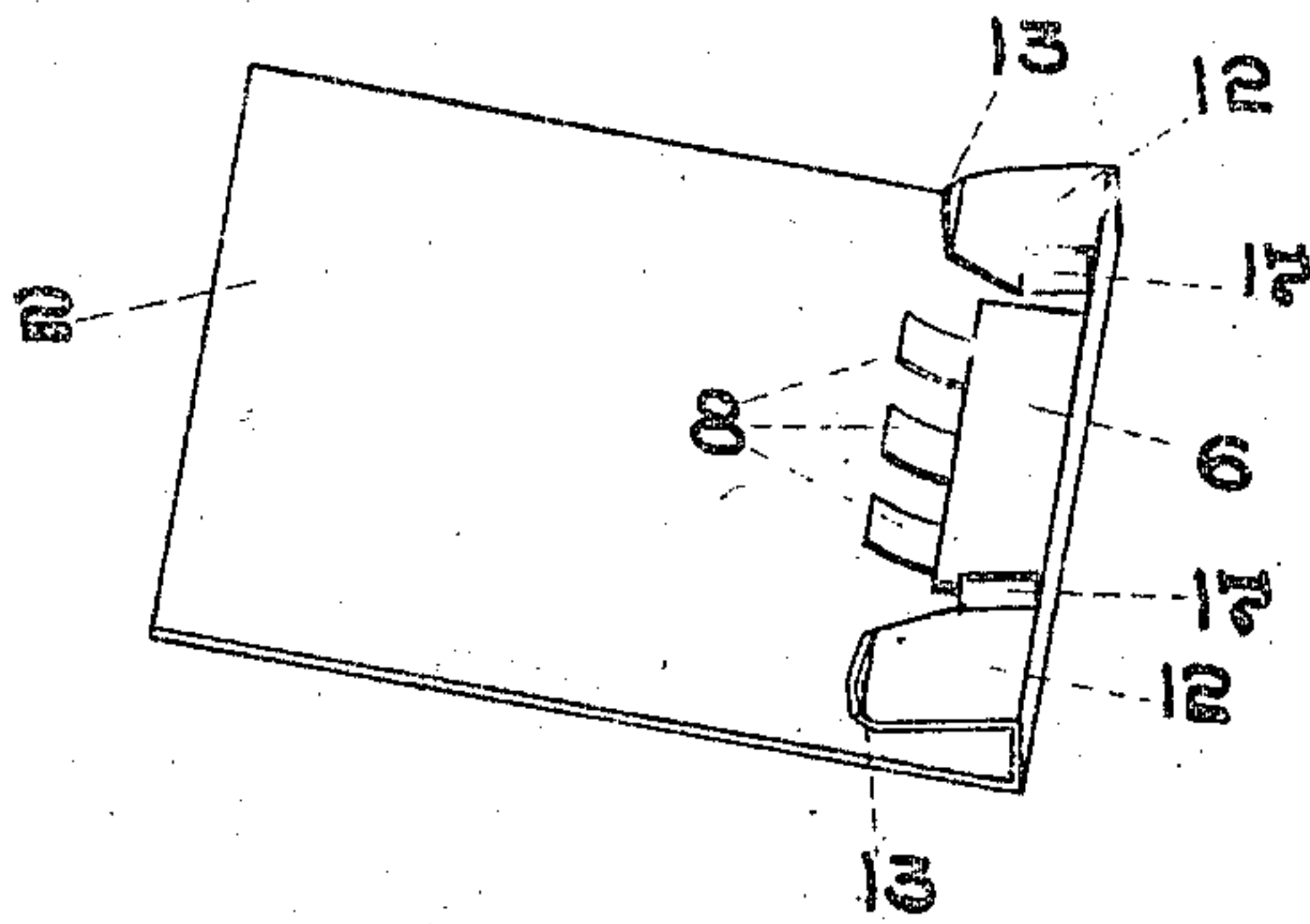


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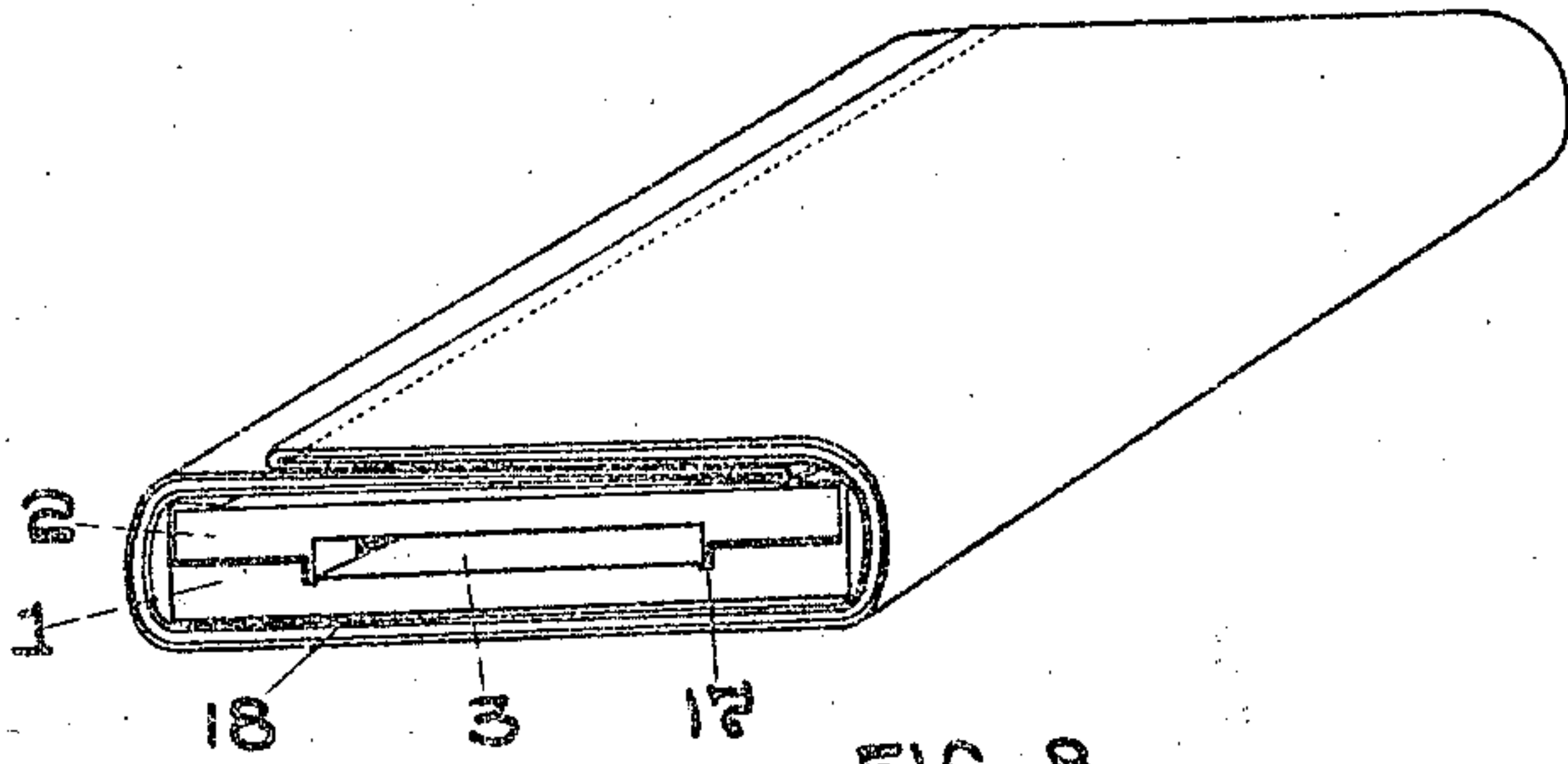


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. ANDREWS, citizen of the United States, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Banks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 The object of my invention is to provide a neat, compact and convenient bank or coin-receptacle in which coins may be accumulated and securely kept, which receptacle shall be of suitable size and shape for carrying in the pocket.

One of the ways employed by many banks for increasing deposits in their savings departments, is to place with their depositors in said departments, small savings banks, for use in the home or elsewhere, wherein money may be deposited and safely kept. These small banks are taken to the banker at intervals; the money is taken out and counted by him, and credited upon the pass-book of the customer. The key to these small banks is retained by the banker, and one of the essential features of the small banks, is a good secure lock, which insures the object that money shall be taken from the bank by no one except the person having the key.

In the invention here shown, I have provided a neat, compact, and secure pocket savings bank to be carried in the pocket, which contains all of the essential features of a bank of this class, and in addition thereto may, if desired, combine a bill book for the reception of currency, a place for the reception of the pass book and various other items accessory to the purpose and office of the device.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a section on line II—II of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on line III, III of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the key by means of which the coin receptacle is unlocked. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the coin receptacle with the cover removed. Fig. 6 is a section on line VI, VI of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the inside of the cover of the coin receptacle. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of my bank with a bill-book attachment folded for carrying in the pocket.

The construction of my improved pocket bank is substantially as follows:—

The coin receptacle 1, which is composed of metal, is a thin, oblong box, the greater portion of the top of which is composed of a sliding cover 2. In the end of the receptacle is formed a slot 3 for the reception of coins. The grooves 2' at each side of the receptacle in which the cover slides, are formed by turning the top edges of the cover inward to form a lip 4, and placing along the respective inner edges a strip 5, between the upper edge of which, and the inner edge of strip 4, the cover slides.

The coin receiving slot which is formed partly in the receptacle proper 1 and partly in the cover 2 has two inwardly projecting lips 6 and 7; lip 6 being formed upon the cover and lip 7 upon the receptacle proper. A guard 8 is attached to the cover above the coin slot, and falls down over the same when the receptacle is in the upright position and prevents coins from passing out through the slot. A guard 9 is also attached to the receptacle below the coin slot, and, in a like manner, when the receptacle is in a reverse position, falls down over the slot 3 and prevents coins from falling, or being extracted from the receptacle.

The lock, by means of which cover 2 is secured in the closed position, is one of the particular features of my invention,—as its simplicity and security peculiarly adapt it to the purpose for which it is intended, and is constructed as follows: At each side of the lip 7 the metal of the receptacle is carried inward to form a resilient tongue 10, the inner edge of which is turned slightly upward, and the respective inner approximate corners 11 are turned downward to facilitate the operation of the key, as will presently appear. At each side of the lip 6, the metal of the cover is carried inward to form a resilient catch 12, the extremity of which is turned down to form a detent 13, which engages the inner end of the tongue 10, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The inner approximate edges of the detents 13 are also beveled upwardly to facilitate the operation of the key.

The key for unlocking the receptacle consists of a scissor-like device shown in Fig. 4, which has two pivoted divergible arms 14 provided with suitable handles 14'. Upon

the extremity or inner end of each of the arms is provided a lug or bit 15, which is adapted to engage the detent 13.

When the receptacle is to be unlocked, arms 14 are placed in such a convergent or approximate position that the ends thereof will freely enter the coin-slot. The arms are then forced apart so that they pass between the tongue 10 and the detent 13, which forces said tongue and detent apart and disengages them; the bit 15 now engages detent 13 and a pull upon the key removes the cover and opens the receptacle. Upon each side of the coin-slot is located a guard 17, which is for the purpose of preventing the disengagement of the lock by means other than the key designed especially for this purpose.

It may be desirable to cover the inside of my receptacle with some sort of cushioning material 16,—a fragment of which is shown in Fig. 5,—for the purpose of preventing too much wear of the coin, or a rattling of same.

The metallic coin receptacle, thus constructed, may be attached to a bill book which contains a pocket 18 for the reception of bills and currency, a pocket 19 for the reception of the bank pass book, and may contain an accessory pocket 20 for the reception of cards and memoranda.

The bill book may be made of any suitable, flexible material, such as leather or fabric, and when in condition for carrying in the pocket, is folded as shown in Fig. 8, the coin receptacle being infolded within the bill book.

What I claim is:

1. A pocket bank consisting of a coin receptacle having a slidingly-attached cover,

there being a coin-slot formed partially in said cover and partially in said receptacle, a locking device for said cover consisting of a lip positioned in said receptacle at each end of said slot, in combination with an interlocking lip positioned in said cover at each end of said slot, adapted to interlock with said first-mentioned lip, and means for disengaging said lips.

2. A pocket bank consisting of a coin receptacle of suitable shape and provided with a slidingly operable cover, there being a coin-slot formed partially in said receptacle, and partially in said cover, lips positioned in said receptacle and in said cover and adapted to interlock when said cover is in the closed position, and means for disengaging said lips for the purpose of opening said receptacle.

3. A pocket bank, consisting of a fabric or cushion-lined receptacle, a slidingly operable cover therefor, the juxtaposed edges of said receptacle and said cover at one end being adapted to conjointly form a coin-receiving slot when said cover is in the closed position.

4. A pocket bank consisting of a coin-receptacle, a slidingly-operable cover for said receptacle, the juxtaposed edges of said cover and said receptacle being adapted at one end to conjointly form a coin-receiving slot, and means for interlocking said cover and said receptacle.

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

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