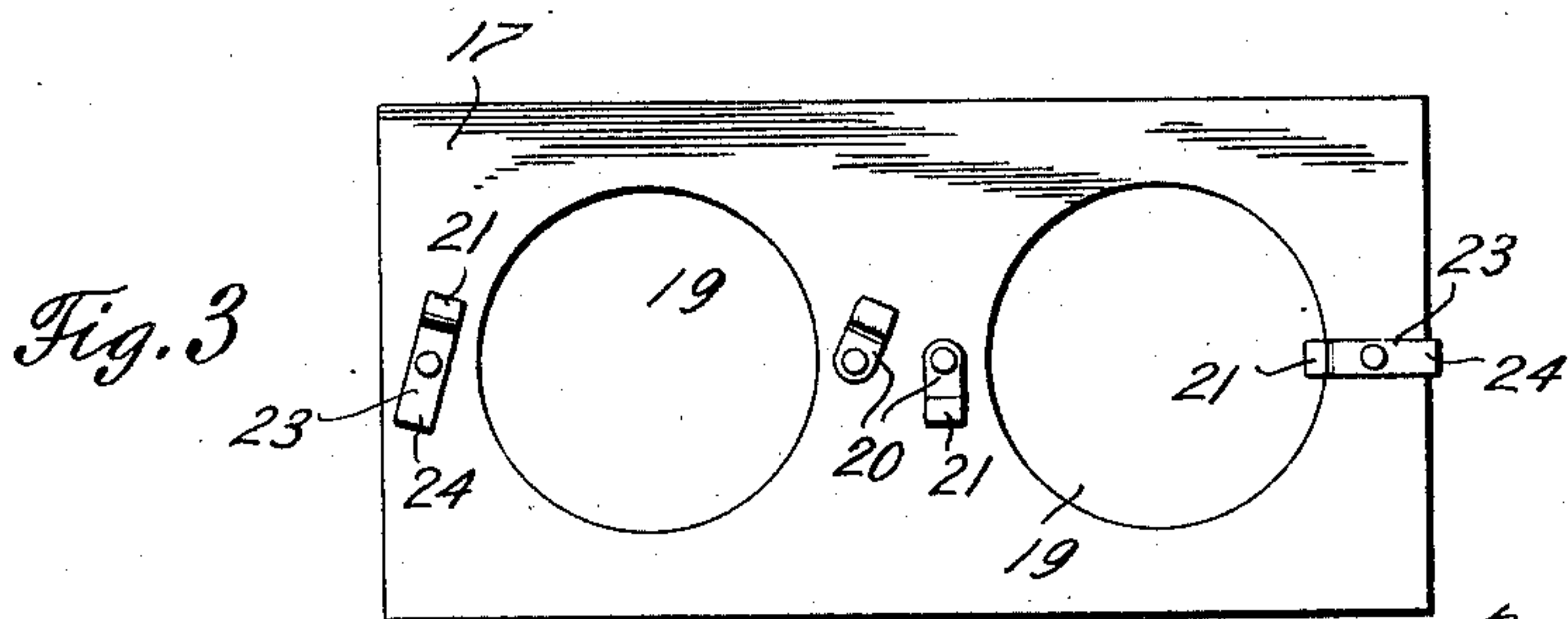
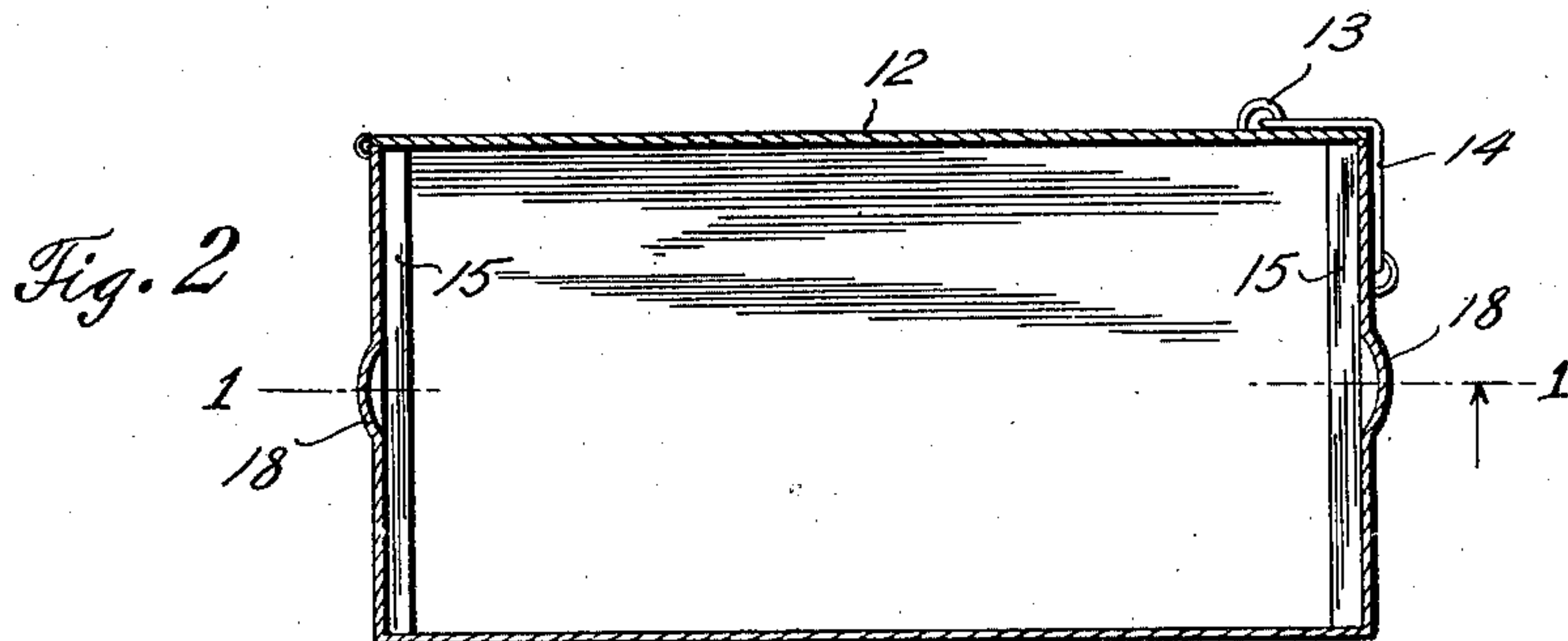
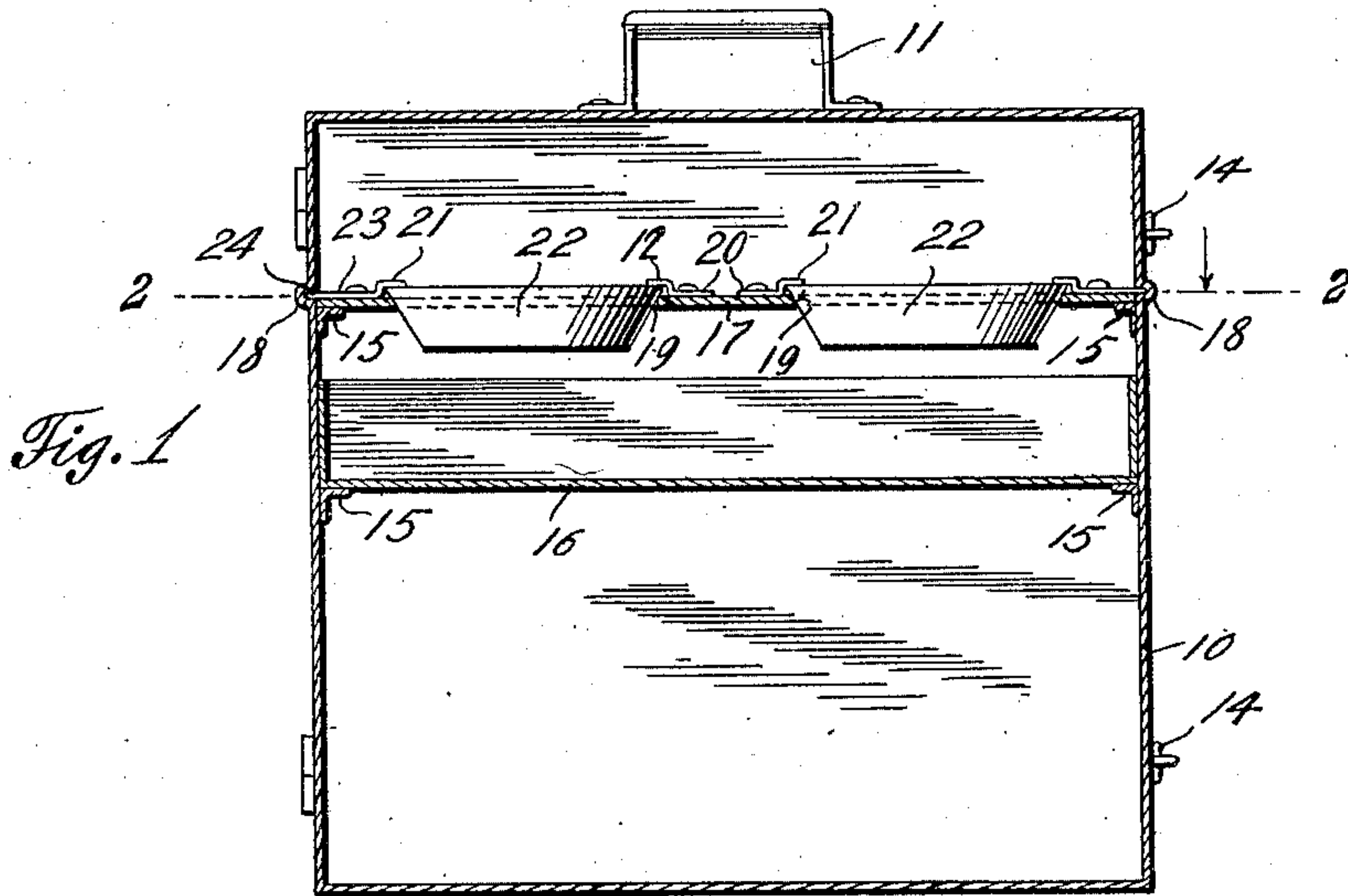


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. WARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hillcrest, in the county of Taney and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picnic Lunch-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to lunch boxes and is designed to provide a box wherein a plurality of shelves are carried, a portion of said shelves forming plates or like articles, while the remainder are adapted to retain vessels holding pies, puddings and the like.

This invention also contemplates the construction of a shelf for retaining vessels in such a manner that they will be retained therein secure from displacement.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the construction, combination and arrangement of parts all as hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a central longitudinal section taken along line 1—1 of Fig. 2; Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken along line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a plan view of a shelf adapted to contain receptacles.

The lunch box forming the subject-matter of the present invention comprises a box or receptacle 10, provided with a handle 11 on the upper side thereof, and the door 12 in one of the vertical faces. The door 12 is hinged at one side and is provided with the eyes 13 adjacent the other in which operates the hooks 14 carried by the box 10. Spaced ribs 15 are secured on the sides of the box 10 adjacent the door and are adapted to support the pan 16 forming a plate, and the shelf 17 superposed above said pan forming a means whereby receptacles containing pies, puddings and the like may be supported. The sides of the box 10 are provided with

the depressions 18 directly above the ribs 15 which support the shelf 17. The shelf 17 has openings 19 therein, said openings being of any suitable diameter, and adapted to engage plates, saucepans, and the like. Centrally located on the shelf between the orifices 19 are the latches 20, said latches having the free extremities thereof raised to engage the pans or plates 22. Similar latches 23 are pivotally connected at each extremity of the shelf being provided with the rearwardly extending arm 24, which when the raised portion 21 of the latch engages the edge of the plate, projects over the edge of the shelf and engages the depressions 18 of the box. From this construction it will readily be seen that the pie plates or like receptacles 22 will be retained in the openings 19 of the shelf firmly by the latches 23 and 20, and be prevented from displacement thereby.

This invention is especially desirable for picnics and lodge suppers and the like, and is not adapted for use as a lunch box for workmen.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new is:

In a lunch box, a plurality of ribs, said box being depressed outwardly adjacent a portion of said ribs, shelves adapted to be supported by said ribs having openings therein adapted to retain receptacles, and latches carried by said shelves adapted to engage the receptacles, and at the same time engage the depressions in the sides of the box.

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

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