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Fig. 1.

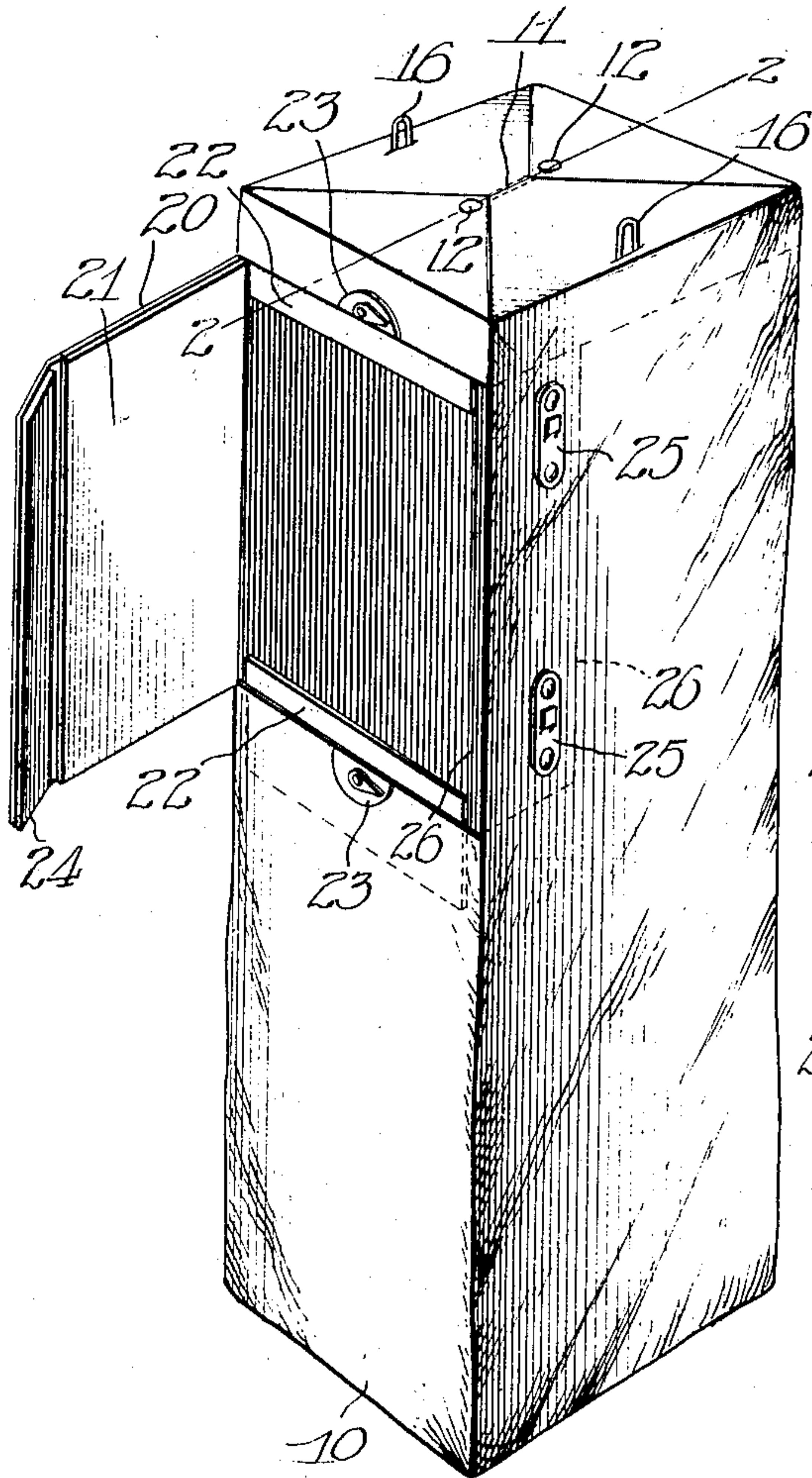


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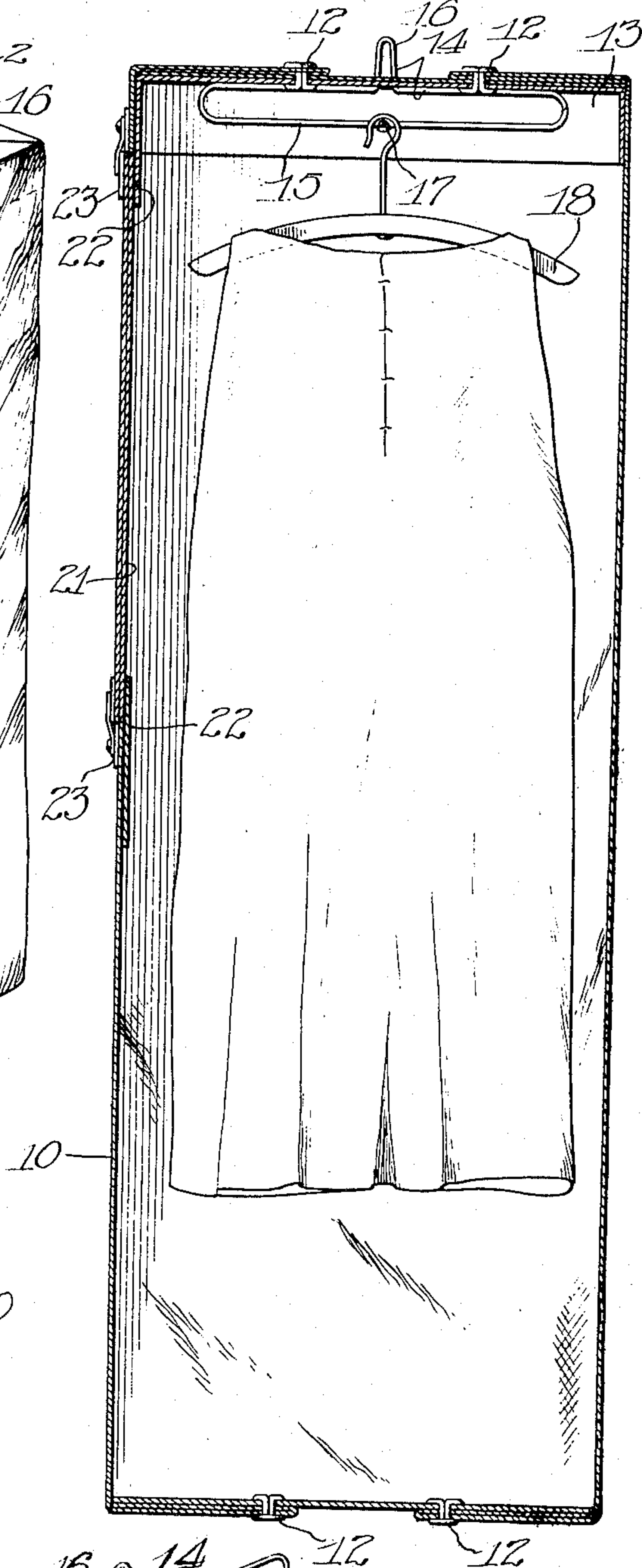


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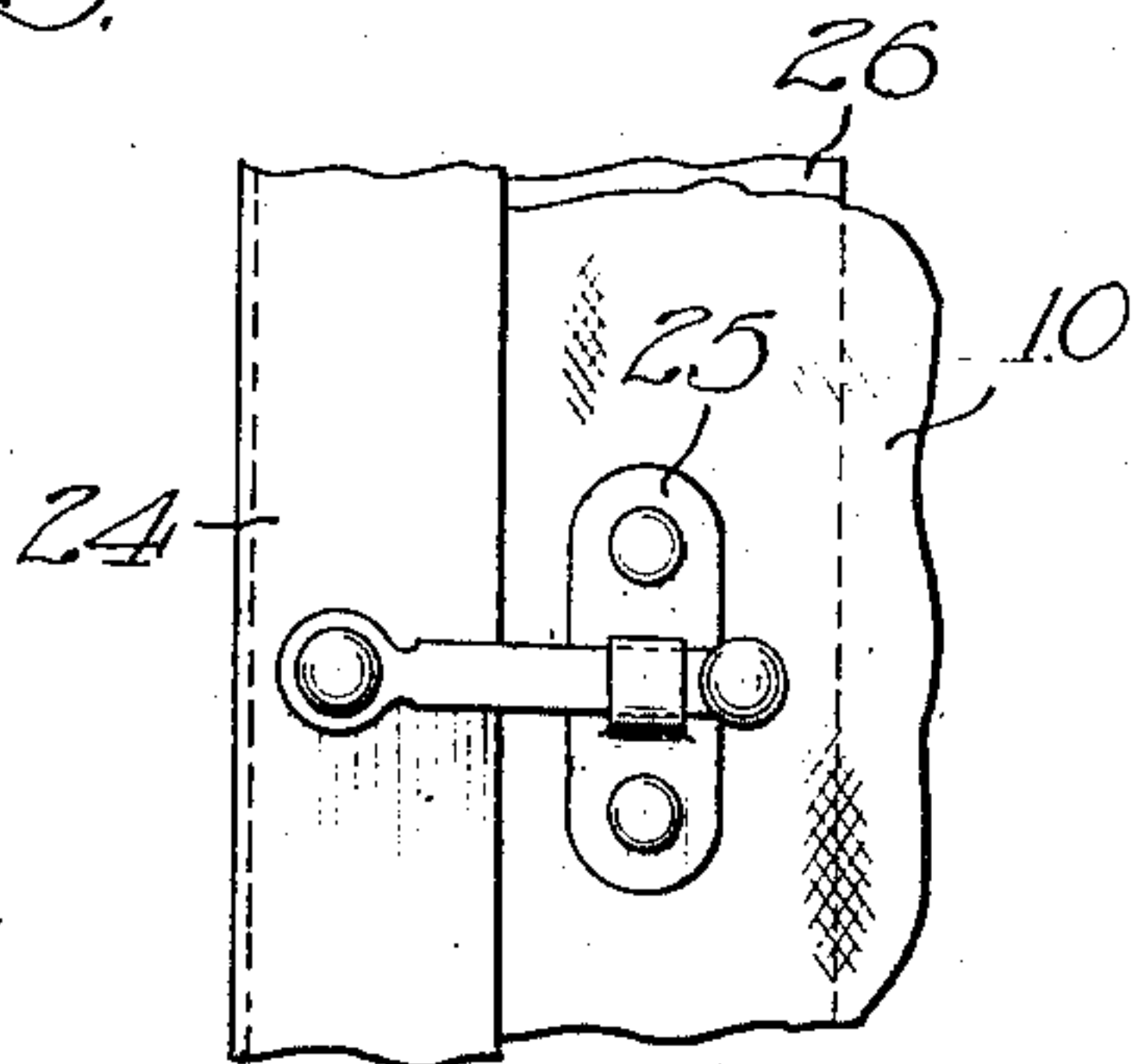
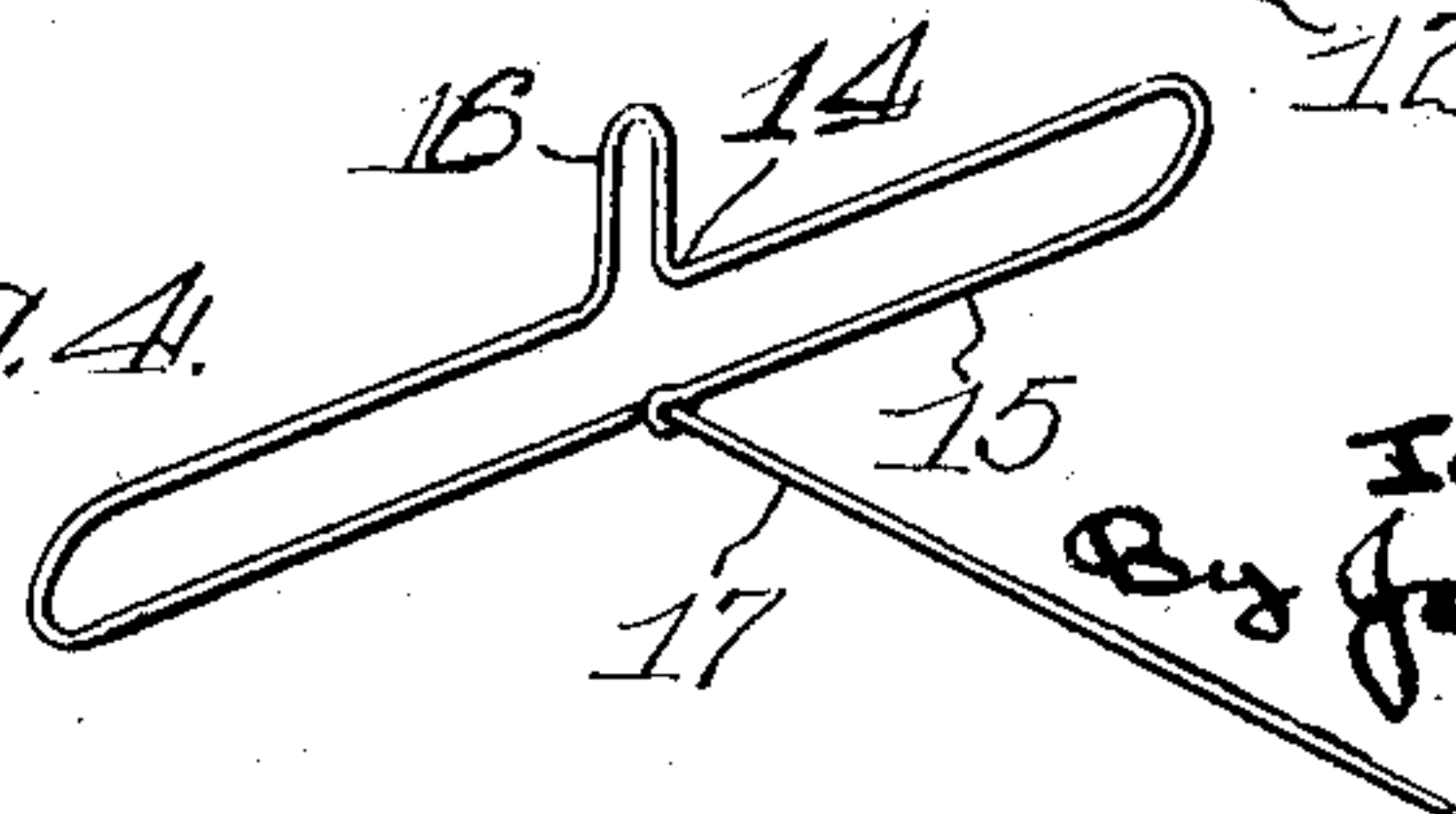


Fig. 4.



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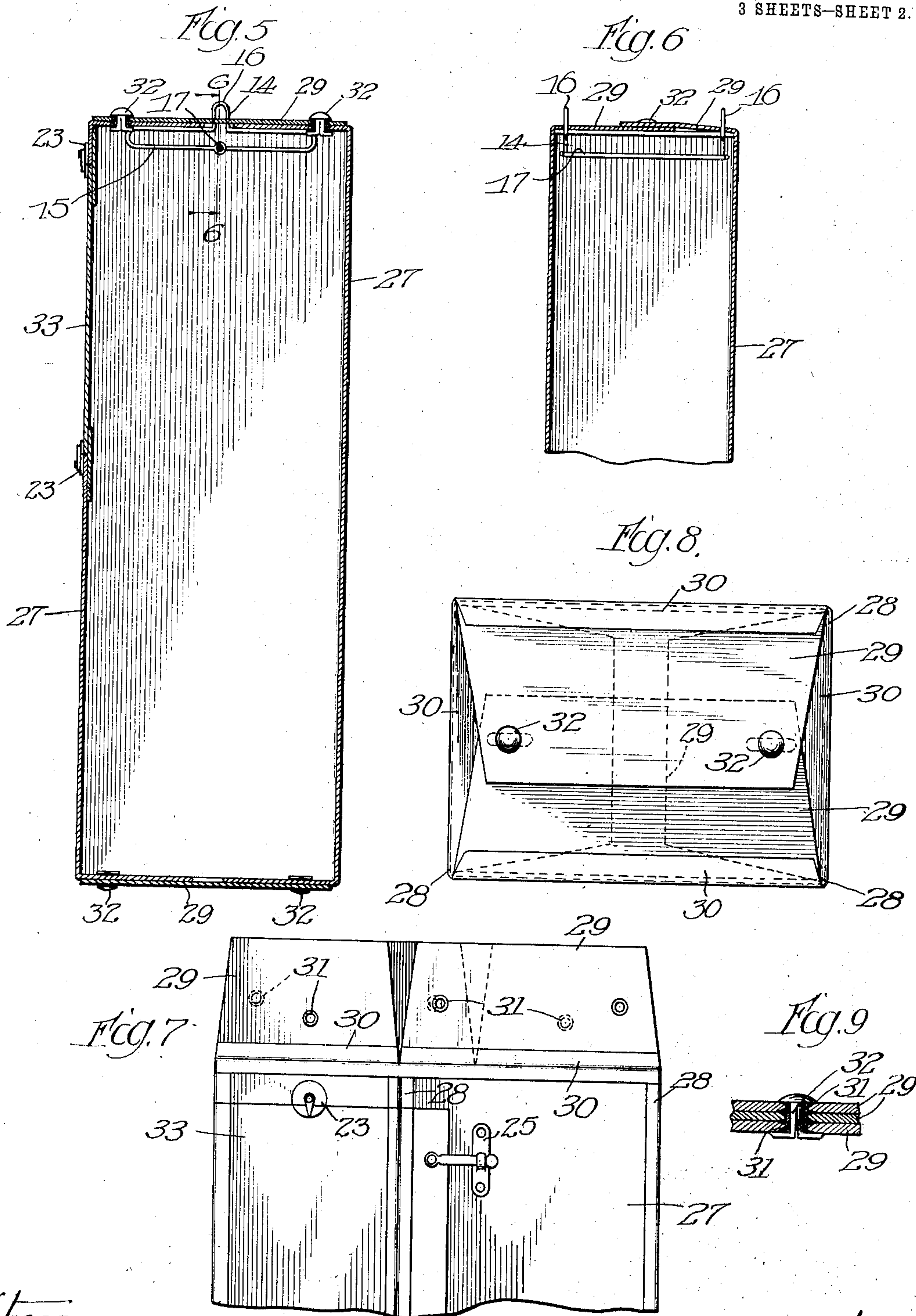
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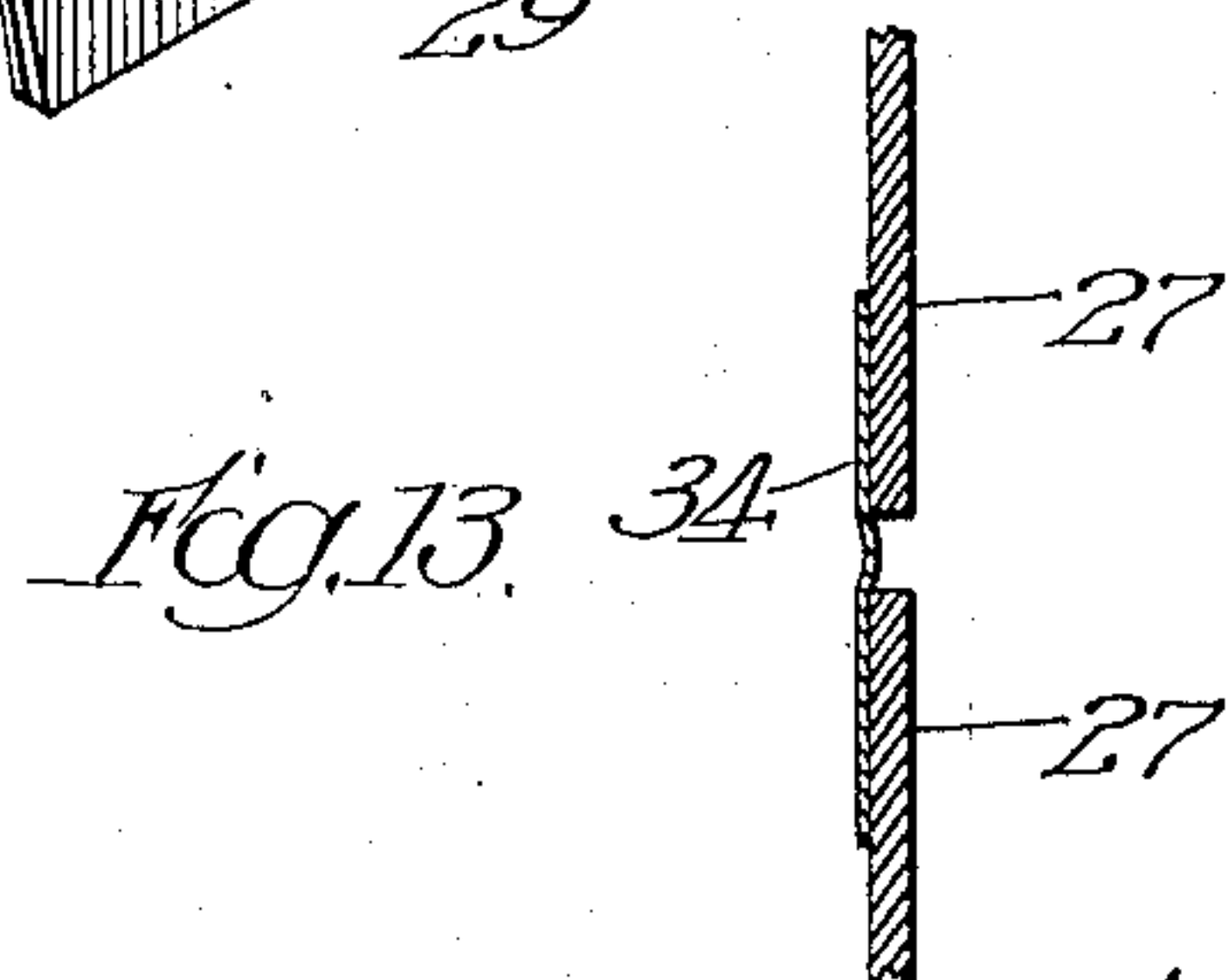
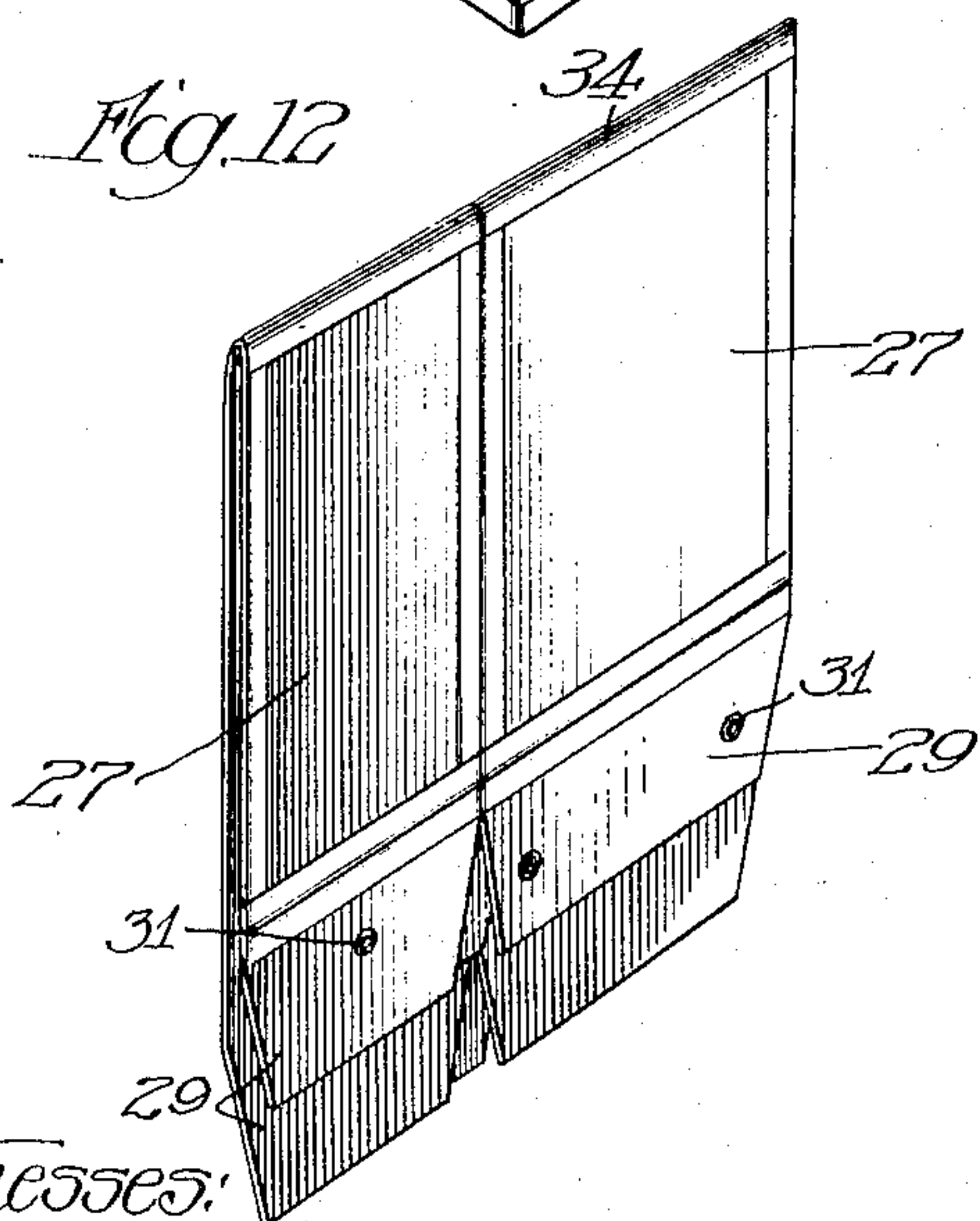
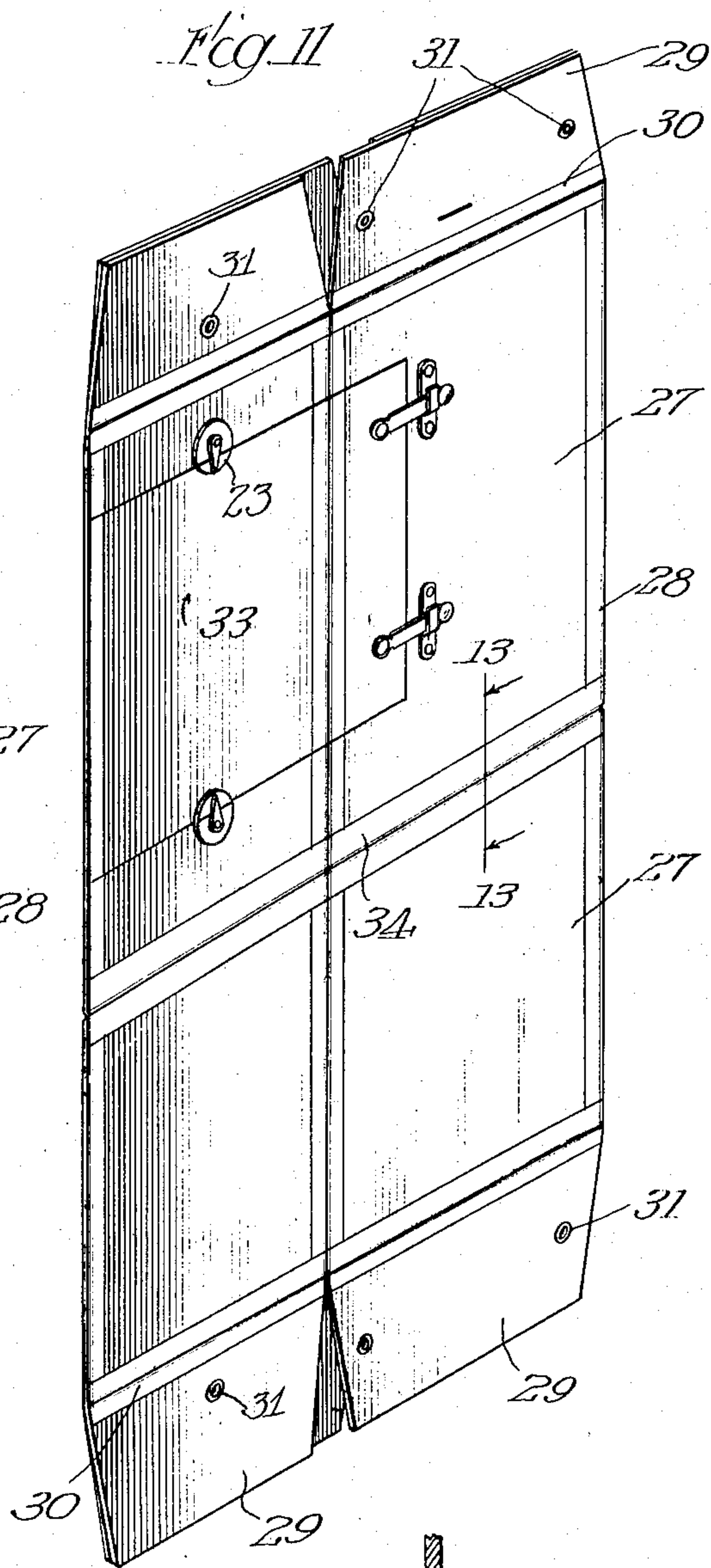
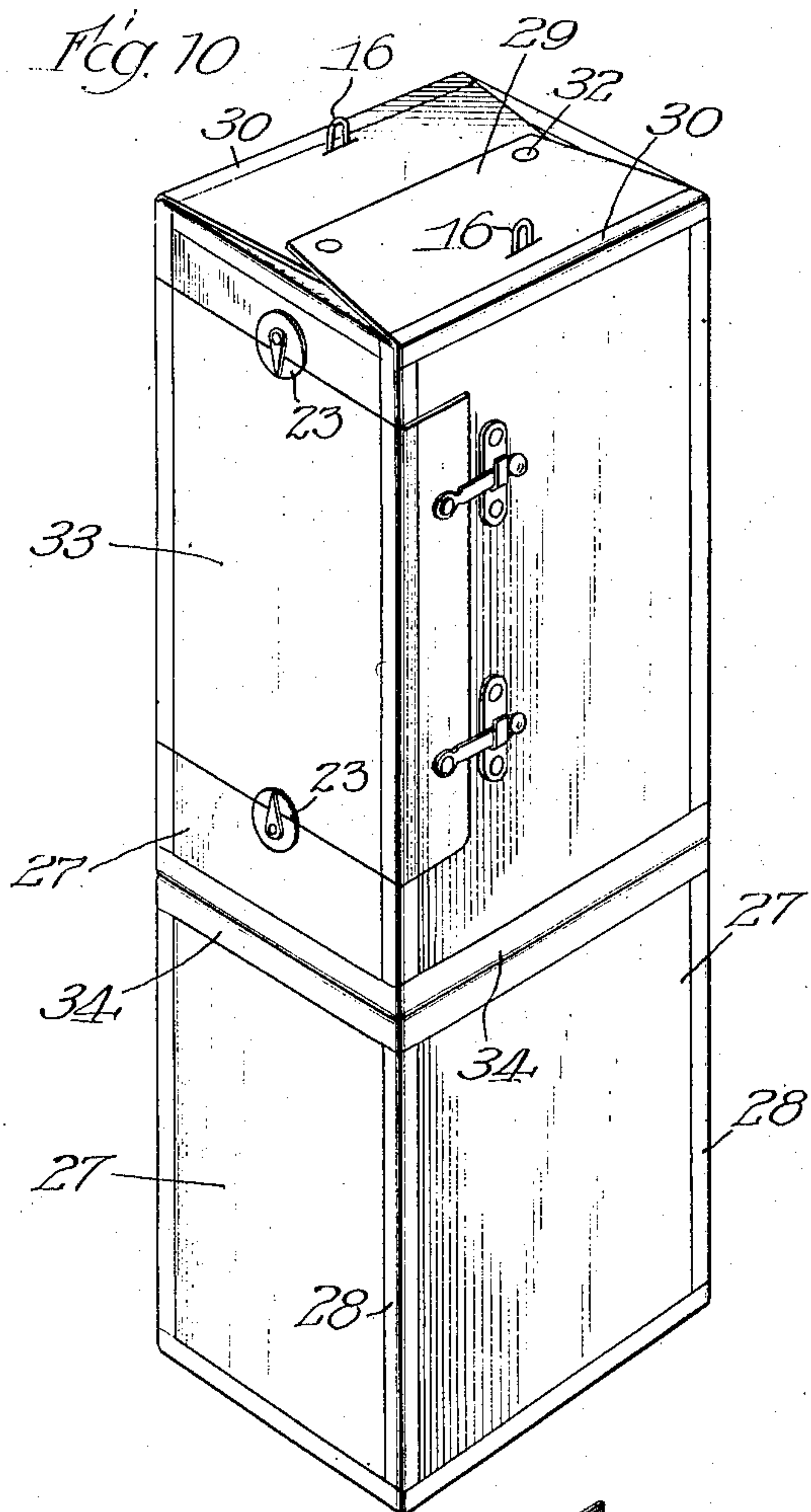


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA A. BOEDDENER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Receptacles, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to clothes receptacles and one of its objects is the provision of a receptacle which will be convenient in use and simple of construction and which may therefore be placed upon the market at a low price.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a clothes receptacle which will be dust and moth proof. And it is a still further object of my invention to provide a receptacle which may be readily collapsed if desired and thus made convenient for storage or traveling.

When clothes are stored in closets or the like from season to season, and even for shorter periods, in the usual way, considerable inconvenience and loss is often caused by reason of dust settling upon the clothes or moths destroying them; moreover the clothes are liable to be often disturbed and damaged when other clothes are removed from or replaced in the closet and this is very undesirable. By providing a clothes receptacle adapted to be contained in an ordinary closet or the like and so constructed as to attain the above objects I obviate these disadvantages and render it possible to store clothes for lengthened periods without danger of harm coming to them.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I have illustrated three embodiments thereof in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a receptacle mainly constructed of flexible material; Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows, the door of the receptacle being shown closed; Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views; Fig. 5 is a sectional side view of receptacle formed of rigid material but so constructed as to be collapsible; Fig. 6 is a fragmental section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5; Fig. 7 is a view showing the receptacle in its collapsed condition; Fig. 8 is an inverted plan made to an enlarged

scale; Fig. 9 is a detail view; Figs. 10, 11 and 12 are perspective views of a receptacle similar to that illustrated in Figs. 5 and 8 but constructed so as to be capable of still further folding; and Fig. 13 is a detail section taken on the line 13—13 of Fig. 11.

Referring to Figs. 1—4 of the drawings, the receptacle consists of a box-shaped body 10 constructed of flexible material, the square ends of the body being formed by folding the material and securing it by stitching 11 and suitable clips such as 12. The material used is preferably canvas provided with an exterior coating of paint. Such a material is desirable for the reason that the paint repels moths and imparts durability to the fabric.

Rigidity is imparted to the upper end of the body 10 by means of a stiff dish-shaped end-piece 13, which is inserted therein and retained in position by the supports 14. Each support 14, of which there are two in the construction illustrated, consists of an elongated cross-bar 15 extending transversely across the inside of the end-piece and a loop 16 extending through the end piece and shell. The loops 16 are adapted to loop over suitable hooks which may be fixed to the under side of a shelf or the like in a closet whereby the receptacle is supported in a vertical position. It will be seen that the end-piece 13 is supported throughout the length of the cross bars 15 whereby undue strain is avoided at the points where the supports pass through the body. Extending between the cross bars 15 of the supports 14 is a rod 17 upon which a number of clothes hangers 18 may be swung. In the construction illustrated the rod 17 and both supports are formed by bending from a single piece of wire. The manner of effecting this is clearly illustrated in Fig. 4.

No stiffening member is provided for the lower end of the body, this end being left flexible in order that when it is desired to insert a box or the like in the closet containing the receptacle the lower part of the latter may be compressed in order to provide sufficient room.

In order to permit insertion of the garments into the receptacle, the body 10 is formed with an opening 19 in one of its sides. This opening is adapted to be closed by a door 20 formed of the same material as the body and provided with a stiffening back 21. The door 20 when closed abuts

against lining plates 22 which are provided at the top and bottom edges of the opening 19. Catches 23 are provided for retaining the door in its closed position and holding it fast against the lining plates 22 whereby dust is effectually prevented from entering through the cracks at the top and bottom edges of the door. In order to prevent the entry of dust through the crack at the front edge of the door the latter is provided with a stiffened hinged flap 24 adapted to engage against the side of the body (which is provided with a stiffening plate 26 at the adjacent part) and be held in that position by means of catches 25.

When in use the receptacle is suspended from suitable hooks in a closet and the clothes to be stored are placed upon the hangers 18. The door 20 is then closed and fastened by means of the catches 23 and 25 whereby the entry of dust or moths is effectually prevented. The receptacle may be compressed when in use, to allow the insertion of other articles into the closet, without harm resulting to it or its contents and may be readily folded for purposes of transportation or storage.

The form of my device illustrated in Figs. 5-9 is similar in many respects to that shown in Figs. 1-4 but in this instance the body is constructed of sheets 27 of stiff material such as cardboard or the like, jointed together by flexible strips 28. The ends of the body are formed by flaps 29 jointed to the sheets 27 by flexible strips 30. These flaps 29 are provided with eyelets 31 so disposed as to register with one another when the receptacle is put into shape and receive retaining fasteners 32 which latter are of a convenient form for enabling the user of the receptacle to remove and replace them at will. The door 33 is similar to that of the device illustrated in Figs. 1-4 and is held closed by similar catches, but it is formed of cardboard sheets hinged together by flexible strips. Supports 14 are provided similar to those described above.

The normal shape of the receptacle is that shown in Figs. 5, 6 and 8 when it may be used in the manner above described. When it is desired to pack the receptacle away,

however, the fasteners 32 and supports 14 are removed whereupon the whole device may be folded to the form shown in Fig. 7, in which form it takes up but very little space.

When it is desired to fold the receptacle into a still smaller space than is possible with the form shown in Figs. 5-9, the side sheets 27 are divided just below the door 33 and are jointed together by means of a flexible strip 34. Sufficient space being left between the separate portions of the sheets 27 (see Fig. 13) to enable the receptacle, after being folded to the position shown in Fig. 11, to be again folded in half, when it takes the form seen in Fig. 12.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A combined clothes supporter and protector comprising a closed, rectangular, collapsible receptacle, a rectangular form mounted in the upper portion of said receptacle and adapted to give shape to said upper portion, a removable supporting member within said form having a loop member adapted to pass through said form and project above the top of said receptacle whereby said device may be suspended, the lower portion of said supporting member being formed to receive individual supports for garments, a vertical stiffening member secured to said receptacle and extending downwardly from the top thereof substantially half the height of the receptacle, a non-collapsible door hinged to said receptacle, a second stiffening member disposed opposite said first-named stiffening member and adapted to be engaged by said door when closed, a flap for said door extending around the side of the receptacle, and means for securing said flap to the side of the receptacle.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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