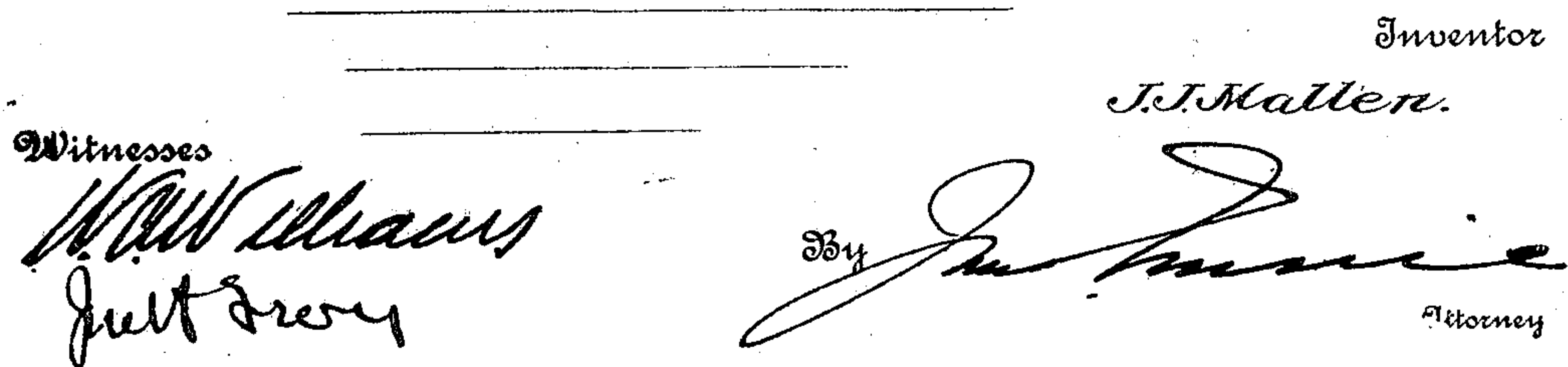


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Fig. 2.

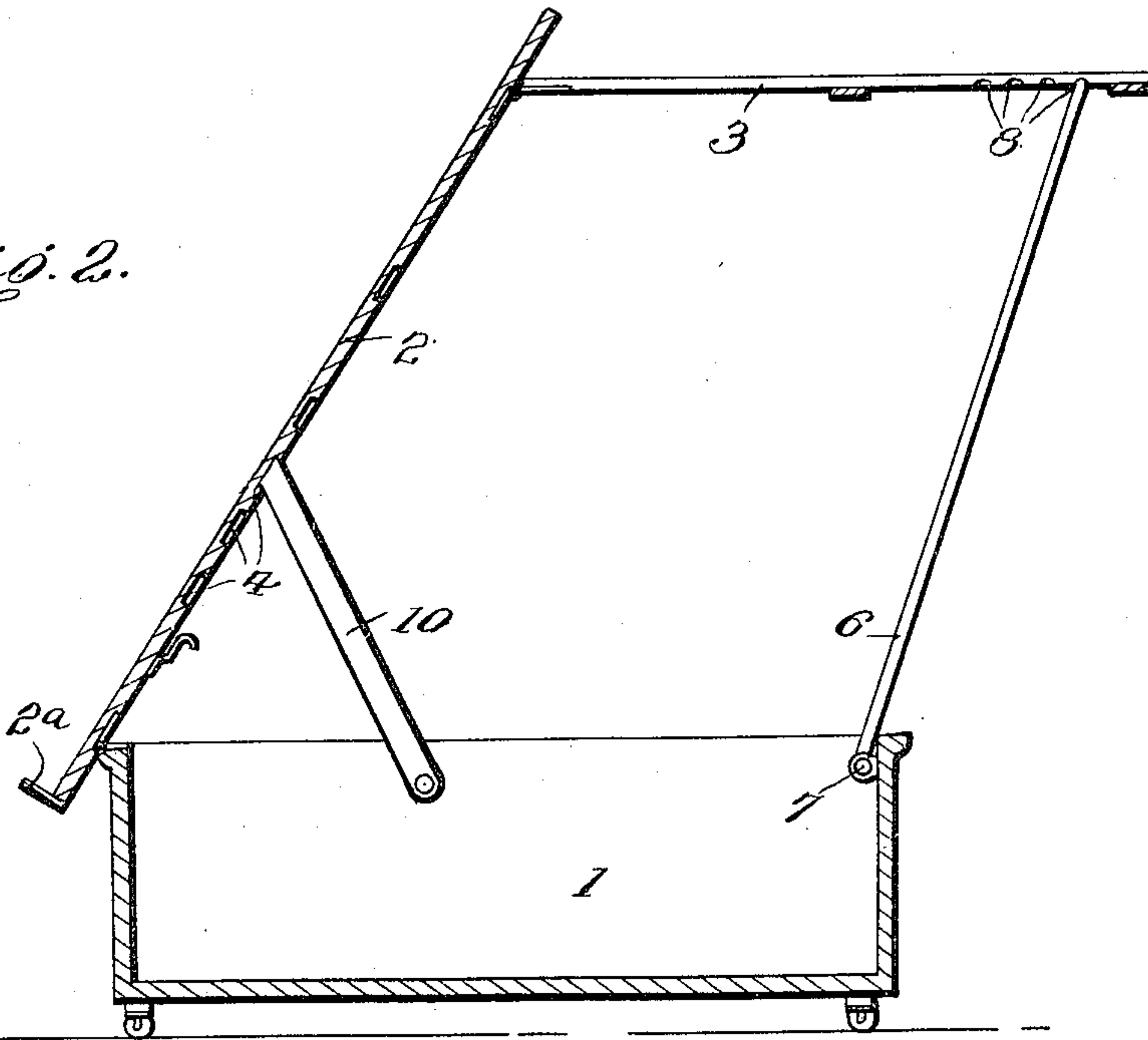


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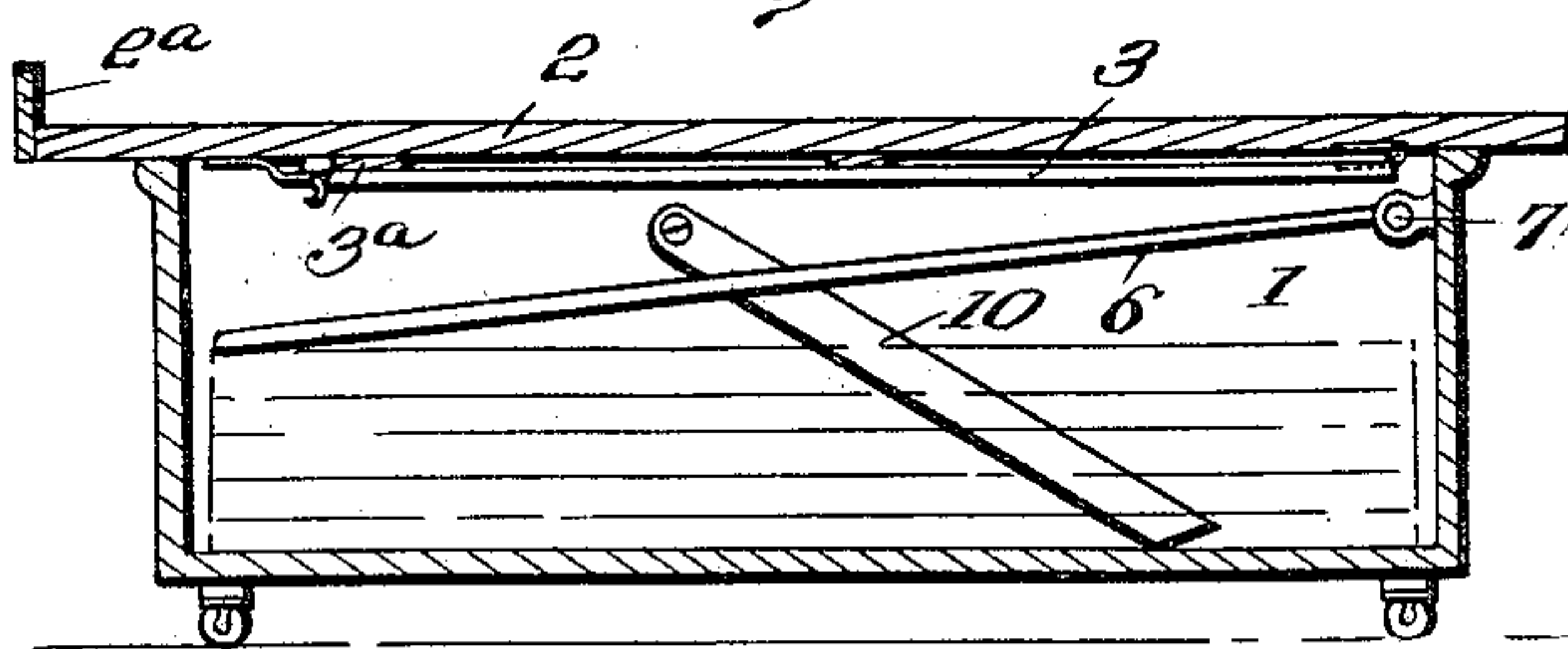
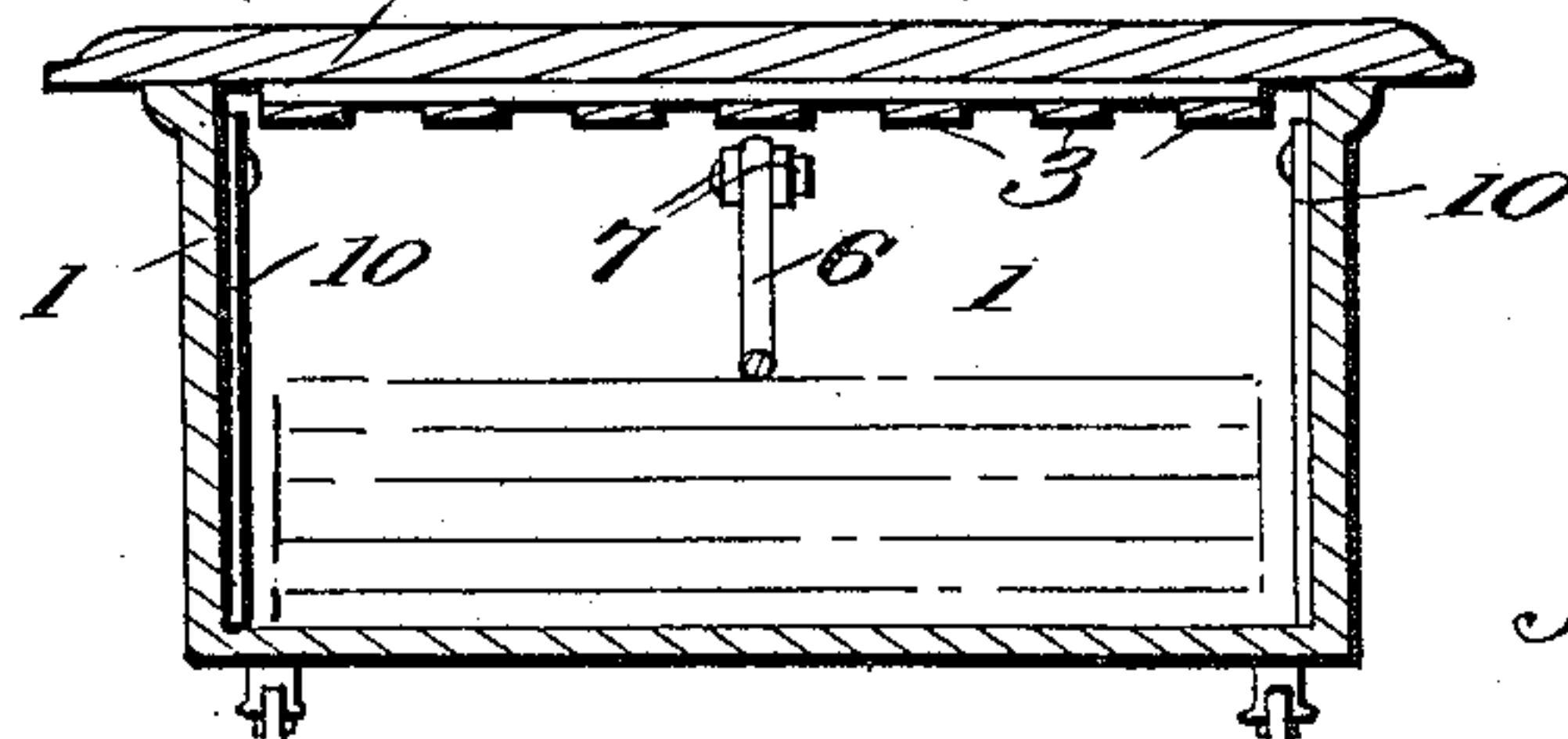


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. MALLIN, citizen of the United States, residing at Jacksonville, in the county of Morgan and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in a combined storage case and rack for exhibiting wall paper, pictures, or the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a compartment for the storage of articles, and also to receive a foldable rack when not in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a cover for a compartment, which when it is in elevated position, forms one element of a rack, over which paper may be thrown to exhibit it to prospective customers.

The invention also relates to the specific details of construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rack in operative position. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of the improvement, with the parts in folded position. Fig. 4 is a transverse section.

The same numerals refer to like parts in all the figures.

1, indicates a preferably rectangular box or compartment, provided with a hinged cover 2, having a ridge 2<sup>a</sup> at one end. Hinged near the under outer end of the cover 2 is a platform 3, and at suitably located points on the inner surface of the cover are notches 4. A prop 6 is hinged at 7, to the rear upper end of the box 1, and its upper end is designed to engage with one of a series of notches 8, in the under side of the platform 3. Pivoted on the inner sides of the box 1, are two props 10—10, the free ends of which engage the notches 4, to hold the cover at the proper inclination for exhibiting papers or pictures.

When in use, the cover is opened, and catch 3<sup>a</sup>, is released, and the platform 3, swings on its hinges into approximately a horizontal position, and then the prop 6, is thrown up and its free end is engaged in any one of the notches 8, according to the desired inclination or position of the parts. Then the side props 10—10 are thrown up and their ends are engaged in the respective notches 4. A book of paper is now hung on the cover 2, or a picture is supported on the rib 2<sup>a</sup>, and as the sheets of paper are turned over they rest on the platform 3. By this means samples of paper may be conveniently exhibited, and the sheets as they are turned over will not become wrinkled or cracked.

When the apparatus is not in use, the prop 6, is disengaged from the notch 8 and is folded down in the box 1, and then the platform 3 is folded down on the inner surface of the cover 2, and the catch 3<sup>a</sup>, holds it in locked position. The platform having been folded, the two side props 10—10 are disengaged from their notches 4, and then they are turned into the box 1, and the cover is closed. The outer surface of the cover 2, may be covered with fabric, or otherwise decorated.

The box may be used as a storage compartment for the rolls of paper, or pictures, to be exhibited, which is a great convenience, and affords a ready means for keeping a special line of paper, or pictures, in one place. Furthermore, by storing the pictures in the compartment, they are protected against dust and dirt.

What I claim is:

1. In a display rack of the character described, the combination of a compartment, a cover hinged thereto, a platform hinged to the cover, a prop for the holding of the platform in position when the cover is elevated, and a prop for holding the cover in open position, the platform and props being folded and inclosed in the compartment when the cover is closed.

2. In a display rack of the character described, the combination of a compartment, a cover hinged to the compartment, a foldable platform connected to the cover, means for securing the platform to the cover, an adjustable prop for supporting the platform in open position, and pivoted props for holding the cover in elevated position, the



foldable platform and props being folded and inclosed in the compartment when the cover is closed.

3. In a display rack of the character de-  
5 scribed, the combination of a compartment,  
a cover hinged to the compartment, a plat-  
form hinged to the cover and provided with  
notches, a catch for locking the platform  
against the cover when not in use, a prop  
10 hinged to the compartment and engaging  
one of the notches in the platform to hold  
the same elevated, and hinged props for

holding the cover in elevated position, the  
platform and props being folded and in-  
closed in the compartment when the cover 15  
is closed.

In testimony whereof I have signed my  
name to this specification in the presence of  
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