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Fig. 1.

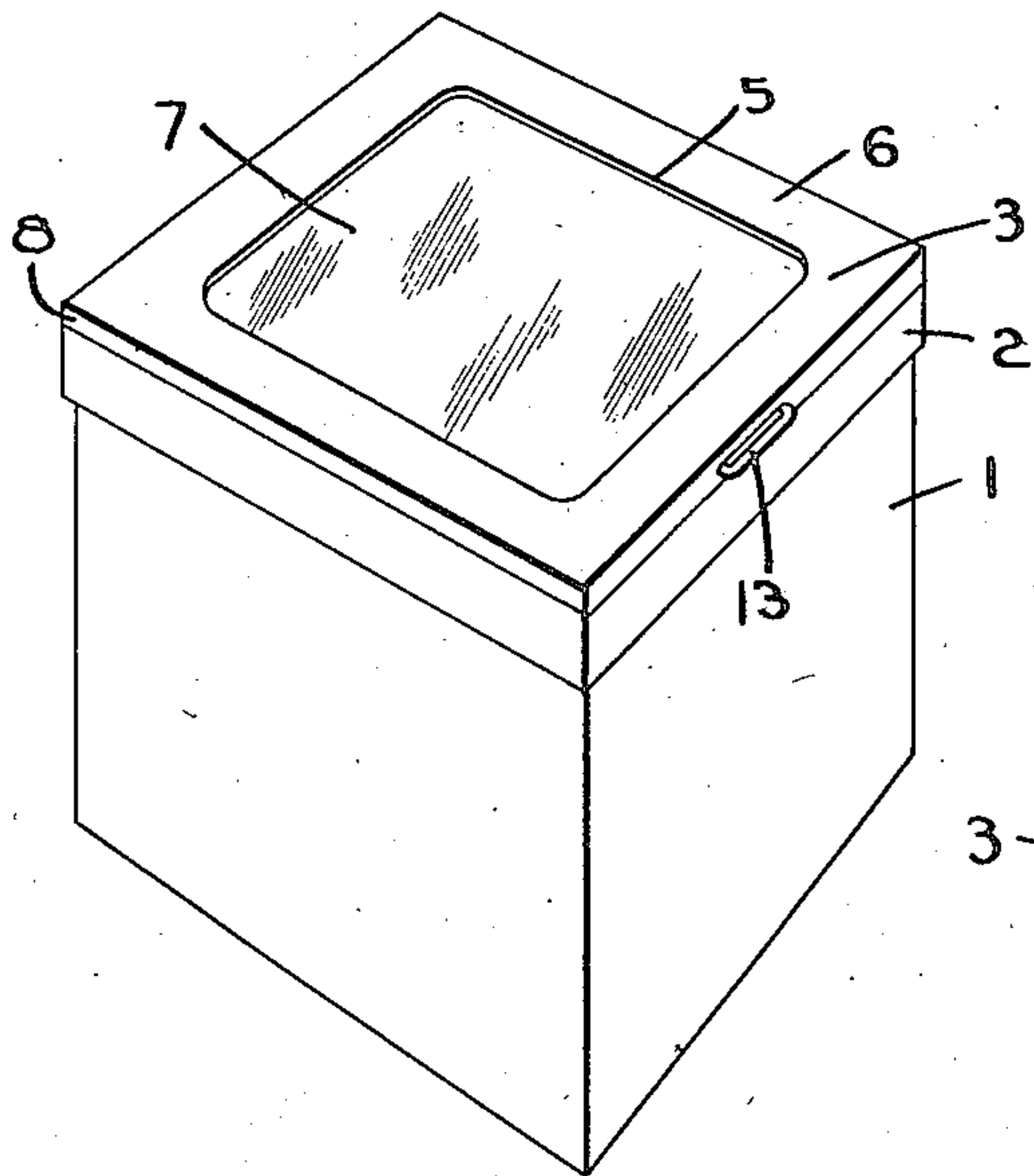


Fig. 2.

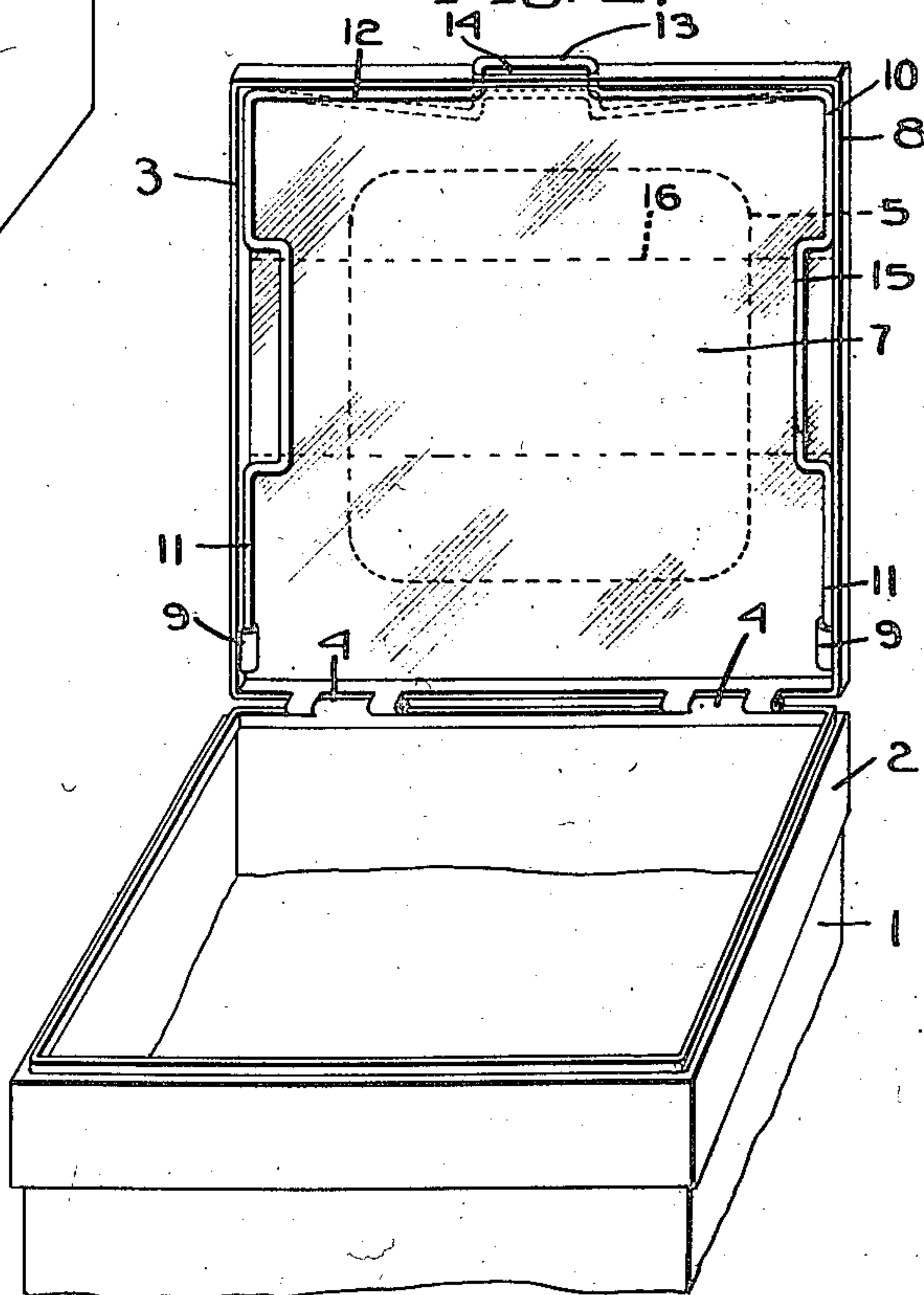
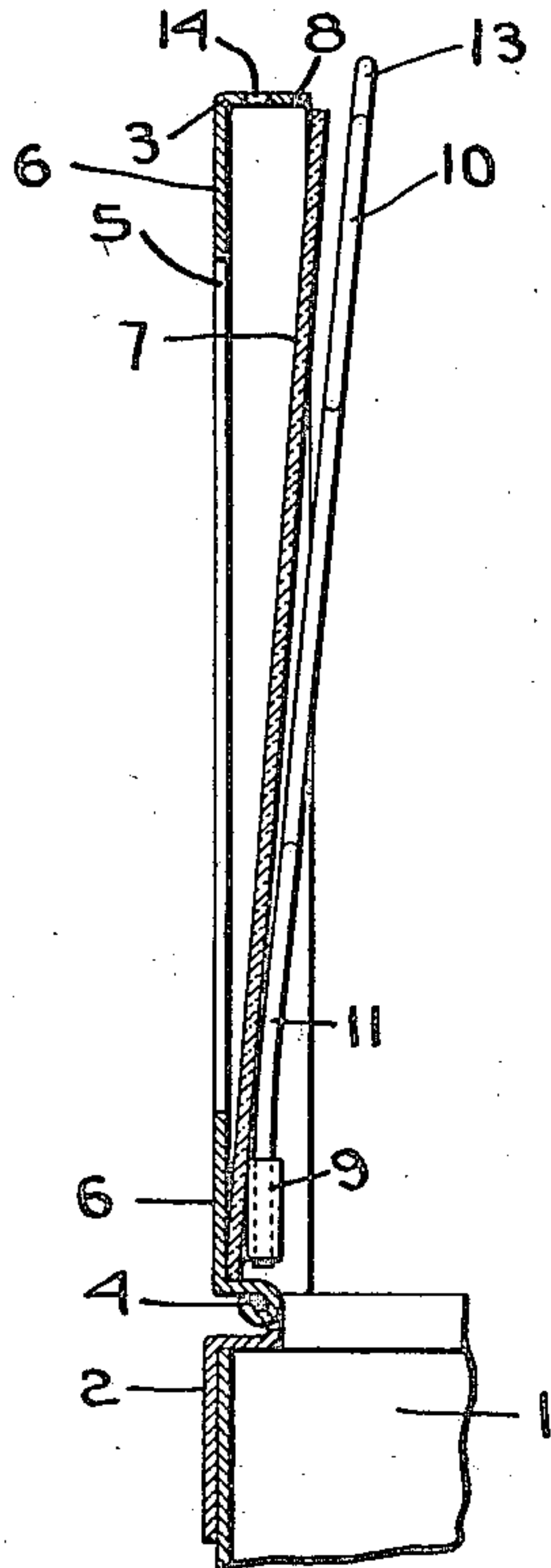


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY SEBELL, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Somerville, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Covers for Cracker Cans and Similar Containers, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to a cover such as is used on cracker cans or a similar container and has for its object to provide a novel construction for holding the glass in the cover.

The features wherein my invention resides and the advantages derived therefrom will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In order to give an understanding of the invention I have illustrated in the drawings a selected embodiment thereof which will now be described after which the novel features will be pointed out in the appended claims.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a cracker can having my improved cover.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the cover opened and illustrating the inside of the cover.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view showing the manner in which the glass is removed and inserted.

In the drawing 1 indicates the cracker can which may be of any suitable construction.

The covers for these cans usually comprise a rim portion 2 which fits over the top of the can 1 and is removably applied thereto and a cover portion 3 hinged to the rim portion as shown at 4. The cover is formed with a sight opening 5 and with an annular ledge 6 on which rests the glass 7 that closes the sight opening, said cover being also provided with the circumferential depending flange 8.

The parts thus far described are or may be all as usual in cracker tin covers and form no part of my present invention, which relates to a novel manner of securing the glass in place. According to this invention the cover is provided with two loops 9 at its inner corners and the glass is held in place by a glass retaining wire 10 having a general U-shape and having the ends of

the legs 11 removably inserted into the loops 9.

The portion 12 of the wire which connects the legs 11 is provided with the offset portion 13 which extends through a slot 14 formed in the front of the cover, the portion 13 extending beyond the cover and forming a thumb piece or handle by which the cover may be raised.

The wire overlies the edge of the glass 7 and firmly holds it in place and the wire is held in place at one end by the loops 9 and on the opposite side by the offset portion 13 occupying the slot 14. The wire is sufficiently resilient so that the portion 12 thereof can be bent inwardly as shown by the dotted lines Fig. 2 thereby withdrawing the offset portion 13 from the slot 14 and whenever it is desired to insert a piece of glass 7 in the cover or remove it therefrom the offset portion 13 of the wire may be withdrawn from the slot 14 and the wire may then be swung inwardly into the position shown in Fig. 3 thereby releasing the glass so that it can be removed, and when the wire is in this position a fresh piece of glass may be inserted if desired, after which the offset portion 13 may be snapped into the slot 14 thereby retaining the glass in place.

I may, if desired, make the legs 11 with two inwardly offset portions 15 although this construction is not essential.

This wire forms a simple and practical means for retaining the glass 7 in place and it also has the advantage that the card bearing descriptive matter of the goods in the can or bearing data regarding price may be slipped under one of the legs of the wire, as shown in dotted lines 16, Fig. 2, so that the reading matter on the card may be easily read through the glass 3 when the cover is closed.

In this invention the wire 10 constitutes both means for holding the glass in place and furnishes the thumb piece 13 by which the cover may be raised.

I claim:

1. A hinged cover for cans and the like having a sight opening surrounded by a glass-receiving ledge and having an annular depending flange surrounding the ledge, a piece of glass resting on the ledge and a U-shaped glass-retaining wire having the ends of its legs detachably secured to the



cover adjacent its hinged edge, the bridge portion of the U having a part extending through the depending flange on the opposite side of the cover and furnishing a thumb piece by which the cover may be raised.

2. In a cover for cans and the like, the combination with a rim section applied to the top of the can, of a cover section hinged to the rim section and provided with a sight opening surrounded by a glass receiving ledge and a depending flange, a glass resting on said ledge, said cover section having two loops adjacent its pivoted edge, a slot in the depending flange at the opposite edge, and a U-shaped glass-retaining wire having the ends of its legs inserted into the loops

and having an offset portion extending through the slot.

3. In a cover for cans and the like, the combination with a rim section applied to the top of a can, of a cover section hinged to the rim section and provided with a sight opening surrounded by a glass-receiving ledge and a depending flange, a glass resting on said ledge, said cover having two loops adjacent its pivoted edge, and a U-shaped glass-retaining wire having the ends of its legs inserted into the loops, the bridge portion of the wire being detachably secured to the flange.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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