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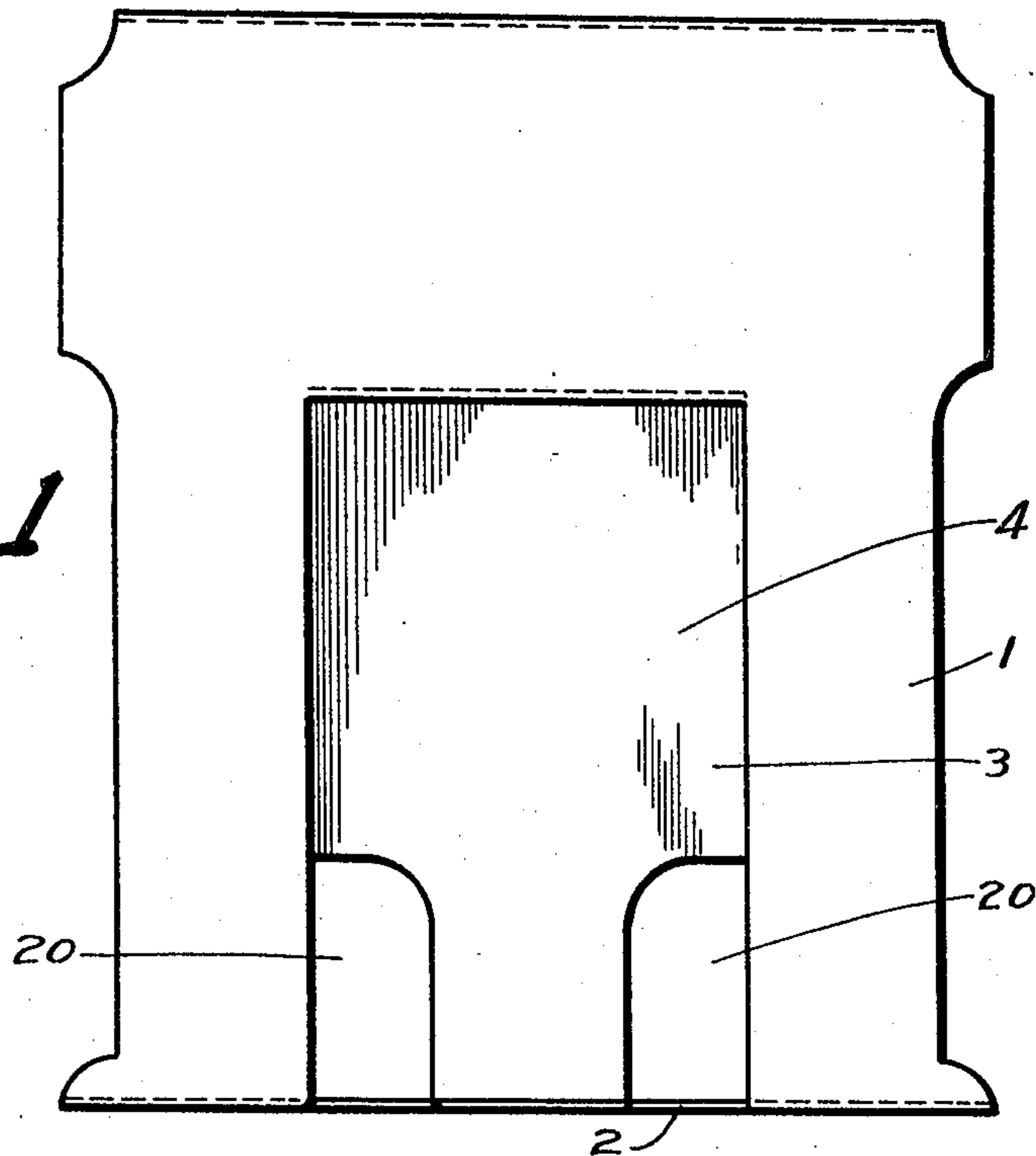
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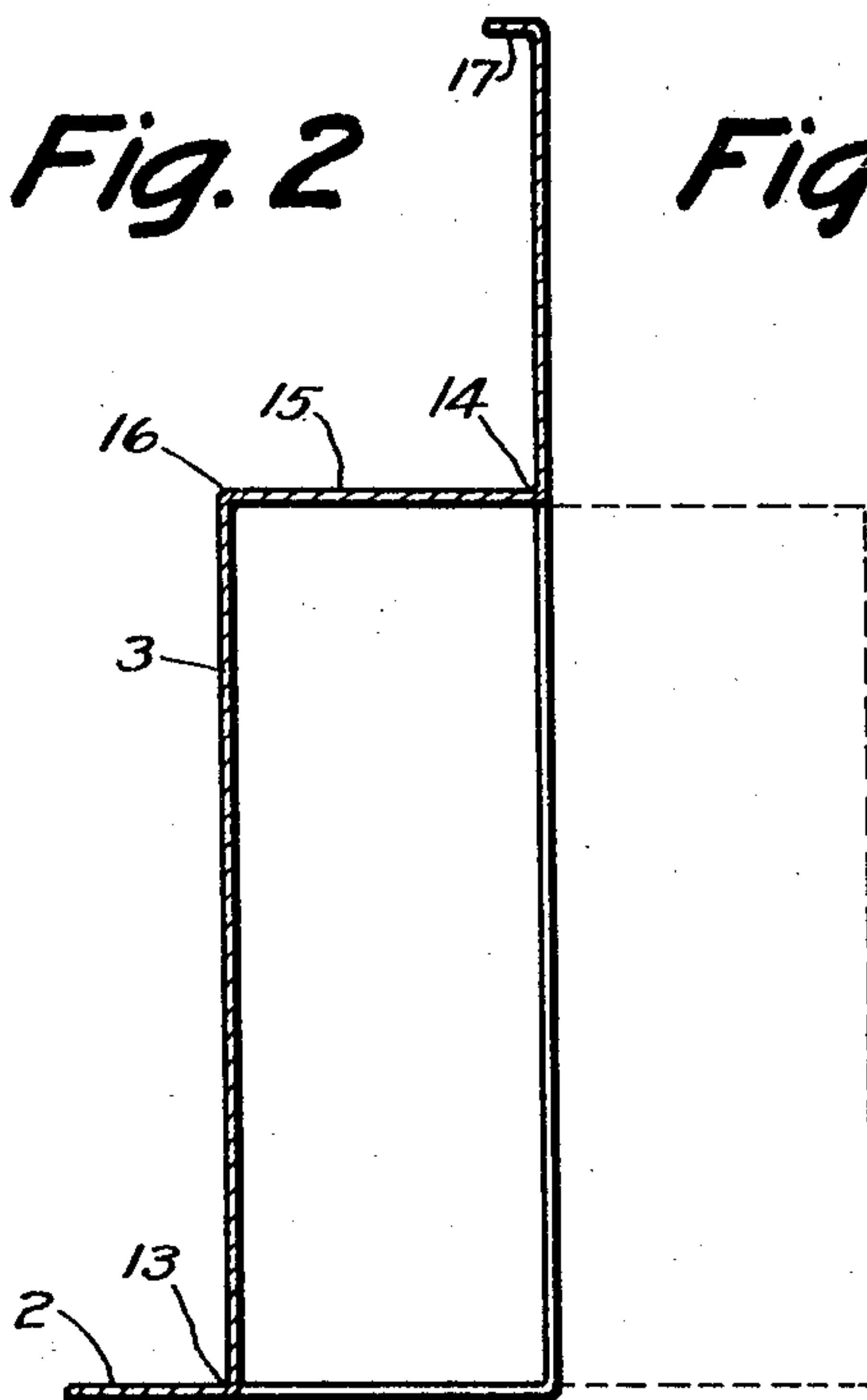
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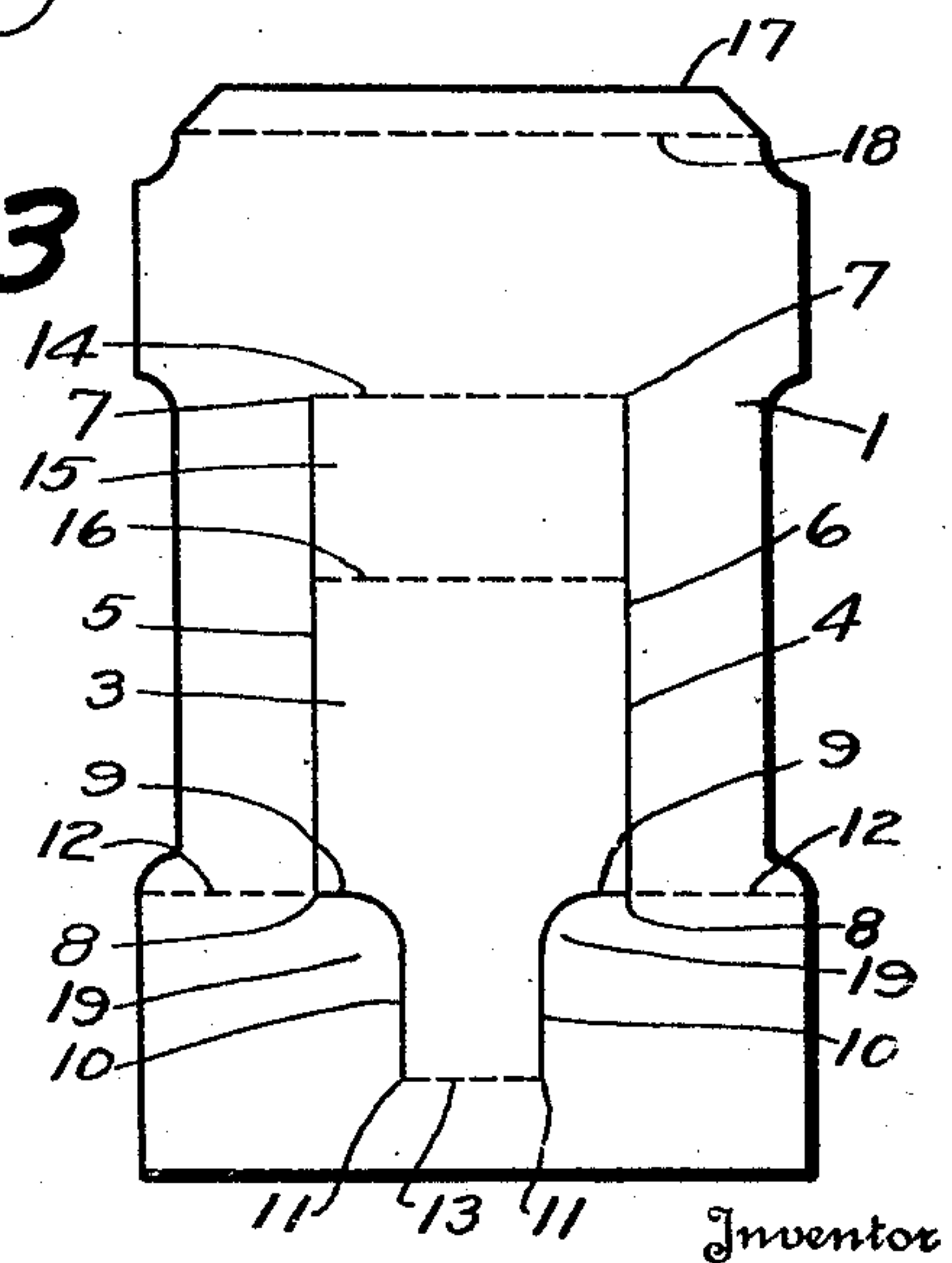
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



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## DISPLAY DEVICE.

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The invention is a device for readily displaying objects which is stamped from a flat piece of material and readily folded so that it will readily be supported around the object and have a neat and substantial appearance.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and economical display device which is of a neat and substantial appearance.

Another object of the invention is to provide a display device which may be stamped from a flat piece of material and readily folded to encase an object.

A further object of the invention is to provide a display device which is readily made from a flat piece of material which will have a neat and substantial appearance in use.

And a still further object of the invention is to provide a foldable display device that may be made from a single flat piece of material which has projections that extend under the object to be placed therein by which the object will rigidly hold the device.

With these ends in view the invention embodies a flat piece of material with a rectangular shaped opening cut therein, a tongue extending downward from the lower end of the said opening and the piece of material cut from the said opening being cut on the sides only and being folded to encase an object that may be partially placed in the said opening.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be seen from the following description taken in connection with the drawings wherein,

Figure 1 is a front view showing the device as it would appear in use.

Figure 2 is a cross section through the center of the device, showing a can in dotted lines as it would appear in the device.

Figure 3 is a view on a somewhat smaller scale showing the device as it would appear before being folded.

In the drawings the device is shown as it would be made wherein numeral 1 indicates the front of the device, numeral 2 the base and numeral 3 the back or portion cut from the rectangular shaped opening in the front.

The device is made from a flat piece of material as shown in Figure 3 with the periphery cut in any suitable design and an opening which is indicated by the numeral 4, made of any suitable size to accommodate any suitable object.

In the design shown the opening is made to accommodate a can, such as a can of salmon, and is cut on the lines 5 and 6 from the points 7 at the top to the points 8 at the bottom, the cuts then extend inward along the lines 9 and curve downward to form the lines 10 and the material is cut to the points 11 thereby, forming complete cuts from the points 7 to 11. Fold lines 12 are also provided at the lower end of the opening 4 to indicate the point at which the base is folded, another fold line is provided between the points 11 to indicate the line upon which the lower end of the back 3 is folded from the base, which line is indicated by the numeral 13 and shown at the point 13 in Figure 2. Another fold line which is indicated by the numeral 14 is provided between the points 7 which indicates the line upon which the upper end of the back 3, which is indicated by the numeral 15, is folded from the front 1, and another fold line which is indicated by the numeral 16 is provided in the back 3 which indicates the juncture between the back 3 and the upper portion 15. A flange 17 may also be provided at the upper end which may also be provided with a fold line 18 so that it may readily be folded backward to stiffen the upper edge or front of the device. It is understood that this flange may be omitted if desired.

It will be understood that changes may be made in the construction without departing from the spirit of the invention, one of which changes may be in the altering of the peripheral outline of the device, another may be in the shape of the opening which may be made to accommodate any suitable object or objects, and still another may be in the design or arrangement of the base.

The construction will be readily understood from the foregoing description. To use the device it may be supplied as shown in Figure 3 and when it is desired to display an object it may be folded upon the lines as hereinbefore described and an object may be placed in the opening 4. The device may then be set upon a counter or placed in any suitable position so that the object placed therein will readily be displayed. It will be observed that the back 3 may be folded to fit snugly around the object and the object will rest upon projections 19 of the base which are cut from openings 20 in the back 3. This will make it possible for the object to be displayed to rigidly hold the de-



vice and thereby give it a substantial appearance so that it will rest with the front perfectly flat and upright. This will therefore provide a very economical and efficient display device which will have a neat and substantial appearance.

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

10 1. In a display device of the character described, a base member, a vertical member extending upward from the forward edge of the said base member, said vertical member having an opening therein, another vertical member extending upward from the said  
15 base member, spaced from and somewhat shorter than the said former vertical member, having horizontal members connecting

the upper end of the said latter vertical member to the said former vertical member, said  
20 latter vertical member and said horizontal member being cut by vertical parallel cuts from the said former vertical member and base member.

2. In a display device, a vertical member  
25 having an opening therein, a horizontal member extending rearward from the lower end of the said vertical member forming a base, and a secondary vertical member formed from the said opening and having its  
30 lower end articulated to the said base and its upper end articulated to the said former vertical member in the upper end of the said opening by a horizontal member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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