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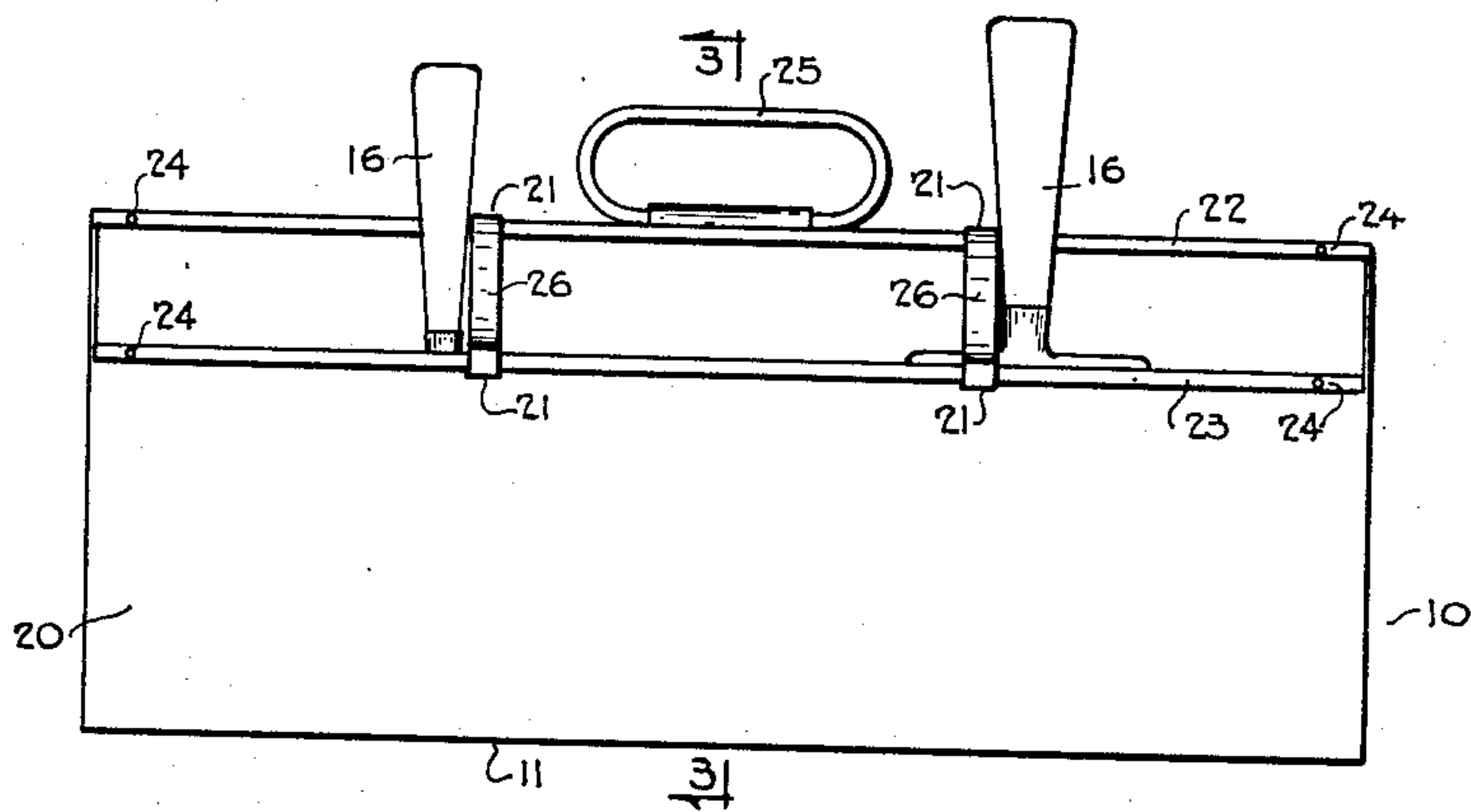


FIG. 1

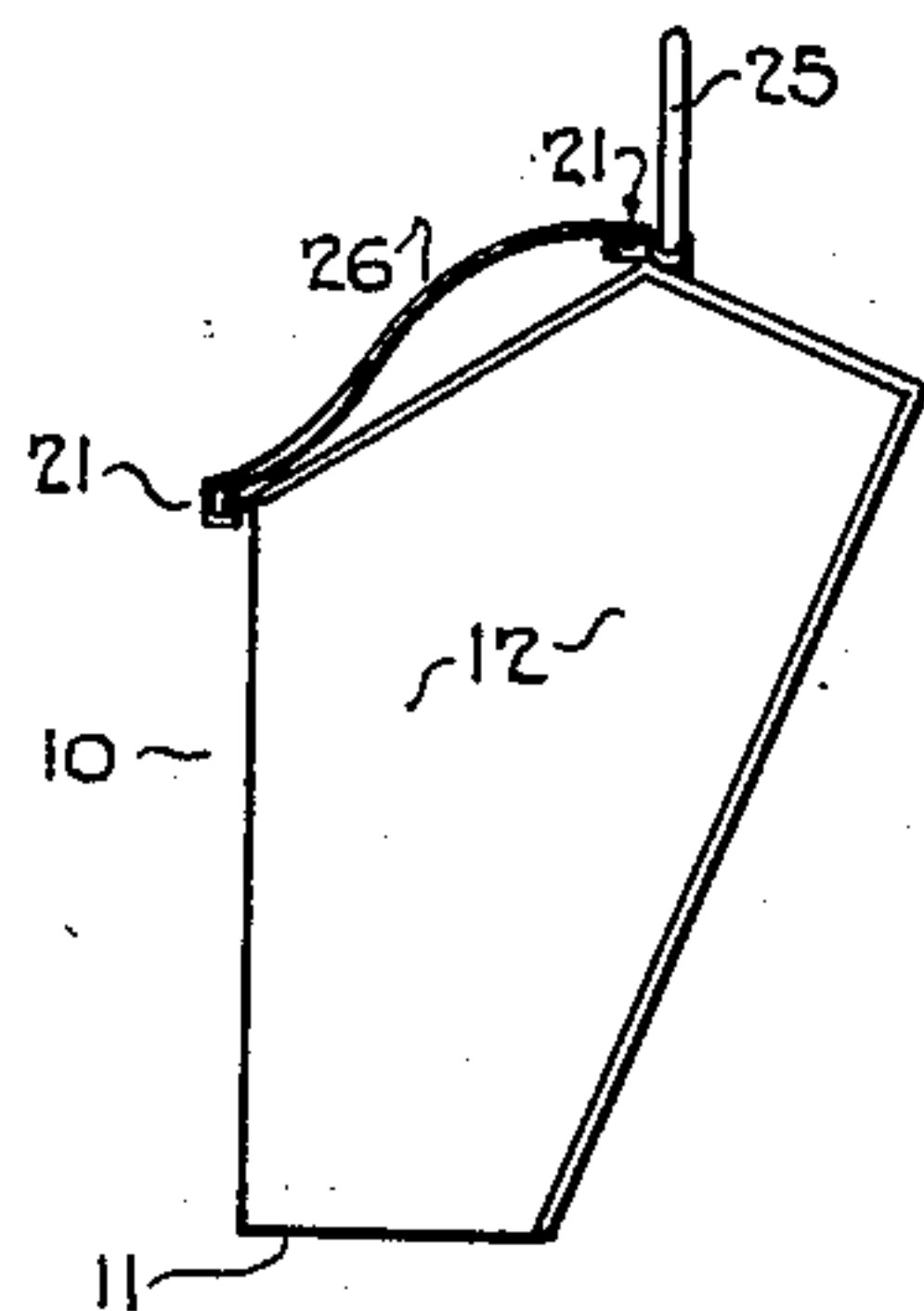


FIG. 2

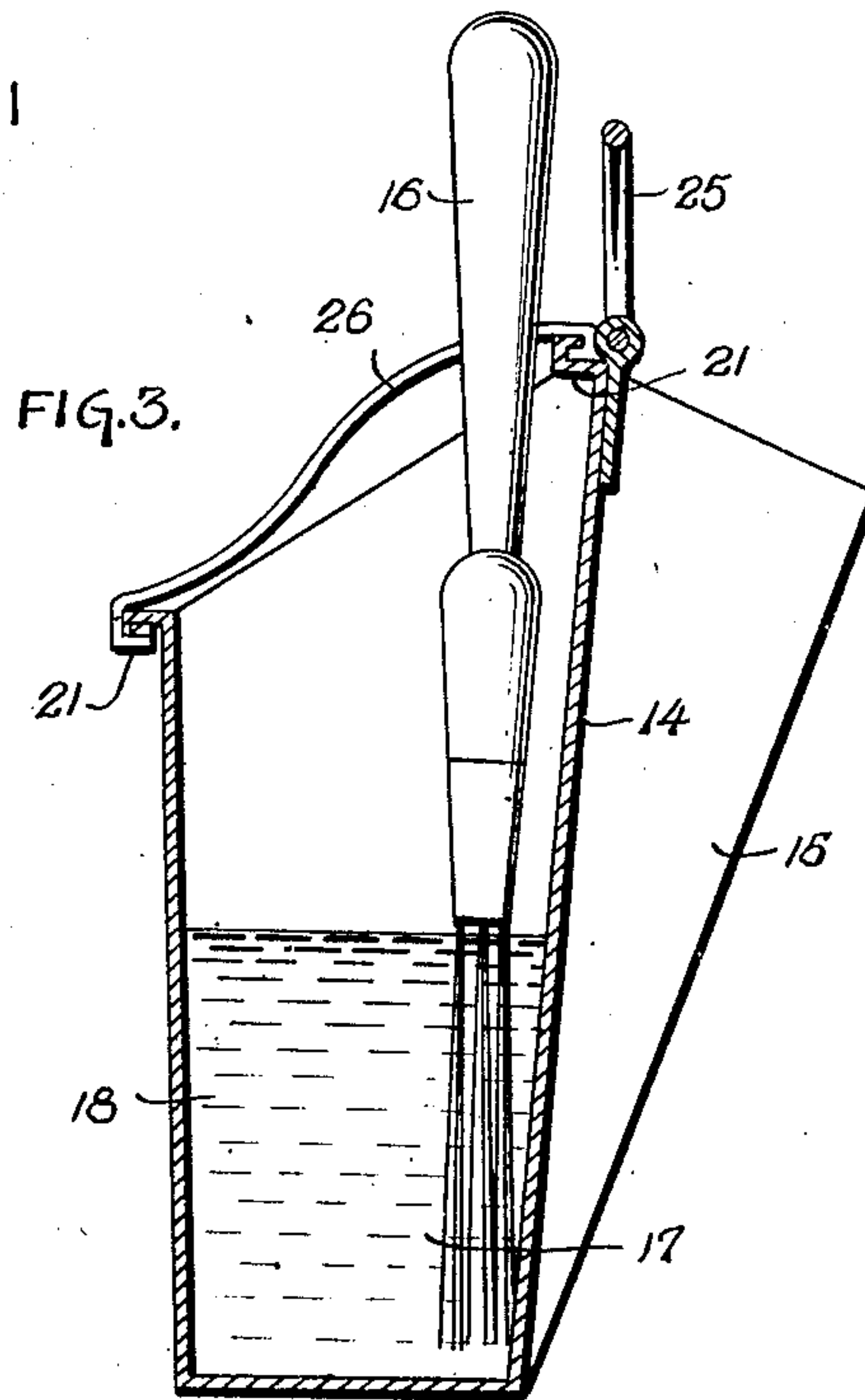


FIG. 3

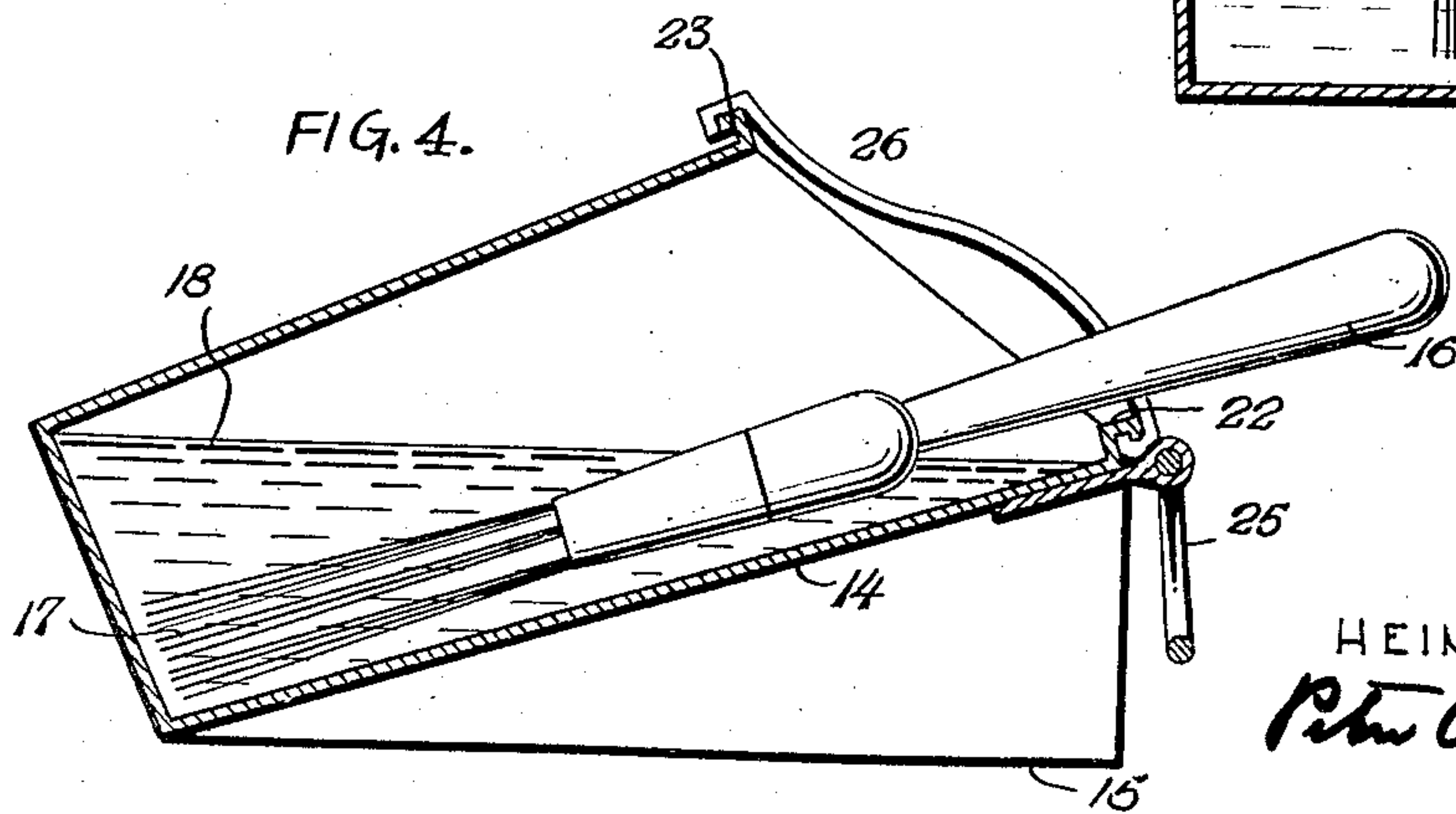


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a brush and utility paint box, especially adaptable for use by painters and house owners, and it constitutes further improvements upon a device for which the U. S. patent has been granted to me June 9, 1936, under No. 2,043,301.

The said further improvements embodied in the present invention reside in the simplification of the useful principle embodied in the device for which said patent has been granted, and which improvements will appear from the description herein.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, and in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of my device.

Figure 2 is an end elevational view of the same.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view of my device, taken on the line 3—3 in Figure 1; while

Figure 4 shows my device turned over on the side, thereby permitting the brushes placed therein to assume a somewhat horizontally extended position.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 indicates a container or canister tapered towards its bottom 11, and having the sides 12 of same extended beyond the rear wall 14 of said container, so as to form downwardly tapered flaps 15, as may especially be seen in Figure 3, thereby permitting the said container to be placed in an oblique position with the result that the brushes 16 placed in said container may rest therein in an almost horizontal position with the bristles 17 of said brushes submerged in oil 18, as shown in Figure 4. This feature is of great importance as by having the brushes lying down, when not in use for a period of time, the said bristles will be secured against damage through breaking and bending the latter; a feature so much more important at present as the better class of painting brushes have increased in cost about two hundred per cent.

When the brushes are carried about to be used for work, they are placed in the container, as shown especially in the Figures 1 and 3, and in order under such conditions to keep the brushes from tipping over or falling down upon the bottom of the container, members 26 have been arranged between the rear wall 14 and the front wall 20 of the container; said members 26

are slidable upon the two walls 14 and 20, as these members have their end portions 21 bent over the edges 22 and 23 formed upon said walls, 14 and 20, respectively; thus it may be noted that said member 26 can be adjusted to any position suitable for holding the brushes in an upright position. Studs 24 prevent said members 26 from sliding off the container walls. A handle 25 secured to the rear wall 14 permits the container to be carried around in an easy manner.

If desired, a lid may well be secured to the container 10.

It will further appear that the said container may be made of a comparatively few pieces of metal riveted or soldered together.

It will be obvious that minor changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the several parts, as shown, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I do not therefore wish to limit myself to the exact construction and arrangement shown and described herein.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States:

1. In a device of the class described, a container having a downwardly tapered body portion, and a flat bottom therein, the rear wall of said container being higher than the front wall thereof, said walls having their upper ends bent to form tracks, members slidably mounted upon the latter, studs formed at each end of said tracks, whereby to arrest the movements of said members, triangular flaps extending rearwardly of said container and forming elongations of the end walls of the latter, and a handle attached to the upper part of the rear wall, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a device of the class described, a container formed with a flat bottom therein, a front wall, and a rear wall substantially higher than the latter, the upper end portions of said front and rear walls being bent upon themselves to form tracks, members slidably arranged between said front and rear walls and having their end portions bent over said strokes, and studs arranged at each end of the latter, whereby to arrest the movements of said members, triangular flaps forming elongations of the end walls of the container and being adapted to support the latter in a horizontal position, and a handle secured to the upper part of the rear wall, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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