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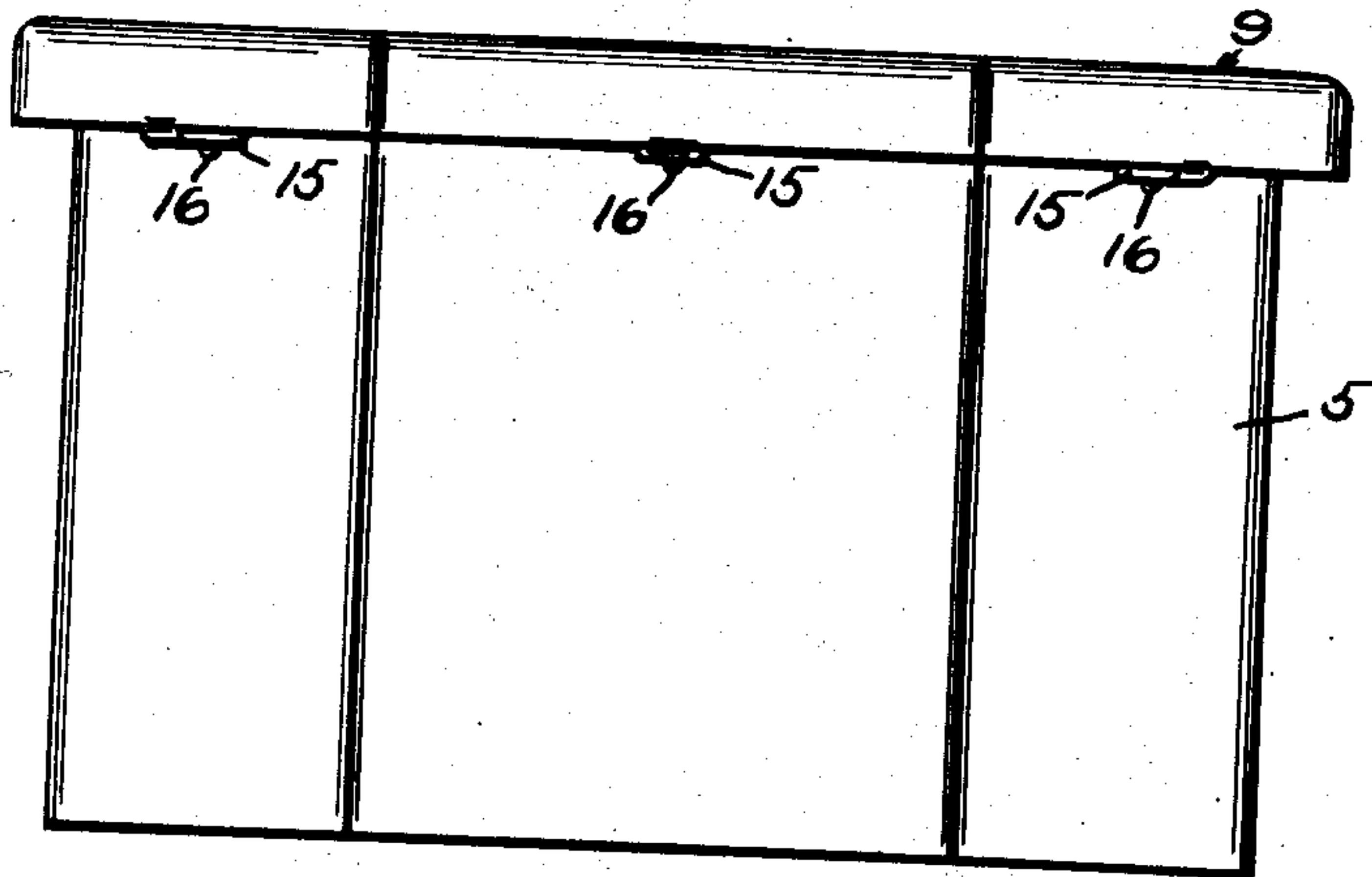
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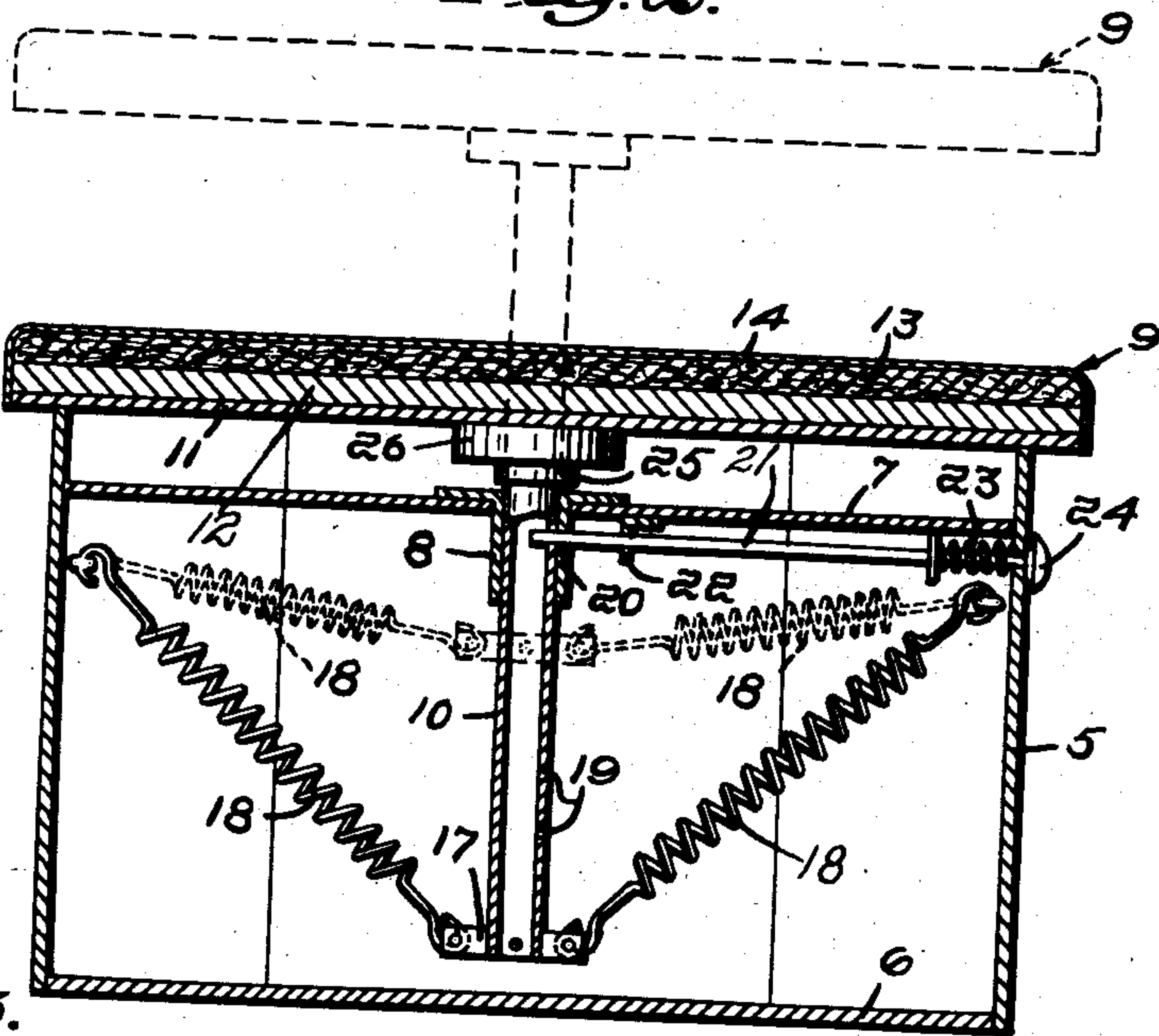
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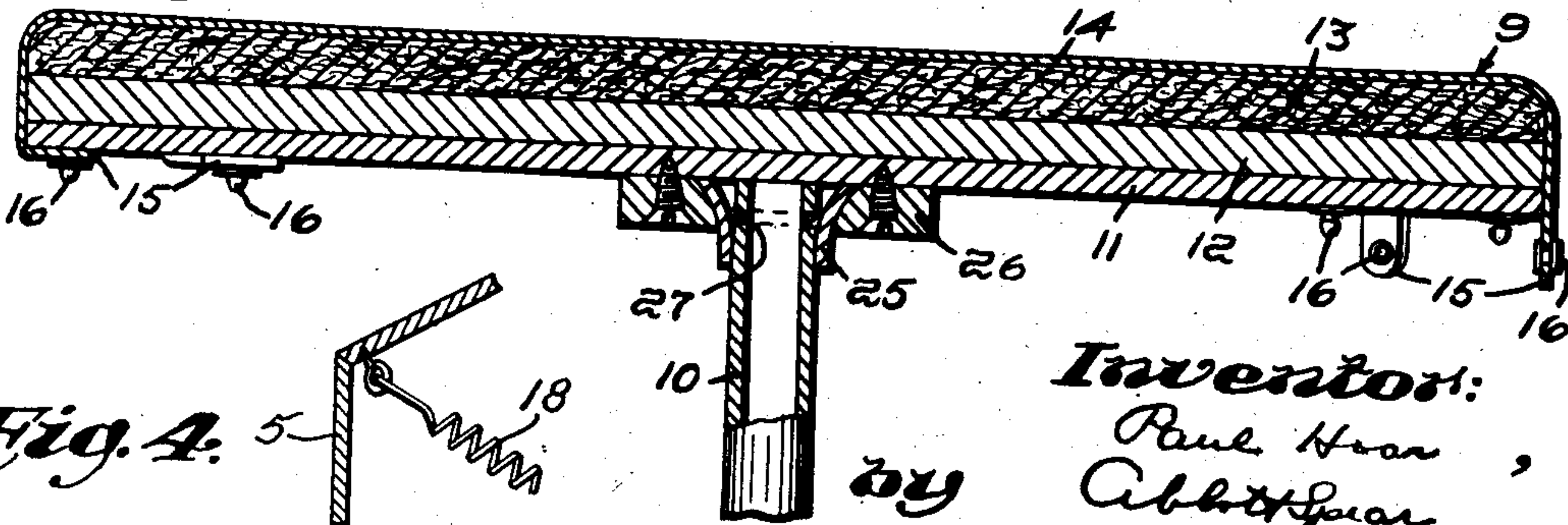
*Fig. 1.*



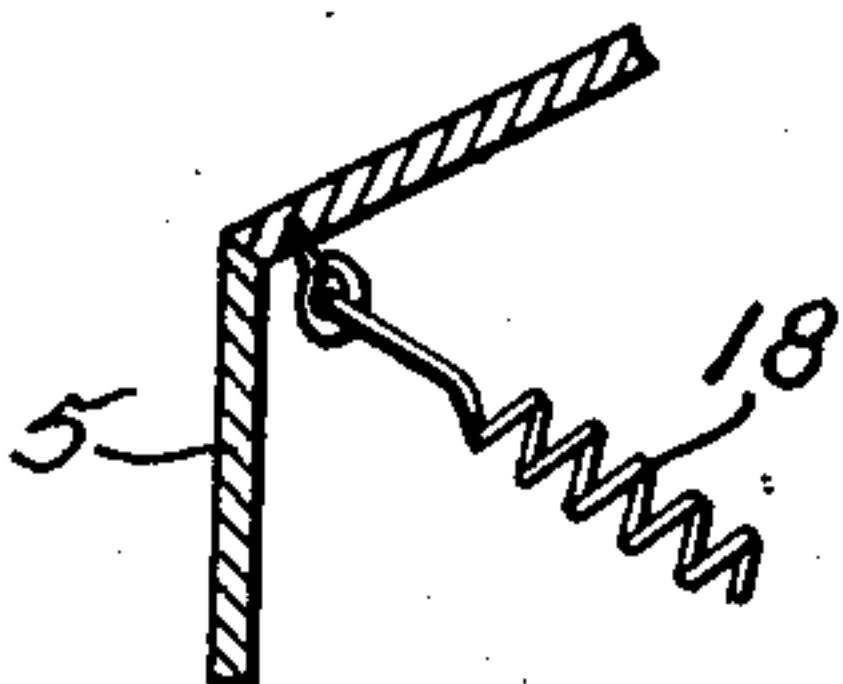
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## CONVERTIBLE HASOCK AND TABLE

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My present invention relates to a multi-use article of furniture that is particularly adapted for use in the living rooms of small homes and apartments where limited space imposes restrictions on the quantity of furniture with which such rooms may be furnished and on the arrangement of such furniture.

The objectives of my invention will be readily apparent from its general structural features. I provide an article of furniture which consists of a hollow base open at its upper end and having a floor spaced below that end. A centrally located sleeve depends from that floor and serves to receive a support depending from the cover that seats on the upper end of the base and means are provided to enable the seated cover to be raised relative to the base. In practice, the cover includes a cushion section removable from the section carrying the depending sleeve entering support.

Such an article of furniture, when its cover is supported by the upper end of its base, serves as a hassock that affords an extra seat when needed while requiring a minimum of space and interfering, to a minimum extent, with the arrangement of the principal articles of furniture. With the cover raised, my article functions as a stand or end table with the floor in the base exposed so that cards or smoking supplies, for example, stored in the base are conveniently accessible. In addition, the cover is preferably formed so that its removable cushion section may be inverted and used as a tray.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown an illustrative embodiment of a multi-use article of furniture in accordance with my invention from which these and other of its novel features and advantages will be readily apparent.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a view, in elevation, of an article of furniture in accordance with my invention, usable as a hassock.

Fig. 2 is a partly sectioned side view of the article of furniture shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view, in section, and on an enlarged scale, of the cover and its support, and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary transverse section showing the attachment of one of the springs to the base.

In the embodiment of my invention shown in the drawings, I have shown a hollow base 5 of hexagonal cross sectional shape having its lower end closed as at 6 and a floor 7 is spaced a substantial distance below its upper end. The floor

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7 has a centrally located depending sleeve 8 which is of relatively small cross sectional area as compared with that of the floor 7 so that the floor 7 establishes with the base 5 a storage chamber for various articles of which cards and smoking supplies and equipment are but examples.

I have indicated the cover generally at 9 and shown it as carrying a depending support 10 slidably guided by the sleeve 8. In practice, the cover 9 is supported by the upper edge of the base 5 and is dimensioned so that it extends marginally thereof. Preferably, the cover 9 consists of a bottom section 11 and an upper section consisting of a rigid, flat layer 12, a layer of cushioning material 13, and a surface layer 14 attached in any suitable way to the periphery of the layer 12 and including marginal tabs 15 of sufficient length so that the complementary parts of fastening means 16 carried thereby and by the under surface of the cover section 11 adjacent its edge may be engaged or disengaged to lock the top cover section thereto or to permit its removal therefrom. When the top cover section is thus removed, it may be inverted so that it may be used as a tray.

In the embodiment of my invention shown in the drawings, the support 10 is of such length that when the cover 9 is supported by the upper edge of the base 5, its lower end is spaced above the bottom end thereof. The lower end of the support 10 has a stop 17 engageable with the lower end of the sleeve 8 to limit the extent to which the cover 9 may be raised relative to the base 5. Springs 18 are anchored at one of their ends to the stop 17 and at the other end to the base 5 adjacent the floor 7 thereby to yieldably urge the cover 9 into its fully raised position in which the stop 17 engages the lower end of the sleeve 8.

In practice, I provide means to maintain the cover 9 seated against the upper end of the base 5 and to lock it in any one of a plurality of predetermined raised positions. To accomplish this, I provide the support 10 with a plurality of spaced and vertically aligned recesses 19 any one of which may be brought into registry with the hole 20 in the sleeve 8 through which extends one end of a locking pin 21 slidably supported as at 22 on the under surface of the floor 7 and which is yieldably held in locking position by the spring 23. The other end of the pin 21 extends through the wall of the base 5 and has an exposed knob 24 to enable the pin 21 to be manually withdrawn from its locking position.

As the springs 18 hold the support 10 from



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rotation thereby ensuring registry of the recesses 19 with the locking pin 21, I preferably provide means to enable the cover 9 to be rotated relative thereto. As shown in Fig. 3, this may be accomplished by providing the bottom section 11 of the cover 9 with a sleeve 25 with its bell-shaped upper end locked thereto as by the ring 26 thereby to provide a retaining chamber for the transverse keeper 27 on the upper end of the support 10.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that articles of furniture in accordance with my invention are simple and rugged in construction, adapted to a wide range of attractive designs, and serve a plurality of purposes thereby reducing to a minimum the problem of furnishing small living rooms.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An article of furniture comprising a hollow base open at its upper end and including a floor supported by said base below the open end thereof, a centrally located sleeve attached to said floor and including a portion depending therefrom, a cover for said base dimensioned to be supported by the rim of said base and including a depending support slidably guided by said sleeve and of such length that its lower end is adjacent the bottom of said base when said cover is supported by the rim thereof, a pair of springs anchored to said base below but adjacent said floor and connected to said lower support end thereby to raise said cover above said base rim and means carried by said floor and said support to lock said support to said sleeve in any one of a plurality of raised positions.

2. The article of claim 1 in which the support includes a sleeve engaging stop at its lower end to limit upward movement of the support relative to the base and the springs are connected to the stop.

3. An article of furniture comprising a hollow base open at its upper end and including a floor supported by said base below the open end thereof, a centrally located sleeve attached to said floor and including a portion depending therefrom, a cover for said base including a depending support slidably guided by said sleeve to enable said cover to be raised relative to said base, said support including a sleeve engaging stop at its lower end to limit the extent to which it may be raised relative to said base, a pair of cover raising springs, each of said springs being connected at one end to said stop and at its other

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end to said base above the lower end of said sleeve but below said floor, and means to lock said support to said base in any one of a plurality of raised positions.

4. An article of furniture comprising a hollow base open at its upper end, a floor supported by said base, a centrally located sleeve attached to said floor and including a portion depending therefrom and having a radial opening, a cover for said base including a depending tubular support slidably guided by said sleeve and having a plurality of vertically spaced recesses which register with said opening as the cover is raised and lowered, a locking pin slidably carried by said floor and including an extremity to enter one of said support recesses through said sleeve opening thereby to lock said support to said sleeve, and a second extremity exposed through the side of said base, and a spring in control of said locking pin yieldably holding its first named extremity in locking position.

5. The article of claim 4 and a rotatable connection between the cover and the upper end of its support.

6. An article of furniture comprising a hollow base open at its upper end and including a floor supported by said base below the open end thereof, a centrally located sleeve attached to said floor and including a portion depending therefrom, and a cover for said base including a depending support connected to said sleeve to enable said cover to be raised.

7. An article of furniture comprising a hollow base open at its top and including a floor spaced between its top and bottom, a cover for said base including a depending support, and a sleeve attached to said floor and depending therefrom, said support being slidably connected to said sleeve to enable said cover to be raised and lowered relative to said base.

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