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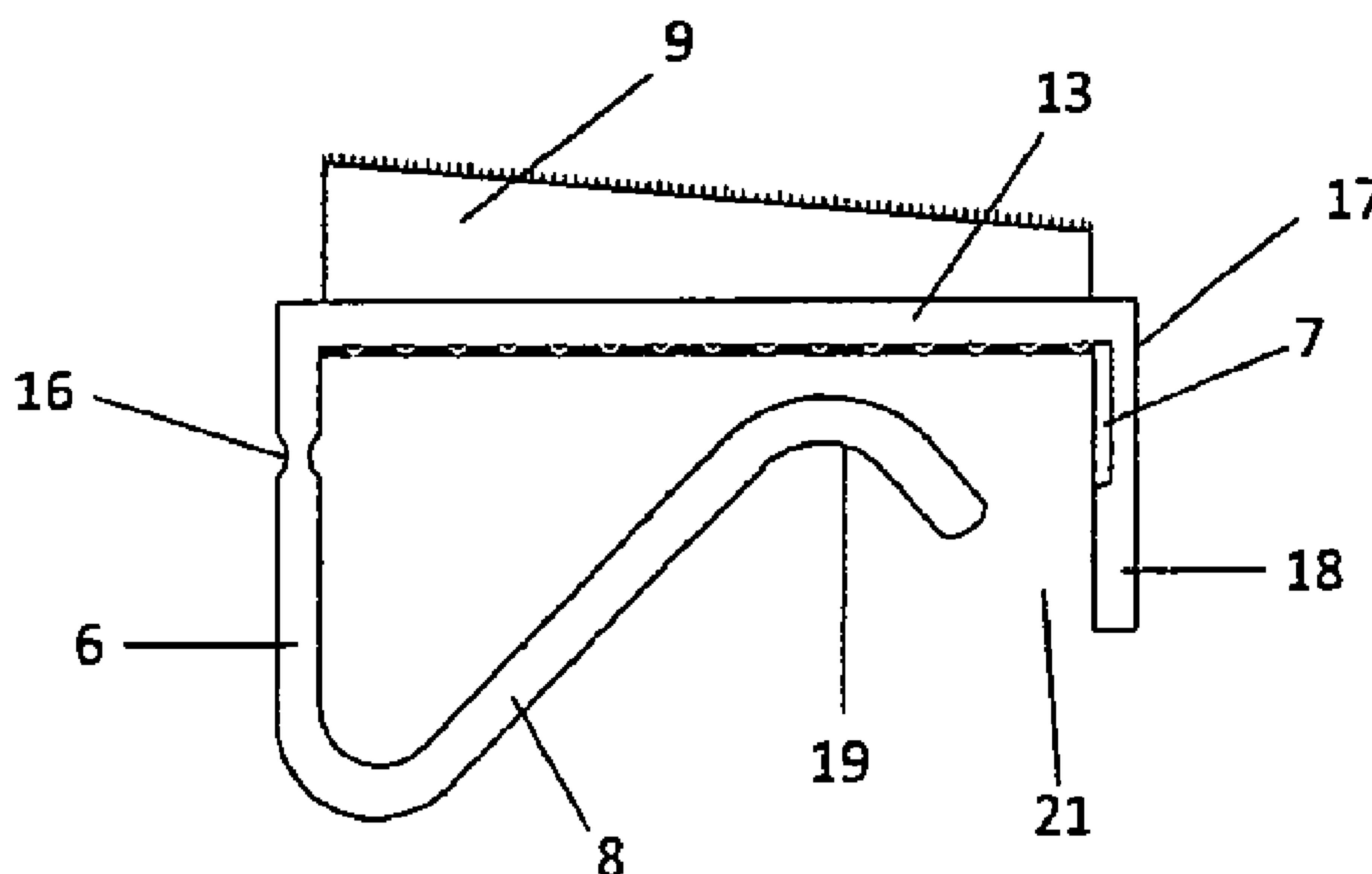


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Device for Unrolling and Cutting a Strip

The invention concerns a device for unrolling and cutting a strip on a strip roll according to the preamble of claim 1. The strips employed in the context of this invention can be adhesive tapes, packaging and securing tapes and strips with and without adhesive coating, such as self-adhesive fixation strips in the medical field.

Such a device is disclosed in US 2013/0 087 275 A1. In this device, behind the slot the tear-off blade and downstream thereof an upwardly pivotable storage plate are arranged. In front of the slot, a roller is provided for holding down the strip.

A further device is disclosed in DE 10 2010 007 002 A1. The described strip cutter can be placed on top of the strip roll as well as laterally pushed onto the strip roll. In use, a loose end of the strip is lifted off the outer circumference of the strip roll and is guided through the slot of the base member. In a further embodiment, the strip can also be inserted from the side into the slot. It is disadvantageous that passing the strip through the slot is rather cumbersome and that the device as a whole is also not sufficiently secured on the strip roll.

It is thus the object of the invention to further develop a device of the aforementioned kind in such a way that simple handling is ensured. In addition, the device should be secured on the strip roll during use.

As a solution to this object, it is proposed according to the invention to configure the device according to the preamble of claim 1 in accordance with the characterizing portion of this claim.

When using the device according to the invention, it is first mounted on or pushed onto the strip roll, with storage plate folded upward or without roller. Subsequently, the free end of the strip is lifted up from the outer circumference of the strip roll and

the storage plate folded down or the roller inserted. In its end position, the storage plate or the roller form the slot together with the rear edge of the topside. In this way, the device according to the invention is now ready for use. A cumbersome guiding through or threading of the strip into the slot, as in the prior art, is thus not
5 needed. Since the base member has approximately the shape of a quadrangular frame, the device is also secured sufficiently on the strip roll.

In order to avoid accidental upward pivoting of the storage plate in operation of the device, one embodiment of the invention provides that the storage plate in its end
10 position locks with a lateral guide surface. When the device after use is to be removed again from the strip roll, the locking action is released and the storage plate is pivoted upwardly. In this way, the free end of the strip can be placed again onto the outer circumference of the strip roll. Subsequently, the device is lifted off the strip roll. In order to enable insertion of the device on the strip roll, the base
15 member is not completely closed but a passage opening for the strip roll into the base member must remain free. Advantageously, one of the lateral guide surfaces is therefore partially open in direction toward the center of the roll and does not extend completely to the bottom side of the base member.

20 In order to ensure safe guiding of the device on the strip roll even for decreasing diameter of the strip roll due to use of the strip, a further embodiment of the invention provides that the bottom side of the base member is comprised of an elastic clamping bracket which is resting against the inner side of the strip roll. The pretension of the clamping bracket and also the contact surface of the clamping
25 bracket on the inner side of the strip roll, depending on the thickness of the strip roll, can be embodied differently. For a range of use as broad as possible, the clamping bracket is advantageously S-shaped and spoon-like.

When tearing off the strip at the tear-off blade, it is conceivable that the device can
30 move uncontrolled on the outer circumference of the strip roll. In order to prevent

this, a further embodiment of the invention provides that on the topside of the base member a stop that is interacting with the strip is provided. As soon as the strip is placed and pushed onto the tear-off blade, the stop is pushed onto the outer circumference of the strip and prevents thus a further movement of the device. In order for this braking action to be optimal, a further embodiment of the invention provides that the stop is arranged in the area of the tear-off blade.

As the strip is pulled off, the device according to the invention glides along the outer circumference of the strip roll. The movement of the device relative to the strip roll is effected by pulling off the strip because the strip, in particular with its face that is not adhesive, is contacting the rear edge of the topside and therefore displaces the topside in the unrolling direction due to a force component.

The invention will be explained in more detail in the following with the aid of the drawing. The drawing shows embodiments of the invention. In this context, it is shown in:

Fig. 1 a side view of a first embodiment with strip roll;

Fig. 2 a plan view according to Fig. 1 without strip roll;

Fig. 3 a rear view according to Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 a view from below according to Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 a plan view of a further embodiment;

Fig. 6 a side view according to Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 a plan view of a further embodiment; and

Fig. 8 a view of a further embodiment, folded open.

The device 1 for unrolling and cutting a strip 2 on a strip roll 3 comprises a base member 4. The base member 4 comprises a topside 5, a first lateral guide surface 6, a second lateral guide surface 7, and a bottom side 8. The base member is embodied monolithic. On the topside 5, a tear-off blade 9 which is extending in radial direction outwardly is arranged so as to be positioned close to a forward edge 10 of the topside 5. The tear-off blade 9 has the shape of a saw and extends at a slant, wherein one side is taller than the other side in order to facilitate cutting off the strip 2. The front edge 10 faces in the direction of an unrolling direction 11 of the base member 4. At the topside 5, a slot 12 is formed. The topside 5 comprises furthermore a storage plate 13. The slot 12 is located between a rear edge 14 of the part of the topside 5 on which the tear-off blade 9 is arranged and a front edge 15 of the storage plate 13. The storage plate 13 is pivotable about a pivot area 16 in upward direction, i.e., in radial direction. The pivot area 16 is located at the upper edge of the first guide surface 6. On the other side, the storage plate 13 has a projection 17 which is extending parallel to the second guide surface 7 and is lockable with the second guide surface 7. For this purpose, the projection 17 has an inwardly oriented protrusion 18 which in the end position of the storage plate 13 engages about the second guide surface 7. The protrusion 18 engages only that part of the second guide surface 7 which is positioned close to the projection 17. When viewed in a side view, the protrusion 18 has a tapering pointed shape with a top edge that is not extending horizontally but at a slant. Accordingly, the adjoining bottom edge of the second guide surface 7 also extends at a slant in order to avoid that the protrusion 18 and the second guide surface 7 slide apart after locking. The bottom side 8 is an elastic clamping bracket which is connected with the first guide surface 6 and which extends from the first guide surface 6 toward the second guide surface 7. The bottom side 8 in longitudinal section is S-shaped and comprises, approximately after 2/3 when viewed from the first guide surface 6, a bending area

19 which upon use of the device 1 is contacting an inner side 20 of the strip roll 3. Since the clamping bracket is elastic, this bending area 19 is still contacting the strip roll 3 even when the latter, due to continuous use, has reduced its diameter.

5 Fig. 4 shows the bottom side 8 in a view from below. The bottom side 8 in the form of the elastic clamping bracket is embodied spoon-like. As can be seen in Fig. 3, the second guide surface 7 does not extend as far downward in the direction of the center of the strip roll 3 as the first guide surface 6. Accordingly, a through opening 21 between the bottom side 8 and the second guide surface 7 is formed through
10 which the strip roll 3 can be passed through when the device 1 is pushed onto the strip roll 3.

When using the device 1, the second guide surface 7 is placed onto the outer circumference of the strip roll 3 and the elastic bottom side 8 is somewhat bent
15 open toward the center of the strip roll 3. Then the strip roll 3 can be pushed through the through opening 21 and is located then within the base member 4 wherein the bottom side 8 is contacting the inner side 20 of the strip roll 3. The storage plate 13 is then folded open and the free end of the strip 2 is lifted up as can be seen in Fig. 1. Now the storage plate 13 is folded down again and locks at
20 the second guide surface 7. The storage plate 13 is now in one plane with the remaining topside 5 and forms thus the slot 12 in which the strip 2 is extending. In this way, simple handling for insertion of the strip 2 into the slot 12 is provided. Prior to further use, the strip 2 can now be placed on or adhered to the storage plate 13. By further pulling up the strip 2 which is contacting with its non-adhesive surface the
25 rear edge 14, the base member 4 is pushed in the unrolling direction 11. When the desired length of the strip 2 has been dispensed, the strip 2 is pivoted downwardly onto the tear-off blade 9 and torn off. The strip 2 can of course also be adhered to the desired location after having been pulled up initially and, by pulling away the strip roll 3, the base member 4 is then also displaced in the unrolling direction 11
30 and the strip 2 dispensed. Without particular differences in handling, the device 1

can be placed and used on the roll in both directions. The direction in which the storage plate 13 is pointing to the open end of the strip 2 enables better storage of the strip end. Upon pulling out the strip 2, the strip roll 3 must not be held rigidly and fixedly. It is guided movably through the slightly closed hand, between the thumb on
5 one side and the fingers on the other side, so that it can rotate by sliding in the hand and thereby can unroll.

In the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 5, a roller 22 is provided in place of the storage plate 13. The roller 22 is seated in a U-shaped cutout of the topside 5 that is open
10 at one side. The axis 23 of the roller 22 is locked at a first lateral clamping holder 24 and a second lateral clamping holder 25. The two lateral clamping holders 24, 25 extend approximately from the rear edge 14 in upward direction. Each lateral clamping holder 24, 25 has a guide slot 26 for insertion of the axis 23 of the roller 22 so that the roller 22 can be inserted. In its end position, the roller 22 again forms,
15 together with the rear edge 14, the slot 12 for the strip 2. In use of this embodiment, the device 1 without inserted roller 22 is pushed onto the strip roll 3. Then the strip 2, as also in the first embodiment, is lifted up and pulled in upward direction. Subsequently, the roller 22 is inserted and forms then with its outer circumference the slot 12 and thus the guide means for the strip 2. The strip 2 can now be placed
20 on or adhered to the roller 22 prior to further use.

On the inner surface of the topside 5, a stop is arranged facing the strip 2 and positioned close to the front edge 10 of the topside 5. When tearing off the strip 2 at the tear-off blade 9, due the pressure on the tear-off blade 9 the topside 5 is
25 pushed in downward direction toward the strip 2 and thus the stop is forced also onto the strip 2. In this way, a further movement of the base member 4 in the unrolling direction 11 is avoided when tearing off the strip 2.

In the embodiment according to Fig. 7, the storage plate 13 extends approximately
30 up to the second guide surface 7 and has no projection. In this way, it cannot be

locked with the second guide surface 7. The storage plate 13 is however also pivotable here and the insertion of the strip 2 is realized as described above in the first embodiment, wherein it is conceivable here that the strip 2 is inserted somewhat more from the side.

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The embodiment illustrated in Fig. 8 with folding brackets 28 is constructed for strip rolls 3 in which the inner diameter is very small, the outer diameter however very large and for which therefore the lateral surfaces are very wide. In use, the device 1 encloses the entire strip roll 3 wherein the basic frame and the folding brackets 28
10 overlap at one of the two lateral surfaces of the roll. They are fastened and secured on each other by snap fasteners. The frame of this embodiment is U-shaped toward the center of the roll with two right angles at the edges, and is closed and rigid. On the inner side of the lateral guide surfaces 6, 7, a vertical or radially extending guide rail 29 is located, respectively. By means of the latter, a pressure
15 plate is guided and is limited in its movement by transverse projections 30 at the ends of the guide rails 29. The pressure plate has at its short sides a groove corresponding to the guide rails 29. The pressure plate is pushed outwardly by a spring 31 which with its base is seated on the bottom side 8, i.e., inwardly at the frame bottom, on a base plate. The base plate can exert by means of an adjusting
20 screw a stronger pressure on the spring 31. The thread which is required for this is located in the bottom of the frame. This device 1 is pushed from the roll center onto the strip roll 3 wherein the pressure plate is guided against the inner side 20 of the strip roll 3 and the spring 31 securing it is compressed. After having been pushed on sufficiently far on the strip roll 3, the folding bracket 28 which secures the tear-off
25 blade 9 is folded about the outer surface of the roll and locked by the snap fasteners. Now the strip 2 to be used is lifted off the strip roll 3 and held across the already closed bracket. The folding bracket that is still open at this point is now also folded closed and secured by the snap fasteners.

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Claims

1. Device for unrolling and cutting a strip (2) on a strip roll (3), with a base member (4), wherein the base member (4) comprises a topside (5) with a tear-off blade (9),
5 a slot (12), a storage plate (13) for storing the strip (2), two lateral guide surfaces (6, 7), and a bottom side (8),
characterized in that
the storage plate (13) is laterally pivotable or the roller (22), arranged behind the
slot (12) when viewed against the unrolling direction (11), for storing the strip (2) is
10 insertable and lockable, wherein the storage plate (13) or the roller (22) in its end
position forms the slot (12) together with a rear edge (14) of the topside (5).
2. Device according to claim 1,
characterized in that
15 the storage plate (13) in its end position is lockable with a lateral guide surface (7).
3. Device according to claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that
one of the lateral guide surfaces (6, 7) in direction toward the strip roll center is
20 partially open in order to form a through opening (21) for the strip roll (3).
4. Device according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that
the bottom side (8) of the base member (4) is comprised of an elastic clamping
25 bracket which is contacting the inner side (20) of the strip roll (3).
5. Device according to claim 4,
characterized in that
the clamping bracket is embodied in an S-shape.

6. Device according to claim 4 or 5,
characterized in that
the clamping bracket is embodied spoon-like.

5 7. Device according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that
on the topside (5) a stop interacting with the strip (2) is provided.

8. Device according to claim 7,
10 characterized in that
the stop is arranged in the area of the tear-off blade (9).

9. Device according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that
15 the strip (2) is insertable into the slot (12) from the outer circumference of the strip
roll (3).

10. Device according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that
20 a radial pulling direction of the strip (2) effects a forward movement of the base
member (4) in unrolling direction (11).

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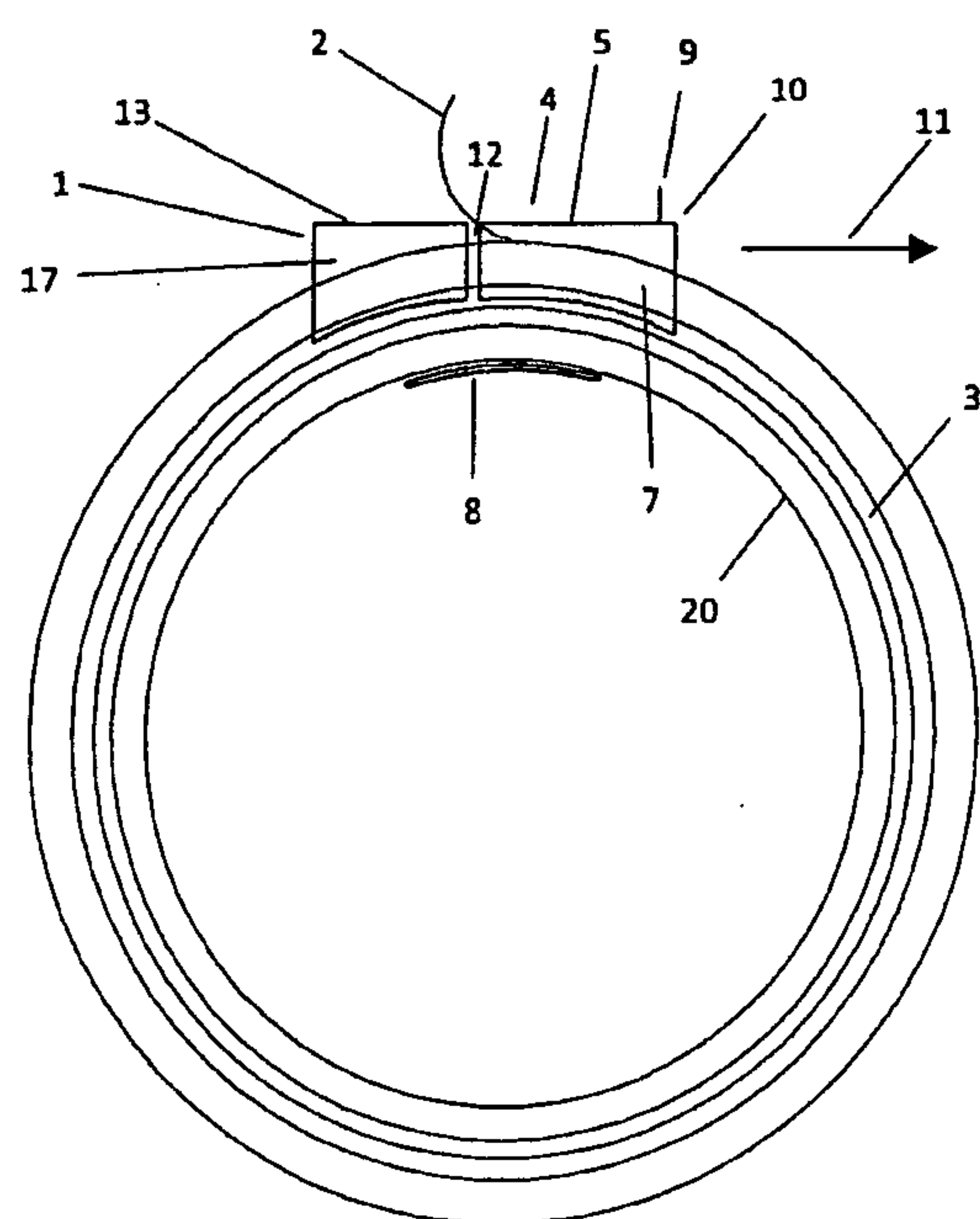


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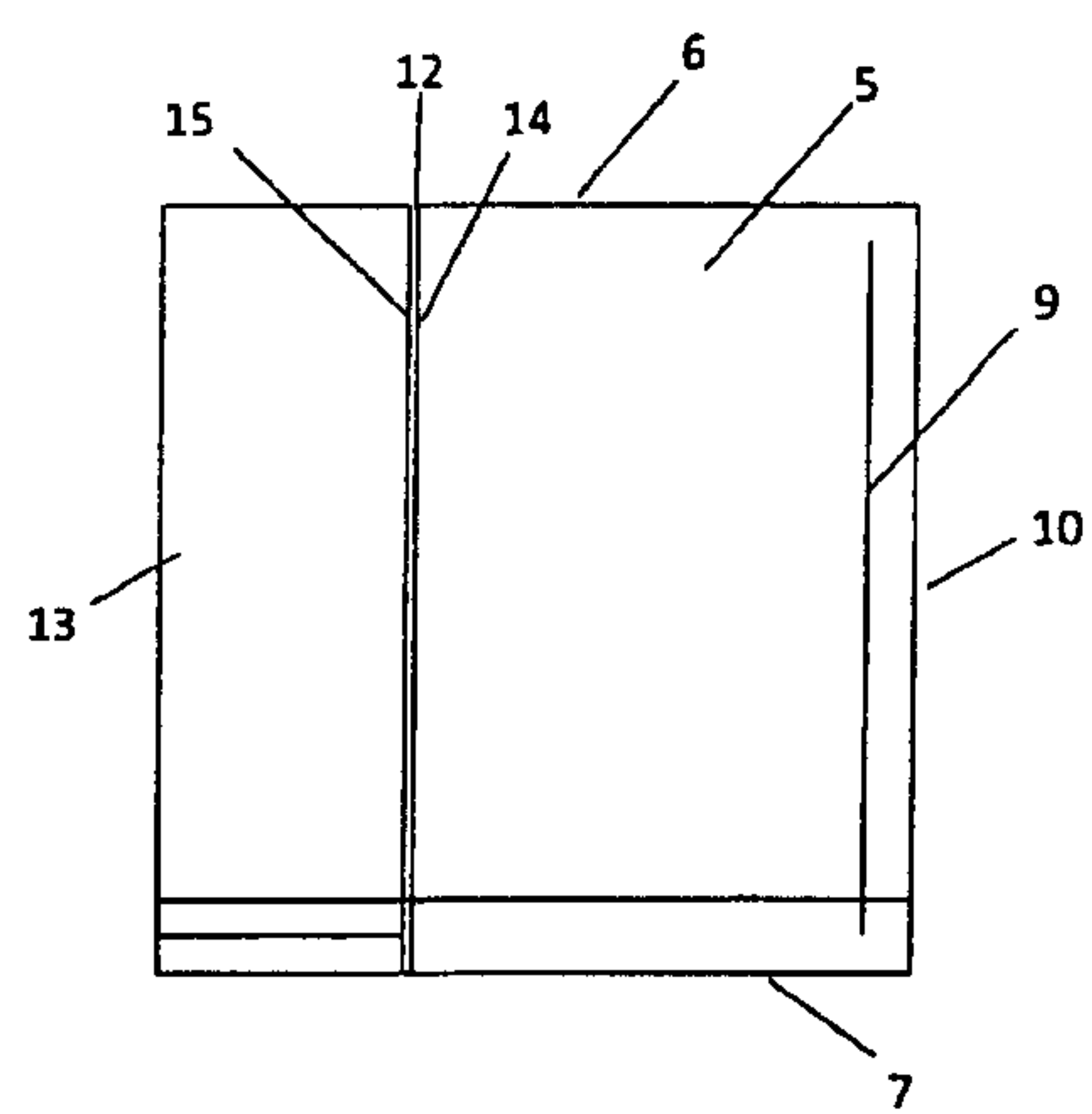


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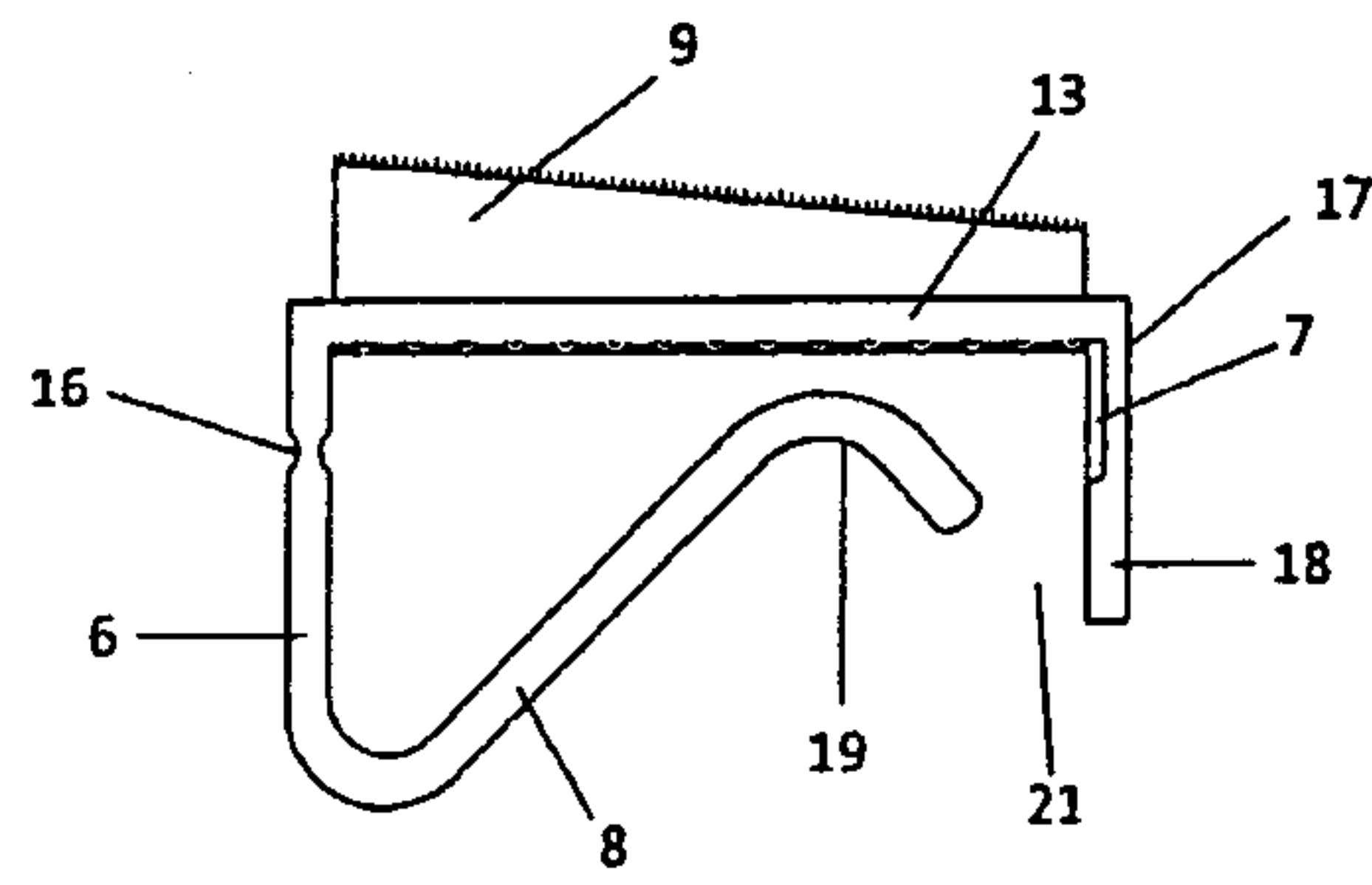


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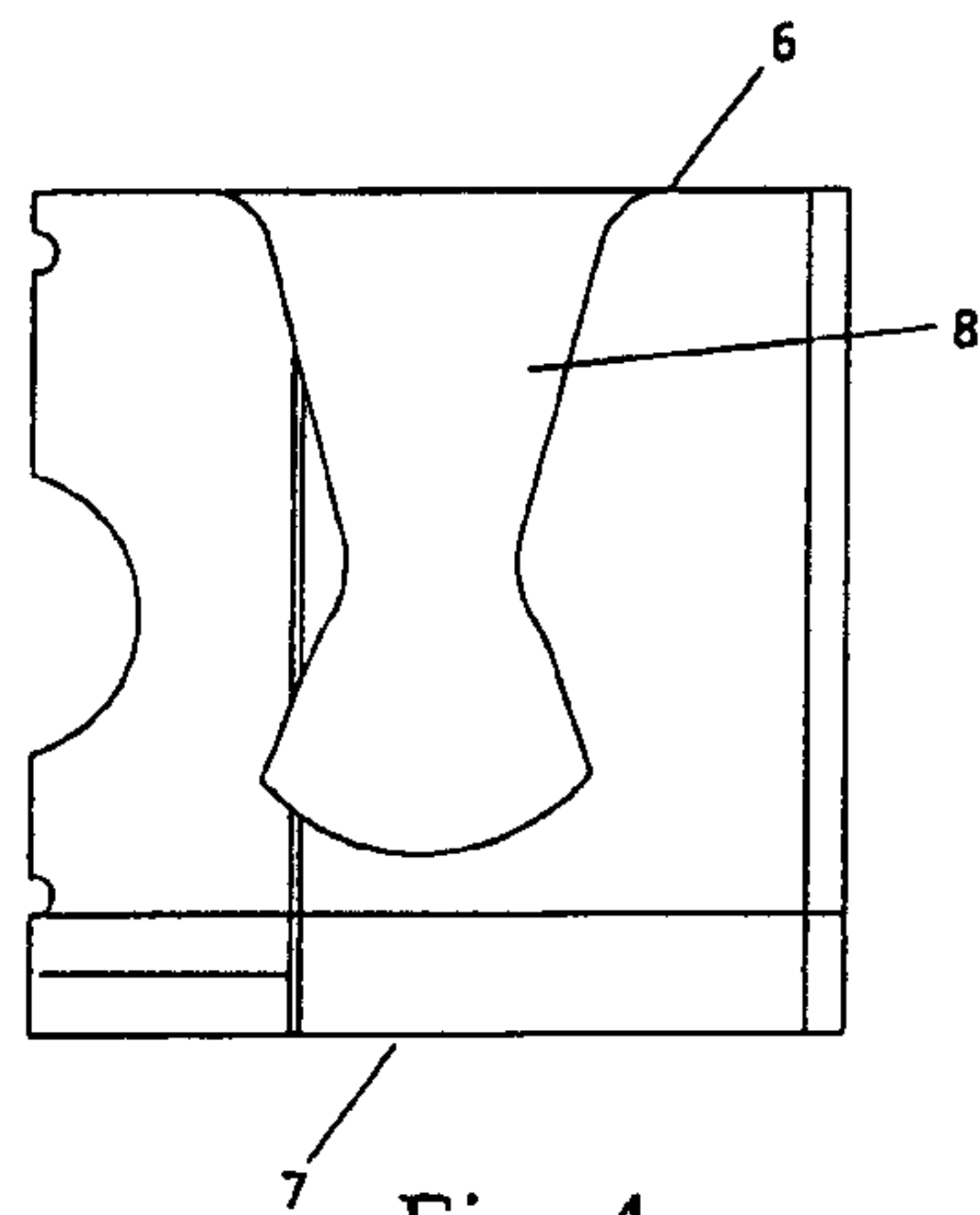


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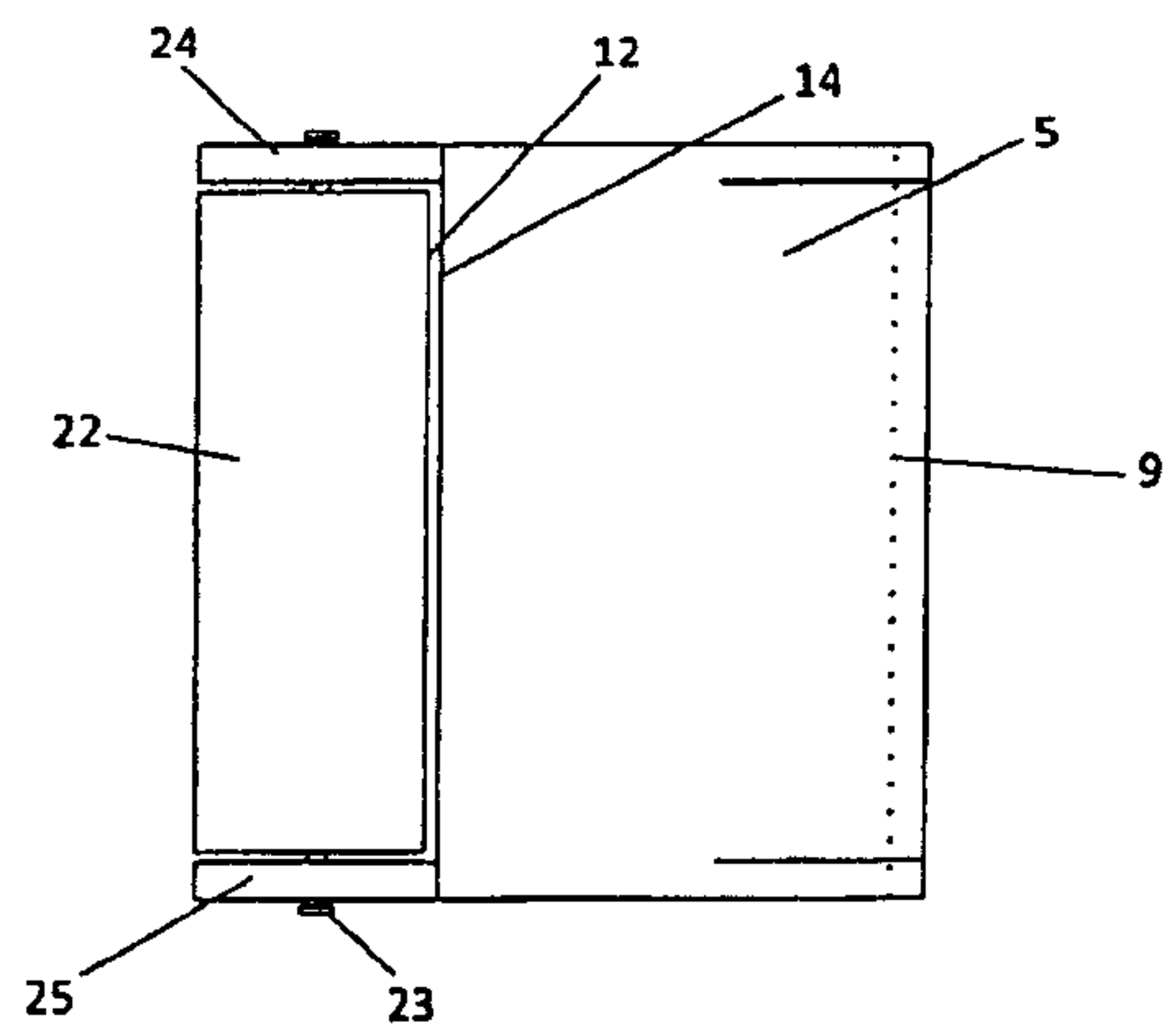


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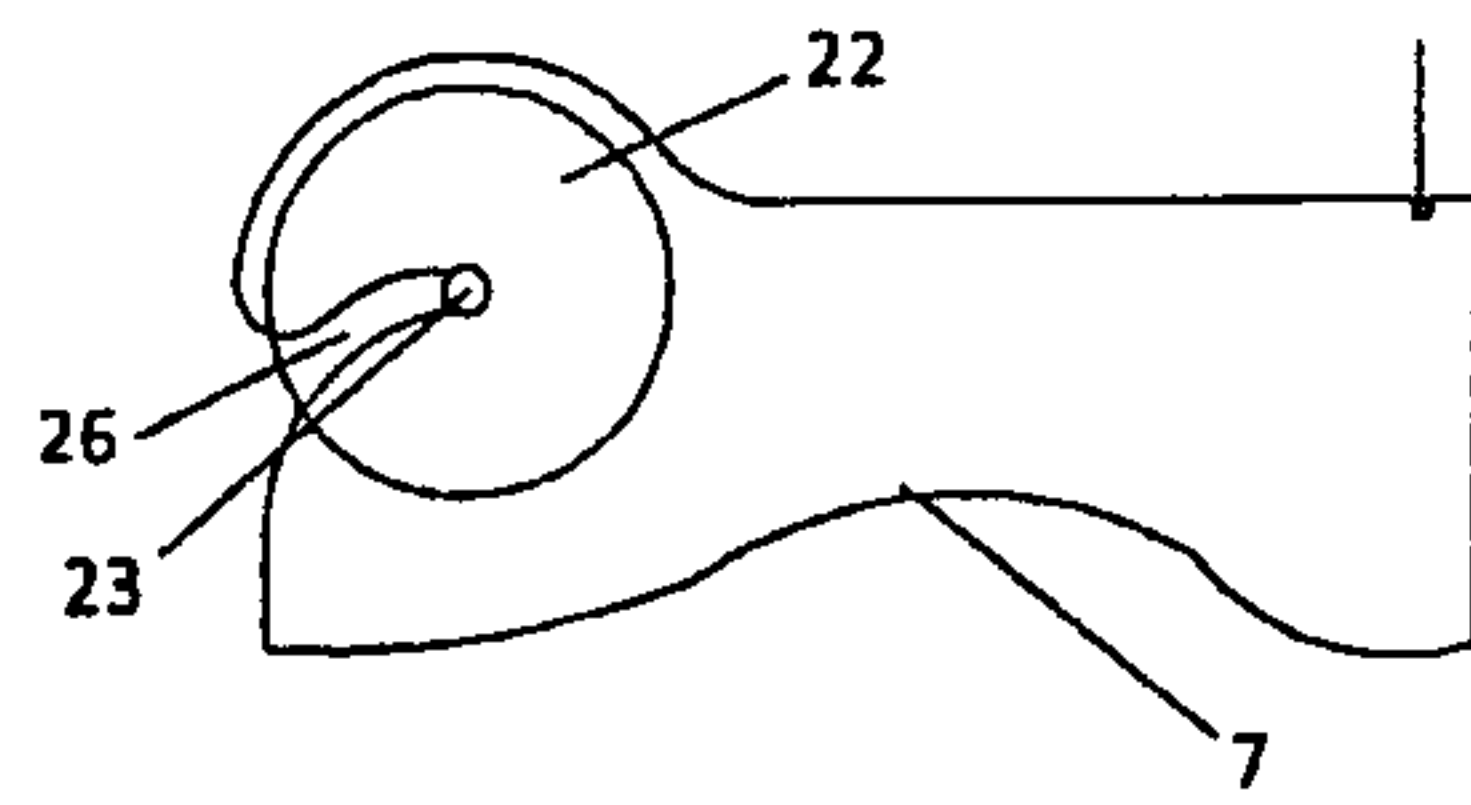


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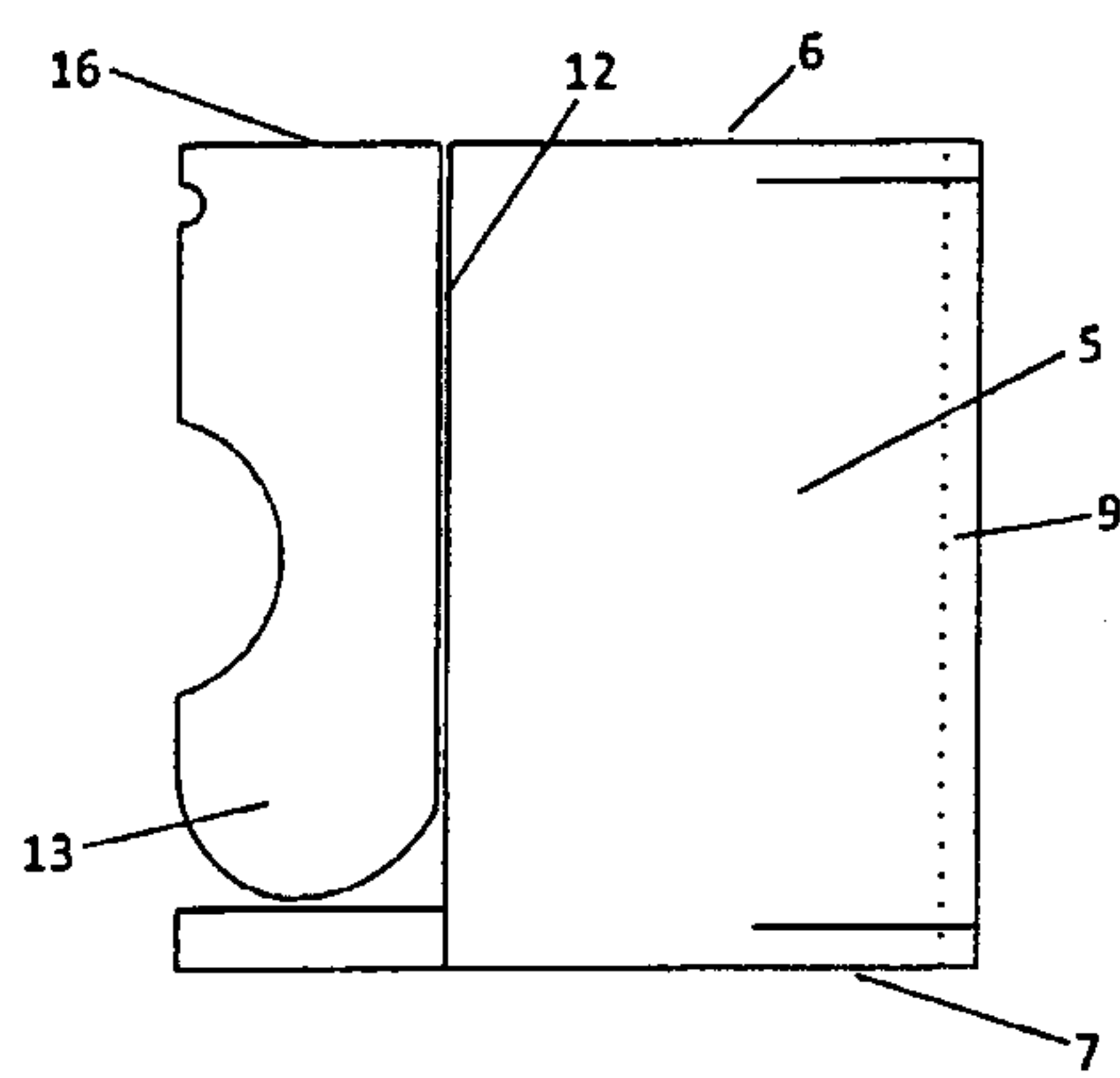


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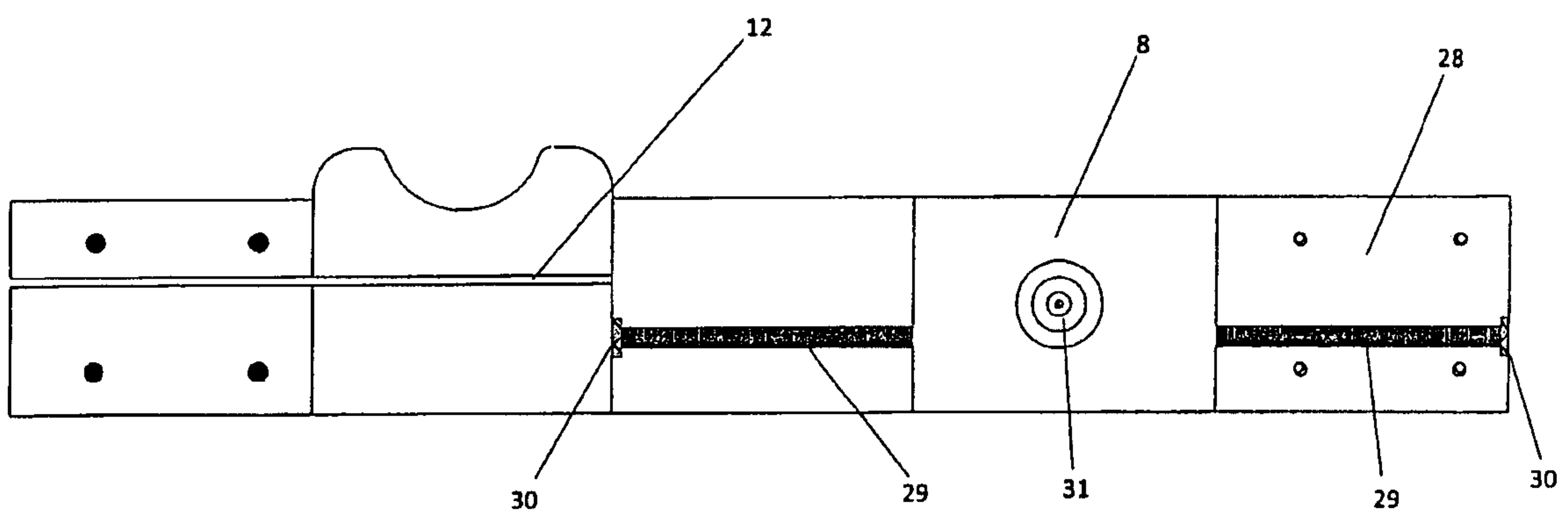


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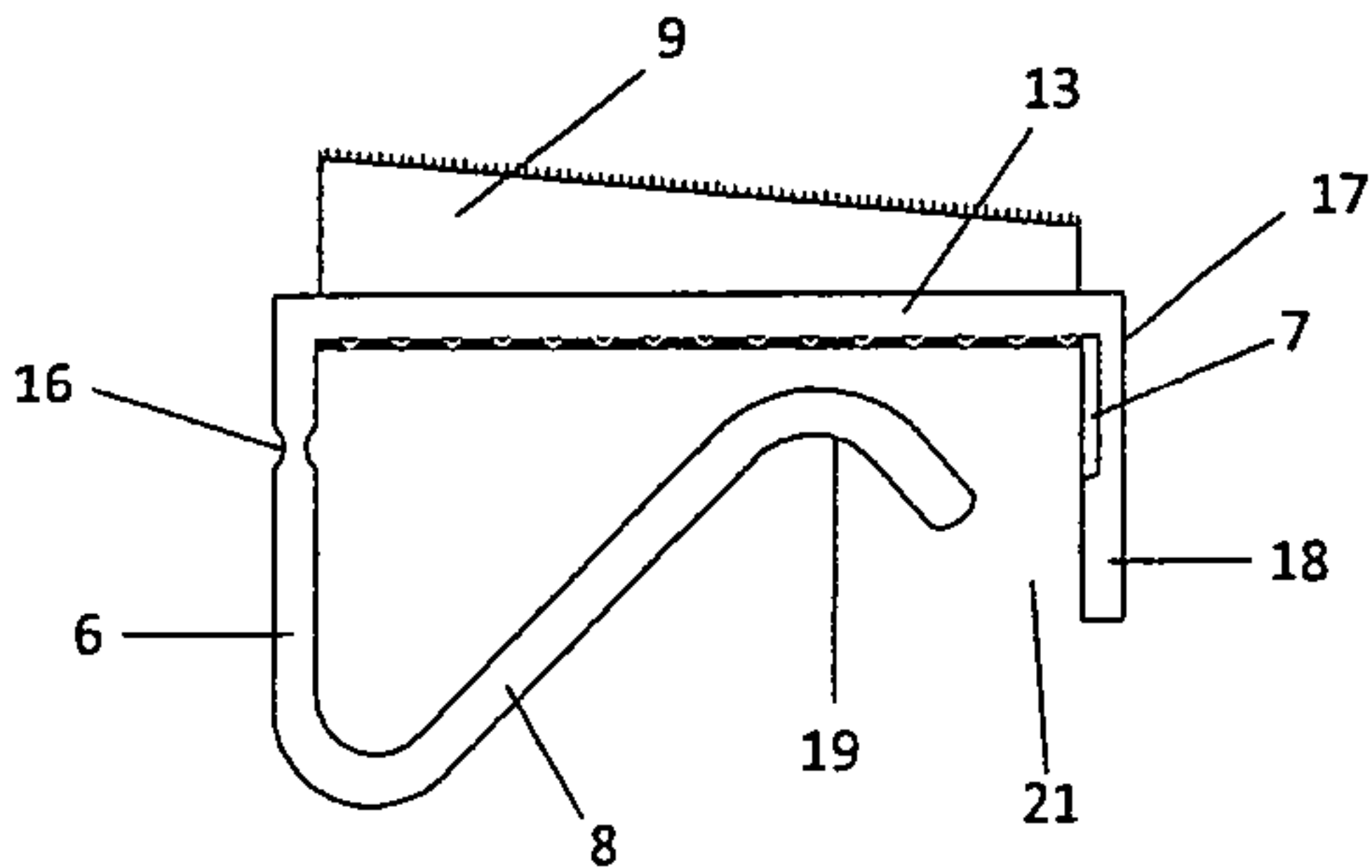


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