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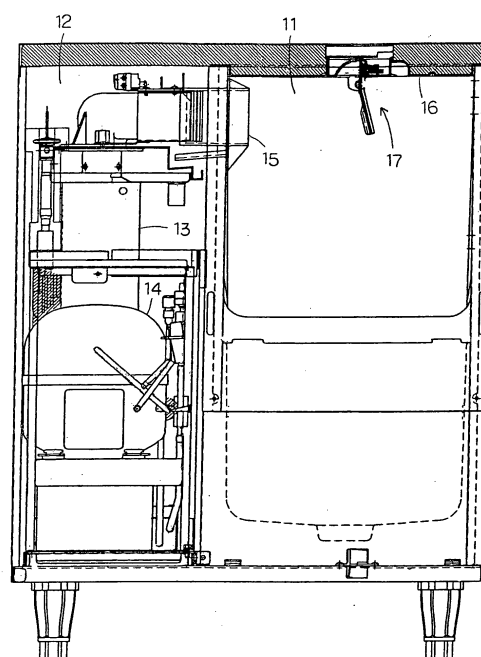
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(54) **Apparatus for detecting an amount of stored ice**

(57) A pair of claw portions (22,23) that may be elastically deformed are formed at both ends of a top surface of a base body (21) of a detecting plate base (18). A circular arc portion (24) and a switch holding portion (25) are formed between the pair of claw portions (22,23). A recessed portion is formed on the lower surface side of the base body (21) by the circular arc portion (24) so that a detecting plate (19) mounted on the detecting plate base (18) may be rotated. A lead switch (20) is attachably and detachably mounted on the switch holding portion (25). An apparatus for detecting an amount of stored ice is attachably and detachably fitted from the interior of the ice storing chamber to an opening portion formed in the top plate of the ice storing chamber by the claw portions (22,23) of the detecting plate base (18).

FIG. 1



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