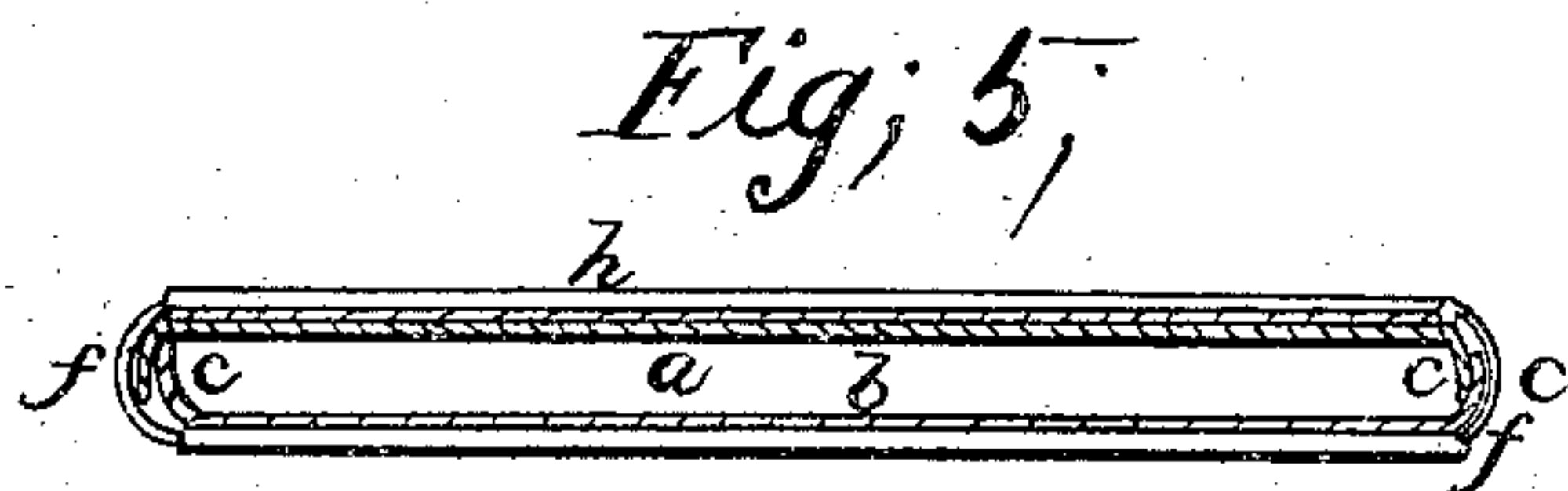
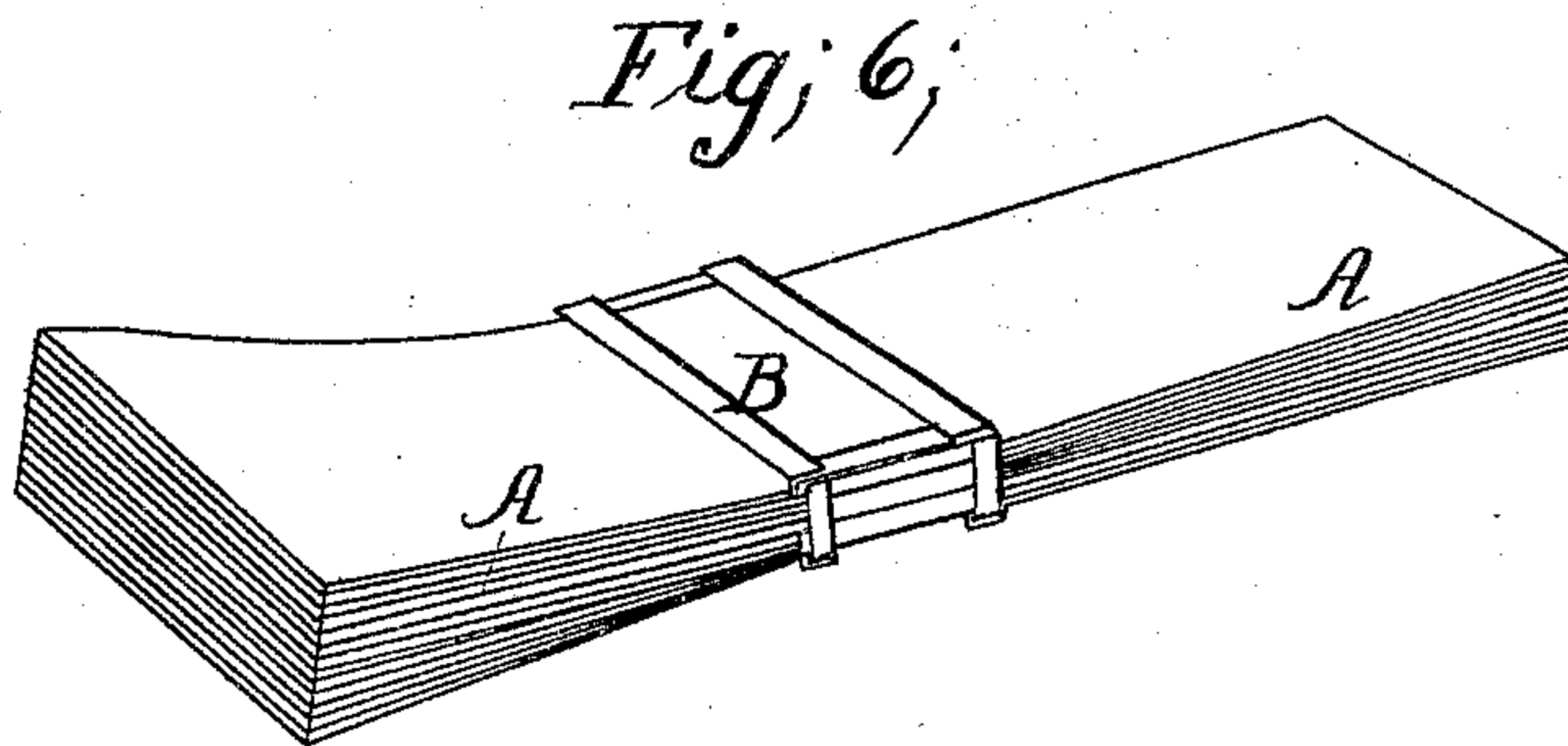
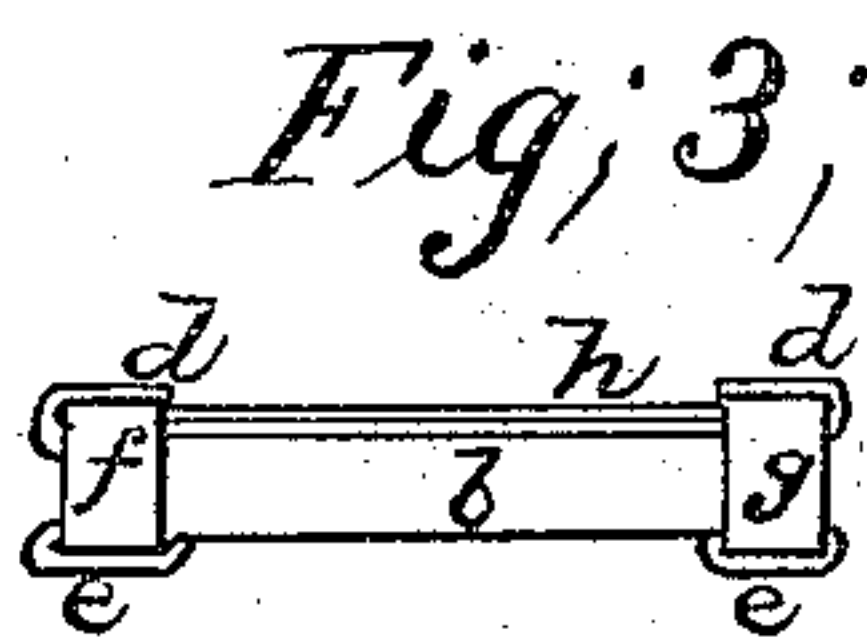
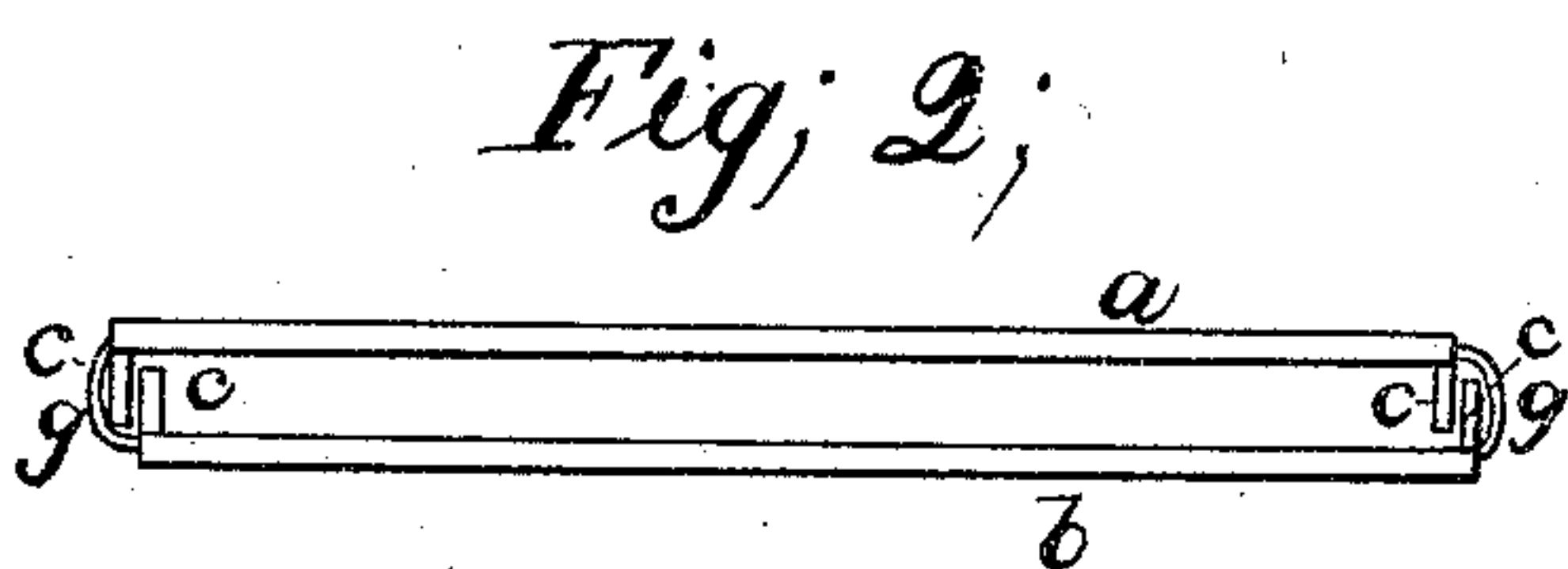
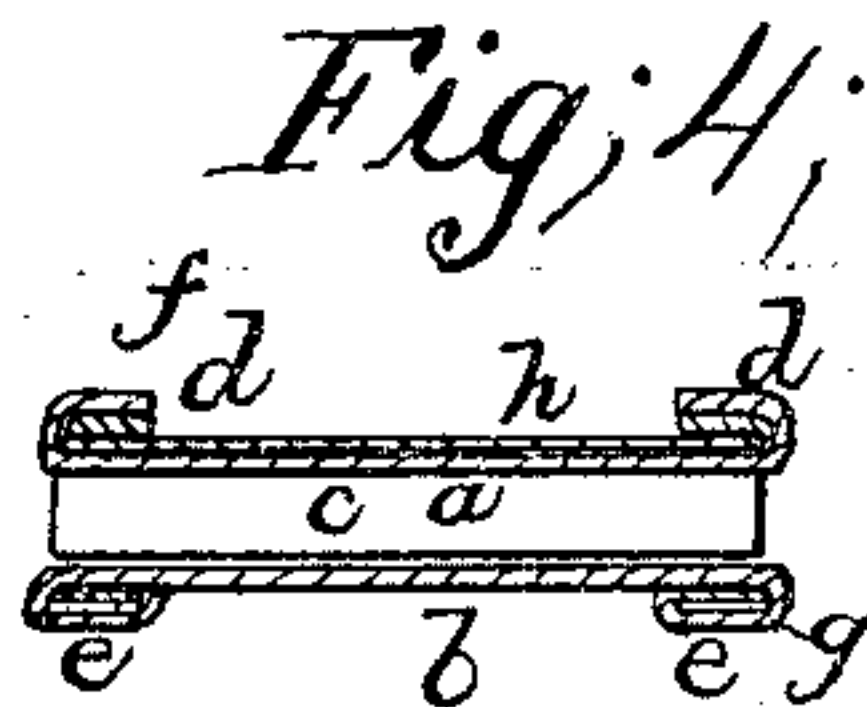
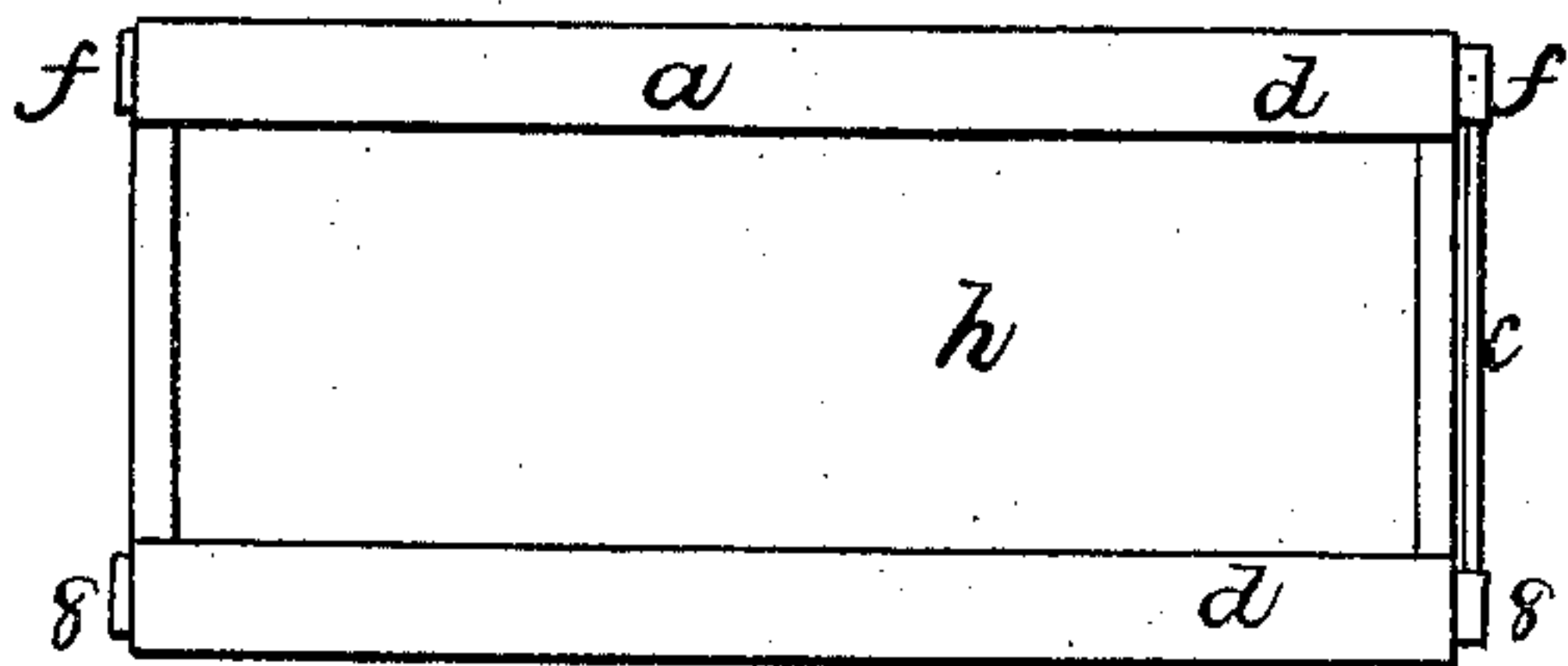


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## PAPER-FILE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 9,979, dated August 30, 1853.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, DANIEL WINSLOW, of Westbrook, and PERLEY D. CUMMINGS, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful or Improved Contrivance for Filing or Holding Papers or Bills; and we do hereby declare that the same is fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, letters, figures, and references thereof.

Of the said drawings, Figure 1, denotes a top view, Fig. 2, a side view, Fig. 3, an end view, Fig. 4, a transverse section, and Fig. 5, a longitudinal section, of our improved bill holder.

It is formed in part, of two plates *a*, *b*, of metal, each of which has a lip *c*, turned at an angle from each end of it as seen in the drawings, those lips of the lower plate being made to stand upward from and at right angles to it—while those of the upper plate project downward perpendicular from it as seen in the drawings. Each plate has also its two side edges bent down toward it as seen at *d*, *d*, *e*, *e*, the parts of the upper plate so bent down, being made respectively to cover two endless elastic bands *f*, *g*, and if necessary or desirable a designating card *h*. Each of the elastic bands is laid between the plate and the part to be bent down upon it, which done, such part is forced down toward the plate and on the band, with a power sufficient to enable it to firmly hold the band, or the band and designating card in place. The parts *e*, *e*, of the lower plate are so bent as to form with the plate flat tubes for the reception of the elastic bands, they (the tubes) being made so as to allow of the free expansion or contraction of the bands, when the two plates are either drawn apart, or allowed to approach each other.

The application of the bill holder to a file of papers is shown in Fig. 6, which denotes a perspective view of the same, A, being the file, and B, the bill holder.

The object of the four lips, *c*, *c*, *c*, *c*, is to prevent the bills when inserted in or removed either from the top or bottom of the file in the holder from wearing or injuring the elastic bands. The object of the tubular lips or parts, *e*, *e*, is to protect the bands from wear, and allow their free expansion and contraction. The object of the upper lips, *d*, *d*, is to hold the bands, or the bands and designating card in place.

We do not claim a file or bill holder as made of two plates of wood, or pasteboard or metal held together and upon the file of papers by one or more elastic bands, but

What we claim as our invention is—

The combination of the plates *a* and *b* with the elastic bands *f* and *g* so arranged as that the side edges of the top plate shall be bent down upon the bands and hold them securely while the side edges of the bottom plate are turned, but left far enough from the bottom plate, for the bands to move freely between them and the said plate; the edge lips of both plates being so bent inward and rounded on the corners as to protect the bands from being chafed or worn as described.

In testimony whereof we, have hereto set our signatures, this third day of March A. D. 1853.

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