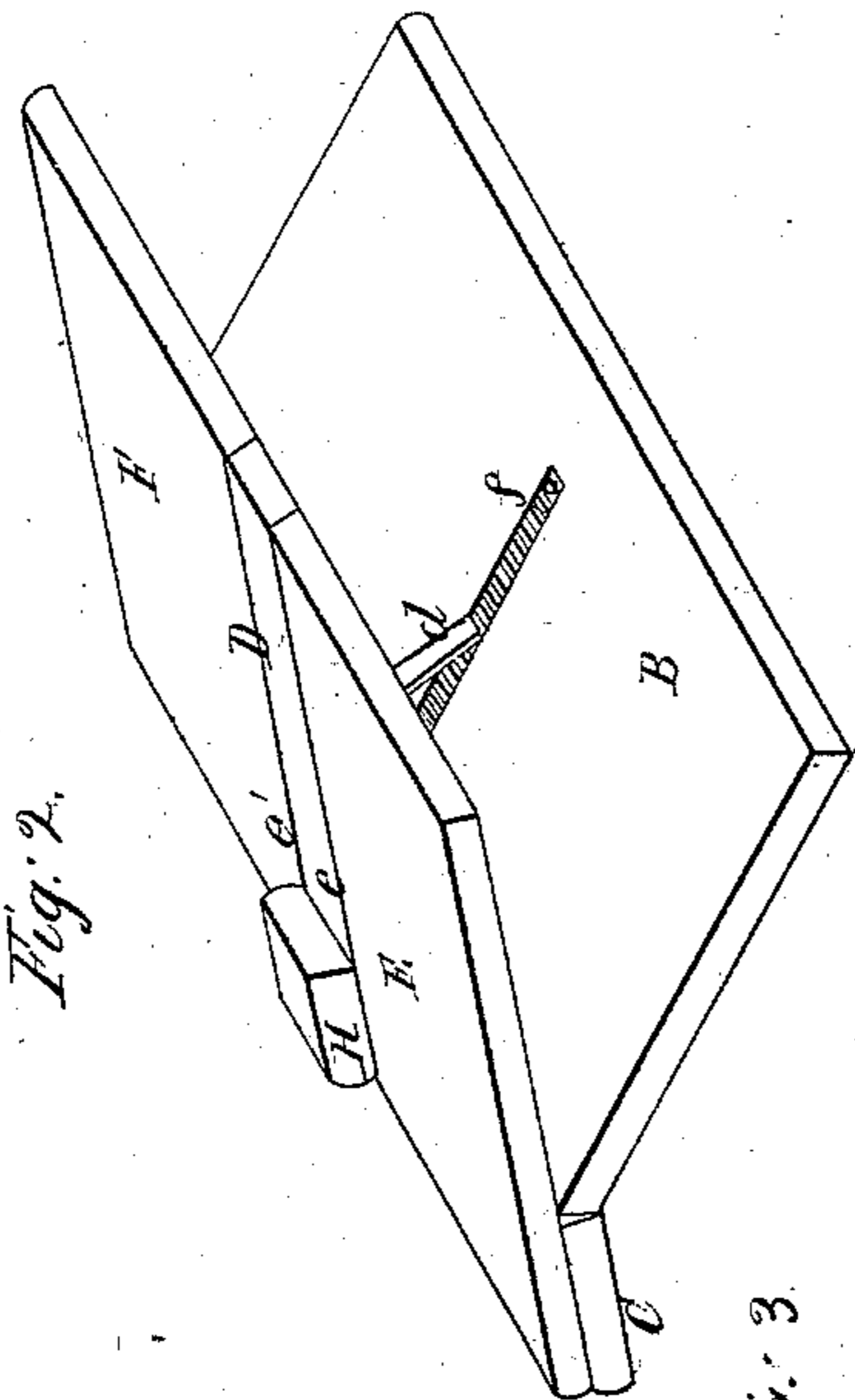


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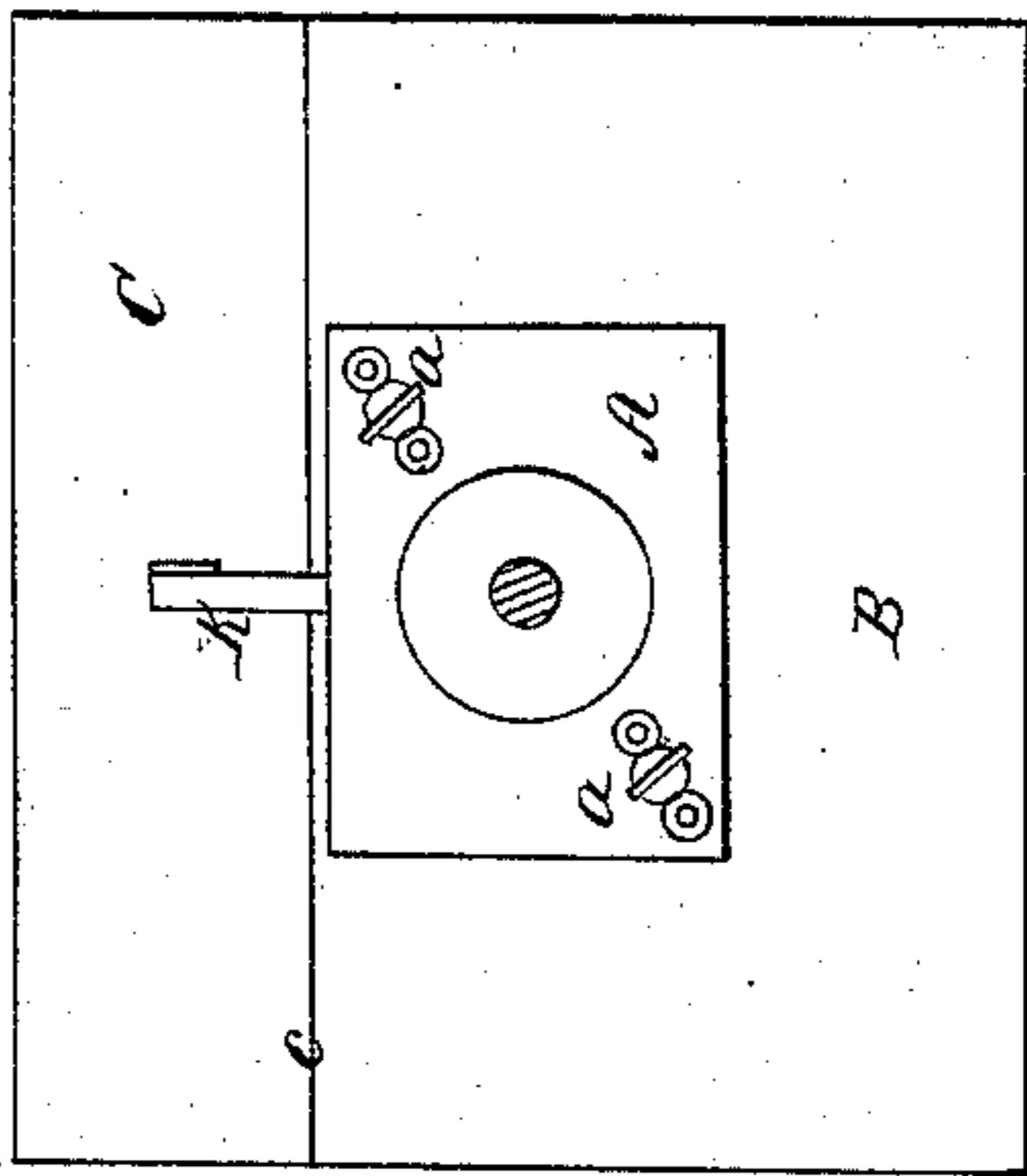
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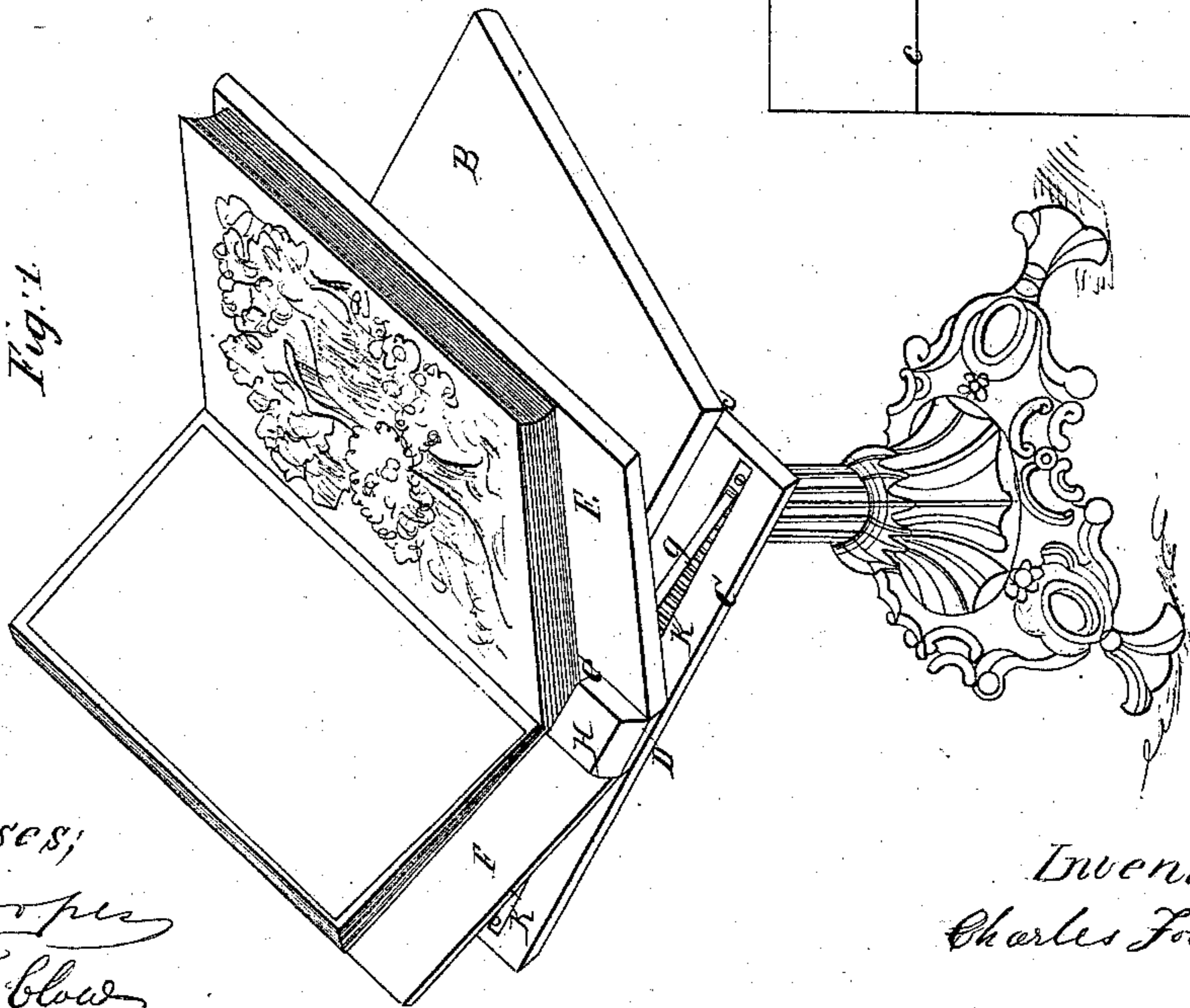
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 1.*

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## READING-TABLE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 11,366, dated July 25, 1854.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHAS. FOLSOM, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Library-Table, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the table as it appears when in use. Fig. 2 a back view of the same. Fig. 3 a view of the table from beneath showing the manner in which it is attached to its support.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my improved table I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A is the bottom board which is firmly attached to any suitable support and to which is attached the main body of the table B by screws *a* or otherwise.

C is a leaf hinged to the table B at *c*.

D, is a center piece which is firmly secured to the leaf C, so that the two always move together.

*d* is a pawl hinged to the piece D, and engaging with the teeth of the ratchet bar *f* upon the upper surface of the table B, by which means the strip D and the leaf C, attached to it may be held in any inclined position as seen in Figs. 1 and 2.

E and F are leaves hinged to the center piece D at *e*, *e'*.

*g*, is one of two pawls which are hinged to the leaves E, F, and engage with the teeth of the ratchet bars *h*, *h'*, upon the upper surface of the leaf C.

H is a button or "stop" which enters a

suitable hole in the piece D, the object of which is to support the book when the table is used in an inclined position as seen in Fig. 1.

*k* is a support for the purpose of holding up the leaf C when the latter is not required to be in an inclined position; when the latter is to be depressed the support *k* is turned out of the way in the ordinary manner.

The table as above constructed may be put to a variety of uses and arranged in various ways. When the leaves E, F, and the center piece D to which they are hinged are dropped horizontally upon the table B, it may then be used as an ordinary table, for reading, or for other purposes. If one of the leaves E or F, be raised into a vertical position, the other remaining horizontal, it may be used for the purpose of writing or copying, the vertical leaf supporting the sheet to be copied. Its principal use however is as a library table for holding large unwieldy folios or books of plates, the leaves E and F, being inclined upon the hinges *e* *e'*, and the whole receiving such inclination toward the reader as seen in Fig. 1 as may be found most convenient.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The combination of the table B with the leaves C E and F constructed and operating in the manner substantially as herein set forth.

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