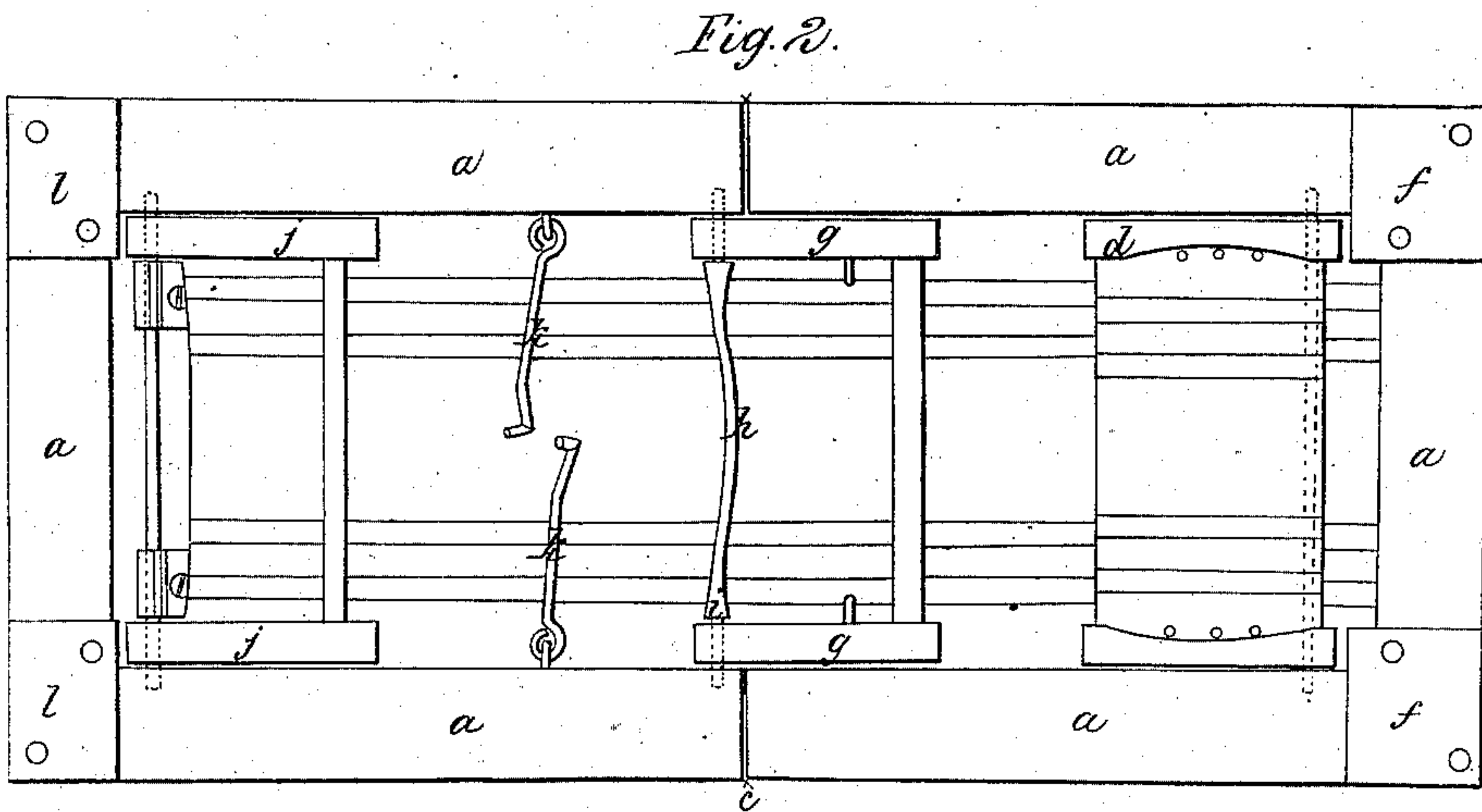
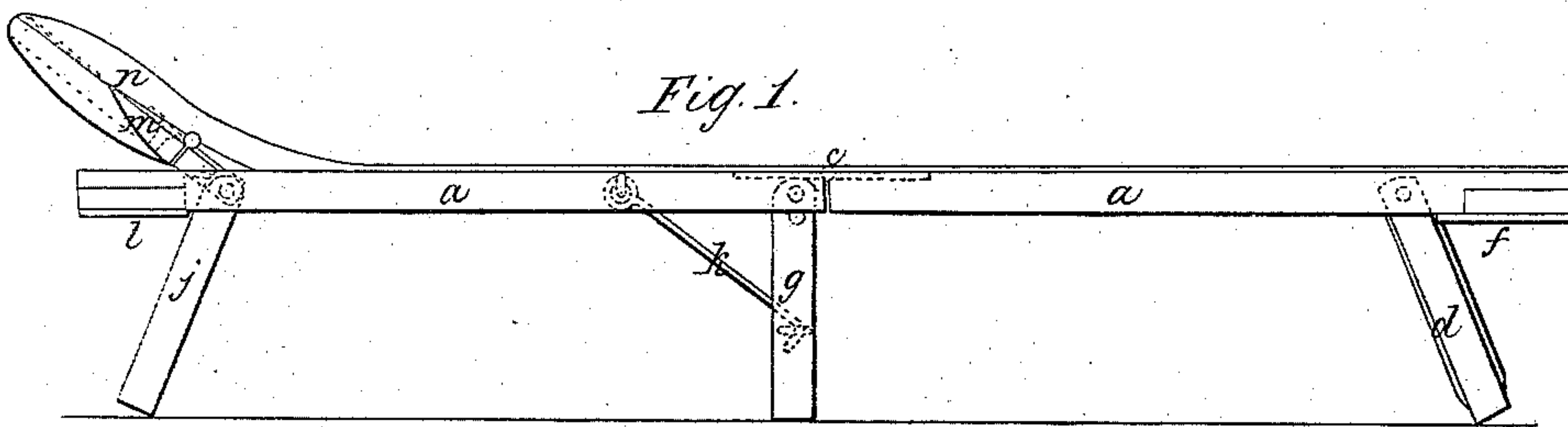
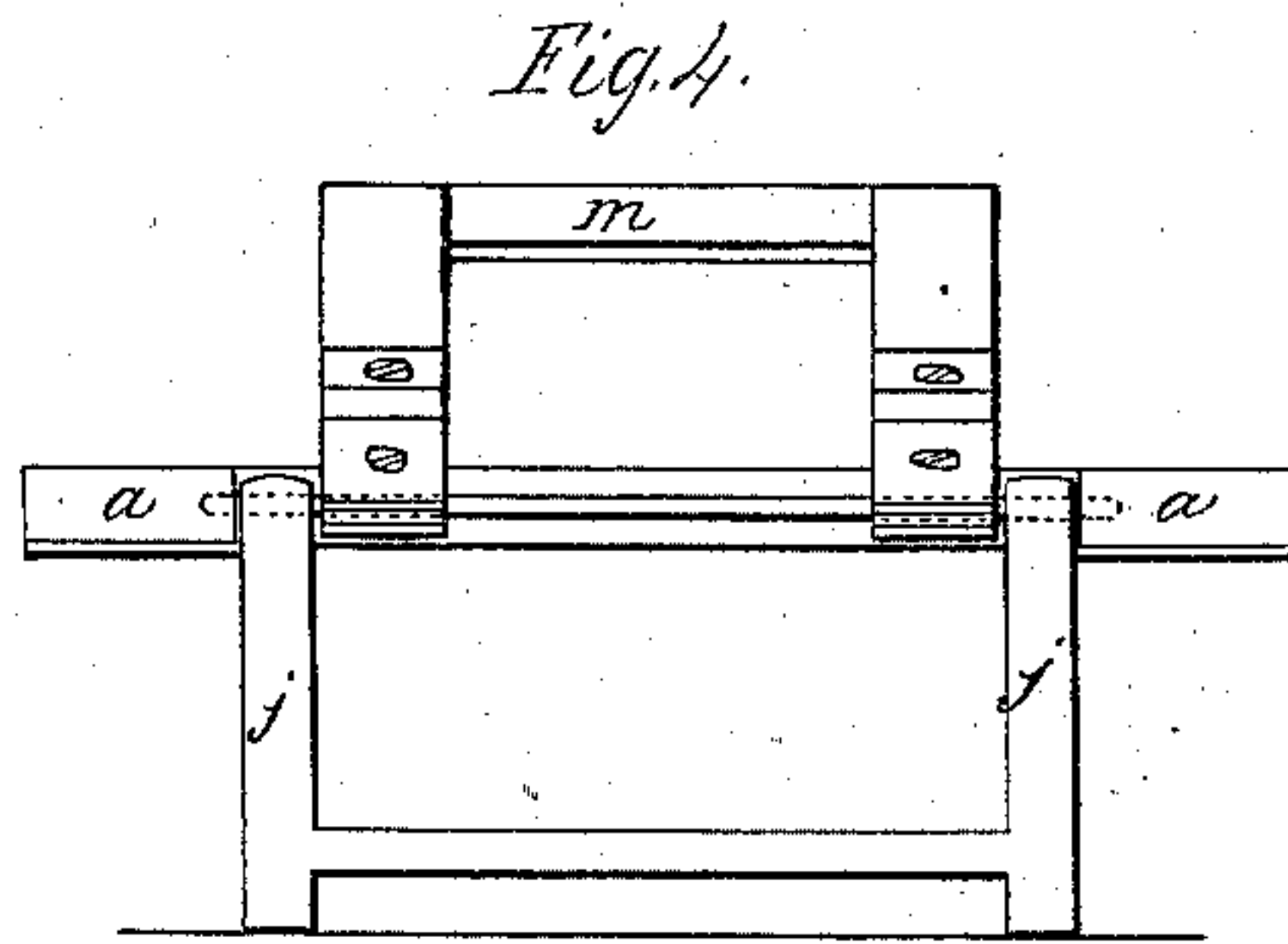
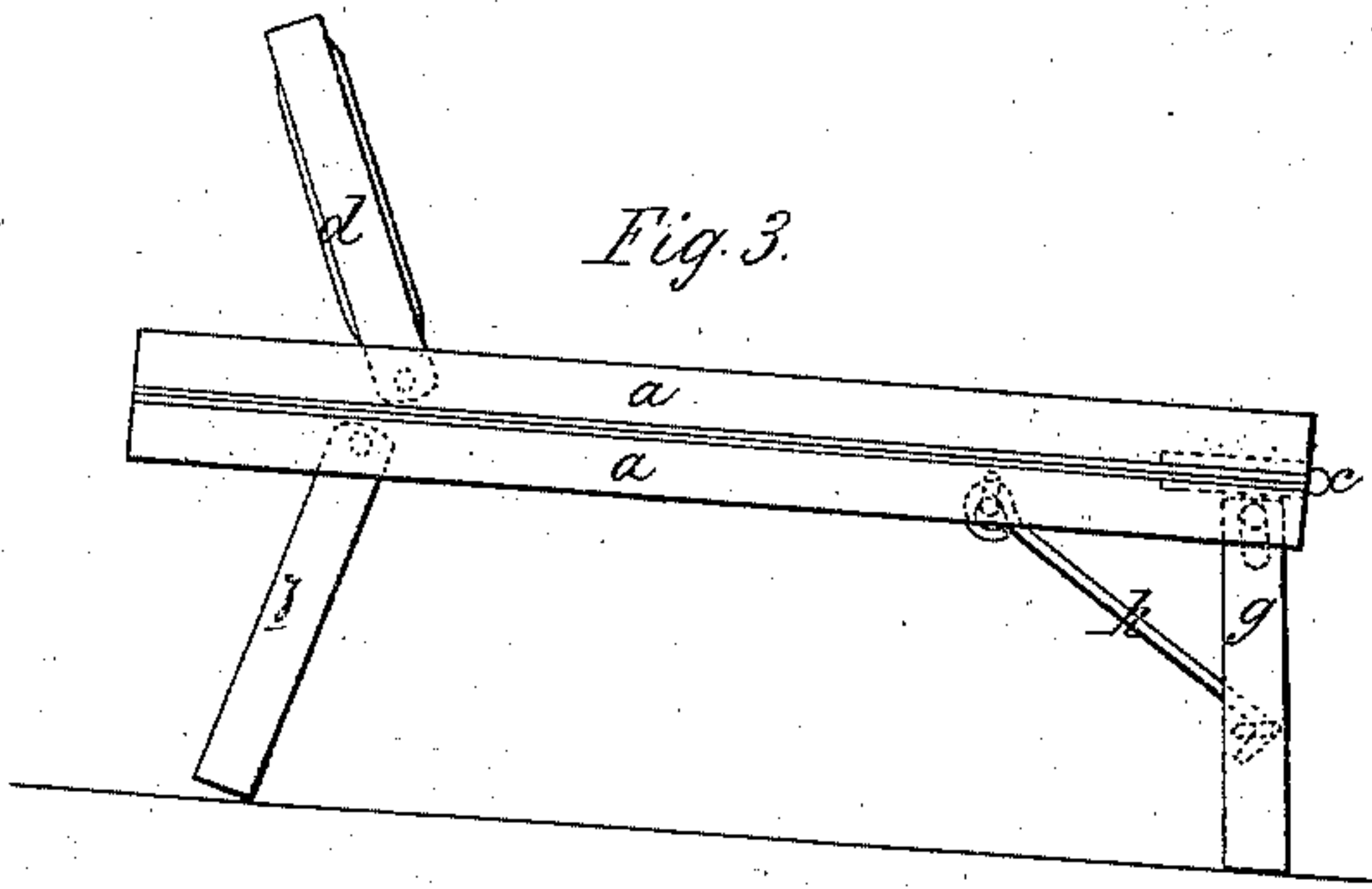


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## IMPROVED CAMP-BEDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LYMAN HUTCHINS, of Norwich, county of New London, and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Camp-Beds; and I do hereby declare that the same is described and represented in the following specification and drawings, and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use said improvement I will proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the drawings, in which the same letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The nature of this improvement in camp-beds consists in so arranging its parts as to render it easily and quickly unfolded for use, (as a settee or bed,) and as easily and quickly refolded to set aside, the object of which is to afford every soldier a neat compact bed, sufficiently elevated from the ground to effectually secure its occupant from the dampness of the ground.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation. Fig. 2 is an under side view. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, the pillow turned down onto the canvas *b* and the foot portion of the bed turned over onto the head portion, so that the pillow will form a cushion for a seat and the upholstered legs will form a back for the seat. Fig. 4 shows the upholstered pillow-frame and the legs which support the frame.

*a* are the bed rails or frame, made of the proper width and length, cut in two in the center of its length, and secured together again by hinges *c*, to allow it to be opened and closed freely.

*d* are the foot-legs, framed together and upholstered, when desirable, and hung by pivots or rods to the inside of the rails *a*, so as to stand bracing outward and bearing against the end rail or plate *f*, when in use, and to close in between the rails when desirable.

*g* are the center legs, hung upon a curved metallic rod or girt, *h*, which has collars *i*, the

object of which girt is threefold—first, to hold the legs in place and allow them to turn out and in between the rails *a*; second, to hold the rails *a* at a proper distance apart; and, third, to rest the feet against when used as a settee or lounge. These legs are held in place by the use of the hook-braces *k*.

*j* are the head-legs, hung by a rod or pins to and between the rails *a*, so as to stand bracing outward and rest against the end rail or plates *l*, and also to turn in between the rails *a* when folded up.

*m* is the pillow-frame, which is hung on the same rod and between the legs *j*. Said frame is jointed just above the rod to allow it to close up closely with the legs *j* and between the rails *a*. I propose, however, to avoid making this joint by substituting a crooked hinge therefor.

Now, it will be seen that by throwing open the rails *a*, as shown in Fig. 1, and turning out the legs *d g j*, and turning the pillow *n* outward, the bed is ready for use, and when it is desirable to use it as a lounge or settee, turn the pillow *n* down, which forms a seat, then turn the foot part over onto the head part, as shown in Fig. 3, with the legs in the same position as when down, which forms the back to the seat, and the girt *h* forms a resting place for the feet.

I believe I have shown the nature, construction, and the advantage of this invention so as to enable a person skilled to make and use the same.

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

The folding frame *a*, in combination with the pillow *n*, rod *h*, and legs *d g j*, arranged substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

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