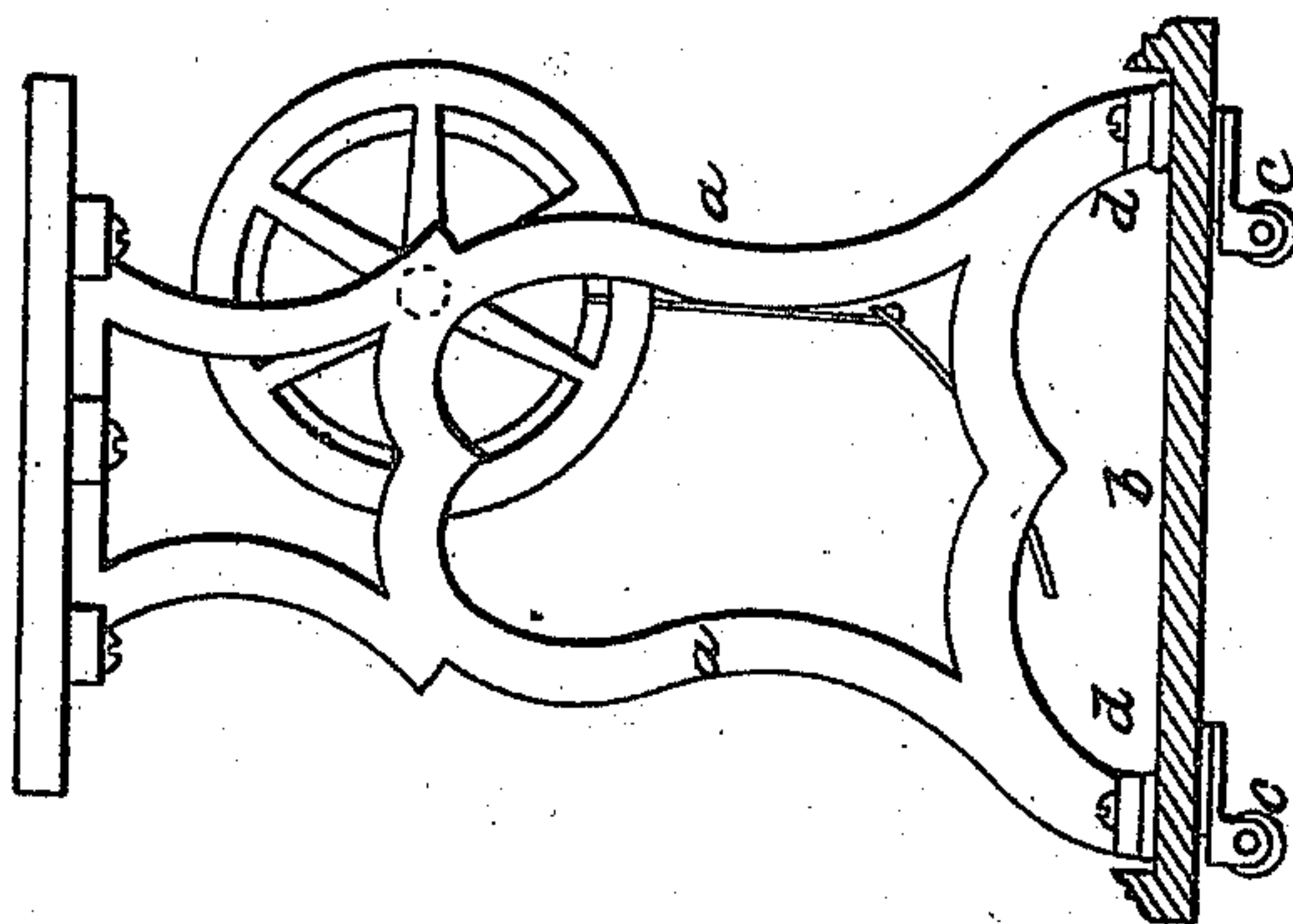
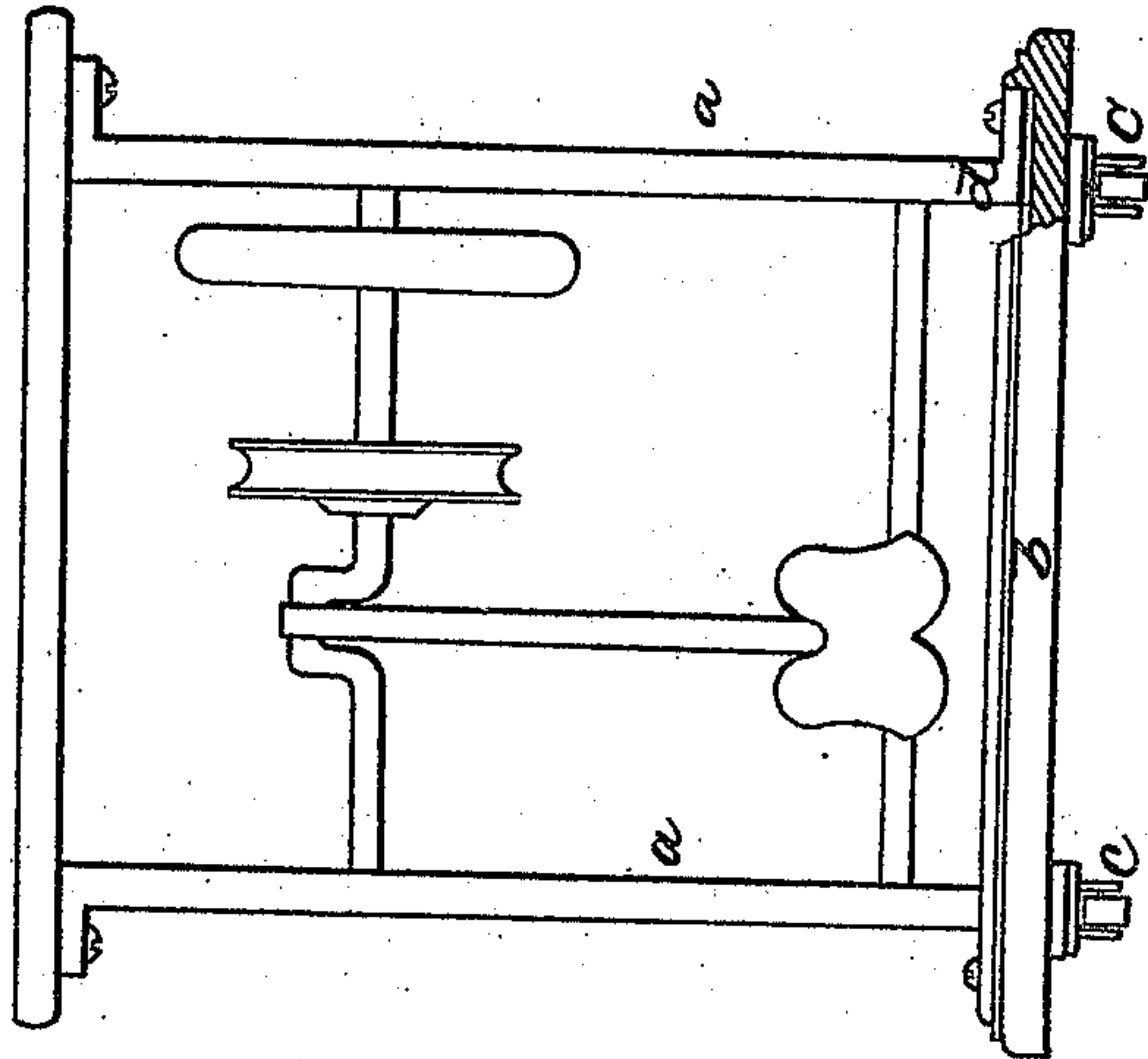


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NESBITT D. STOOPS, of the city of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sewing-Machine Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and correct description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a sewing-machine table with my improvements; Fig. 2, a front elevation of same.

My said invention relates to the open-framed or skeleton tables commonly used with sewing-machines, in which are placed the treadles, crank-shaft, pulley, &c.—the driving mechanism of the machine.

My invention consists, first, in combining with a sewing-machine table cushions of rubber or other suitable material, placed in the supports of the table below the bearings of the treadle and crank-shaft and above the casters or parts which rest on the floor, so as to form an elastic joint for the purpose of cutting off the sound and vibration of the whole machine from the floor, thus preventing annoyance to occupants of adjoining rooms; second, in so combining a skeleton-frame sewing-machine table with a flanged tray and casters when arranged with elastic cushions between the feet of the table and the tray as to protect carpets from grease and render the movements of the machine less noisy.

The drawings illustrate my invention, and show the table *a* setting in the tray *b*, which is furnished with casters *c* for the purpose of

conveniently moving the machine about the room. Between the feet of the table and the tray are rubber cushions *d*. The table, tray, and rubber cushions may be secured together by screws, as represented in the drawings; or, if the table be set in the tray with or without the cushions, the ledges or sides of the tray, if made as shown, will keep it in place.

By using the rubber cushion as a joint a smooth metallic surface or a caster may rest upon the floor, which will slide therein when the machine is required to be moved, whereas a rubber cushion next the floor would oppose such movement and compel the lifting of the machine—performance often beyond the strength of the girls operating such machines.

I claim—

1. In combination with sewing-machine tables, the rubber cushions or joints, when interposed between the casters or other supporting part of the table next to the floor, and the supporting frame or legs at a point or points below the treadles and crank-shaft bearings, substantially as described, and substantially for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

2. The combination of a skeleton-frame sewing-machine table with a flanged tray and casters, when arranged with elastic cushions between the feet of the table and the tray, substantially as described, for the purpose of protecting carpets from grease and rendering the movements of the machine less noisy.

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