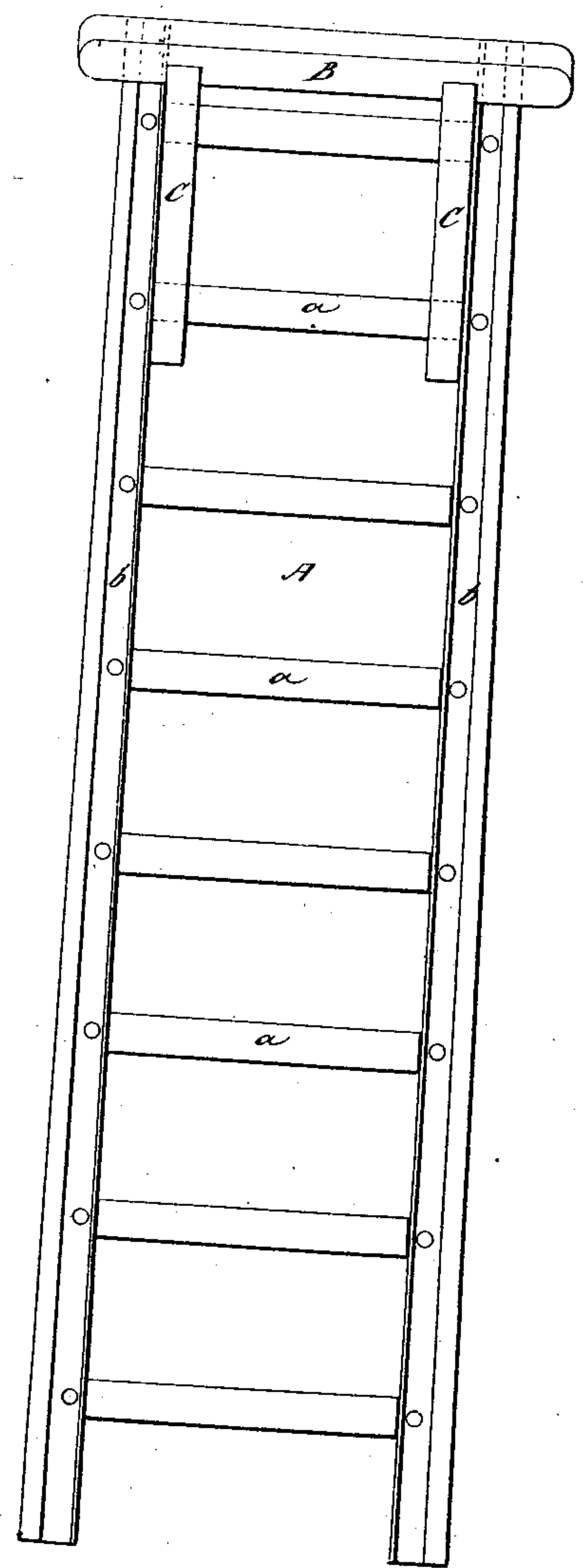


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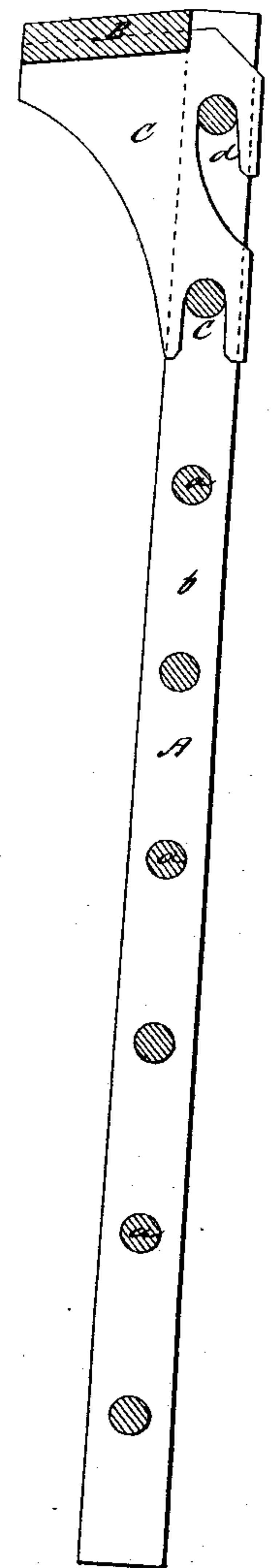
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LADDERS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Be it known that I, MELZER BURT, of Norton, in the county of Bristol, and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention having reference to Ladders; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation; and

Figure 2 a vertical section of a ladder provided with my invention, the purpose of which is to enable a painter or other artisan or person, while using a ladder, to have a platform or means of support for himself or his tools or implements, besides that furnished by the rounds of the ladder.

In the drawings, A denotes a common ladder, of which *a a a*, &c., are the rounds or steps, and *b b* the bars. B is a board or platform provided with two brackets C C extending downward from it at right angles to it, and parallel to each other. Each bracket terminates, at its lower end, in a fork, *c*, to straddle and rest on one of the rounds of the ladder. Furthermore, each bracket is provided with a notch or hook, as shown at *d*, in order that it may be hooked upon another or the next round of the ladder, the whole being in manner as represented. A workman or person by means of the adjustable platform can be supported by the ladder to better advantage than without it, as he can stand or sit upon it, and, as may be necessary, he can place it at such elevations on the ladder as circumstances may require. It also affords a means of supporting a stage or board, when extended from one ladder to another.

I claim the ladder addition as composed of the board B, and furcated and hooked brackets C C, constructed, arranged, and applied together substantially as set forth.

I also claim the combination of the above-described ladder addition, made as described with a ladder.

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