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Boot Jack,

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Fig. 3.

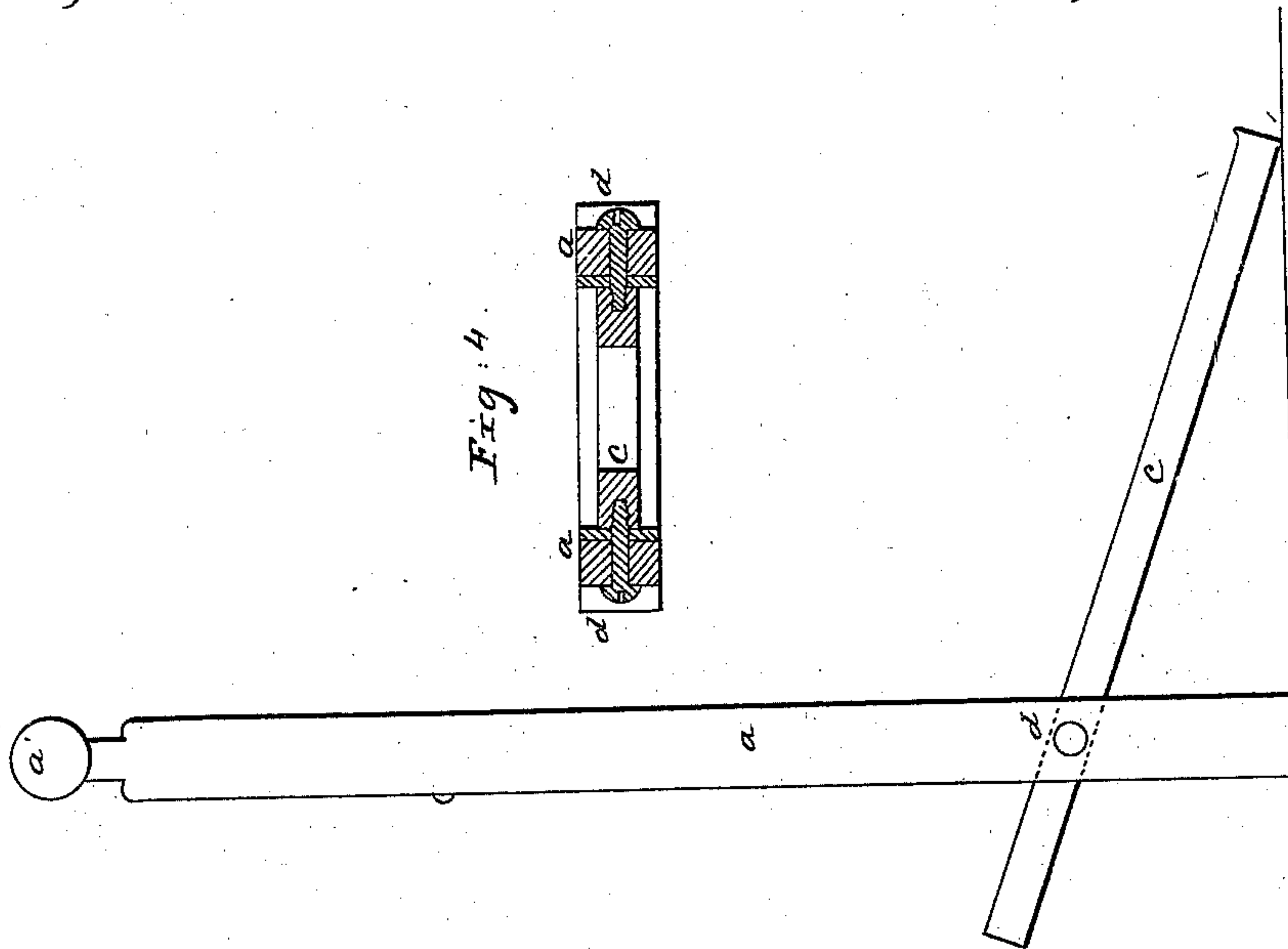


Fig. 4.



Fig. 2.

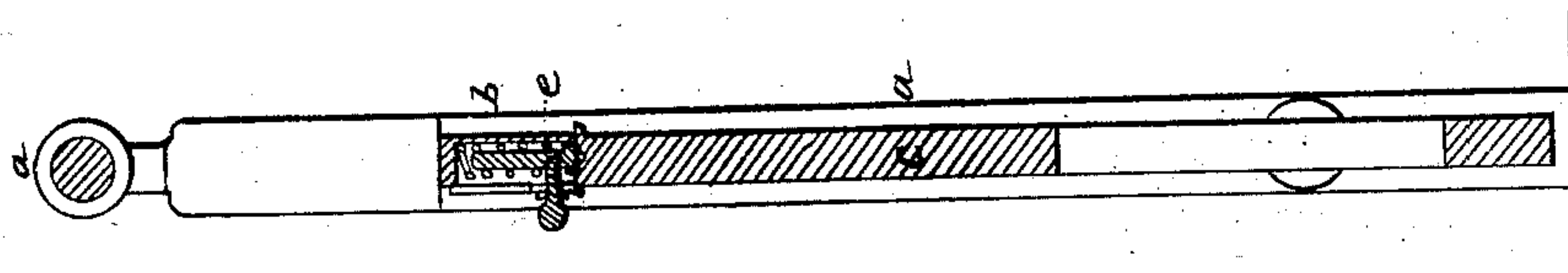
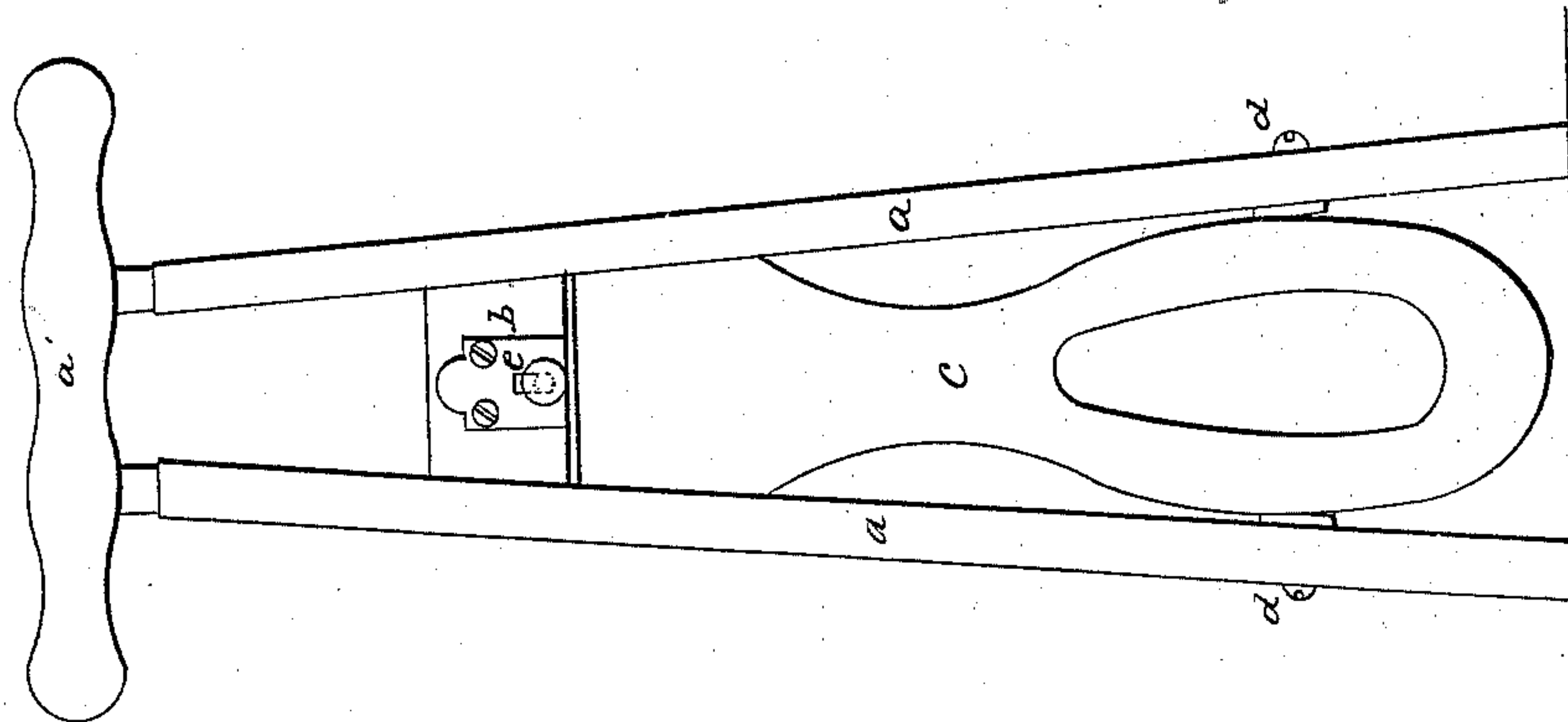


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED BOOT-JACK.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. MOULTON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Boot-Jack; and I hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification, of which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the boot-jack.

Figure 2 is a vertical central section of the boot-jack.

Figure 3 is the edge elevation of the boot-jack.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section of the boot-jack.

The letters *a a* represent the legs or standards of the invention; *b*, their brace; *a'*, the cross-bar or handle; *c*, the jack; *d d*, its screws or pivots; *e*, the bolt to lock the jack to the cross-bar.

The nature of the invention consists in constructing and providing a convenient and serviceable boot-jack; and in order that others may understand its nature and use, I will proceed to explain the same.

Fig. 1 in the drawings clearly represents the form of the boot-jack, which consists of the two legs *a a* united at the top by the cross-bar *a'*, constituting the handle, and also united by the brace *b* at the upper part of the frame. The handle slips on or is fastened on to the legs at the top. The brace is also mortised in, or otherwise fastened in between the legs. The brace has also a spring-lock or catch, as at *e* in the accompanying drawings, to hold the jack *c* when not in use. The jack *c* is a flat piece of wood or other material, with an opening in it suitable to admit the boot, and resting at one end upon the floor or ground, and near the other end resting or hinging upon points, as at *d d*. (See figs. 1 and 3.) The invention is made of wood, or may be made of metal or any suitable material, and of any practical size.

To use the invention, spring back the catch *e* and let down the jack *c*; taking hold of the handle *a'* with both hands, turn the foot a little to one side and insert it into the opening of the jack between the legs, and put the toe of the other foot upon the end of the jack resting upon the floor, and the machine is ready to do its part of pulling off the boot.

The device is simple and novel. It is useful and convenient, since the machine has in fact three legs to stand upon when ready for use, giving a firm basis. It has a handle, to lean or balance upon when withdrawing one foot from the boot and standing upon the other foot. It has small compass when shut up, and can be easily hung up on a peg or nail when out of use.

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

The combination and arrangement of the several parts of the machine, namely, the standards *a a*, the cross-bar *a'*, the brace *b*, the jack *c*, the screws or pivots *d d*, and the bolt *e*, whereby a boot-jack is constructed, substantially in the manner and for the purpose above set forth.

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