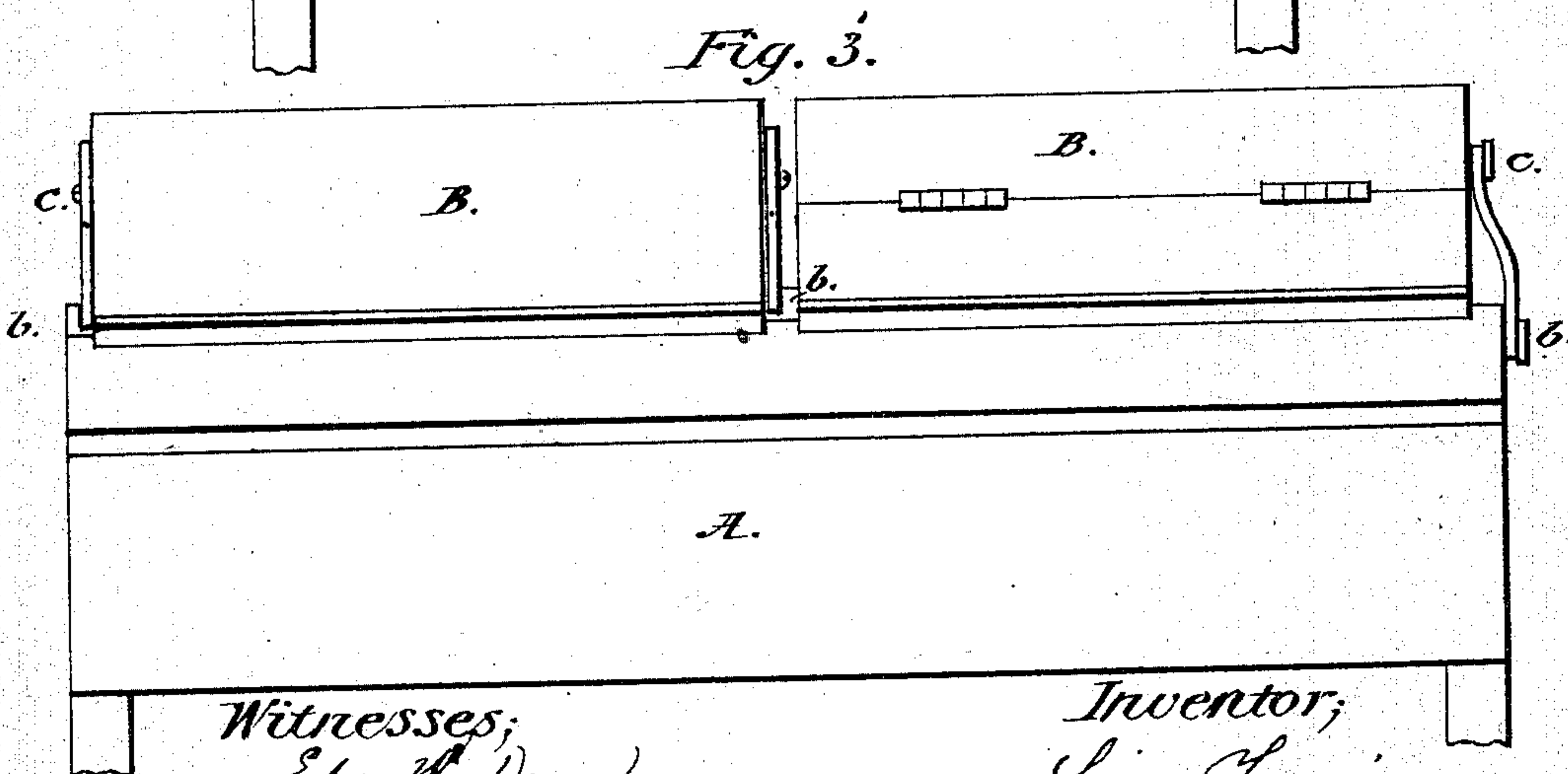
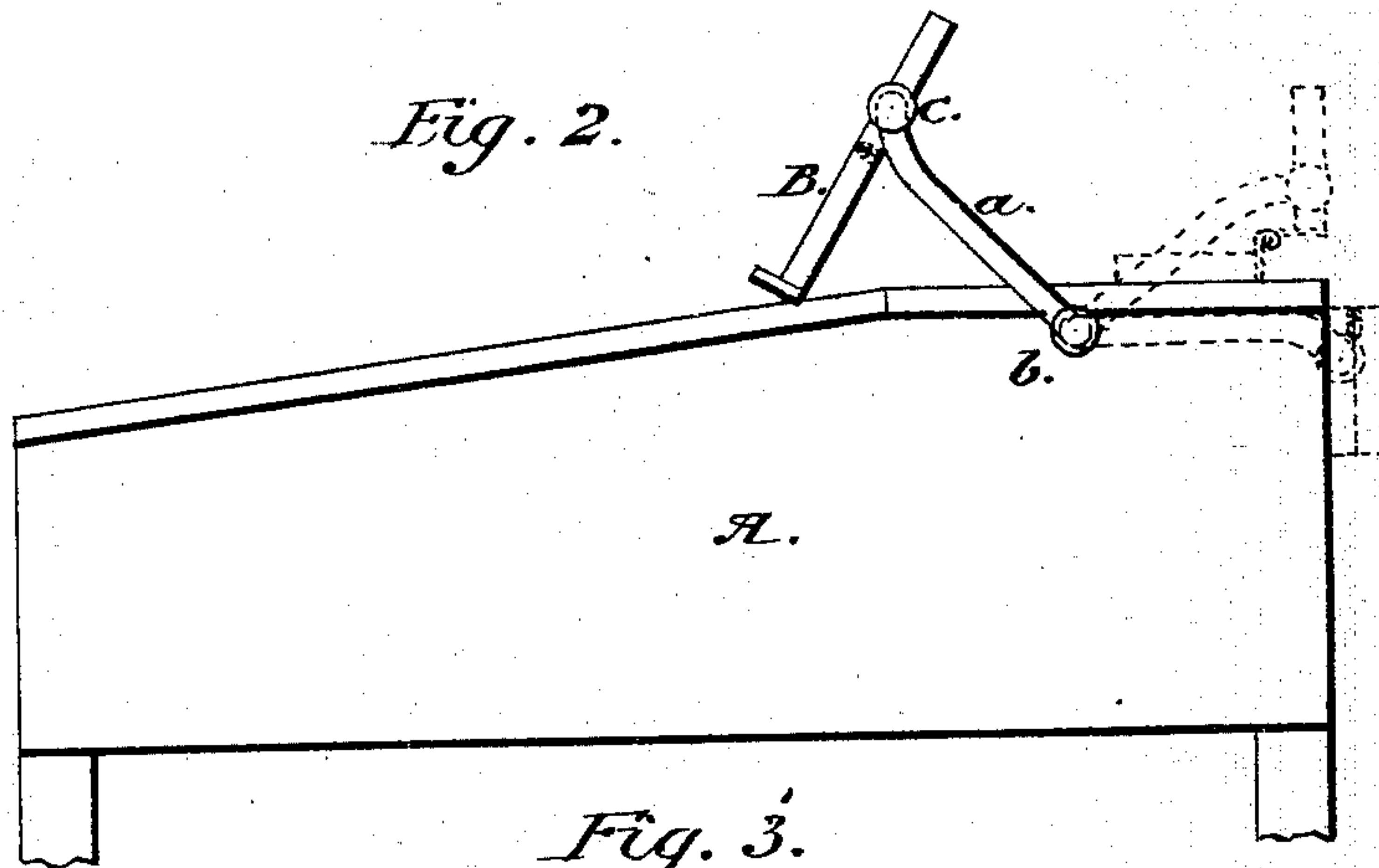
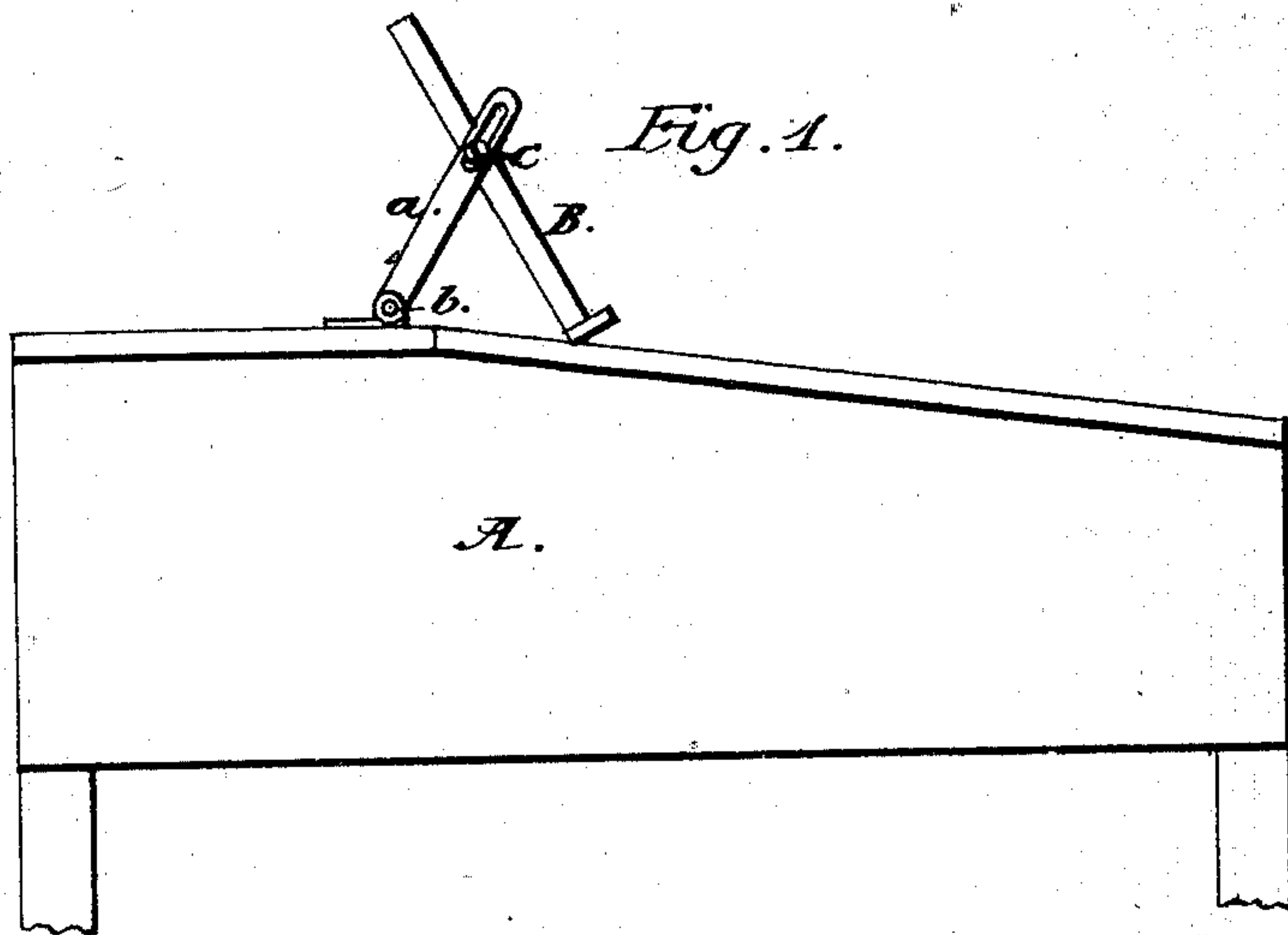


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-RESTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LIDA TARRING, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain Improvements in Book-Rests, of which the following is a specification:

Nature and Object of the Invention.

My invention relates to an improvement in book-rests, as applied to school and other desks. It consists of a rest supported by strap-arms secured by thumb-screws to the sides of a desk at any point between the front and back of the same; and combining with the support an arrangement by which it may be folded and put out of the way when not in use.

Description of Drawings.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a desk with the folding-rest attached. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a desk, showing a modification of the device as applied to a desk for two persons. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a desk, showing one desk with hinges and one without.

General Description.

Similar reference-letters denote similar parts in all of the figures.

A is the desk, to the sides of which are attached, with suitable thumb-screws *b*, arms *a*. These arms may be curved or straight, and, if necessary, provided with a middle hinge to facilitate folding. They have also slots through which pass thumb-screws *c*, which are intended to clamp and hold at any desired angle the rest B. The third point of

support for the rest is found on the top of the desk. The rest may be furnished with hinges at the line which divides it in halves horizontally, as shown in Fig. 2. These are for the purpose of allowing it to be folded snugly before being turned against the back of the desk and out of the way, when not in use. Rubber or cloth may be used at the corners of the parts of the rest bearing upon the desk to prevent scratching of the finished work. The slots in the arms *a a'* are to provide for the proper adjustment of the rest at the desired angle.

In Fig. 1 I show a modification of my invention. In this I secure the slotted arm *a* to the top instead of the sides of the desk. I propose also to divide the rest into two parts vertically so as to apply it to a desk for two or more persons, so that one part may be in use while the other is out of the way.

When heavy weights are to be supported on the rest it may be found necessary to fasten the rest and slotted arm together by a hook or rod, which may be countersunk in the wood of the rest and hinged to the same.

Claim.

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

The combination of the arms *a*, thumb-screws *c*, and the book-holder B, as and for the purpose specified.

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