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Chopping-Blocks.

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FIG. 1.

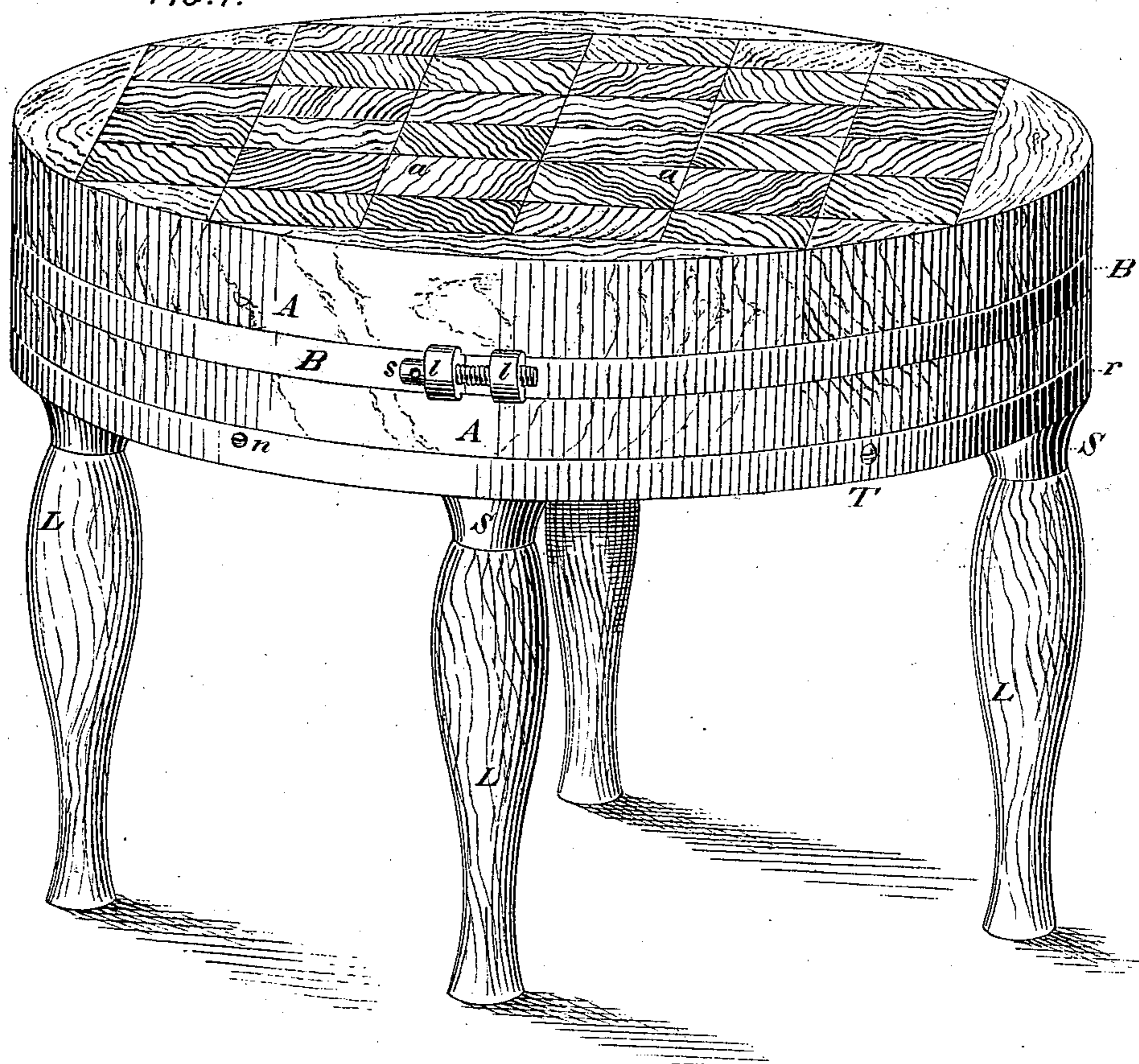


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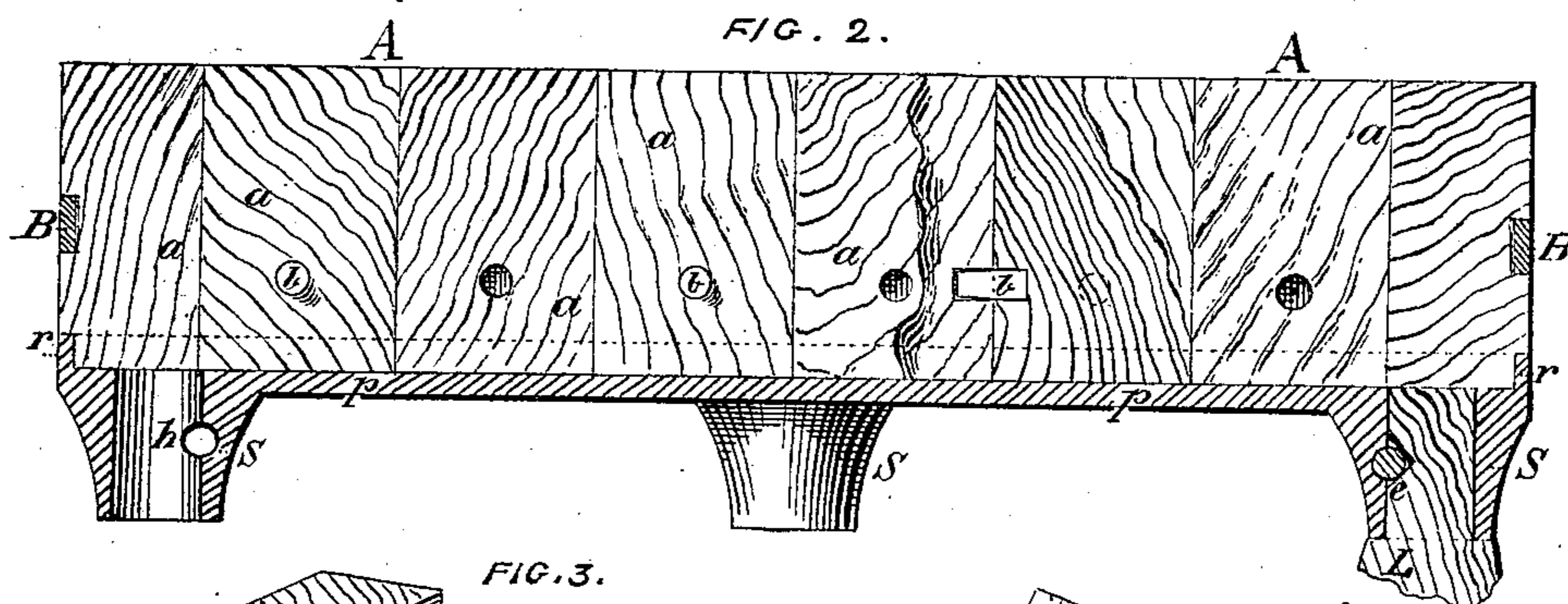


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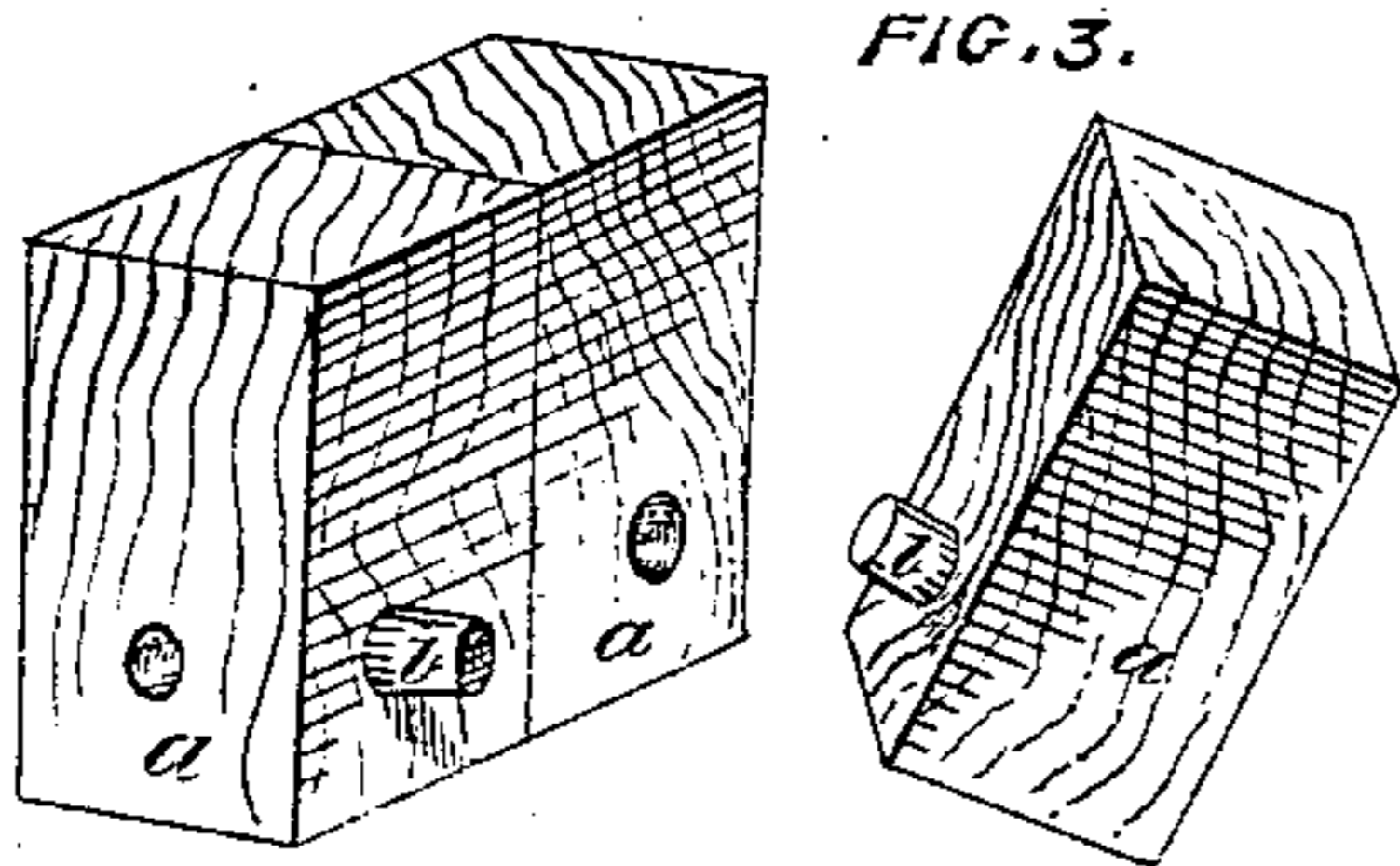
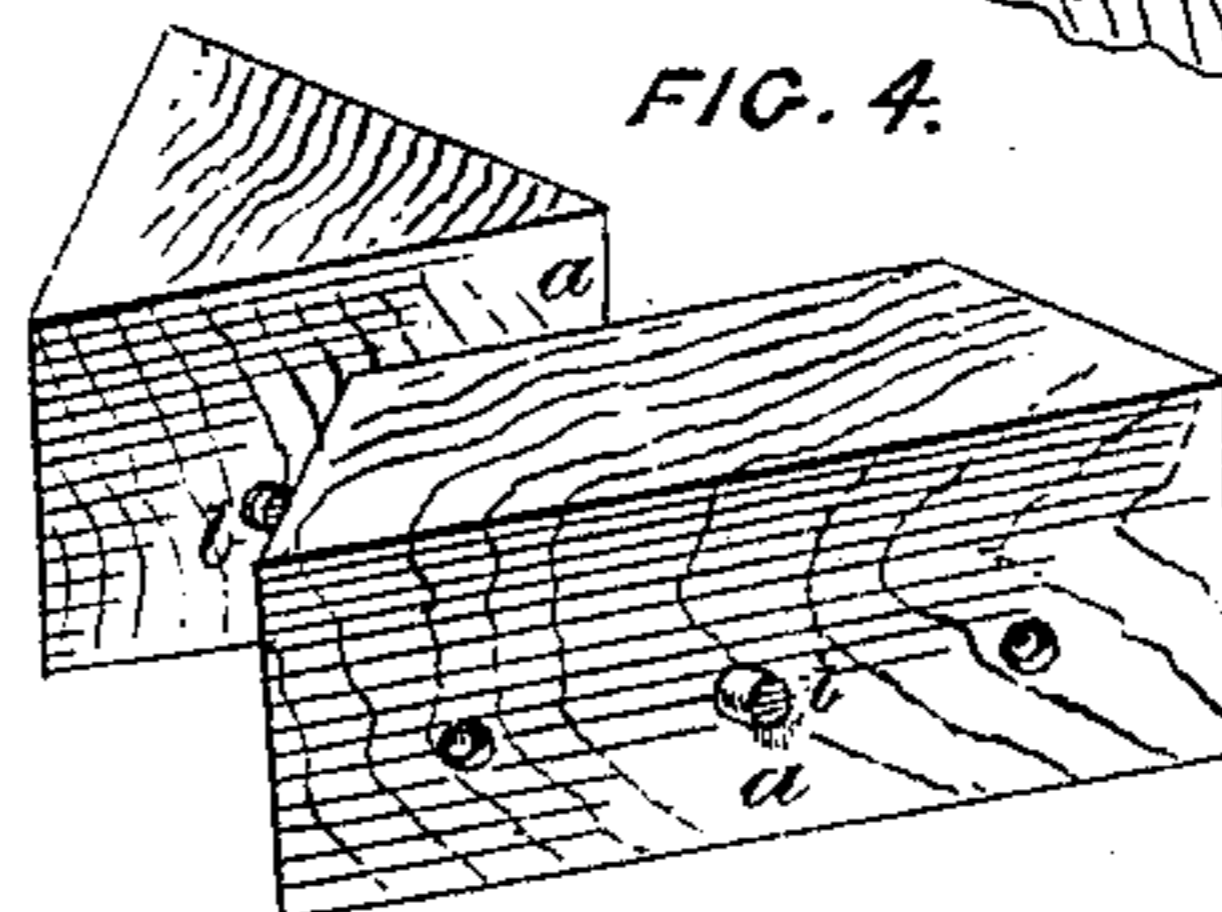


FIG. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CHOPPING-BLOCKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY ANDERSON, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented certain Improvements in Chopping-Blocks, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to chopping-blocks composed of several pieces of hard wood placed together so as to present a level face across their grain, each piece being doweled to those surrounding or in contact with it. The block thus constructed is pressed together by a tightening-band, and made to fit onto a table, consisting of a metallic plate provided with sockets, into which wooden legs are secured, the whole forming an adjustable block, on which meat, &c., can be cut, as a substitute for ordinary butcher, kitchen, or other blocks, wherein no mechanical attachments for chopping purposes are employed.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chopping-block embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the central line of the top part of Fig. 1, showing how the pieces of wood constituting the block are doweled together, as well as the plate provided with sockets forming part of the table. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of three rectangularly-shaped pieces of wood, partly detached, such as may be employed for the construction of these adjustable chopping-blocks. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of angular pieces of wood for making square or rectangular blocks, partly detached, as in Fig. 3.

A A is the block, which may be round, square, rectangular, or of any suitable shape, and consists or is built up of several pieces of hard wood, *a a*, shaped perfectly true, so as to fit closely to one another, and be placed together in such manner as to expose a level face across their grain, with a hard surface for chopping purposes. Near the bottom, or at about one-quarter of their height from the bottom, holes are pierced in every fitting side of each of these small pieces or blocks, so that they may be doweled to one another by means of small wooden pegs *b*, after the usual manner adopted in the doweled of pieces of wood together;

and this block A A, when composed of several such doweled smaller blocks *a*, each dependent on and supporting its neighbor, forms, when bound together, a slab resembling a single solid piece. In order to bind these doweled pieces *a* together, a band or strap, B, is provided to the shape of the block A A, and fits into an outer circumscribed groove, the pieces *a* being pressed together by a screw, *s*, made to draw the lugs *ll* of this band B nearer each other, till the block A A presents a level surface, free from cracks or openings at the top. The block thus bound together has another encompassing groove made at the bottom, so as to allow of its fitting into the table or stand T, especially prepared to receive it. This table T consists of a flat plate of metal, *p p*, for the block A A to rest on, a rim, *r*, to fit the groove last mentioned, and, beneath, four sockets, S S, with tapering holes *h h*, prepared for the wooden legs L L. These legs L L are secured by means of small pins *e*, that fit into holes provided in the sockets, but only catch in notches formed on one side of the legs, and for further stability small screws *n n* fasten the block A A to the rim *r* of the plate *p p*.

By this arrangement of a composite chopping-block the several pieces *a*, as they are worn, can be removed, and fresh ones, according to their numbered size, substituted. Bad meat, also, cannot collect in any cracks in the surface of the block, or in the grooves between the rim *r* or band B, the former of which is very liable to occur in ordinary butcher's blocks, which crack from shrinkage.

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

The chopping-block A A, composed of several smaller pieces, *a a a*, doweled to one another in the manner described, in combination with a tightening-band, B, and metallic table T, provided with rim *r*, sockets *s s*, and legs L L, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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