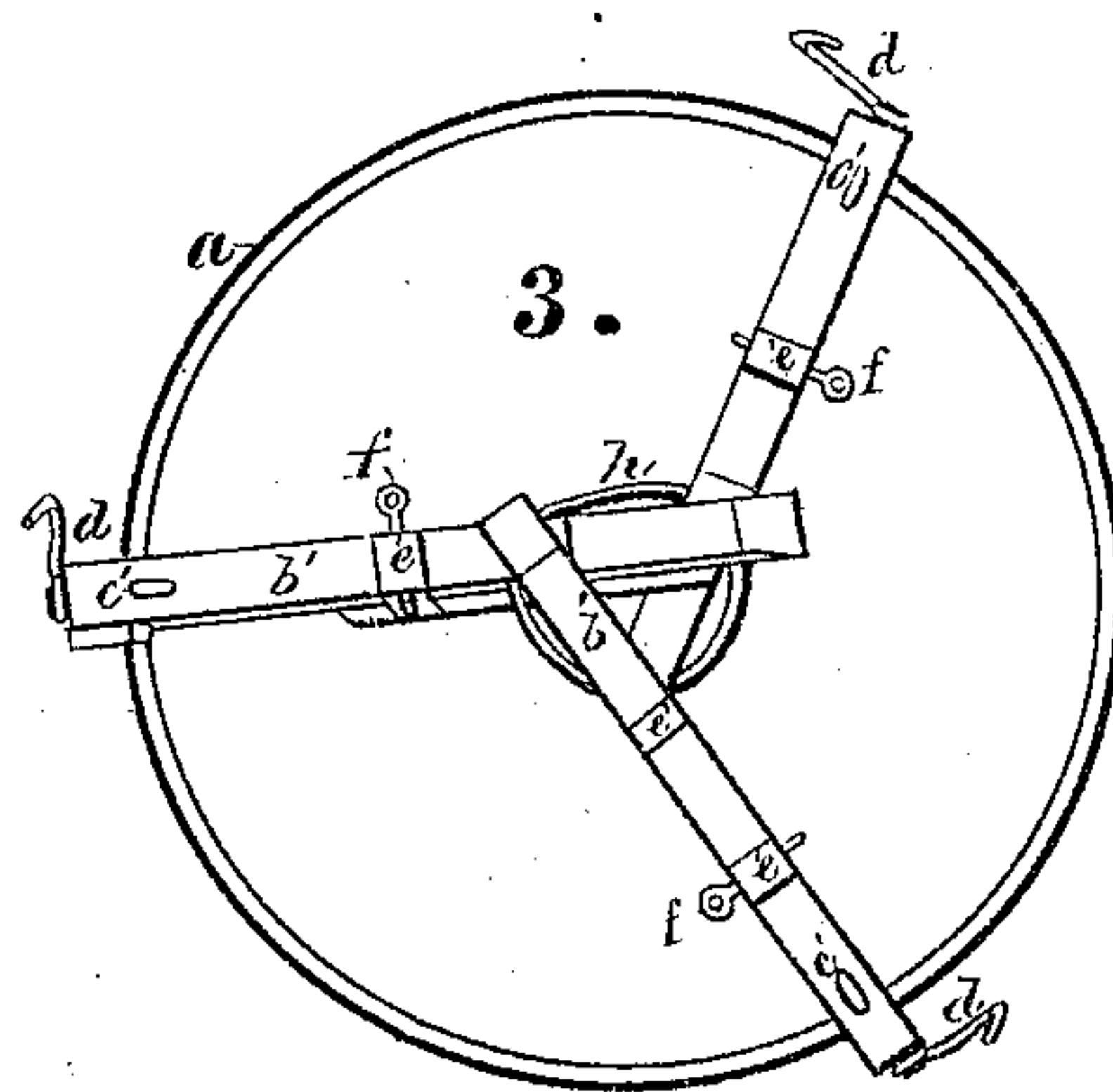
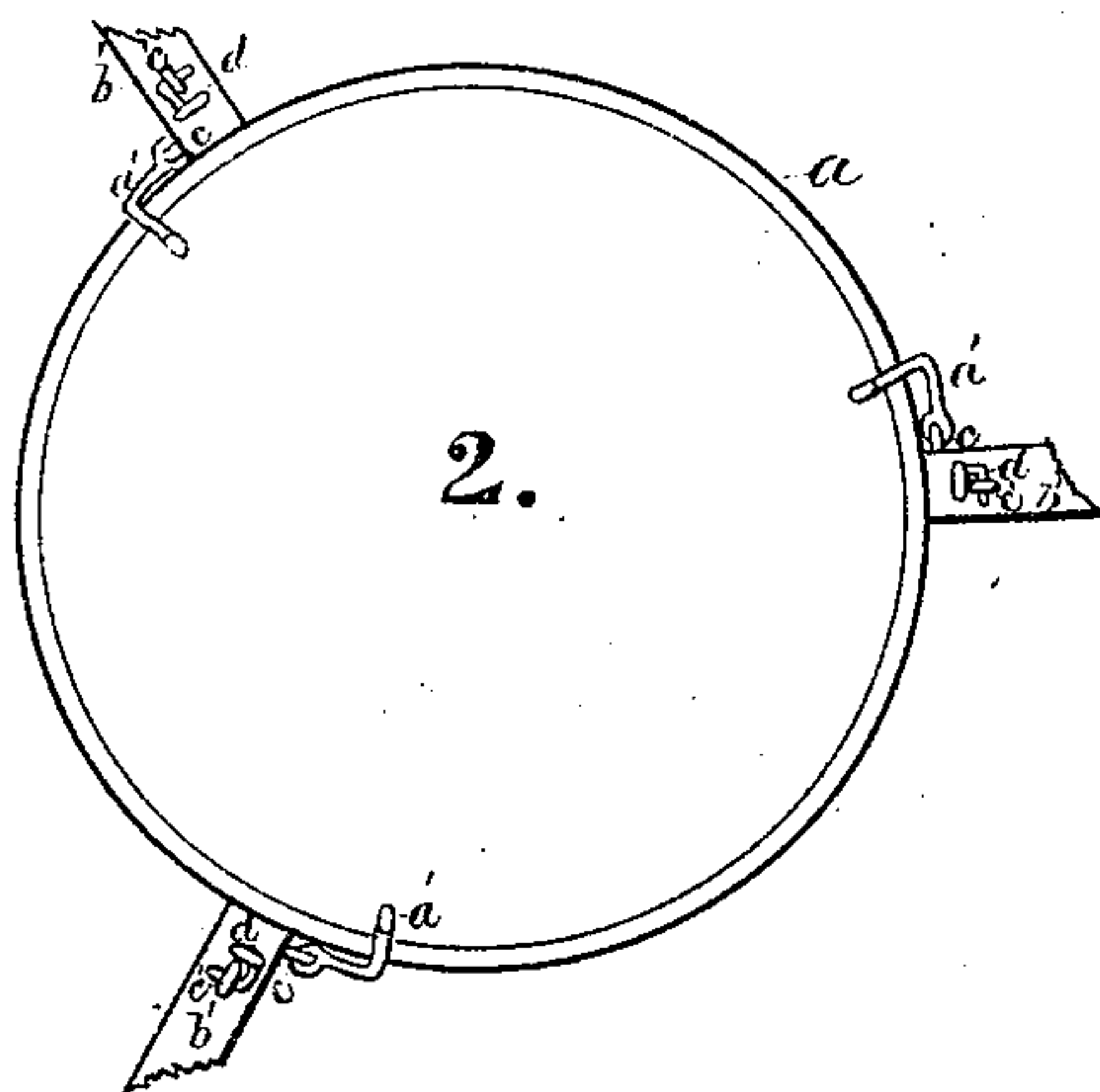
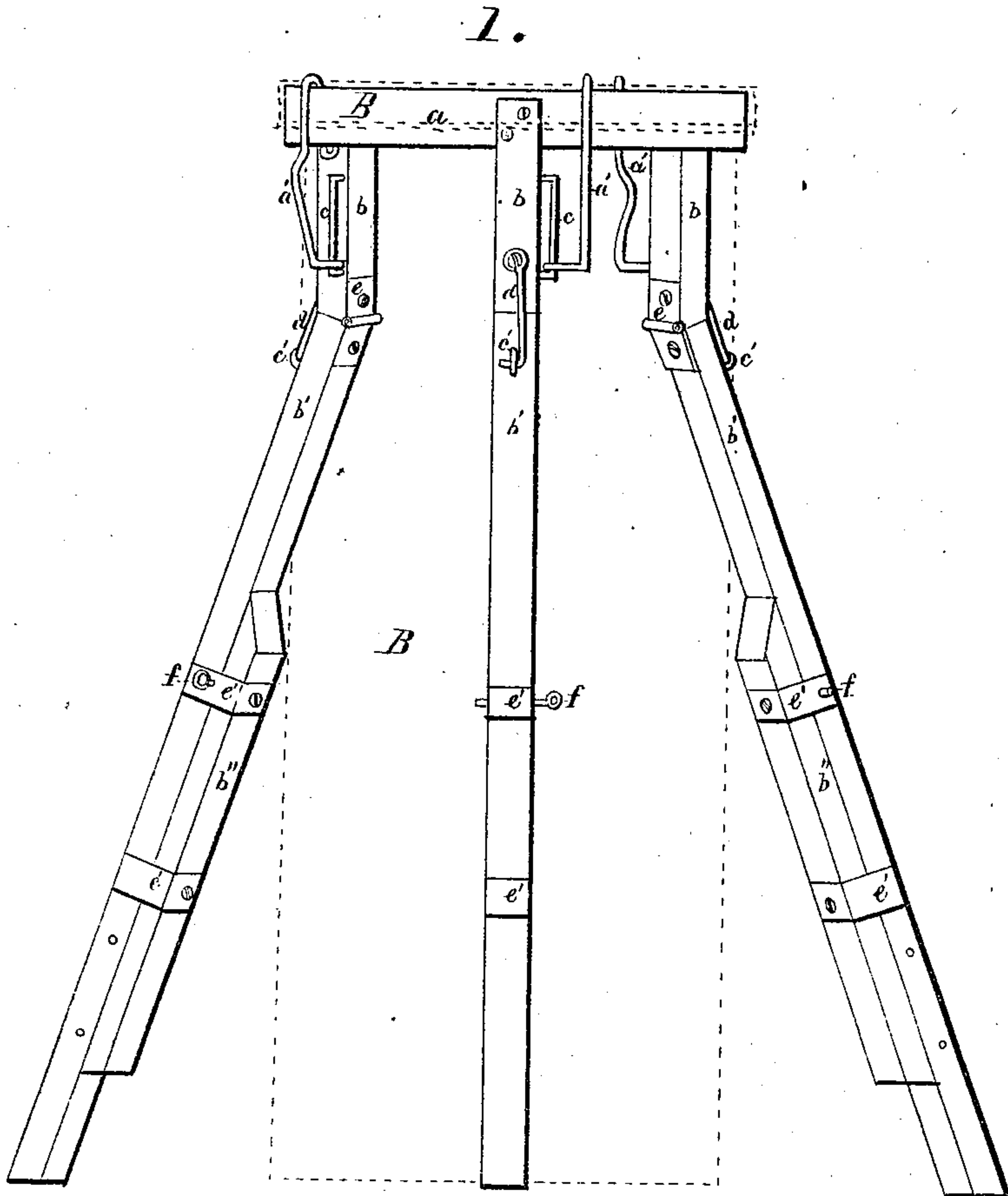


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE BENSON, of the county of Clarke and State of Ohio, have invented an Improvement in Bag-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to furnish a bag-holder which shall be portable and convenient, capable of being folded up when not in use, and which shall hold the bag or sack firmly open to its full capacity without the use of tangs or pointed-hook fastenings, and which shall be capable of adjustment in height for different lengths of sacks; also, so that the sack can be easily and quickly released from its fastenings without lifting it or moving it in any manner from the holder.

Figure 1 is an elevation of my bag-holder. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same without the sack. Fig. 3 shows it when folded up.

a is the top or hoop, over which the mouth of sack B is drawn; *b b b*, the three legs on which it stands. These are divided near the top by cross-section, and the two sections hinged together. The top pieces B are fastened permanently to the hoop *a* by means of screws, being gained so as to leave a shoulder for the hoop to rest on. The upper sections *b* are nearly vertical, while the lower parts *b'* stand at an inclination outward, so as to give the legs a broader base to rest upon. The hinges *e* are placed on the inside of the connecting sections of the legs, a hook, *d*, on the outside of the top section, lapping over the joined parts and hooking into the staple *c'* on the lower section. This device keeps the leg stiff when the machine is set up, so that it can readily be moved about on the barn-floor, if necessary. To a long wire staple, *c*, on the side of the upper section *b* of the leg, is attached the clamping-hook *a'*, which is hooked over the mouth of the sack B, which latter is shown in dotted lines with its mouth drawn over the outside of hoop *a*. The connecting end of hook *a'*, which is looped around the staple *c*, slides freely up and down on it, so that when the sack is loosed to be taken away the hook *a'* is raised and slides up the long staple *c* before it can be released. In fastening the sack in its place (as it is drawn down over it) its lower end again slides down on the staple *c*. The hook *a'* is bent at a right angle at its lower end, to allow it to perform the functions as above stated. The hook end is

made to conform to the shape of the hoop *a*, (over which the mouth of the sack B is drawn,) so as to fit it snugly. The end of the hook is curled over, and it is bent inward, making it elastic enough to clamp the sack tightly to the hoop. The legs *b' b' b'* are also provided with subsections *b'' b''*, having loops or bands *e'*, which slide freely up and down on *b' b'*. These are only used in lengthening the three legs when a longer sack is to be filled. A pin, *f*, passed through the loop *e'* and leg *b'*, holds them in place when adjusted.

In operating my bag-holder, after the sack is placed inside of the hoop and clamped over the same it can be drawn down with any amount of weight which the strength of the sack will bear without danger of its becoming detached from it, as the peculiar shape of the hooks *a'* cause them to retain their hold.

When not in use, the bag-holder may be folded by releasing the brace-hooks *d* from their staples *c'*, and doubling the lower ends of legs *b'* inward to a common center, the feet crossing each other and slipping the rubber band *h*, which may be attached to one of the legs, near the bottom end, over them. In this form the bag-holder can be reversed and set away on the the hoop end, as shown in Fig. 3.

I am aware that the use of a hoop in a bag-holder is not new, and I do not claim it as my invention; but

I claim—

1. The angular clamping-hooks *a'* and vertical staples *c*, as arranged and combined with the leg *b'*, sack B, and hoop *a*, for the purpose described.

2. A folding bag-holder, consisting of a hoop, *a*, with hinged legs *b b'*, and their fastenings *d c' e*, hook *a'*, and staple *c*, as shown and described, as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

3. A bag-holder, when constructed with hinged legs *b b* and *b' b'*, and their fastening and clamping devices, in combination with the subsectional parts *b'' b''*, for lengthening the same for variable lengths of sacks, in the manner described, as and for the purpose set forth.

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