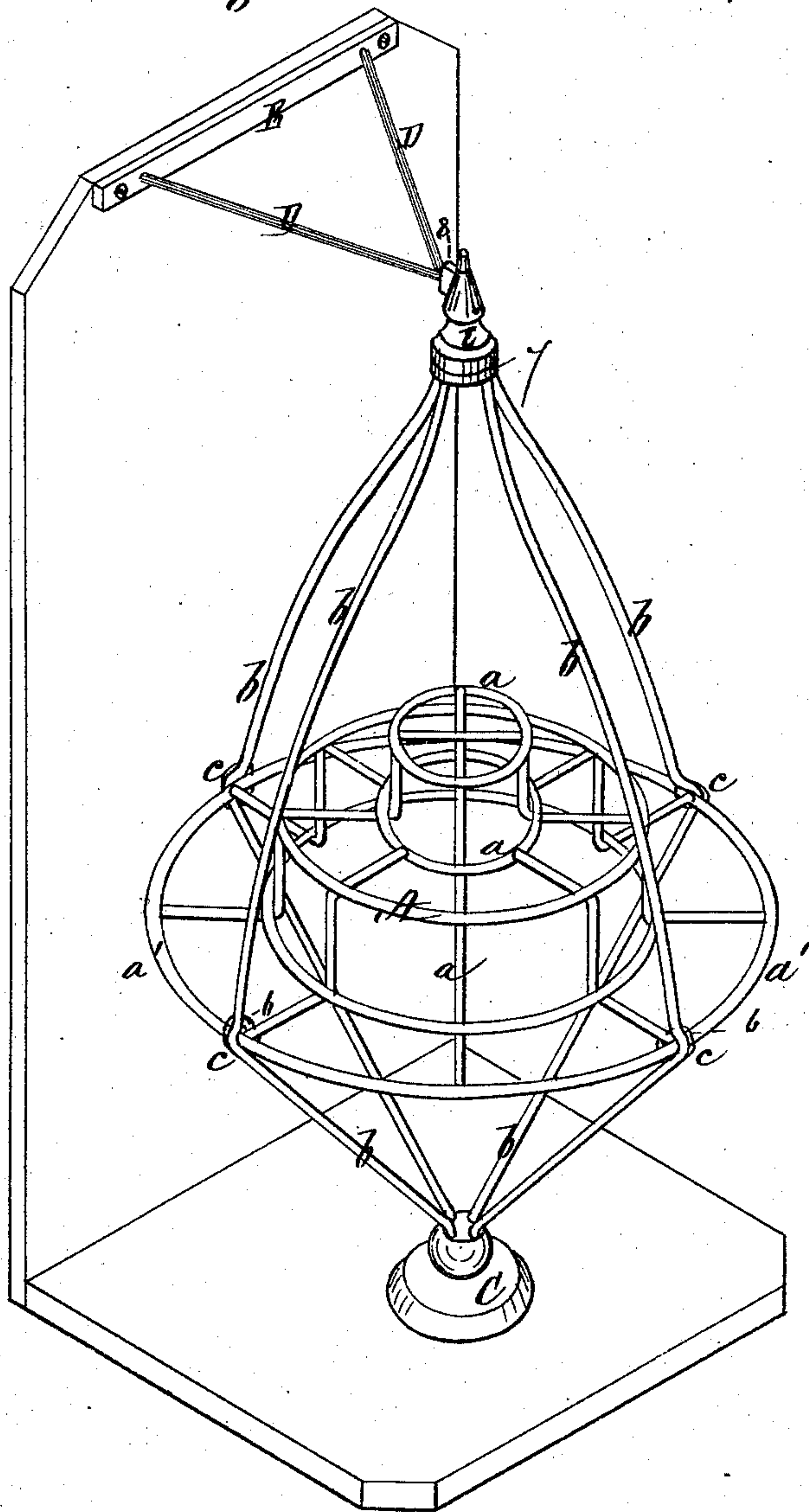


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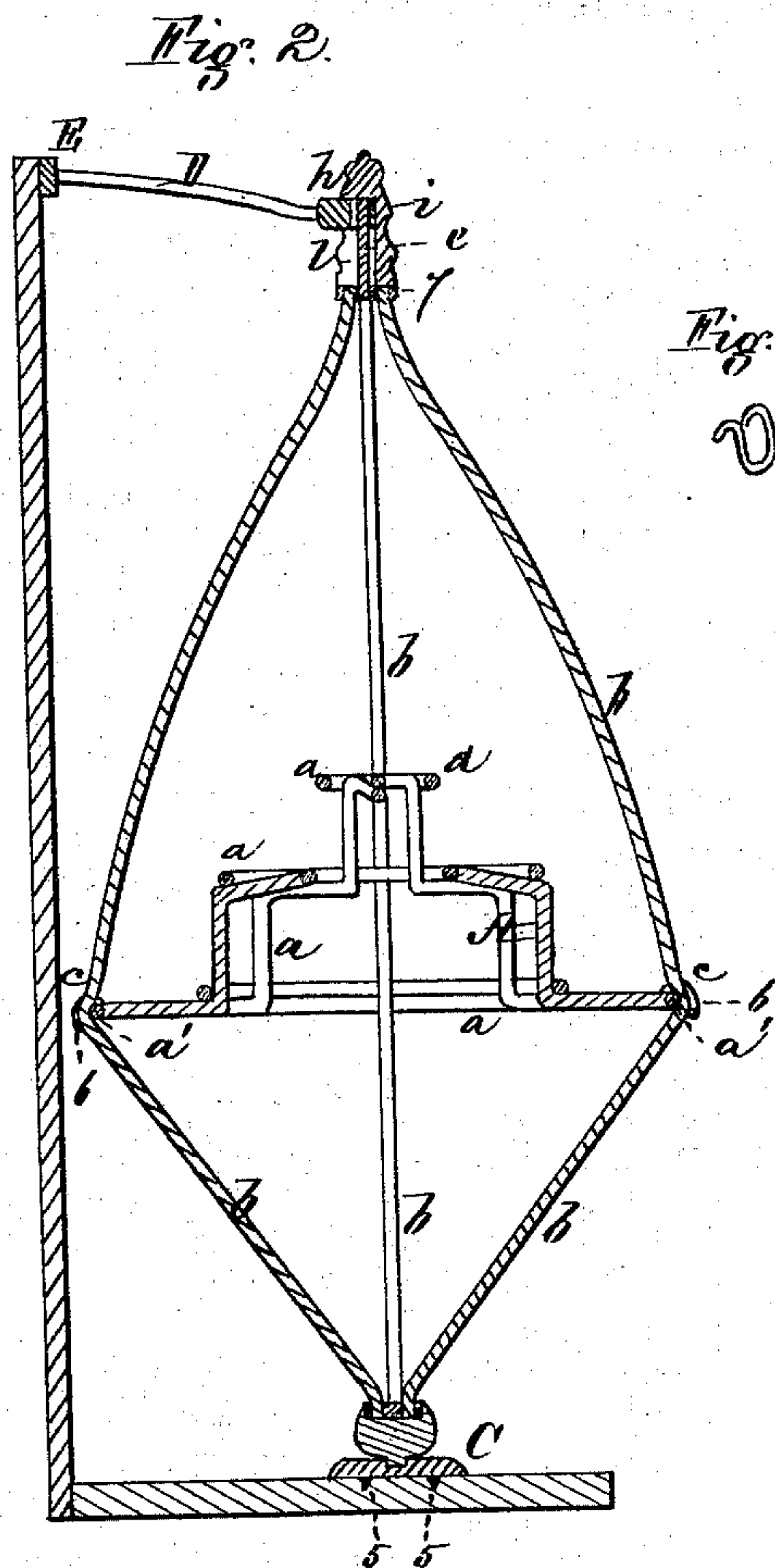
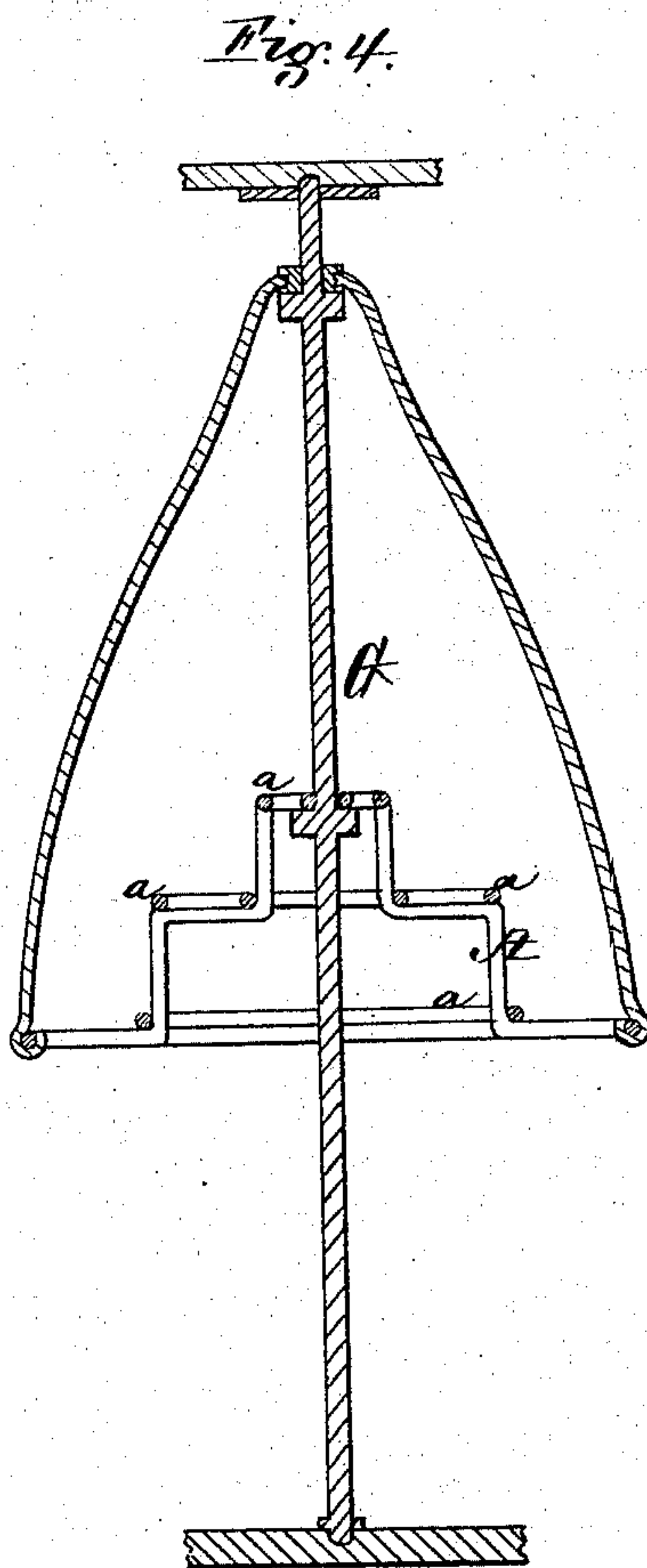


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IMPROVEMENT IN FLOWER-STANDS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, OSMORE A. BINGHAM, of Keene, in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain Improvements in Flower-Stands, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a revolving flower-stand constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the center of the same; Fig. 3, detail to be referred to; Fig. 4, modification of my invention.

My invention consists in a flower-stand revolving upon or around a frame or vertical shaft, the lower extremity of which is supported within or upon a pedestal or base placed upon the floor, carpet, or other suitable object, while the upper extremity of the frame or shaft is held in position by a socket or other device secured to the ceiling, or formed at the end of braces extending out from the top of the window-frame or other convenient object or place where it is desired to locate the stand; by which construction it may be readily rotated in either direction by simply applying the hand thereto, and when the stand is to be removed the parts may be easily detached and stowed away compactly for future use, or for transportation.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents a circular platform or stand, formed of metallic rods *a a* upon wires or wire-netting attached thereto, upon which the pots containing the plants and flowers are intended to be placed. *b b* are also metallic rods, the lower extremities of which are united, and rest within a recess in the center of a circular plate, C, forming the base or pedestal of the stand. This base C is provided with projections 5 on its under side, in order to stick into the carpet or floor of the room where the stand is to be placed, by which means the base is prevented from being accidentally moved out of its proper posi-

tion; and I intend to make the base of small diameter, in order thereby to afford access to the carpet or floor for the purpose of sweeping or washing the same. The rods *b b* extend up outside of, and in contact with, the circular rod *a'*, forming the lower outer edge or diameter of the stand; and these rods *b b* are slightly bent outward at this point, so as to form ledges or shoulders *c*, into or upon which the circular rod *a'* of the stand is sprung, whereby it is securely supported in a horizontal position, hooks 6, or other suitable clasps or devices, being employed, Fig. 3, for keeping the rods *b b* of the frame from being accidentally moved laterally toward each other.

The rods *b b* serve as supports or braces, and their upper ends are united in a small circular plate, 7, from which extends up a vertical pin, *e*, which fits into a socket, *h*, formed at the junction of the inner ends of two braces, D, the outer ends of which are secured to opposite ends of a horizontal strip or cleat, E, which is intended to be screwed or otherwise secured to the top of the window-frame of a room, or to any other convenient object inside or outside of a house where it is desired to locate the stand.

In order that the top of the supporting-frame shall present a finished appearance, an ornamental cap or tip, *i*, is placed over the vertical pin *e*, the base of the cap resting on the circular plate 7, formed at the top of the rods *a a* of the frame, and this cap is provided with a slot, *l*, through which projects the outside of the socket *h*, by which arrangement it may be raised or lowered within the slot, in order that the stand, with its braces, may be applied to any desired object or position independent of its height from the floor or place on which it is to rest, the braces being curved to allow of their being turned over, to still further admit of adjustment.

When the socket *h* is adjusted to its proper height, it may be clamped in place by a screw or otherwise.

Where the braces D are used, a flower-pot may be suspended from each of them; and one may also be placed at the junction of the lower ends of the rods *a a*, if desired.

It will be seen that the above-described flower-stand is both light and ornamental, and of simple construction, and may be easily turned around to bring the several plants into an accessible position to be watered, trimmed, or examined, and may be expeditiously set up, taken down, and stowed away compactly by any person without the exercise of any particular knowledge and skill.

The stand A, instead of revolving, may be fixed securely to a stationary frame or shaft, if desired; but I prefer to have it revolve.

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

The flower-stand A, in combination with two or more supporting rods or braces, *b*, extending between the bearings or points of support, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 8th day of May, 1874.
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