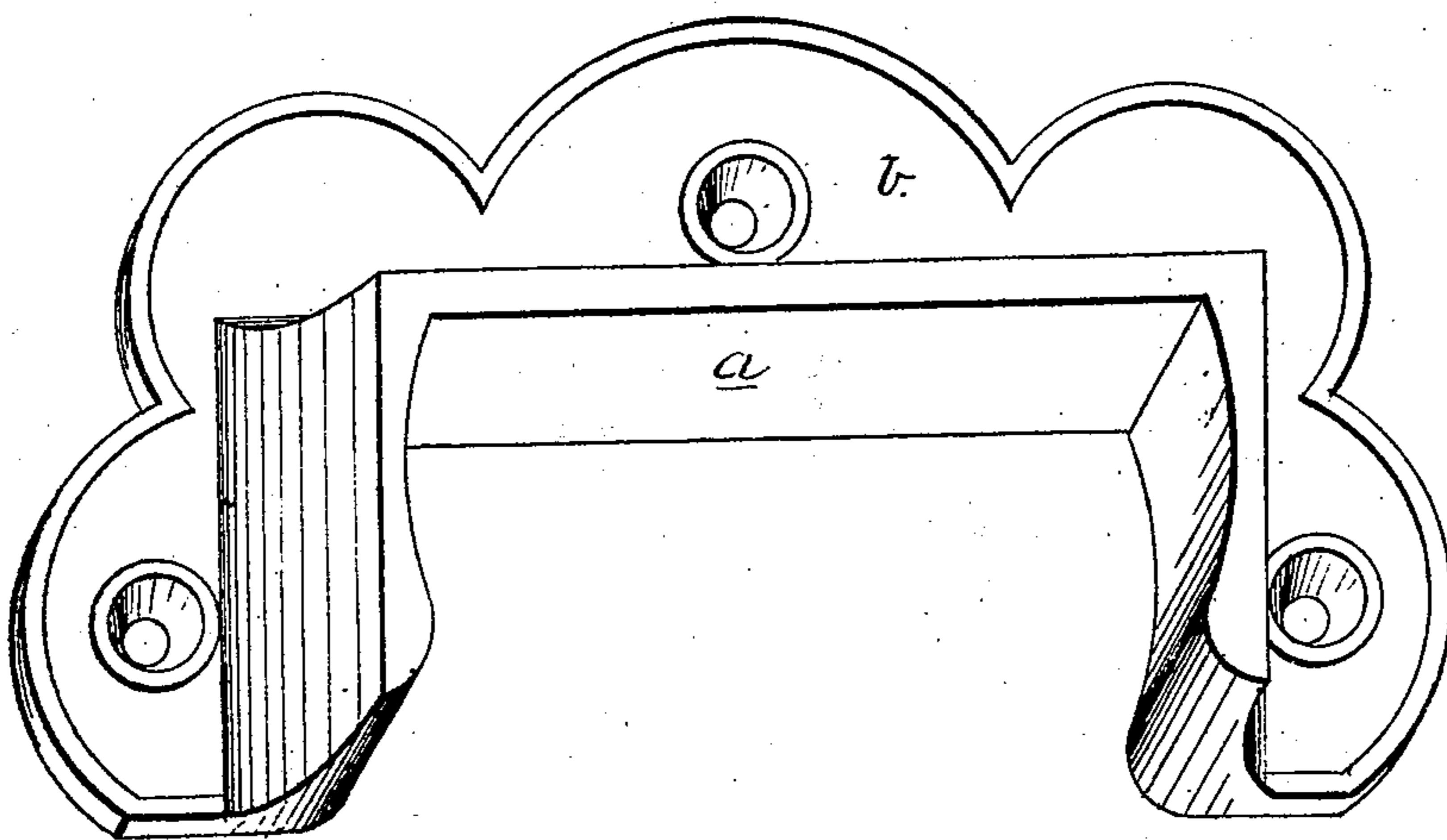


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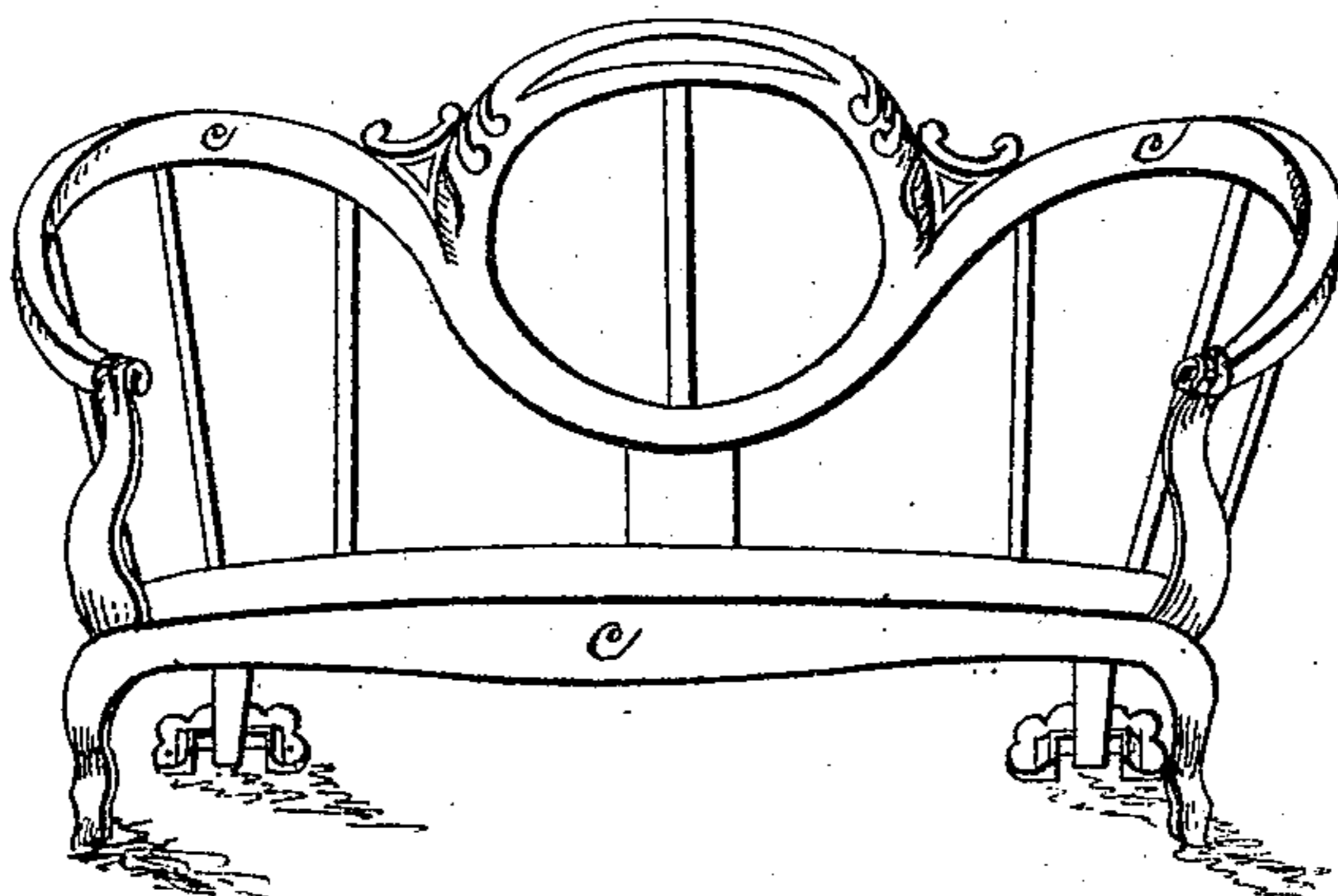
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN WALL-GUARDS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 184,729, dated November 28, 1876; application filed March 31, 1876.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORRIS D. ROUSE, of Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful article, which I name a Wall-Guard. A description of this new and useful invented article is set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention is an improvement of the wall-guard patented February 6, 1872, No. 123,377, to James L. Brander. It consists of an oblong angular form, adapted to allow the longitudinal movement of furniture, as hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 of my drawing is a perspective view, illustrating the form and construction of my invention.

*a* is an oblong and angular box, open its entire length on the front side, and without a bottom or cover. *b* is a flange extending horizontally from the base of the ends and the closed rear side of the open box *a*, and has perforations to allow screws to pass through, for the purpose of securing the guard to the floor.

The box *a* should be about six inches in length, and about two inches in width and height, and the flange *b* should be sufficiently large, wide, and strong to admit of the passage of screws to secure the complete guard rigidly to a floor. The box and flange are formed complete in one piece, preferably cast of metal, but can be struck up with dies or carved from wood.

The flange *b* may be scalloped, and the surface of the complete guard ornamented and finished in any style desired.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, illustrating the application and operation of my invention.

Two of my guards, *a b*, are fixed to the floor near the base-board and wall, at points corresponding with the positions occupied by the rear feet of the movable lounge. These rear feet and casters of the lounge *c c* are free to enter the front and open side of the box *a*, and free to move and play in line with the lounge and wall, and also to move out of the guards and away from the wall; but the entire lounge, feet and body, is restricted from moving toward the wall, and therefore cannot come in contact therewith, to mar the paper or other finished surface of the wall in any manner whatever.

I am aware that a crescent-shaped wall-guard has been used; but my oblong and angular form, adapted to allow longitudinal play and movement to a lounge and other articles of movable furniture, is novel and advantageous.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, the oblong, angular, and open box *a*, having the horizontal flange *b*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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