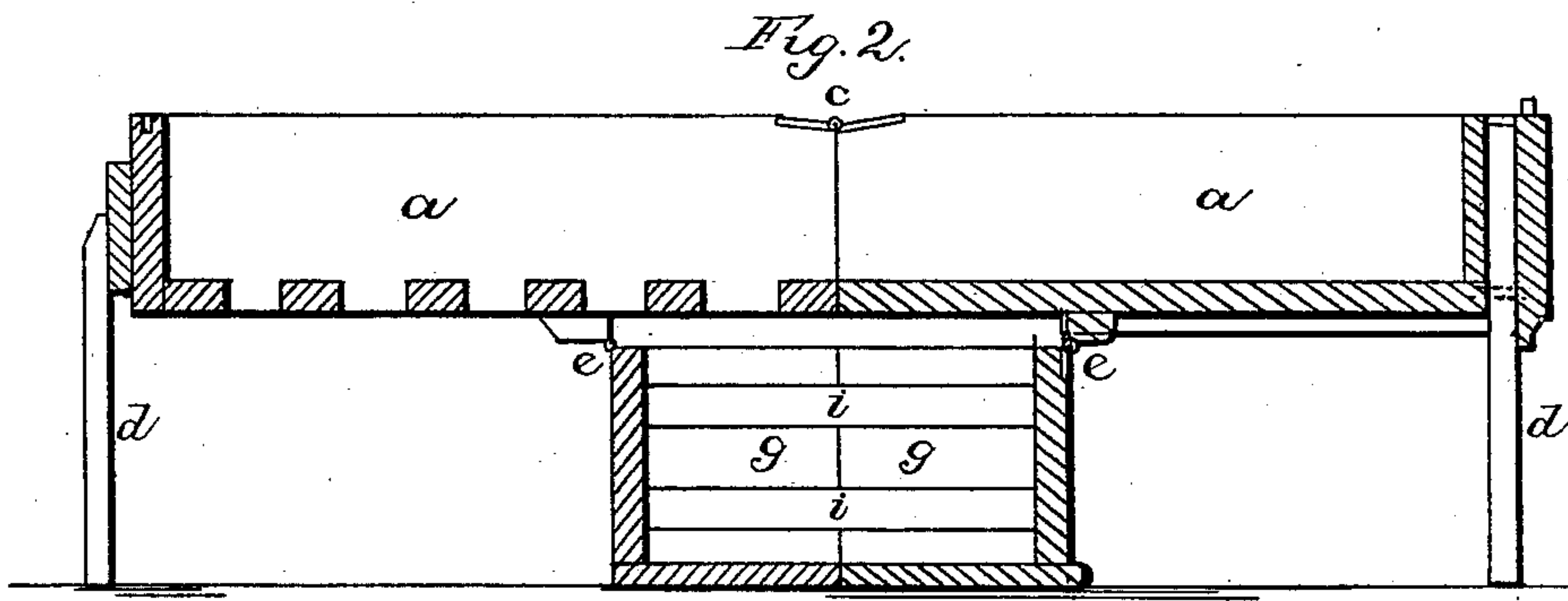
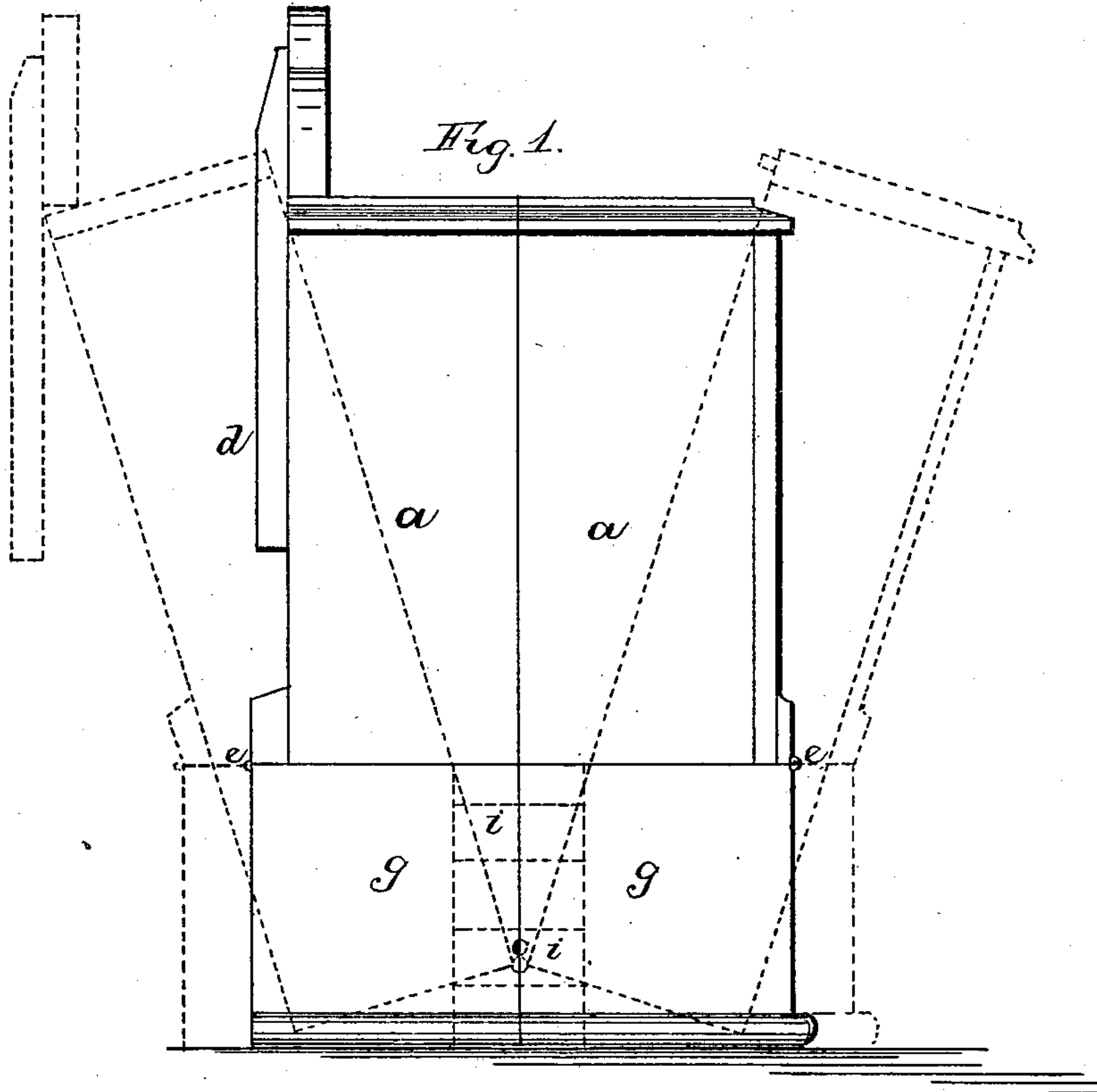


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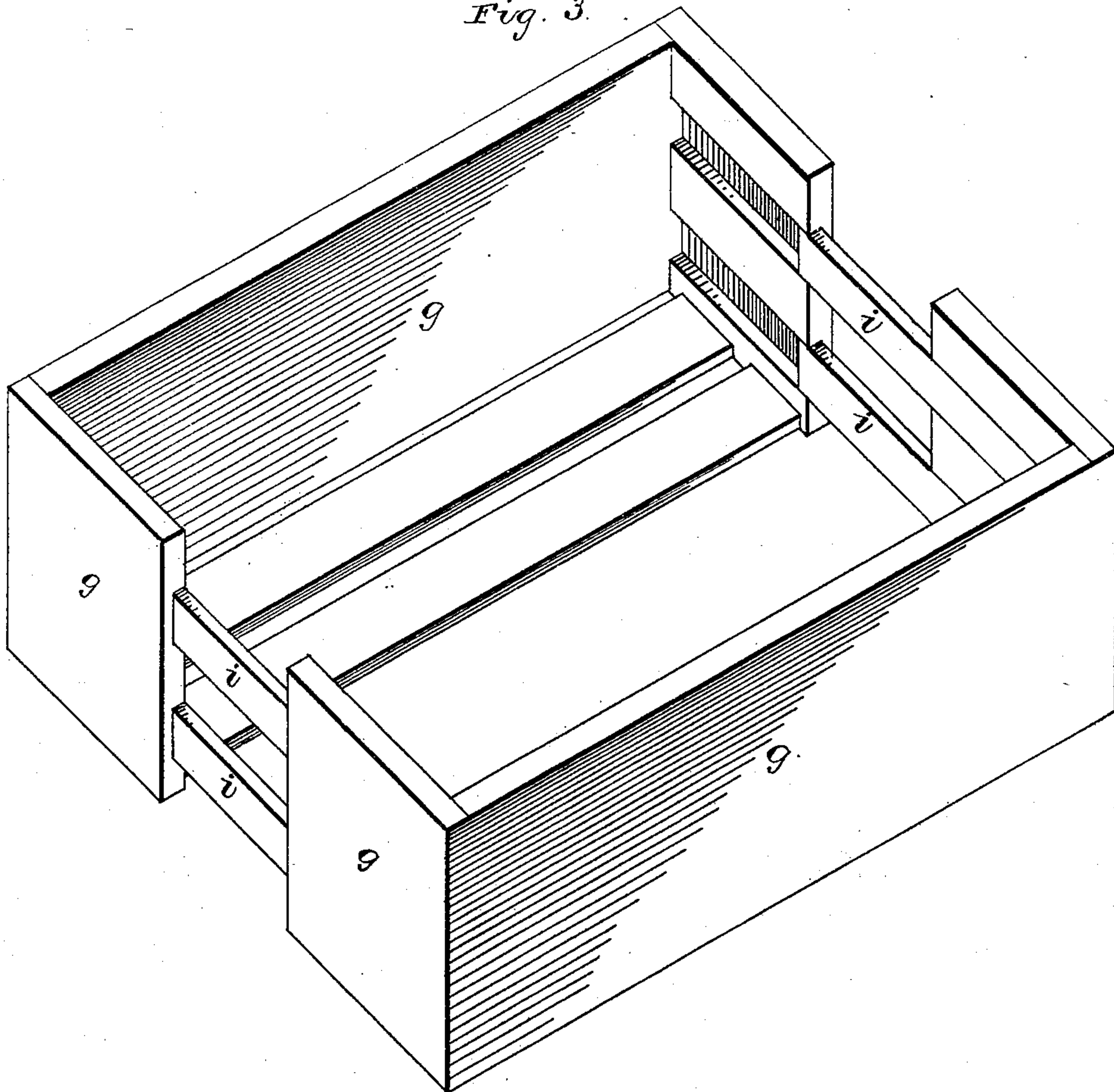
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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS R. WOLFINGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding or Wardrobe Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in folding or wardrobe bedsteads; and it consists in hinging the bed, which is divided into two halves, to the top edges of the supporting-frame, which is also divided into two parts, and which parts of the frame move to and from each other upon horizontal guides, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

Figure 1 is an end elevation of my folding bedstead, showing it closed in solid lines and partially closed in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the bed fully open. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the base alone, showing it partially open.

a represents the two halves of the bed, which may be of any desired construction, and which are hinged together at their inner corners, *c*. Each of these halves is provided with a suitable hinged or pivoted leg, *d*, for supporting and steadying its outer end when extended to its full length, as shown in Fig. 2.

Each half *a* is hinged at *e* to the top edge of the supporting-frame *g*, which is also divided longitudinally down its center into two halves, and which frame serves not only to support the bed when closed up and in a perpendicular position, but forms a solid foundation under the center of the bed when open. As the parts of the frame are hinged to the two halves of the bed, they must follow the movements of the halves of the bed as they are opened and

closed. Therefore, when the bed is being opened, the two halves push the two parts of the frame directly outward from each other, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, until a certain point is reached, when they draw the two parts of the frame inward again until their ends meet, as shown in Fig. 2.

In order to guide the two halves of the frame in their movements and have them always in line, one or more guides, *i*, which are fastened rigidly at one end to one half and have their other ends move in ways in the other half, are used. These guides are very useful in preventing any side strain on the hinges, but are not absolutely needed, and may, therefore, be dispensed with, if so desired.

This bed when closed will represent a bureau or other similar article, and form a very ornamental piece of furniture.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A folding or wardrobe bedstead composed of the two halves *a*, which are hinged together at the corners *c*, in combination with the frame *g*, made in two parts and hinged to the two parts *a* of the bed at *e*, whereby the frame *g* is made to follow the movements of the bed in opening and closing, and form a solid support under the center of the bed when open, substantially as shown.

2. The combination of the two halves of the bed *a*, hinged together at *c*, with the frame *g*, made in two halves and hinged to the parts of the bed at *e*, the frame being provided with the guides *i*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June, 1879.

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