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Fig. 1.

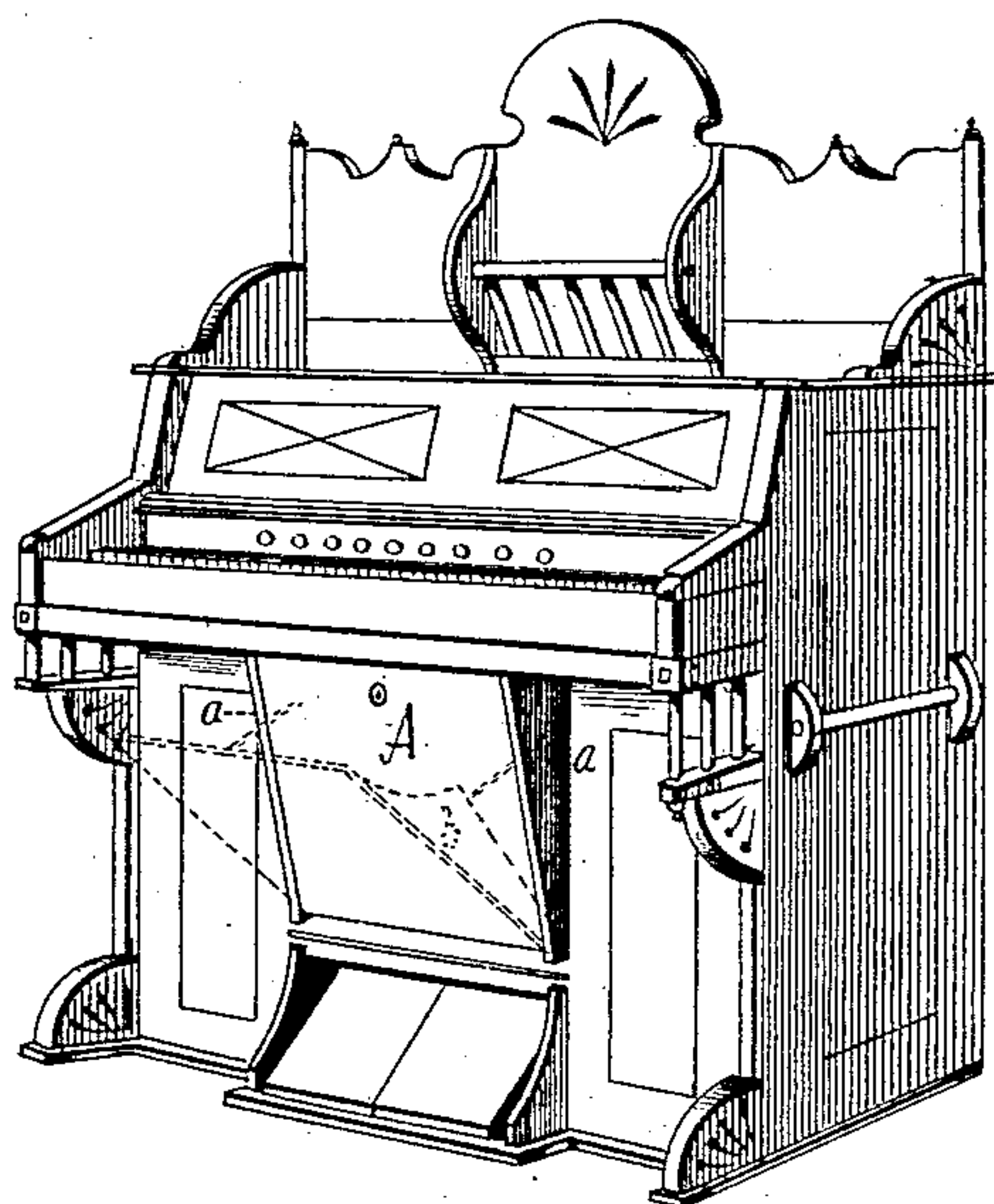


Fig. 2.

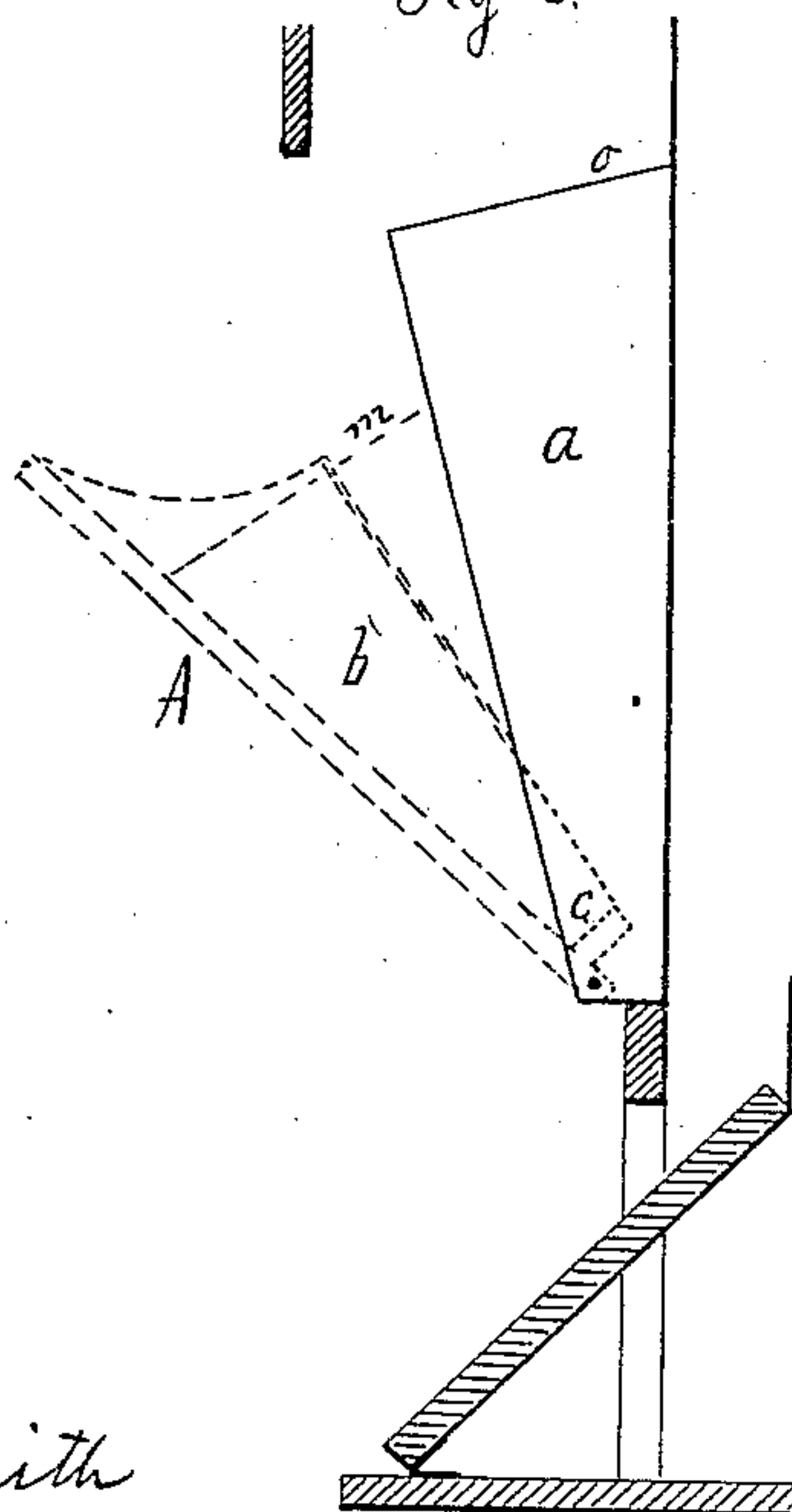
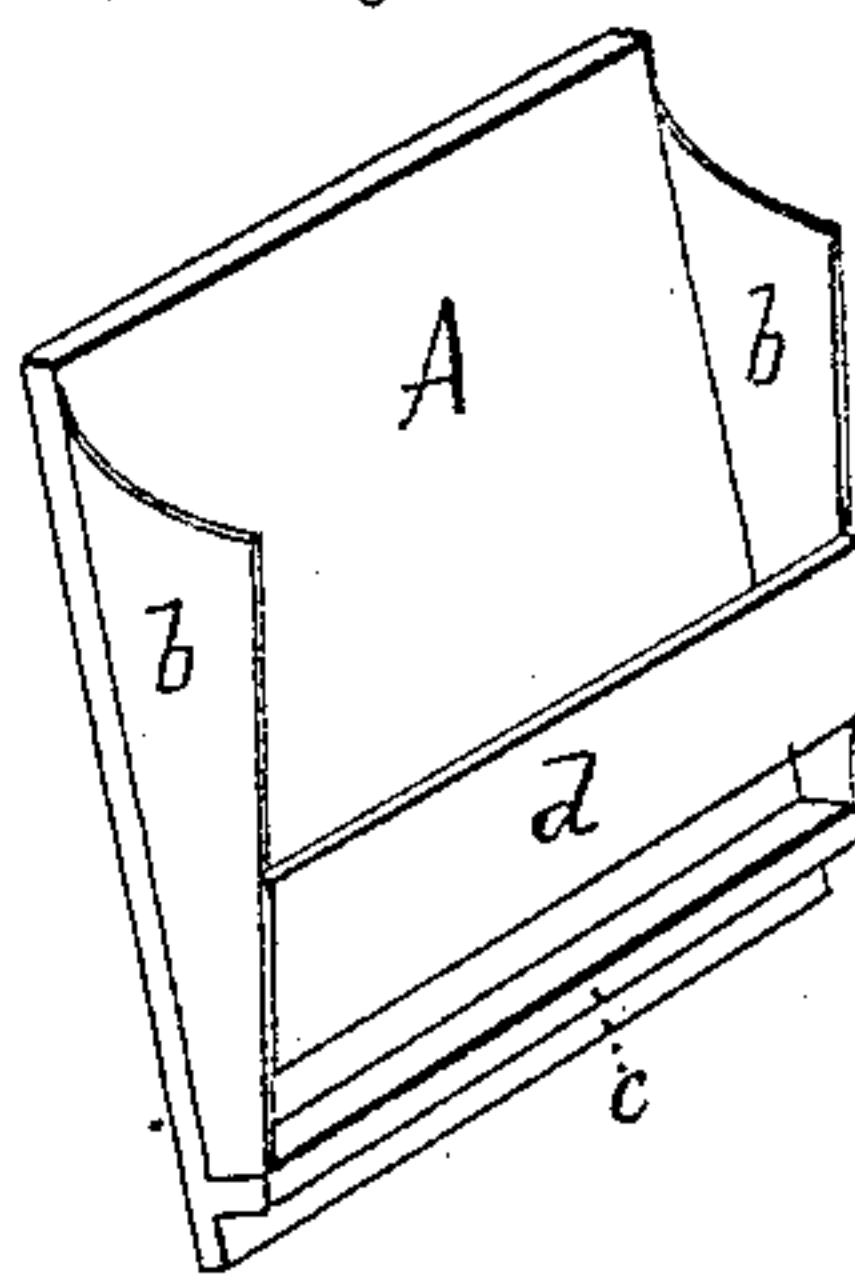


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. HYDE, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and
5 Improved Case for Musical Instruments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of cases which are attached to musical instruments.

The invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the case, as the
10 same are hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case centrally arranged
15 between the keys and pedals of an organ, the broken lines showing it open. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the side of the case, and Fig. 3 is a view of its movable parts.

To enable others to make my improved portfolio in the manner contemplated, I will describe it in detail.

A, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, is the inclined front piece pivoted to the tapering side pieces, *a a*, and has the two tapering side parts, *b b*, and
25 bottom part, *c*, attached to it. The back strip, *d*, is attached to the side parts, *b b*. The case being open, these parts, and also the tape *m*, attached to the piece A and to the case for holding them, are shown in Figs. 1 and 2 by
30 broken lines. The front piece, A, shuts into the top and side pieces, and is flush with their front edges. The tapering side pieces, *a a*, are made in the form shown, and are attached to

the case of the instrument. The inclined top piece, *o*, one end of which is shown in Fig. 2, 35 rests on and is fastened to the side parts, *b b*.

The portfolio, consisting of the above parts, is centrally arranged between the keys and pedals, and forms a part of the front of an organ, as shown in Fig. 1. 40

As indicated in Fig. 1, a suitable means of securing the front A—as, for instance, a lock and key—is employed.

It will be noticed that in addition to holding the article or sheet-music while the front 45 is closed, the latter, when in its open position, serves as a receptacle in itself, and in this respect is unlike what has been disclosed in this class of invention.

Having described my improved portfolio, 50 what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The case for musical instruments consisting of the side tapering pieces, *a a*, fastened to the front of the instrument between the keys 55 and pedals, the front A, with its lower end pivoted to and between the same ends of the side pieces, *a*, and provided upon its inside with tapering cheek-pieces *b*, having the bottom *c*, and the back cross-piece, *d*, the holding 60 tape *m*, and means for locking the front A, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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