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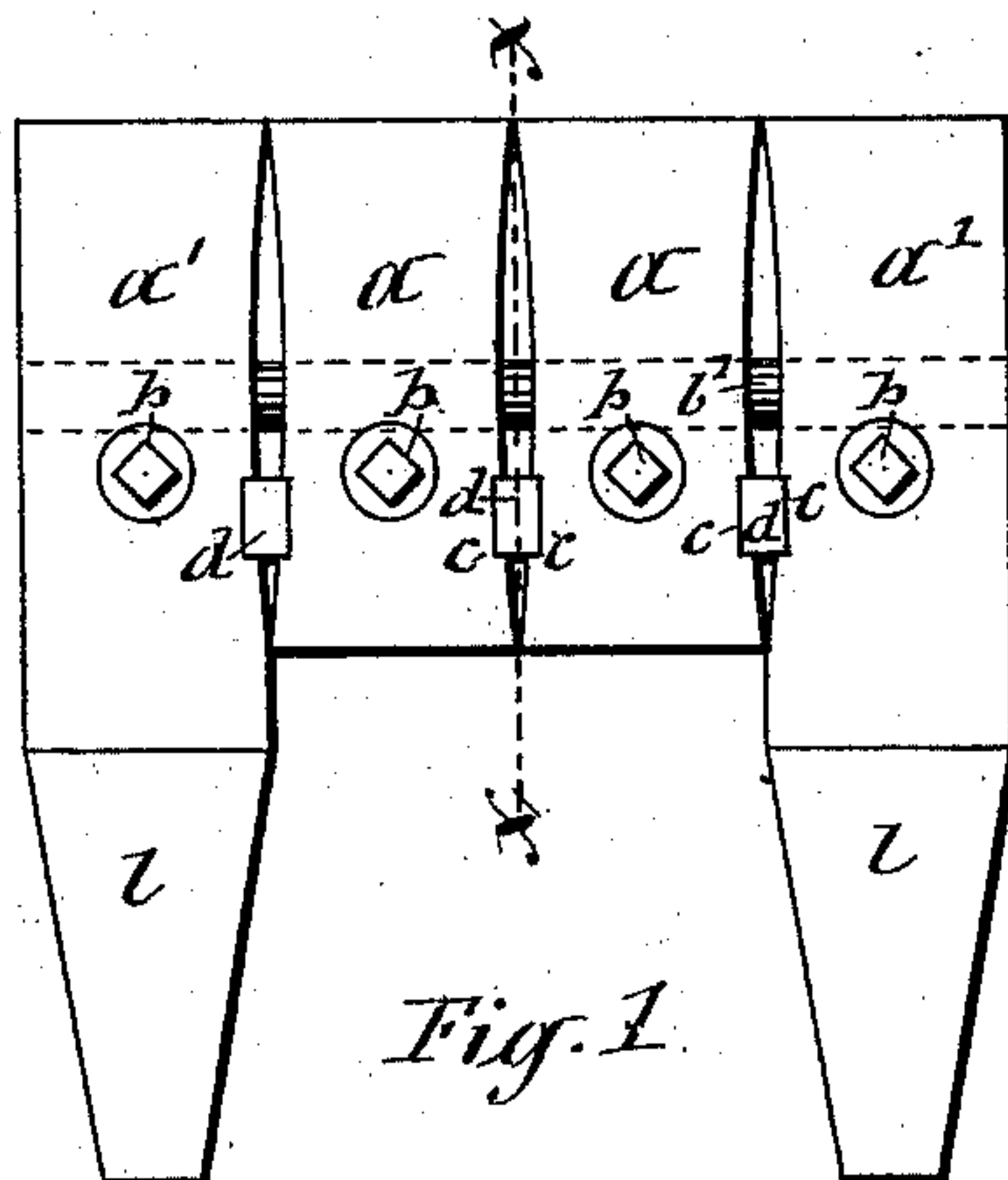


Fig. 1

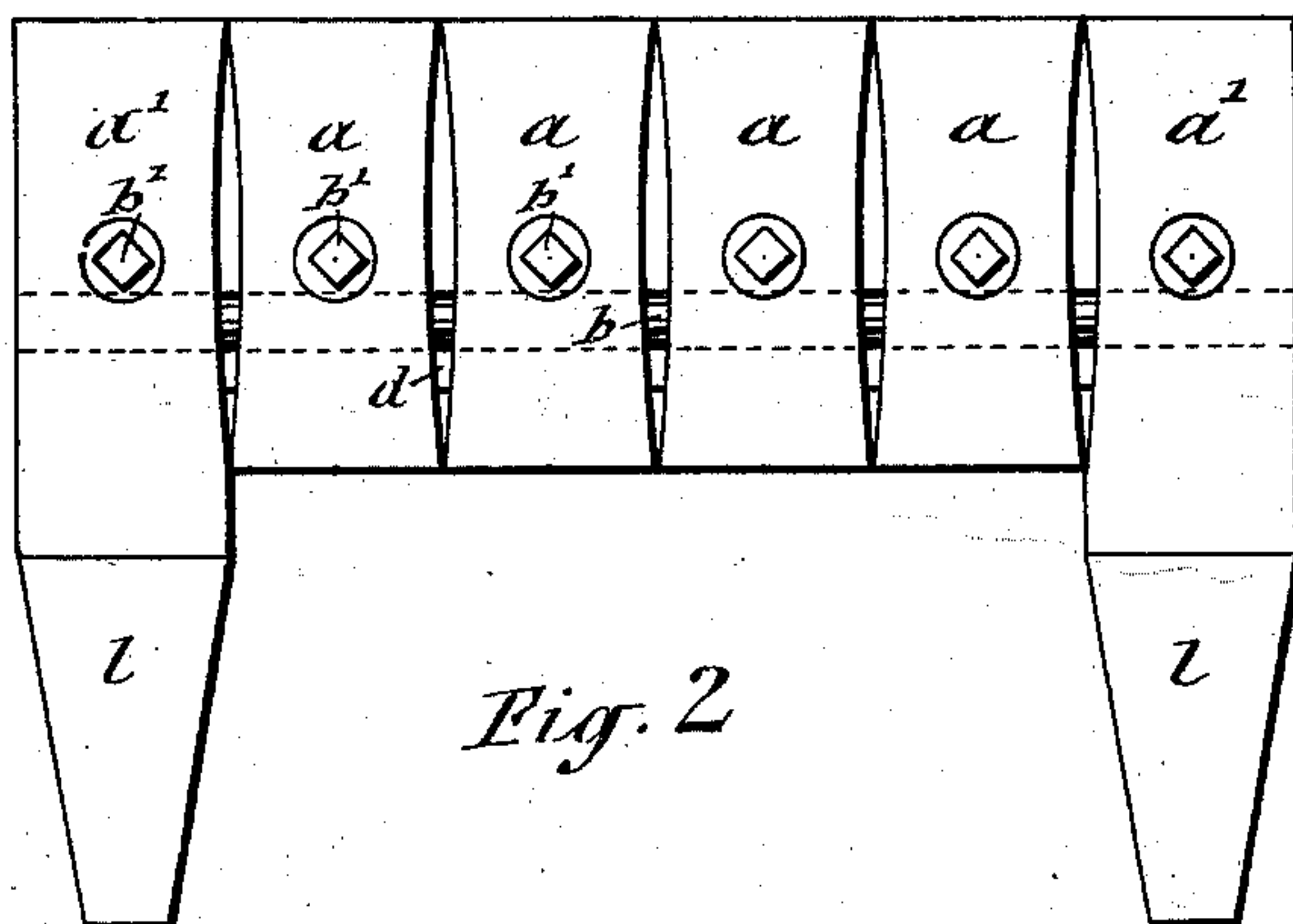


Fig. 2

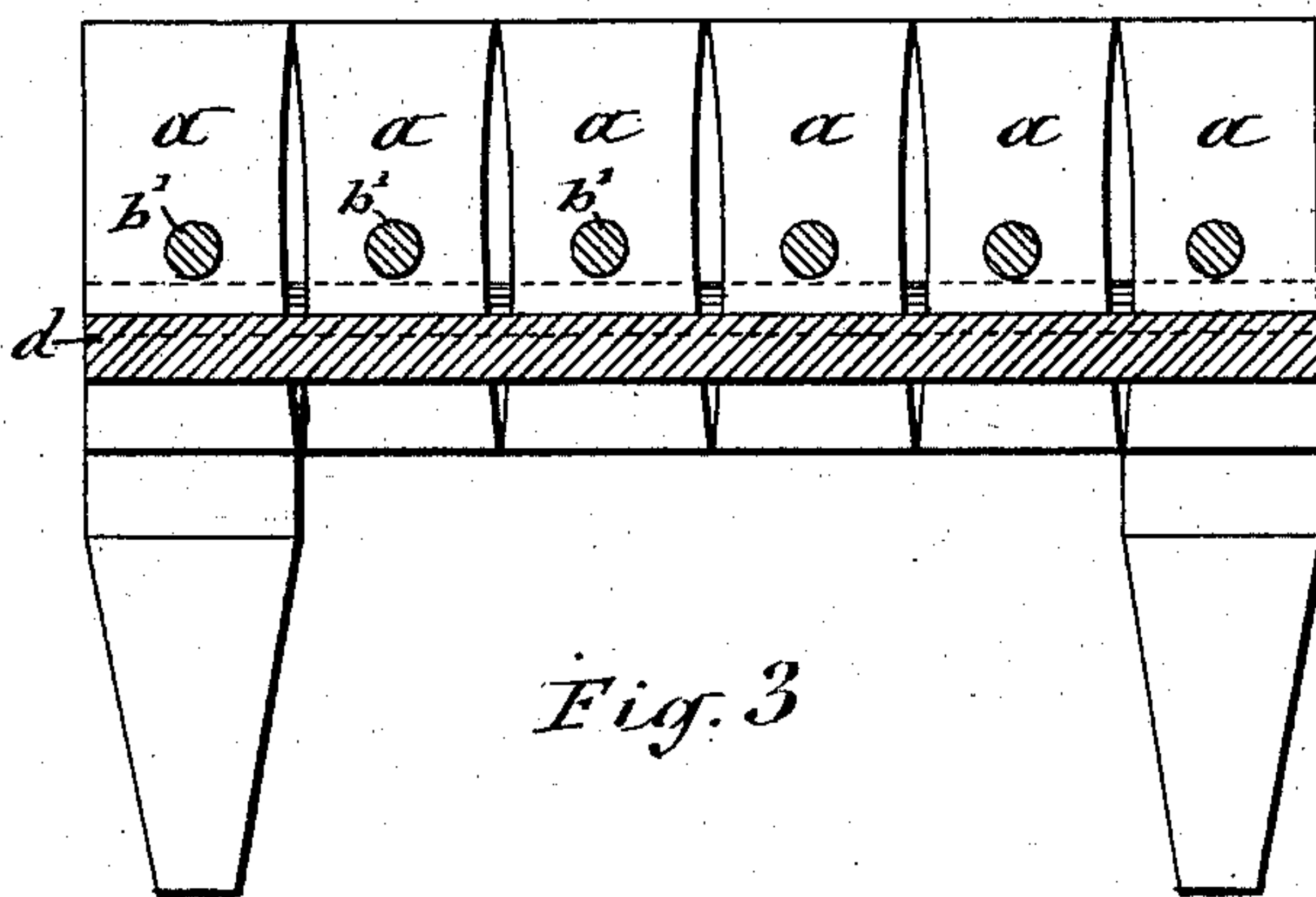


Fig. 3

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## MEAT-BLOCK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VALENTINE E. CAMPBELL, of Brewerton, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented  
5 new and useful Improvements in Meat-Blocks, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to meat-blocks composed of sections arranged endwise to the face of the block; and it consists in a novel means of uniting and supporting said sections, and maintaining the same in a true plane and with close joints, all as hereinafter fully described.  
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In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an end view of my invention; Fig. 2, a side view of same, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section on line *x x* in Fig. 1.

20 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

*a a* designate square sections or blocks of wood arranged side by side and having their ends trimmed, so as to form a smooth top surface. Said sections are firmly united by bolts or tie-rods *b b'* passing longitudinally and transversely through each series of sections. The corner sections, *a'*, are formed or made integral with a leg, *l*, for the support of the  
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30 meat-block.

*d d* are cleats or bars extended through the meat-block and fitted in grooves *c c* in the

sides of the sections *a a*, for the purpose of maintaining the same in line with each other and stiffening the block. Since the ends of the sections *a a* are liable to shrink more than the central portions of same, the joints at the surface of the block would open were the several sections made of uniform dimensions throughout their length. To obviate these defects I reduce the diameter of the central portion of said sections by making the sides thereof concave and allow the sections to touch each other only at their ends. As the ends shrink, the joints between the sections can be closed by tightening the nuts on the ends of the tie-rods.  
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Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A meat-block composed of sections *a a*, arranged endwise to the face of the block, and having a centrally-reduced or concave body, and united by longitudinal and transverse tie-rods, as and for the purpose set forth.  
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 11th day of January, 1881.  
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