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Table Desk.

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Fig. 1

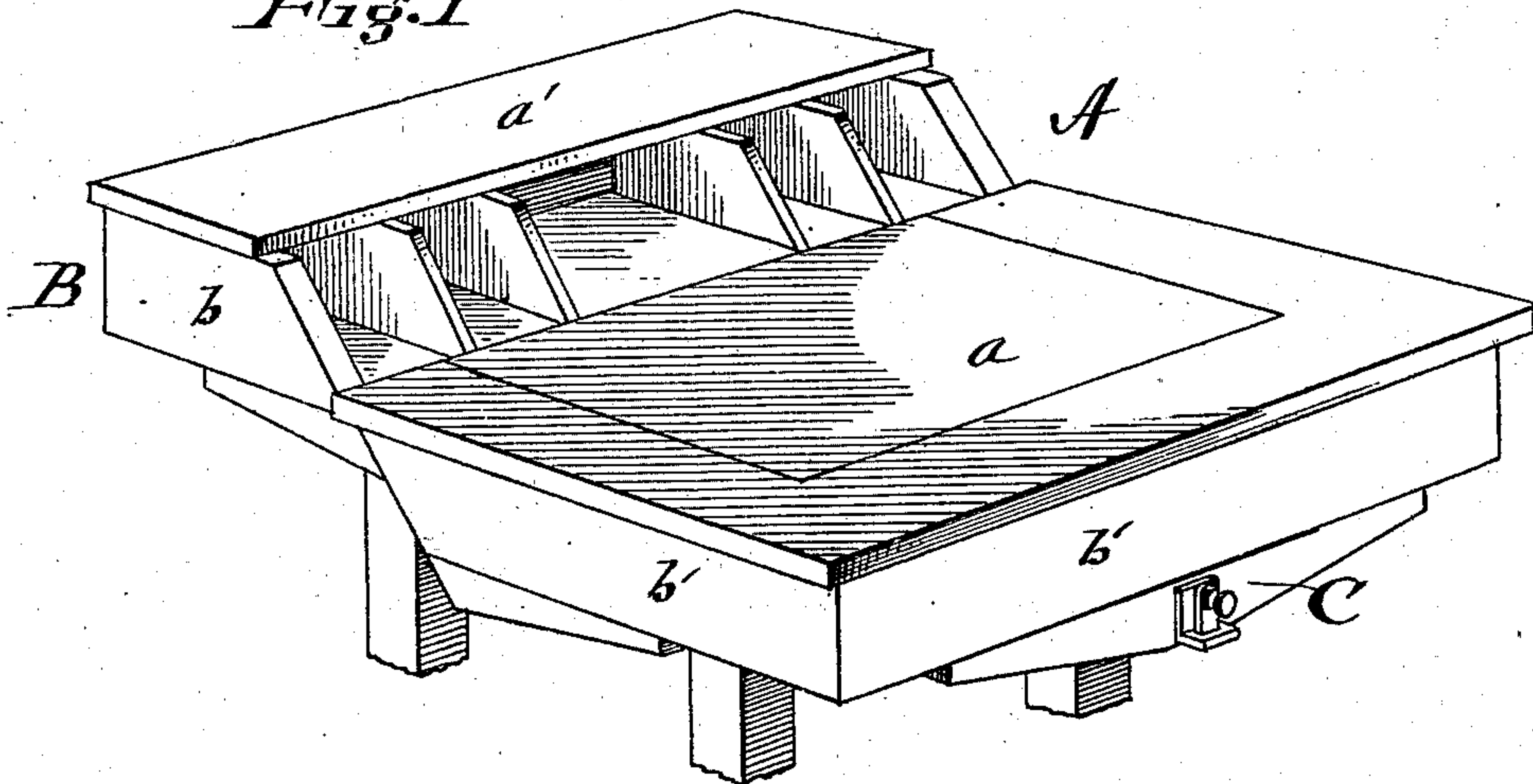


Fig. 2

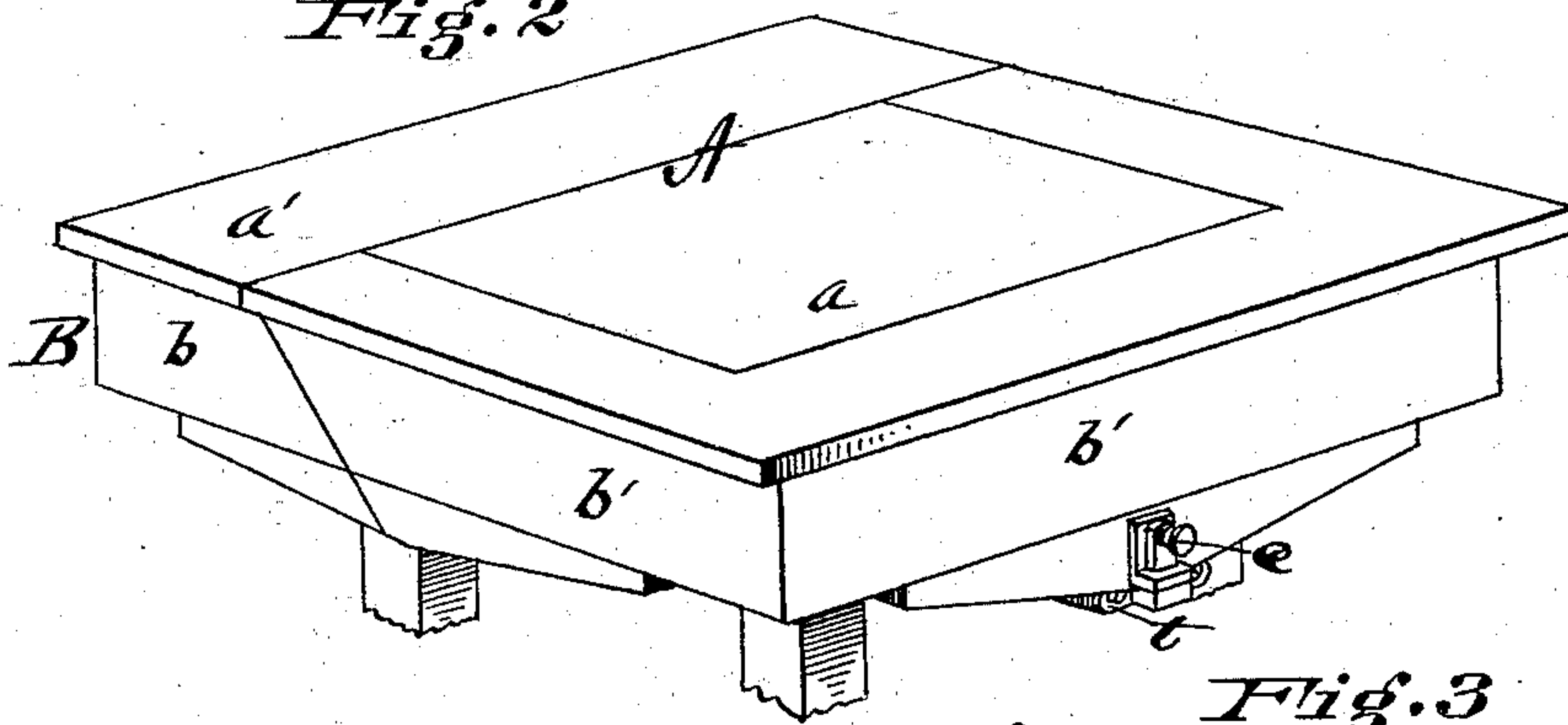
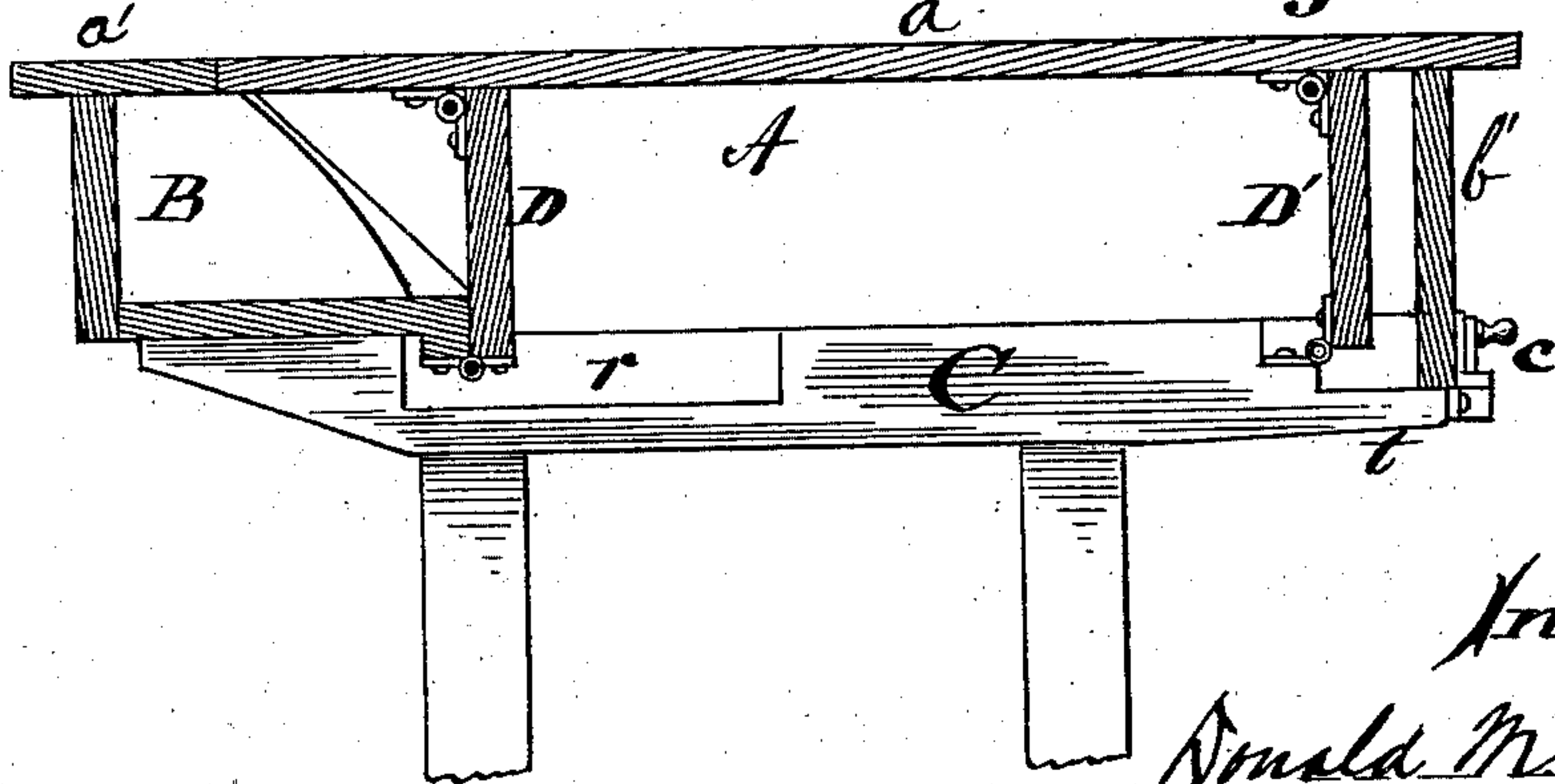


Fig. 3



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TABLE-DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DONALD M. STEVENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Table-Desks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a class of desks usually denominated "table-desks," in which the advantages and structure of a desk and table are combined; and it consists in a table-desk having a substantially continuous horizontal top divided transversely into two portions, the rear portion being also the top of a cabinet for papers, rigidly secured upon a supporting-slab sustained by the table-legs or other support, the other or front portion being sustained above and from the supporting-slab upon pivoted supports, allowing it to be depressed in front of the cabinet to form a writing-tablet, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved table-desk opened for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same closed; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the top portion, showing the mechanism connecting both portions.

Similar letters indicate similar parts throughout the drawings.

A in the drawings indicates the top of my improved table-desk, of which the part *a* constitutes a writing-tablet separable from the part *a'*, which is the top of a cabinet, B, containing pigeon-holes for paper, &c. The two top portions of the table-desk are divided in a plane forming an angle of about forty-five degrees with the top surface, which surface, when the parts are closed together, is continuous throughout. The sides *b* of the cabinet are prolonged at *b'* continuously under and around the tablet *a*, the whole having the appearance, when closed together, of an ordinary parlor-table having a box-top a few inches in depth.

Secured to the bottom of the cabinet portion B, and extending horizontally forward under the front portion of the table, is a supporting-slab, C, to which the legs or other support of the table are secured.

The forward portion, *a*, of the table is mounted upon parallel supports D D', both hinged to the under side of the part *a* and to the bottom of the cabinet and the forward end of the

supporting-slab C, respectively, so that when the forward part, A, of the table is drawn forward the pivoted supports D D' retain their parallelism and the top descends to the plane of the bottom of the cabinet, with which it then forms a contact-joint and rests upon the forward projection of the supporting-slab C. In this position, as shown in Fig. 1, the case of pigeon-holes is relatively elevated, and forms a convenient receptacle for paper, &c., in relation to the writing-slab. The pivoted support D is preferably a board extending the width of the table, and hinged above and below at two points, near its extremities. By this means all lateral oscillation of the part *a* is prevented, and the board also forms an inclosing-front for the cabinet when the parts are closed together.

In order to economize space and material, the top of the supporting-slab C is recessed, as shown at *r*, into which recess the pivoted support D descends when the parts are open. A projecting tongue, *t*, from the bottom of the support C furnishes a place for attaching a spring-catch, *c*, to secure the front wall, *b'*, for holding the table-desk closed.

Having described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A table-desk having a substantially continuous horizontal top divided transversely into two portions, the rear portion being also the top of a cabinet for papers, rigidly secured upon a supporting-slab sustained by the table-legs or other support, the other or front portion being sustained above and from the supporting-slab upon pivoted supports, allowing it to be depressed in front of the cabinet to form a writing-table, substantially as described.

2. In a table-desk, the combination, with the stationary cabinet or part B, attached to the supporting-slab C, of the tablet *a* and the pivoted supports D D', sustaining said tablet above the supporting-slab and permitting it to be depressed in front of the cabinet or part B to form a writing-table, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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