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Fig. 1

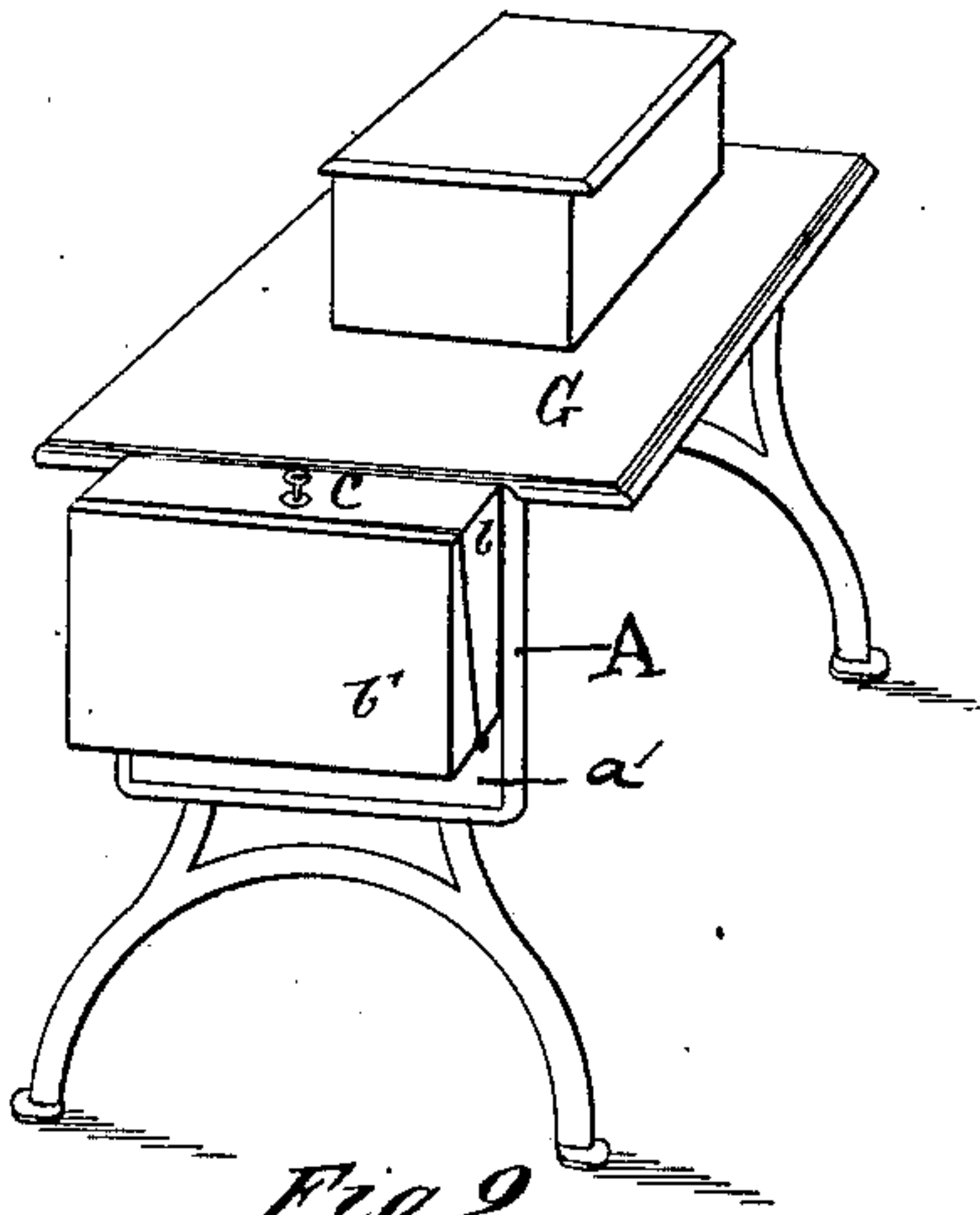


Fig. 2

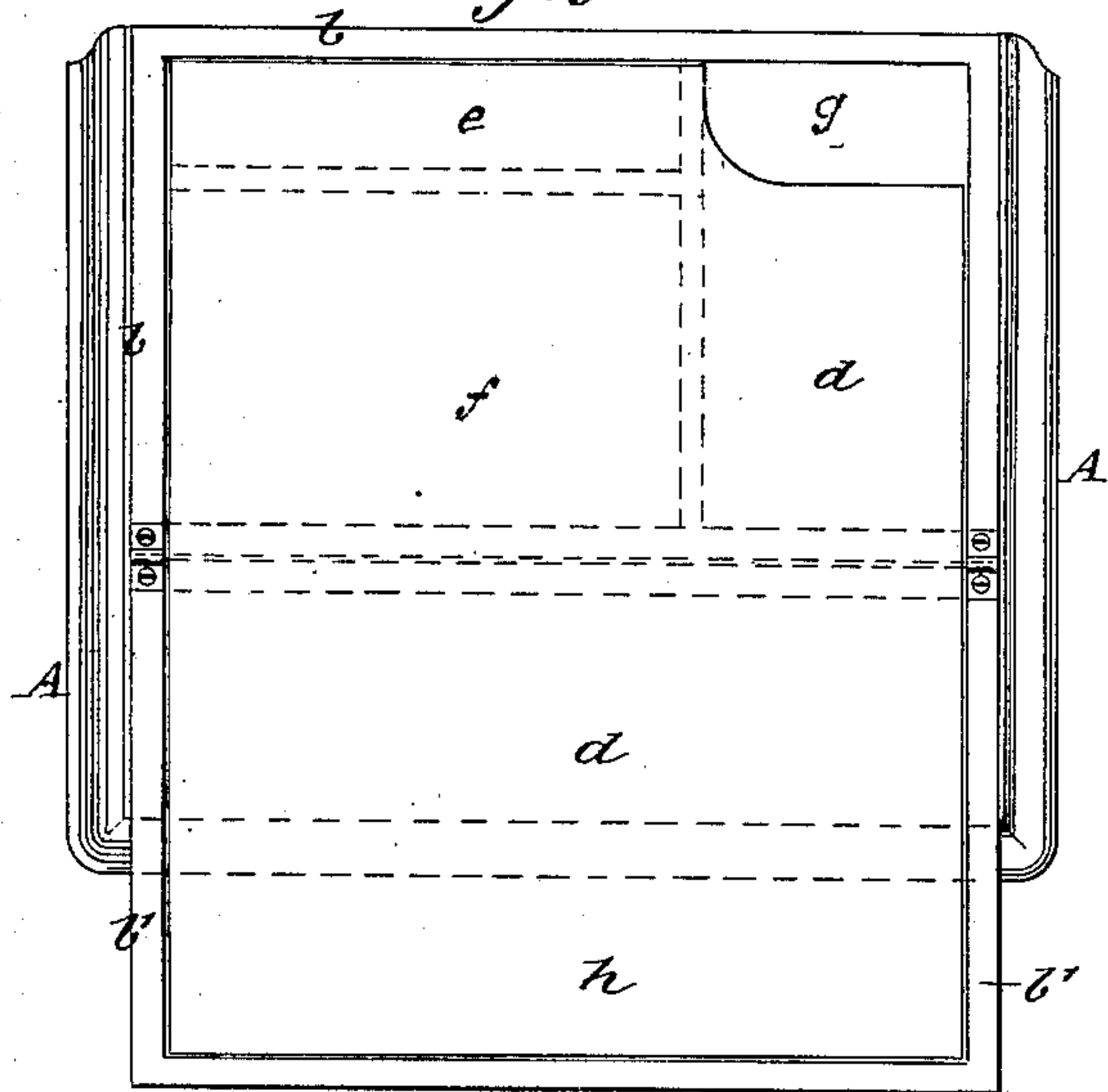
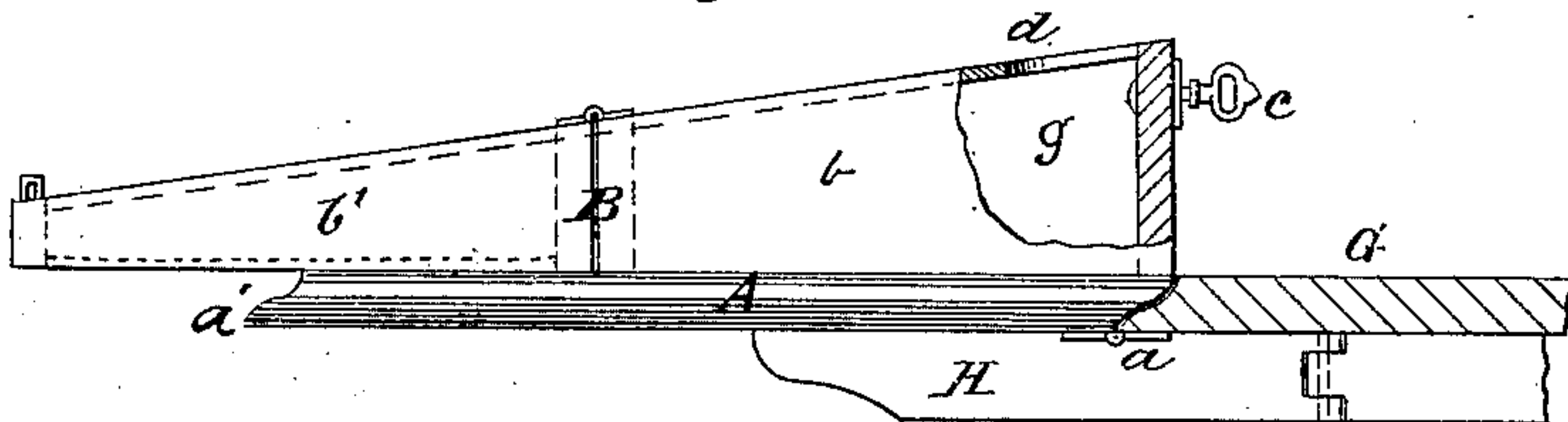


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL M. FURMAN, of Henderson, in the county of Henderson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Writing-Desk Attachments to other Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, neat, and inexpensive device whereby a sewing-machine table or other piece of furniture will serve as a stand to support a writing-desk in such a manner that the latter, when not in use for writing, may be folded out of sight, occupying none of the otherwise needed space in a room.

My invention consists of a writing-desk mounted on a table-leaf or swinging board hinged to a table, the several parts being constructed and arranged as hereinafter more fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a sewing-machine table to which my invention is applied. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the table-leaf and the writing-desk upon it opened for use. Fig. 3 is a side view of the device in position for use, parts being broken out to show the construction.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts. A is a board of suitable size and shape to support the writing-desk, and provided with hinges *a* for attaching it as a drop-leaf to a table of any kind, or to a bracket secured to the wall of a room, or to the back of a seat in a school-room, or to any other suitable piece of furniture.

Upon the leaf A as a bottom is built the desk-body, made in the shape of a box of two halves, *b b'*; hinged together, and joining at an inclination as usual, so that the cover *b'*, when unlocked by the key *c* from the part *b* and thrown back, as in Figs. 2 and 3, will form a surface continuous with that of the part *b* and inclining toward the writer, the inclined plane being covered with hinged velveted or

clothed pasteboard *d*, in the usual manner of making such articles. The desk is then divided into suitable compartments, *e g f h*, for holding pens, ink-bottles, note-paper, and other writing materials.

The leaf A has an extension, *a'*, which projects toward the writer a sufficient distance beyond the part *b* to support the part *b'* when the desk is opened, and thus relieve the strain on the hinges which join the two halves *b* and *b'* together.

The leaf A is raised in the horizontal position when the desk is to be used for writing, and retained in said position by a horizontally-swinging brace, H, or other fastening device attached to the table G. The writing finished and the desk locked, the brace H is turned aside and the leaf A allowed to swing down in its perpendicular position shown in Fig. 1, the whole device thus occupying but an immaterially small space when not in use.

It will be observed that the drop-leaf A, adapted to be hinged to the table G or other article of furniture, forms the bottom of the box or body *b*, and that the latter is built upon the drop-leaf as a bottom, and that the drop-leaf A is prolonged or projects outwardly beyond the desk-body *b* at *a'*, thus serving the double purpose of a bottom for the desk-body and a support for the desk-cover *b'* when opened, the latter resting directly on the drop-leaf from the hinged end of the body or box *b* to the outer end of the drop-leaf at *a'*.

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

In combination with a table having a leaf-support, the desk composed of a box-body, *b*, provided with the hinged cover *b'* and hinged bottom A, the prolongation *a'* of which supports the cover *b'* when opened, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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