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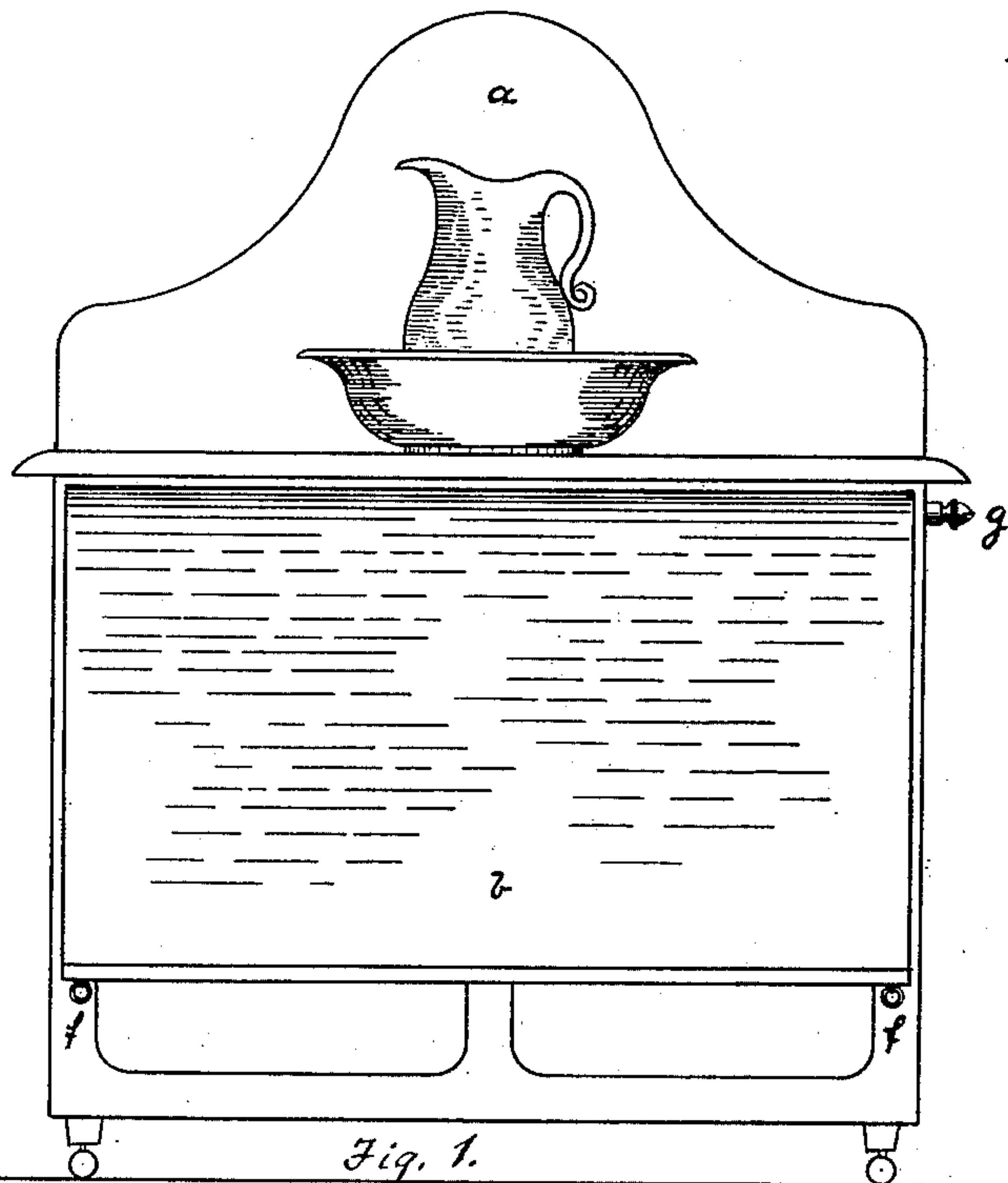


Fig. 1.

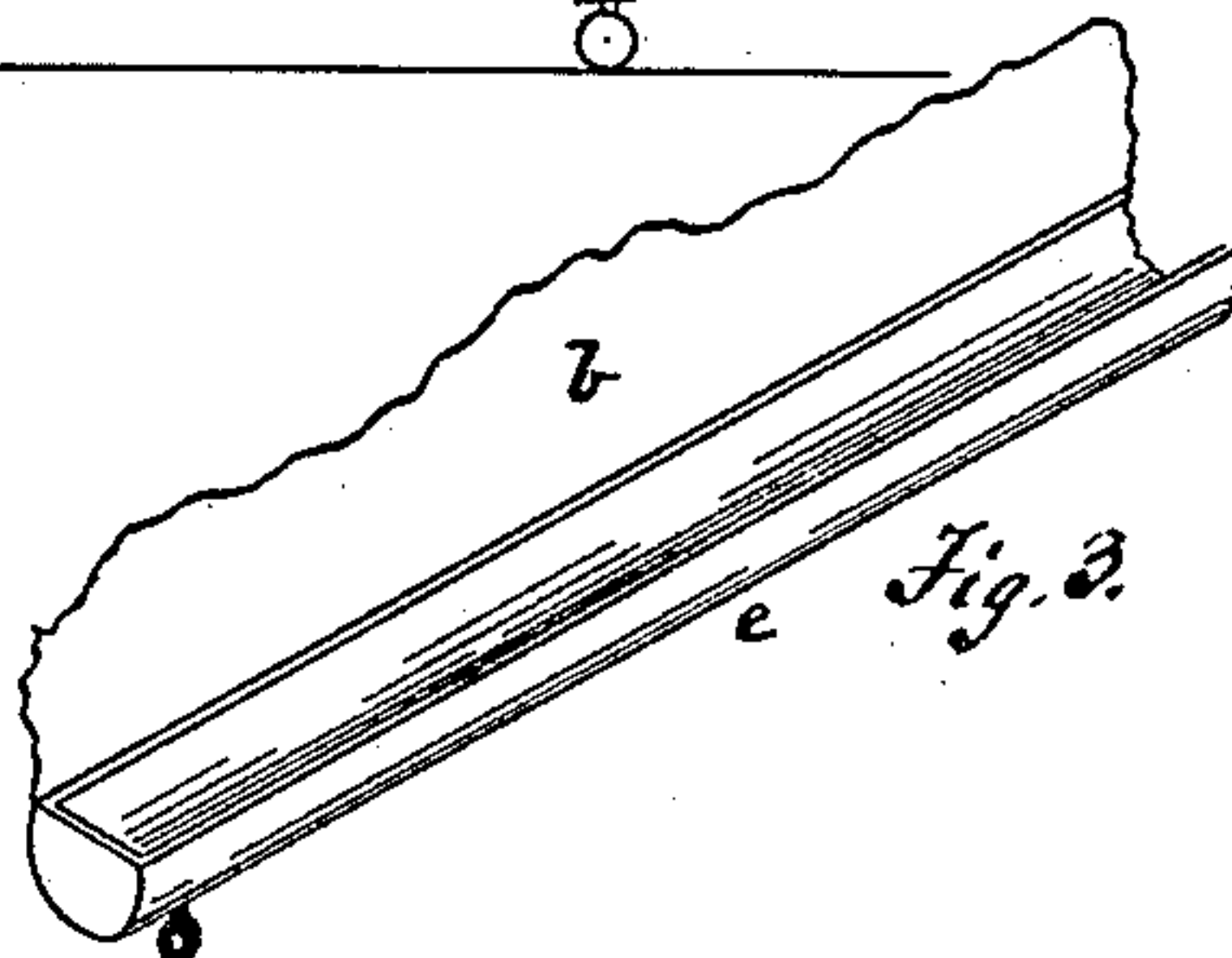


Fig. 2.

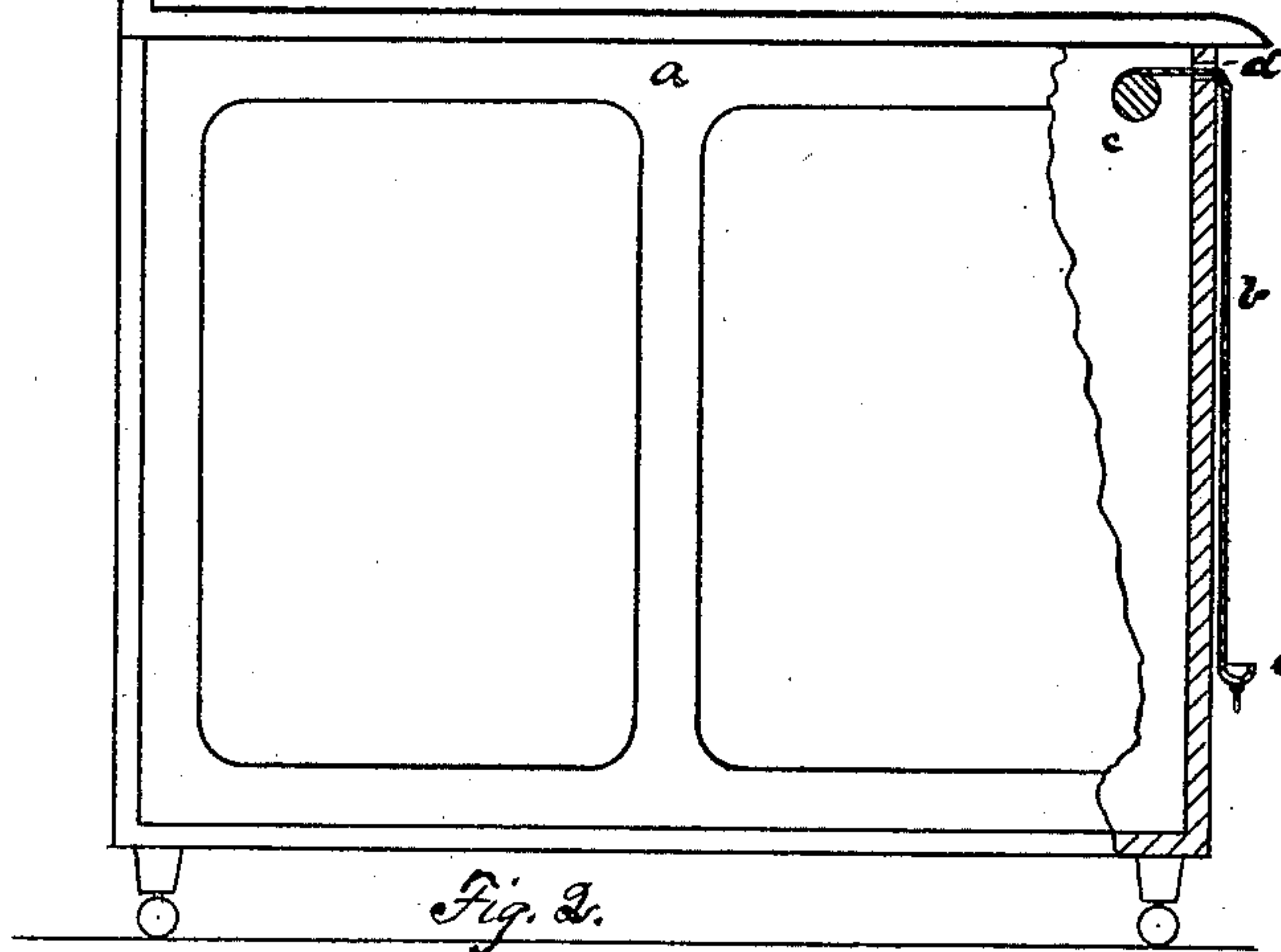


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS R. FAST, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Aprons for Fronts or Sides of Furniture; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a washstand showing my improved protector partly unrolled. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the same; and Fig. 3 is a detached view of a portion of the strip attached to the lower end of the curtain.

Like letters refer to like parts wherever they occur.

My invention has for its object to produce an improved adjustable protector for the fronts and sides of such furniture as bureaus, washstands, side-boards, desks, &c., the surfaces of which are liable to be injured by water, dust, and other substances.

I will now describe my invention, so that others skilled in the art may manufacture and use the same.

In the drawings, *a* represents the washstand; *b*, the curtain attached to the roller *c*; *d*, the slot or opening through which the curtain passes; *e* the strip which is attached to the end of the curtain. When the curtain is rolled up on the roller the strip *e* fits tightly against and closes the opening *d*.

On the bottom of the strip *e* are two rings, *f*, by means of which the curtain may be drawn out and let fall before the face of the washstand, so as to protect the same from any water or other injurious substance which might fall thereon.

The strip *e* at the bottom of the curtain is

provided with a groove, as shown in Fig. 3, the purpose of which is to collect any water which may drip down the curtain, and thereby prevent the same from falling upon the floor. This water may be removed from the trough by means of a cloth or sponge.

The roller *c* may be attached to the washstand inside and near the top of the same, the curtain *b* passing through the slot *d*.

The roller may be worked by means of any of the ordinary and well-known forms of spring curtain-fixture in use adapted to the purpose, or a common roller with a handle, *g*, may be used.

The advantages of my invention are that an effective protector is provided for all kinds of furniture, which protector may be entirely concealed from view when not in use.

Although I have described my invention as applied to washstands, for which it is especially adapted, I do not desire to limit its use to the same, but to apply it to other furniture as well.

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

The combination, with an article of furniture having a slot for the passage of a protecting apron or curtain, of a flexible protective apron attached at one edge to the article to be protected, and provided at the opposite or free edge with a trough or grooved bottom strip, said apron adapted to be rolled up out of the way when not required, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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