

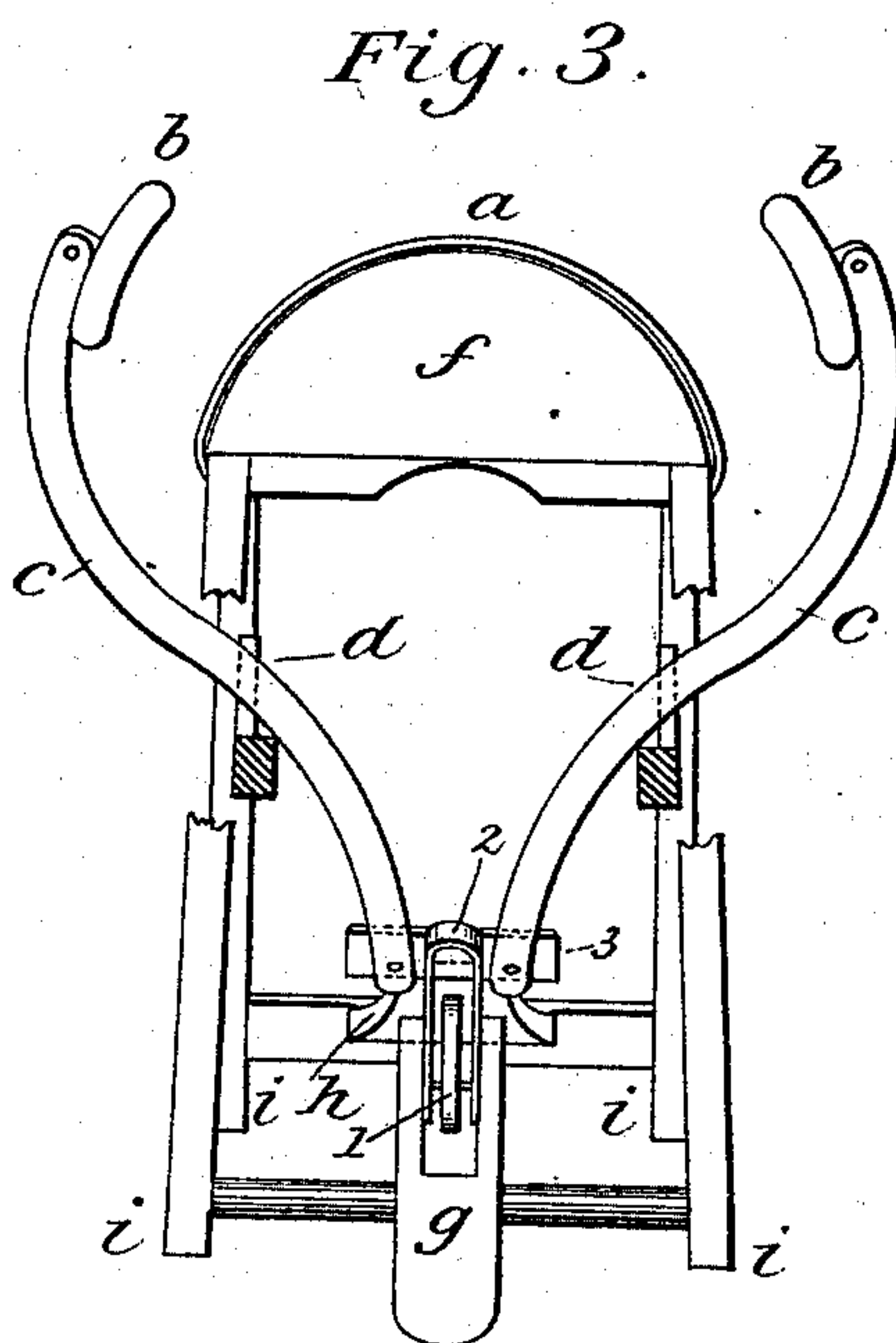
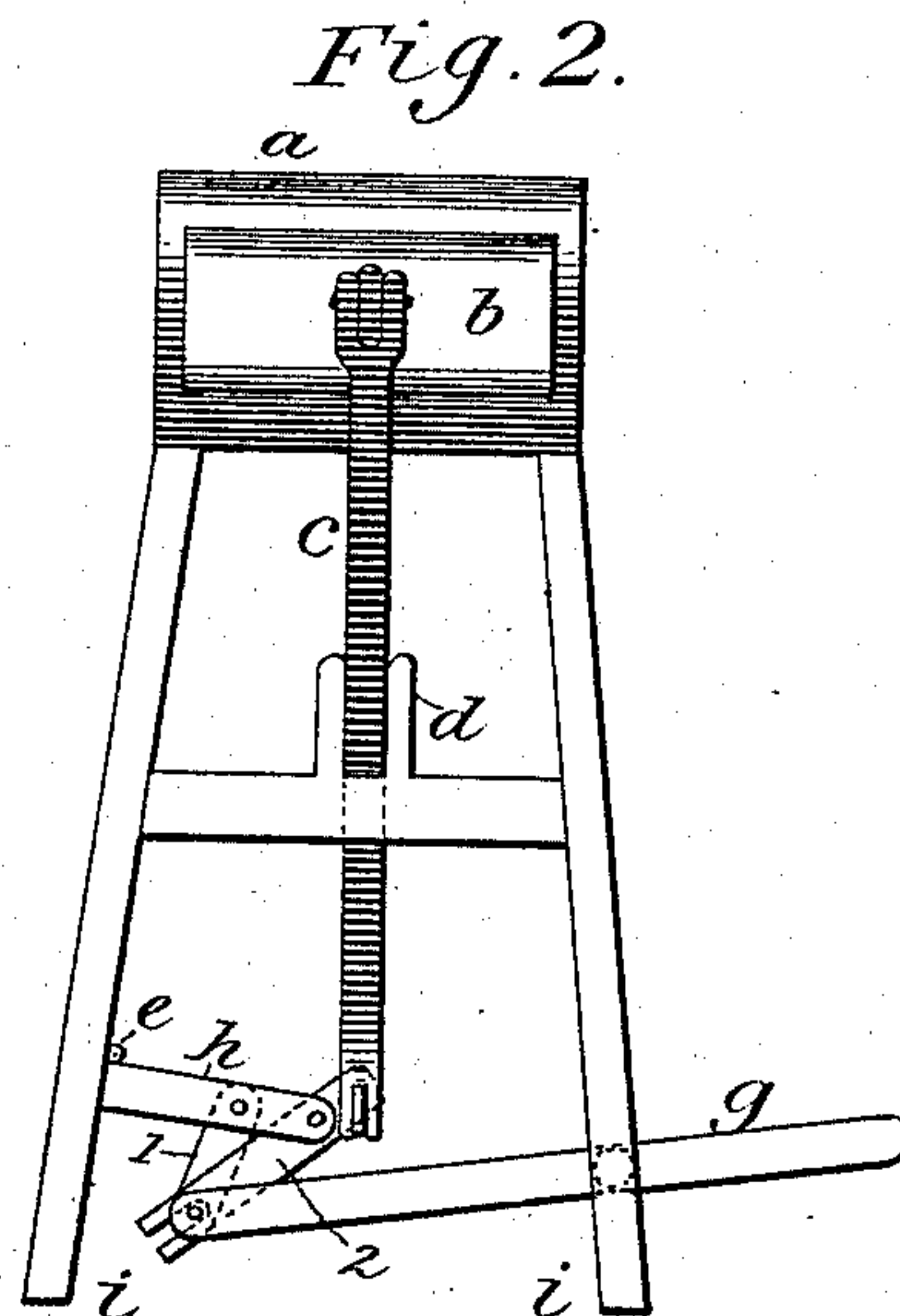
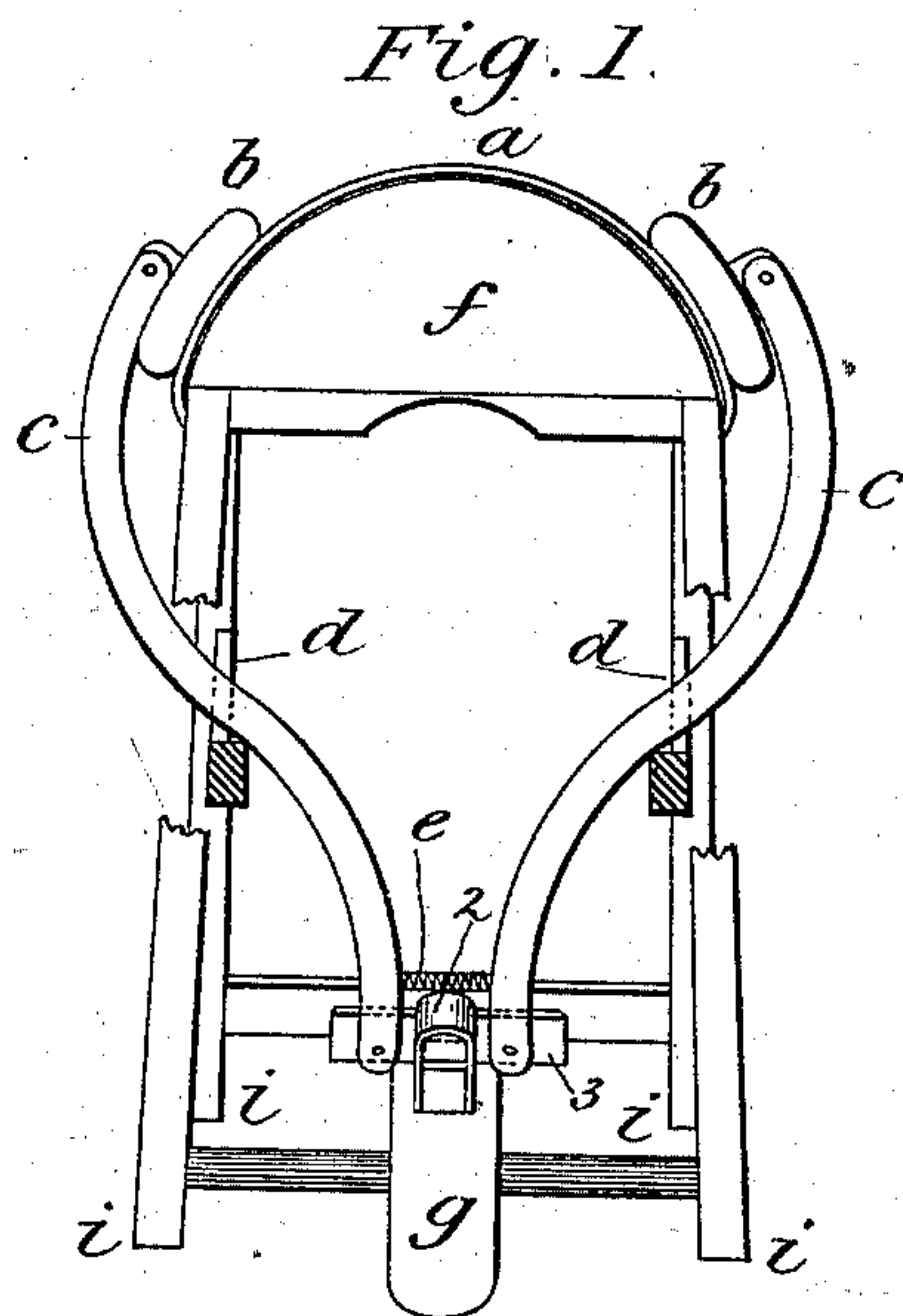
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### TOBACCO BOOKING TABLE.

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## TOBACCO-BOOKING TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES SEEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Booking or Padding Table for Leaf-Tobacco, of which the following is the specification.

My invention relates to improvements in machines for booking or padding leaf-tobacco.

10 The object of my invention is to furnish a simple and inexpensive machine that will readily perform the holding and booking of tobacco.

Figure 1 is a vertical section of the front of booking-table with arms closed. Fig. 2 is a view of the side, with treadle better shown; and Fig. 3 is the same as Fig. 1 with arms extended.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

20 *a* is a cushion upon which the leaf is spread, and *i i i i* its legs or standards, and *f* the top of table, which constitutes the frame-work of the booking-table. The holding-pads *b b* are hinged to arms *c c*, so as to be movable. *d d* 25 are the guides on each side for arms *c c* on the cross-bar between the legs *i i*. At the connection between the arms *c c* and the treadle *g* the arms *c c* are hinged to a bar, 3, which connects them through rod 2, which is connected

by hinge to lever *h*, and is kept in place between treadle *g* and rod 1 by a fork. Lever *h* 30 is fastened to a cross-piece in the rear by a spiral spring-hinge, *e*, to assist downward movement, and connects with treadle *g* by hinging to rod 1.

The leaf-tobacco, after having been stripped, 35 is spread on cushion *a*. Then the holding-pads *b b*, by the action of the arms *c c* and combination-treadle, descend upon cushion *a* and hold the leaf. The movement of the holding-pads *b b* must be so that they do not slide on 40 cushion *a*, and I gain this movement by having the movable pads *b b* hinged to movable and curved arms *c c* and these attached to treadle *g*, as described.

I am aware that prior to my invention booking-tables have been made with cushions. 45

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a booking-table for leaf-tobacco with movable holding-pads *b b*, attached to arms *c c*, and these connecting with 50 a treadle, *g*, all substantially as set forth.

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