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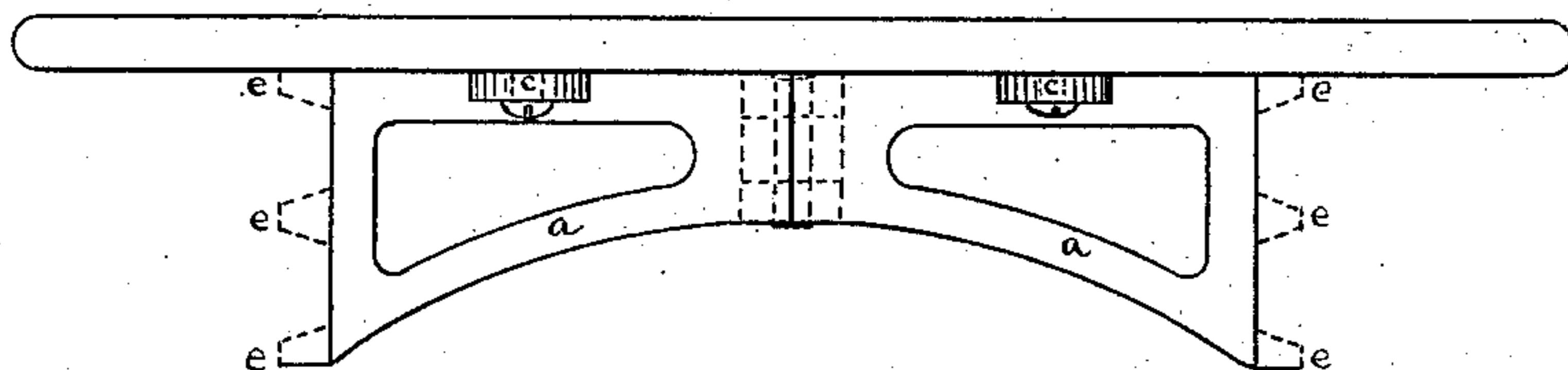
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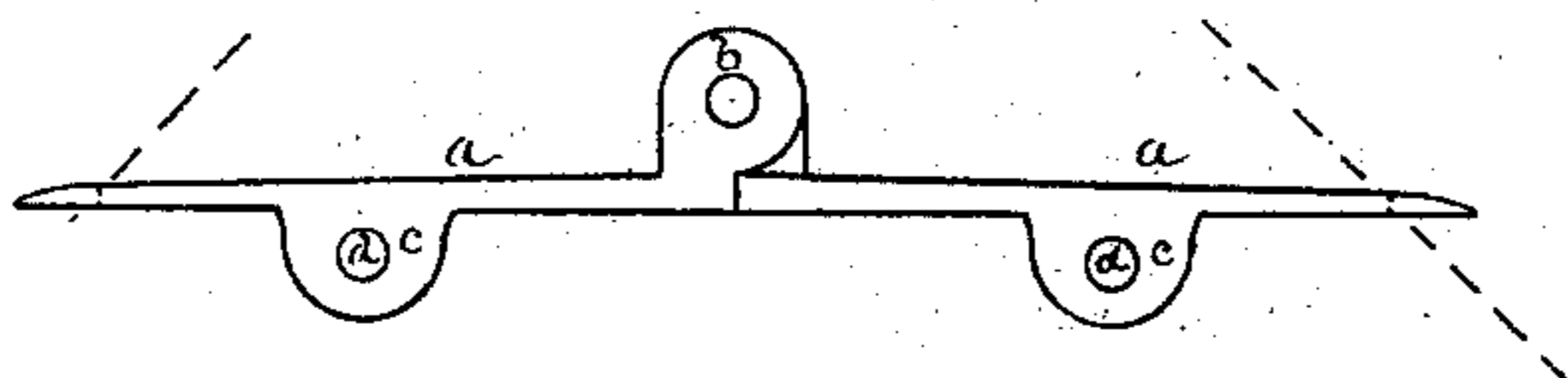
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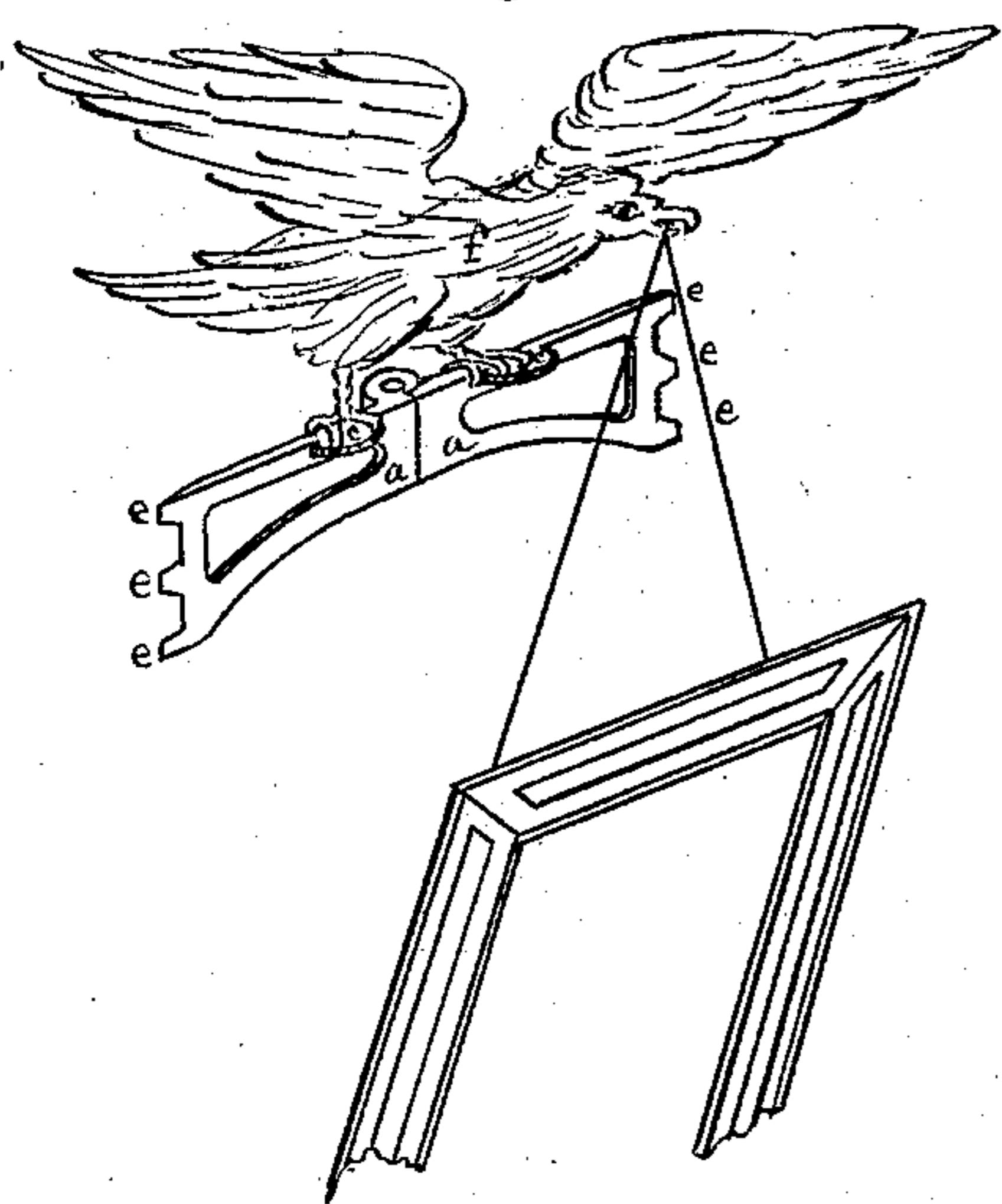
*Fig. 1.*



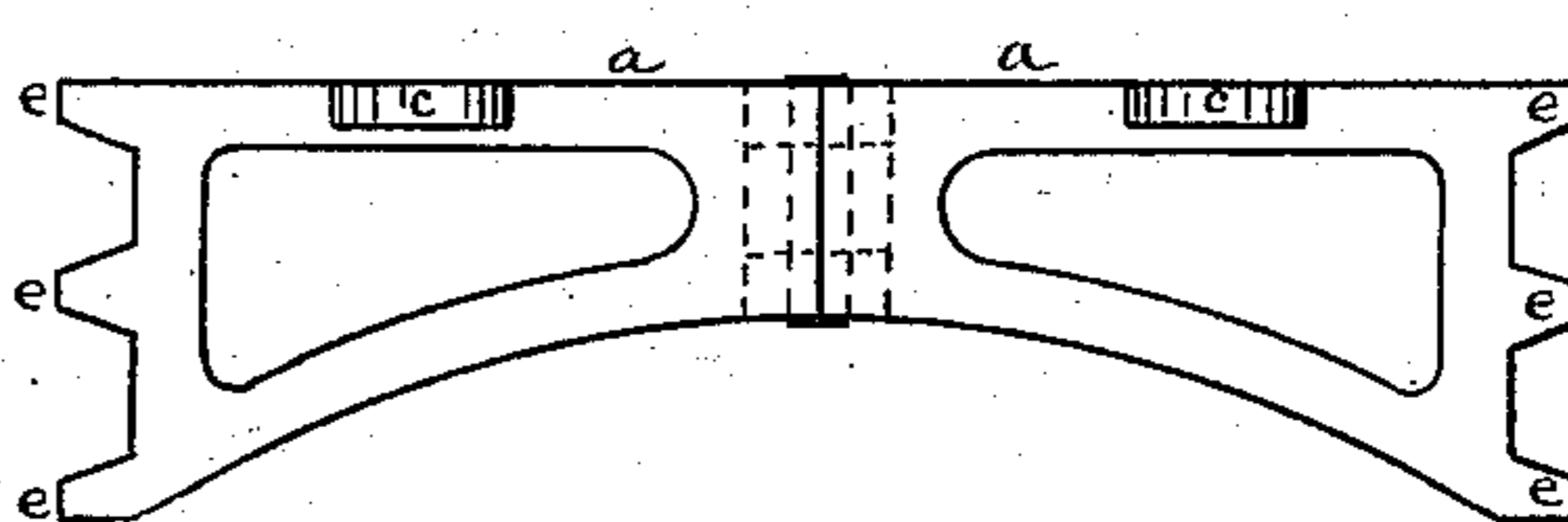
*Fig. 2.*



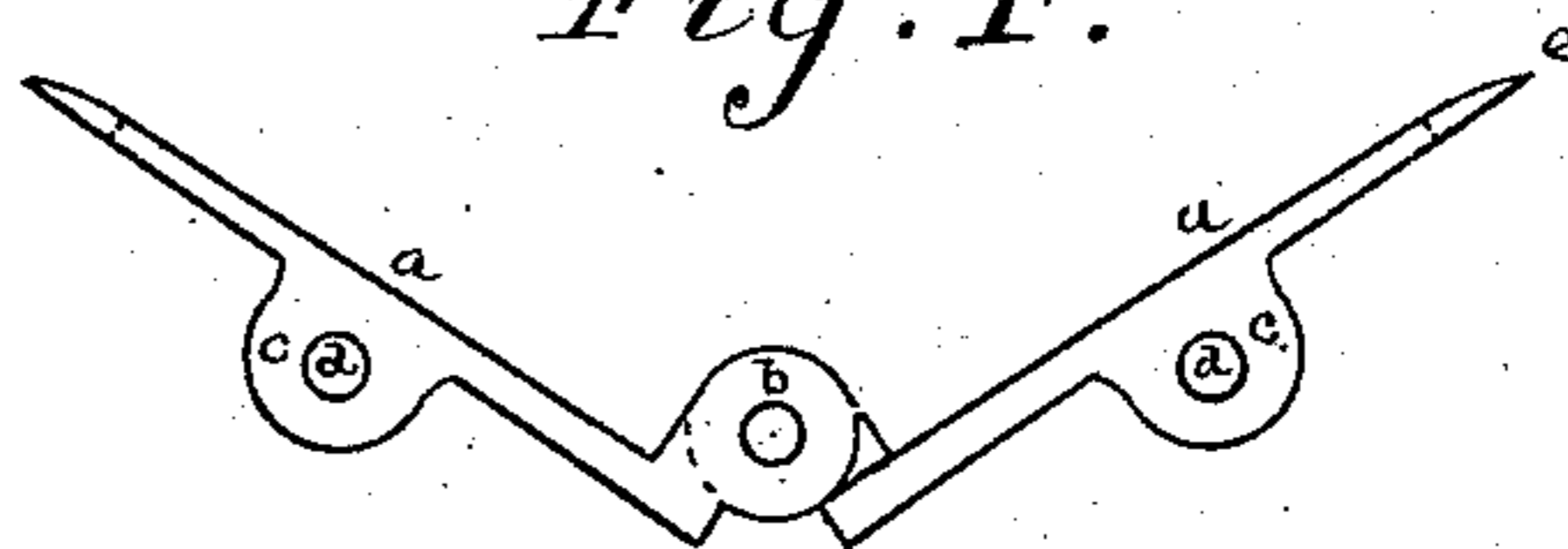
*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## BRACKET, SHELF, OR PICTURE SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES E. WICKHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hartford, county of Hartford, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bracket, Shelf, or Picture Supports, of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the drawings which accompany this specification.

10 This invention is intended to supply the want of some definite arrangement for supporting brackets, shelves, pictures, and other articles in the corners of a room.

15 Figure 1 is a front elevation of support and shelf erected. Fig. 2 is a top view of support. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of support. Fig. 4 is a top view of support in a bent form. Fig. 5 is a view of support erected, supporting a picture.

20 In the said drawings, *a a* represent the two parts of the support, which are joined together by a hinged joint, *b*.

25 *c c* are projections with holes *d d*, through which screws fasten the bracket or shelf to the support.

*e e e* are points or teeth, which pierce the wall and hold the support in position.

30 F, Fig. 5, represents a hook, made in any convenient form, which may be attached to or made a part of the hinge of the support to

hold a picture or other article which it may be desired to suspend in the corner of a room.

The operation of placing the support in position for use is simple, and is as follows: Bend the support, as seen in Fig. 4, the joint 35 being so constructed as to allow it to bend to the right angle and no farther. Place the ends against the walls an equal distance from the extreme corner and press the support in the center. This causes the center or fulcrum 40 to move forward and the front or outer surface to assume a straight line.

As shown by dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, the points pierce the wall and the support becomes fixed. 45

I claim—

1. The within-described corner-shelf and picture-frame support, consisting of the two sections *a a*, the teeth *e* on the ends of the latter, and the hinge *b*, combined and operating 50 substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a corner-shelf, of the sections *a a*, hinged together and provided with teeth on their ends and with the projections *c c*, substantially as set forth.

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