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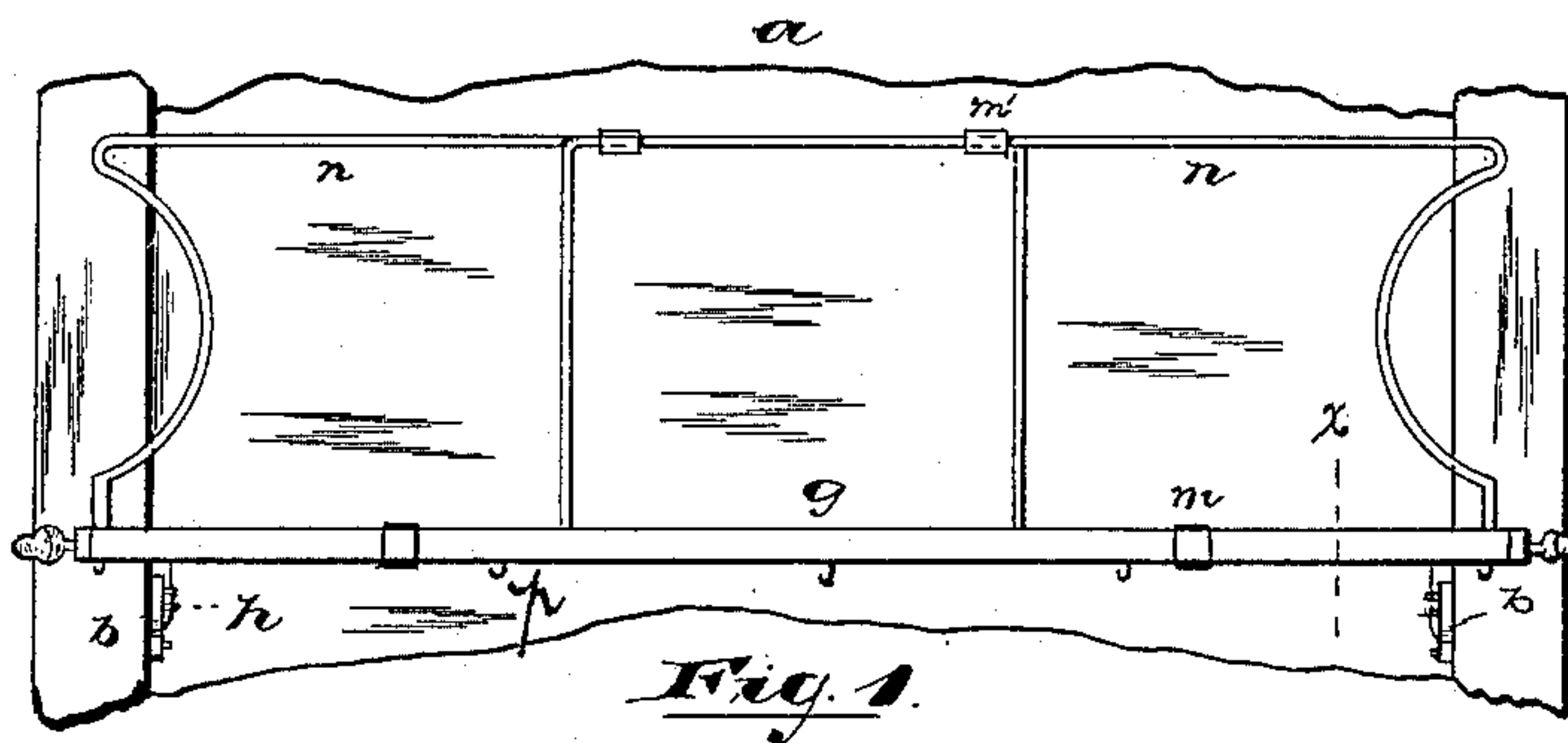


Fig. 1.

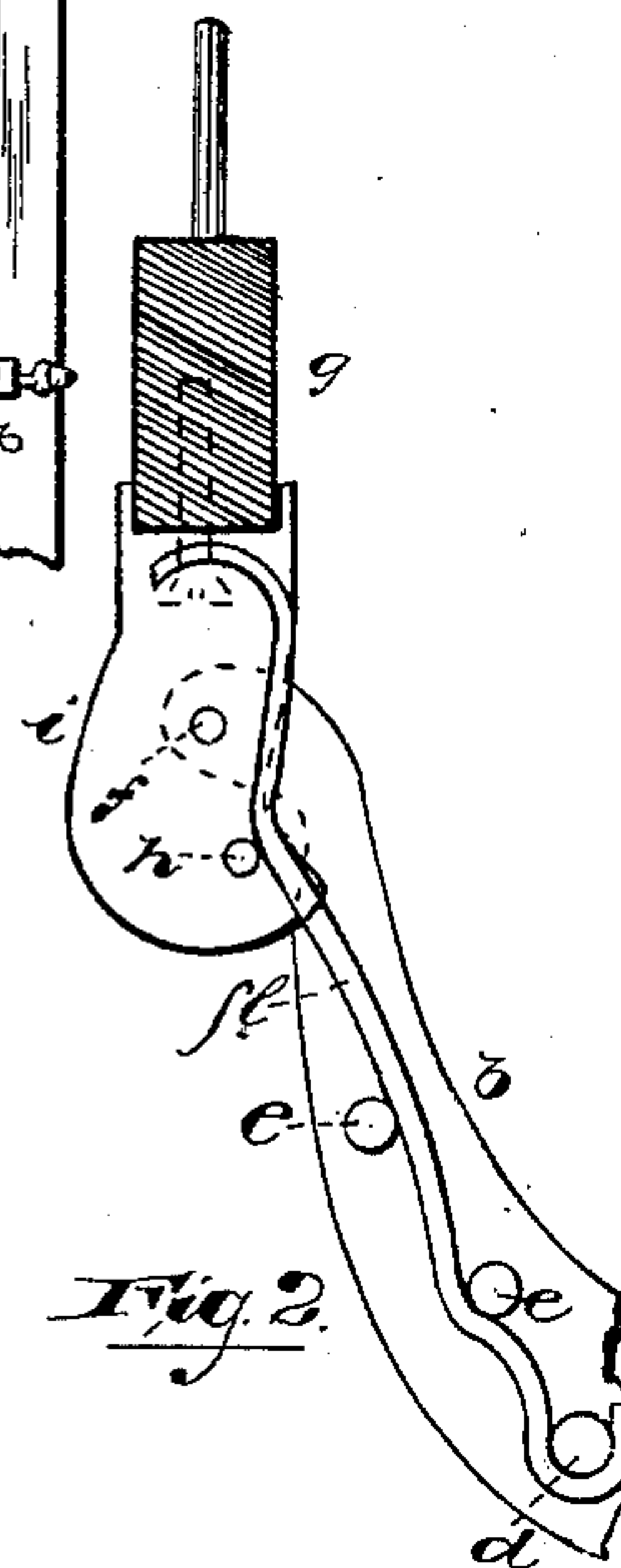


Fig. 2.



Fig. 4.



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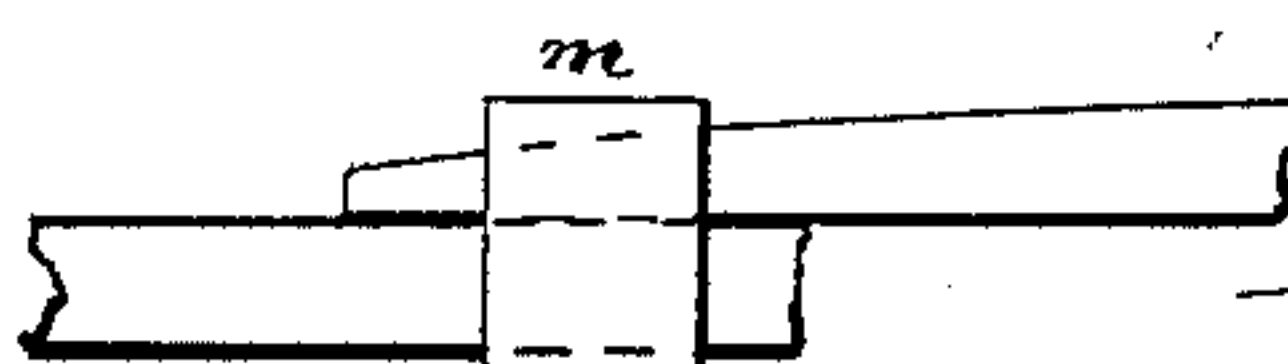


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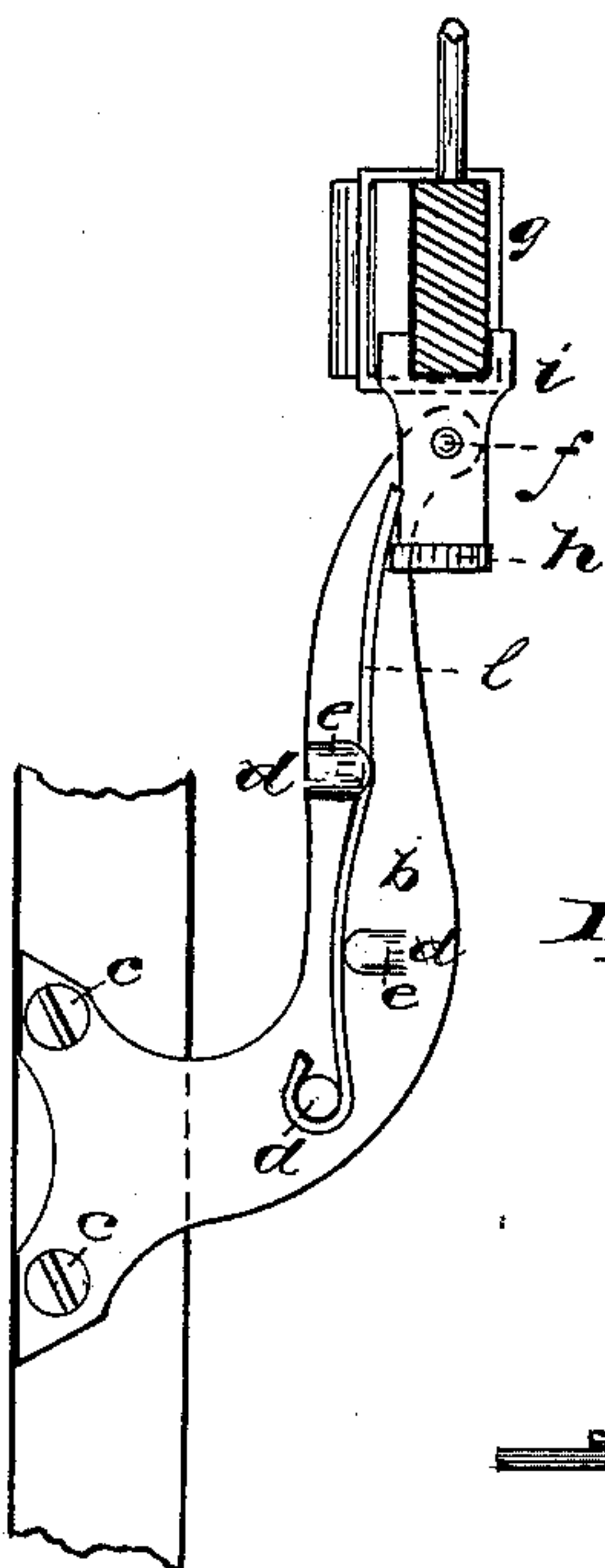


Fig. 3.



Fig. 7.



Fig. 8.

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PILLOW-SHAM HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 336,509, dated February 16, 1886.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM T. CHRISTY and JACOB WILLIAM KOHN, citizens of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to reduce the cost of construction and to provide a device better adapted, as a whole, than other sham-holders now in use having a general resemblance to ours, for the uses to which it is to be applied. The more particular or specific objects are to render the adjustment of the turning-rod sections, whereby they are made to form a rod suited to any width of bed, more easy and convenient, and, when adjusted, to secure a rod devoid of bulky shoulders formed by the overlapping ends; to prevent the said sections from slipping, and thus falling from the brackets; to secure increased leverage, whereby the spring, which acts as a detent for the turning-rod, has increased power and control over said rod; to more effectually conceal said spring from view, to enable it to be arranged in its bearings more quickly and be held therein more securely, and to obviate the noise heretofore occasioned by the spring striking against the end casting of the turning-rod after being raised by a cam projection or when it passes into a holding relation with a notched casting.

The invention consists in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 is an elevation of the sham-holder secured to a bedstead. Fig. 2 is an enlarged section taken through line *x*. Fig. 3 is a similar section showing a slight modification in the construction of the mechanism for holding the

holding-frame at an upright or raised position; and Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 illustrate details, which will be duly explained.

In said drawings, *a* indicates a portion of a bedstead; *b*, brackets secured thereon by screws *c c*, or by other means, one or both of which said brackets is provided with a lug, *d*, around which the back or lower end of a wire spring for holding frame in an upright position is secured, and having lugs *e e*, between which and the lug *d* the said spring is caught and held longitudinally along the inner face of the bracket in position to engage the bearing *h* of the turning-rod of the frame, two of said lugs bearing on one side of the spring, and the other on the other side of said spring at a point approximately midway between the first two. The said brackets extend upwardly and outwardly from the bedstead, and at the extremities thereof the same are provided with pivotal bearings *f f* for the frame or the castings *i i* thereof. The said frame is composed of adjustable sections having wire loops secured thereon in any suitable manner, said loops being held together by bands *m'*, and providing the support for the pillow-sham. Said castings are provided at one end with suitable sockets, screws, or other means whereby the same may be secured to the rod so as to project laterally or at right angles to said rod, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3. At the opposite ends they are—or at least one of them is—provided with an eccentric bearing to engage the bracket-spring, and at the center of said castings are provided with pivotal bearings to receive or co-operate with those of the brackets.

By this construction and arrangement of the casting we are enabled to obtain an increased leverage, whereby the spring has increased control over the frame. The said bracket-spring *l* is arranged, as before intimated, longitudinally along the inner face of the bracket, as in Figs. 2 and 3, where it lies concealed from casual observation. The frame being turned to an upright position, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, the spring bears outwardly against the eccentric bearing, and thus holds the wire portions of the frame back against the head-board of the bed. The turning-rod *g* is made in sections, whereby the same may be lengthened or contracted to suit the bed. The

said sections of the turning-rod are at their overlapping ends beveled or reduced in thickness, as indicated in Figs. 5 and 6, whereby bulky and unsightly shoulders are avoided.

5 In connection with these beveled and overlapping ends we employ ferrules or bands *m*, which are free to slide on the sections and over the beveled ends thereof, so that after adjusting the overlapping sections to form
10 the rod of desired length said bands may be adjusted over the beveled ends, said bands engaging the beveled surfaces and clamping the parts rigidly together.

To secure the best results, two bands, one to
15 engage each bevel, are required. These serve as abutments, as well as clamps, against which the inclined surfaces of the sections bear, so that longitudinal movement of the parts is prevented. The rod *g* is provided
20 with hooks *p*, by means of which the sham may be readily attached to the rod.

Having thus described the invention, what we claim as new is—

1. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination of a bracket, as *b*, having bearing-lugs
25 formed on the face thereof, a spring arranged between said lugs, two of said lugs bearing against one side of the spring and a third bearing on the other side at a point between
30 said two, and a frame having a turning-rod arranged in said bracket and provided with a bearing to engage said spring, substantially as described.

2. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination, with a bracket having a spring thereon,
35 and a turning-rod, of a casting, *i*, projecting laterally from said turning-rod, having at

about the center a pivotal bearing to engage a co-operating bearing of the bracket and at its outer end having a laterally-projecting
40 bearing, *h*, to engage the spring, substantially as set forth.

3. In a pillow-sham holder, the casting *i*, having at one end a socket or seat at which the said casting is secured to the turning-rod
45 so as to project at right angles thereto, and having a central pivotal bearing to co-operate with one on the bracket, and at the other end having a lateral projection or bearing, *h*, to engage the spring on said bracket, substan-
50 tially as set forth.

4. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination, with suitable brackets, of a turning-rod having beveled overlapping sections, and
55 bands *m m*, free to move on said sections and to abut against the inclined surfaces, to clamp the sections rigidly together and form a rod of any desired length, substantially as set forth.

5. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination of brackets, a turning-rod of overlapping sec-
60 tions having pivotal castings at their outer ends, and having beveled overlapping ends, and bands *m m*, which engage the beveled surfaces and clamp said sections together, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.
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In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of April, 1885.

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Correction in Letters Patent No. 336,509.

It is hereby certified that Letters Patent No. 336,509, granted February 16, 1886, upon the application of William T. Christy and Jacob William Kohn, of Newark, New Jersey, for an improvement in "Pillow-Sham Holders," was erroneously issued to the inventors as owners of said patent; that said Letters Patent should have been issued to Edwin F. Hyatt, of Newark, New Jersey, said Hyatt being assignee of the entire interest; and that the proper corrections have been made in the files and records of the case in the Patent Office and should be read in the Letters Patent that the same may conform thereto.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 16th day of March, A. D. 1886.

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