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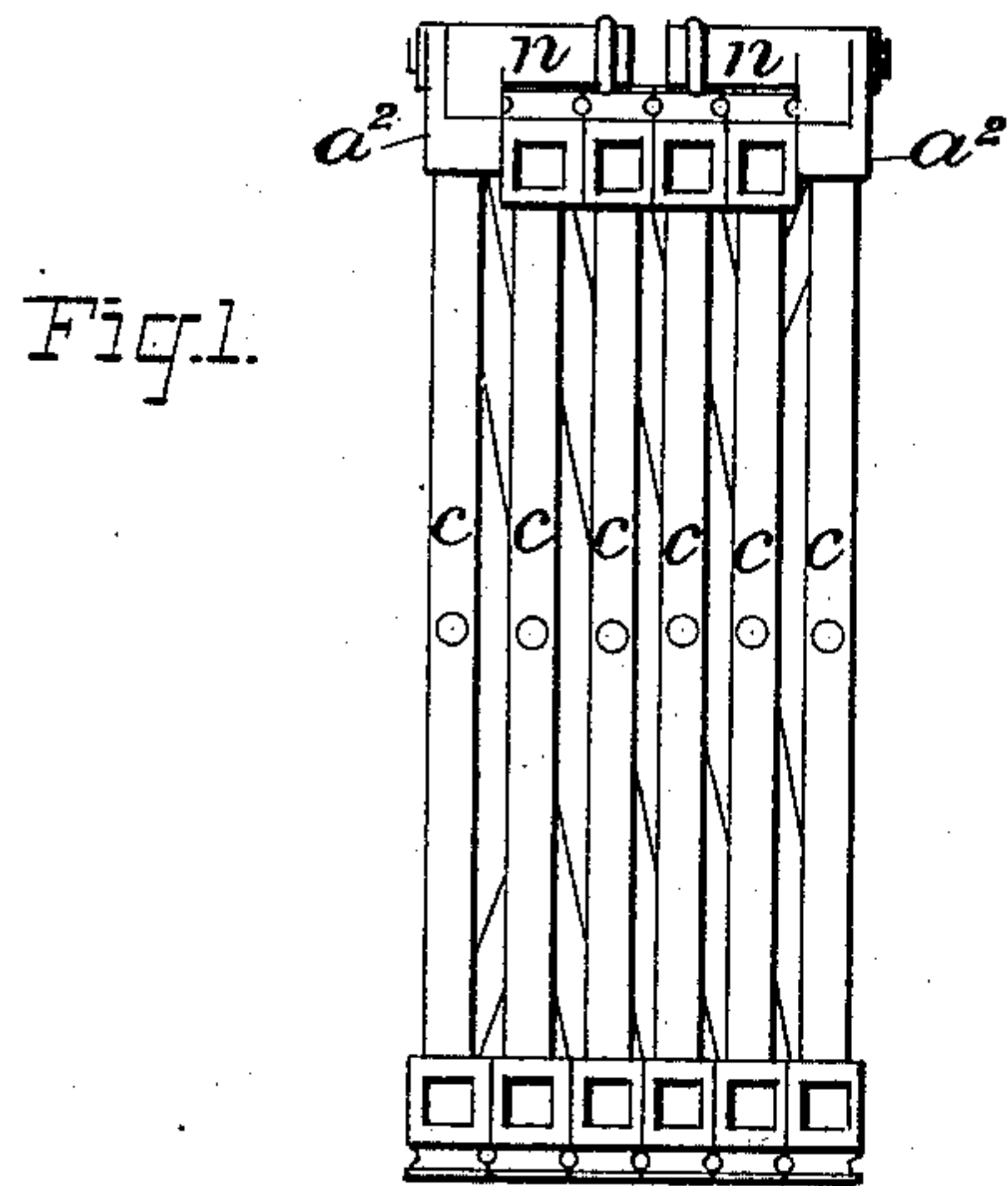
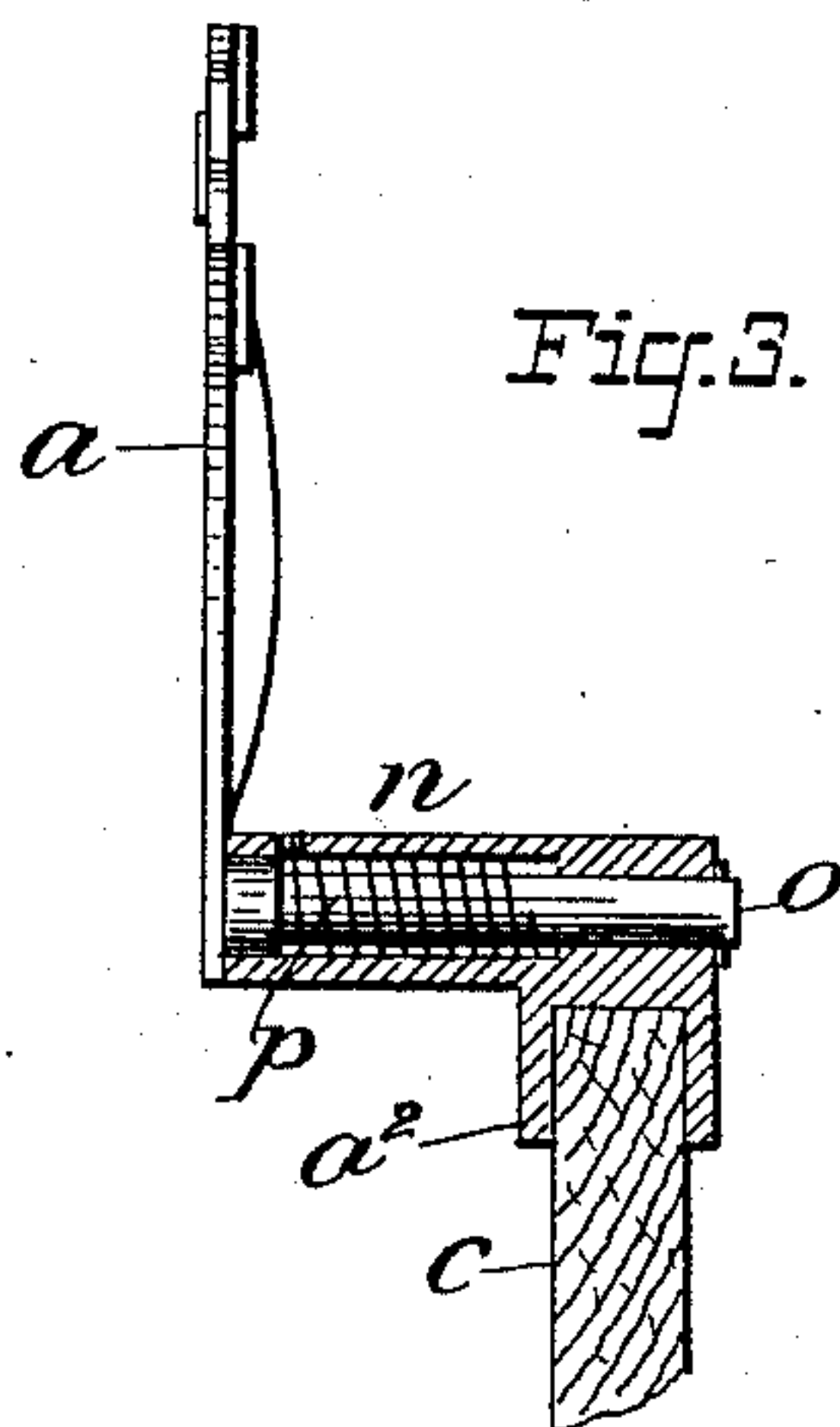
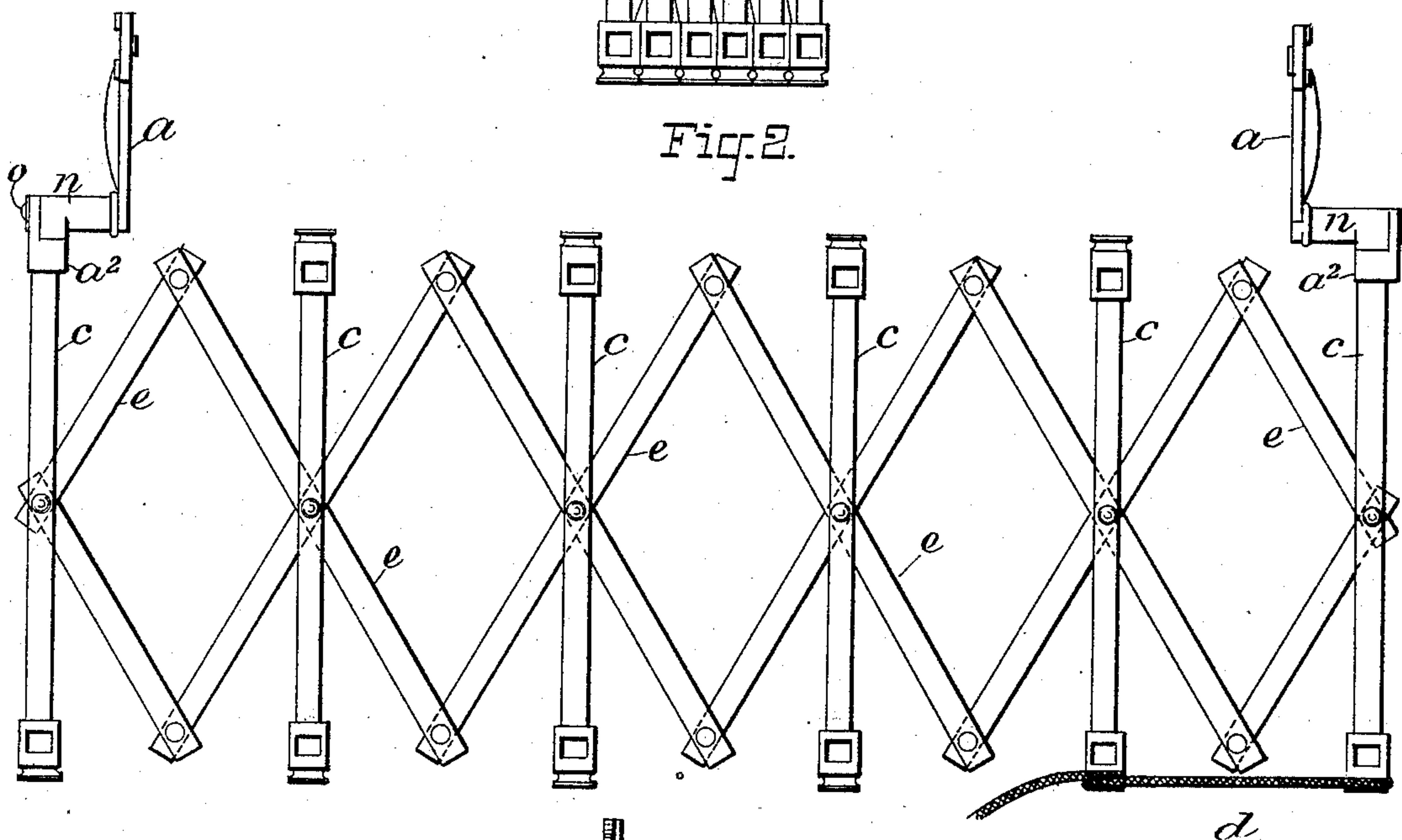


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK K. HICKOK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sham-holders for bed-pillows, its object being to provide a pillow-sham holder which is very light and sufficiently strong to hold the shams, and which can be adjusted to fit any size bedstead, and which can be folded in a very small and compact form for shipment. The manner in which I accomplish this object is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, and in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Figure 1 represents my improved pillow-sham holder when it is folded for transportation. Fig. 2 represents the same when it is expanded ready for use, showing the vertical pieces *c* held in position by the tape *d*, as will be hereinafter explained; and Fig. 3 represents a section through the center of the sleeve portion of the socketed casting *a*², by means of which the pillow-sham holder is connected with attachment *a*, secured to the bedstead.

To construct my improved pillow-sham holder, I take a number of pieces of hard wood (they can be made of thin light metal, if desired) the requisite length to form the pieces *e*, which are joined together at their centers and ends by loose rivets to form and admit of a lazy-tongs movement, as shown in Fig. 2. I then take a number of strips the requisite length to form the pieces *c*, which are secured to the other pieces, *e*, at the center by the same rivet which secures the center of the pieces *e*.

To one end of one of the outside pieces, *c*, is attached a piece of tape or cord, as *d*. When the device is opened the desired width and attached to the bedstead, the center pieces, *c*, are moved to a vertical position, and the tape *d* is secured to their corresponding ends, as shown in the drawings. To the opposite end of the outside pieces, *c*, is secured a socketed casting, *a*², provided with a sleeve, *n*, which stands at right angle with the side piece, *c*. The attaching-bracket *a* is provided with the pin *o*, which is somewhat smaller in diameter than the inside of the sleeve, so as to provide

a space for the spring *p*, which is secured at one end to the pin *o*, while the other end fits in a slot in the top side of the sleeve, as shown at *n*. One portion of the sleeve is the requisite diameter to fit loosely over one end of the pin *o*, and the opposite end of the pin is sufficiently large to fill the entire cavity of the sleeve, as illustrated.

The attaching-bracket *a* is secured or clamped to the sides of the head-board of the bedstead in such a manner as will hold the pillow-sham holder in a vertical position—that is, up against the head-board—the spring *p* being set for that purpose, so that when the holder is in such vertical position the spring is sufficiently strong and rigid to retain it so; but when the holder is in horizontal position or lying down upon the pillows, the spring is not sufficiently strong to raise it. Thus my holder is adjustable to either position without the aid of any additional device to hold it.

I am aware that the lazy-tongs movement is an old mechanical construction, and has been used in connection with household furniture in various ways; but I am not aware that the construction as herein shown and described was ever before known or used.

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

The combination, substantially as shown and described, of the pieces *c*, riveted loosely together at their ends and at the center between said ends, the vertical pieces *c*, also loosely riveted thereto, and the tape *d*, adapted to be fastened to the ends of said vertical pieces *c*, the socketed casting *a*², mounted on the end of the two end vertical pieces, the pin *o*, mounted, with the spring *p*, adapted to operate within the said socketed casting, and the attaching-bracket *a*, supporting said pin *o*, the whole forming a complete device.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement in pillow-sham holders as above described I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of September, 1885.

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