

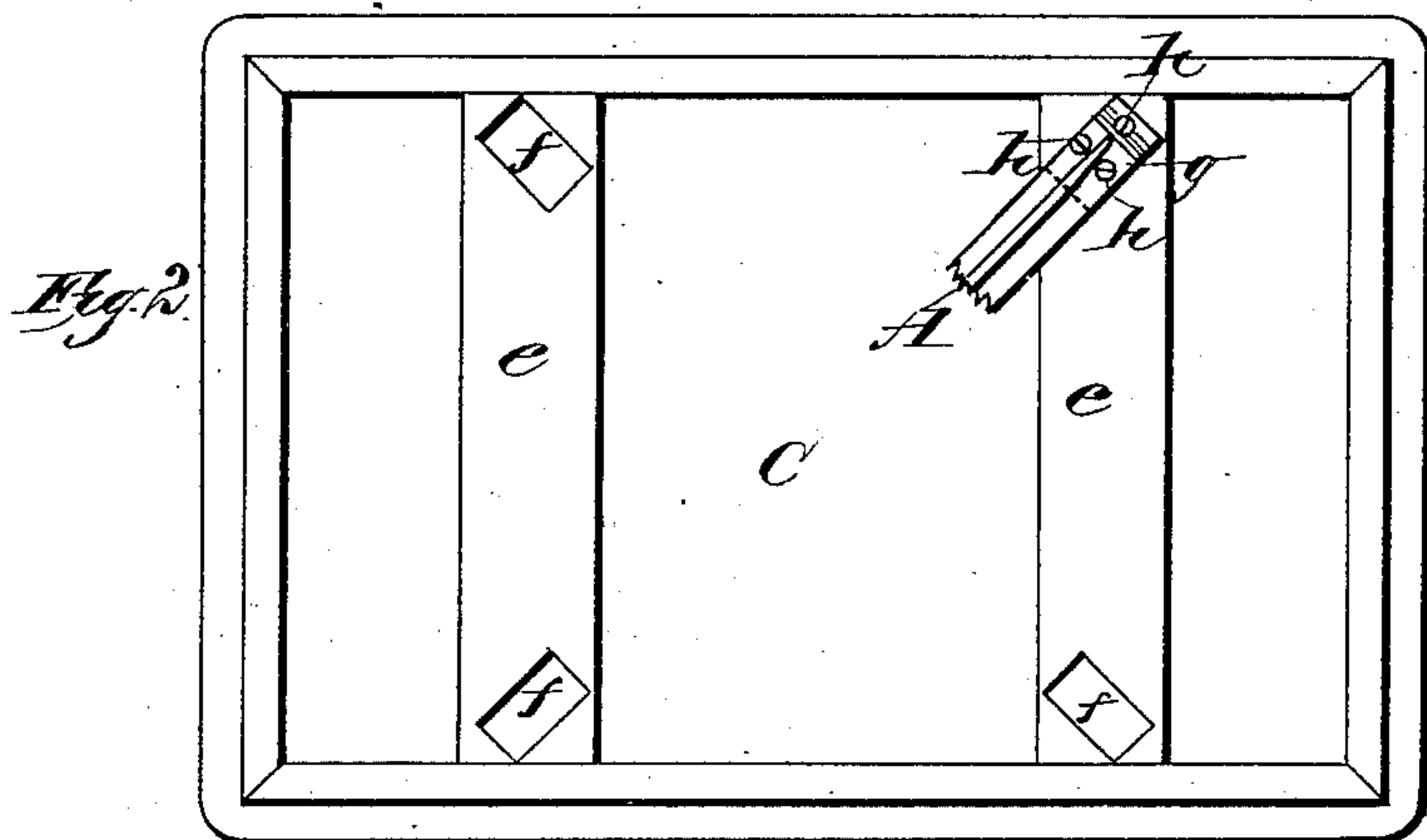
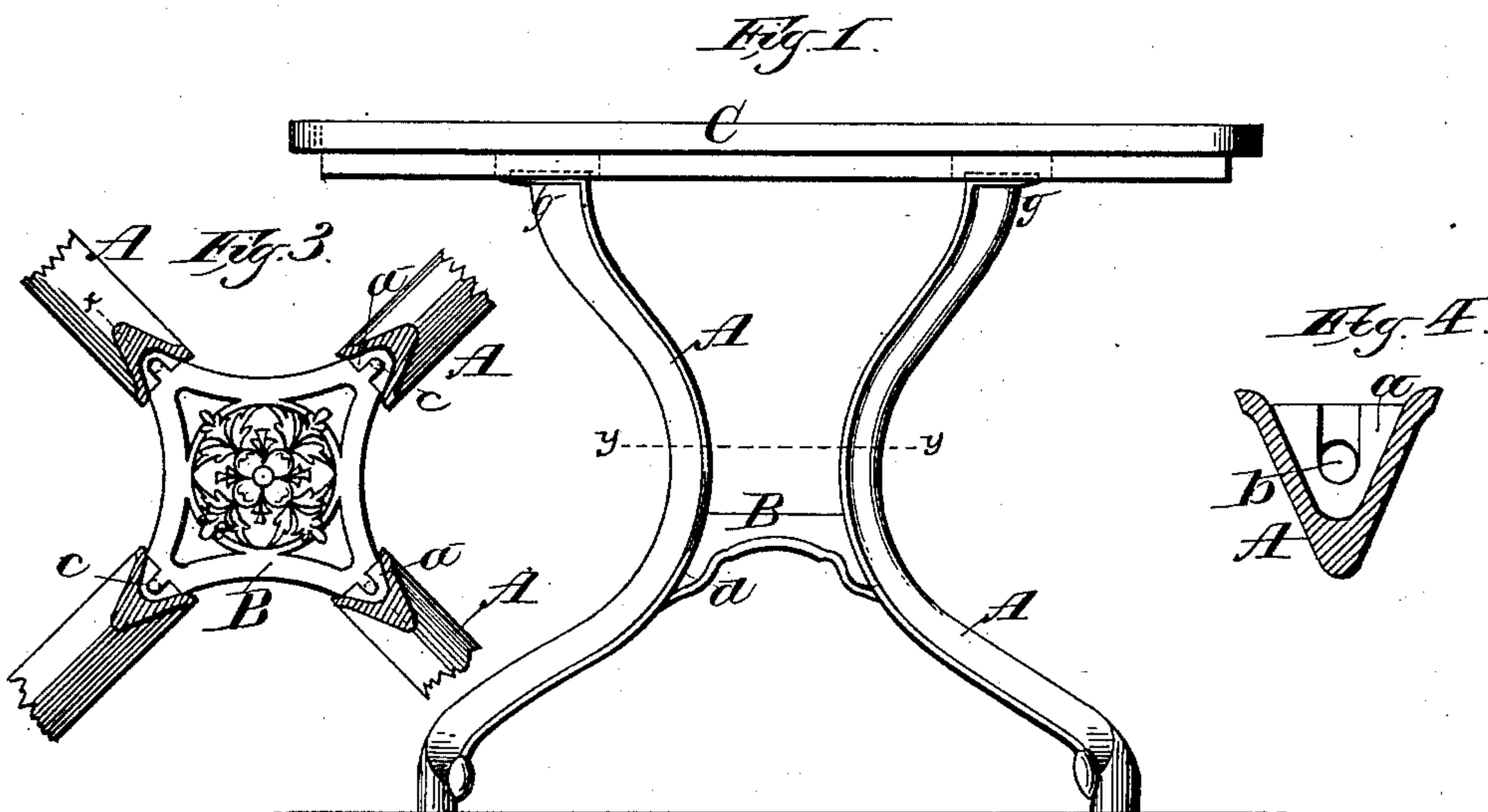
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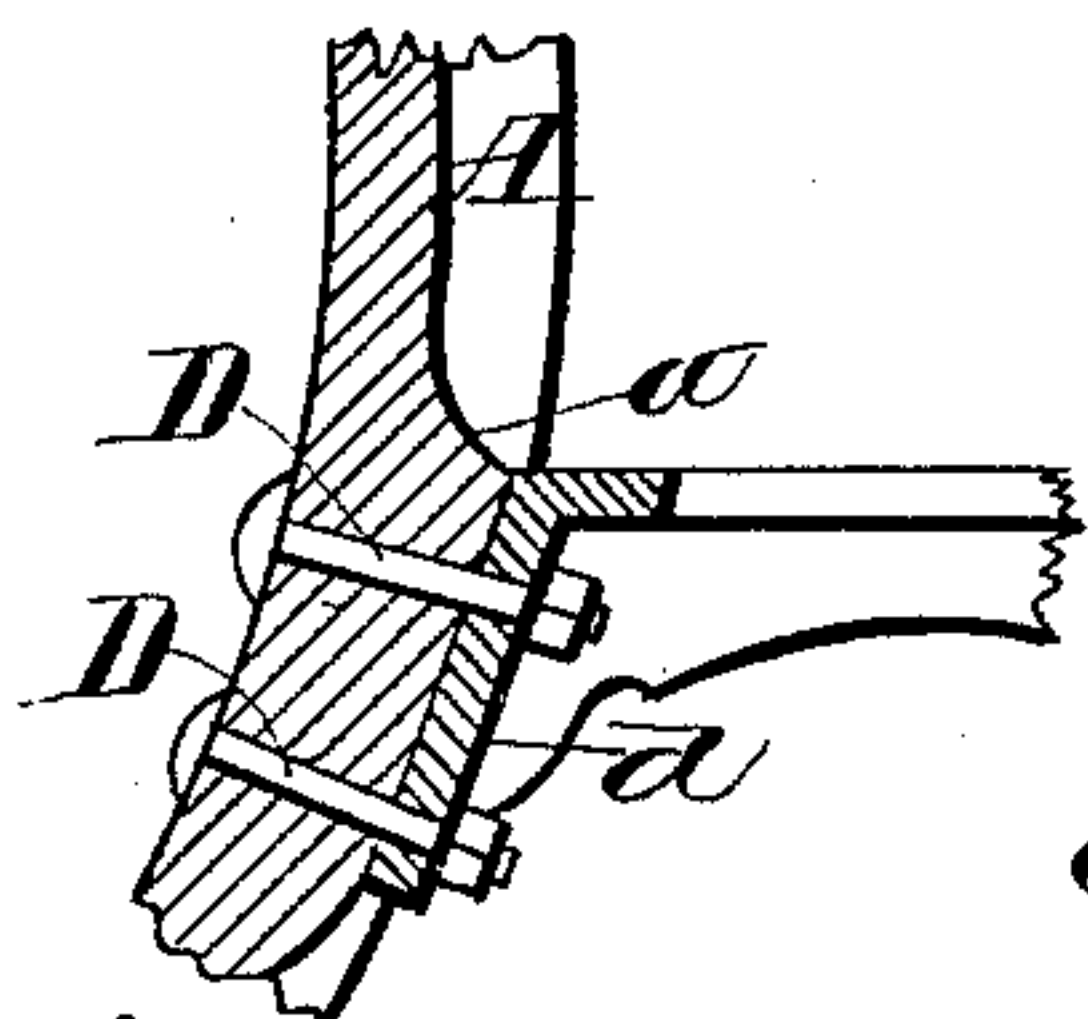
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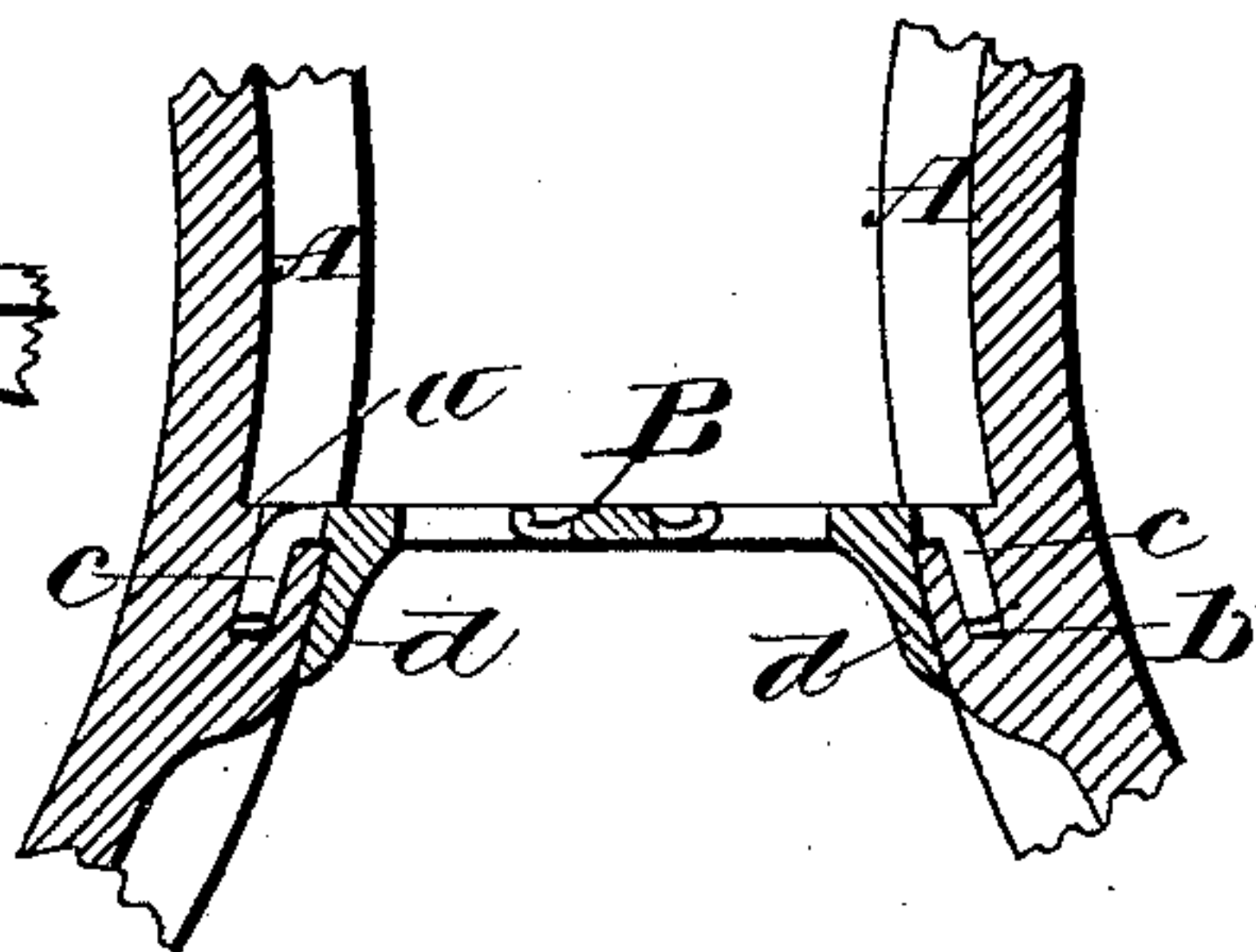
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*Fig. 6.*



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## TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN HINKEL, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to knockdown tables; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction as will be fully described hereinafter, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a table constructed according to my invention in its set up position; Fig. 2, an under side plan view of the top; Fig. 3, a horizontal section on line *y y*, Fig. 1; Fig. 4, an enlarged horizontal section of one of the legs; Fig. 5, a vertical transverse section on line *x x*, Fig. 3; and Fig. 6, a detail showing another manner of connecting the brace-piece and legs.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A represents the inwardly-curved legs of my table, preferably composed of cast metal, for the sake of economy and durability of construction. When made of cast metal, these legs A are preferably V-shaped in horizontal section throughout the greater part of their length, in order to secure lightness and effect a saving of material. At any desirable point along the length of the legs the metal composing the same is extended for a short distance nearly or quite to the inner edges, thus forming seats *a*, that are in the preferred form of my invention provided with sockets *b*. A polygonal brace-piece, B, also preferably composed of cast metal, is provided at its corners with downwardly-projecting fingers *c*, that engage the sockets *b* in the seats *a* of the legs A; and this brace-piece is also provided with downwardly-extended flanges *d*, that bear against the inner faces of said seats to form a close joint and act as a bearing. After the legs have been united by the brace-piece B, a top, C, of wood, is placed in position on the upper ends of said legs to complete the table and firmly bind the parts together. Each batten *e* of the top C, or that part that rests upon the legs, is preferably provided with recesses *f*, to receive the upper ends, *g*, of said legs, and this construction may form the sole means for retain-

ing said top in position; though in some instances it may be desirable to secure the parts A C by means of screws *h*, as shown in Fig. 2.

In one form of my invention the fingers *c* are omitted from the brace-piece, and the flanges *d* of this latter part detachably united to the seats *a* of the legs by means of bolts D, passed through suitable perforations in the parts.

The construction above described is designed more particularly for saloon and card tables, having for its object to provide a strong serviceable article of this description, that will appear light and tasteful in design, but be sufficiently heavy to prevent its being jostled about, while at the same time I do away with all side boards, corner-pieces, and other parts that usually come in the way of parties when seated about a table of the ordinary manufacture.

The top of my table may be of any desirable shape and dimensions, the brace-piece being proportioned to the size of said top, so as to give the legs the requisite spread, said brace-piece being usually ornamented, and serves as a stand for hats or other small articles placed under the table.

For storage or shipment my table is readily taken apart without the aid of special tools, and the parts can be packed together in comparatively little space, thus effecting a saving in time, labor, and cost of transportation.

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

1. In a knockdown table, the combination of inwardly-curved legs, each provided with a bearing surface or seat having a vertically-disposed socket, a polygonal brace-piece having depending flanges that bear against the seats on the legs and the corners of this brace-piece provided with vertically-disposed fingers to engage the sockets in said seats, and a suitable top removably secured to the legs, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a knockdown table, the combination of inwardly-curved metallic legs V-shaped in horizontal section throughout the greater portion of their length and provided with solid parts or seats having sockets, a metallic brace-piece having its corners provided with de-

pending fingers to engage the sockets in the  
seats and depending flanges that bear against  
the same, and a removable wooden top having  
its battens or other portion thereof provided  
5 with recesses to engage the upper ends of said  
legs, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I

have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in  
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