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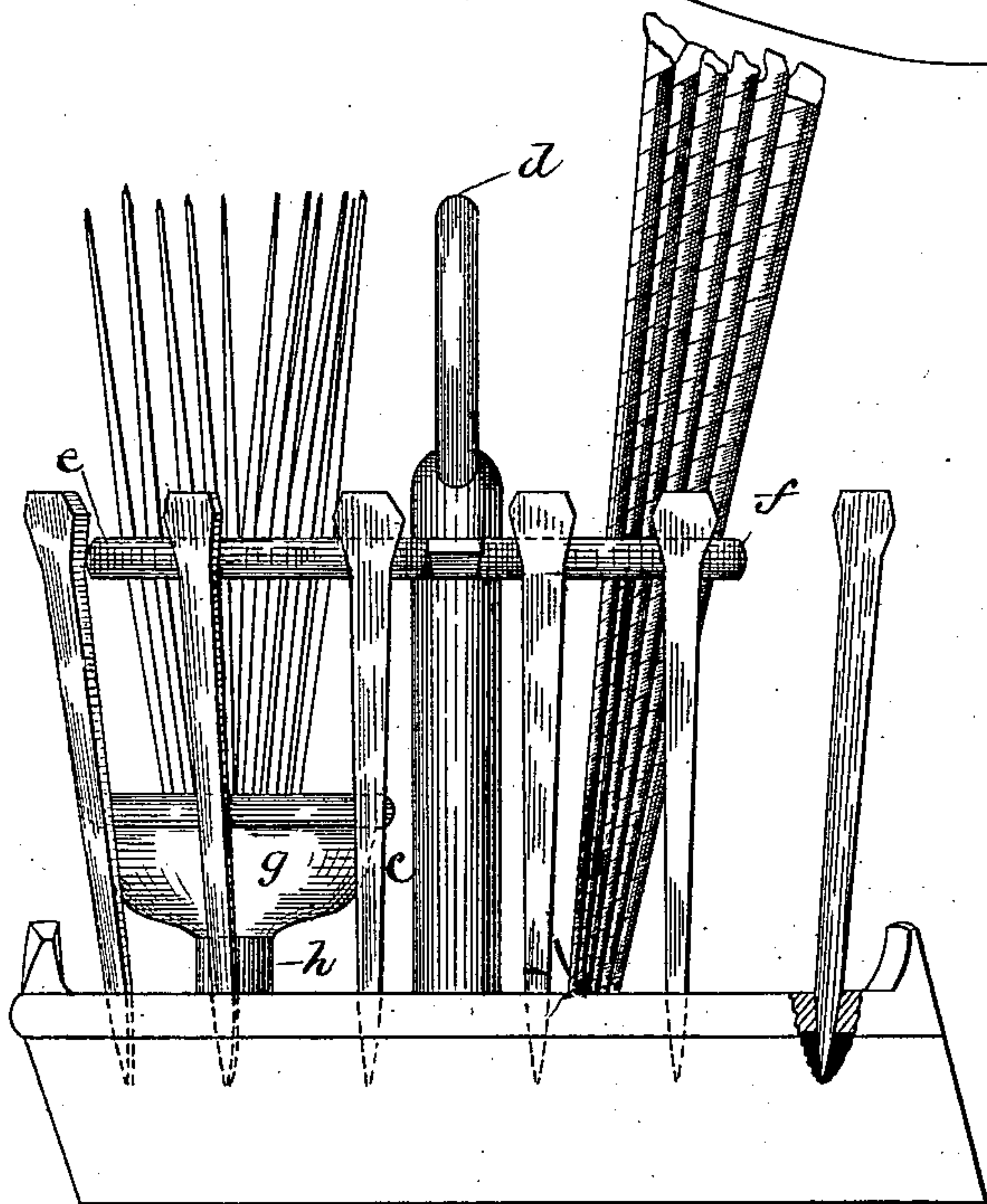
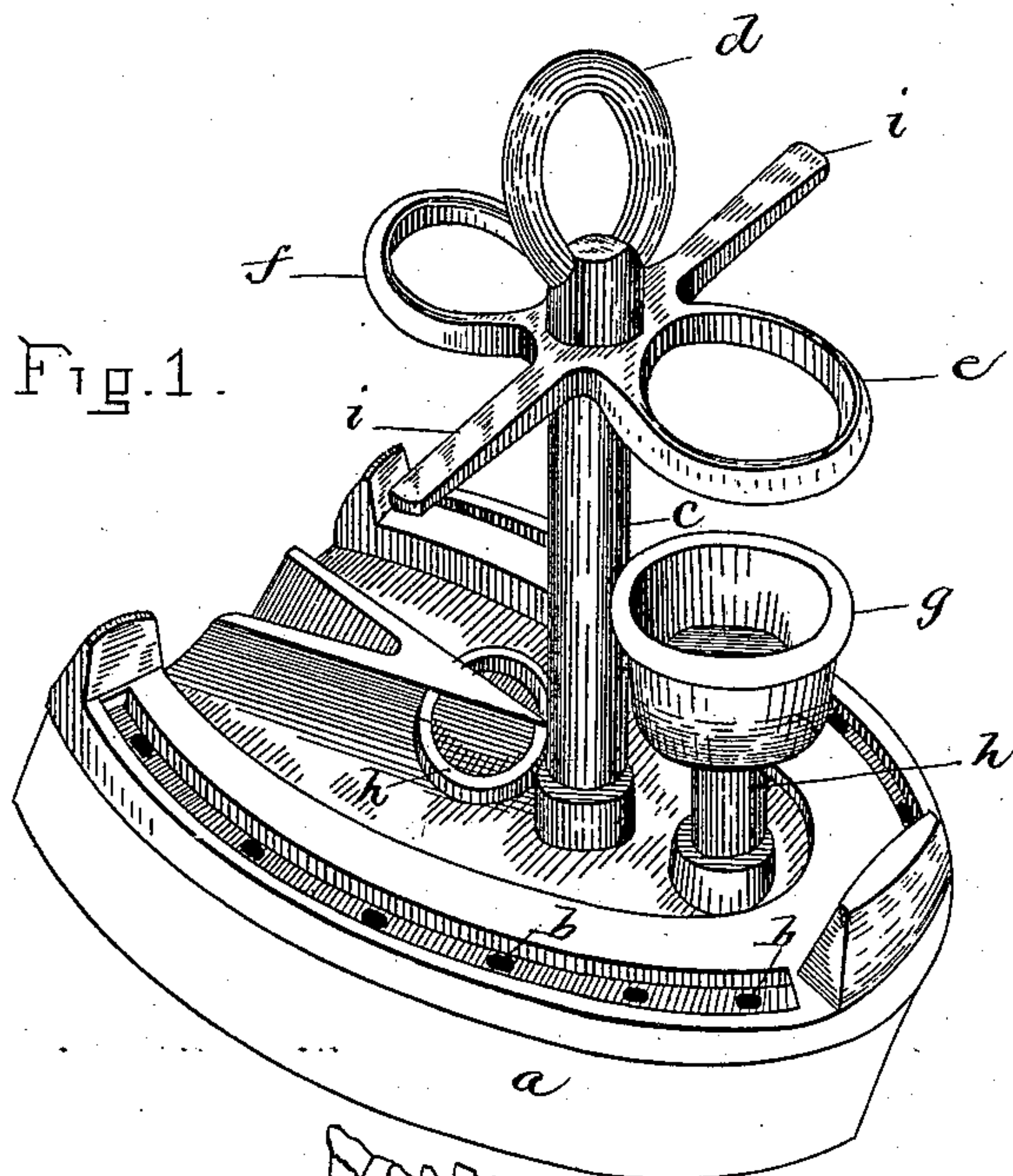


Fig. 2.

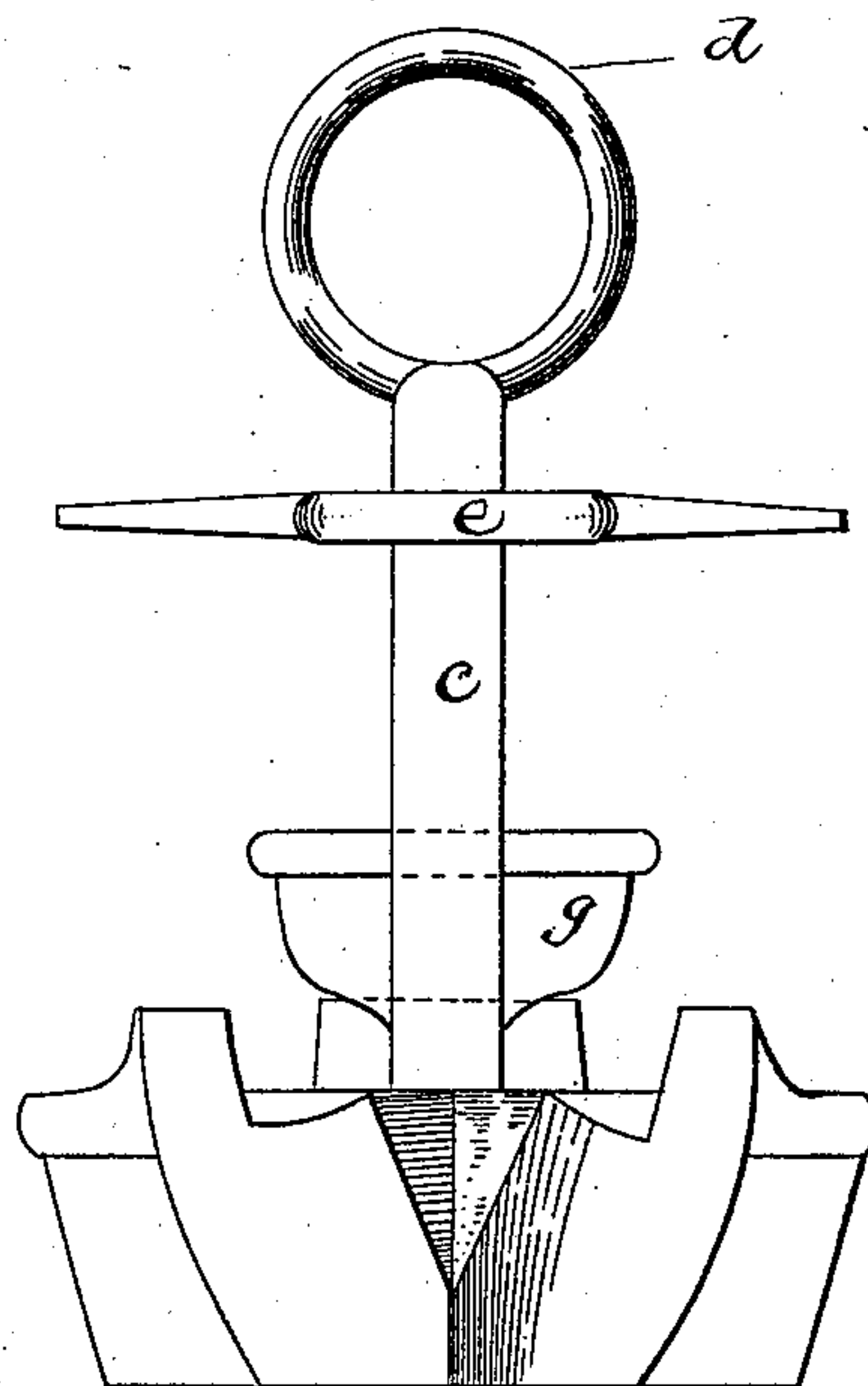


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE LEONARD, of Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Articles of Table-Ware, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to table-ware, and more particularly to such articles of the caster kind; but instead of being designed as a cruet-stand, its purpose is to hold nut-picks, tooth-picks, cigar or gas lighting tapers, &c.

It is the object of my invention to provide an article of the character mentioned which shall be at once compact in form, convenient and efficient in use for the purposes for which it is designed, cheap of manufacture, and an ornament to the table.

To the foregoing ends my invention consists, essentially, in a holder for nut-picks, tooth-picks, tapers, &c., having a base perforated around its upper edge near its margin to receive the nut-picks, and provided on its upper face within the circle of such marginal perforations with a tooth-pick cup or holder and a receptacle for tapers, as well as means for carrying or handling it.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe the same, having reference to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, the invention being particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed at the end of the description of its construction and the manner of using it.

Of the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the device, the nut-picks, tooth-picks, and tapers being shown as removed. Fig. 2 represents a side view of the device with the several articles it is designed to hold in place therein, a part being shown as broken away. Fig. 3 represents a rear end view.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents the base or body of my improved article of table-ware, in this instance constructed in the form of an inverted horse's hoof with a shoe in posi-

tion thereon. In the upper face of the base, near the margin thereof, are formed a series of holes or perforations, *b*, designed to receive the points of a number of nut-picks and hold the same in a substantially upright position. The nut-picks are here shown as made in the form of horseshoe-nails, though this form of nut-pick, as also the design of the body or base shown, is not of essence in this invention.

A standard, *c*, is secured to the upper face of the body and provided at its upper end with a ring, *d*, to facilitate the handling or carrying of the device. Two additional rings, *e* and *f*, are secured to the standard in any suitable manner and extend laterally therefrom—the former over a cup, *g*, secured on a short stud, *h*, attached to the base *a*, said ring *e* and cup *g* forming a substantial tooth-pick holder or receptacle, as shown in Fig. 2. The other laterally-projecting ring, *f*, has a cup-shaped contrivance, *h*, formed on or in the base *a*, as shown, whereby a receptacle for tapers is provided, as shown also in Fig. 2.

The arms *i*, extending laterally from the standard *c*, provide means for supporting, in connection with the rim *j*, formed on the base, any article that may happen to be in use similar to a nut-cracker, knife, &c.

I have shown the base or body of my invention as constructed in the form of a horse's hoof inverted, with a shoe thereon, for the simple reason that the design is pleasing to the eye and is such as to make the rim *j* a matter of ornament. Any other design may, however, be employed, since the structure, and not the form, is the essence of the invention, said structure adapting the device to be used as an article of table-ware when nuts are served, and to hold such things as are generally wanted for use after eating nuts.

What I claim is—

An article of table-ware for holding nut-picks, tooth-picks, tapers, &c., for use in serving nuts and thereafter, consisting of a body or base provided with a rim, *j*, having a series of holes formed in its upper face near the margin thereof to hold nut-picks, a standard projecting upward from the base within the

boundary of such perforations and having
rings or loops *d* and *e* *f* and laterally-extend-
ing arms *i*, and the cups *g* and *h* beneath
loops *e* and *f*, constructed and arranged sub-
stantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore
set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name

to this specification, in the presence of two
subscribing witnesses, this 3d day of August,
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