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Fig. 1.

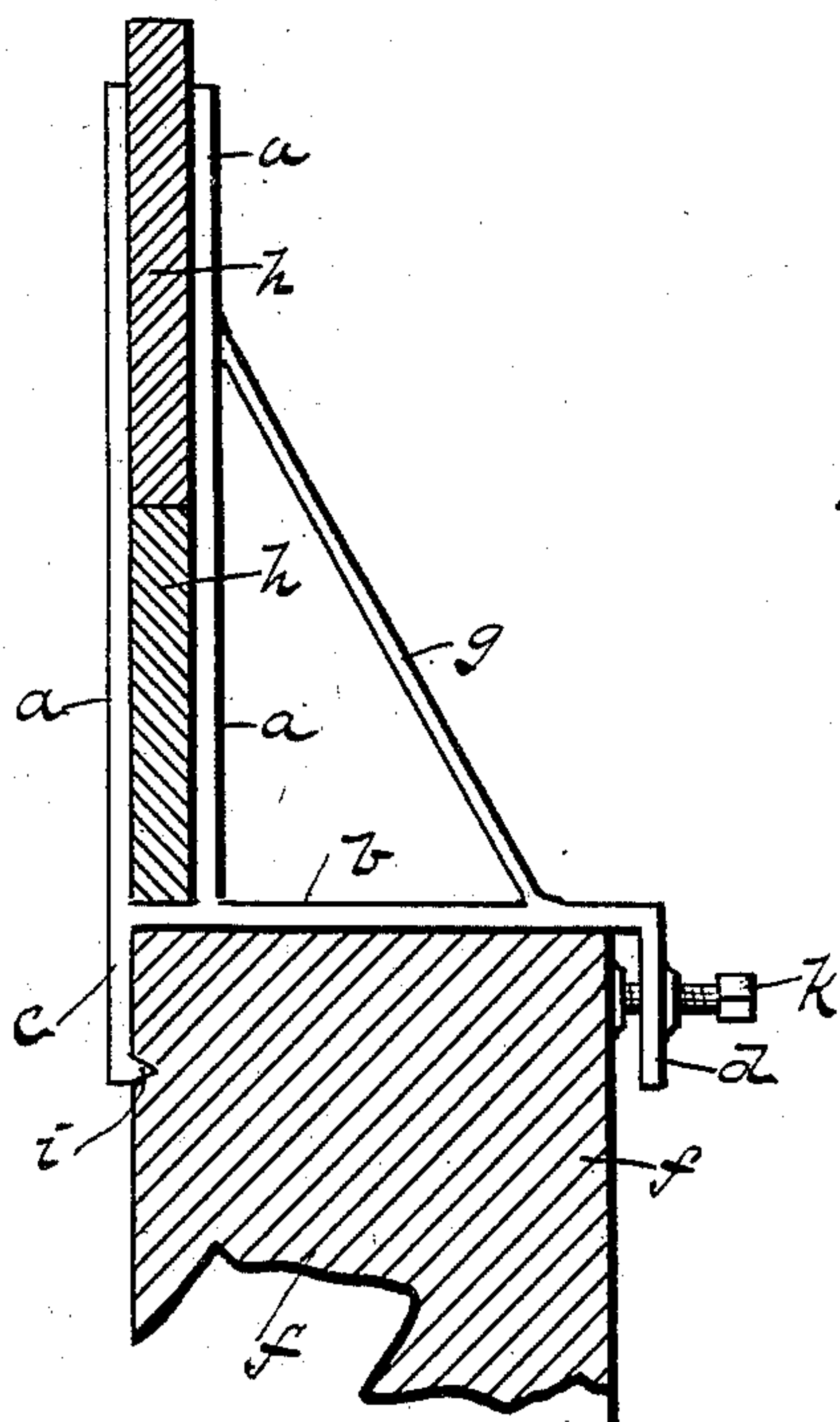


Fig. 2.

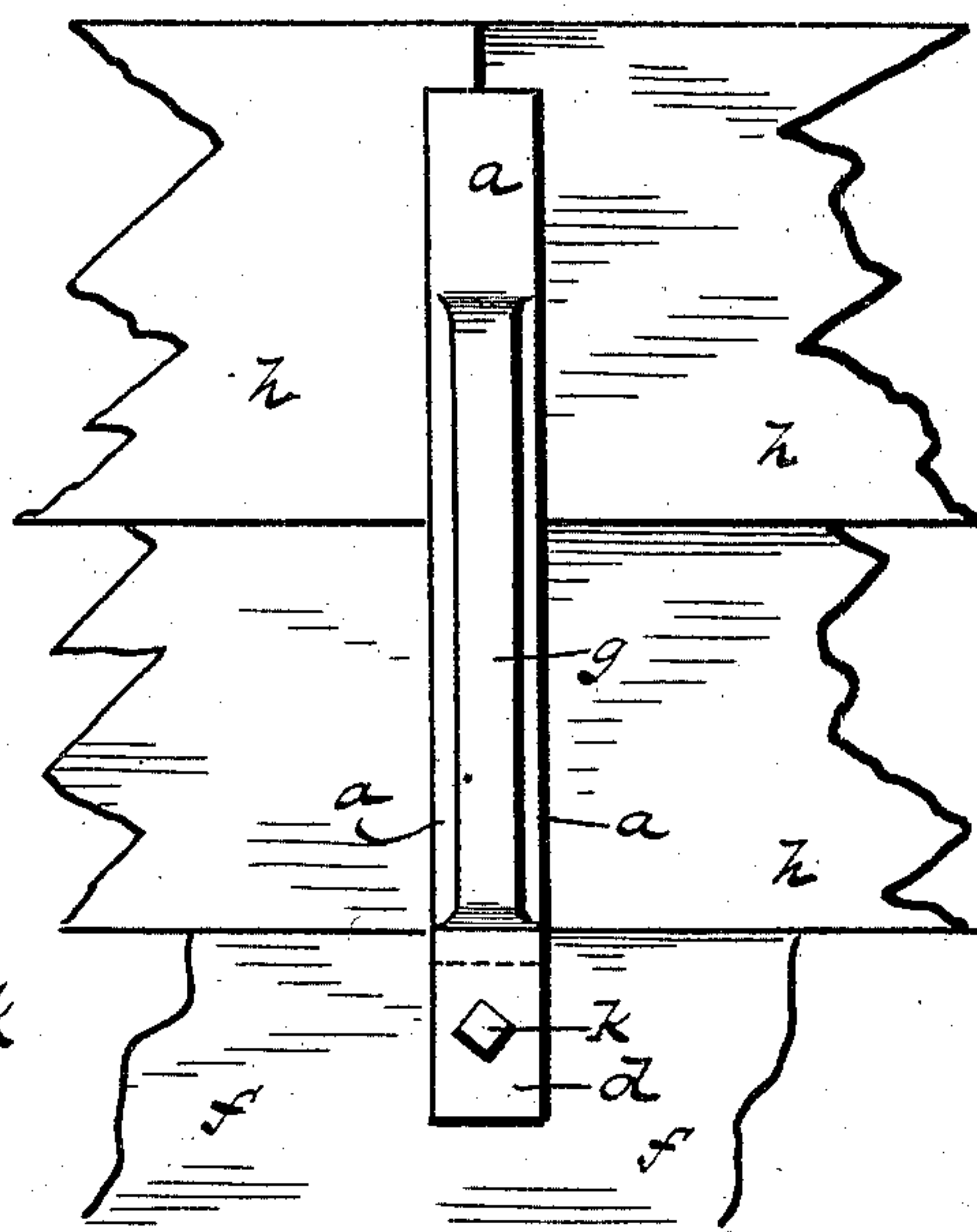
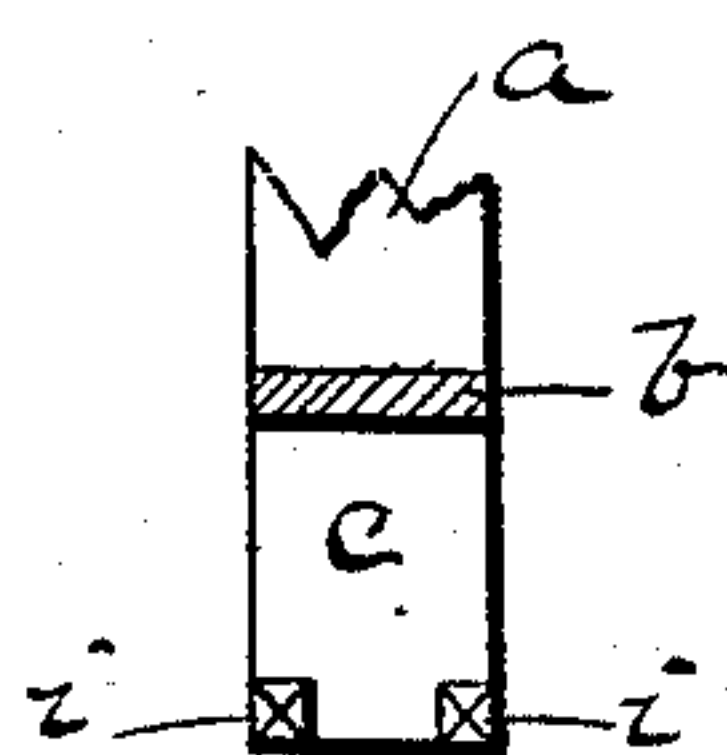


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT J. GOULD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Splash-Board Holders for Use on Head or Sides of Boats or Barges; and I 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 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved bracket for holding splash-boards on coal-boats, barges, &c.; and it consists of the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an end elevation of my improved holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view of the lower end of the outside arm, showing the inwardly-projecting points adapted to enter the wood to further hold the device in position.

To put my invention into practice, I construct from metal a bracket having two upwardly-extending arms, *a*, arranged parallel to each other. These arms *a* are firmly attached to or are integral with a base-plate, *b*, which is provided with two downwardly-extending portions, *c d*, which are so constructed as to overlap the sides *f* of a boat or barge. A suitable bracket or brace, *g*, is placed against the base-plate *b* and the inner arm *a*, which greatly strengthens the device. The outside piece, *c*, is provided with two points, *i*, which enter the sides *f* of the boat, and the inner piece, *d*, with a set-screw, *k*, which serves to

rigidly attach the device to the side *f* of a boat.

In operation a suitable number of these brackets are secured to the sides *f* and front or head of the boat and the splash-boards *h* arranged within the two vertical arms *a*. These brackets, when not in use, may be easily removed by releasing the set-screw *k*.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A device for holding splash-boards on the gunwale of a vessel, consisting of a horizontal base, *b*, provided with two depending arms, one having a clamping-screw and the other a tooth or prong, and two vertical parallel arms, *a*, made integral with the base, said arms being separated laterally of each other to provide a space corresponding to the thickness of the splash-boards and of sufficient length to accommodate two or more boards, substantially as described.

2. In a device for holding splash-boards on the gunwale of a vessel, a bracket consisting of a flat horizontal base having means for attaching itself to a vessel, and two vertical parallel arms, *a*, spaced laterally of each other on said base to provide an intervening space substantially equal in width to the thickness of the splash-boards, said arms being of sufficient length to accommodate two or more boards, in combination with two or more splash-boards fitted between the arms of said bracket and resting on edge on the base thereof, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature this 12th day of October, A. D. 1888.

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