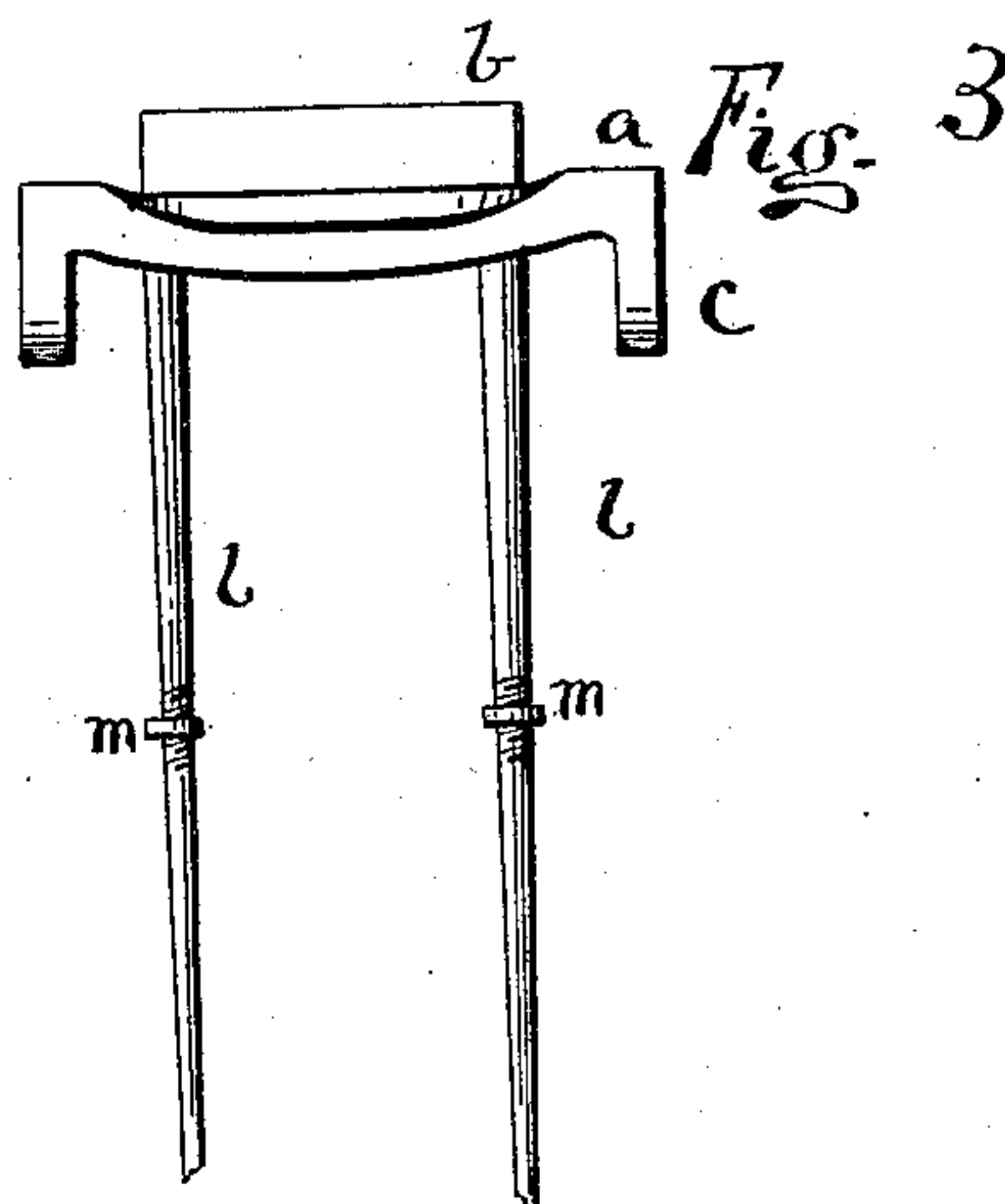
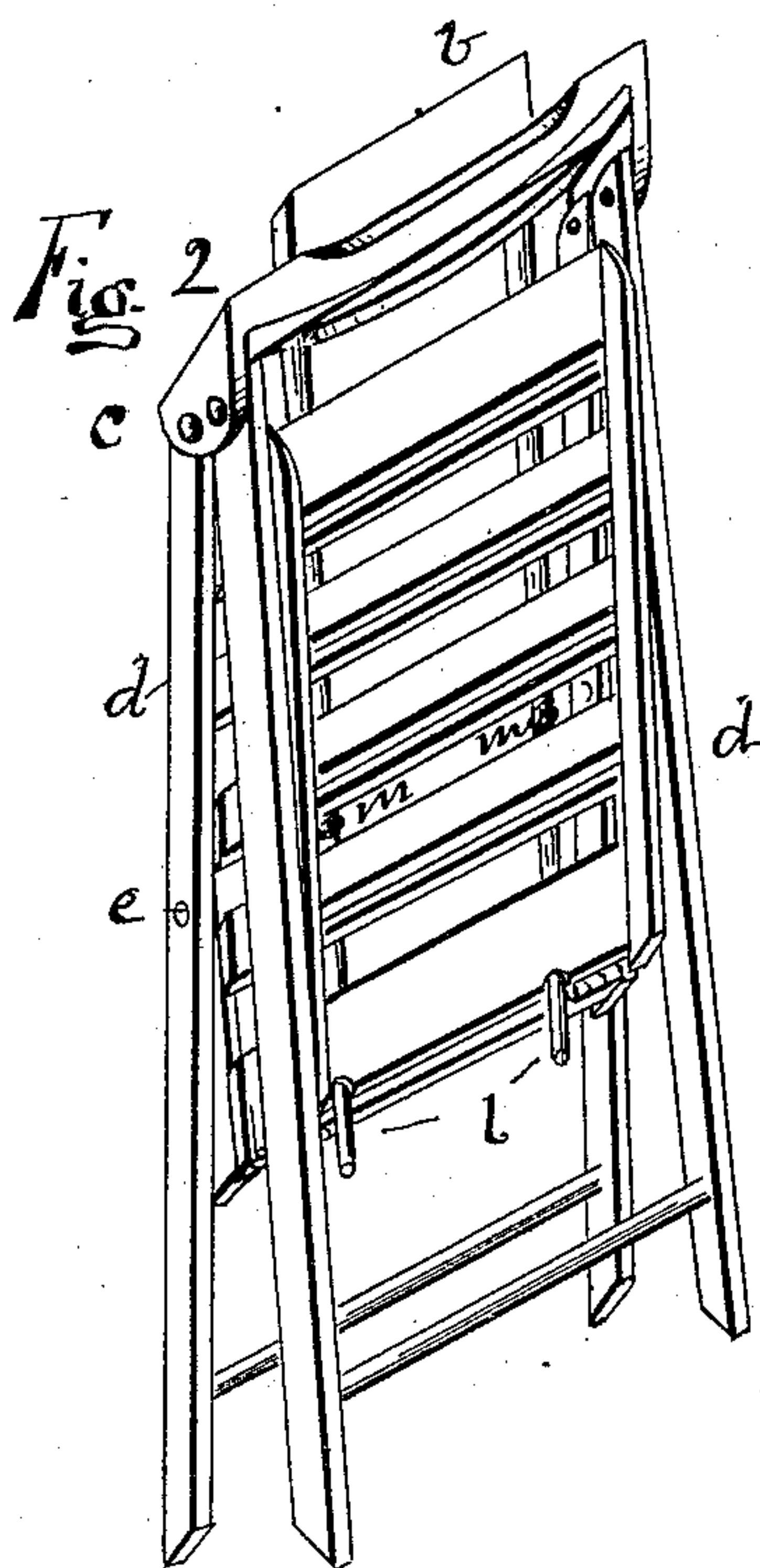
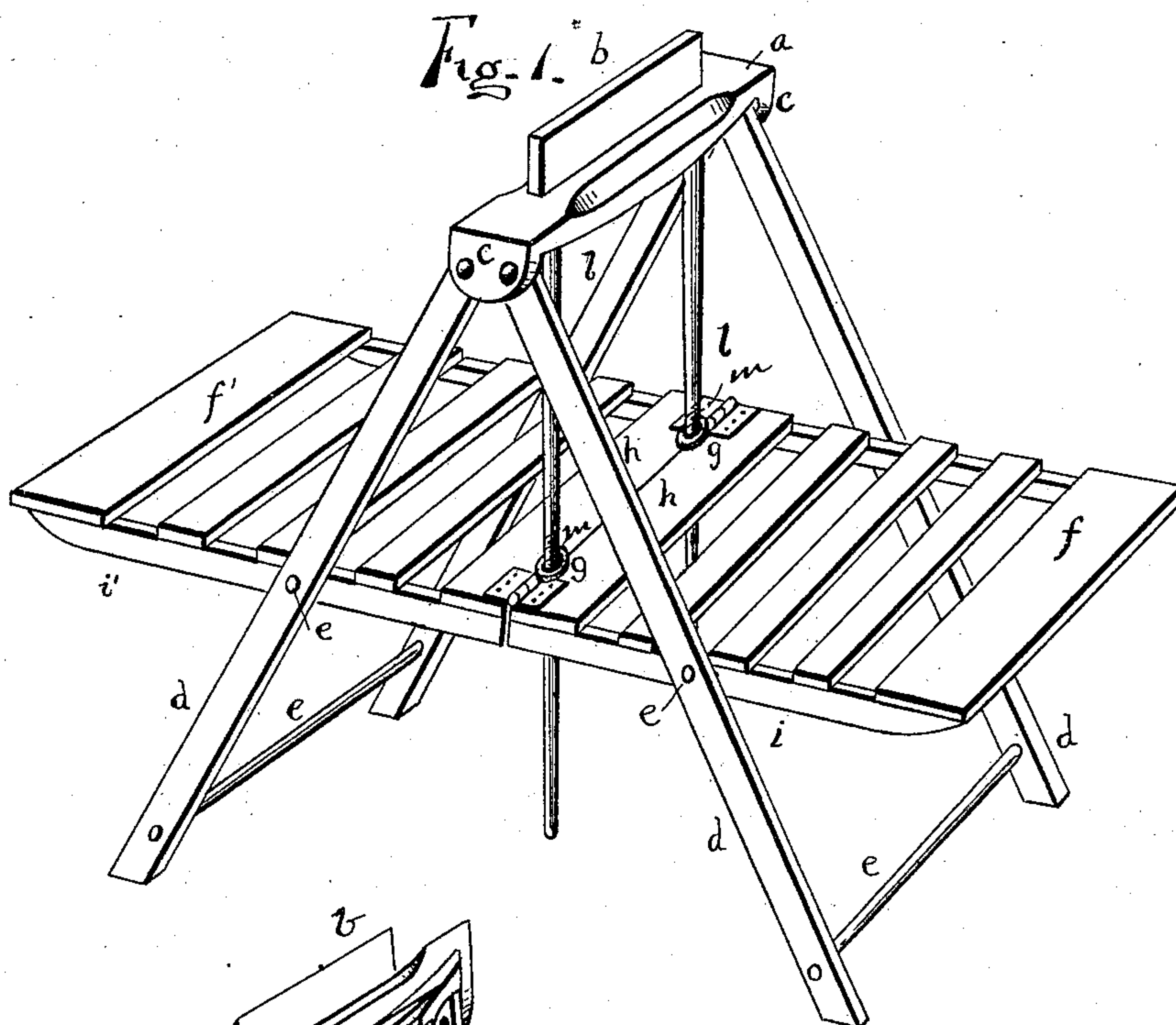


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ISRAEL D. BROWN and SEABURY F. BROWN, residing at Cuyler, in the county of Cortland and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Benches, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to wash-benches or supports for a wash-tub, wringer, and clothes receptacle or basket.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved structure of the general character of that set forth in patent to William Baldwin, No. 391,933, of October 30, 1888, (of which patent we are the owners.)

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bench ready for use; Fig. 2, a similar view of the bench folded. Fig. 3 is a side view of a cap-piece and guide-rods.

The cap-piece *a* has a central rib *b*, projecting upward, and end flanges *c c*, extending downward. The legs *d d* are pivoted to these flanges and are held so as to fold in pairs by suitable rounds or cross-bars *e e*. The upper cross-bars *e e* serve as pivots to the folding platform *f f'*. This platform is in two parts hinged together in the center of the bench at *g g*. The side bars *i i'* of the platform abut in the middle of the open bench, directly under the hinges *g g* of the middle slats *h* of the platform. The slats *h* are notched for the passage of guide-rods *l*, which rods extend down from the cap-piece *a*. When the bench is folded, as in Fig. 2, the rods *l* lie between the two parts of the folding platform *f f'*.

When the bench is opened for use, the slats *h* of the bench ride up against stops *m* on the guide-rods, these stops being at the height of the bench when open. The stops *m* thus serve to take the strain very largely from the hinges and may be made adjustable, so as to hold the platform with a slight incline toward the middle.

By making the bars *i i'* abut against each other shorter bars may be used than in the Baldwin device, thus saving material and producing a neater appearance, and as the bars *i i'* can be close to the legs a stronger joint is made than in the Baldwin device.

In using the bench the wash-tub is supported on one part of the platform, as *f*, and a basket or other receptacle on the other part, as *f'*. The wringer is fastened to the rib *b* of the cross-piece *a* and clothing passed from the tub through the wringer to the basket.

What we claim is—

The combination of the cross-piece, legs pivoted thereto, and the two-part platform hinged at the center, so that the ends of the side bars will abut when the platform is spread and pivoted to the legs, as described, and the guide-rods provided with stops against which the platform bears when spread out, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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