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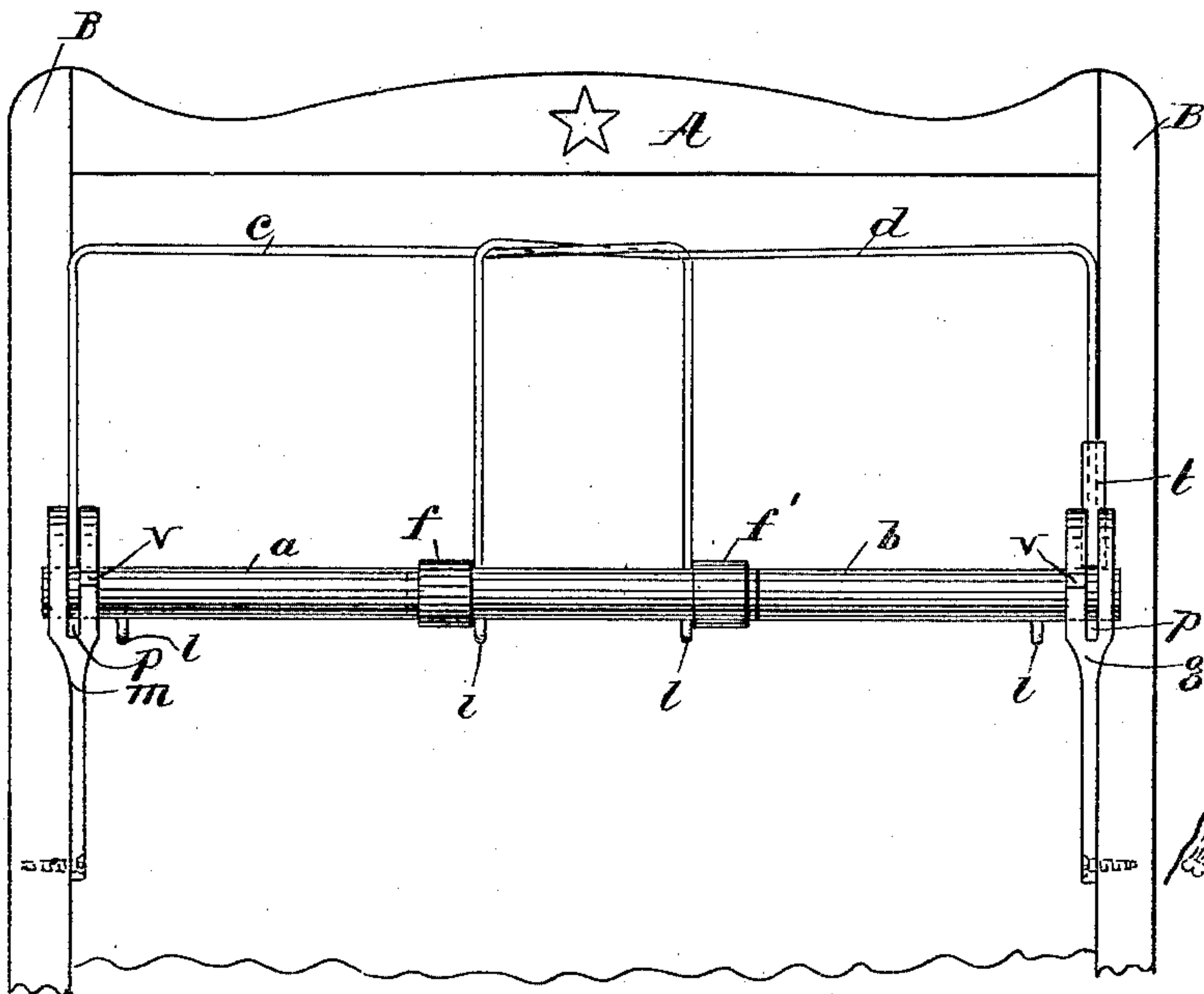


Fig. 1.

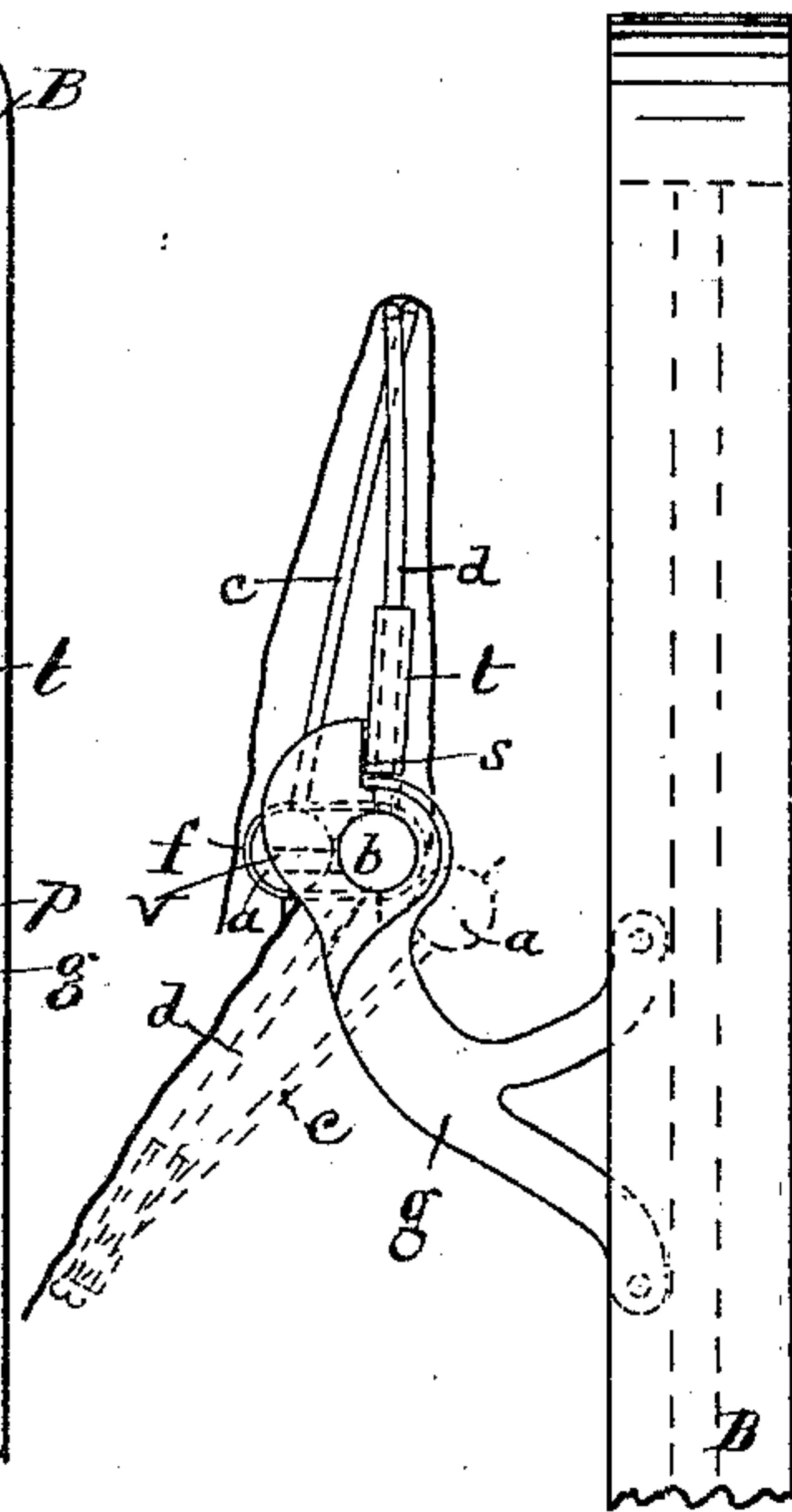


Fig. 2.

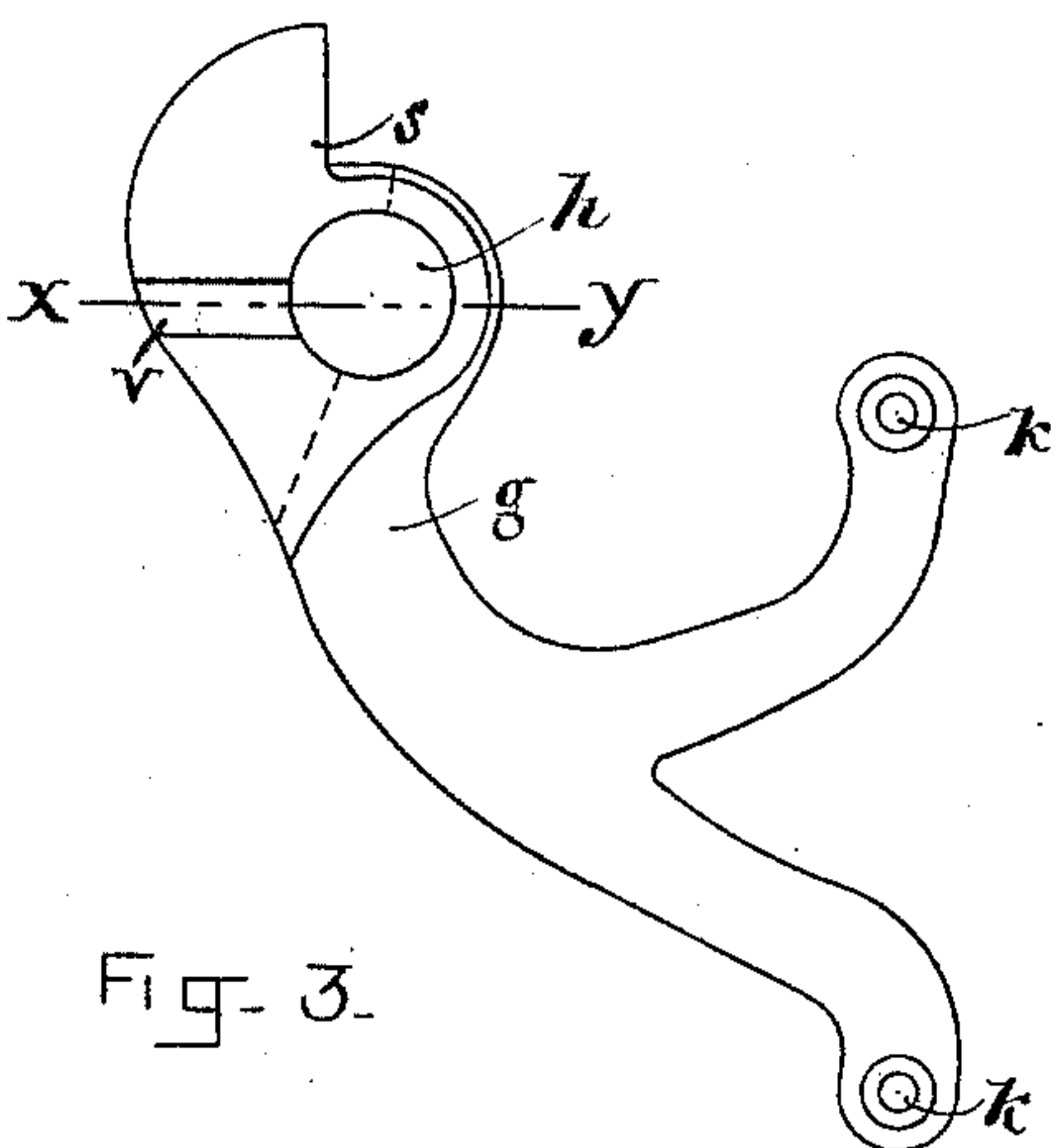


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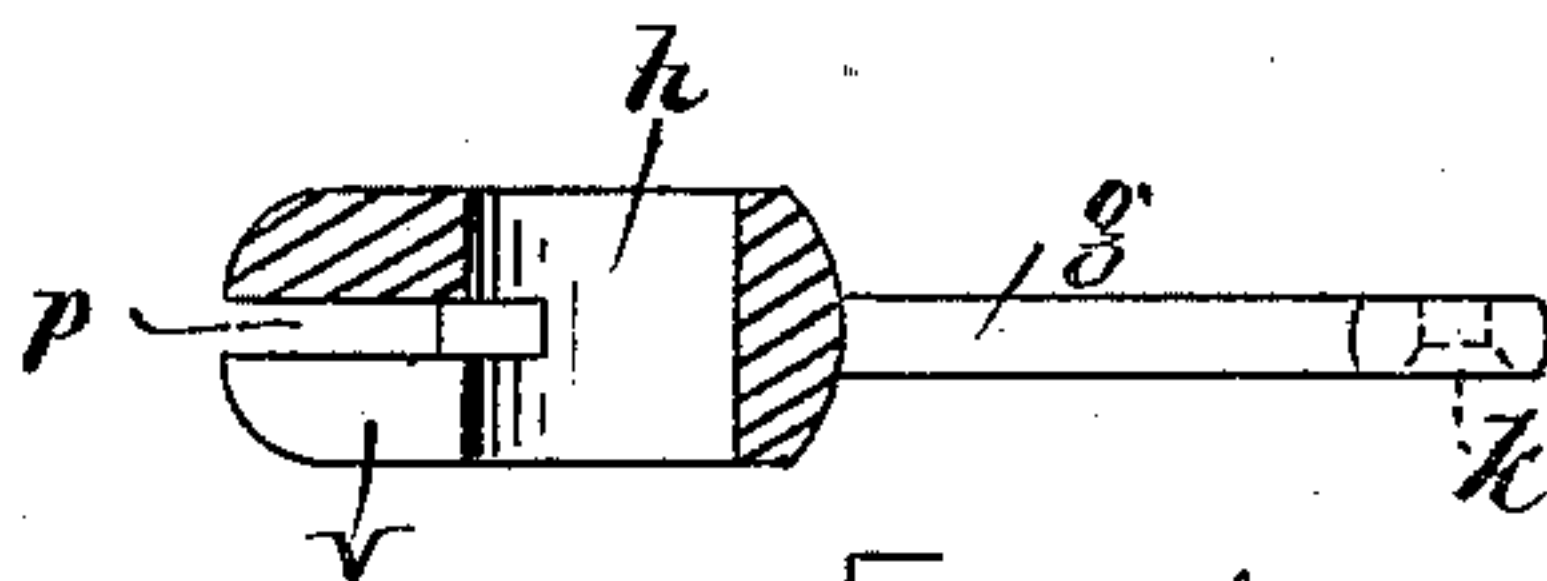


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. SPOFFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brookline, in the county of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of the construction herein shown of the supporting-brackets of the holder and the means employed in connection with the brackets to lock the holder in an upright position and to enable it to be turned down upon the pillows. I am aware that several forms of supporting-brackets and locking mechanism have been employed for that purpose, and my invention is confined to the particular construction and arrangement specified.

Figure 1 is a front plan view of my holder secured to the head-board of a bedstead. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side plan view of one of the brackets in which the holder is journaled. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the said bracket, shown in section through the line *x y* in Fig. 3.

The holder consists of two frames, one of which is composed of a round wooden bar *a* and wire *c*, and the other of a similar bar *b* and wire *d*. The bars *a* and *b* slide upon each other in sleeves *f f'*, secured to them respectively, whereby the length of the holder may be adjusted in the usual manner. The bar *b* is journaled in the bracket *g*. The journal in the bracket *g* is shown at *h* in Figs. 3 and 4.

A represents the head-board of a bedstead, and B B its head-posts. The bracket *g* is secured to the inside of the head-post by screws in the holes *k k* or in any other suitable manner. The bar *a* is journaled in the bracket *m*, which is secured to the inside of the opposite head-post in the same way as the bracket *g*. The brackets *m g* are provided with vertical slots *p p*, through which portions of the wires *c d* travel in raising or lowering the holder. A portion of the upper part of the bracket *g* is cut away to form a square shoulder *s*. Sliding upon the wire *d* is a tubular piece or sleeve *t*, the diameter of which is slightly larger than the width of the slot *p*, so as to prevent the wire *d* from passing

through the vertical slot *p* when the sleeve *t* has dropped behind the shoulder *s*. The sleeve *t* is made large enough to slide freely upon the wire *d*, so that it will drop into place by its own weight when the holder is turned upright, as shown in Fig. 1.

The dotted lines *c d* in Fig. 2 represent the wire frame of the holder when it is turned down upon the pillows.

v v are horizontal slots in the sides of the brackets *g* and *m*, which are designed for the introduction of the holder into the brackets, which is accomplished by placing the holder in a horizontal position between the brackets and then sliding the frames *c d* apart, so that the wires will enter the slots *v v* and the bars *a b* will enter their respective journals.

The staples *l l* are employed for the purpose of attaching the pillow-sham to the holder by pins or other well-known means.

To turn the holder down upon the pillows, the operator first releases it by sliding the sleeve *t* above the top of the bracket *g*, so as to allow the wire *d* to pass through the vertical slot *p*. When the holder is returned to an upright position, the sleeve *t* falls down into contact with the bracket *g* and behind its shoulder *s* and thereby locks the holder securely in that position.

The advantages of my invention consist of cheapness of construction, simplicity in operation, and inability to get out of order.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A pillow-sham holder made in two sections which slide upon each other longitudinally, said sections being composed of the bars *a* and *b* and wire frame *c* and *d*, the frame *d* having a sleeve *t* sliding thereon, combined with the brackets *m* and *g*, having vertical slots *p p* therein, through which the upright wires of the holder pass when the holder is being turned up or down, the bracket *g*, having the shoulder *s* on its upper edge and the diameter of said sleeve *t* being greater than the width of the slot *p* in the bracket *g*, whereby the holder may be secured in an upright position by the engagement of the sleeve *t* and shoulder *s*, substantially as described.

2. A pillow-sham holder made in two sections which slide upon each other longitudinally,

said sections being composed of the bars *a* and *b* and the wire frames *c* and *d*, combined with the brackets *m* and *g*, having vertical slots *p p* for the passage of the wires *c d*, and
5 horizontal slots *v v* on the inner sides of said brackets, whereby the said wire frames may be introduced into the vertical slots *p p* by passing the wire frames through the slots *v v*, substantially as described.

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