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Fig. 1.

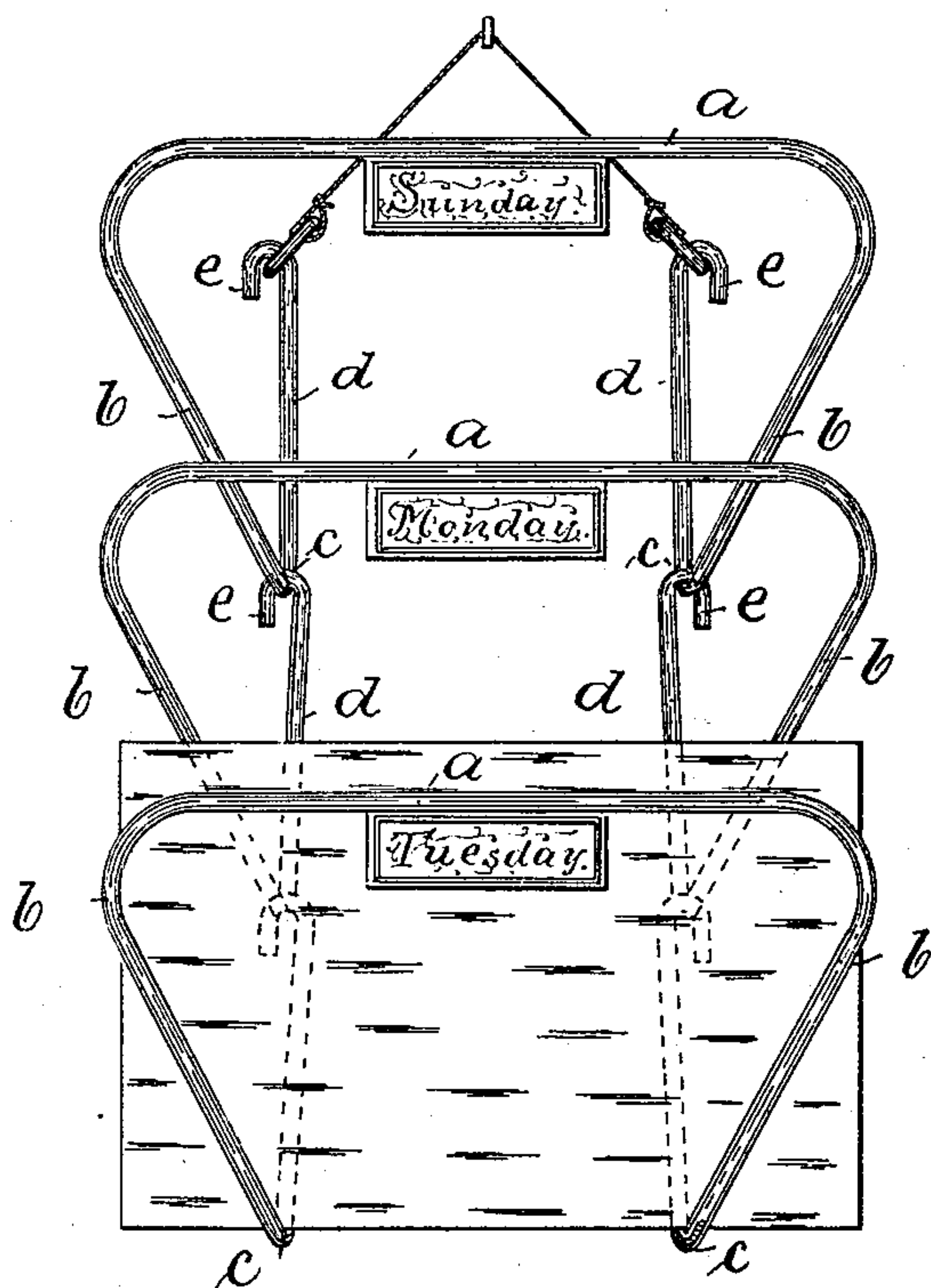


Fig. 2.

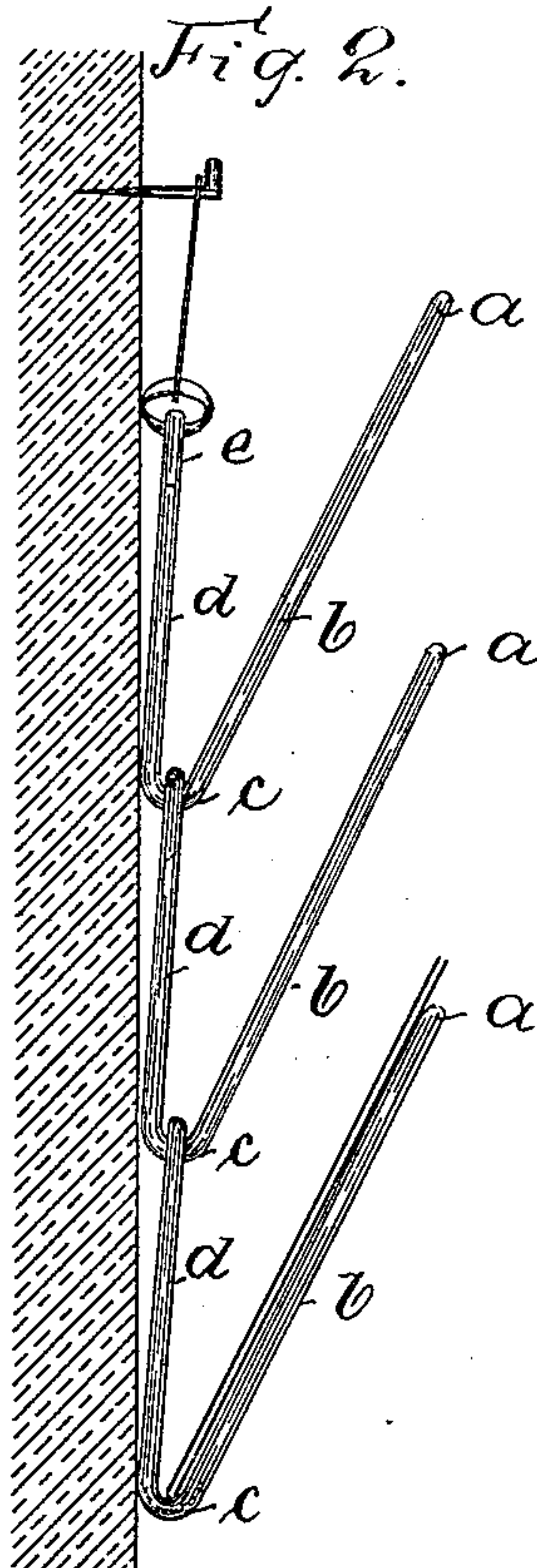


Fig. 3.

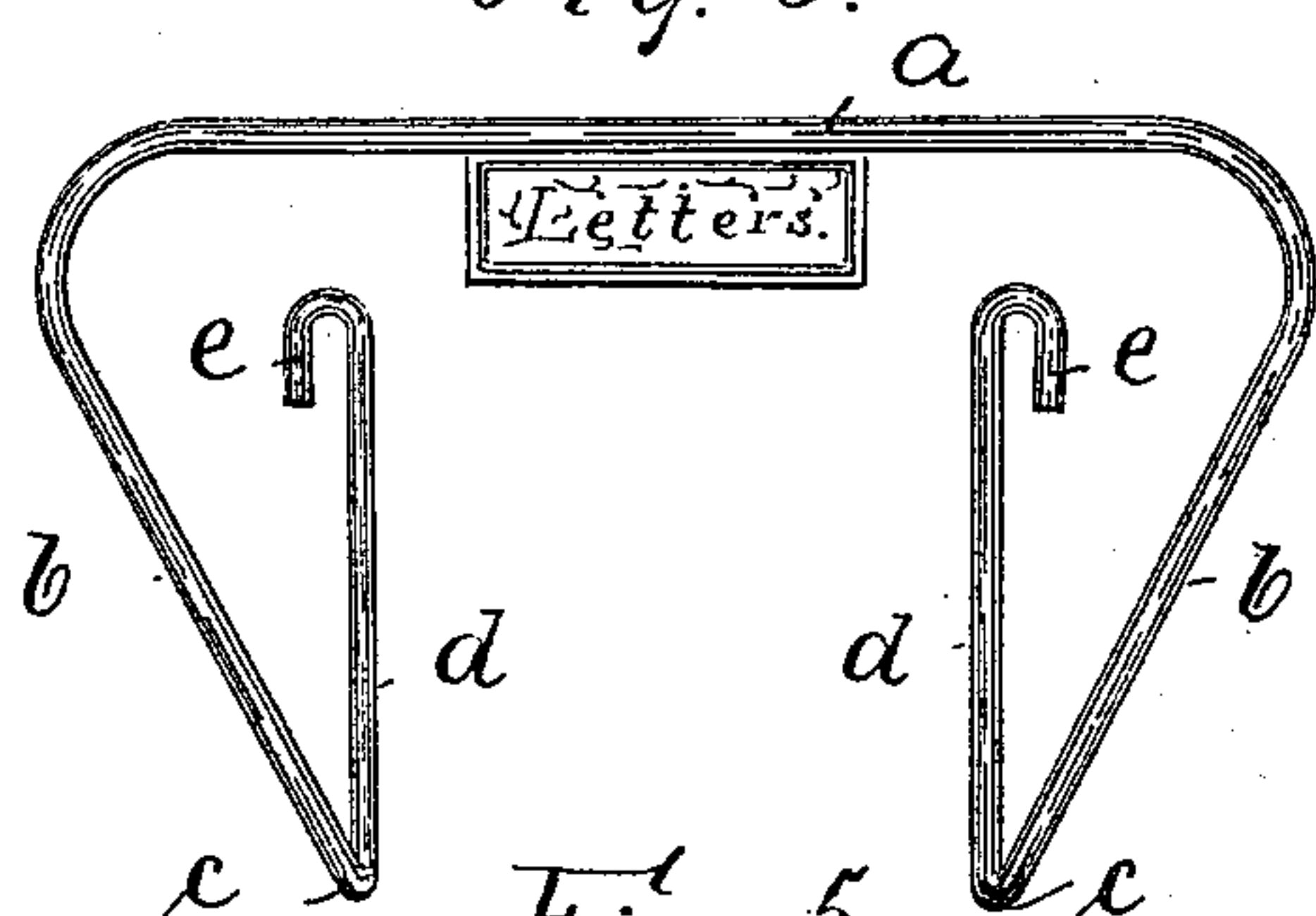


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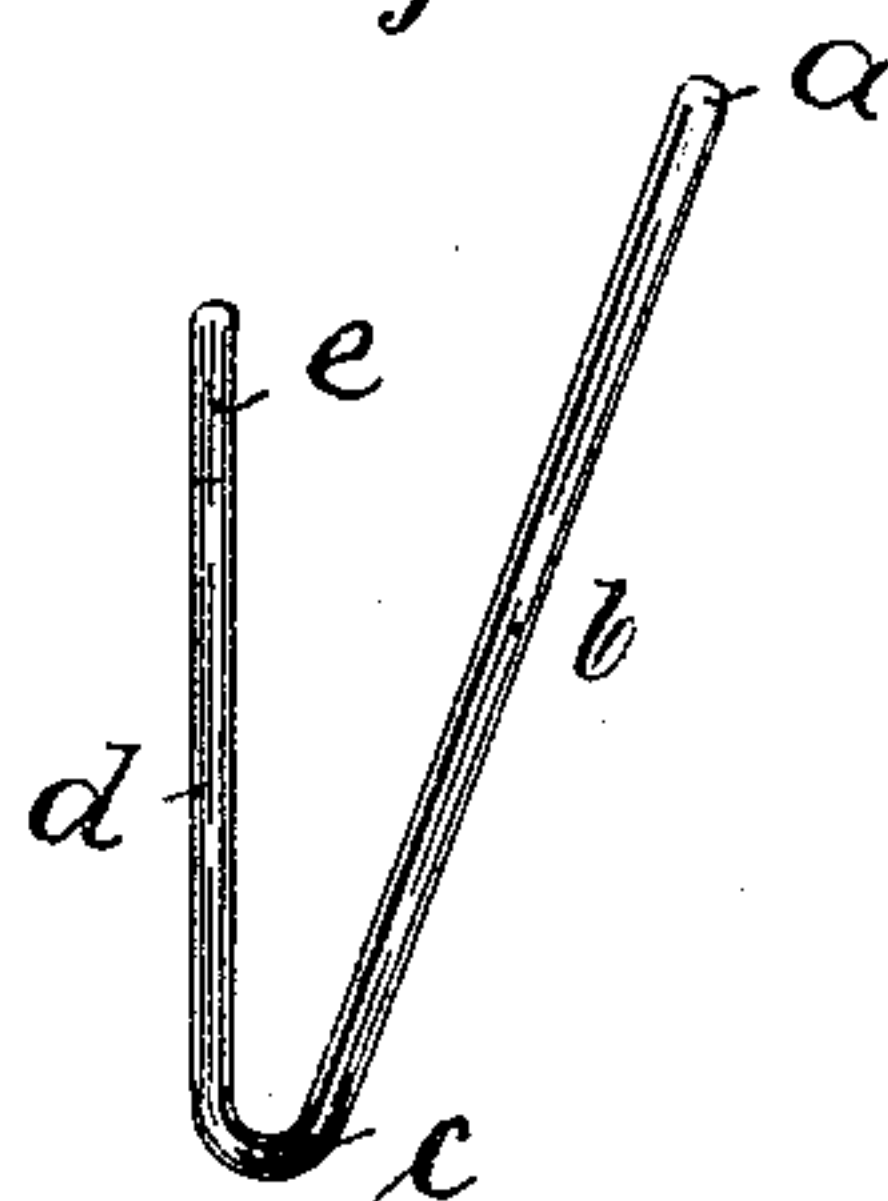
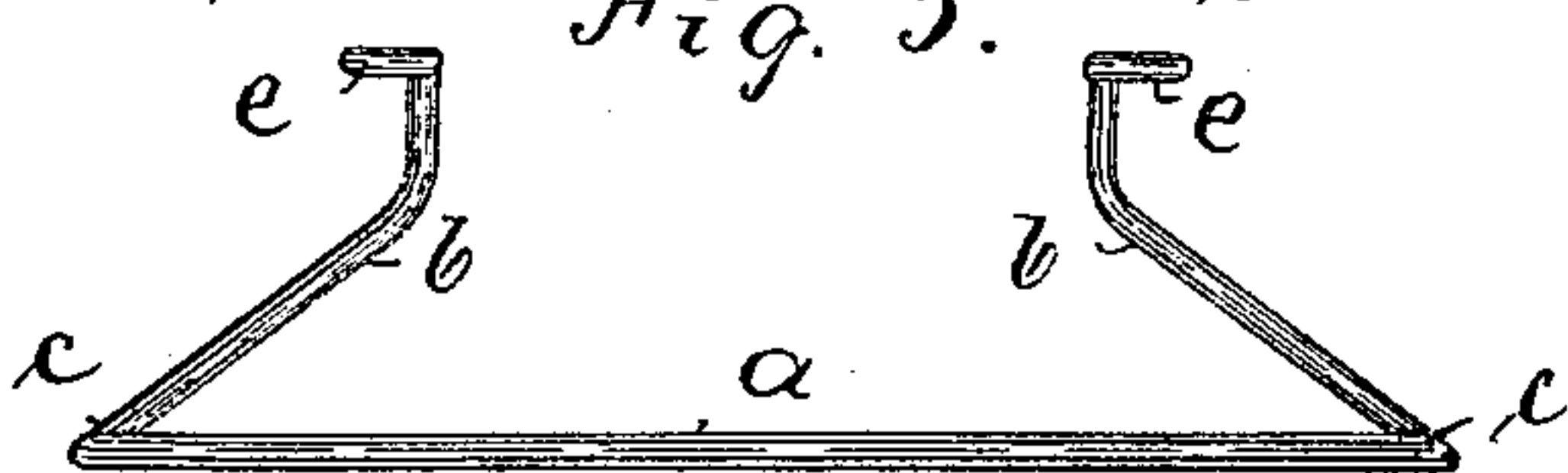


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD ELIAS, a subject of the King of Prussia, German Emperor, and a resident of Kosten, in the Province of Posen, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, have invented new and useful Improvements in Paper-Holders, of which the following is a full and exact specification.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for papers of any kind—as, for instance, letters, invoices, bills, and so on. The paper-holder consists of wire which is bent to a U shape in such a manner that the ends of the same being again bent back and upward are at their top provided with hooks, by means of which one holder can be hung on another. Hereby the said paper-holders may easily and quickly be put together or detached from one another, so as to form a long or short chain, as may be desired.

A novel feature of my invention is that it is possible to detach one holder without removing the contents of the holder above the same, and this possibility is secured by fastening one holder to that placed directly above it by means of hooks. The exclusive employment of the latter for attaching each paper-holder to the holder above the same is therefore an important feature of this invention, and is also an element of all the claims. The simple and handy shape of the paper-holders allows the same to be very easily packed and mailed, as well as to manufacture them at a very small cost.

Tablets bearing an inscription may be fixed to the holder in order to indicate the nature of the papers to be collected in the same or the days of the week.

In order to make my invention more clear, I refer to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters denote similar parts throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view showing a series of three paper-holders; Fig. 2, a side view of the same; Fig. 3, the front view of a single paper-holder; Fig. 4, a side view of the same, and Fig. 5 a plan view of the same.

The holder is bent of a single piece of wire. The cross-bar *a* forms, combined with the two forward-leaning bars *b b*, the front piece, against which the letters bear. These bars

b b converge slightly downward and at *c c* are bent back and upward again, thus forming the perpendicular suspension-rods *d d*, which at their top are bent sidewise, so as to form the hooks *e e*. The papers are collected between the suspension-rods *d d* and the bars *b b*. The hooks *e e* are used to fix a single paper-holder either to the wall by means of a string or of nails or to another holder by putting the said hooks *e e* into the bends at *c c*.

It will be understood that the space between the lower bends *c c* is left completely free, and this is essential in order that each of the paper-holders may be detached from that placed above it by raising the hooks *e e* a little and drawing the same out laterally, so that the papers contained in the upper holder need not be removed. The cross-bar *a* may be furnished in the middle with a tablet bearing the name of the kind of papers to be collected in the holder for—instance, "Invoices," "Bills," &c., or the names of the days, as "Monday," "Tuesday," &c. These tablets can be made removable in order that they may be changed, according to the wants and desires of the purchaser.

I am aware that paper-holders of a kind similar in a certain measure to the above-described one have been made and that paper-holders bent of pieces of wire, broadly speaking, are not novel; but I am not aware that any arrangement has been known or described hitherto in which hooks were exclusively employed for fastening each paper-holder to the superjacent one and in which the hereinbefore-mentioned advantages resulting from this exclusive employment of hooks were found. I do not, therefore, claim such paper-holders, broadly, but only those provided with hooks in the manner and for the purpose stated in this specification.

What I desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

1. A paper-holder consisting of single pieces which are bent to a U shape and the ends whereof are provided with hooks *e e* and which are connected one with another by means of the hooks *e e* and of the bends *c c*, for the purpose described.

2. A paper-holder consisting of single pieces of wire which are bent to a U shape and the

ends whereof are provided with hooks *e e* and which are connected one with another by means of the hooks *e e* and of the bends *c c*, for the purpose described.

- 5 3. A paper-holder consisting of single pieces of wire which are bent to a **U** shape and the ends whereof are provided with hooks *e e* and with tablets in the middle part of the cross-bar *a* and which are connected one with an-

other by means of the hooks *e e* and of the bends *c c*, for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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