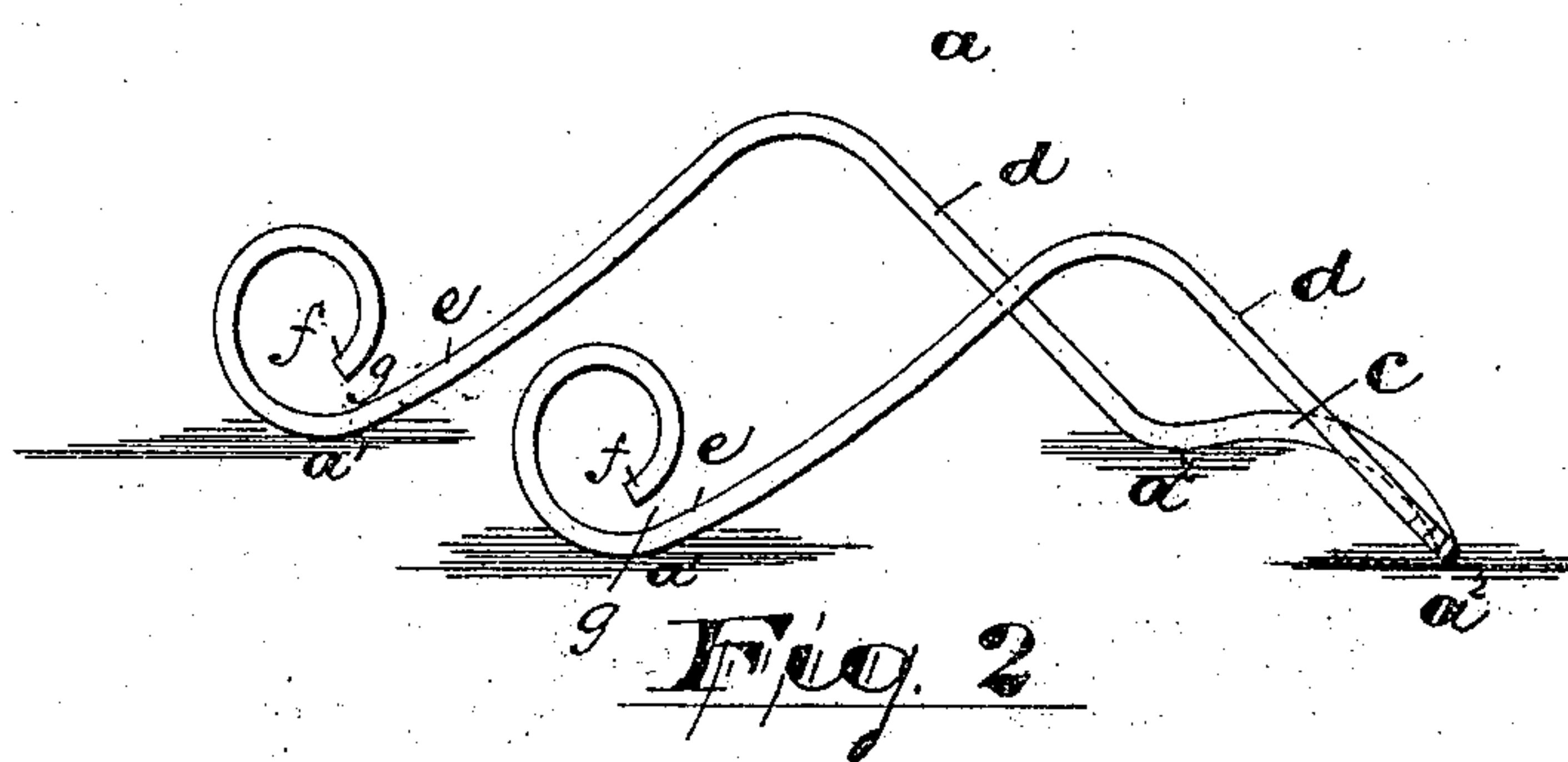
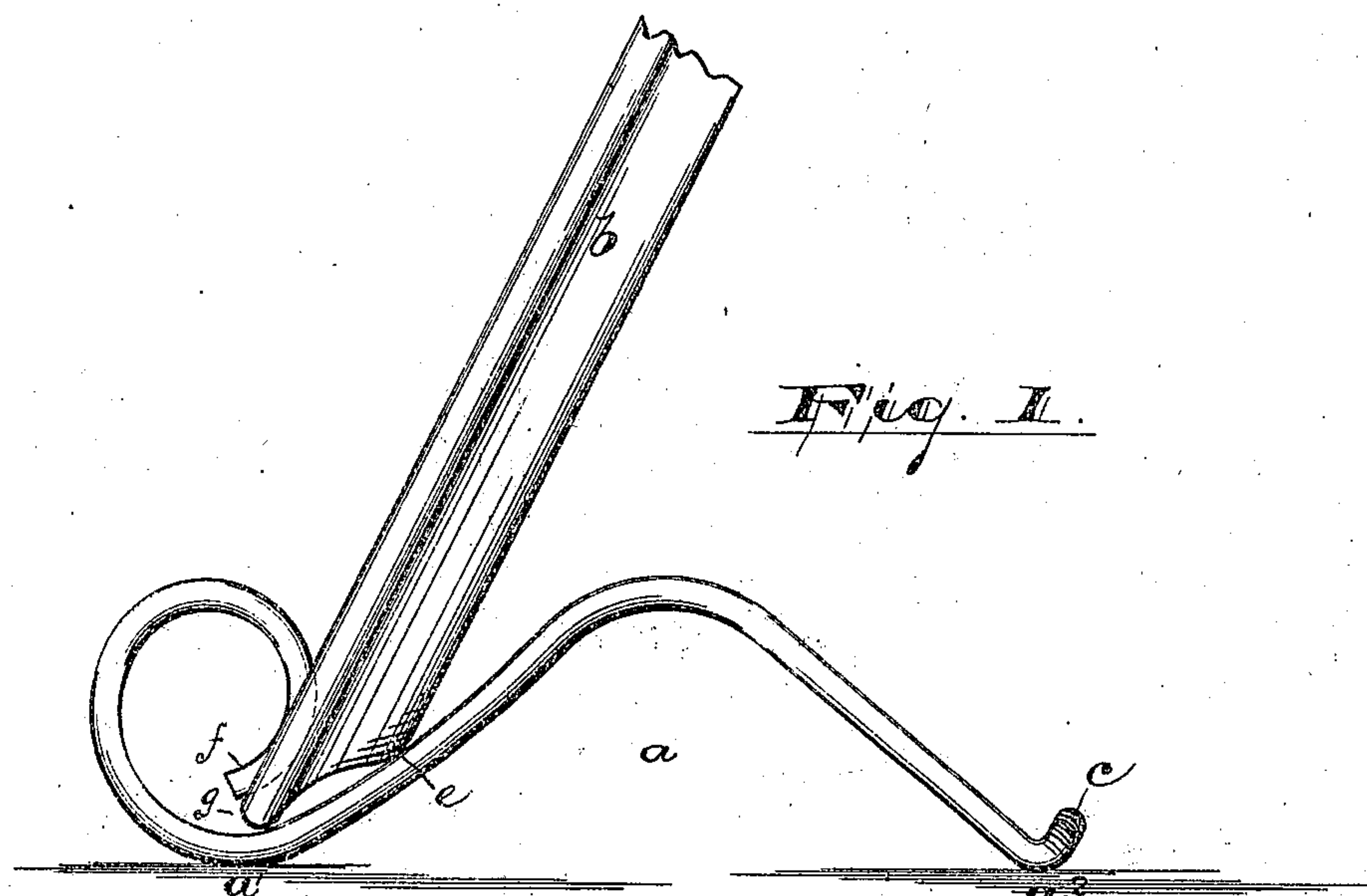


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND E. BROTHINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plate or Dish Supports; 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in that class of supports or holders for displaying the form of or decorations on plates, &c., by holding them vertically edgewise, in which the said holders are made of one piece of wire, bent to provide the desired supporting means.

The objects of the present improvements are to provide a more firm and substantial support for heavy plates and dishes, to enable a single support to hold a greater variety of sizes and shapes of dishes, and to secure other advantages and results some of which will be particularly referred to hereinafter.

The invention consists in the improved one piece wire support for plates, &c., and in the arrangements and combinations of parts of the same, all substantially as will be hereinafter fully described and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in each of the views, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved dish support or holder, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same.

In said drawings, *a* indicates a one-piece wire support for holding the plate, plaque, or dish vertically edgewise to display more fully its peculiarities of shape or decoration, having four bearings, *a'*, *a'*, *a*², *a*², adapted to engage the table, or other horizontal support, and *b* indicates a plate or dish held at an inclination by said support to display the decorations thereon. To secure the four bearings, the support is bent in the manner shown

more clearly in Fig. 2, where, *c*, indicates a transverse rear piece centrally raised from the horizontal plane of the bearings *a'*, *a*², so as to secure the lateral points of contact *a*², *a*², and forming a union or connection between the rear ends of the arms *d*, *d*. Said arms extend forward and provide bearings for the dish or plate to hold the same in the inclined position indicated in Fig. 1. Between the forward and rear bearings, *a'*, *a*², the arms are centrally raised or bent to form an inclined support for the back of the plate as shown at *e*, *e*. From said supports *e*, *e*, the ends of the wire are curled upwardly, forwardly, rearwardly and downwardly, in planes substantially the same as those in which the inclined bearings *e*, *e*, lie, and the extremities, *f*, of the curls extending approximately parallel with said bearings *e*, *e*, thus forming inclined passages *g*, *g*, which are wider at the upper parts, and into which the edges of the dishes are inserted so that their front marginal parts bear on said extremities *f*. The passages are thus formed to admit of a great variety of shapes and sizes of dishes to be held without bending or otherwise changing the shape of the wire.

Of the four bearings, *a'*, *a*², it will be noticed that a front and rear bearing is provided on both sides and at a considerable distance from the vertical center of the plate, and thus the latter is held firmly and is less liable to be thrown over by accident or inadvertence.

What I claim as new is—

1. The plate support for holding the plate vertically edgewise herein described combining therein a transverse rear connection for the arms *d*, *d*, the ends of said connections forming bearings, *a*², enabling the plate support to maintain its position, the arms *d*, *d*, being centrally raised or bent and forming inclined bearings, *e*, for the back of the plate, the forward ends of said arms being upwardly curled to engage the front of the plate, all said parts being of one integral piece of wire, substantially as set forth.

2. The plate support for holding the plate vertically edgewise comprising arms *d*, *d*, connected at the rear and having the free extremities, at the front, curled upwardly to form

front bearings for the plate, the said front bearings being integrally connected with the rearwardly connected arms, substantially as set forth.

- 5 3. The improved support for holding the plate vertically edgewise consisting of a single piece of wire comprising arms d, d , centrally raised from the plane of the floor and forming inclined bearings e, e , the opposite
10 ends of said arms forming bearings a', a', a^2, a^2 , at or in said floor plane, the rearward ex-

tremities being integrally connected and the free forward extremities being curled as at f , substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I 15 have hereunto set my hand this 3d day of November, 1892.

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