

(No Model.)

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RULER.

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FIG. 2.

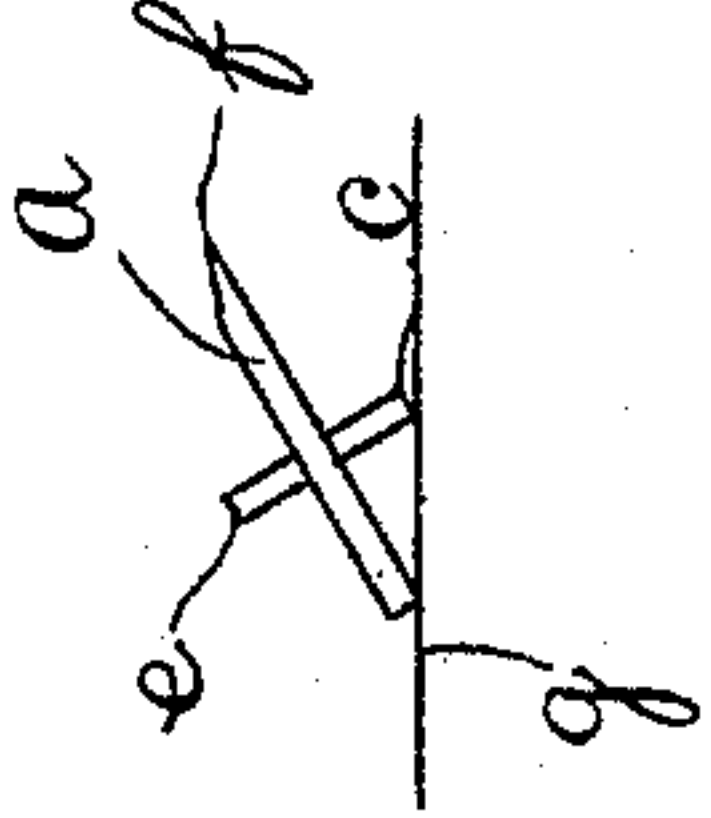


FIG. 3.

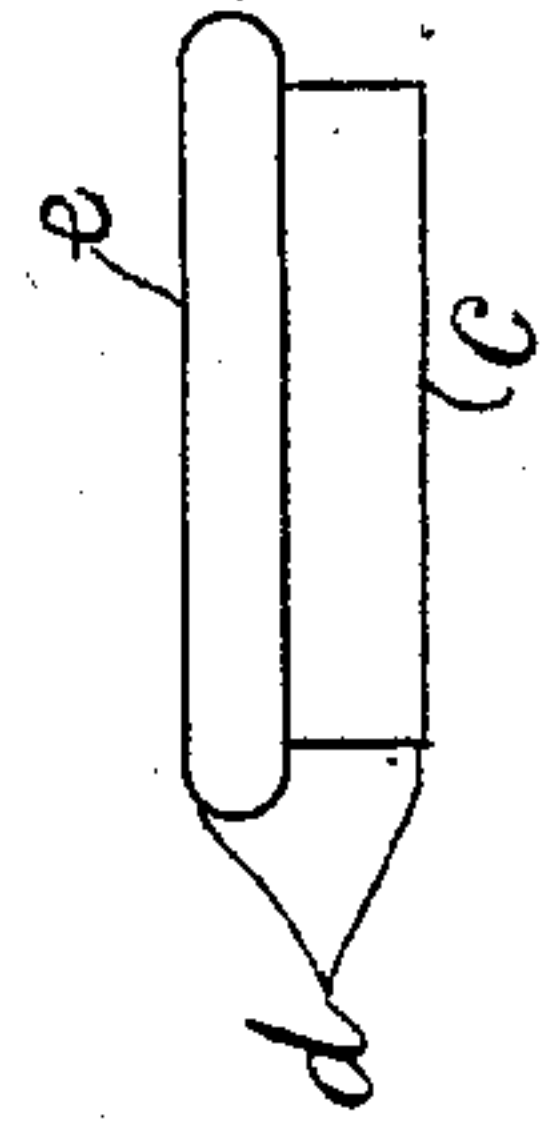


FIG. 1.

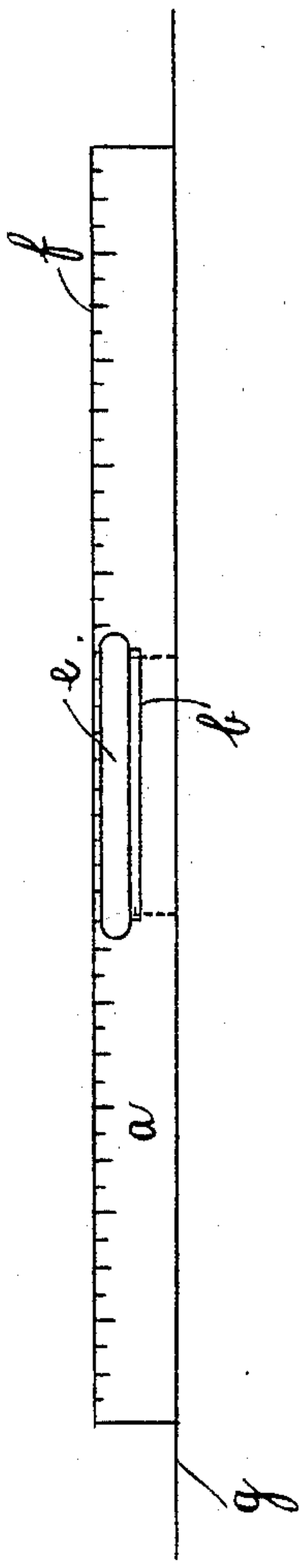
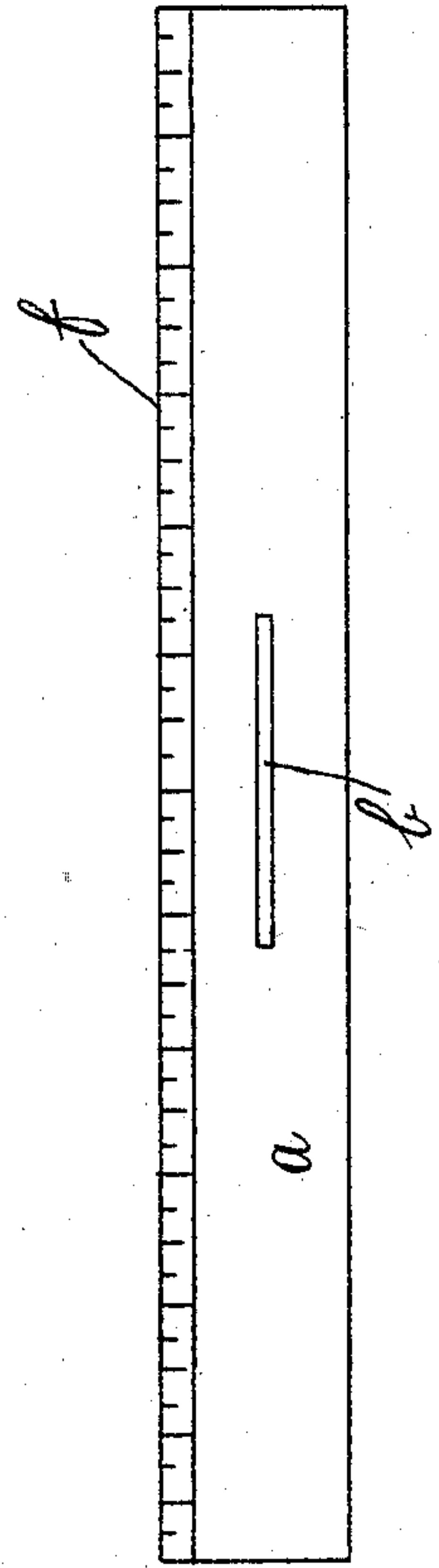


FIG. 4.



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## RULER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 585,738, dated July 6, 1897.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK MORRIS BRITTAIN, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of 11 Kniver Road South, Peak Hill, Sydenham, London, England, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Rulers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to rulers, and particularly to flat rulers, the objects being to provide means for readily lifting the rulers, and also to permit of their being placed in an inclined position on the surface on which they are to be used, so that the ruler may be above the surface, and thus facilitate the use of the pen and prevent blotting.

Referring to the drawings which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view, and Fig. 2 a side view, of a ruler with my improvement. Fig. 3 is a plan of the handle part separately, and Fig. 4 is a plan of the ruler separately.

The same letters represent the same parts wherever they occur.

$a$  is the ruler;  $b$ , a slot therein, through which is placed the end  $c$  of the handle-piece  $d$  in such manner that  $c$  will project through

the slot on the opposite side to that on which projects the handle  $e$ . The projecting end  $c$  keeps the ruling edge  $f$  above the surface  $g$  on which the ruler is being used, and so facilitates the movement of the pen along it and, moreover, prevents blotting. The end  $c$  can be retained in  $b$  by making it a snug fit or by gluing or otherwise.

The ruler and the handle may be made of any suitable material or combination of materials.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In rulers the slot  $b$  and the handle-piece  $d$  which comprises the end  $c$  and the handle proper  $e$ , the end  $c$  being adapted to pass through  $b$  and project beyond the under surface of the ruler  $a$ , substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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