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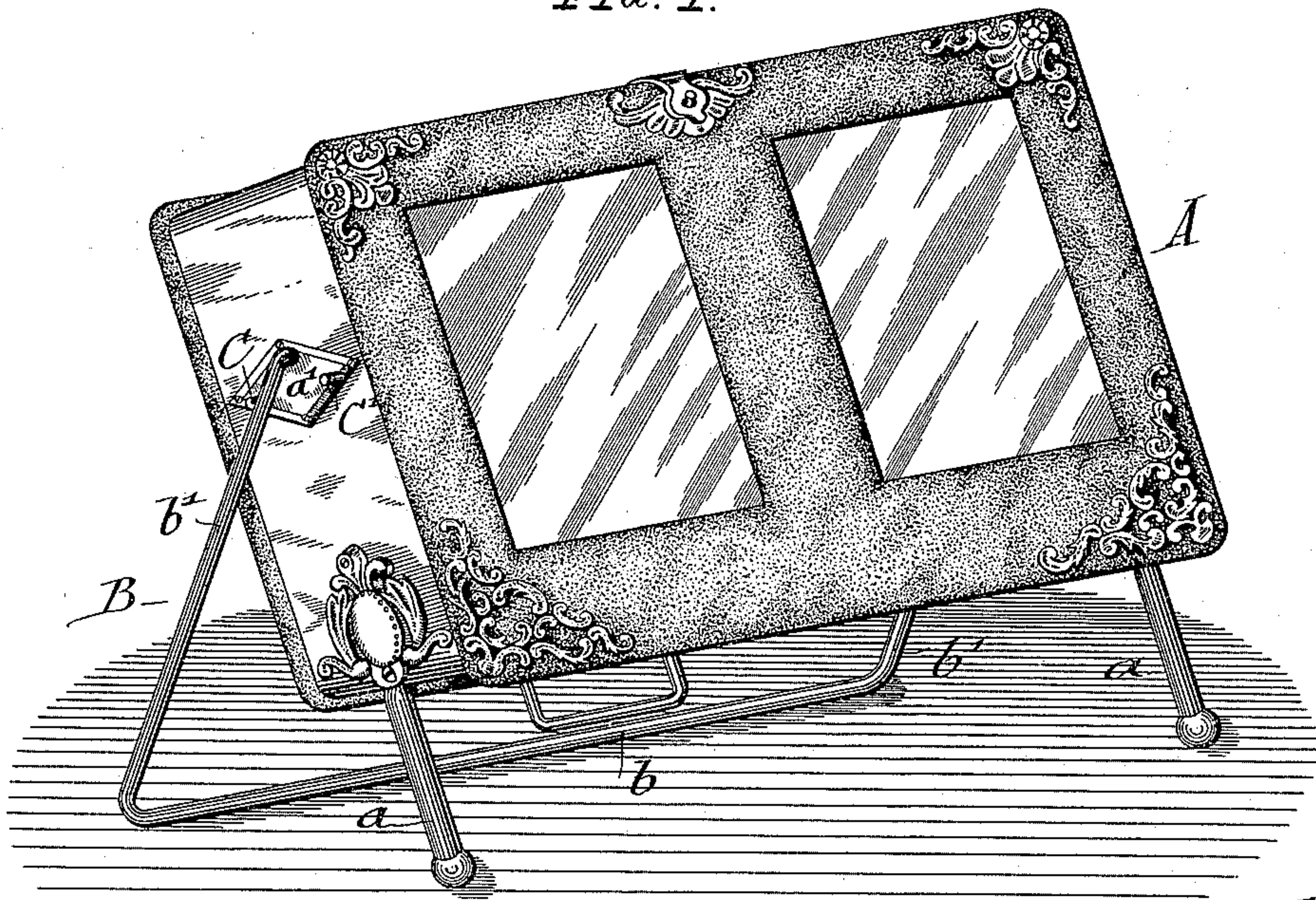


FIG. 2.

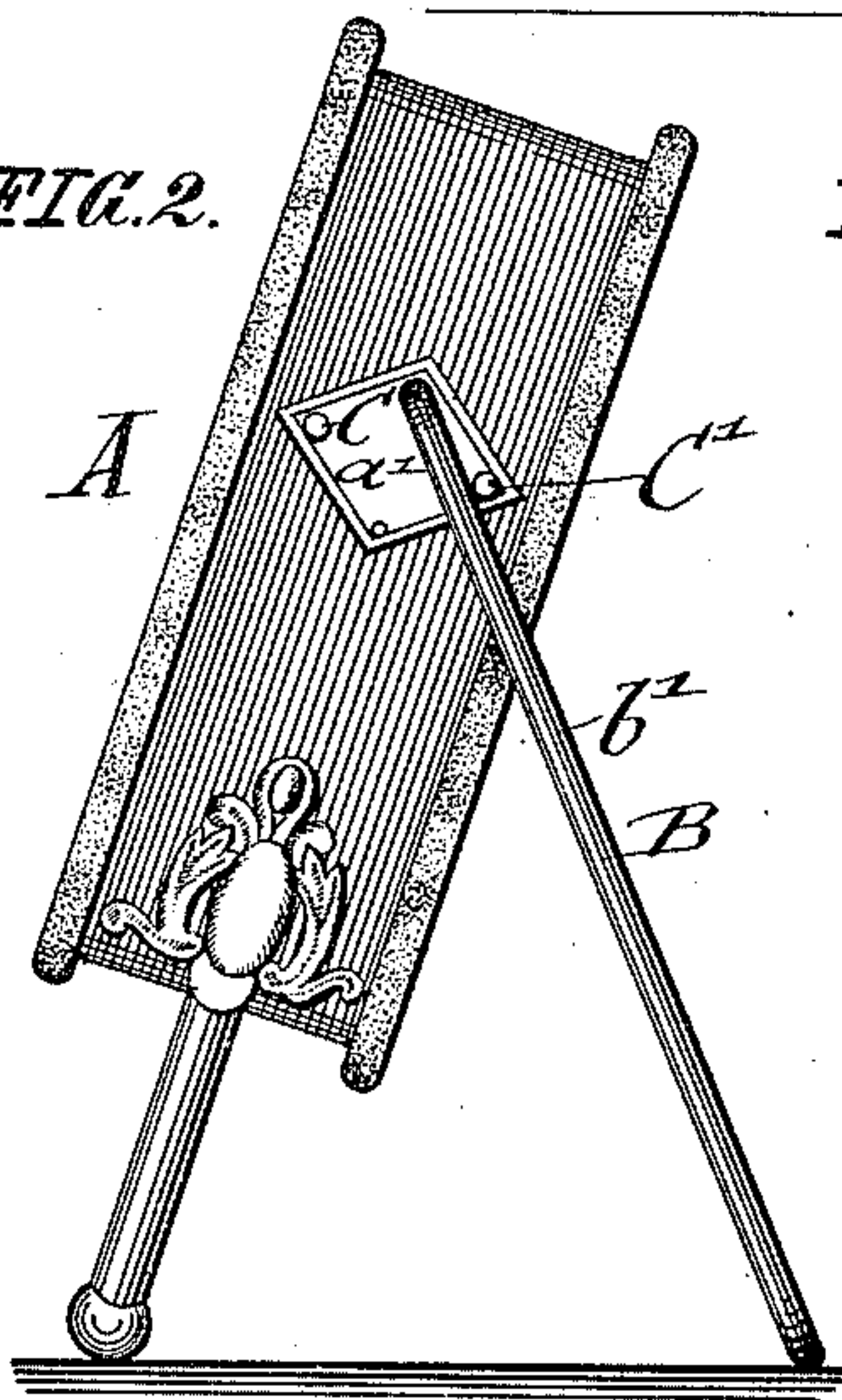


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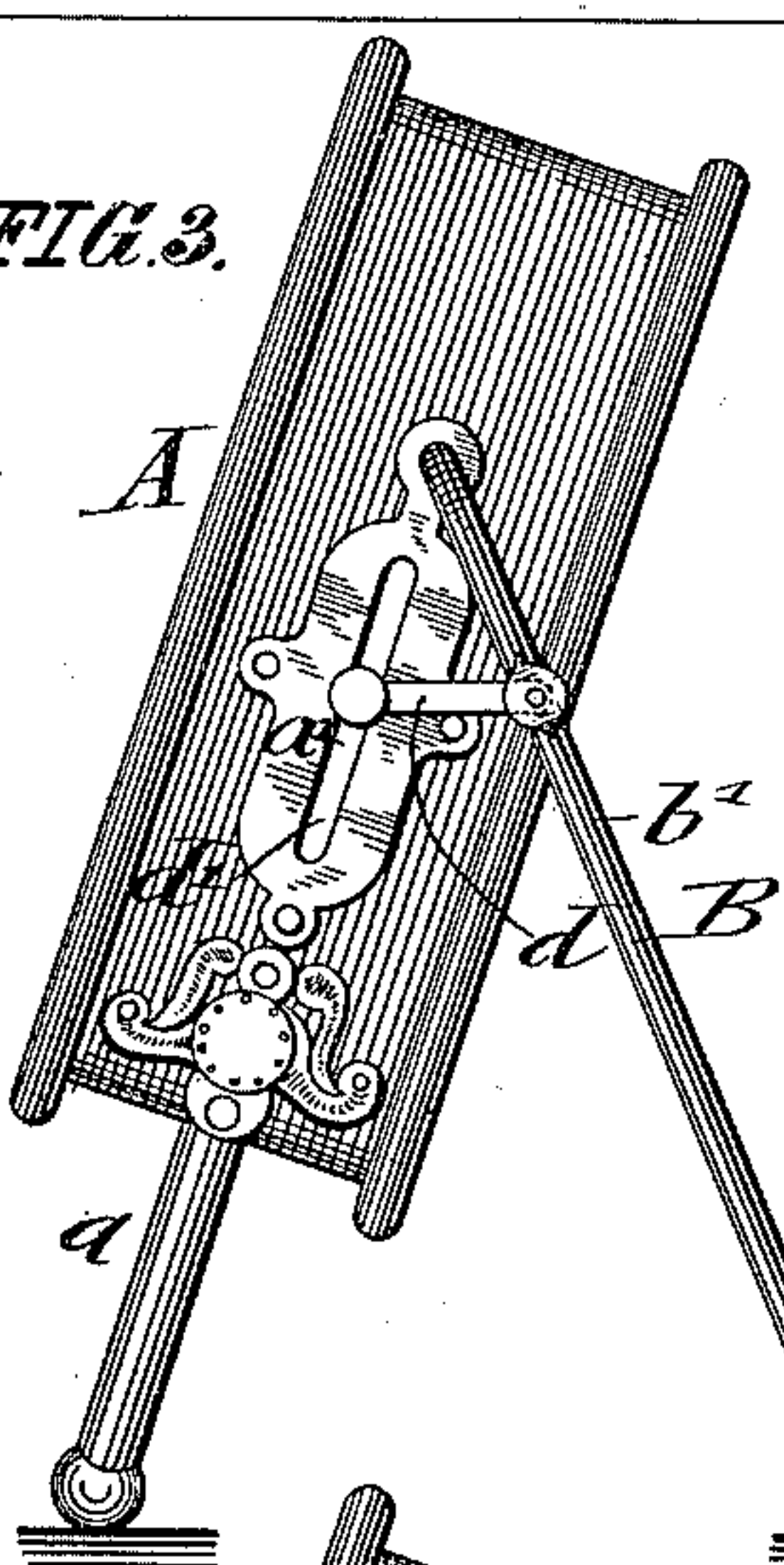


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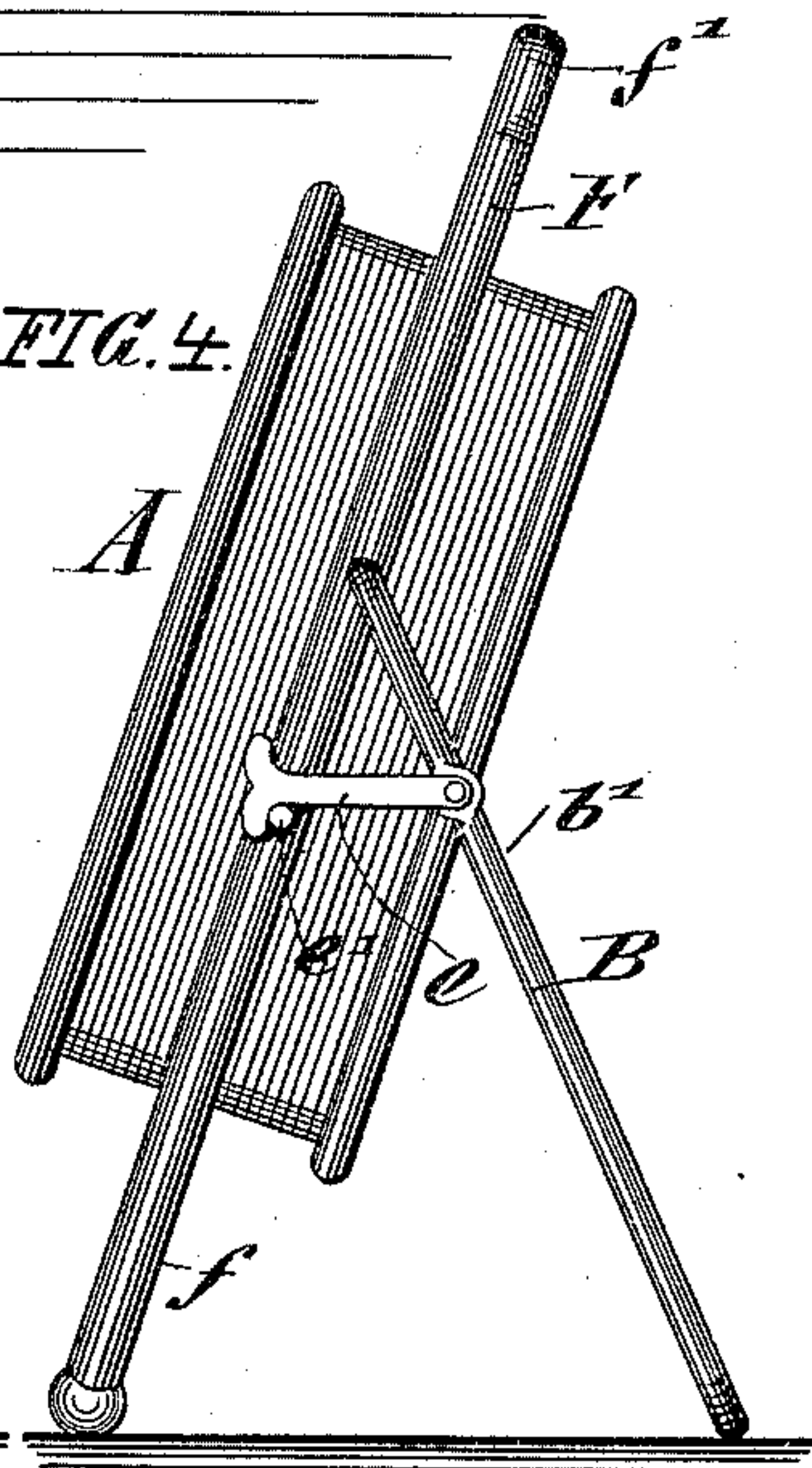
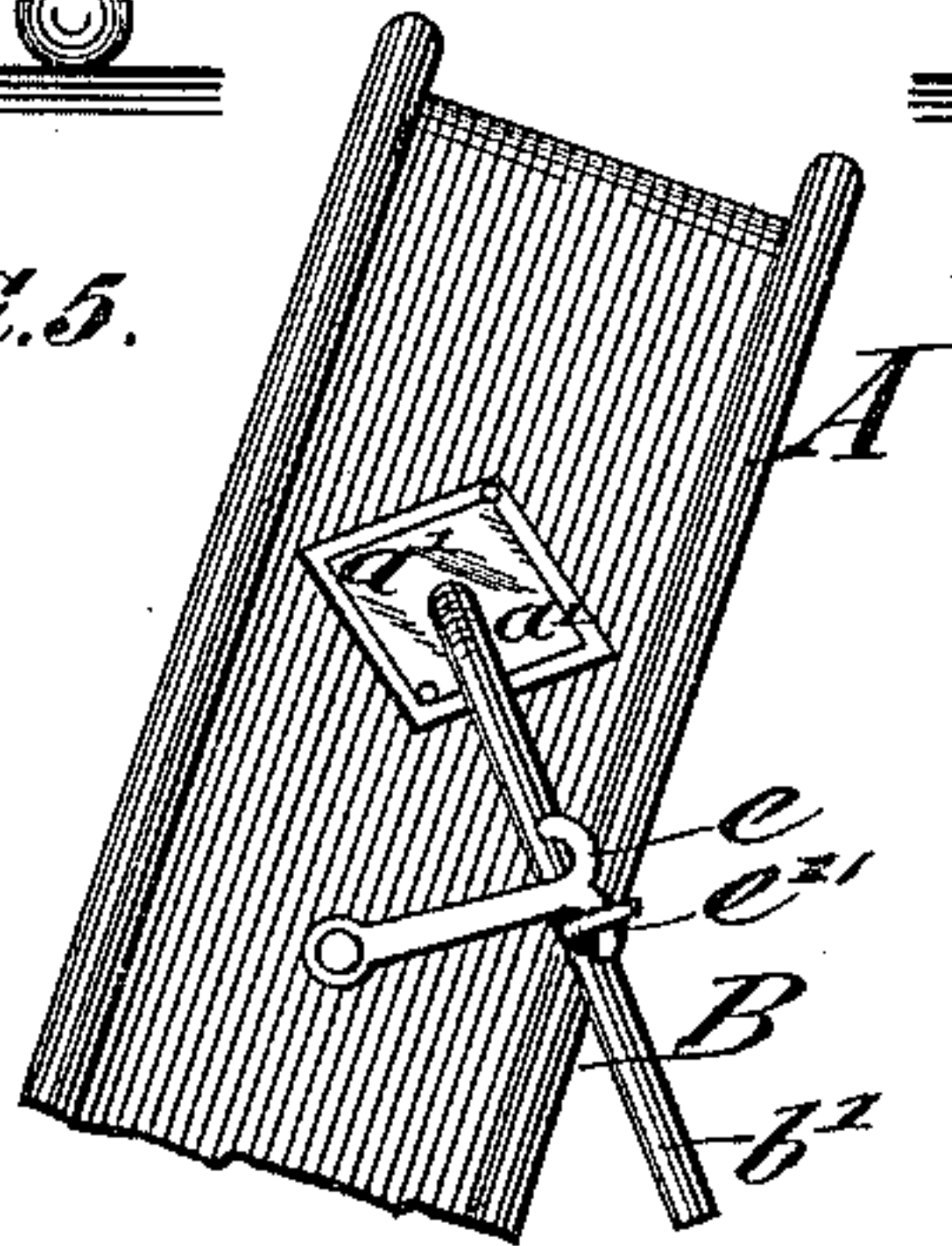


FIG. 5.



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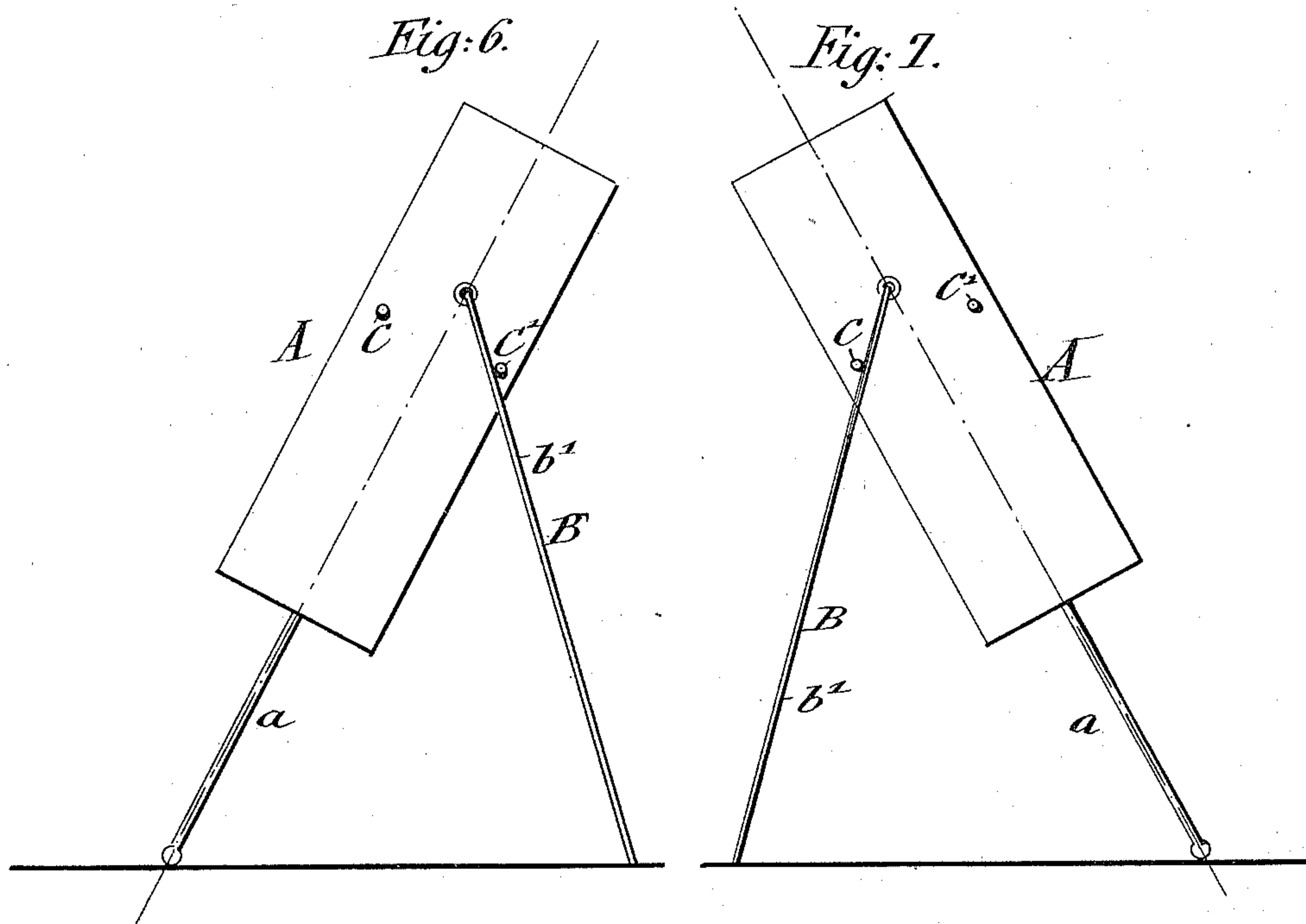
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## SUPPORT FOR PICTURE-EXHIBITORS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RAPHAL AIZENMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Picture-Exhibitors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for supporting picture-exhibitors, so that the pictures carried thereby may be conveniently viewed; and the invention consists of a picture-exhibitor provided with a suitable support, a reversible swinging frame pivoted to said exhibitor, and a locking or stop device for limiting the swing of said frame.

The invention consists, further, of details of construction hereinafter described, and defined in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a picture-exhibitor, showing one form of my improved support. Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are side elevations thereof, showing various modified forms of the support. Figs. 6 and 7 are side elevations showing the supporting-frame at the limit of its swing, so as to expose either side of the exhibitors.

In the drawings, A represents a picture-exhibitor especially adapted for the exhibition of small pictures, such as cabinet-photographs, and which may be of any suitable construction usual to such devices and may be of any preferred material and ornamented in any desired manner. This exhibitor A is provided with suitable supports or legs *a*, arranged upon the lower side at each end thereof. To the sides of the exhibitor A and preferably near the center thereof are affixed suitable metal plates *a'*, which may be ornamental or plain, as desired. Pivoted in these plates *a'* is a swinging frame B, composed, preferably, of a metal rod bent so as to present a broad rest *b*, which extends the whole length of the exhibitor and which affords a firm support therefor. At either end of the base *b* the rod is bent upwardly to form arms *b'*, the ends of which are bent in and engage orifices in the metal plates *a'*, forming pivotal connections therewith. The arms *b'* are of sufficient length to permit the base *b* to support the exhibitor at the desired inclination, so as to afford the best view of the picture. By reason of the pivotal connection of the

frame B either face or front of the exhibitor may be presented to view by simply swinging said frame from one side to the other of the exhibitor.

Suitable stop devices are provided for the purpose of limiting the swing of the pivoted supporting-frame. In Figs. 1 and 2 are shown two pins *C C'*, fixed on the side plates *a'* and arranged at a proper distance from the pivotal connection of the frame to limit the swing of said frame to the exact point on either side of the exhibitor. In Fig. 3 is shown a modified form of the stop device, and comprises a link *d*, pivoted to the swinging frame and engaging at its other end a suitable guide-slot *d'*, formed in the side plates *a'*, which are made of sufficient length to accommodate the slot. As the frame is swung from one side of the exhibitor to the other the end of the link *d* slides down in the slot *d'* until the frame passes the center of the exhibitor, when it slides up in said slot, as will be readily understood from the drawings. A great advantage of this form of stop device lies in the fact that there is sufficient friction between the end of the link *d* and the slot *d'* to permit the frame to be swung or adjusted to any desired distance, thus enabling the inclination of the exhibitor to be varied as desired.

Figs. 4 and 5 show a stop device comprising a double-headed hook *e*, pivotally connected with either the swinging frame B or to the exhibitor A. This hook is adapted to engage an eye *e''* or pin *e'*, located on the frame or exhibitor to conform with the location of the hook. The operation of this form of stopping device is obvious and calls for no further description.

In the construction shown in Fig. 4 the side plates *a'* and supporting-legs *a* are dispensed with and a single rod F substituted, the lower ends *f* of which form the supporting-legs. The rod is curved over the top of the exhibitor, forming a handle or bail *f'*. The frame is pivoted directly to the rod F, and one member of the locking device is also affixed to the rod below the pivotal connection, the other member being secured to the frame.

In the form shown in Fig. 5 the frame B may be swung upwardly upon releasing the hook from the eye or pin *e'* and used as a handle or bail to carry the exhibitor.



The above-described construction provides a useful, convenient, and ornamental supporting device which enables the operator to instantly set up the exhibitor at the proper inclination to afford the best view thereof and which is steady and will not slip, thus avoiding the upsetting of the exhibitor while in use.

It is essential, to afford the best results, that the supports or legs *a* be arranged at the center of the exhibitor and that the pivotal connection between the supporting-frame B and the exhibitor be located in substantially the same vertical plane as the supporting-legs *a*. The stop devices are each located at approximately equal distances on either side of this vertical plane. Hence when the supporting-frame is swung to one side or the other the exhibitor will be supported at the proper inclination to expose either side to view, as is clearly shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

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

1. In a picture-exhibitor, the combination with the body thereof having suitable supports, of a swinging frame pivotally connected with said body, the pivots of the said frame and the supporting-legs being on a plane passing vertically through the center of the ends

of the body, and a stop for limiting the swing of said frame in either direction, substantially as set forth.

2. In a picture-exhibitor, the combination with the body thereof having suitable supports, of side plates attached to said body, a swinging frame pivoted to the side plates, the pivots of the said frame and the supporting-legs being on a plane passing vertically through the center of the ends of the body, and a stop for limiting the swing of the frame in either direction, substantially as set forth.

3. In a picture-exhibitor, the combination with the body thereof having suitable supports, of a swinging frame pivoted to the said body, the pivots of the said frame and the supporting-legs being on a plane passing vertically through the center of the ends of the body, and a hook-and-eye connection between said frame and the body for limiting the swing of the frame in either direction, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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