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Fig 2.

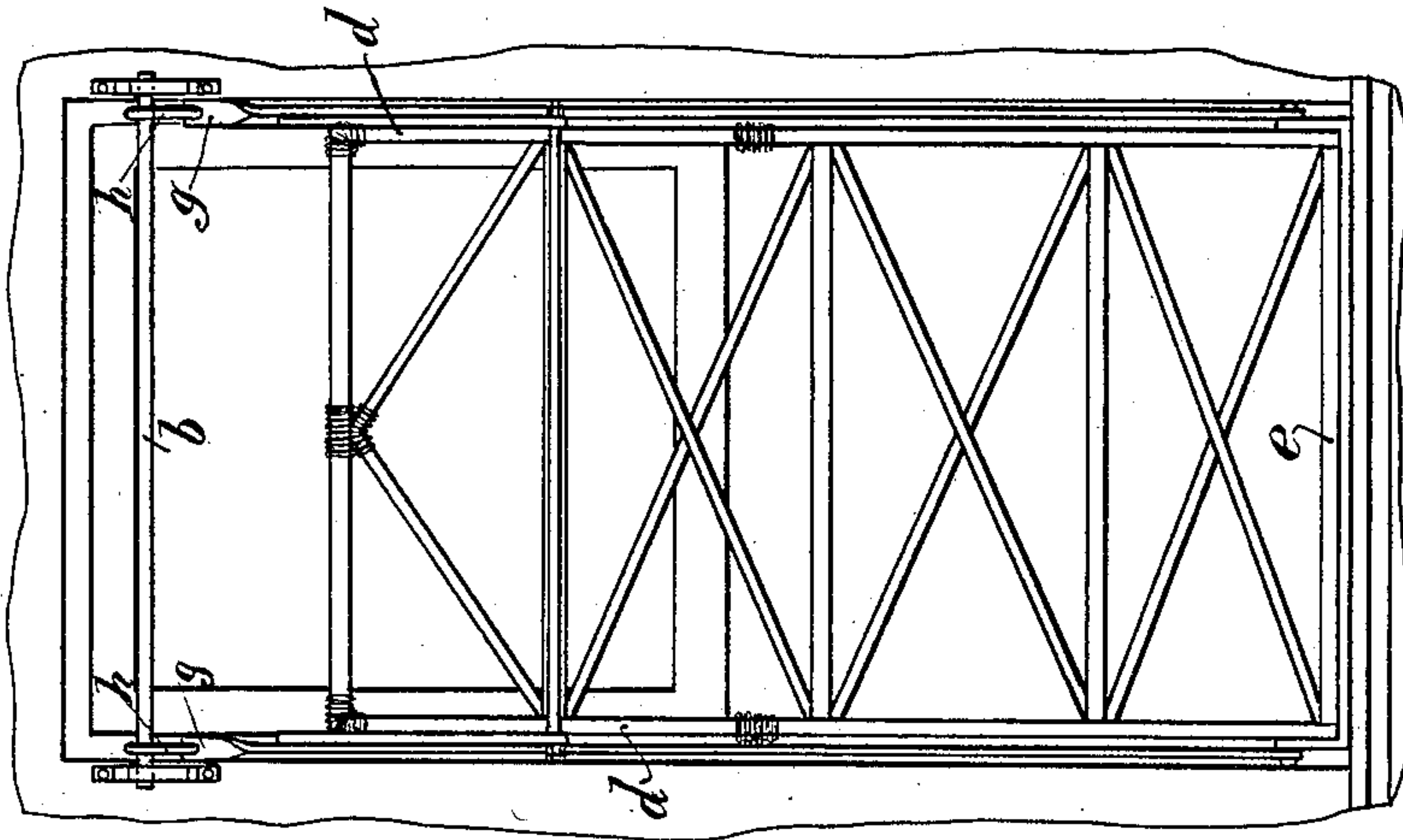


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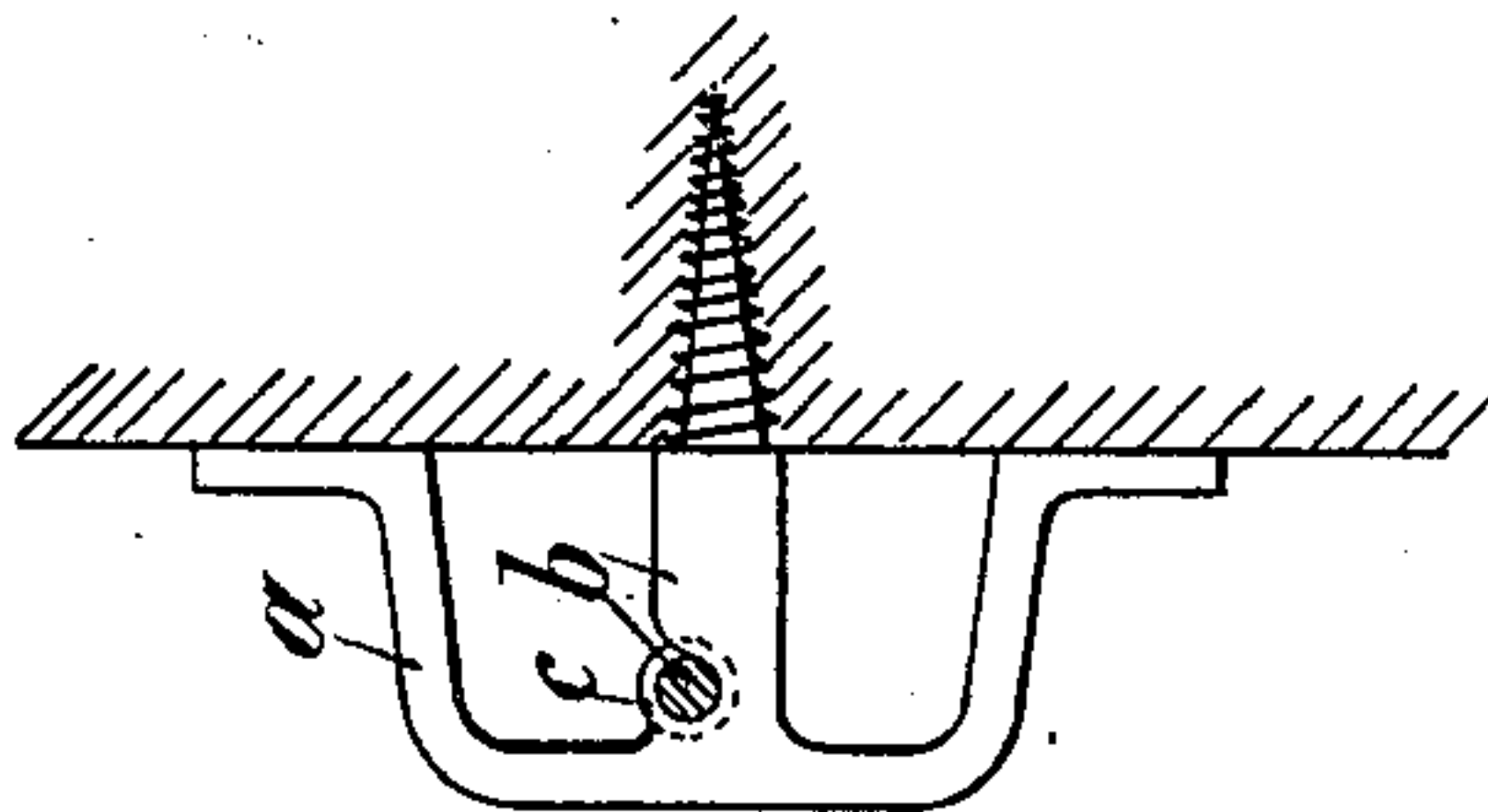
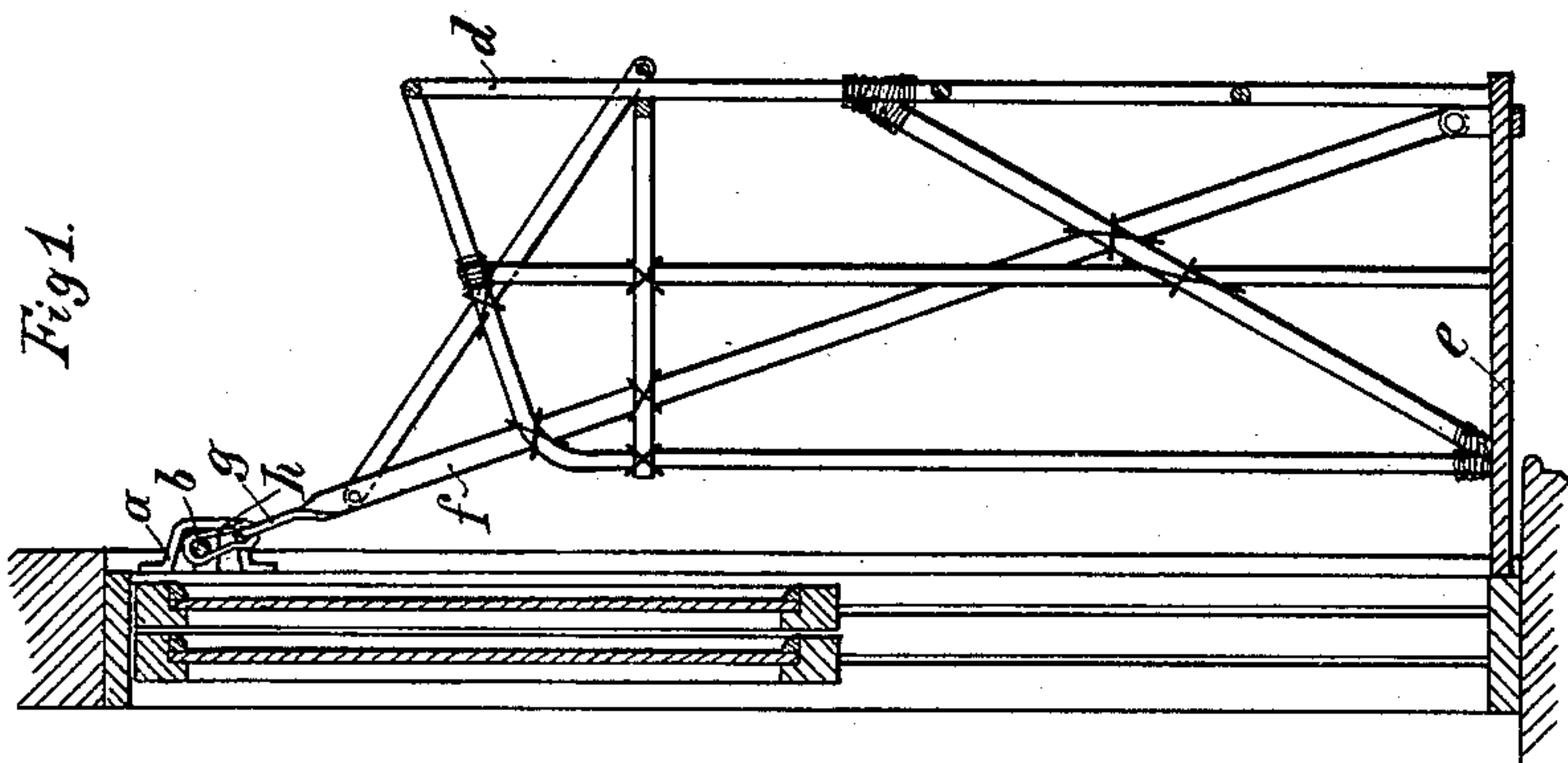


Fig 1.



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## PORTABLE BALCONY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUDOLF BAHNSEN, a subject of the King of Prussia, German Emperor, residing at Barmstedt, in the Kingdom of Prussia, German Empire, have invented an Improved Portable Balcony for Use When Cleaning Windows and for such Like Purposes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has for its object to prevent accidents happening to servants and others when cleaning windows situated above the ground-level.

In carrying out my invention I suspend from a transverse rod fixed inside the window to be cleaned a protecting basket or framework resembling a balcony in shape. This basket or framework is so lightly constructed and so easily manipulated that it can be readily transported from place to place by any one without great exertion.

In order that my said invention may be properly understood, I have hereunto appended an explanatory sheet of drawings, whereon—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 2 a front view, of a window with the device attached. Fig. 3 is a detail view.

On the drawings, *a* are safety hooks or catches, (see detail view, Fig. 3,) which are screwed or otherwise fixed into the wall or into the uprights of the window-frame on each side of the window.

*b* is a transverse rod of suitable length which is inserted into or fastened to the hooks *a*. Collars *c* are fitted to each end of the rod *b* to prevent it sliding off the hooks *a*. To the rod *b* the protecting basket or framework *d* is fitted by means of eyes *g* and spring hooks or catches *h*.

The protecting basket or framework consists, essentially, of a metal frame *d*, sur-

rounded by osier-work or other light material *d'*. The foot-plate *e* is of such a length that when the device is in use its rear portion bears against the window-sill. Inclined rods *f* are connected at their lower ends by means of bolts or the like to the front portion of the foot-plate *e*, while at their upper ends they form the eyes *g*, which engage with the spring-hooks *h*, fitted on rod *b*, and thus support the device.

The protecting basket or framework may be of any suitable size or shape, but is preferably made so that only one person can conveniently move therein.

The shape of the basket or framework prevents any possibility of the person cleaning the windows falling out of it.

The invention provides at a small cost a protective appliance which can be readily connected to or removed from any window.

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

1. A protecting device or balcony for preventing accidents when cleaning windows, consisting of a basket or framework provided with inclined rods extending upward therefrom and by which the basket is suspended, the lower portion of the basket resting loosely against the window-sill, substantially as described.

2. A protecting device or balcony for preventing accidents when cleaning windows, consisting of a basket or framework provided with upwardly-extending inclined arms, in combination with a cross-rod placed across the window-opening and to which the said rods are adapted to be hooked, the basket being thus freely suspended from said rod and resting below against the window-sill.

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