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Fig. 1.

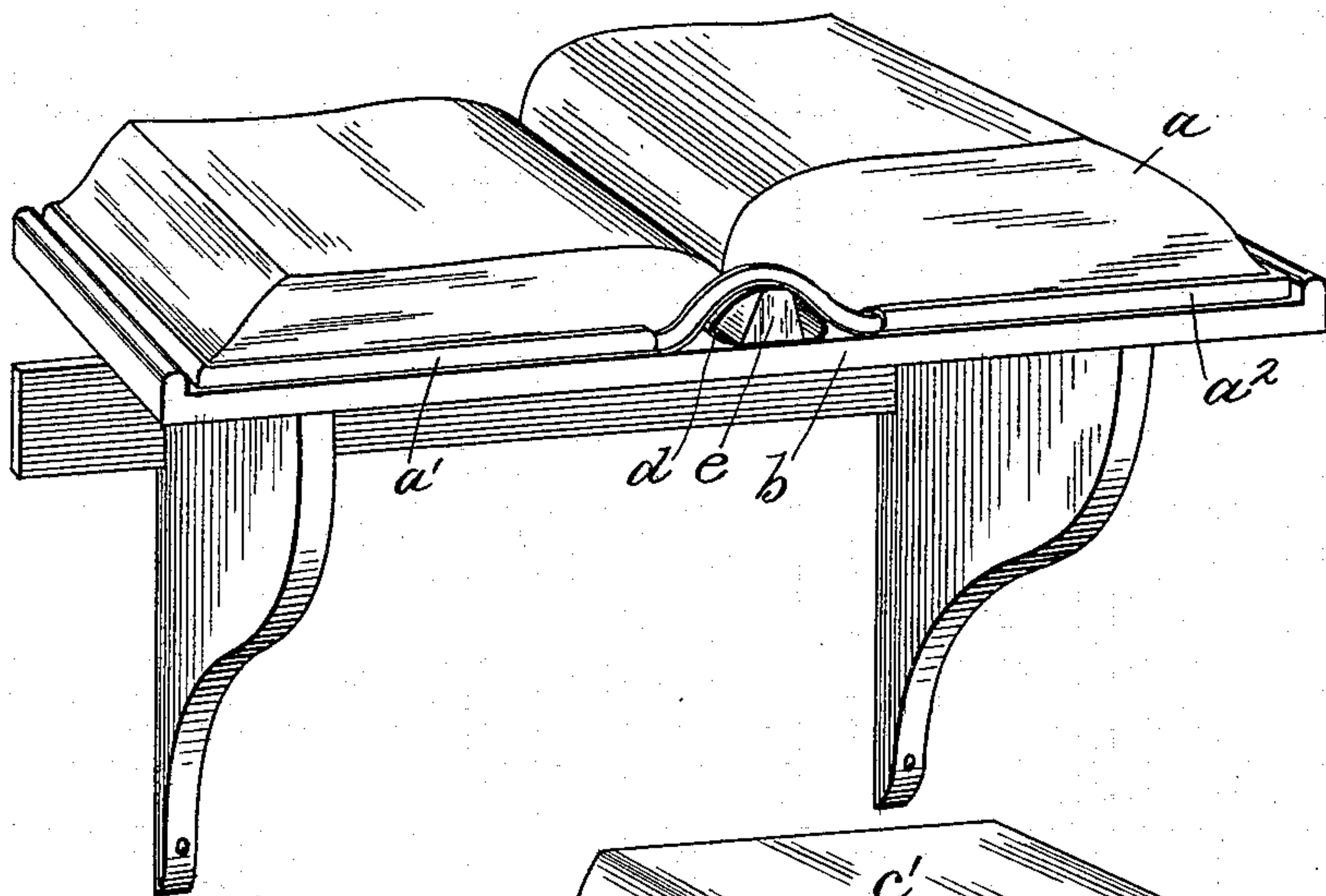


Fig. 2.

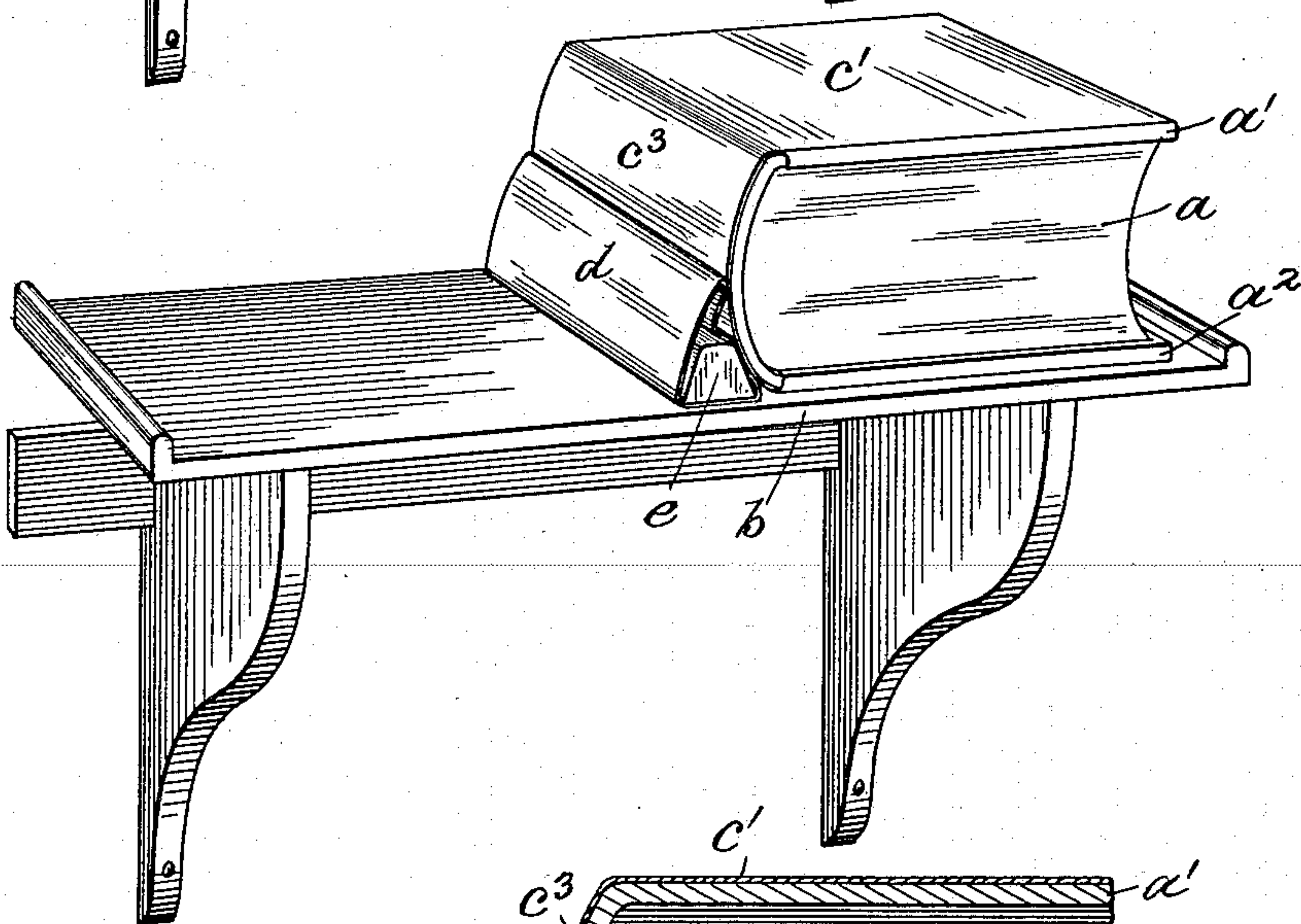
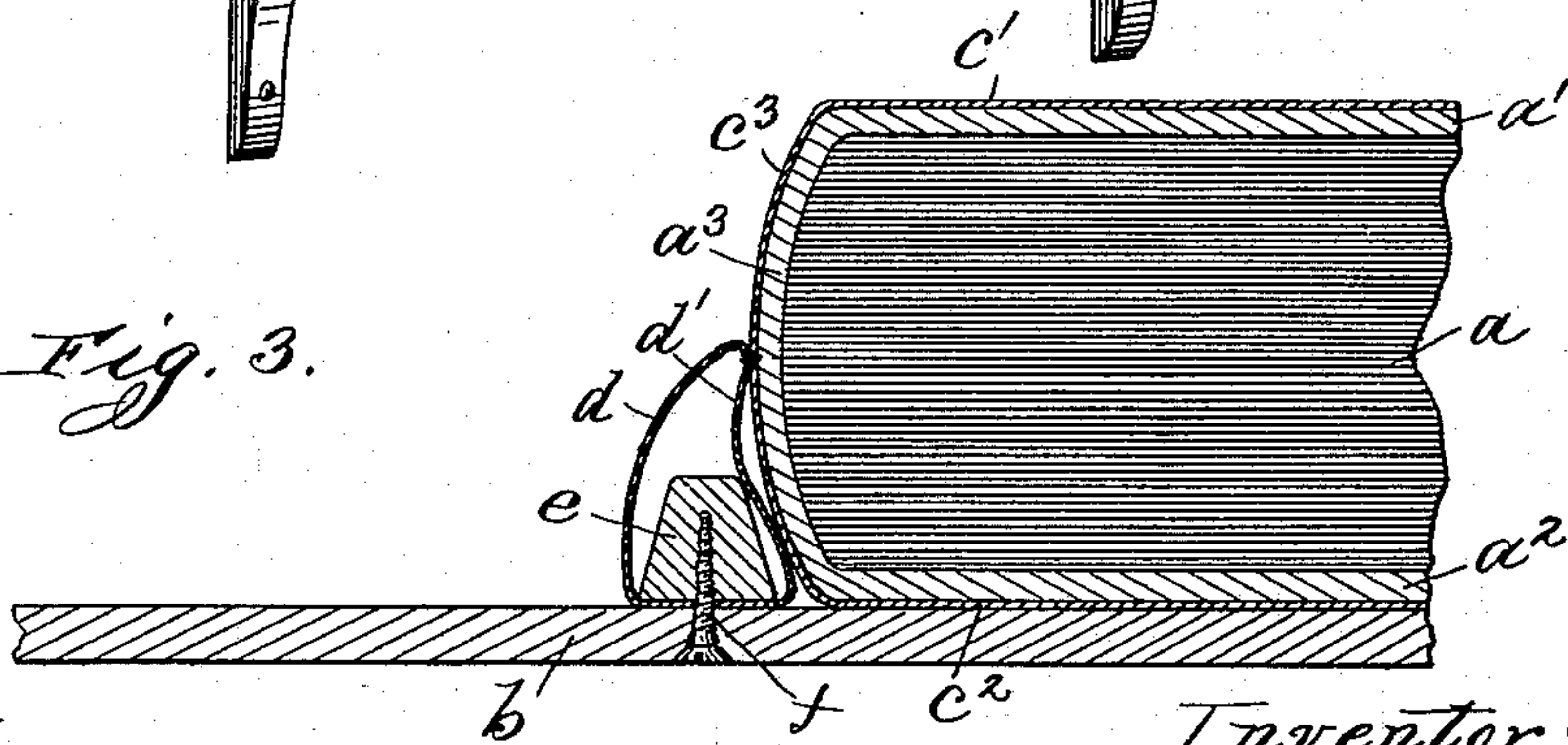


Fig. 3.



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## BOOK-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LA VERNE W. NOYES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Book-Fasteners, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a book-fastener for dictionaries, directories, and the like, my object being to provide means for securely fastening a book in a stationary position, while permitting the same to be readily opened for reference.

In the preferred form of my invention I provide a fastener comprising two sheets or layers of flexible material, as canvas, one edge of each of the sheets being sewed or otherwise secured to the back of the main or supplemental cover along a medial longitudinal line, and the opposite edges of the sheets are secured beneath the opposite edges of a cleat or bar which is fastened to the table or other surface upon which the book is to rest. The flexible sheets permit the book when closed to lie on either side of the cleat, while when opened the back of the book rests upon the cleat, the cleat readily fitting in the space left by the arching of the back, and, furthermore, the cleat insures the arching of the back to prevent the binding from being strained and broken. I preferably form the fastener from a single piece of canvas, the middle of which is secured to the back of the cover, while the edges are clamped between the cleat and the table. The fastener may be attached directly to the back of the main cover of the book, although I preferably attach the fastener to the back of the supplemental cover of canvas or similar material adapted to be applied to the book.

I have illustrated my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a book provided with the fastener of my invention, the book being opened. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the book closed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view showing the book closed.

Like letters refer to like parts in the several figures.

The book *a* rests upon a table *b* and is pro-

vided with a cover having the sides *a'* *a''* and the back *a'''*. Upon the cover is provided a supplemental cover of canvas having the sides *c'* and *c''* and the back *c'''*. The sheets of canvas *d* *d'*, usually formed in one piece, are secured at the edges to the back *c'''* of the cover along a medial longitudinal line, the opposite edges of the sheets being clamped between the cleat *e* and the face of the table *b*, the cleat being secured in position in any desired manner, preferably by means of screws *f*, extending upward from beneath the sheets *d* *d'*, which are of sufficient width to afford the required amount of slack to permit the book to rest, when closed, upon either side of the cleat *e*. When the book is opened, as shown in Fig. 1, the back of the cover rests upon the cleat, the cleat readily fitting in the space provided beneath the arched back.

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

1. The combination with the cover of a book, of a flexible sheet secured at one edge to the back of the cover along a medial line and adapted to be secured at the other edge to the table or part upon which the book rests, substantially as described.

2. The combination with the cover of a book, of a pair of flexible sheets, each secured at one edge to the back of the cover along a medial line and secured at the opposite edge to the table or part on which the book rests, and a cleat or bar between said flexible sheets and adapted to lie in the space beneath the arched back of the cover when the book is opened, substantially as described.

3. The combination with the cover of a book, of a supplemental cover thereon, a pair of flexible sheets secured at one edge along the medial line of the back of the supplemental cover, a cleat or bar adapted to rest beneath the arched back of the cover, the opposite edges of said sheets being secured on opposite sides of said cleat or bar, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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