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Fig. 1.

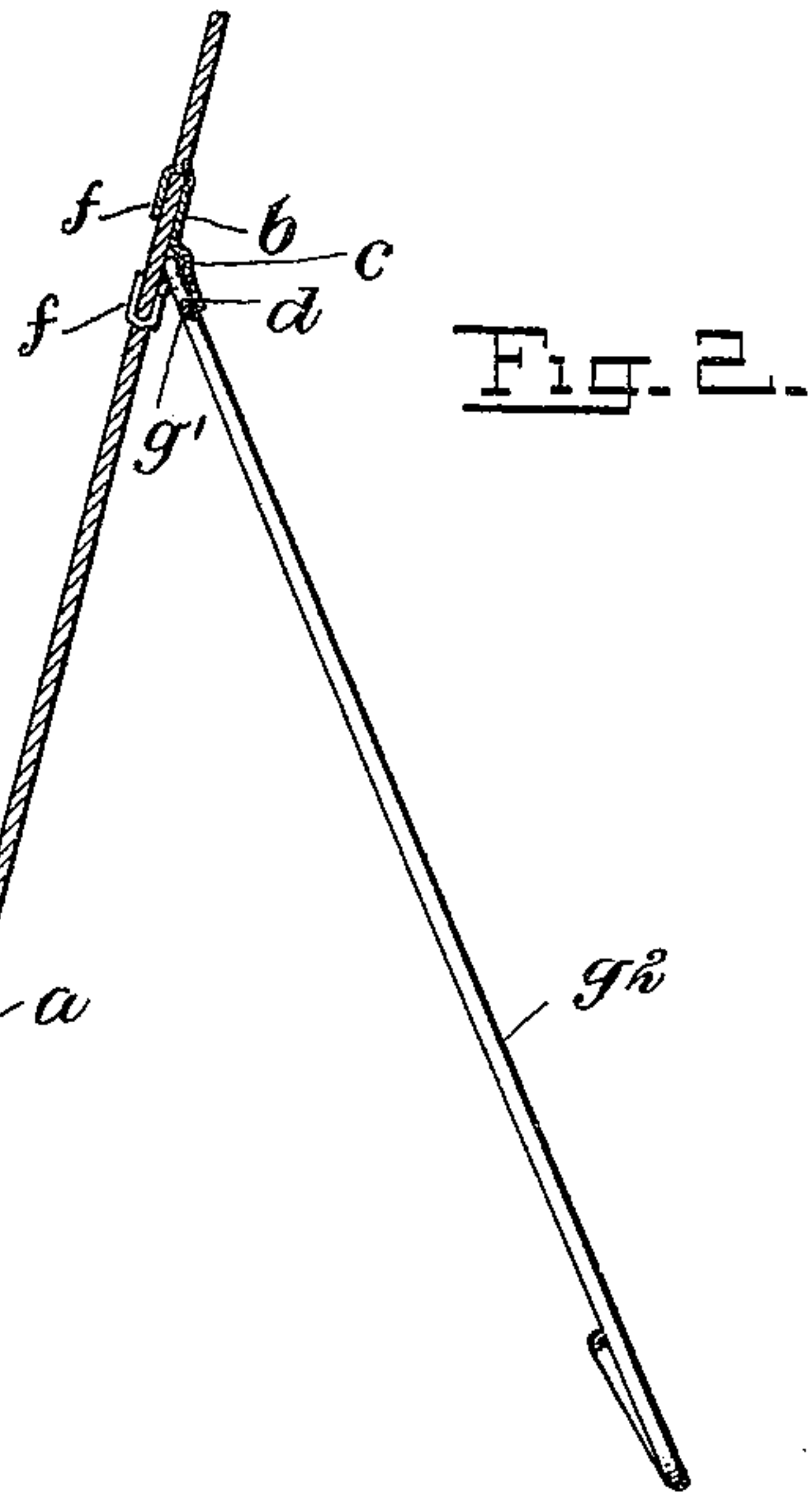
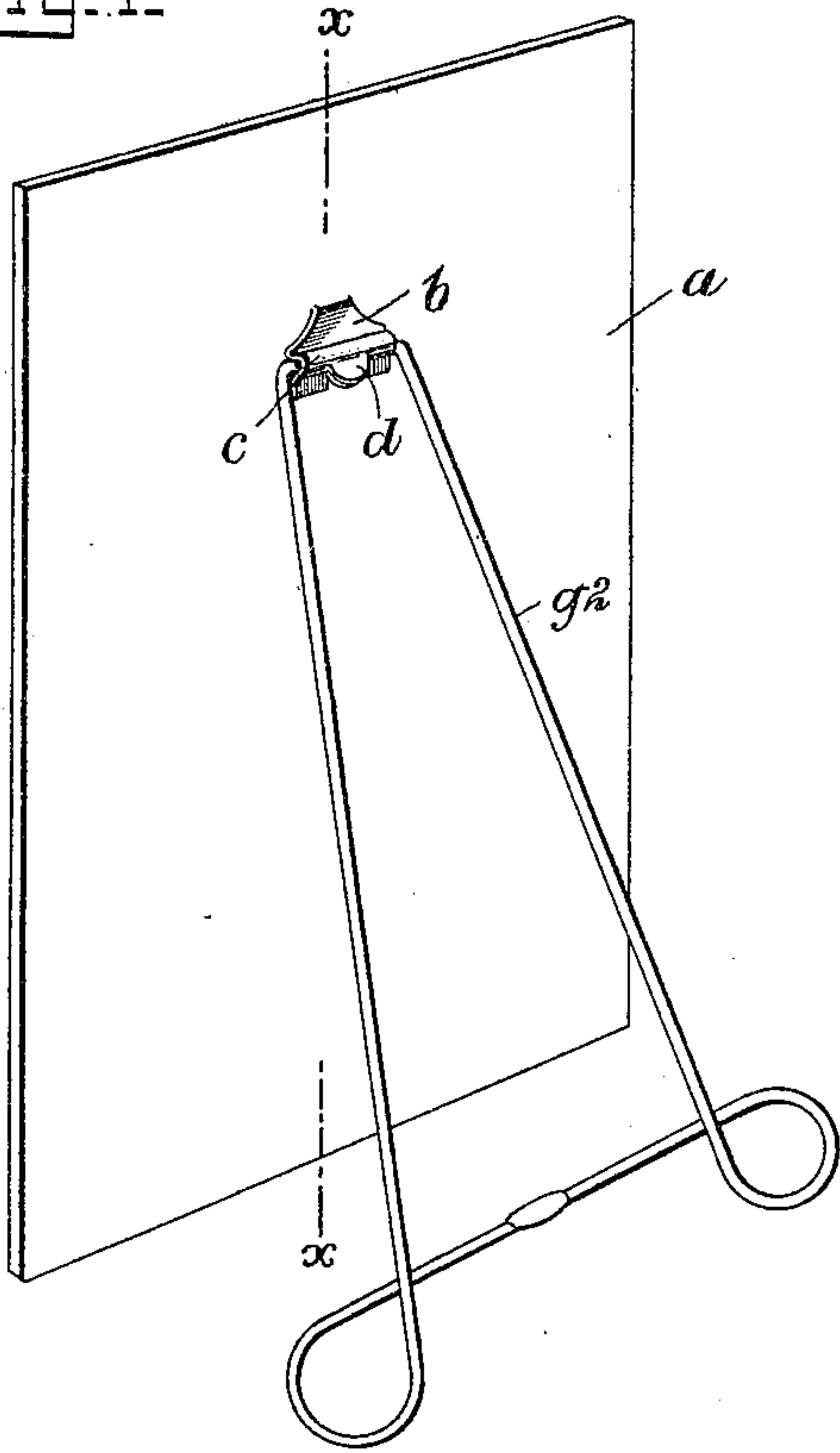


Fig. 2.

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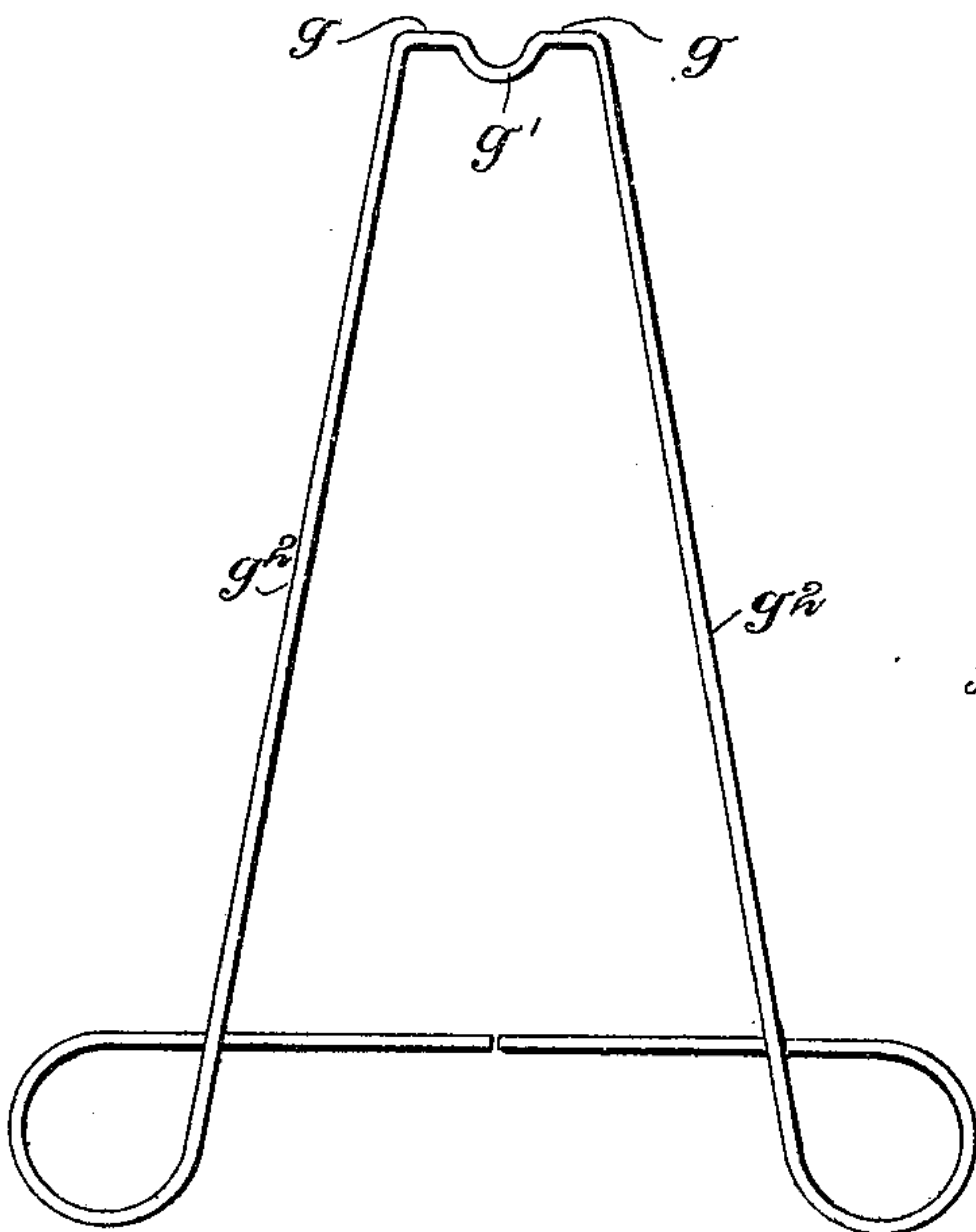
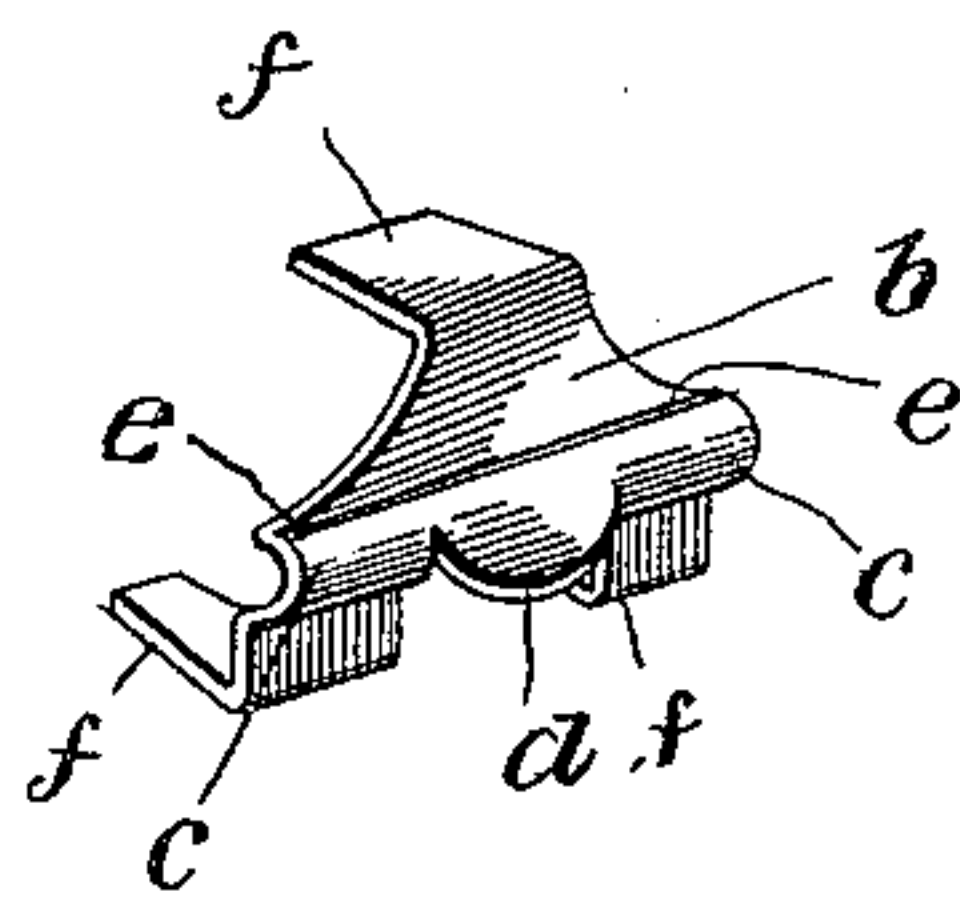


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST OLDENBUSCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Weehawken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Easels, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in easels; and the object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive easel having an adjustable backstay or support. I attain this object by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved easel. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken at the line xx , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a member of the hinge, and Fig. 4 is the backstay or support.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The hinge member b is formed of a sheet of metal or other material having extending across its central portion a horizontal outwardly-projecting socket or series of sockets $c c$ and a stop d , produced out of the metal hinge by cut lines and a score-line ee . The edges fff of the hinge member b may be bent over to bind the hinge to the face-plate a , or, if preferred, it may be attached by rivets or in any other desired manner.

The upper or horizontal portion gg of the backstay or support is provided with a bent portion g' to engage the stop d , and the sup-

porting ends $g^2 g^2$ may be finished in any desired shape or manner. This support is attached to the face-plate a by passing the horizontal portions gg through the outwardly-projecting socket or series of sockets $c c$. If preferred, a T-shaped support may be used. The bent portion g' of the bar gg may be dispensed with by forming the stop by cut lines at the ends of the outwardly-projecting socket $c c$ to engage with the side bars $g^2 g^2$ of the backstay or support.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a support for pictures or similar articles a sheet-metal hinge member provided with a socket bent out of the plane of the hinge and one or more outwardly and downwardly extending stops in combination with one or more pivotally-connected supporting-rods substantially as shown and described.

2. The improved support for pictures and similar articles consisting of the face-plate a , the sheet-metal hinge member b having an outwardly-projecting socket and a stop partially cut out of the sheet-metal hinge member, in combination with a pivotally-connected backstay or support having at its upper end a downwardly-bent portion g' substantially as shown and described.

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