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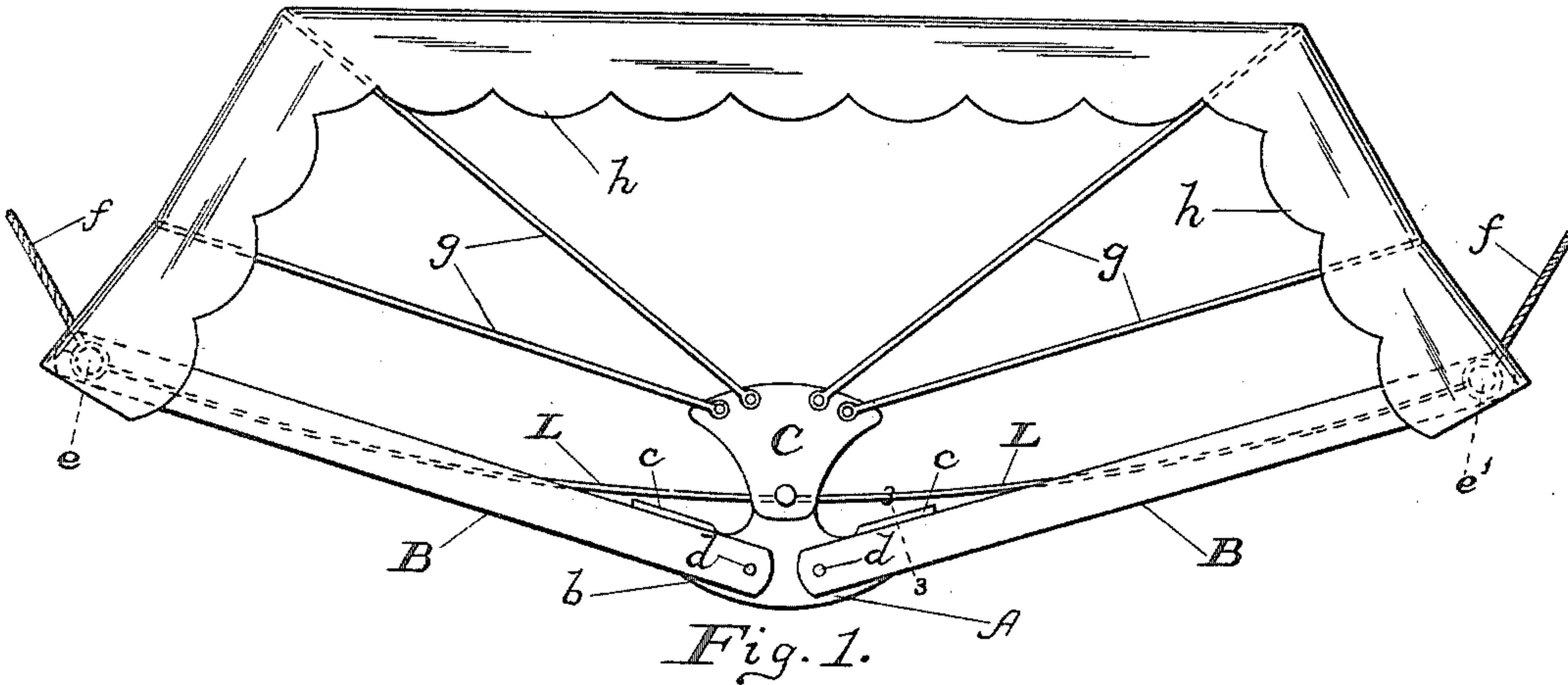


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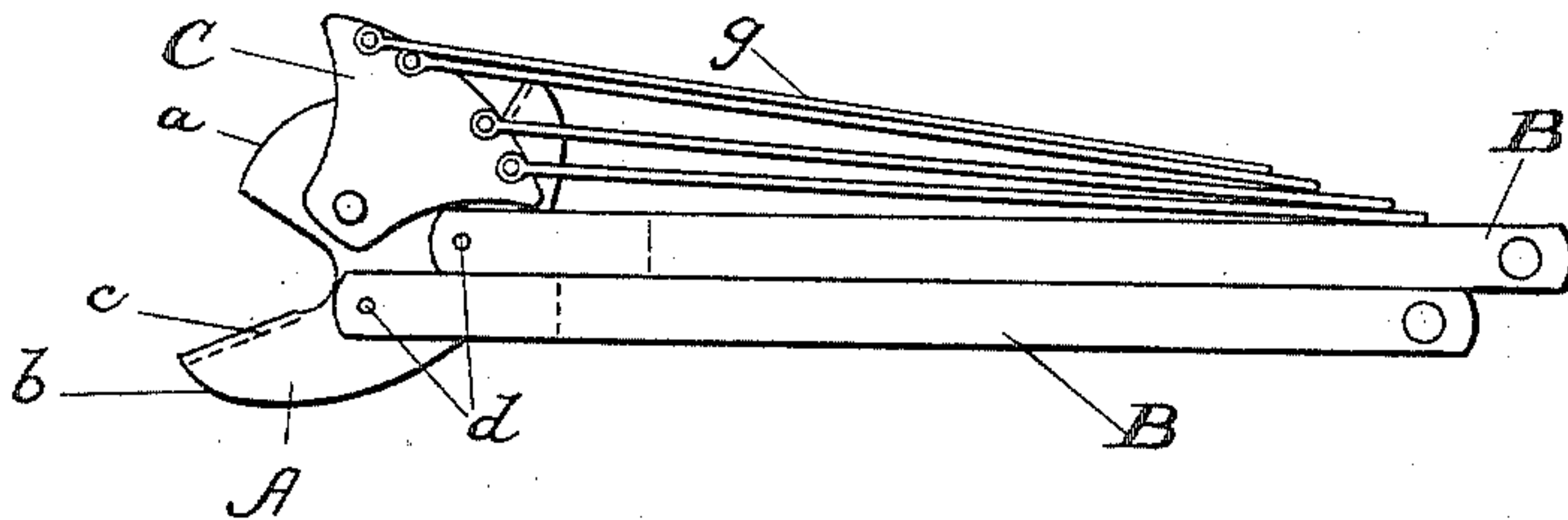


Fig. 3^a.

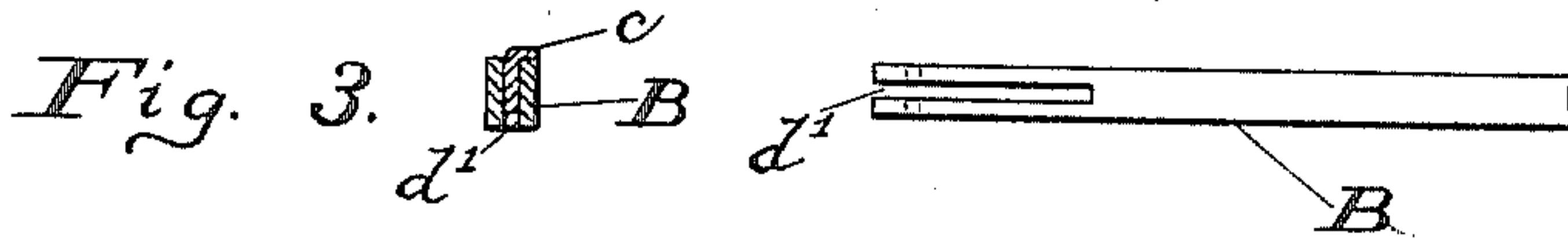


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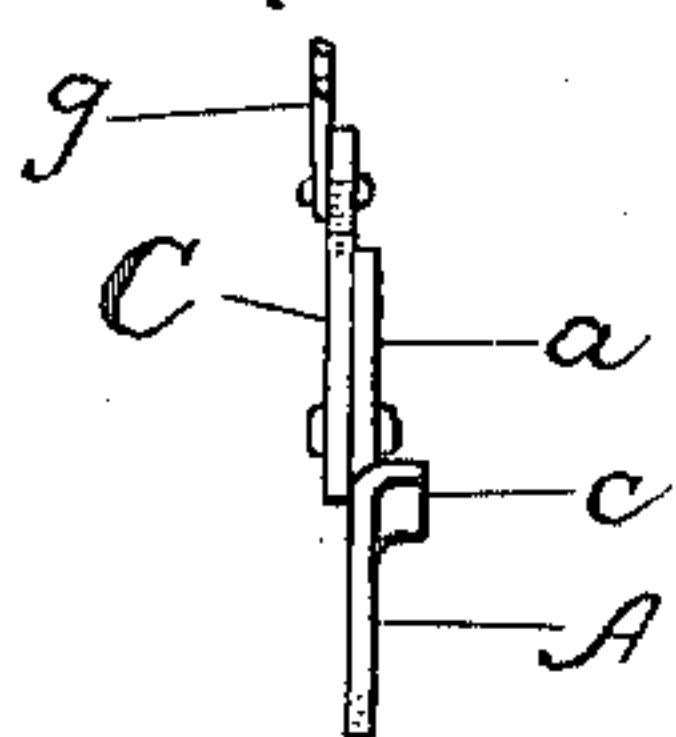


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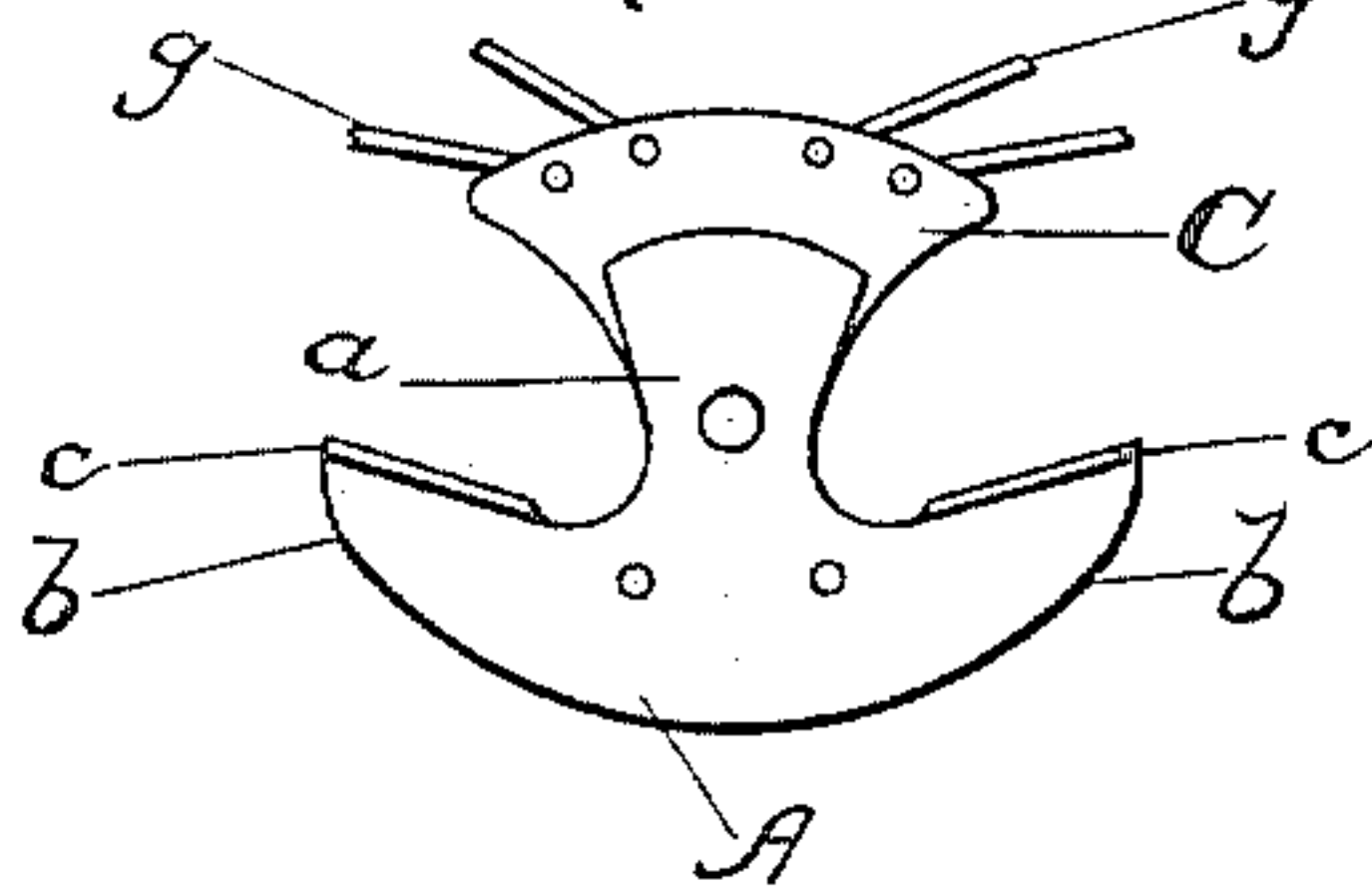
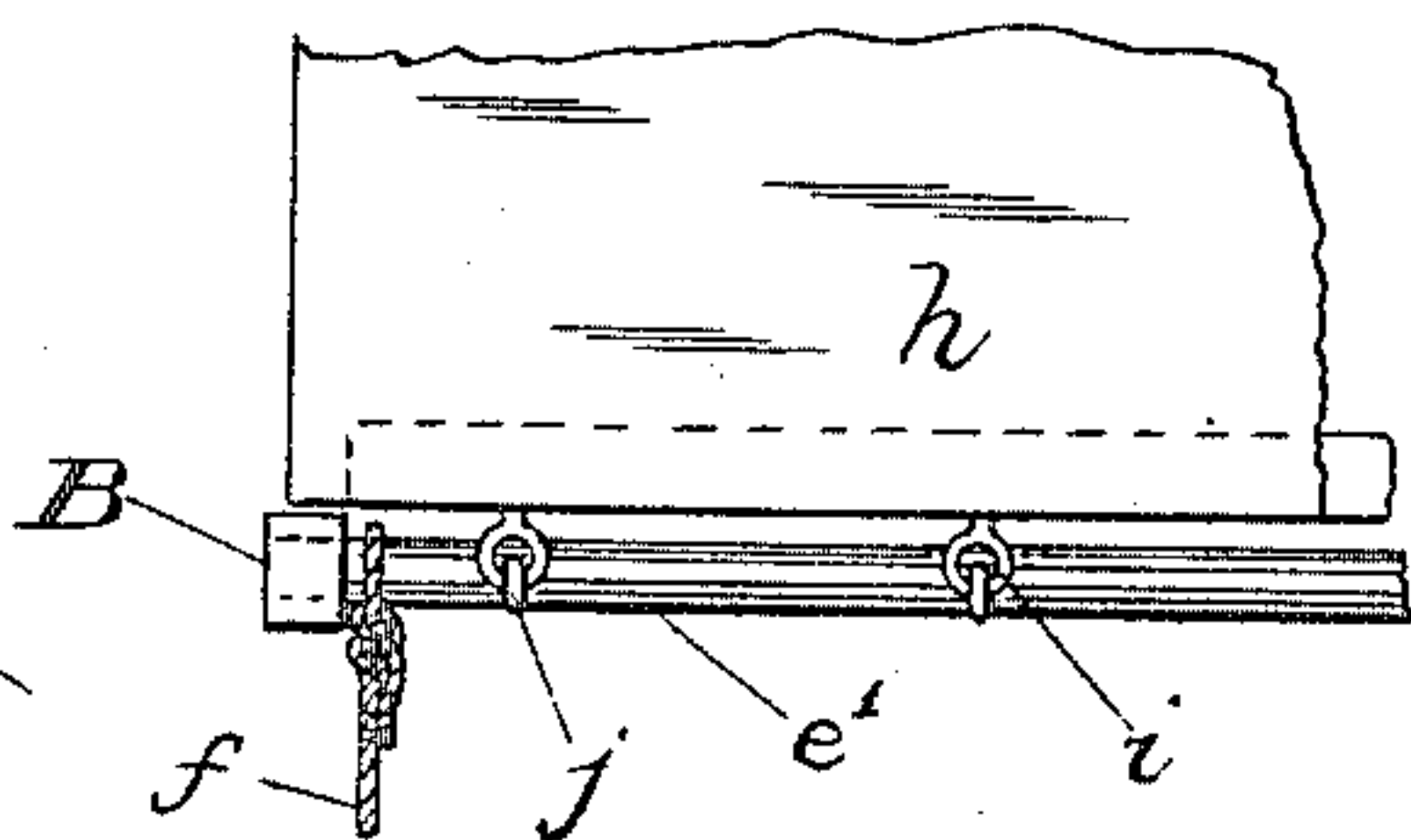


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. NICHOLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammocks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hammocks; and its object is to provide a hammock to be supported in a hinged frame and provided with a canopy, all of which may be readily folded up for transportation.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the hammock-frame and canopy in extended position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the hammock-frame in folded position with the covering of the canopy removed from its supporting-bars. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3-3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3^a is a top view of one side bar. Fig. 4 is a detail side view of one of the supporting-brackets to which the side bars of the hammock-frame and the canopy frame-bars are hinged. Fig. 5 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 6 is an end view of a portion of the hammock, illustrating the manner of fastening the covering of the canopy over the hammock.

The frame of my improved hammock is provided with two metal brackets A, one at each side. Each bracket comprises a central head *a*, with two lateral wings *b* depending and extending outwardly one at each side thereof. On the upper edge of each wing is a laterally-projecting flange or shoulder *c*. In the preferred construction each bracket A is formed of a single piece of suitable metal cast, stamped, or cut out into the desired shape. To each wing *b* of each bracket A a side bar B is hinged at *d*. Each bar, as best shown in Fig. 3^a, is provided at one end with a vertical slot *d'*, which receives the adjacent edge of one wing *b*, to which it is hinged, and when the side bars B are extended or spread the lateral flange or shoulder *c* on said wing engages and lies over the upper side of the side bars B, which prevents their further movement. The free ends of the two side bars at opposite sides of the hammock are rigidly secured together by a cross-bar *e*, to

which canvas, to form the stretched hammock L, may be secured, and cords *f* are preferably secured to said cross-bars, by which the hammock-frame may be swung and supported.

Now it should be especially noted that the flanges or lateral shoulders *c* extend in oppositely-inclined directions above the points at which the side bars B are hinged, so that when all the side bars are extended, as shown in Fig. 1, they will incline upwardly from the middle of the hammock, where the greatest weight is sustained, and the frame will be securely and rigidly held in extended position.

To the heads *a* of the brackets A are jointed the smaller ends of flaring plates C, which latter project upward. Along the upper broad or flared edge of said plates is pivoted a number of canopy frame-bars *g*, and a flexible covering or canopy *h*, of suitable material, is stretched over said frame-bars *g*, said covering being permanently attached by one end to one of the cross-bars *e* and provided at its other end with a plurality of loops or other fastening devices *i*, adapted to engage hooks or keepers *j* on the other cross-bar *e'*.

While my improved hammock is capable of being used by adults, it is primarily intended for infants and children, and it should be observed that when a child is placed in the hammock and the parts fastened the child is thereby prevented from falling out by means of the canopy and its frame-bars.

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

1. A hammock-frame comprising side bars; brackets provided with oppositely-projecting wings to which said side bars are hinged and also provided with flanges or shoulders above the hinged points and adapted to engage and limit the upward movement of said hinged bars; and cross-bars connecting the free ends of said side bars.

2. A hammock comprising a frame provided with side bars; brackets provided with oppositely-projecting wings to which said side bars are hinged and each having a head above said wings; a suitable hammock fabric stretched between said frame-bars; plates jointed to said bracket-heads; canopy frame-bars piv-

oted to said plates; and a canopy attached to said last-named frame-bars.

3. A hammock comprising a frame provided with side bars; brackets to which one end of
5 said side bars are hinged; cross-bars, e, connecting the free ends of said side bars; plates jointed to said brackets; canopy frame-bars pivoted to said jointed plates; and a canopy-
cover attached to said last-named frame-bars,
10 one end of said cover being permanently se-

cured to one cross-bar and the other end being provided with fastening devices whereby it may be detachably secured to the other cross-bar.

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