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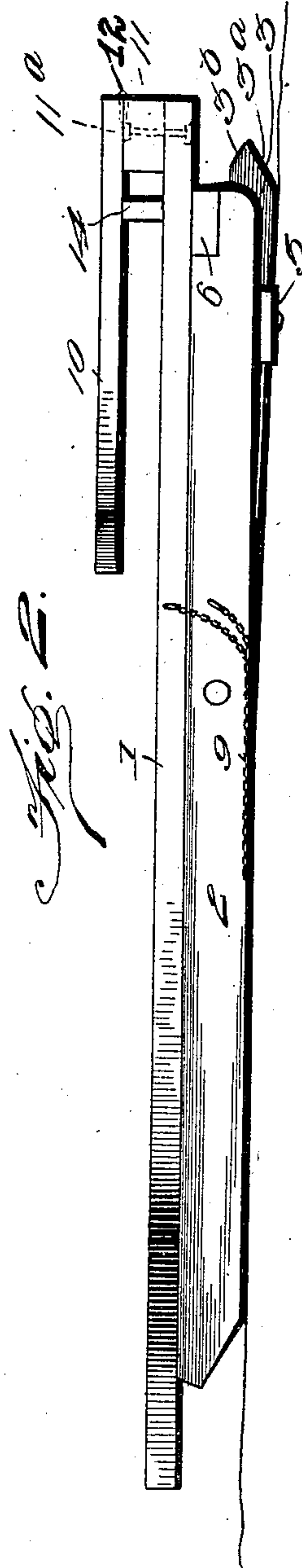
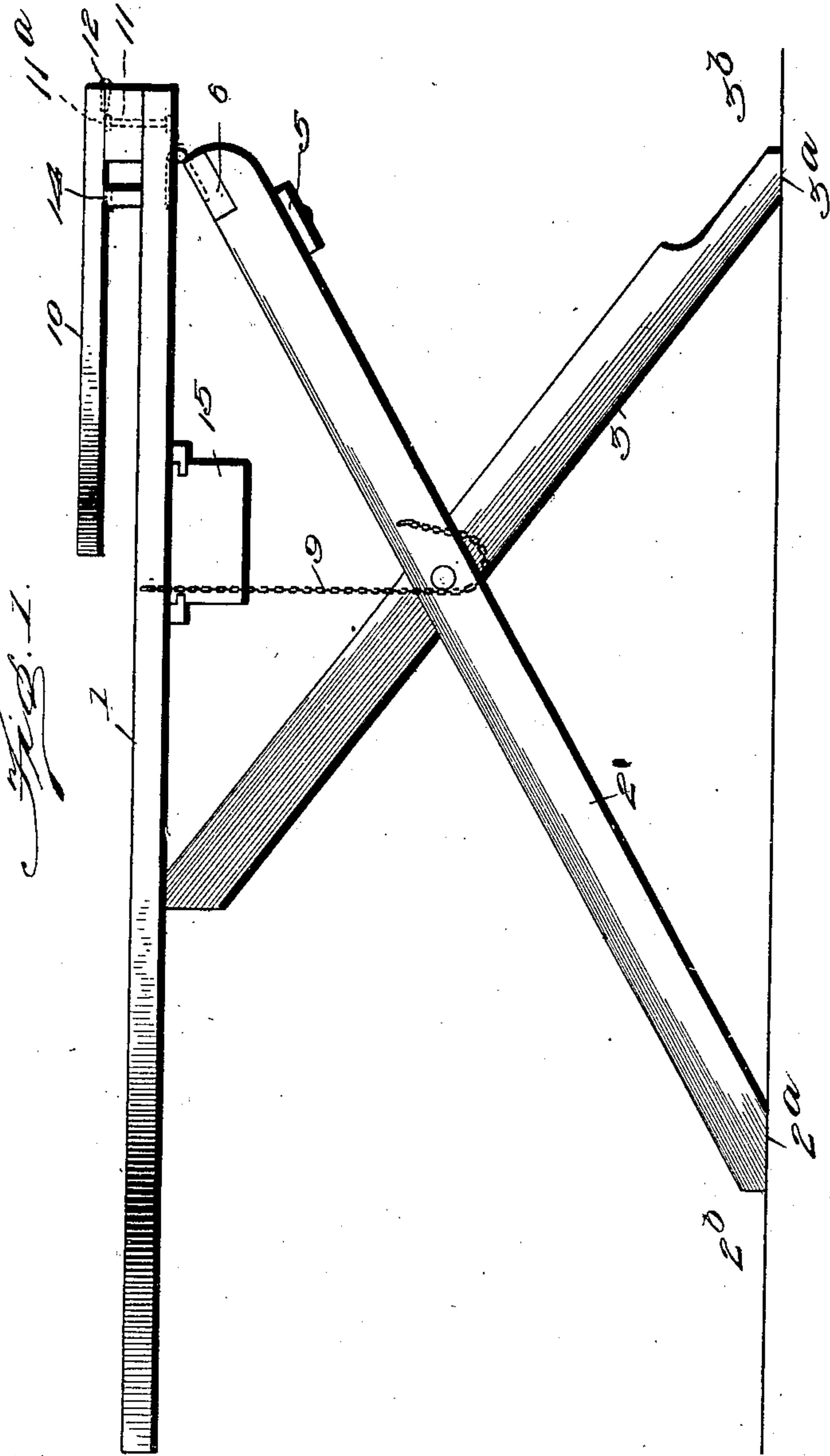
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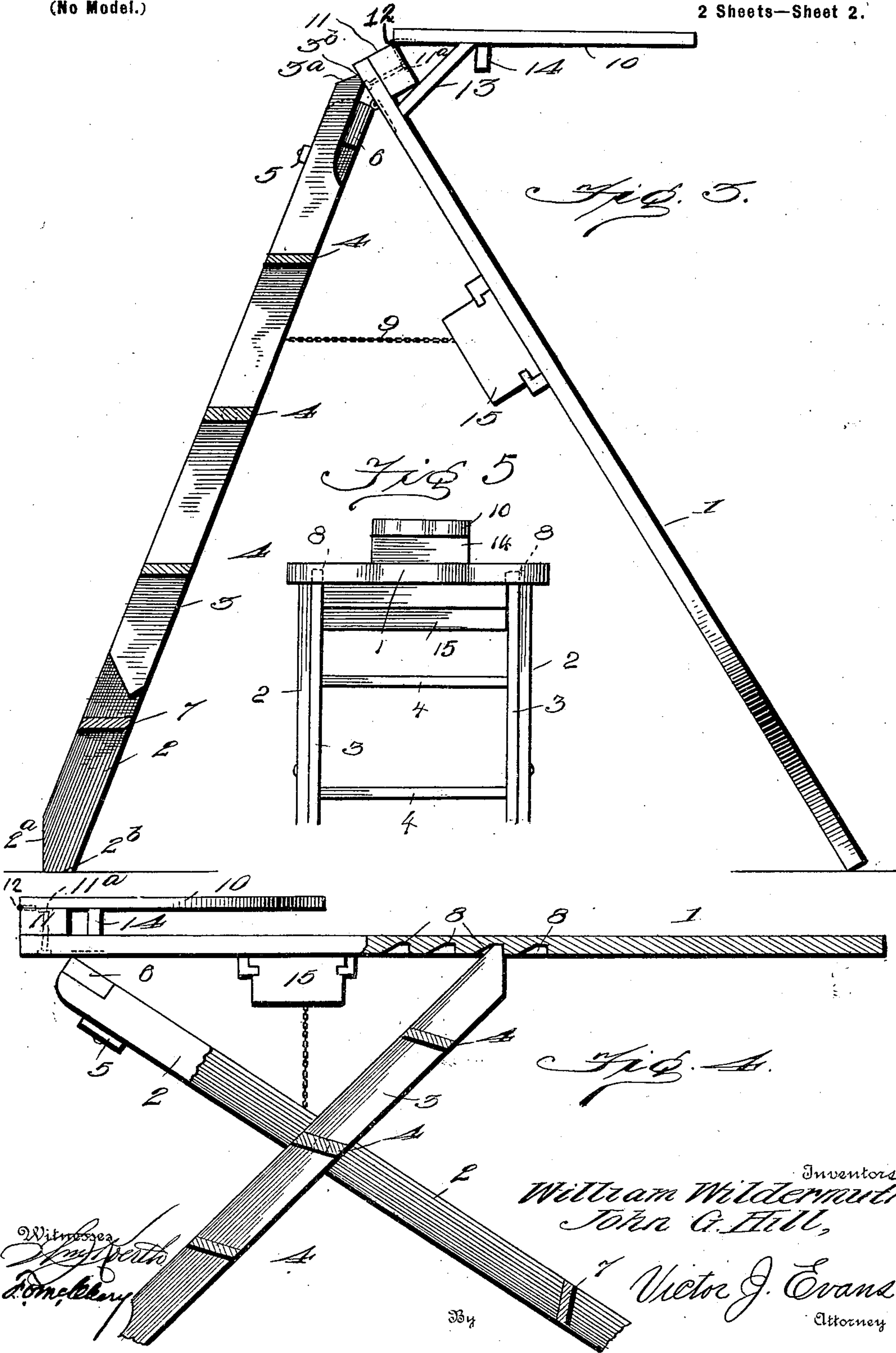
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## IRONING-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM WILDERMUTH and JOHN G. HILL, citizens of the United States, residing at Rochester, in the county of Fulton and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to the construction of an ironing-table having an adjustable sleeve-board, a convenient drawer, and a foldable support whereby the table is readily convertible into a step-ladder.

To this end our invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described and then definitely claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the device adjusted as an ironing-table. Fig. 2 is a view showing the same folded. Fig. 3 is a view of the device as adjusted to form a step-ladder, in which view the foldable support is shown in section. Fig. 4 is a view of the device adjusted as in Fig. 1, but showing a part of the ironing-board and the foldable support in section. Fig. 5 is a detail end view of the upper part of the device.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates an ironing-board of the usual or any preferred form, to the under side of which, at or near one end thereof, are hinged the supporting side bars 2 2 of the combined ladder and adjustable board-support by means of a hinge secured to the cross-bar 6 and the under side of the ironing-board. Within the supporting side bars 2 2 are centrally pivoted the supporting side bars 3 3, having the steps 4 and forming a portion of the ladder when folded, as shown in Fig. 3. In this position it is held against turning by the button or pivoted bar 5, which is secured to one of the side bars 2 2 on its outer side and near the upper end, and when turned to lie crosswise the button forms a stop to the pivoted side bars, while the said side bars are prevented from turning in the opposite direction by the cross-bar 6, connecting the side bars 2 2. This cross-bar is set in recesses and does not project beyond the side bars to permit the ladder portion and the board 1 to lie closely against each other when folded, and the width of the side bars 3 3 is therefore reduced at

the engaging ends to accommodate the said cross-bar.

The side bars 2 2 are preferably longer than the pivoted side bars 3 3 and have one or more steps 7 formed thereon.

When adjusted to form a support for the board 1, the pivoted ladder side bars are swung crosswise of the side bars 2 2 and held in engagement with the board by having the lower ends of the side bars 3 3 enter recesses 8, formed in series in the under face of the board and along each side edge thereof. The series of recesses or notches thus provided permits the angle at which the ladder side bars are held to be varied for the purpose of changing the elevation of the board.

The ends of the side bars 2 2 and 3 3, where they rest on the floor, are at such an angle that when they are adjusted as a support the edges 2<sup>a</sup> 3<sup>a</sup> will contact with the floor, while when adjusted to form a ladder the edge 2<sup>b</sup> will rest on the floor and the edge 3<sup>b</sup> against the board. A chain 9 or other suitable connecting means is provided to limit the spreading of the ladder from the board.

At the head of the board 1 is provided a short narrow board 10, on which the sleeve of various garments may be ironed. This sleeve-board is pivotally supported at the end of the board 1 on a transversely-arranged block 11 by means of a strap-hinge 12, said block being of sufficient thickness to provide a space between the two boards in order that the sleeve may readily be applied. The block 11 is connected to the end of the board 1 by a bolt 11<sup>a</sup>, and the sleeve-board is supported in the horizontal position shown in Fig. 3 by the prop 13, placed between the two boards and in engagement with the block 14, secured to the under side of the sleeve-board and providing an additional support therefor when the sleeve-board and ironing-board are in horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 1; but it will be obvious that other well-known means may be employed to this end.

On the under side of the board 1 is provided a drawer 15, which is arranged to slide crosswise of the board. This drawer is designed to form when pulled out a convenient support or receptacle for various small pieces of apparel to be ironed.

Having thus described the invention, what



is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:—

1. An ironing-table comprising an ironing-board having series of recesses formed in the under side thereof, supporting side bars hinged to the ironing-board and provided with a step, and with an upper cross-bar set in recesses in the inner sides of the side bars, one of the side bars having a pivoted bar on its outer side, the side bars pivoted to the supporting side bars, and connected by steps, the transverse block secured to the ironing-board, the sleeve-board hinged to the transverse block on the ironing-board to swing upwardly, and means for elevating the sleeve-board on the ironing-board.

2. An ironing-table comprising an ironing-board having series of recesses formed in the under side thereof, supporting side bars

hinged to the ironing-board and provided with a step, and with an upper cross-bar set in recesses in the inner sides of the side bars, one of the side bars having a pivoted bar on its outer side, the side bars each formed with a reduced end pivoted to the supporting side bars, and connected by steps, the transverse block secured to the ironing-board, the sleeve-board having a transverse block secured thereto and hinged to the transverse block on the ironing-board and a prop for elevating the sleeve-board on the ironing-board.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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