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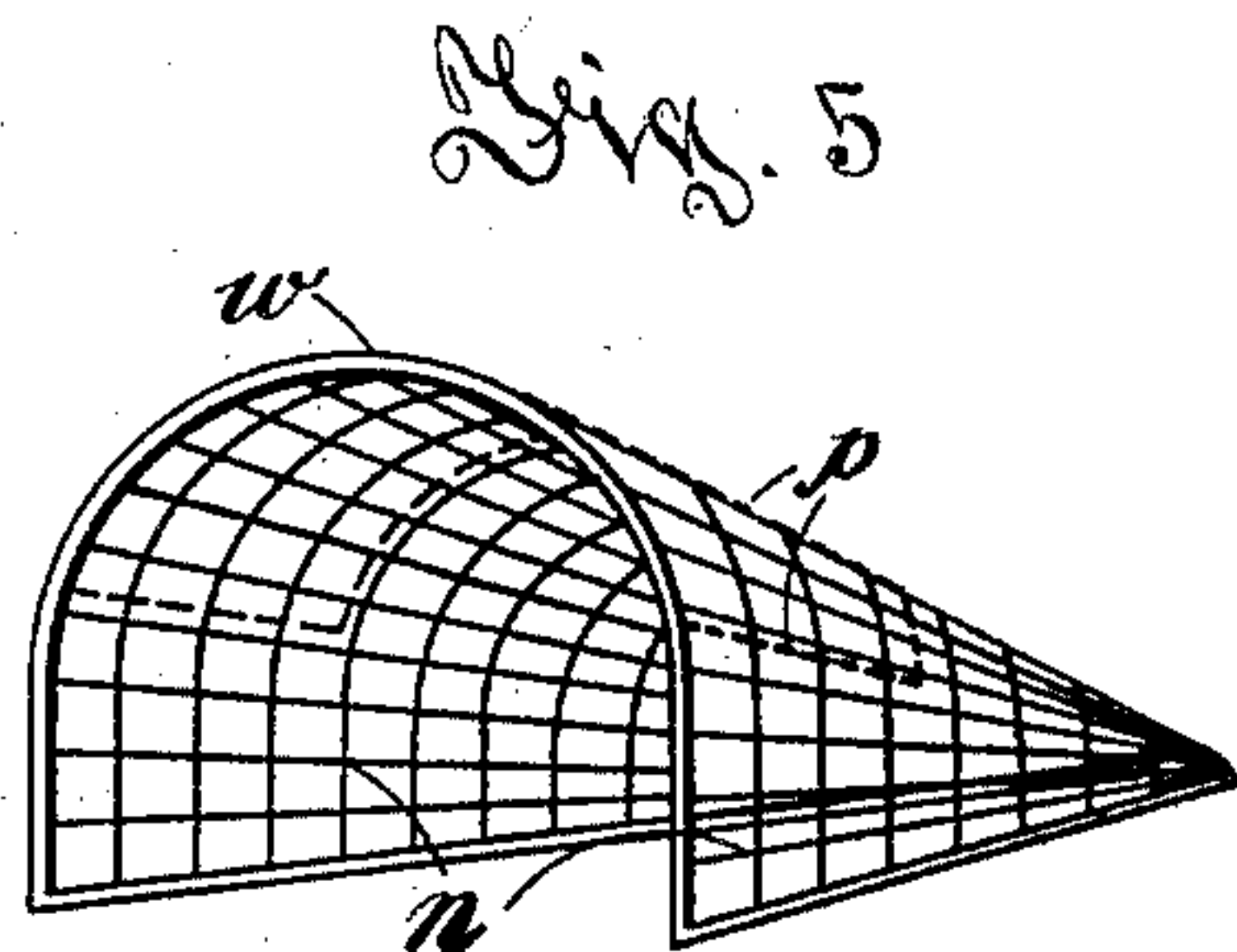
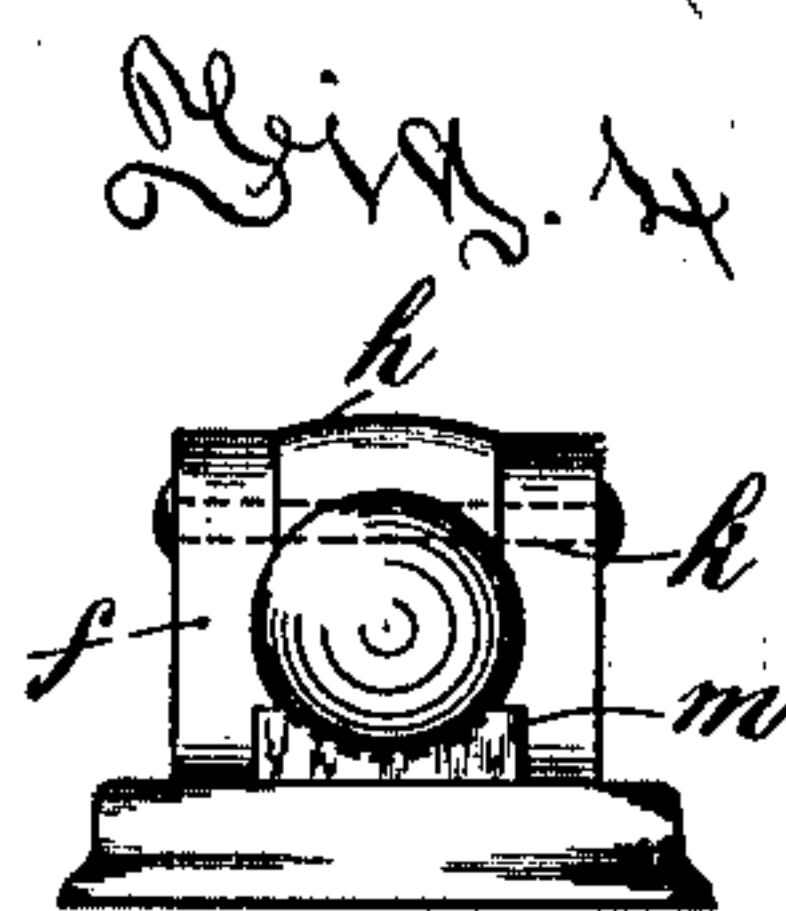
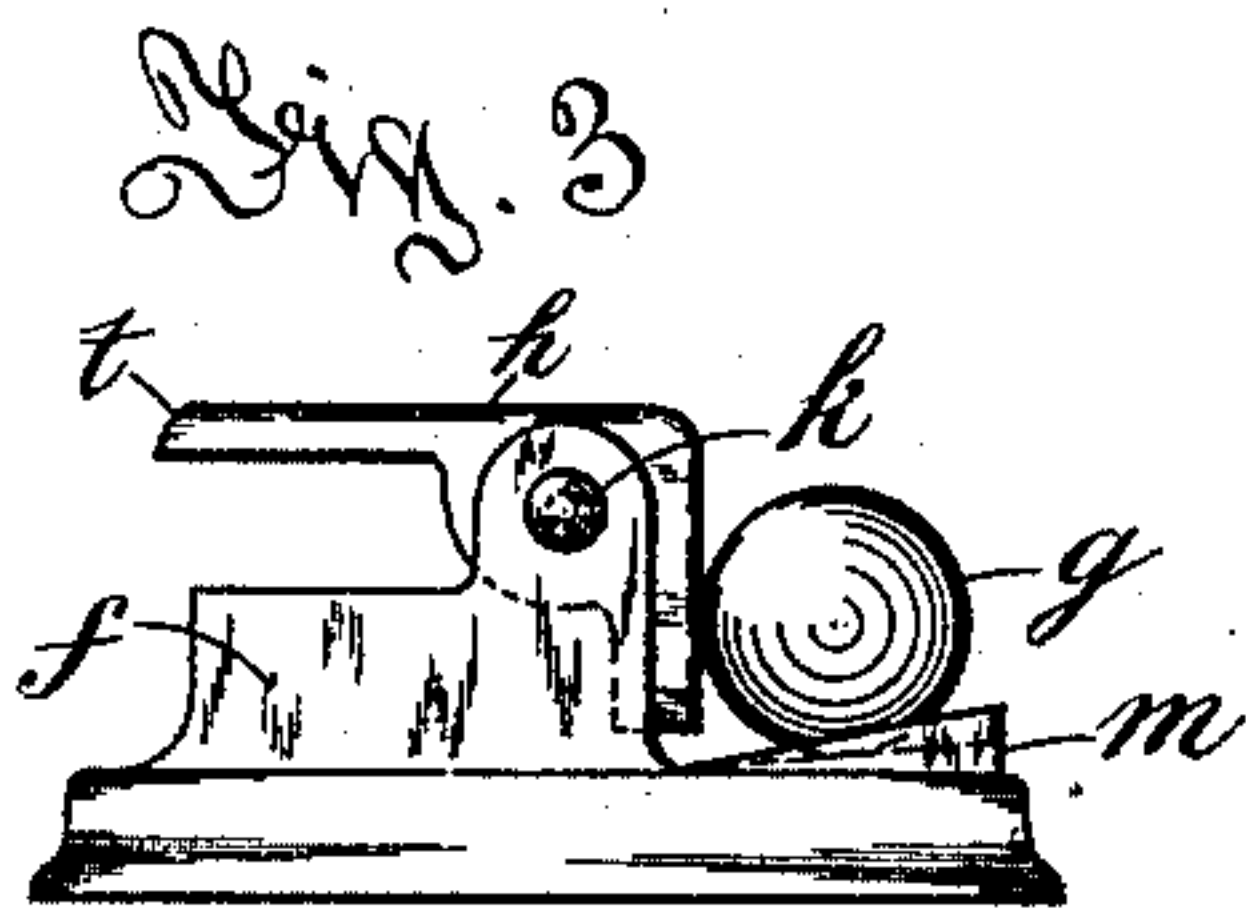
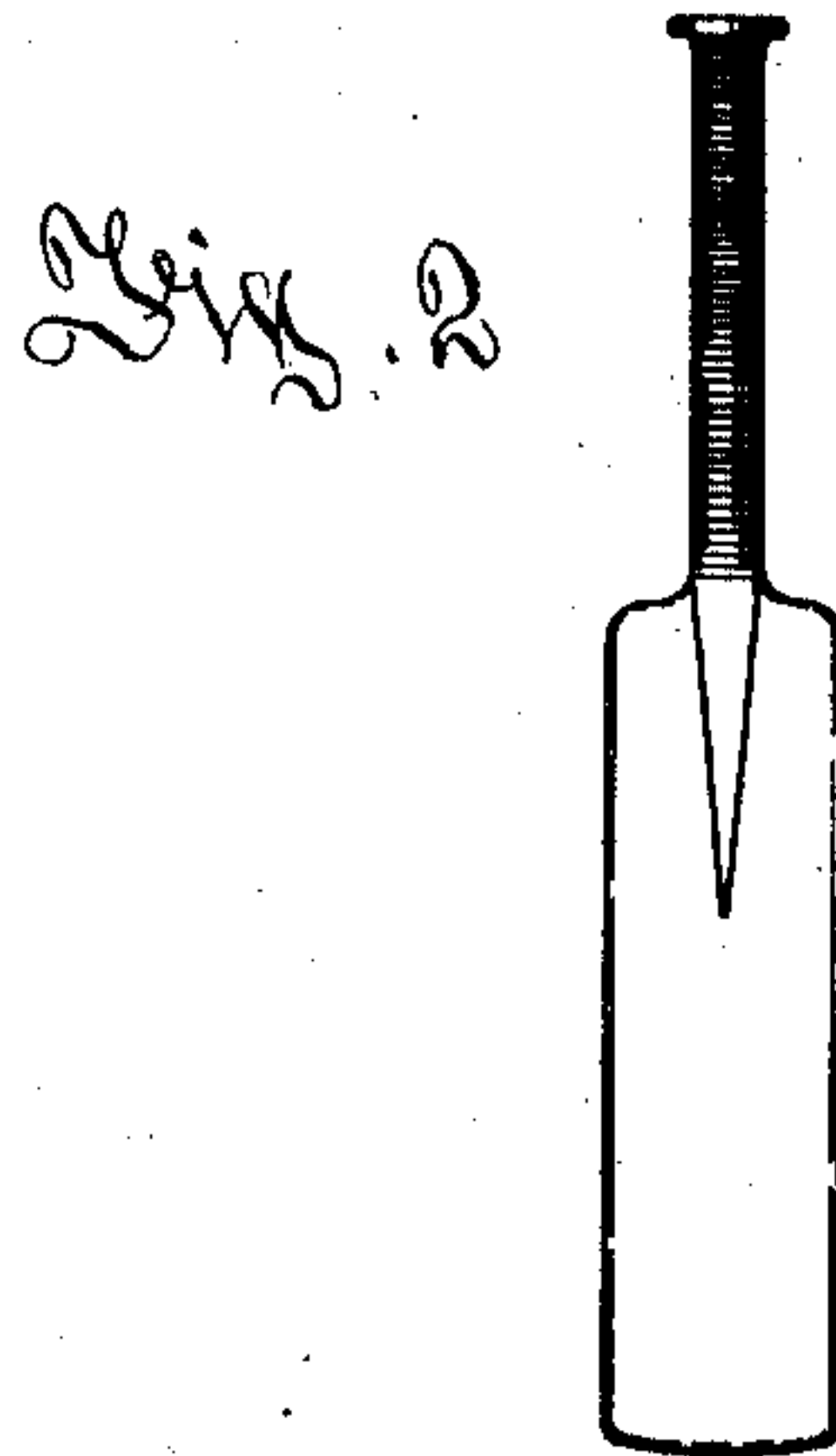
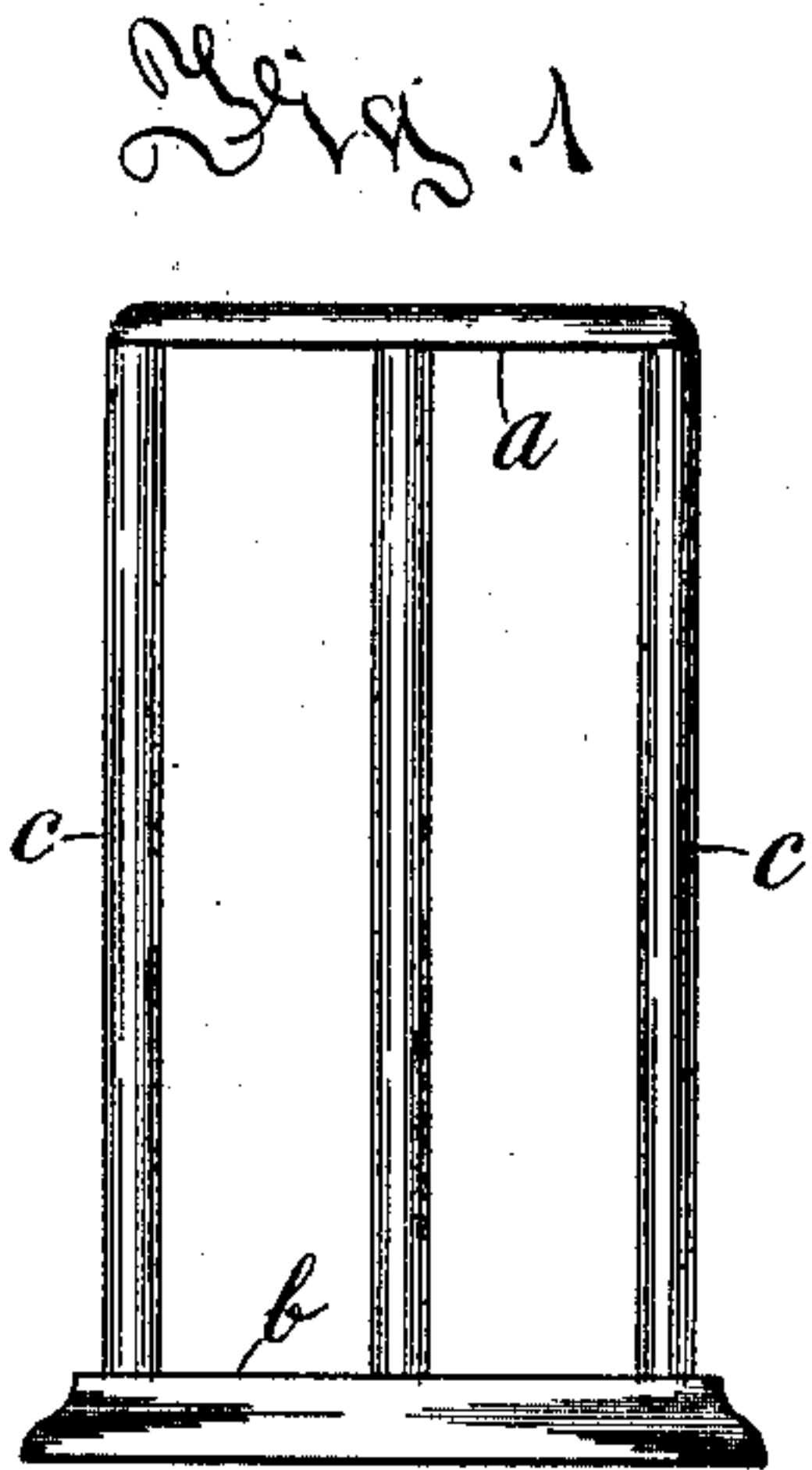
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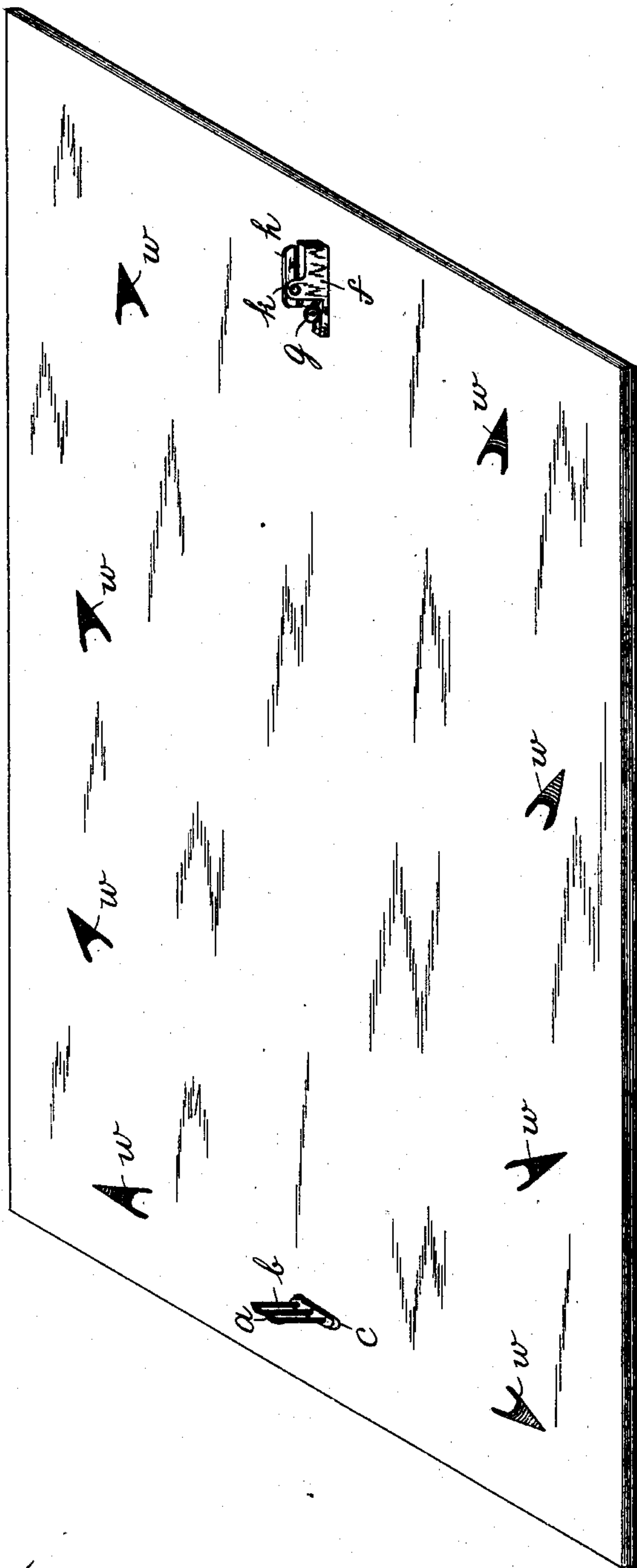
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK WALTER BAYNES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 65 Chancery Lane, London, in the county of Middlesex, England, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game Devices or Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to apparatus or devices by means of which a modification of the well-known game of cricket can be played upon any ordinary table.

The object of the invention is to devise the game and to provide the apparatus for playing the same so that sufficient difficulty is experienced to insure the necessary attention and sufficient excitement is provided to insure the continued interest of the players. I attain these objects by the apparatus shown in the accompanying drawings, in which the different parts of the device are shown separately.

Figure 1 represents the wicket; Fig. 2, a miniature cricket-bat, which is held and manipulated by one of the players. Fig. 3 is a side view of a mechanical bowler and ball, which is operated by the player opposed, as bowling to the player at the wicket. Fig. 4 is a front view of the mechanical bowler and ball shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a semiconical pocket, representing a "fielder," of which several are used and into which during the game the ball is thrown by the bat. Fig. 6 shows the relative position of the devices used.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in the several figures.

*a* represents a loose movable bail resting upon the top of the sticks *c*, which form the wicket, and the lower ends of which are fixed in the bottom *b*, which is sufficiently heavy to prevent them from too easily falling down. The bat, Fig. 2, is of any suitable size for the player, who holds it in his hand. The mechanical bowler, Figs. 3 and 4, consists of a base having two uprights *f*, forming part of

it, between which is an angular trigger *h*, pivoted at *k*. The front part of the base at *m* is extended outward and upward and is grooved at its top side to form a receptacle in which rests the ball *g*, shown in a position to be bowled by tapping the trigger *h* at *t*, which propels the ball *g* forward.

The "fielders," one of which is shown in Fig. 5, consist of a semiconical wire frame *w*, open in front and covered with a netting *n*. Upon this frame a ticket or label is attached, as shown in dotted lines at *p*, a number being printed or marked upon it to represent a certain number of "runs," which are scored should the batsman drive the ball into it.

Instead of a number some of the pockets or fielders have the word "out" marked upon them, and should the ball enter one of these the batsman is given out accordingly.

The game can be played on any table of any size, the wicket being placed at one end of the table and the automatic bowler at the opposite end. The fielders or pockets, Fig. 5, are arranged on each side of the table. The figures on them denote the number of runs scored when the ball is driven into the pocket. The method of using the automatic bowler is to place the ball on the groove and drive it at the speed desired by striking the lever with the finger. The speed can be regulated by the force applied to the lever.

The game is played by two sides of any desired number, of whom only the batsman upon one side and the bowler upon the other are engaged at once. When the batsman is out, either by being bowled or the ball being caught by one of the "fieldsmen," another of his side takes his place, and so on until all the side are out. The other players who are not actively engaged in the game may stand around and return the ball to the bowler when it passes off the board.

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

1. A game comprising a table or board, a

wicket, fielders or pockets and a mechanical  
bowler comprising a pivoted trigger *h* of right-  
angular form, a support therefor, and a rest  
for a ball adjacent the vertical portion or arm  
5 of the trigger, substantially as described.

2. A game comprising a table or board, a  
wicket, fielders and a mechanical bowler com-  
prising a pivoted trigger *h* having a horizon-  
tal and vertical arm and a rest for a ball ad-

10 jacent the vertical arm, said rest having an  
inclined upper face.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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