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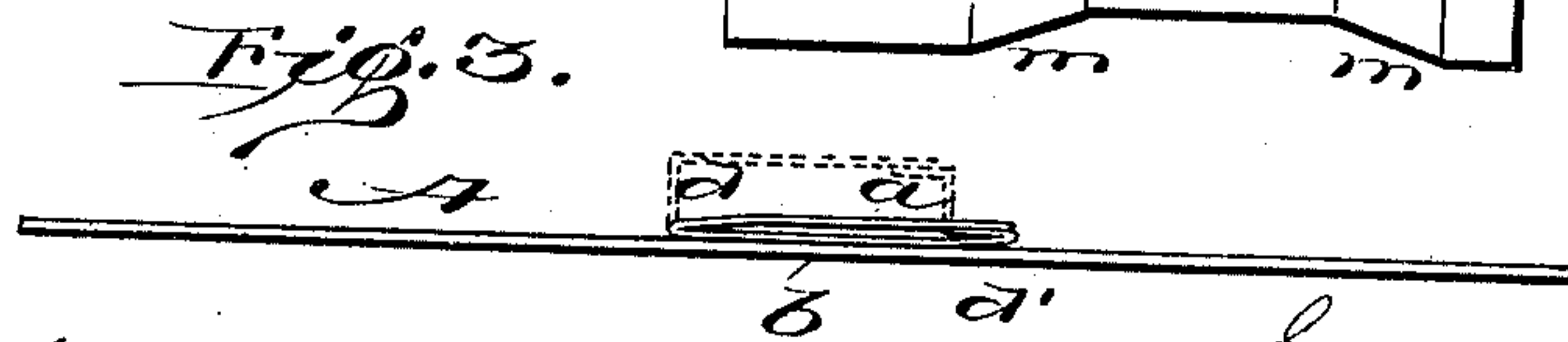
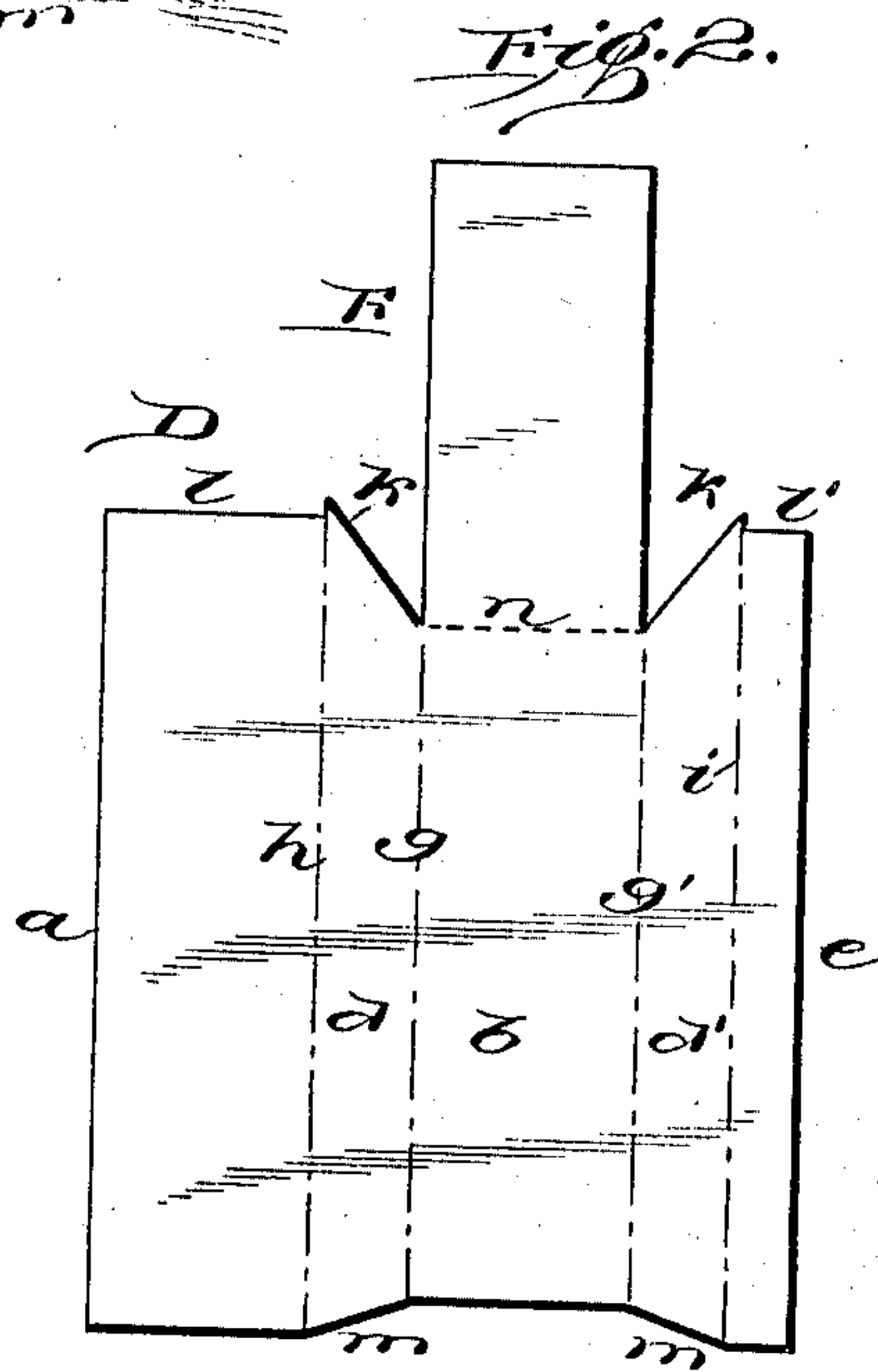
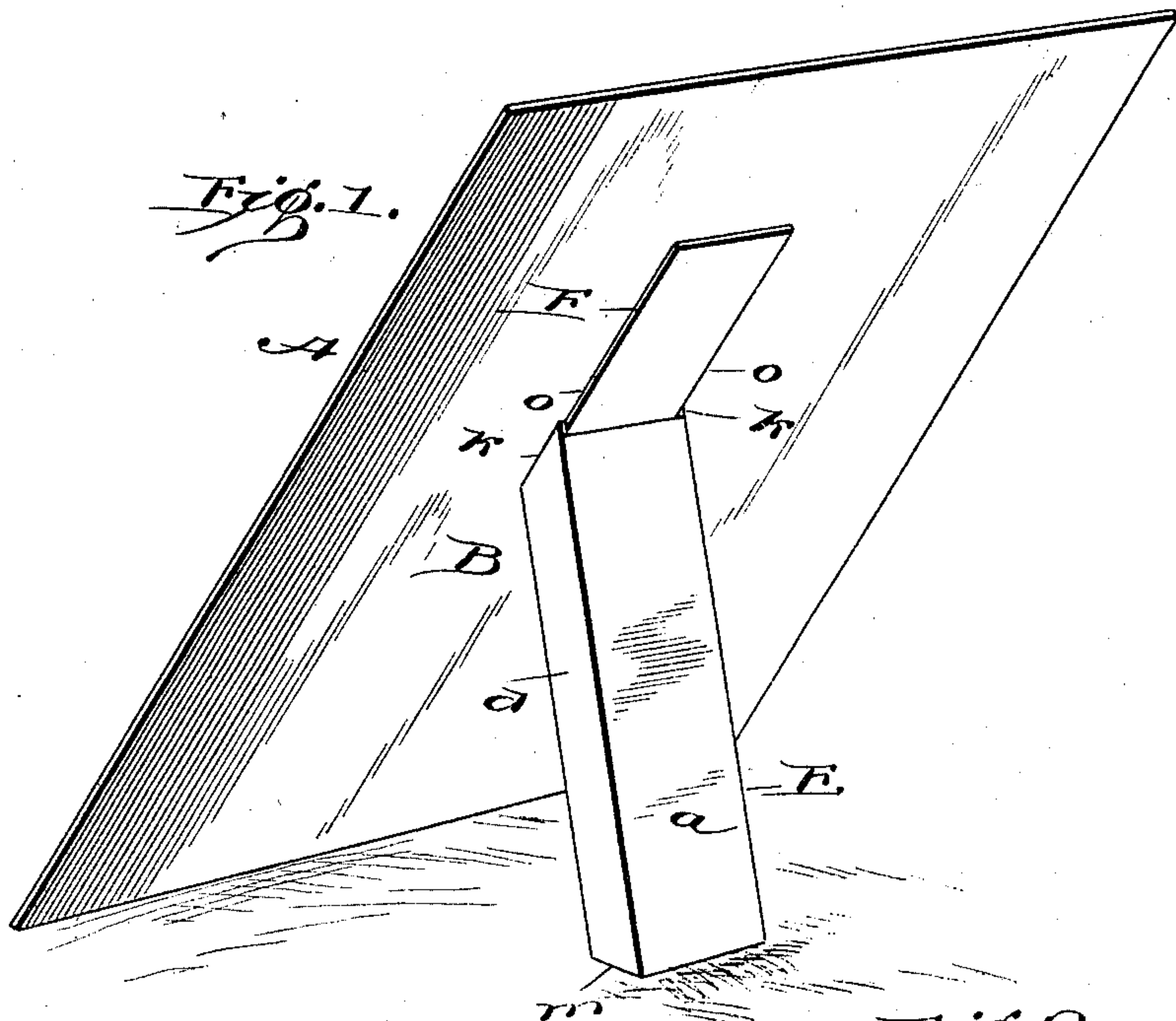
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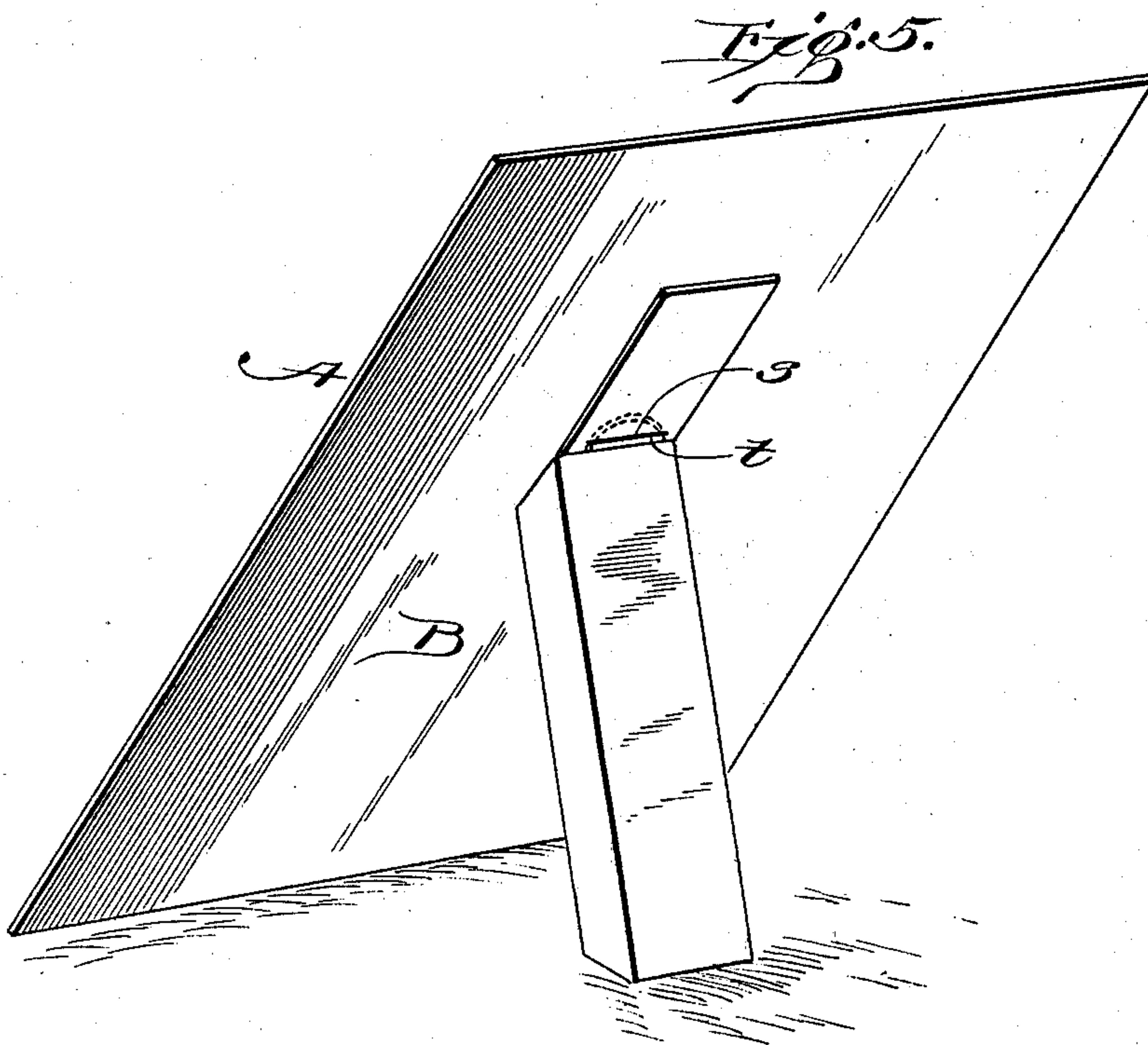
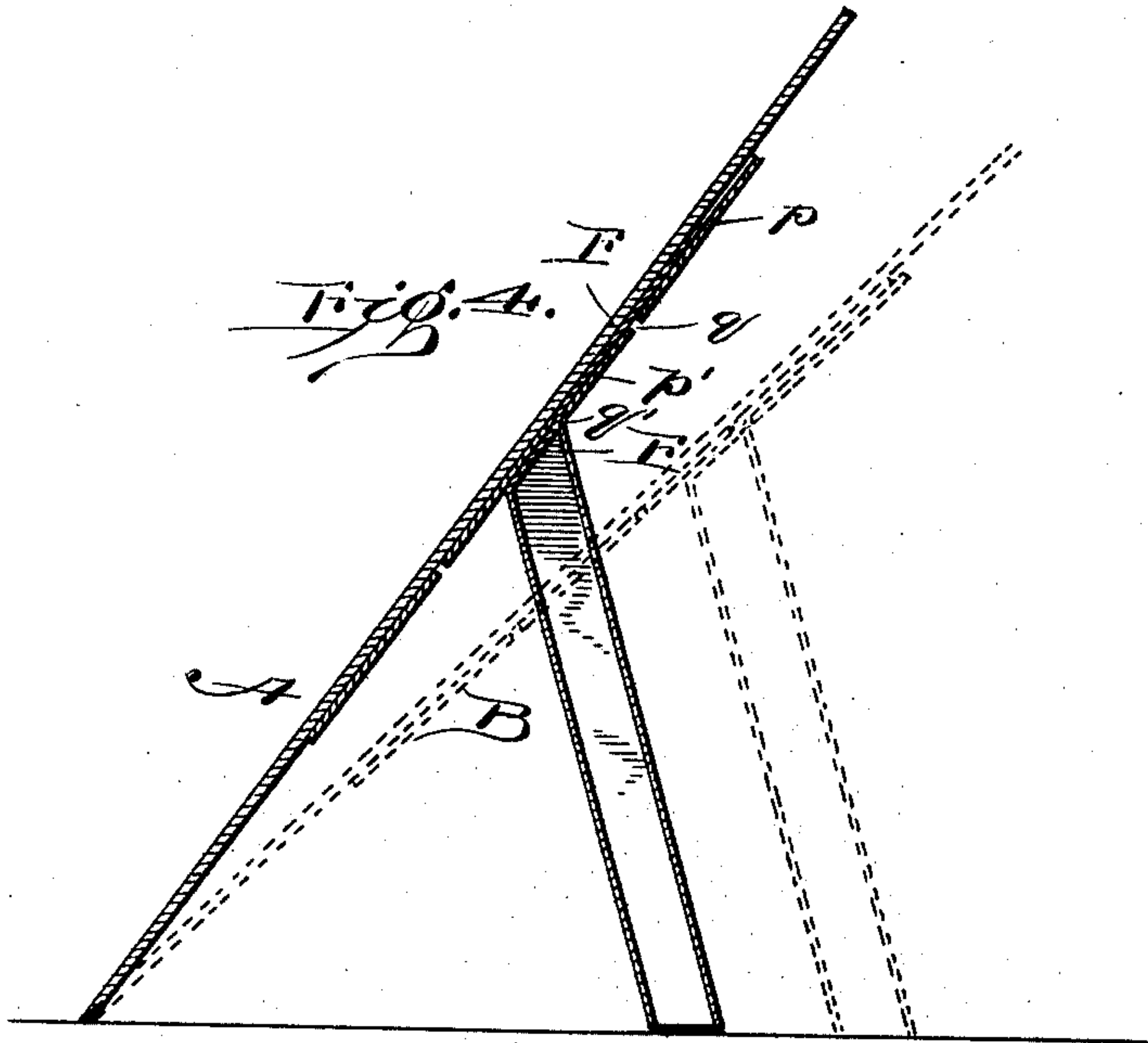
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMANUEL J. TRUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easel-Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to means for supporting and bracing in an inclined position pictures, display-cards, signs, and other objects which are exhibited or displayed on stands, mantels, &c., or in stores and similar places.

The object of the invention is to provide a support or brace for the purpose stated which, if desired, can be made from light-weight material (thereby introducing economy into the manufacture of these articles) and which shall be adapted to be permanently attached to the object in connection with which it is used and folded flat against the same when laid aside or packed for shipment, &c.

A further object of the invention is to provide a support which will lock itself in its extended supporting position as soon as it is opened or extended and adjusted to support the object to which it is attached.

A further object of the invention is to provide an easel-support for the purpose stated that shall be susceptible of adjustment at its connection with the object it is used to support, so that the inclination of the object can be changed to adapt it to any situation in which it may be placed.

The invention will be first described with reference to the drawings of the easel-support and afterward specifically defined, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the easel-support attached to a display-card or similar object in its extended and supporting position; Fig. 2, the blank from which the support is made. Fig. 3 represents a transverse sectional view of the support and the display-card or picture to which it is attached, showing the manner of folding the support for packing or

when the card or picture is lying flat and the support is not needed to hold it in position. Fig. 4 represents a vertical section of a card or picture and an adjustable support for the same. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of a card or picture and another construction of the support.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a display-card, picture, sign, or other object which it is desirable to support in an inclined of displayed position. B is the support for holding it in position. The support B is made from a blank D, cut out, preferably, in a single piece from light-weight board and shaped and creased to adapt it to be folded to form a rectangular leg or brace E and a tag F, by means of which it is connected with the display-card or other object. The blank shown by Fig. 2 consists of the following parts, viz: the front *a*, back *b*, sides *d d'*, gluing-flap *e*, and tag F, the latter being an extension of the back *b*. The blank is creased or scored on the lines *g g'* to adapt the sides to be bent upward at right angles to the back, at *h* to adapt the front to be bent over at right angles to the side *d* and parallel to the back, and at *i* to adapt the gluing-flap to be bent over at right angles to the side *d'*. The upper ends *k k* of the sides are cut at an angle of, say, forty-five degrees to the edges of the back part *b*, and the upper ends *l l'* of the front and gluing-flap are squared off at right angles to the sides and a short distance below the upper extremities *k k* of the sides, which project above or beyond the front part and the gluing-flap. The lower ends *m m* of the sides *d d'* are also cut at an angle to the front and back, so as to bear squarely on the surface on which the support is placed. The blank is converted into a support by bending up the sides *d d'* at right angles to the back *b*, turning the front part *a* and flap *e* over at right angles to the respective sides with the flap under the front, and gluing the two together, thus forming a hollow rectangular support. The tag F is then glued or otherwise fastened to the back of the card or picture. By means of the creased or scored lines the support can be folded down flat against the back of the card by bending the sides *d d'* down on the creased lines, whereby

the front *a* is brought down against the back *b*, as shown by Fig. 2. When the support is to be used, the sides are turned at right angles to the back to form the rectangular support or brace, which is then swung out therefrom on the creased line *n* between the back *b* and tag *F* until the diagonal projecting upper ends *k k* of the sides bear against the back of the card on either side of the edges *o o* of the tag, as shown in Fig. 1, whereby the support is locked in position and there is no liability of its collapsing. When in this position, the beveled lower ends *m m* of the sides permit the support to rest squarely on the surface, as shown.

In the modification shown by Fig. 4 a pocket *p* is formed at the back of the card by gluing a piece of cardboard *p'* by its side edges to the back of the display-card or picture, leaving its lower edge free, and two or more transverse slots *q q'* are made in the piece *p'*. The tag *F* of the support is inserted in this pocket through one or the other of the slots, thus connecting the support with the display-card or picture. By changing the tag from one slot to the other the inclination of the card is increased or diminished. Thus the solid lines show the inclination when the tag is passed into the pocket through the lower slot *q'* and the dotted lines the inclination when it is passed through the upper slot. A greater number of slots may be made to give various inclinations to the card.

The modification shown by Fig. 5 consists in furnishing the upper end of the front of the brace with a tongue *s*, which is intended to be thrust into a slot *t* in the tag when the brace is extended, and thereby lock the brace in its extended position.

I claim—

1. In easel-supports made of cardboard or like material and comprising a tag and a brace the sides of which have obliquely-formed upper ends that project beyond the front of the brace and embrace the edges of the tag when the brace is extended, substantially as specified.

2. An easel-support made of cardboard or like material and comprising a tag and a foldable rectangular brace the sides of which have obliquely-formed upper ends that project beyond the front of the brace and embrace the edges of the tag when the brace is extended, substantially as specified.

3. An easel-support made in a single piece cut from a sheet of cardboard or like material and comprising a tag and an extensible brace the sides of which have obliquely-formed upper ends that project beyond the front of the brace and embrace the edges of the tag when the brace is extended, substantially as specified.

4. An easel-support made of cardboard or like material and comprising a tag and an extensible brace having an obliquely-formed foot and the sides of which have obliquely-formed upper ends that project beyond the front of the brace and embrace the edges of the tag when the brace is extended, substantially as specified.

5. An easel-support made of cardboard or like material and comprising an extensible, and adjustable brace and a tag connected therewith in combination with a display-card or other article having pockets in the back to receive the tag and connect the support with the card and adapt it to change the inclination thereof, substantially as specified.

6. An easel-support blank made of suitable material and comprising a tag and front, back, sides, and a gluing-flap, the blank being creased to adapt the sides front and gluing-flap to be folded and formed into a rectangular foldable brace and the brace to be swung out from the tag, substantially as specified.

7. A support for pictures and other objects consisting of an integral piece of pliable material comprising a rigid section adapted for securement to a picture or other object, and a hinged section depending from said rigid section having reinforcements along its edges arranged at right angles thereto and terminating at their upper edges in inclined ends adapted to contact with the rear surface of the picture or other object to which the rigid section is attached and to embrace the edges of the rigid section whereby the reinforcements are positively locked in their position at right angles to the hinged section, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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