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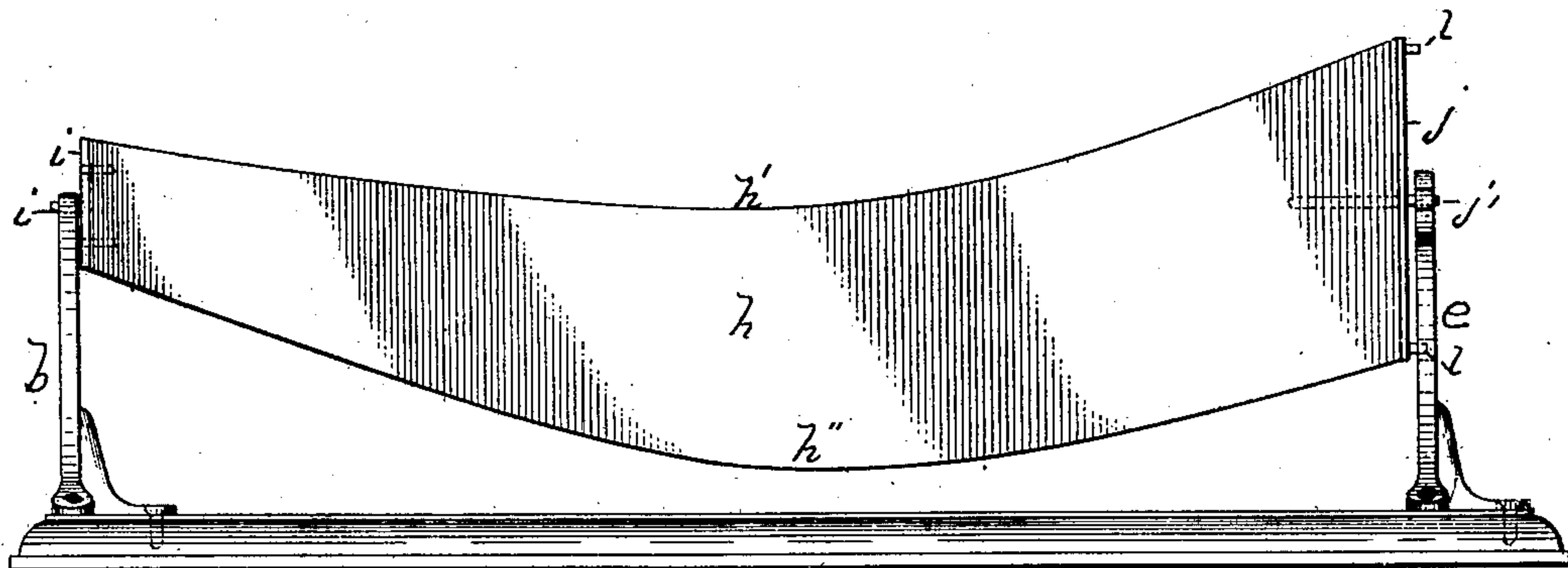
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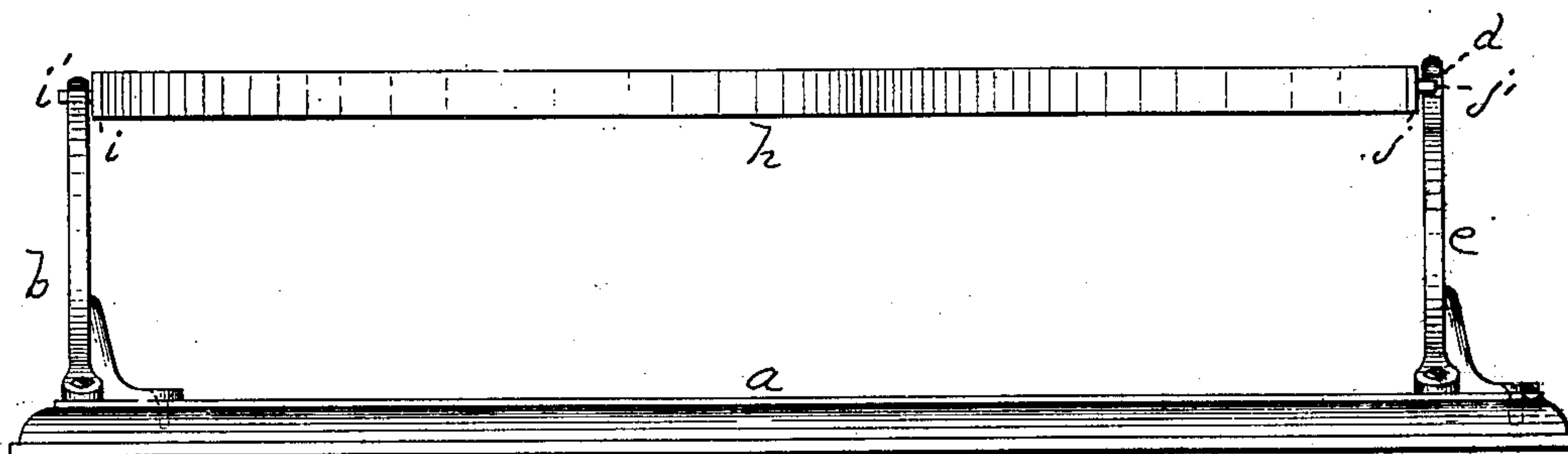


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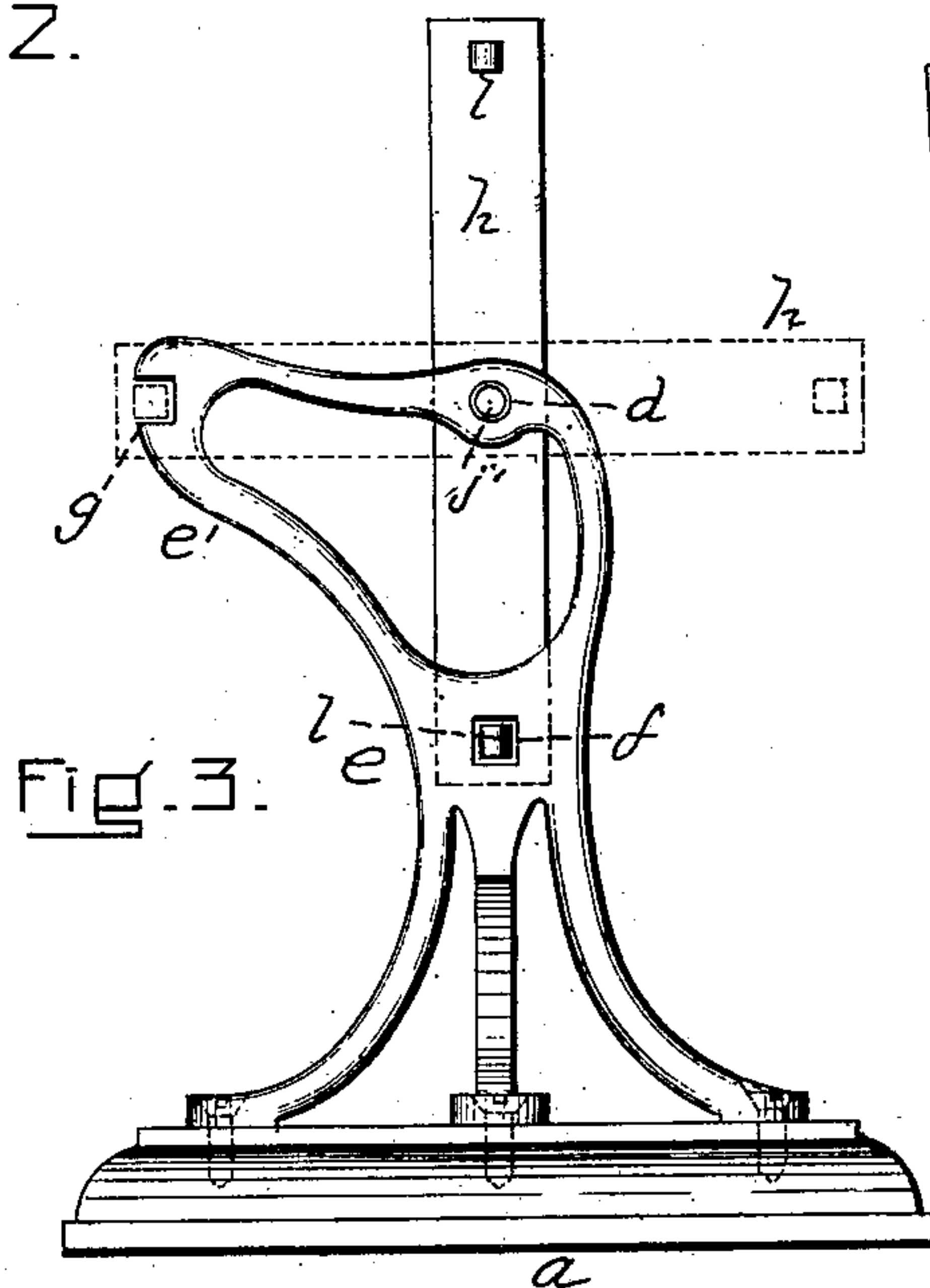


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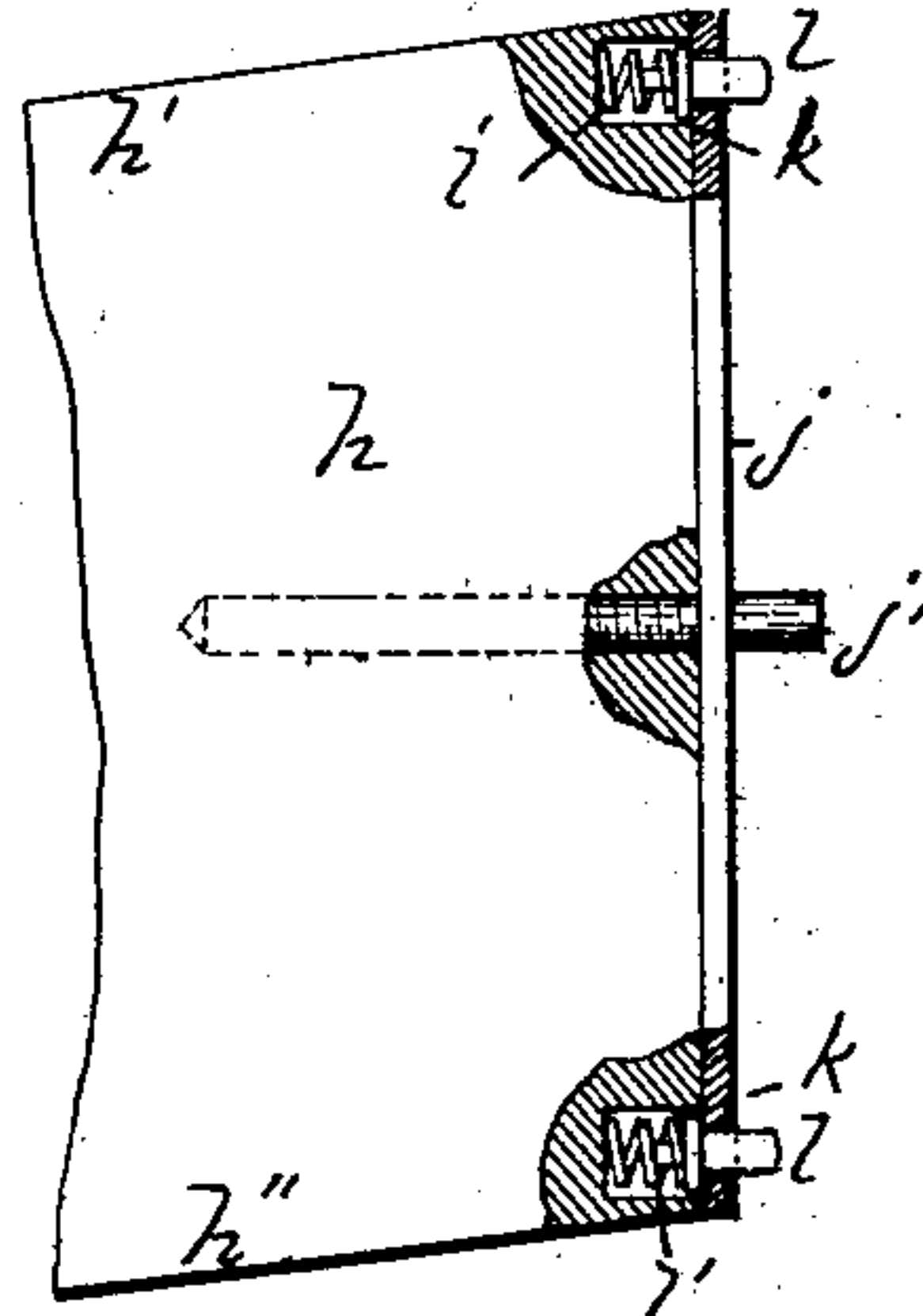


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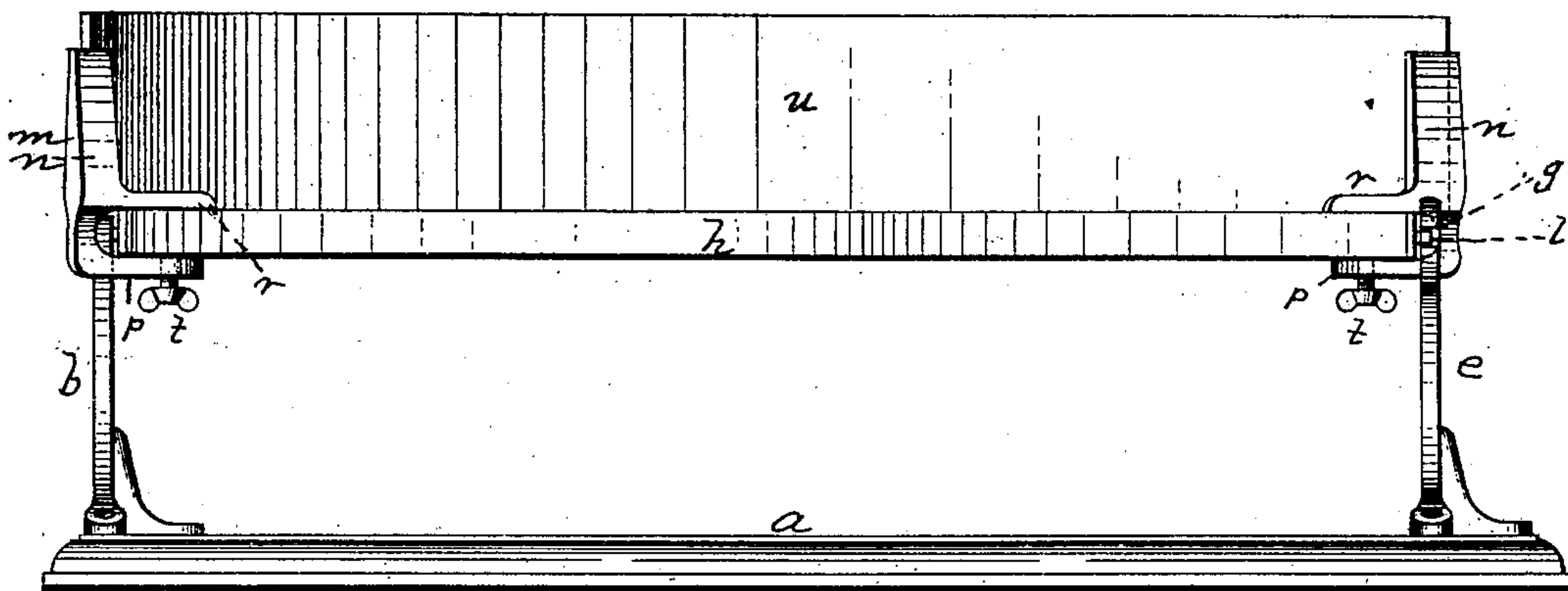


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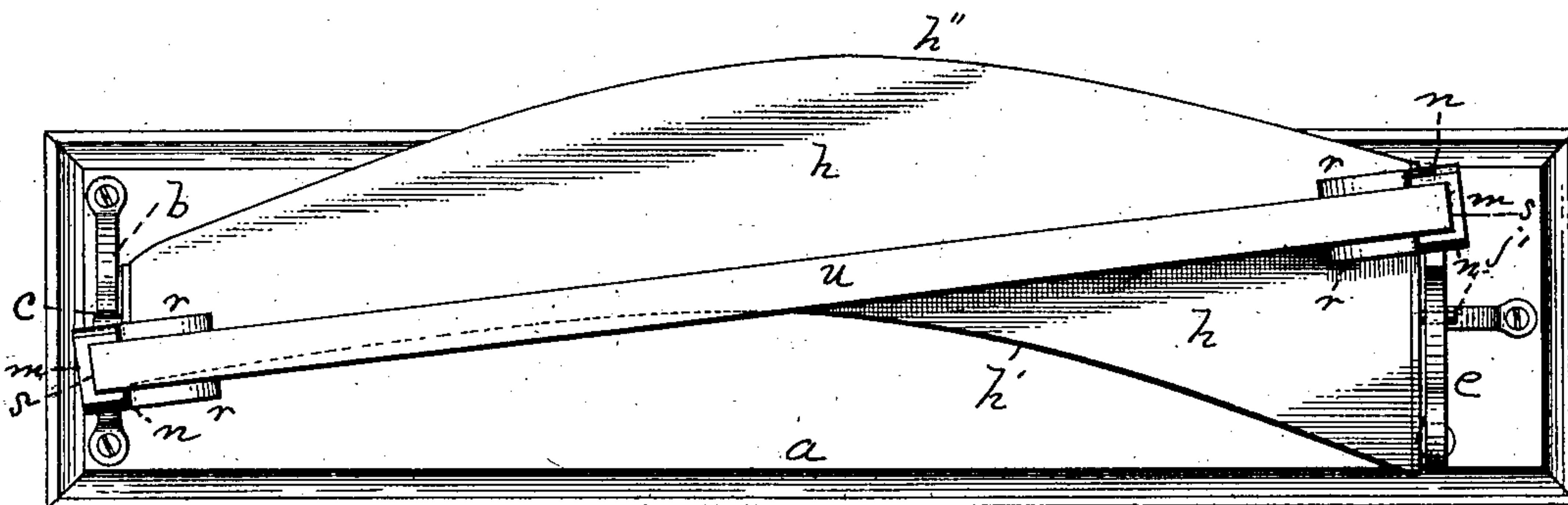


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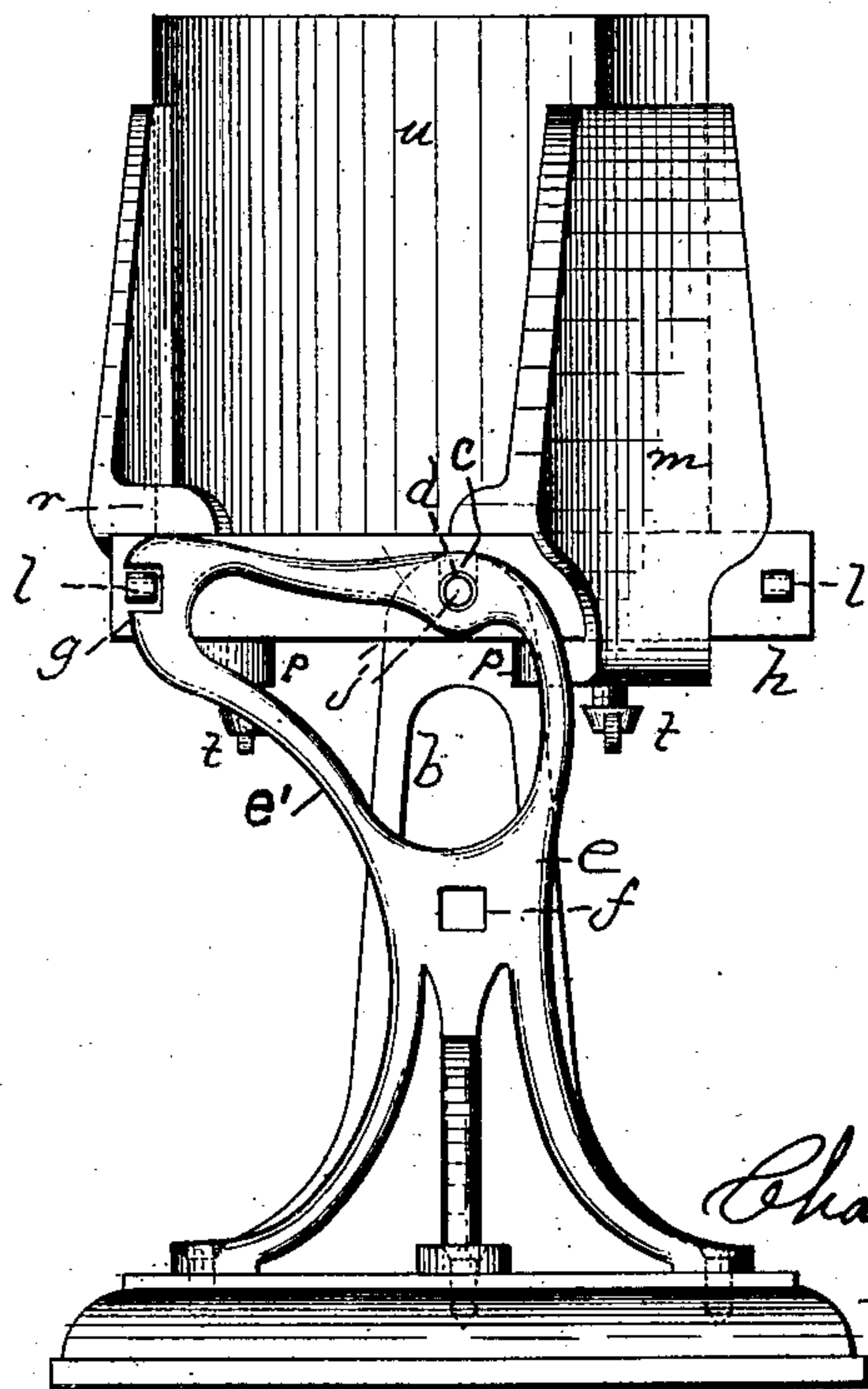


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## IRONING-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. POTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Ipswich, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This is an improved ironing-table or ironing-board which is adapted particularly for ironing the sleeve-seams and body-seams of ladies' shirt-waists, although it can be employed for ironing other styles of waists as well as coats and some other body garments for both men and women.

The invention has for its principal objects to enable the entire sleeve to be placed on the board and ironed at a time and to iron the seams both of the sleeves and the body of the waist on the edges of the ironing-boards, whereby the seams are raised from the rest of the garment and scorching of that portion of the garment is prevented.

The nature of the invention is fully described below and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved ironing-table in position for ironing the sleeve of a waist. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the parts in position for ironing the sides of the sleeves. Fig. 3 is an enlarged end elevation showing in full lines the device in position for ironing the seams of a sleeve and in dotted lines the parts in position for ironing the sides of a sleeve. Fig. 4 is a detail of one end of the board for ironing the sleeve, portions being broken out in order to illustrate the means for locking said board in position. Fig. 5 is a side elevation with the table arranged for ironing the seams of the body of the waist. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 7 is an end elevation looking toward the left of the ironing-table as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

*a* represents a base, to the surface of which near its opposite ends are rigidly secured the upright standards *b* and *c*. The standard *b* is formed at its extreme upper end with a suitable notch or slot *c*, Fig. 6 and dotted lines

in Fig. 7, and the standard *c* is provided near its upper end with a hole or recess *d*, Figs. 3 and 7, said hole being at the same height as the notch *c*. The standard *c*, whose shape is well illustrated in Figs. 3 and 7, is provided with the substantially central opening *f* on a vertical line with the hole *d*, and said standard is extended horizontally at *e* and provided at the end of said extension with the notch *g*, which is on a level with the hole *d*.

*h* represents the board for ironing the sleeves of the waist, said board being shaped, as shown in Fig. 1, to receive the sleeve with its seam or seams next the edge or edges thereof. The board, which is substantially flat, is provided at its opposite ends with the plates *i* and *j*, said plates being provided, respectively, with horizontal pivots *i'* and *j'*, resting in the notch *c* and hole *d*, respectively.

Referring particularly to the first four figures, the right-hand end of the board *h* and its plate *j* are provided with horizontal recesses *k*, containing springs *l'*, which hold normally outward horizontal bolts *l* in the manner indicated particularly in Fig. 4. When the inside seam of a sleeve is to be ironed, it is wholly drawn over the board *h*, with the seam next the edge *h'*, and the board laid in the position indicated in Fig. 1, in which position said edge is uppermost, and one of the bolts *l* extends into the opening *f*, thus holding the board in a vertical position. The inside seam may then be ironed, the iron touching only that portion of the goods immediately adjacent to the seam, thus preventing scorching of the sleeve. When the outer seam of the sleeve is to be ironed, the board *h* is applied with the edge *h''* uppermost, and the other bolt *l* extends into the hole *f* and locks the board in a vertical position. When the sides of the sleeves are to be ironed, the board is supported by means of its pivots, in the horizontal position, (indicated in Fig. 2,) and one of the bolts *l* extends into the notch *g* and locks the board in said position. To iron the other side of the sleeve, the board is placed in a reversed horizontal position on the standards, and the other bolt *l* engages in the notch *g*. As the ironing-board *h* extends through the entire



length of the sleeve and is unbroken by any central standard, the entire sleeve can be drawn over the board and ironed at one time.

In Figs. 5, 6, and 7 the apparatus is arranged for ironing the seams of the body of the waist. In these figures the board *h* is locked in the manner above described in a horizontal position, and at opposite ends of the board there are secured to it integral clamping-brackets, each of which consists of the upright portion *m*, provided with the inwardly-extending parallel vertical flanges *n*, the inwardly-extending underlapping jaw *p*, the two inwardly-extending overlapping horizontal jaws *r*, and the vertical groove *s*, produced by the flanges *n* and extending from the upper end of the bracket to a point above the lower horizontal jaw *p*. Thus the brackets or clamps are secured to the opposite ends of the board *h*, overlapping and underlapping the edges by means of suitable screws *t*. *u* represents a board for ironing the seams of the body of the waist, said board being held edge up, with its opposite ends in the grooves *s* and extending diagonally across the surface of the horizontal board *h* by reason of the position of the brackets, which are set on opposite sides to avoid the standards *b* and *e*. Thus the waist may be applied to the board *u*, with its seam on the upper edge of said board, in the same manner as the sleeve is applied to the board *h* and with a like favorable result as to the prevention of scorching.

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

1. In an ironing-table, the standards *b* and *e* provided respectively with the bearing-notch *c* and the hole *d*, said standard *e* being formed with the side notch *g* substantially on a horizontal line with said hole *d*, and with the hole

*f* on a vertical line with the hole *d*; the sleeve-ironing board *h* provided with the opposite concave and convex edges *h'* and *h''*, said ironing-board being pivotally supported in said notch *c* and hole *d*; and the spring-bolts *l* extending from one end of the ironing-board and adapted to engage in said notch *g* and hole *f*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In an ironing-table, the standards *b* and *e* provided respectively with the notch *c* and the hole *d*, the standard *e* being formed with the side notch *g* substantially on a horizontal line with said hole *d*; the sleeve-ironing board *h* pivotally supported in said notch *c* and hole *d*; locking mechanism adapted to engage in the notch *g* and hole *f* and when in engagement with the notch *g* to hold the ironing-board in a horizontal position, that is, with one of its broad surfaces upward; the ironing-board *u* set edge upward on the flat surface of the board *h* and extending diagonally along said board from one end to the other; and clamps each consisting of the vertical portions *m* provided with the inwardly-extending vertical flanges *n* for holding said board *u* in a vertical position, and the parallel jaws *p* and *r* for clamping the horizontal board *h*, said clamps being located on opposite sides respectively of the pivotal points of the opposite ends of the ironing-board in the notch *c* and hole *d*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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