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Fig. 1.

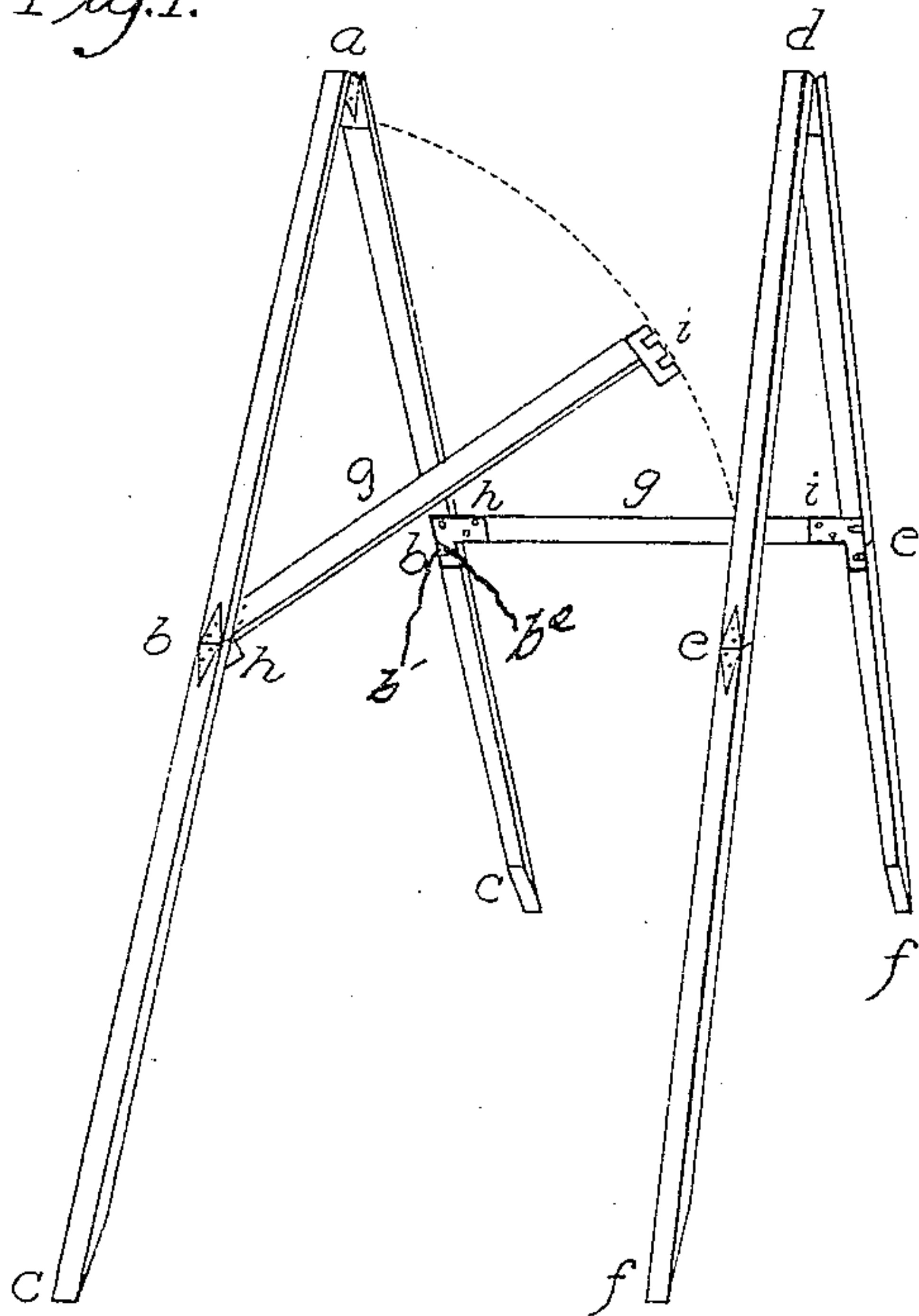


Fig. 3.

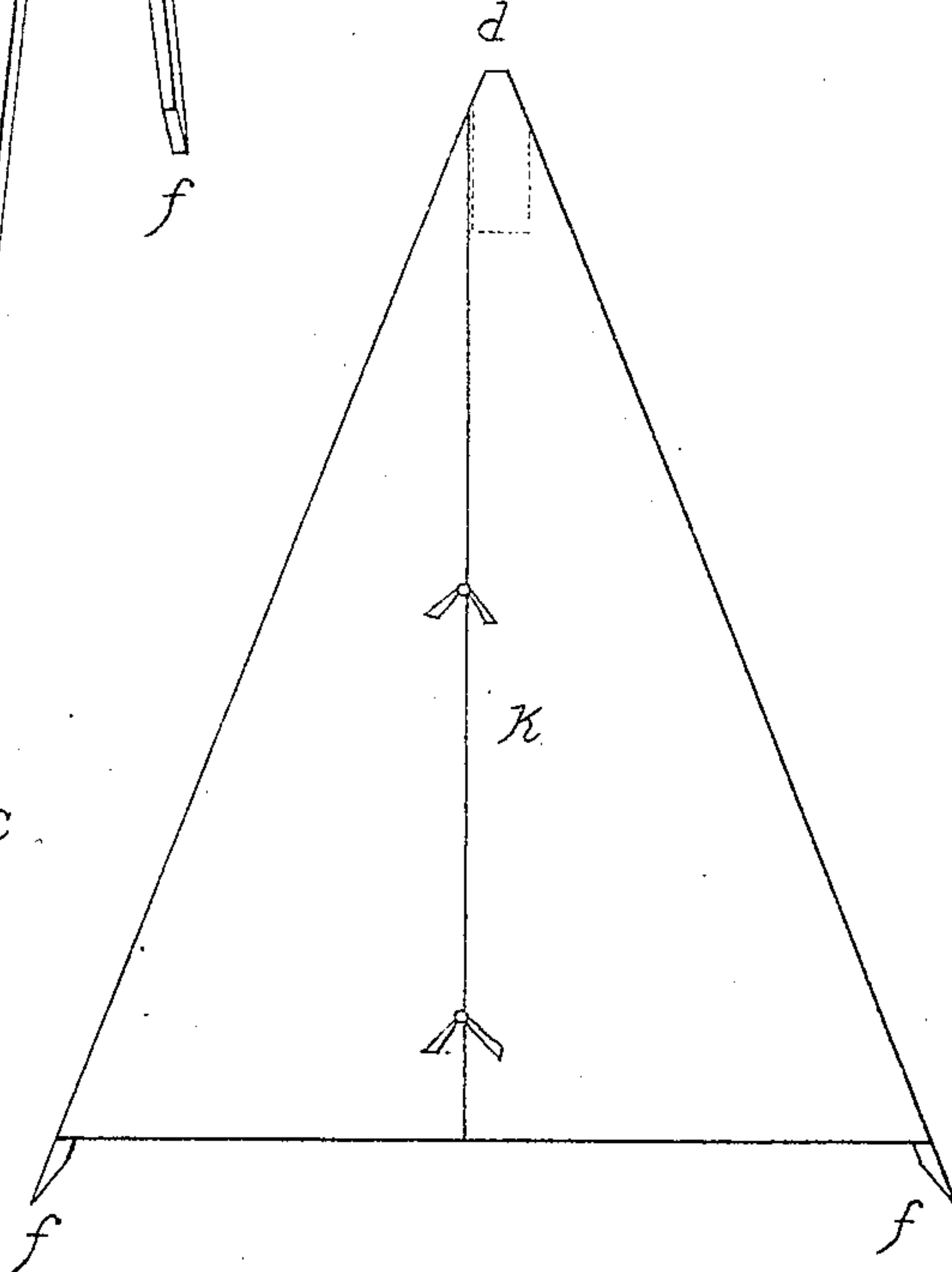


Fig. 2.

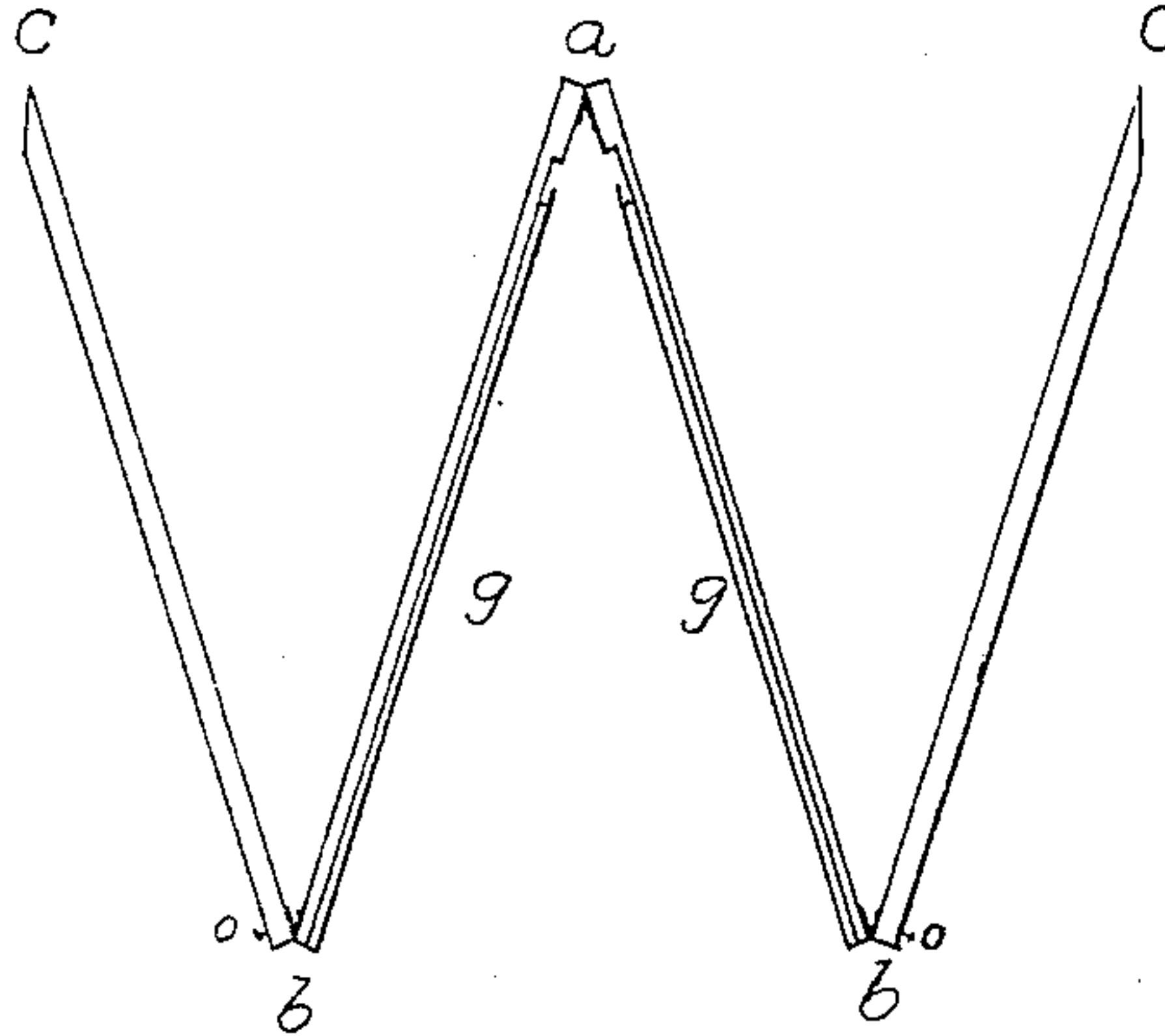
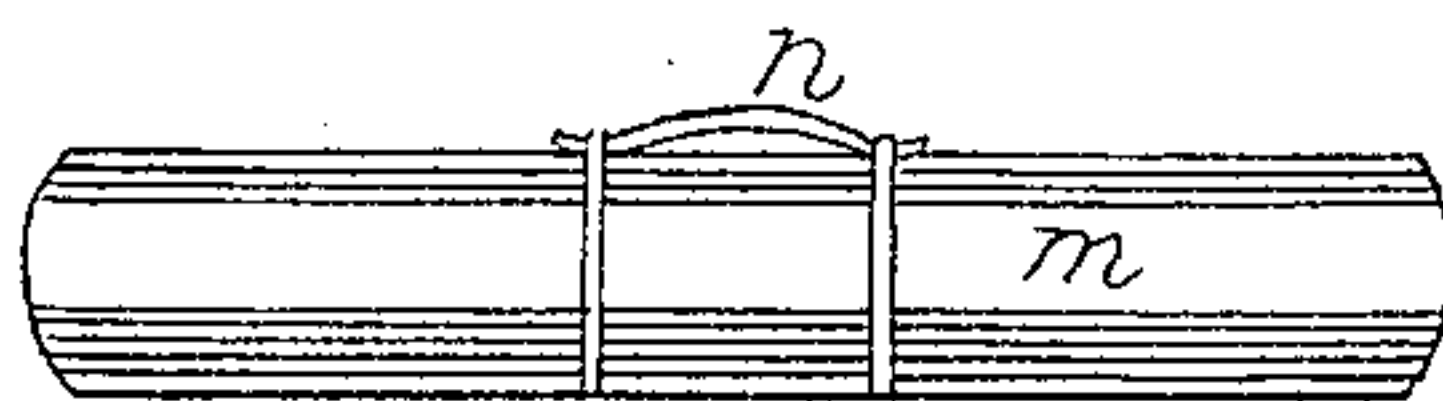


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN CALLAWAY BOOKER and EDITH HILL-BOOKER, citizens of the United States, residing at Pasadena, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Folding Beach Bath-House, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tents, and particularly to a device designed for use as a bath-house.

The invention has for its object the provision of novel means whereby a tent may be readily set up for use or knocked down and packed in contracted space for transportation, the said tent or canopy serving as a storage-room, a dressing-room for bathers, or as a shelter.

This invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of the specification, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective illustrating the supporting-frame. Fig. 2 is a view in elevation showing the frame partly folded. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the tent set up for use. Fig. 4 is an illustration of the package after the tent is folded.

The supporting-frame comprises two approximately A-shape standards, each of which is hinged, as shown at *a d*, and the leg of each standard is hinged approximately centrally its length, as shown at *b b e e*. Braces *g* are each secured to L-shape plates *h i*, one at each end, each plate *h* being pivoted to a leg of the standards above the joint. Each plate has a notch *b'* in its outer edge to receive a stud *b''*, projecting from the leg below the joint. Hence when said plate is in engagement with the stud it serves to retain the brace in place and further serves as a means for preventing

the joint from breaking, thereby holding said leg straight. The plates *i* each have notches to receive the studs *o*, situated one above and one below the joint of the leg of the other standard, and the said plate *i* acts to secure the brace in place and also to prevent breaking of the joint at the leg, as heretofore described in connection with the disclosure of the plate *h*. The lower ends of the legs have points *f* to permit their being embedded in the ground for the purpose of anchoring the frame.

When the parts are assembled, as shown in Fig. 1, the cover *k* is applied and a tent-like structure is produced, which owing to the peculiar arrangement of parts will be rigid and not readily collapsed, except through the manipulation of the braces.

In Fig. 4 the package is shown in which the parts heretofore described are packed and inclosed by the wrapper *m*, which is provided with a handle *n* for convenience in carrying.

The construction, operation, and advantages will, it is thought, be understood from the foregoing description, it being noted that various changes may be made in the proportions and details of construction for successfully carrying the invention into practice.

Having fully described the invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a beach bath-house, approximately A-shape standards, braces connecting the standards, each standard comprising two legs hinged together at their tops and hinged approximately centrally their length, braces extending from the leg of one standard to the corresponding leg of the other standard, and means whereby the braces are secured to the legs whereby the joints of the legs are held against breaking.

2. In a beach bath-house, two standards comprising legs hinged together at their upper ends, the said legs each having hinged joints intermediately their length, braces for the legs, plates secured on the ends of the

braces, studs above and below the leg-joints, engaged by the plates, the plates at one end of the braces being pivoted to the legs and having notches, studs engaged by the pivoted
5 plates, each of the said plates extending across a joint of the leg to which it is connected, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our

names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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