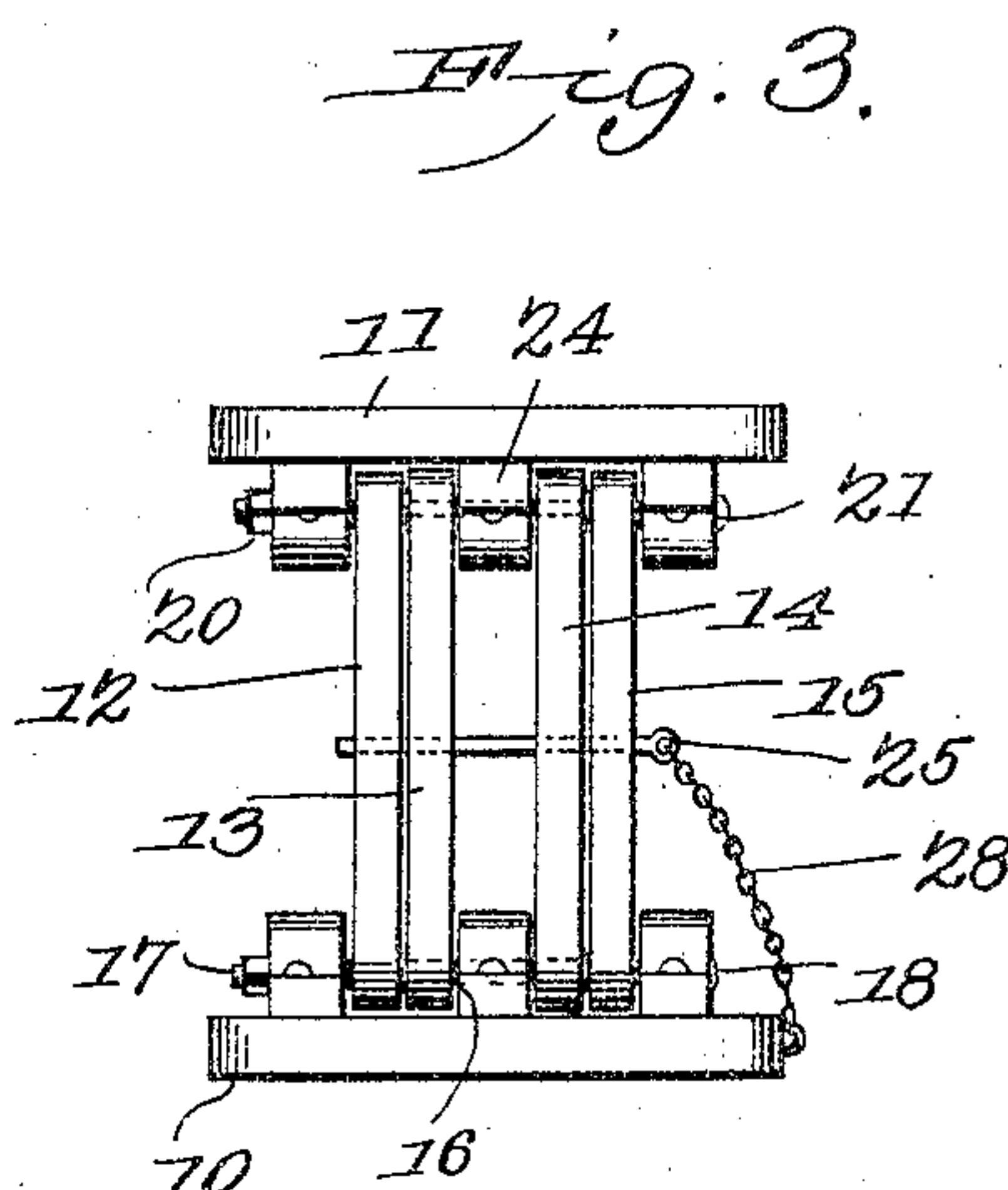
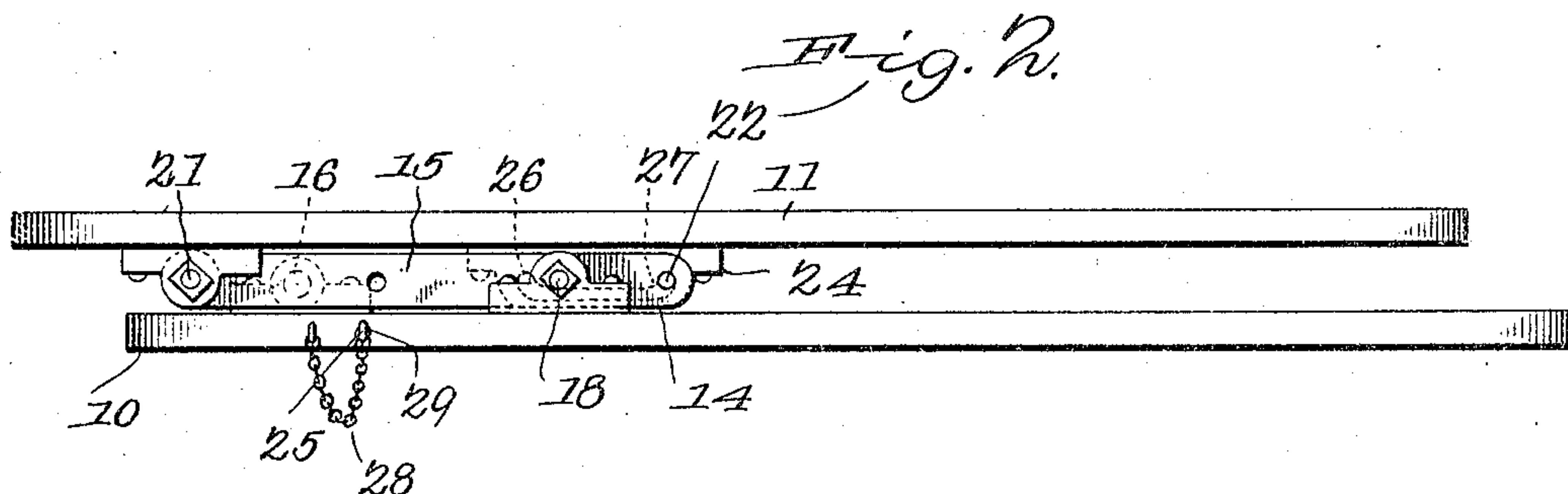
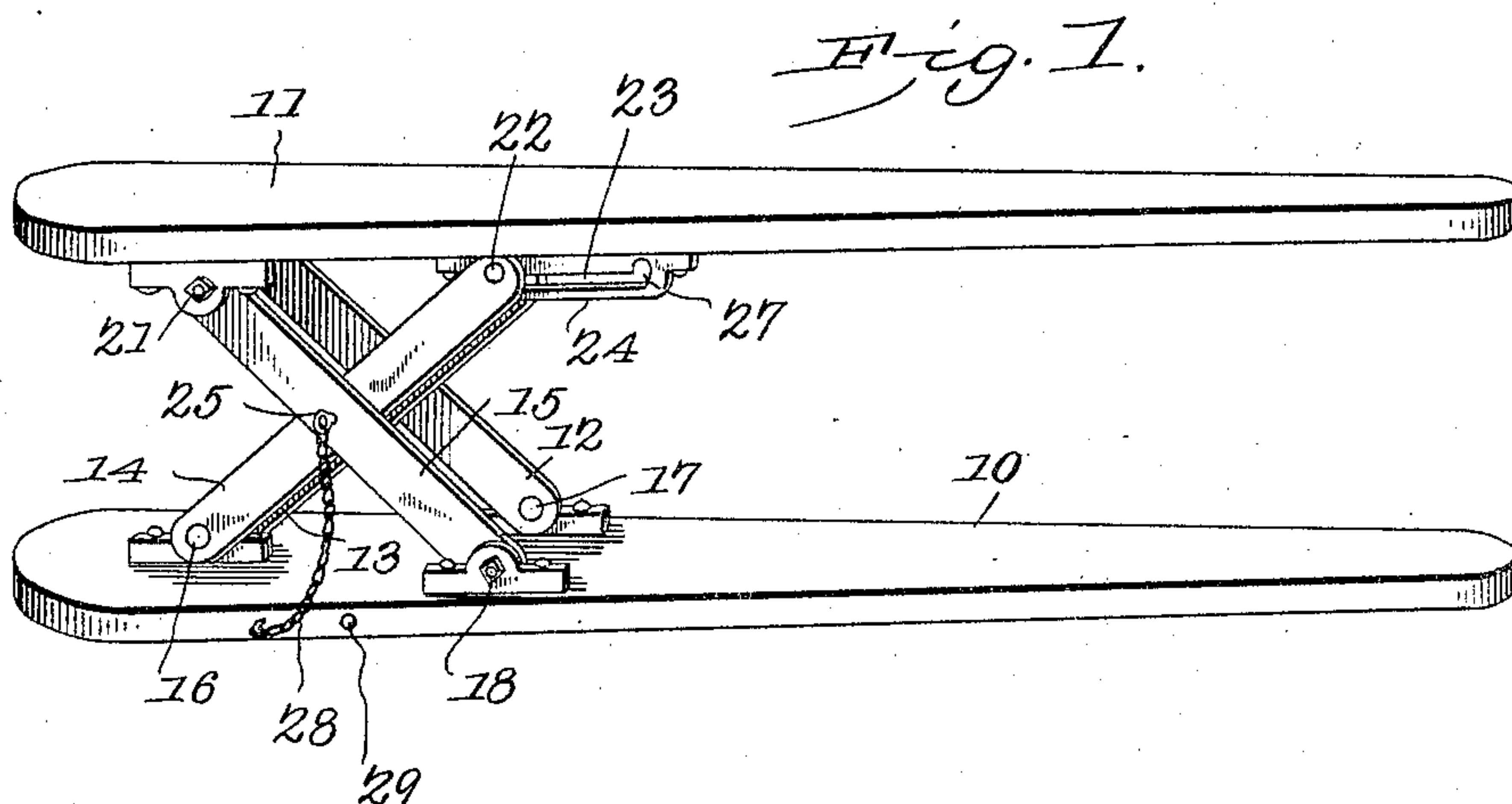


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. McKINNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tyrone, in the county of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ironing-boards, more particularly to devices of this character employed in ironing the sleeves and legs of garments, shirt-bosoms, and the like, and has for its object to produce a simply-constructed and convenient device wherein two separate ironing-boards are provided, either of which may be used and which may be folded into a small space when not required for use.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as herein-after fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in distended position. Fig. 2 is a side view of the device in collapsed or folded position. Fig. 3 is an end view of the device in distended position.

The improved device comprises two ironing-boards 10 11 of different sizes united near one end by crossed links arranged in pairs, as at 12 13 and 14 15, and pivoted, as at 16 17 18, to the board 10 and, as at 20, 21, and 22, to the board 11, the pivots 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 being connected to brackets rigidly attached to the respective boards and the pivot 22 passing through a slot 23 in a member 24, attached centrally to the board 11. By this arrangement it will be obvious that the boards may be distended, as in Fig. 1, or col-

lapsed, as in Fig. 2, the extent of the movement being controlled by the length of the slot 23. A locking-pin 25 is provided for insertion through transverse apertures in the crossed links, the apertures disposed at the points of their greatest upward movement to hold them in that position as long as required. By this simple means it is obvious that when either one of the boards 10 11 is required they may be separated as far as the slot 23 in the member 24 will permit and the pin 25 inserted through the crossed links, which will firmly support the boards in their distended position, and either board may be employed as required by simply reversing the device. When not required, the withdrawal of the pin will permit the boards to be collapsed, as in Fig. 2.

At the ends of the slot 23 slight depressions 26 27 are formed in which the pivot 23 will be seated at the ends of the movement to increase the steadiness of the device and relieve the pin 25 from a portion of the strains.

A chain, as at 28, will be attached to the pin 25 to prevent it from being mislaid when detached, and a pocket 29 will also be provided in the board 10 to hold the pin when not in use, as in Fig. 2.

A very convenient, compact, and efficient device is thus produced which will be very useful for the purposes described.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is--

1. A device of the class described comprising a pair of substantially parallel ironing-boards, a pair of links terminally pivoted to the adjacent sides of the respective boards, another link located between the first-mentioned links and pivotally connected to one of the boards, a bracket secured to the inner side of the other board and provided with a longitudinal slot having a seat at its inner end, the free end of said other link having a pin working in the slot and capable of engagement with the seat thereof, the links being provided with corresponding perforations which register in the separated condition of the boards, and a pin capable of removable insertion through the perforations.

2. A device of the class described compris-

ing a pair of substantially parallel ironing-boards, a pair of links terminally pivoted to the inner faces of the respective boards, another link located between and crossing the pair of links with one end terminally pivoted to the inner face of one of the boards and its opposite end having a permanent slidable connection with the other board, means to prevent accidental sliding of the slidable end of said other link, the links being provided with perforations which are in alinement in the separated condition of the boards, and a pin capable of removable insertion through the perforations.

3. A device of the class described comprising a pair of substantially parallel ironing-boards, a pair of links terminally pivoted to the respective boards, another link located between and crossing the pair of links with one end terminally pivoted to one of the

boards, a guideway carried by the other board with the free end of the individual link slidably engaged therewith, means to prevent accidental sliding of said individual link in the separated condition of the boards, the links being provided with perforations which register when the boards are separated to their limit, a pin capable of removable insertion into the perforations, a flexible connection between the pin and one of the boards, and said board having a socket for the removable reception of the pin when not in use.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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