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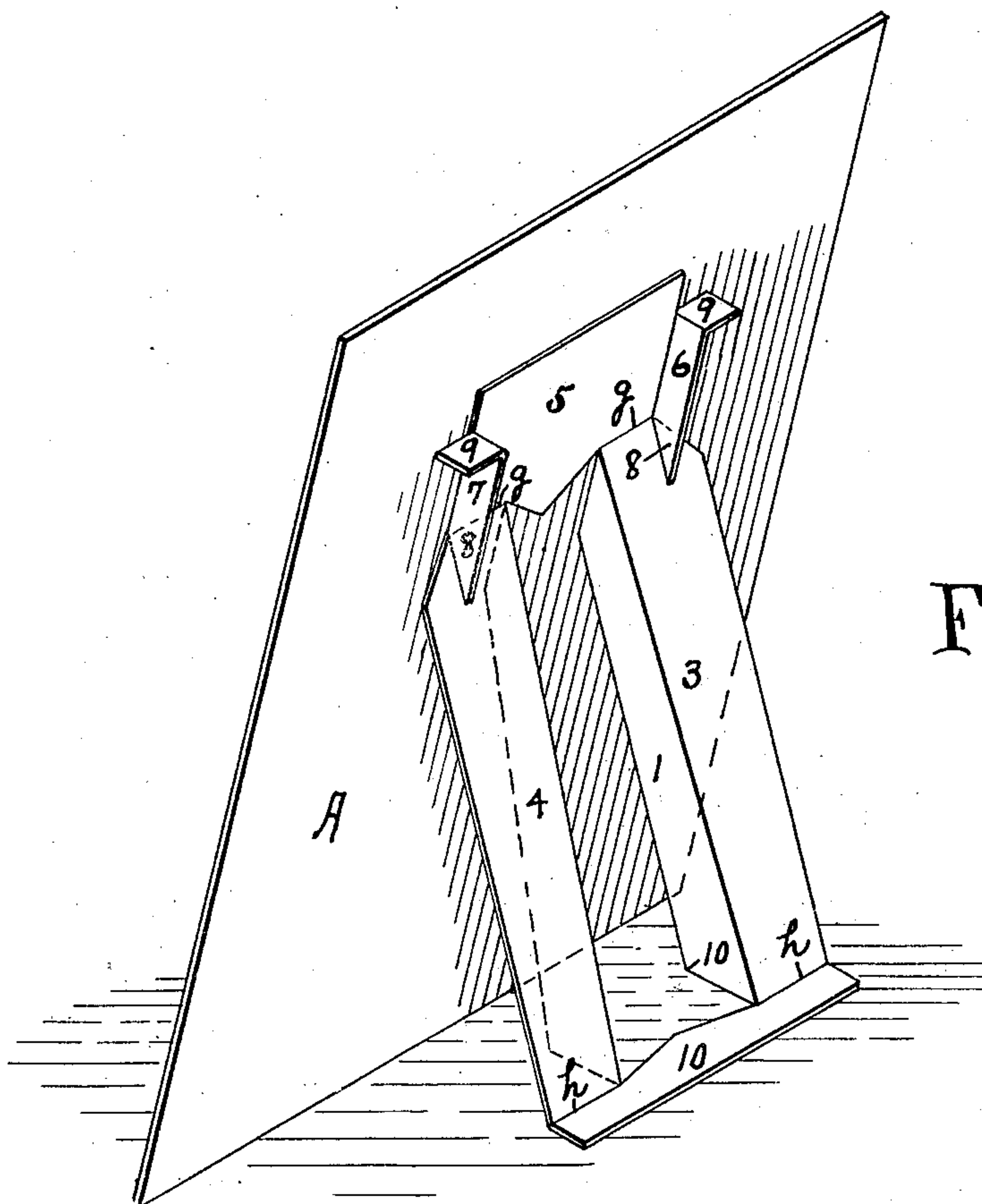


Fig. 1.

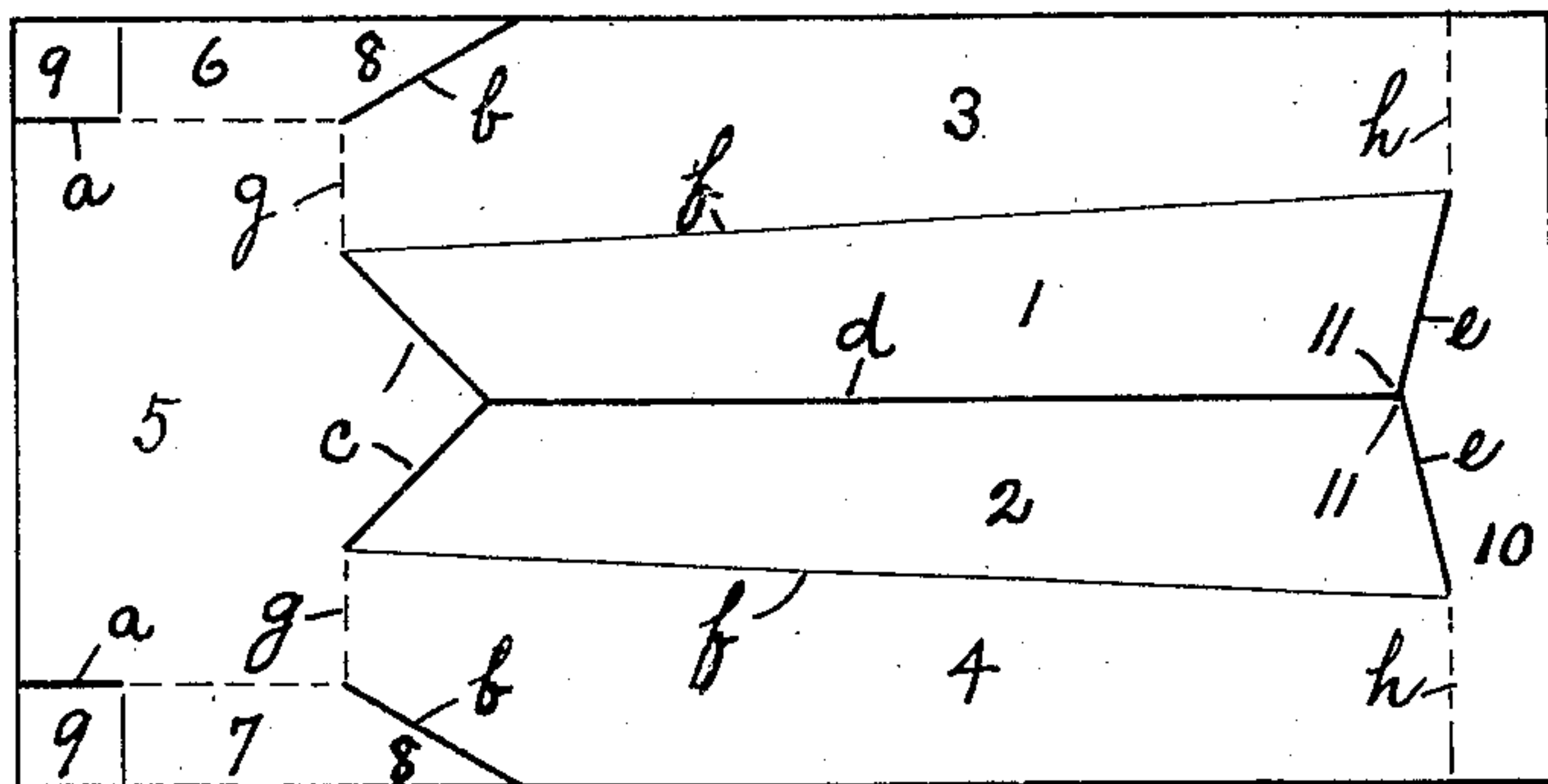


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. SPRINGMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Easel, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to easels that are attached to the backs of calendars, pictures, display-cards, and the like for the purpose of affording means to hold them in upright position; and the object of my improvement is to provide means of this kind that may be secured to the back of the article to be supported and that may lie flat against the same while not in use and that may be swung out and portions thereof so bent as to hold other portions in their operative positions, parts of the easel being bent to act as stiffeners for other parts.

My invention consists in the easel formed as hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a card with my improved easel attached thereto and placed in operative supporting position. Fig. 2 is a plan of the material cut for folding, the lines upon which the material is to be folded down in the view being indicated by light continuous lines, and the lines upon which the material is to be folded up in the view being indicated by dotted lines.

Similar reference characters refer to like parts throughout both views of the drawings.

In the drawings, figure 2 shows a sheet of material, which is preferably stiff paper, cut along the lines *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, and *e*, and adapted to be folded so that the parts 1 and 2 may be folded back along the lines *f* to form braces for the parts 3 and 4, as shown in Fig. 1, which parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 form legs. When the easel parts are in the position shown in Fig. 1, the upper edges of the parts 1 and 2, formed by the cuts *c*, will contact with the back of the article A to be supported, the

parts 3 and 4 swinging out at the lines *g*. The part 5 is cemented to the article A in any desired manner. To prevent the legs from swinging out too far, the parts 6 and 7 are bent up at right angles to the part 5, as shown in Fig. 1, the pointed tongues 8 engaging the legs. To hold these parts in position, the tongues 9 are bent down at right angles to the parts 6 and 7. The connecting-foot 10 is bent at the line *h* to lie flat on the plane supporting the easel. If desired, the angle of the cuts *e* may be such that the corners 11 of the braces 1 and 2 will also contact with the supporting-plane. In this manner a comparatively stiff rigid easel is formed of a relatively flexible material, one where every portion of the material is utilized and one which can be folded down to a single thickness.

Having now explained my improvements, what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An easel made of a sheet of fibrous material, cut and adapted to be folded to form a foot, angular legs extending upward therefrom, a flat part adapted to be cemented to the articles to be supported, and outwardly-projecting means to limit the outward movement of the legs.

2. An easel, comprising a flat portion 5, adapted to be secured to the article to be supported, downwardly-extending portions 3 and 4, inwardly-turned portions 1 and 2 connected to parts 3 and 4 for the purpose of stiffening the same, a foot connecting the lower ends of the parts 3 and 4, upturned parts 6 and 7 having tongues to limit the outward movement of the parts 3 and 4, and tongues 9 to hold these parts in position.

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

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