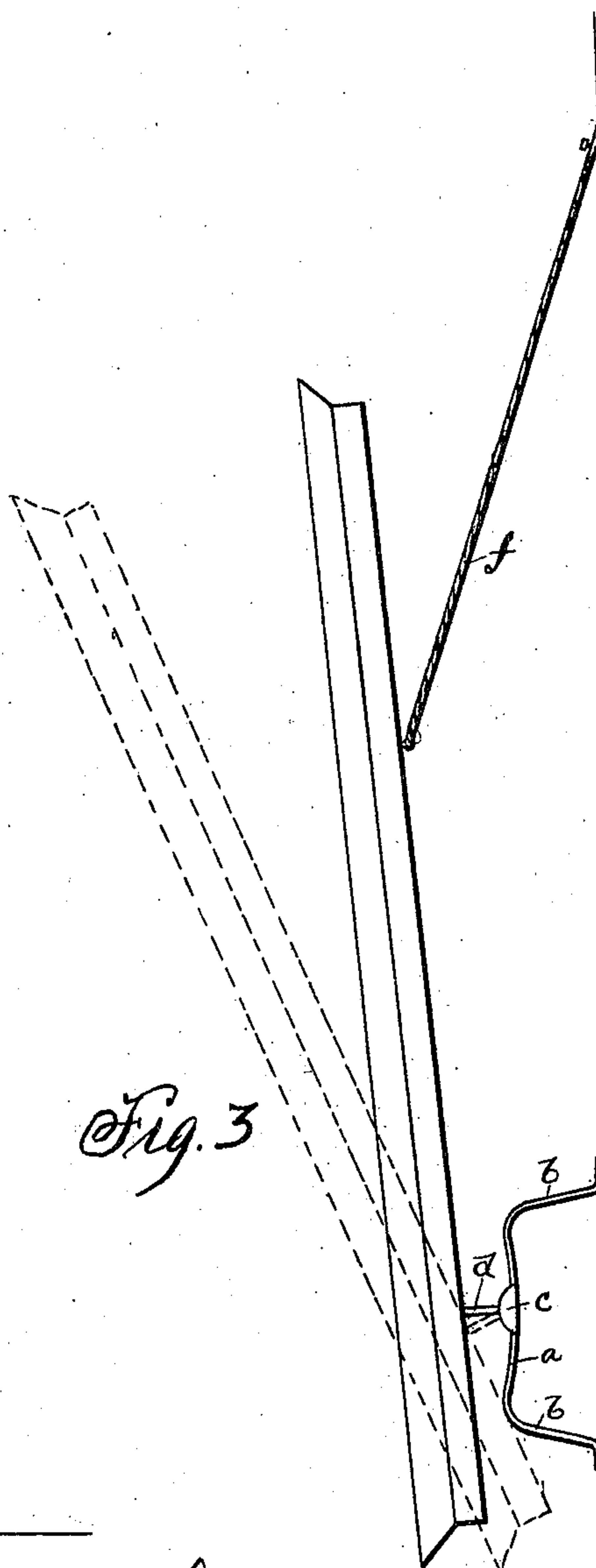
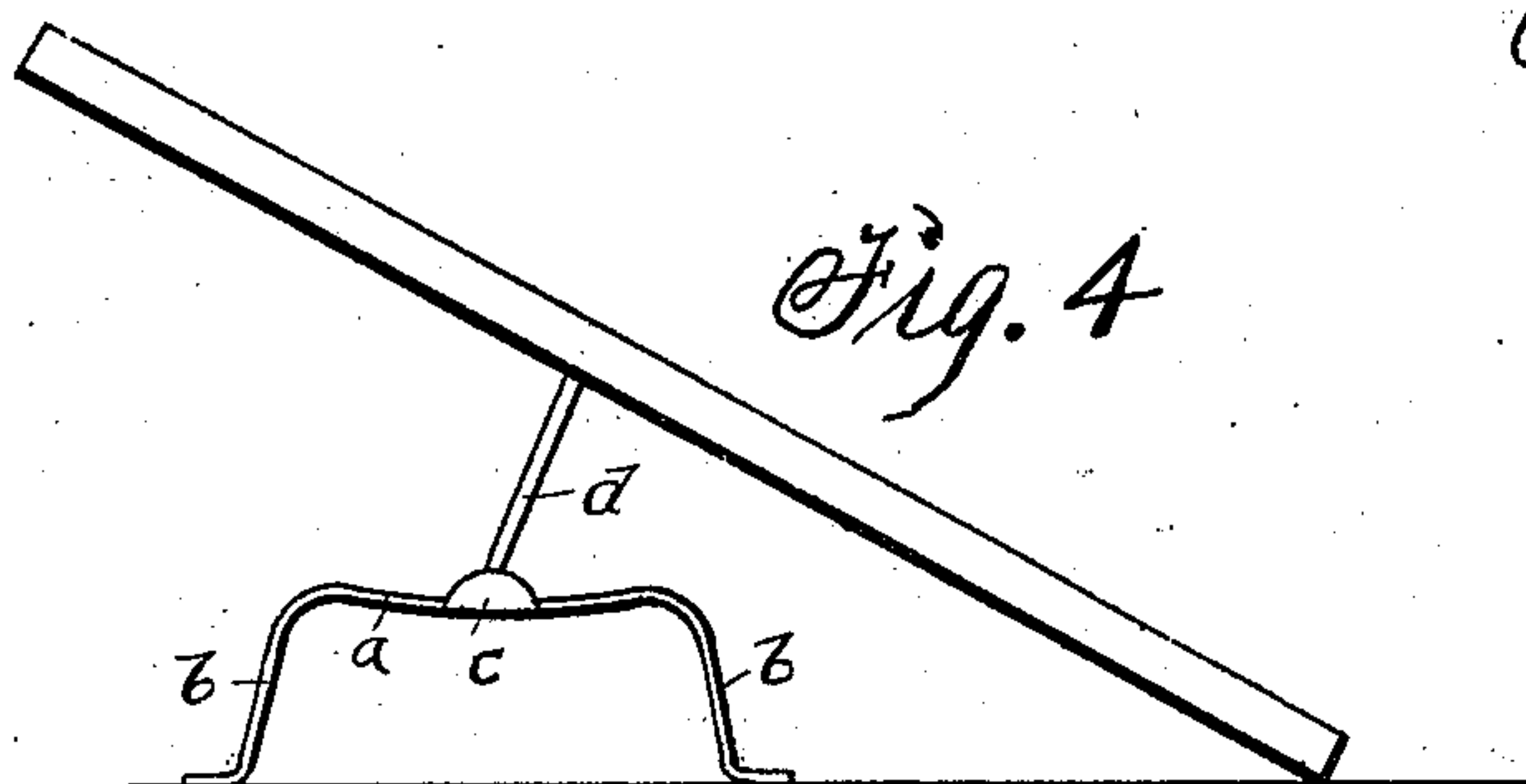
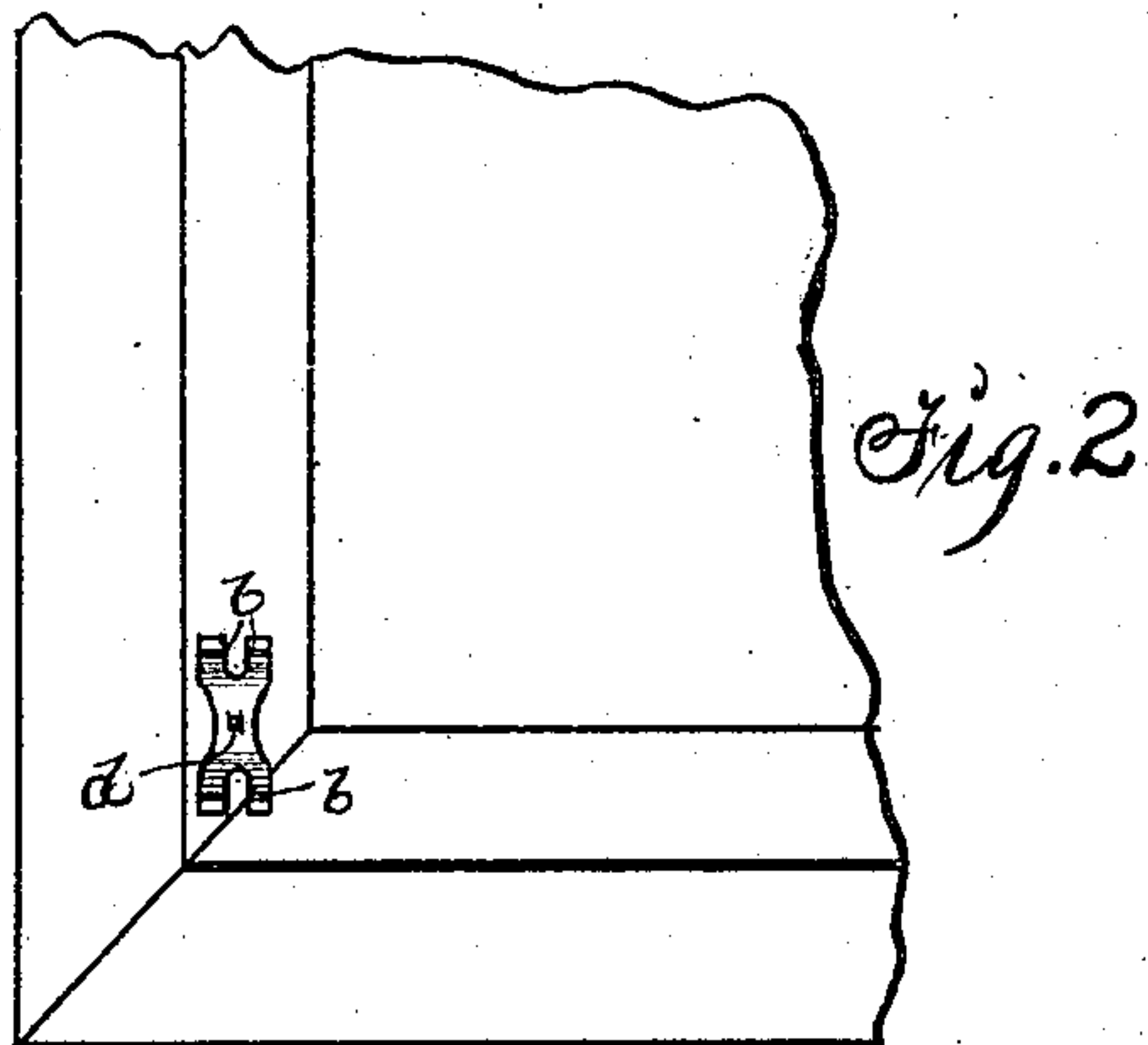
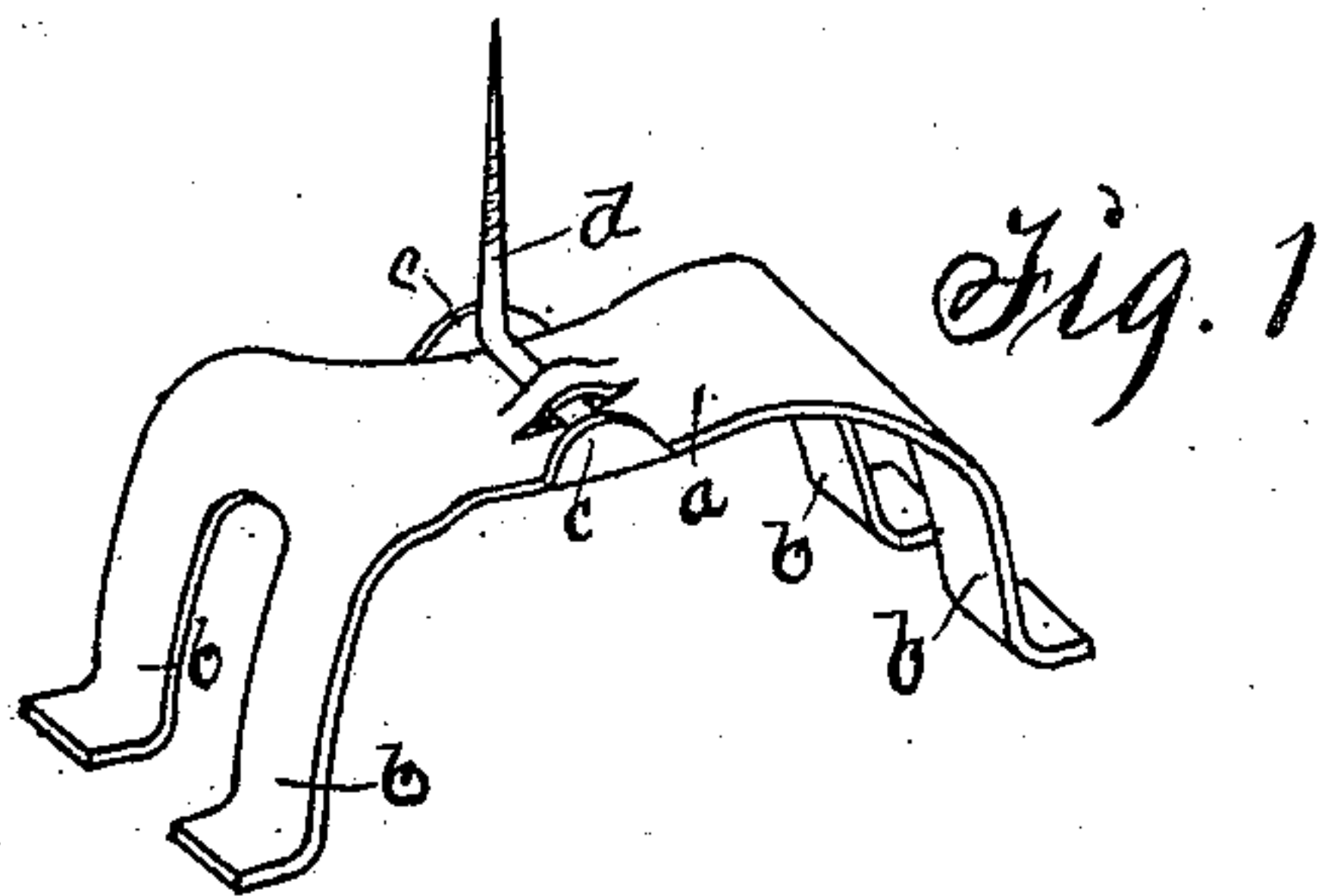


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. SHEPHERD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Picture-Frame Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to prevent the discoloring and soiling of the walls in a house incident to dust and moisture collected and retained behind pictures, paintings, &c., hung in parlors in such a manner that the lower edges of the frames contact closely with the wall and produce pockets behind the pictures.

My invention consists in the construction and application of wall-fenders to picture-frames, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the fenders adapted to be adjustably connected with a picture-frame. Fig. 2 shows one of my fenders fixed to the rear side and lower corner of a frame, as required in practical use. Fig. 3 shows the edge of a picture-frame that is suspended and prevented from touching the wall at its lower edge by a fender fixed to the frame. Dotted lines indicate how the angle of the picture and frame relative to the wall may vary as desired. Fig. 4 shows a fender on top of a flat surface, such as a desk or table, and a frame for a photograph or small picture adjustably connected with it as required for retaining the picture at different angles.

The letter *a* designates a piece of sheet metal bifurcated at its ends to produce legs *b*, adapted to contact with a wall. They are bent outward at right angles at their ends to produce feet. The center of the plate *a* has lateral projections *c* and parallel incisions that allow a portion of the plate to be bent

upward to produce a bearing for a screw *d*, that is bent at right angles at its end, as shown in Fig. 1. When the screw is in place, the projections *c* are bent upward to retain the screw in place, and the screw is pivotally connected with the plate, and the device is adapted to be adjustably fixed to a picture-frame.

When the two fenders are fixed to a picture-frame at the rear of its lower corners, it can be placed at various angles relative to a wall when the frame and picture in the frame are suspended in front of a wall in a common way by a cord *f*.

It is obvious my device may vary in size to suit large frames of paintings to be suspended and also small ones placed on a table, as indicated in Fig. 4.

Having thus set forth the purpose of my invention and its construction and manner of use, the practical operation and utility thereof will be readily understood by ladies and others familiar with the art of hanging and displaying pictures.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a picture-frame attachment consisting of a plate bent and bifurcated at its ends to produce legs and feet bent at right angles to the legs and a screw pivotally connected with the center of the plate.

2. A fender attachment for picture-frames consisting of a plate of sheet metal bifurcated at its ends to produce legs and a screw pivoted to the center of the plate, in combination with a picture-frame to engage a wall as set forth for the purposes stated.

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