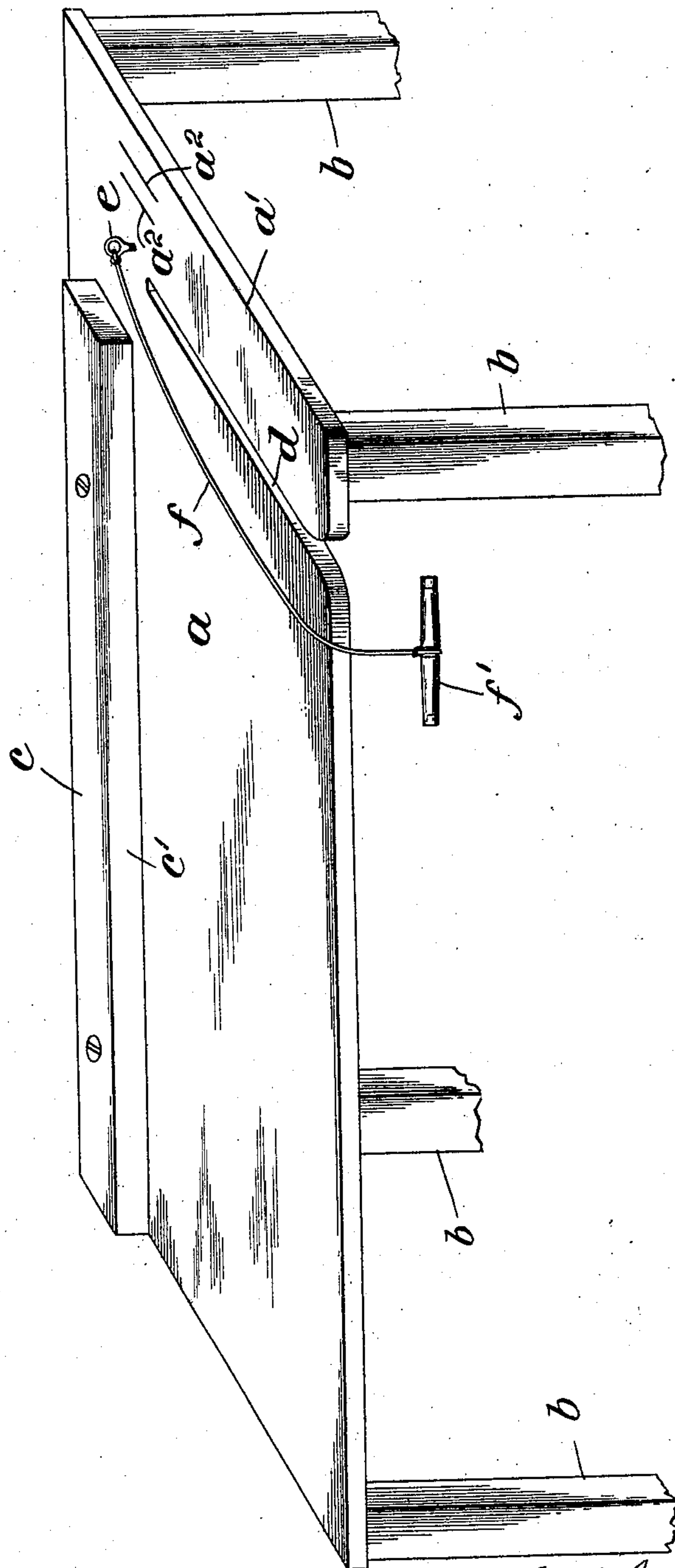


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ESTRATE J. ATHANASSIADES, a subject of the Sultan of Turkey, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bar-Soap Cutters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for cutting bar-soap into blocks or cakes suitable for use; and it comprises a simple apparatus adapted particularly for the retailer who buys soap in bars and needs to expeditiously cut cakes therefrom for his customers.

In brief, my invention consists of a board or table having a guide-strip at its back portion and a slot formed transversely partway therethrough together with a flexible strand secured to the board beyond the end of the slot and adapted to be drawn through the soap-bar in line with the slot to separate a portion of said bar.

In the drawing accompanying this application the figure is a perspective view of a board or table provided with my improved means for cutting soap-bars.

In said figure the letter *a* indicates a board or table, which may have supporting-legs, as *b*. Running lengthwise and at the rear of said table and secured thereon is a strip *c*, of suitable material, having a smooth front surface *c'*. This strip is intended to serve as a guide for a bar of soap, (not shown,) which is to be placed on the table and pressed against the surface *c'* of the guide-strip while being shifted longitudinally to attain the desired adjustment for shearing off a portion thereof and during the shearing operation.

A slot *d* is formed in the table from its front edge inwardly to a desired extent, said slot being provided near one end of the table. Just beyond said slot I provide a staple *e* or the like, to which I attach a string or wire, as

f, which at its free end is provided with a handle, as *f'*. The edge *a'* of the table may serve as a gage to determine the thickness of the cake to be cut from the bar of soap or the surface of the table may be provided with marks, as *a''*, for a like purpose.

In the operation of my improvement a bar of soap being placed upon the table and pressed toward the guide-strip *c* with its forward end registering with the gage *a'* or *a''*, the string or wire *f* is then, by means of its handle *f'*, drawn downwardly through said bar and into the slot *d*, the latter guiding said string or wire and causing it to make a straight cut. In this manner the bar of soap can be accurately and expeditiously divided into a number of cakes, each of the desired thickness.

I claim—

In an apparatus for cutting bars of soap into cakes or the like, the combination of a horizontal table provided with a single slot disposed adjacent one end of the table and extending perpendicularly rearward from the front edge thereof, an upright guide disposed upon the rear portion of the table perpendicular to the slot and in coöperative relation thereto, the body of the table comprehended within said slot and guide constituting an expanded, unbroken supporting or display surface, a flexible strand adapted to enter the slot and confined at its rear end and at no other point, a hand-grip secured to the front end, and an anchor securing the rear end of the strand to the table adjacent the surface thereof and in alinement with, and remote from the front end of, the slot.

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