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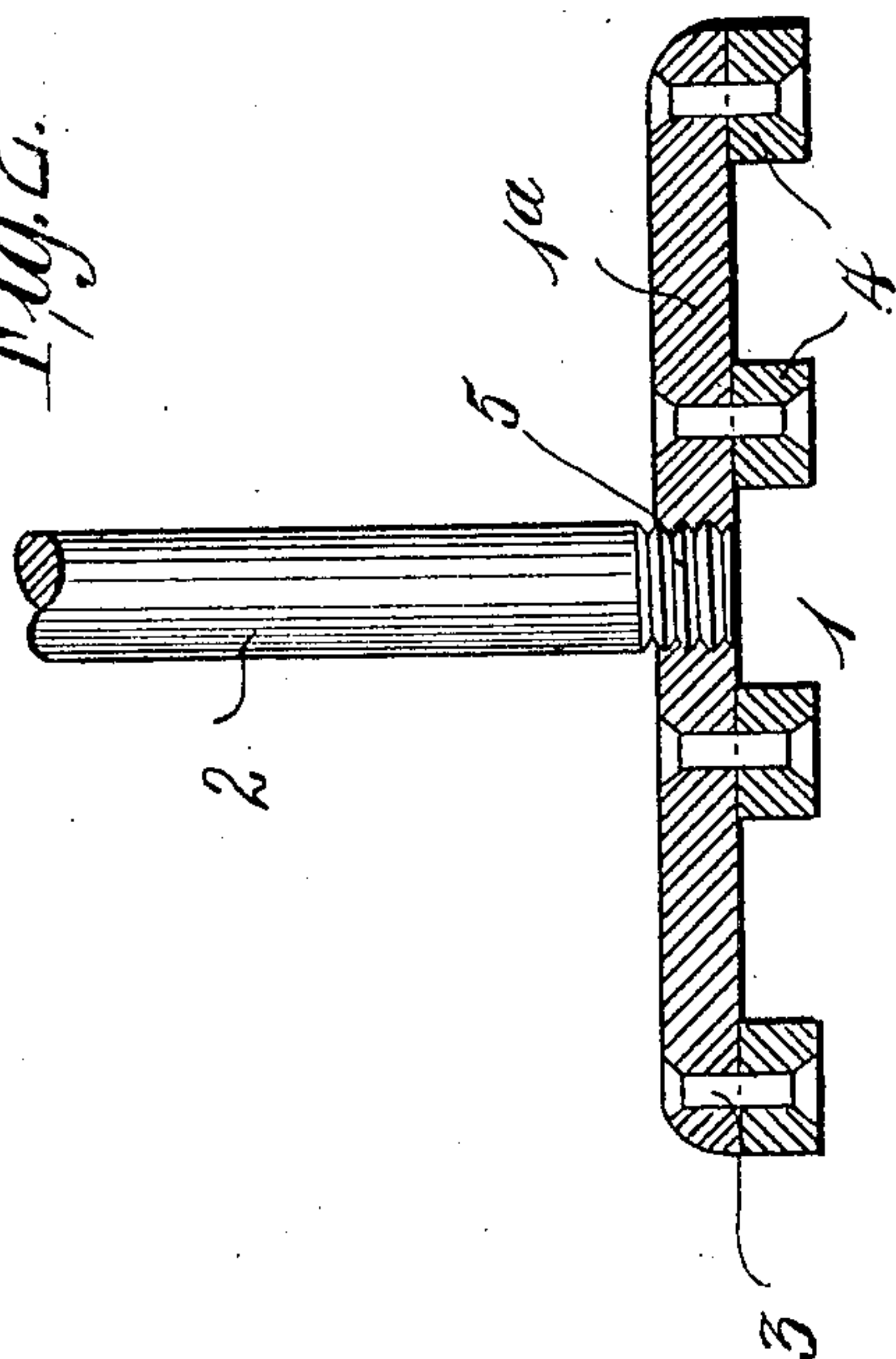


Fig. 3.

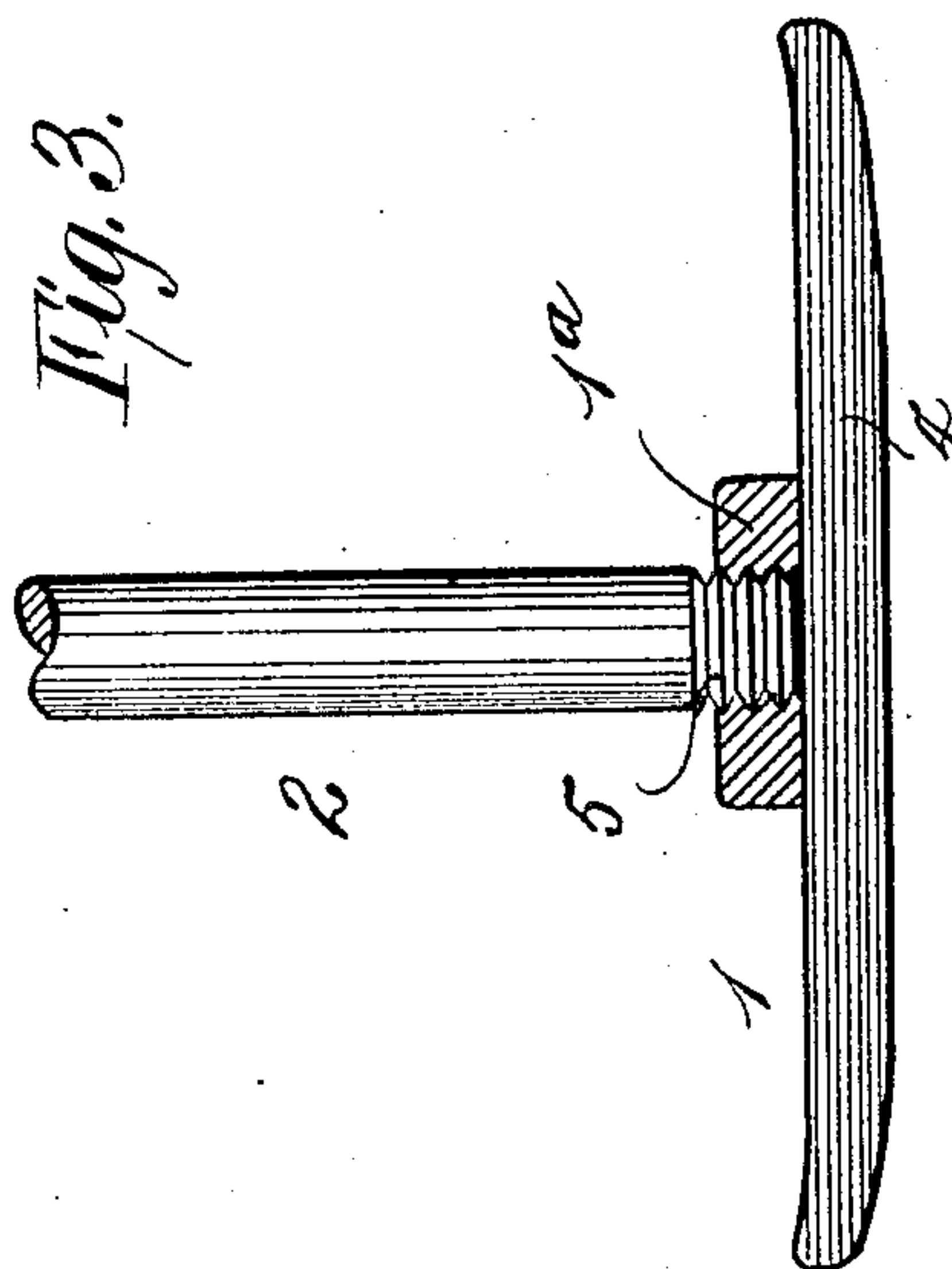
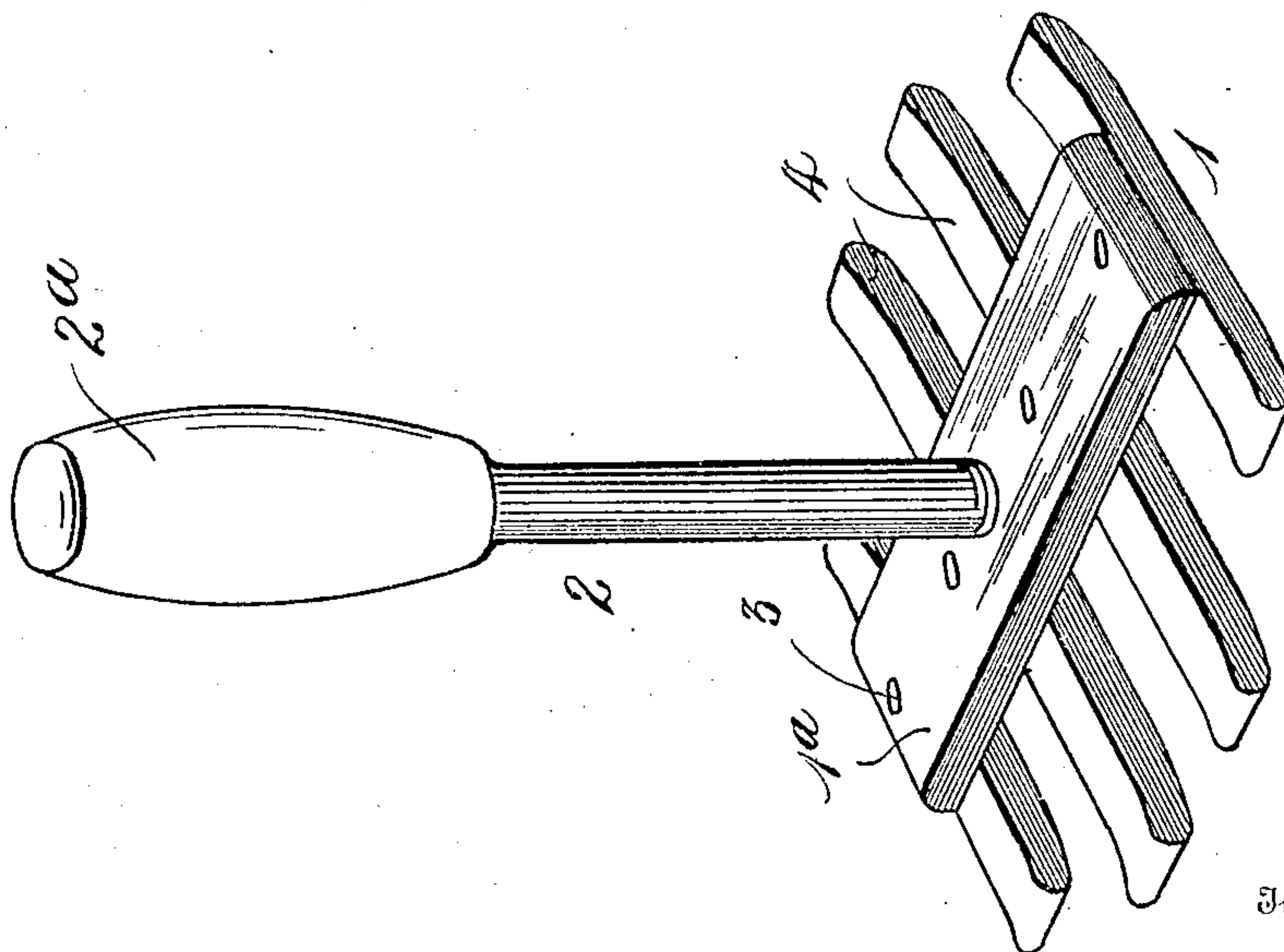


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. PRINDLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Merrillan, in the county of Jackson and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Potato-Mashers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to culinary implements and comprises a simple and effective form of masher particularly designed for mashing or reducing potatoes or the like and is especially advantageous for crushing fruit such as oranges, lemons, etc., in making orangeades, lemonades, or similar drinks.

For a full understanding of the invention, and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the device. Fig. 3 is a similar section at right angles to Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the practical embodiment of the present invention it is designed mainly to provide a culinary device which is very substantial, being preferably made entirely of metal in order to have sufficient weight to facilitate the mashing or reducing operation when in actual use. The construction of the device furthermore is such as to facilitate cleaning thereof when through using the same, and to economize space when the invention is not in use.

Specifically describing the masher which comprises the invention the numeral 1 designates the head thereof and the numeral 2, the handle. The head of the device consists of a broad plate 1^a to which are attached by rivets or any suitable fastening means 3 a plurality of transverse members or bars 4. The transverse members 4 extend laterally from the plate 1^a and are curved throughout the length thereof as shown most clearly in Fig. 3 of the drawing. The handle 2 is detachably secured to the head 1, the lower end of said handle being threaded as shown at 5 so as to readily screw into an opening in the central portion of the plate 1^a. The

connection of the handle with the head permits of ready removal thereof for the purpose of cleaning and in order to economize space occupied by the device when not in use. The transverse bars or members 4 come into direct contact with the substance which is operated upon in the actual use of the tool and it will be apparent that the said members will effectively reduce or crush such substance. As the substance to be crushed or reduced is operated upon the masher may be rotated slowly in the grasp of the hand of the operator and this facilitates the mashing operation.

The invention is very simply constructed and may be very cheaply manufactured for this reason. The upper end portion of the handle 2 is preferably enlarged somewhat to form a grip at 2^a, such grip adding weight to the device and rendering the same more effective when operated.

It will of course be understood that the invention may be made in larger and smaller sizes, according to the desire of the user, and the detail construction above described may be modified in other unessential features as will be readily apparent. The outermost of the transverse members 4 are shorter than the innermost of said members as will be seen by reference to the drawings, and any number of members 4 may be employed in the practical adaptation of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A culinary device substantially as described, consisting of a head comprising a plate, and a plurality of spaced transverse bars or members secured to the plate at the under side thereof and curved slightly upwardly at their extremities, the said plate being provided with a centrally threaded opening, and a handle having the lower end thereof threaded so as to screw into the opening of the plate and having its upper end enlarged to form a grip substantially as described, the transverse members or bars projecting some distance beyond the side edges of the plate to which they are attached.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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