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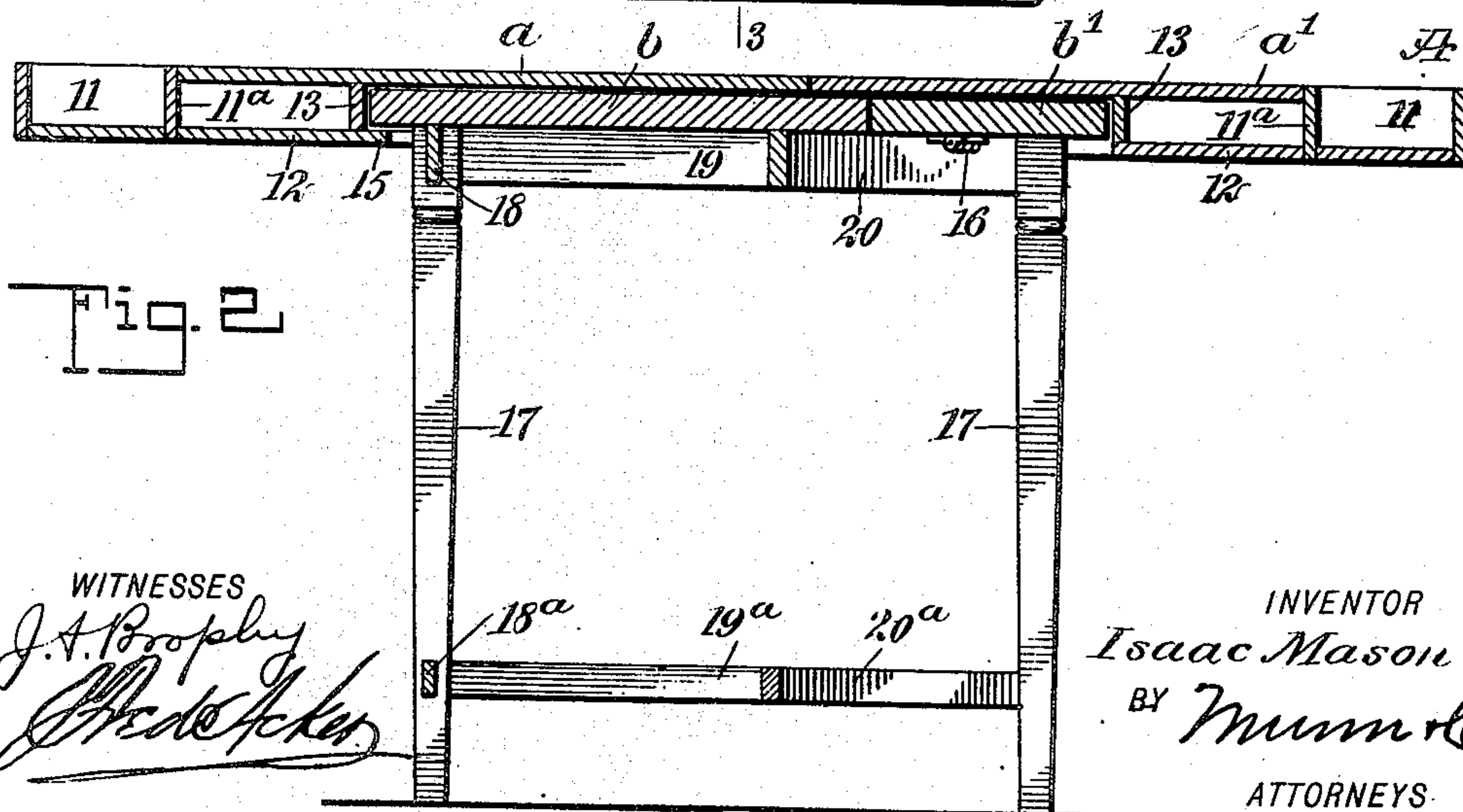
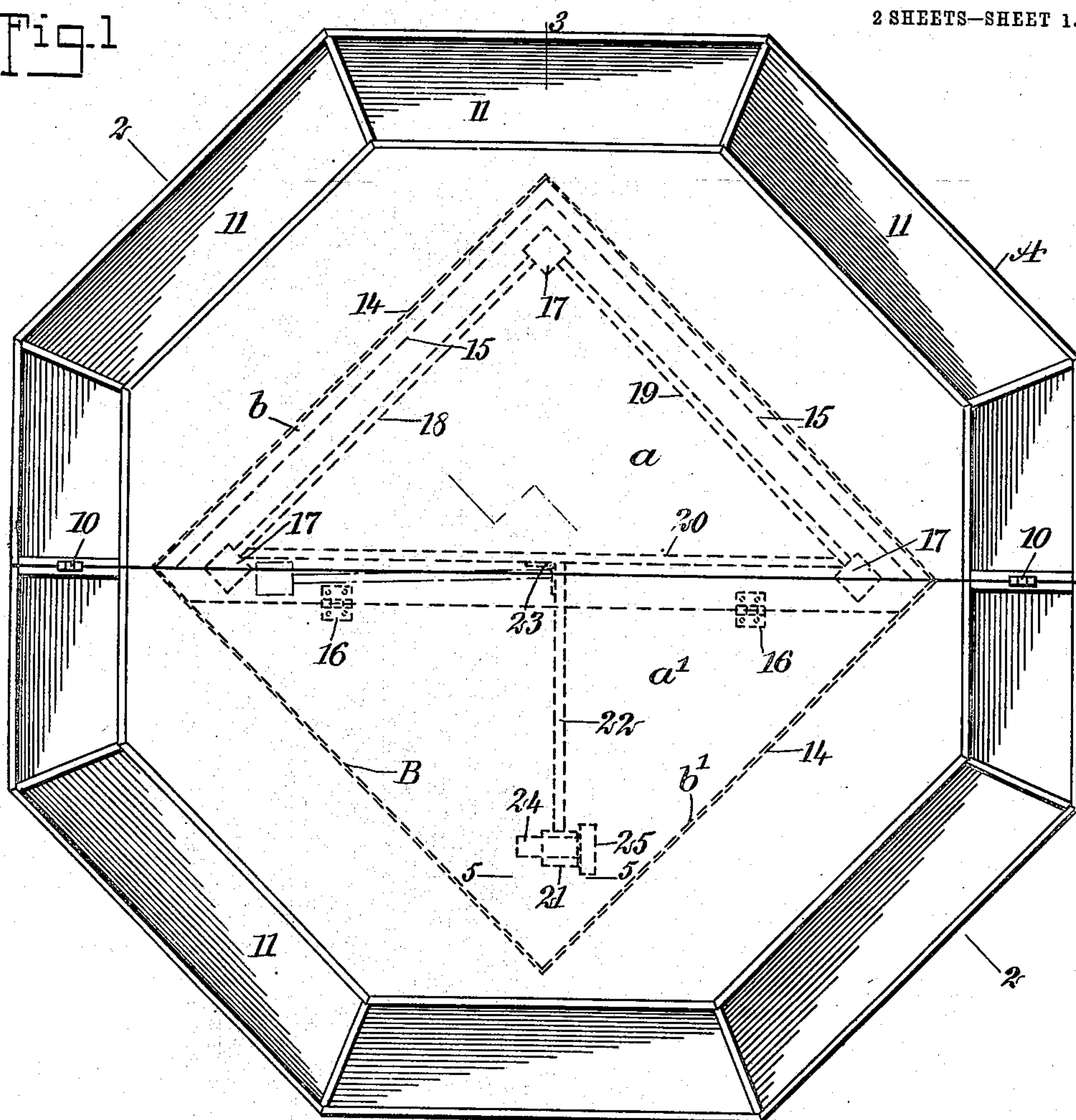
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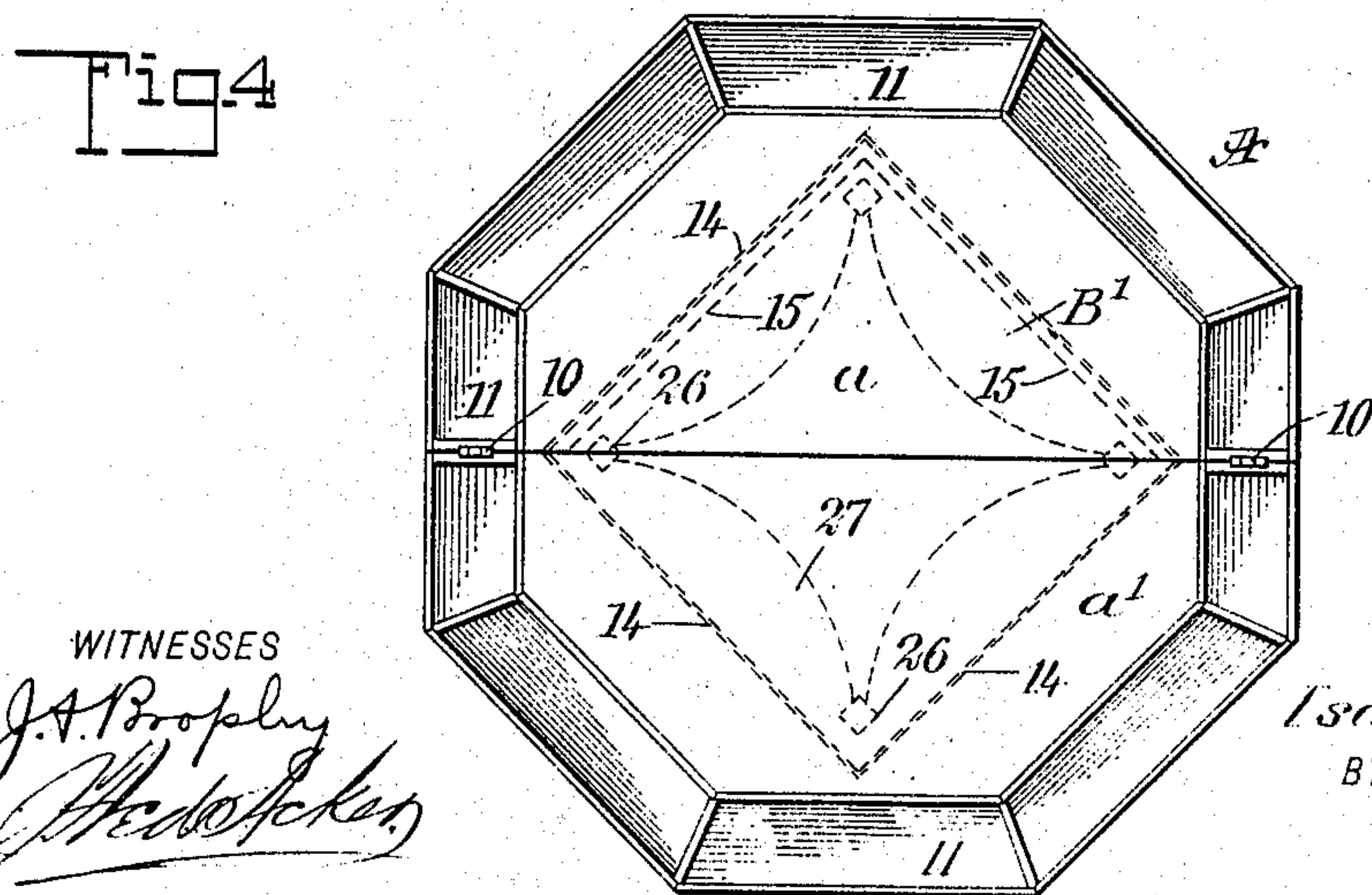
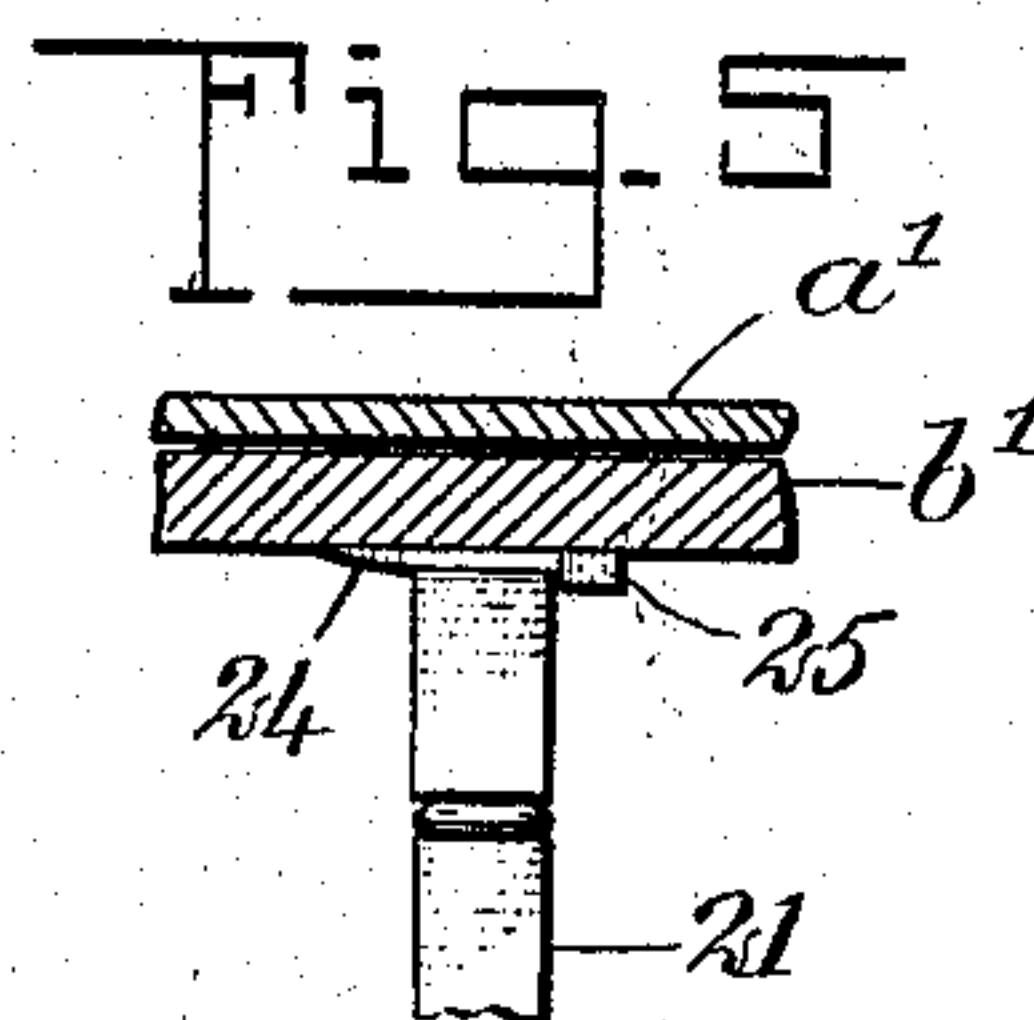
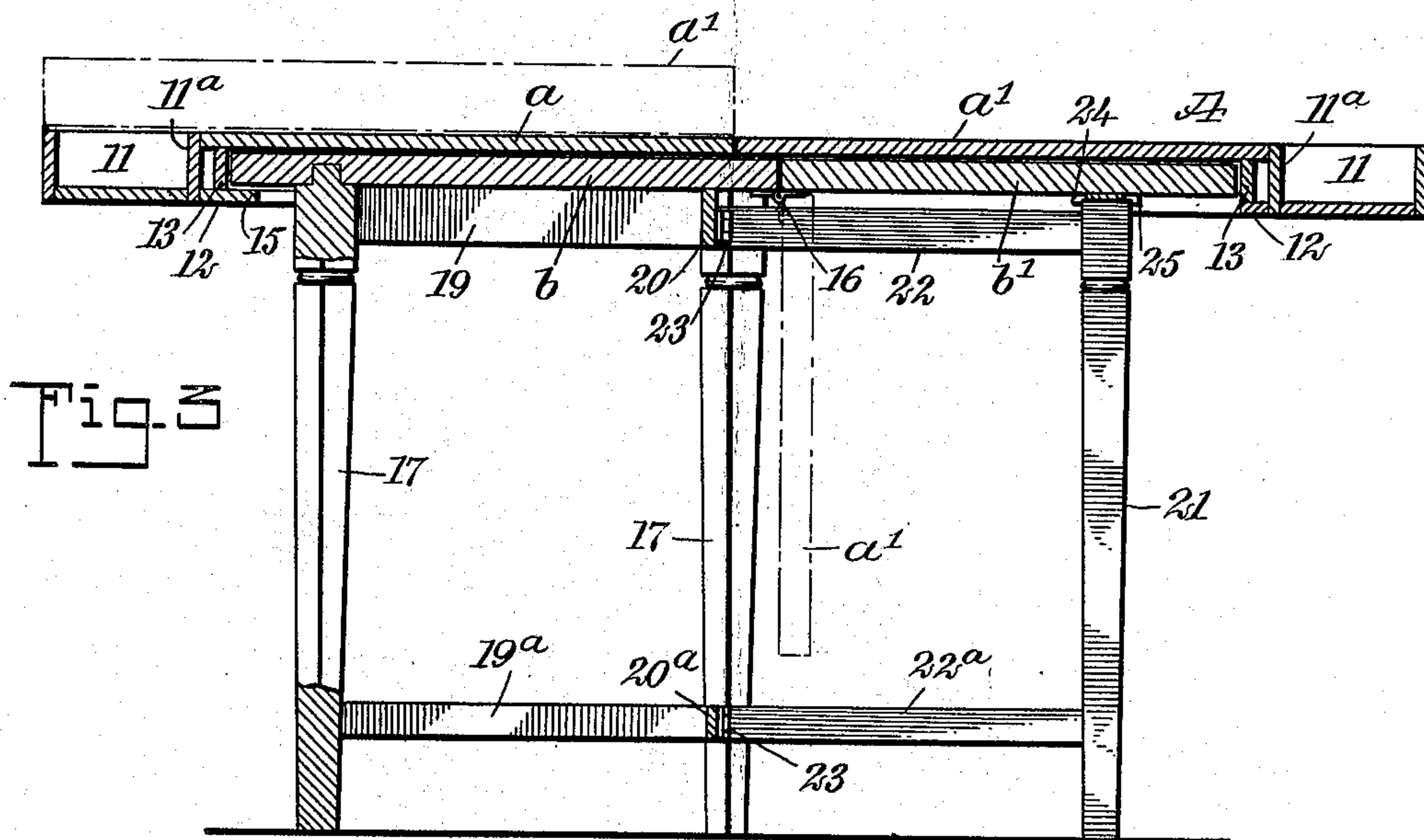
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAAC MASON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Poker-Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a table top especially constructed for playing the game of poker, which poker top is adapted to constitute an auxiliary top for the table, particularly a table having a rectangular top member, and also to so construct the auxiliary table top that it can be quickly and conveniently placed and held in position upon a table and as readily and expeditiously removed, without in any manner marring the table to which application is made.

It is a further purpose of the invention to so construct the auxiliary or poker top, that one section can be folded over upon the other when not required for use, and to so construct the table to which application is made, that its top will be provided with a drop section or leaf corresponding to a folding section of the poker top, enabling the table and combination poker top to be placed in a corner of a room when the table is to be used for ordinary purposes or when it is desired to have it temporarily out of the way.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts as will be hereinafter fully set forth and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved poker top applied to a table having a hinged leaf, the table appearing in dotted lines; Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken practically on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a plan view of the improved auxiliary or poker top applied to an ordinary table, that is to say, a table whose top is solid or in one position, the table top appearing in dotted lines; and Fig. 5 is a detail section through a portion of the drop leaf of the table shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, illustrating also in side elevation a portion of the supporting leg for said leaf and the stop for the said

leg, the section being taken practically on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

A represents what I term a poker top, being adapted as an auxiliary top to cover the main top B of an ordinary table, this poker top A being adapted especially for use in playing the game of poker, and to that end it is provided with a marginal series of cells or pockets 11 open at the top, the upper edges of the said pockets or cells 11 being preferably flush with the unbroken central portion of the said top A, but the top A is divided into two sections *a* and *a'*, one section being by preference equal in size to the other, and the said sections *a* and *a'* of the auxiliary or poker top A are connected by hinges 10 so placed that one section, the section *a'* for example, may be folded over upon the opposing section *a*, as is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The auxiliary or poker top A may be of any desired marginal contour, preferably, however, it is rectangular or polygonal and in the drawings the said auxiliary or poker top A is given an octagonal shape, and this shape is usually preferred.

A horizontal partition 12 extends from the inner walls 11<sup>a</sup> of the pockets 11 in direction of the center of the auxiliary top A, as is shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and vertical partitions 13 at the inner end portion of the horizontal partition 12 connect the horizontal partition with the main members of the said top A, it being understood that the horizontal partition 12 and vertical partitions 13 are separated at the line of separation between the two sections *a* and *a'* of the top. The inner marginal portion of the horizontal partition 12 is so formed that the space surrounded by it conforms to the shape of the table top B upon which the auxiliary or poker top A is to be placed, and the space just referred to receives the top B of the table, as is shown particularly at 14 in Fig. 1, and when the top B of the table is so received the vertical partitions 13 will be adjacent the side edges of the said table top B, as is shown in Figs. 2 and 3; and the section *a*, for example, of the auxiliary or poker top A is provided with an inwardly extending horizontal flange 15 that extends beneath the under face of the top of the table top B at the marginal surface, that is at two sides of the said table top, as is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

In applying the auxiliary or poker top A to



a table top B the section  $a'$  of the auxiliary top is folded over upon a section  $a$ , as is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3, and then the section  $a$  is slipped over a corner portion of the table top B, effecting the slip connection between the two tops shown especially in Figs. 1, 2 and 3; then the section  $a'$  of the auxiliary top is folded over and down upon the main top B.

10 In Figs. 1, 2 and 3 the table top B is in two sections  $b$  and  $b'$ , the section  $b'$  being a drop leaf section, and the section  $b$  is supported by preferably three legs 17 located at the corner portions thereof, and the two sections  $b$  and  $b'$  at their abutting edges are connected by hinges 16.

Upper and lower side bars 18 and 18<sup>a</sup> and 19 and 19<sup>a</sup> connect the legs, extending adjacent the margin of the table top B, and near the straight inner edge of the section  $b$  of the table top B cross bars 20 and 20<sup>a</sup> are made to connect opposing legs, as is best shown in Fig. 2. The drop leaf section  $b'$  of the table top B is supported in horizontal position by a leg 21 adapted for engagement with the central portion of its under face. This leg 21 is provided with upper and lower bars 22 and 22<sup>a</sup> connected by hinges 23 with the central portions of the upper and lower cross bars 20 and 20<sup>a</sup>. When the swinging leg 21 is in supporting position relatively to the drop leaf section  $b'$  the upper edge of said leg is made to travel in engagement with an inclined plane 24 until it strikes a stop 25, as is shown in full lines in Fig. 5, and in dotted lines in Fig. 1, the said inclined plane and stop being secured to the under face of the drop leaf section  $b'$  of the said top B. See Figs. 3 and 5. Thus when a table is not required, the section  $a'$  of the auxiliary top can be folded over upon the section  $a$  of the same top and the hinged leg 21 can be carried in direction of one side of the table top B, and the drop leaf section  $b'$  be permitted to fall to the lower vertical position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, thereby enabling the structure to be readily placed in a corner of a room out of the way.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated an application of the improved auxiliary or poker top A to a table top B', that is in one piece and is supported by four stationary legs 26 connected by suitable braces 27, but the mode of application of the auxiliary or poker top A to the form of table top B' is the same as the application to the divided table top B, and the construction of the auxiliary top A is the same.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. The combination with a rectangular table top consisting of a fixed and a drop leaf section, of an auxiliary table top constructed in hinged sections and having a chamber

formed at its under face, of slightly greater dimensions yet the same shape as the marginal portion of the table top and adapted to receive the latter, said table and auxiliary top being divided approximately in the same vertical plane, the chambered portion of that section of the auxiliary top which lies over the fixed top section having horizontal flanges extending inward from the lower portion thereof for engagement with the under face of said fixed top section, the chambered portion of the other section having walls vertical throughout their height, and means for supporting said drop leaf at a level with the fixed top to support the auxiliary sections in their unfolded positions or to allow the same to be dropped out of the way when the auxiliary top sections are folded together.

2. An auxiliary top adapted to be detachably held on an ordinary fixed table top, consisting of two sections hinged together, cleats or bars attached to the under face of said auxiliary top and forming an inclosure of the same shape as the fixed table top, but of slightly greater dimensions, so as to fit down over and contain the same, the plane which divides said top into sections also dividing said chambers into two equal portions, and elements fixed to and extending inward from the lower portions of the cleats or bars on one section and adapted to engage with the under face of the fixed table top, whereby said latter section may be slipped laterally upon the table top and held thereon against vertical movement, the cleats or bars on the other section having unobstructed inner sides, whereby said latter section may be folded down over the fixed table top after the said first named section is in place to hold the entire auxiliary top against lateral movement.

3. As a new article of manufacture an auxiliary table top adapted to be detachably held on a fixed table top, consisting of two sections hinged together, the sections being provided with a plurality of marginal pockets in their upper faces, and on their under faces with a chamber corresponding in shape to the fixed table top but of slightly greater dimensions than the said top, and inwardly extending flanges on one section at the bottom of the wall of the chamber and adapted to engage the under face of the fixed table top when the said section is slipped upon the said table top, the wall of the chamber on the other section being unobstructed to permit the said section to fold down over the fixed table top.

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

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