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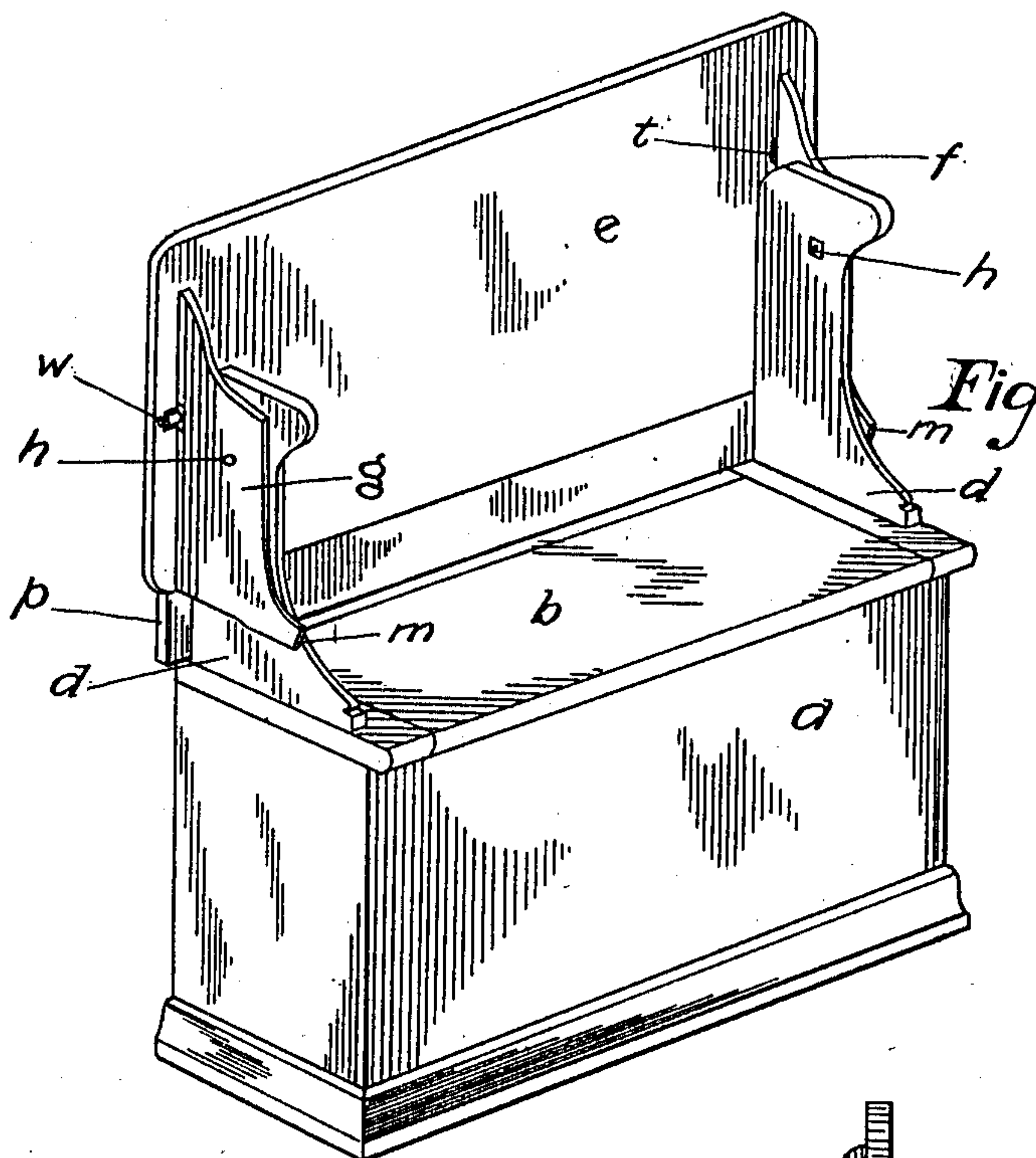
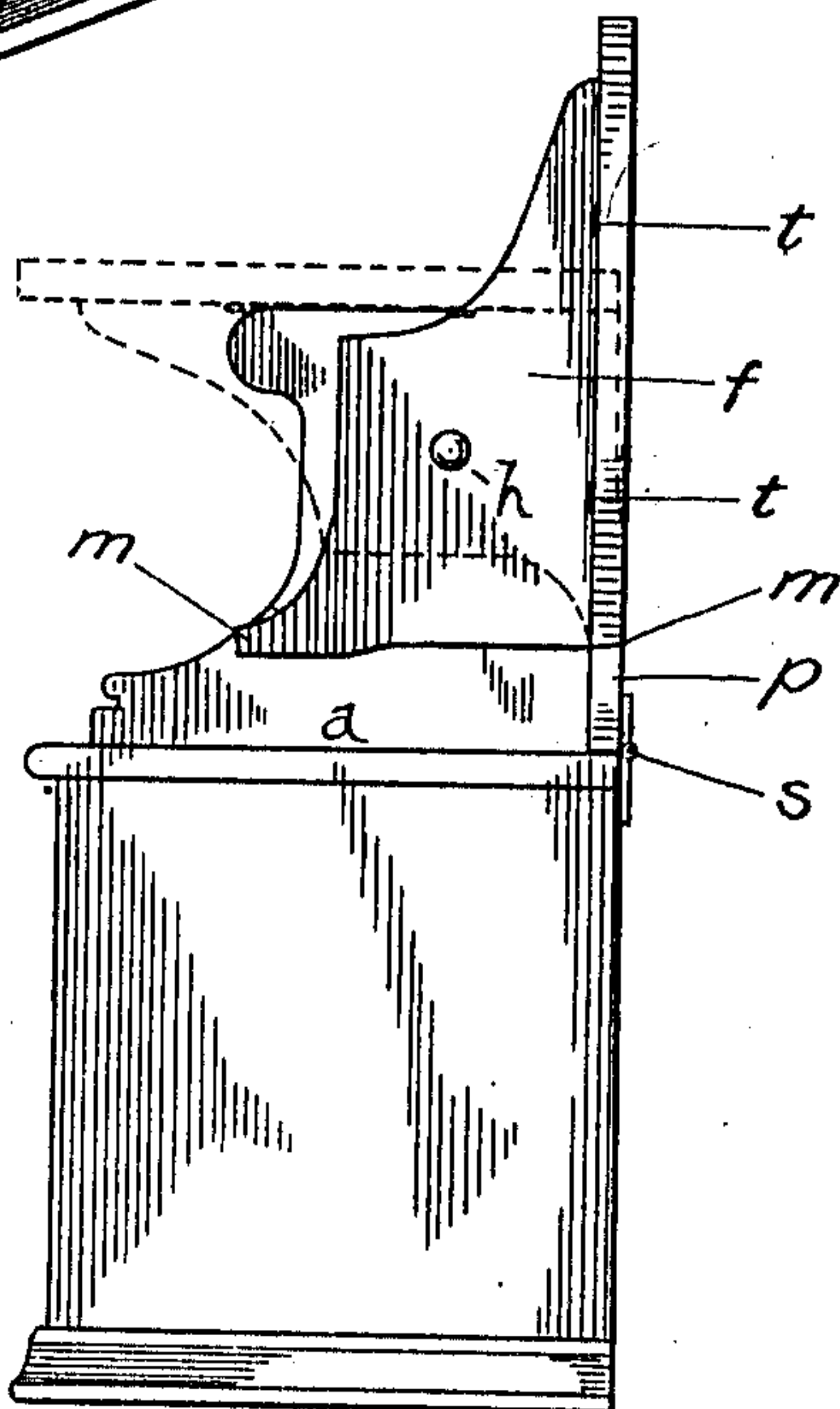


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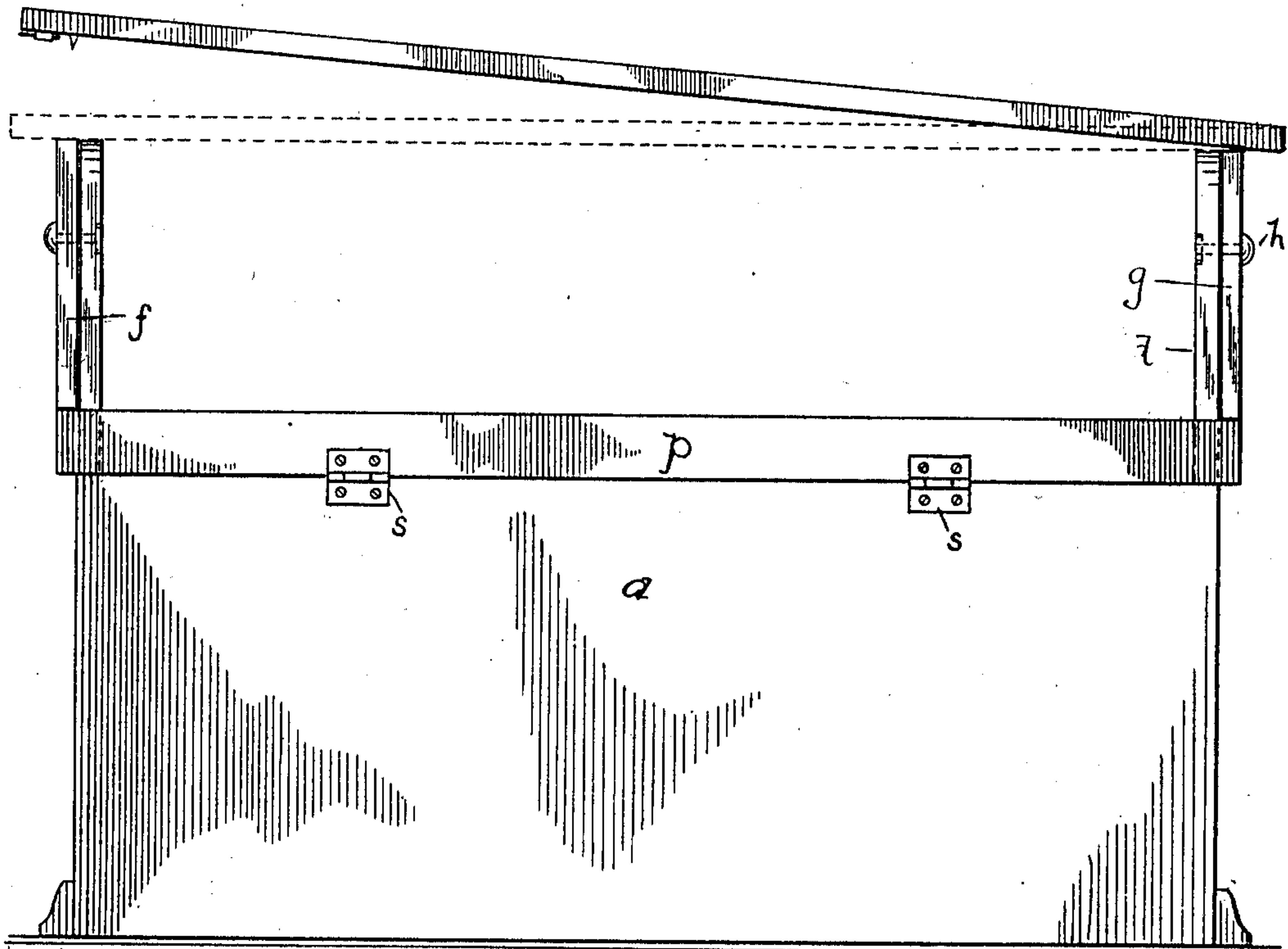


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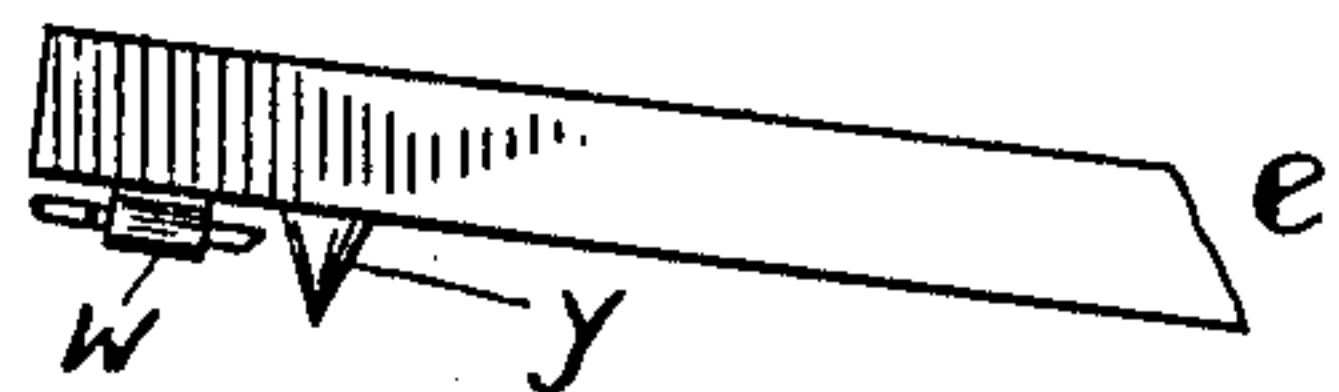


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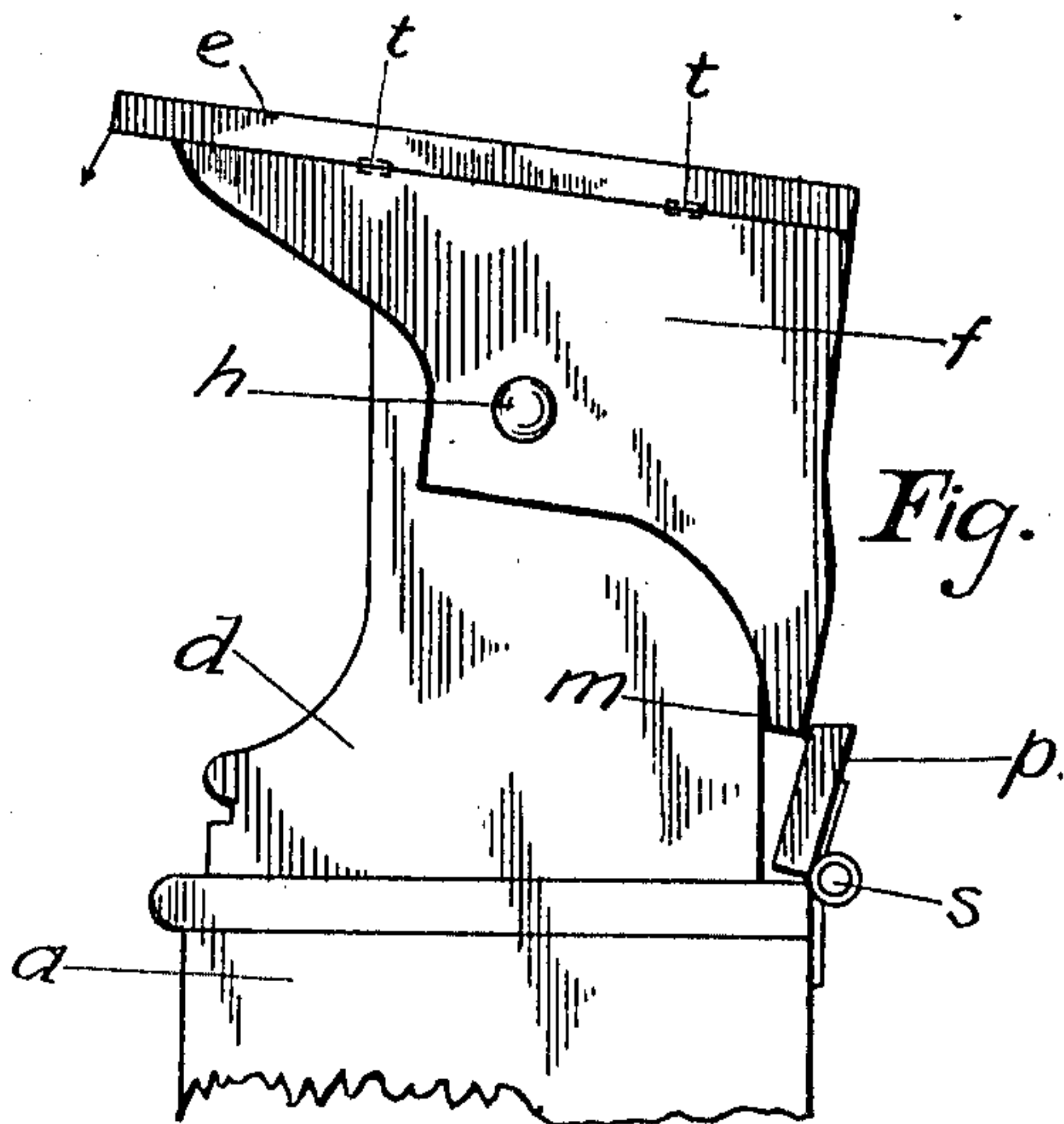
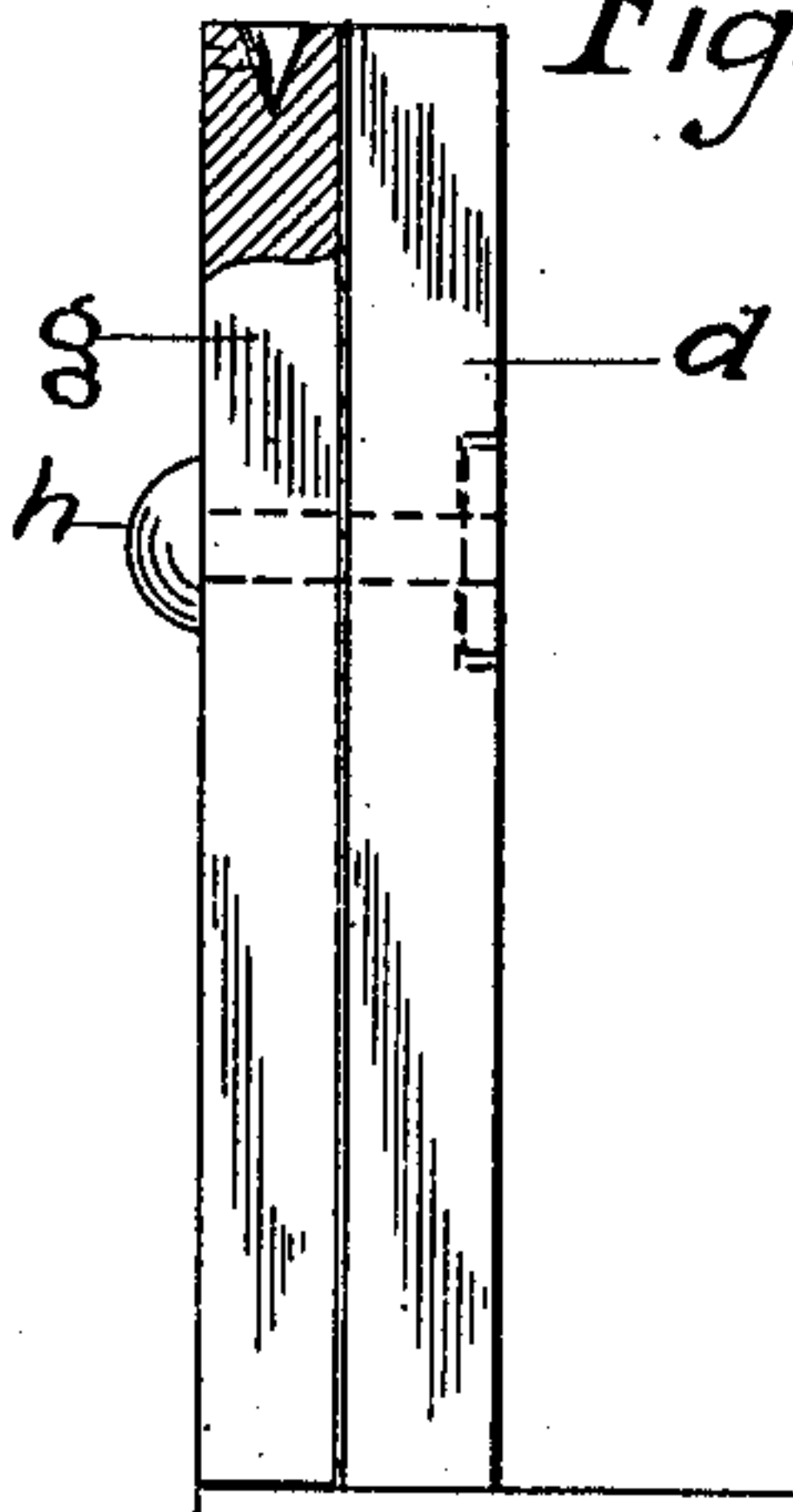


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK ROGERS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combination Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in combination furniture for use in flats, apartment houses and other similar places where economy of space is desired; and the invention comprises a peculiar and novel construction and combination of settee having standing sides or arms and an adjustable back which is adapted to form the back of the settee, and, by a change of position, an ironing-board or table, all as hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view in perspective, illustrating the combination furniture of my invention, arranged for use as a settee. Fig. 2 is an end-view, the dotted lines indicating the position of the back when the furniture is adjusted for use as an ironing-table. Fig. 3 is a rear-view of the article when adjusted to form an ironing-table, showing one end of the ironing-board raised. Fig. 4 is a detail of the bracket-piece at one end of the ironing-board, showing the fastening for detachably securing the board to the bracket-piece. Fig. 5 is an end-elevation of Fig. 3.

In the combination furniture of my invention the box-seat *a* is provided with a hinged cover *b*, and is usually divided by one or more partitions, according to its length, to furnish separate receptacles for wood, coal, or other supplies or household articles.

The ends of the box are preferably carried upward sufficiently far to form the arms *d d* of the seat and also supports for the back *e*, which is pivotally attached to the arms by means of the bracket-pieces *f—g* on the board *e* at each end of the seat.

The bolts *h* used for the pivots take through the stationary uprights *d—d* and the bracket-pieces, and are so placed that the ends *m* of the bracket-pieces will bear against or rest on the top of a stop-rail *p* on the seat when the board *e* is placed or adjusted to form an ironing-board or table.

The stop-rail *p* is attached to the seat in

rear of the pivotal connections between the arms *d* and the bracket pieces *g*, preferably at the rear edge of the seat, by hinges *s—s*; spring-hinges being preferably used for the purpose in order that the rail will return to its normally upright position when struck by the ends *m* of the bracket-pieces after the ends *m* have cleared the rail.

By arranging a spring, or employing spring-hinges to set the stop-rail in position under the ends of the bracket-pieces, the necessity of turning the stop-rail by hand is obviated and the stop-rail is caused to yield and return to place whenever the board *e* is turned.

The stop-rail being the full length of the seat engages both bracket-pieces and also forms a stop as well for the lower edge of the board when that part is turned back.

The two positions of the board *e* are illustrated in Fig. 2.

A feature in the combination furniture of my invention which I prefer to employ consists in attaching the board *e* to one bracket-piece *f* by hinges *t*, and to the bracket-piece at the other end by a catch or fastening *w* of such character that the board *e* can be unfastened or detached and raised off the bracket-piece sufficiently to allow various articles of wearing apparel or of household use, such as dress-skirts, waists and trousers to be easily placed for ironing smoothly, by unfastening and raising the board at the detachable end.

I claim:—

1. A piece of combination furniture comprising a seat with standing arms at the ends thereof, bracket pieces pivotally attached to the standing arms and provided with bearing faces, a back carried by the brackets, and a stop rail hinged to the seat in rear of the pivoted connections between the bracket pieces and the standing arms and arranged to engage with the bearing faces of the said brackets to hold the back either in a substantially horizontal or in an upright position.

2. A piece of combination furniture comprising a seat having standing arms at its ends, bracket pieces pivotally secured to the standing arms, a back carried by the bracket pieces, and a stop rail hinged to the back of the seat and arranged, when the back is turned into an upright position, to occupy a position between the back and the seat and, when the back is turned into a sub-

stantially horizontal position, to constitute a support or rest for the said bracket pieces.

3. A piece of combination furniture comprising a seat, standing arms at the ends of
5 the seat, bracket pieces pivoted to the standing arms, a back carried by the bracket pieces, a stop rail pivoted to the seat at the rear and arranged to serve as a rest or support for the bracket pieces when they are
10 adjusted to bring the back into a substan-

tially horizontal position, a spring for holding the stop rail in position to engage with the bracket pieces to serve as a rest therefor, but arranged to yield to allow said bracket pieces to pass the stop as the back is adjusted.

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