



Suppose  $AC = BG = 11$ ,  $CE = GH = 43$ ,  
 $AB = 13$ ,  $CD = 20$ .

Then by similar triangles  $BGD$ ,  $BHF$

$$\frac{HF}{43 + 11} = \frac{7}{11}; \quad HF = \frac{7}{11} \times 54 = 34 \frac{4}{11}$$

Then height of object,  $EF = 34 \frac{4}{11} + 13 = 47 \frac{4}{11}$ .

3. Suppose we wish to find the distance of an object  $B$  from  $A$ , without going over the distance  $AB$  with a surveyor's chain or other instrument for measuring.

Measure a *base line*,  $AC$ , of, say, 250 feet, and note the angles  $CAB$ ,  $ACB$ . Then, on paper, construct a triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$ , equiangular to  $ABC$ , but with a base line  $A_1C_1$ , of, say, 1 foot. Measure the length, in feet, of  $A_1B_1$ . The line  $AB$  will be 250 times the length of  $A_1B_1$ .

This example embodies the principle of the range-finder, so much used in military and naval operations.

