1. In the diagram below, $B C$ is a horizontal surface with points $B$ and $C$ a distance $c$ from each other. A string $C F$ of length $a$ is attached to the point $C$ and has a pulley affixed to its other end at $F$. Another string is attached at $B$, runs over the pulley at $F$, and has a weight $W$ attached to its other end. The system is in equilibrium. The strings and pulley are of negligible weight. What evidence can you present that the equilibrium position of the configuration $\triangle B C F$ is the same no matter how heavy $W$ is.

2. Consider the pulley system of De L'Hospital. Assume that $B C=6$ feet, $C F=4$ feet, and the weight is 100 pounds. Determine the following quantities:
a. The lengths $B E$ and $E C$.
b. The angles $\theta_{1}($ at $B)$ and $\theta_{2}($ at $C)$.
c. The tensions $T_{1}$ and $T_{2}$ in cable segments $B F$ and $C F$, respectively.
