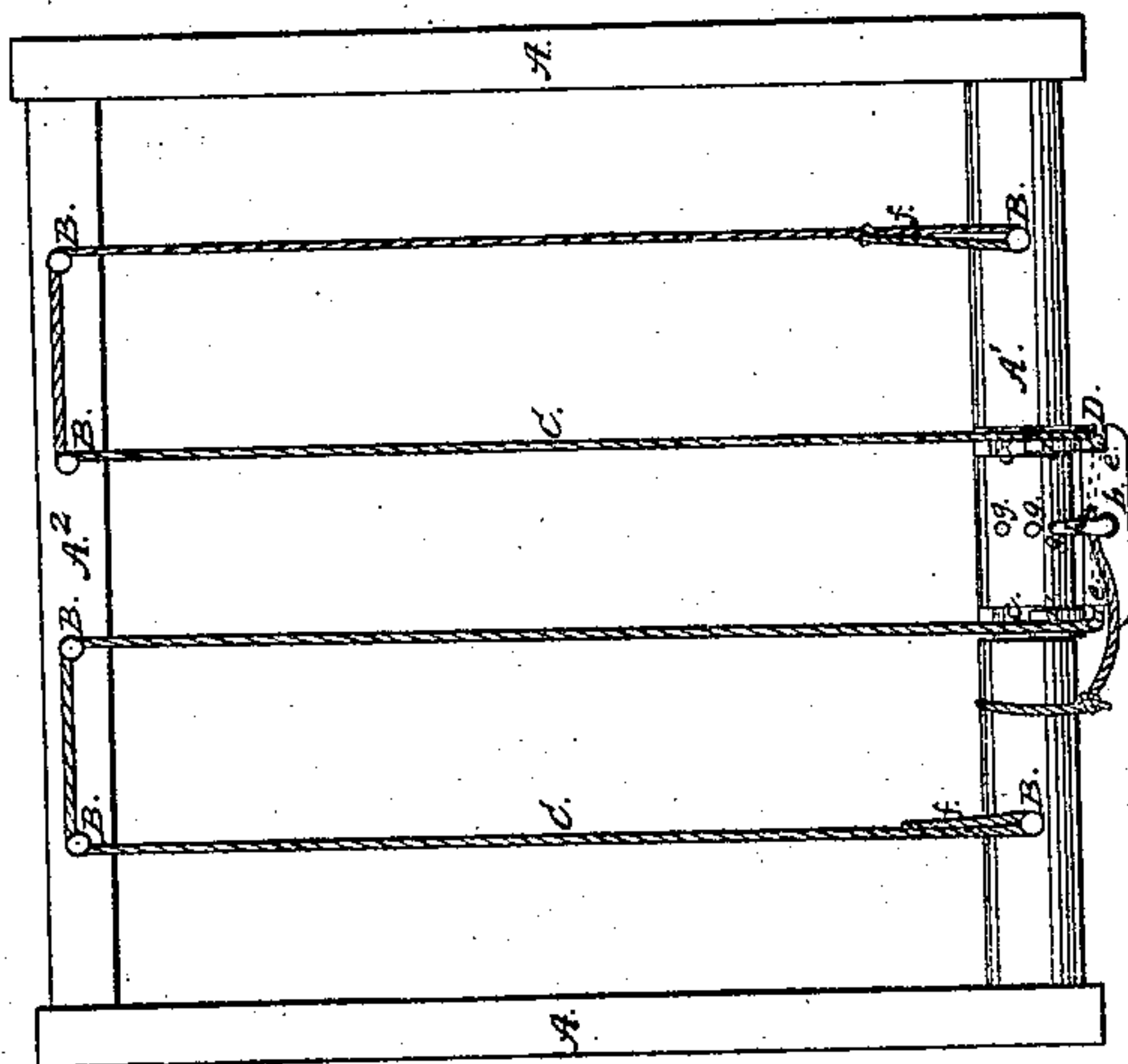


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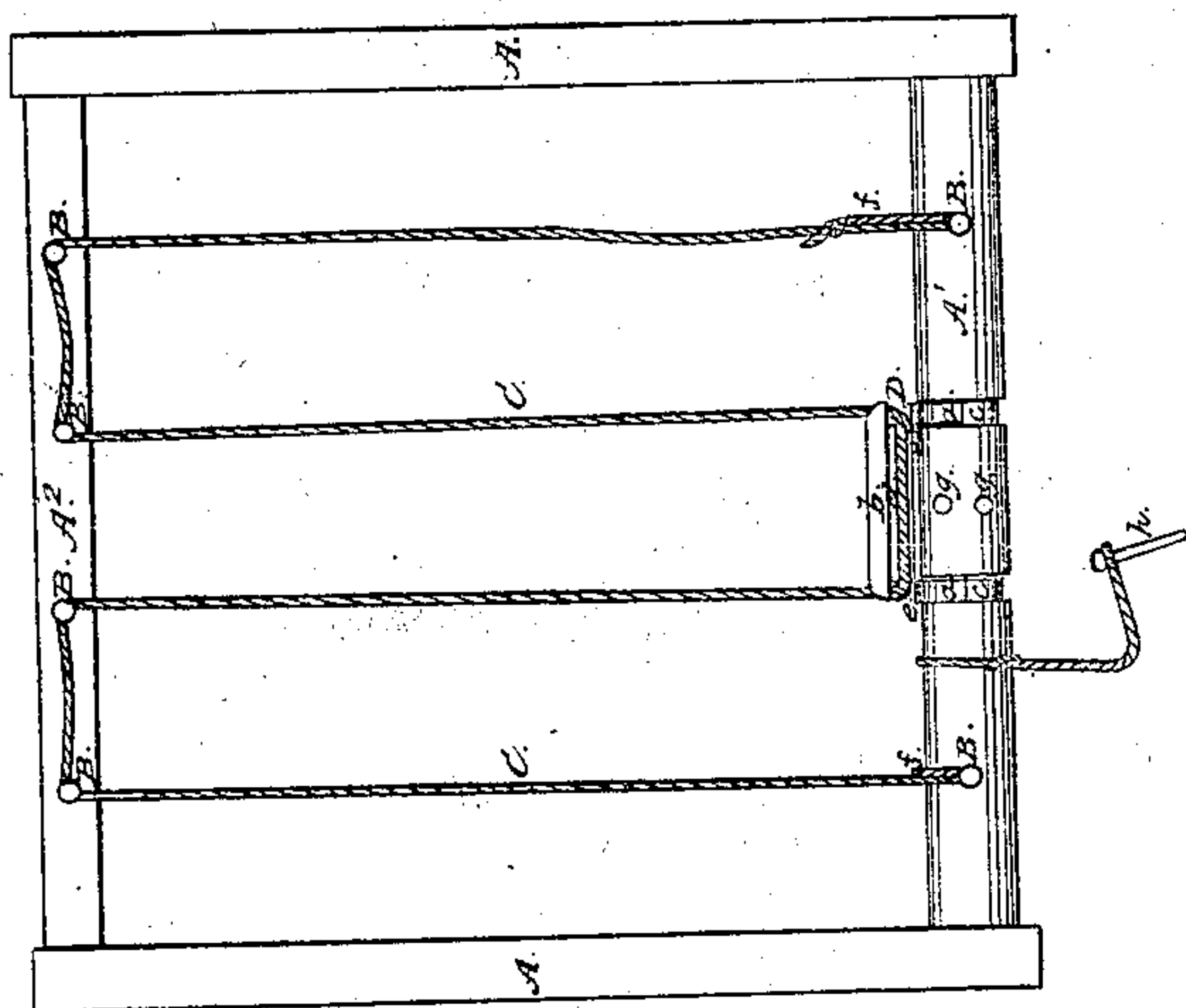
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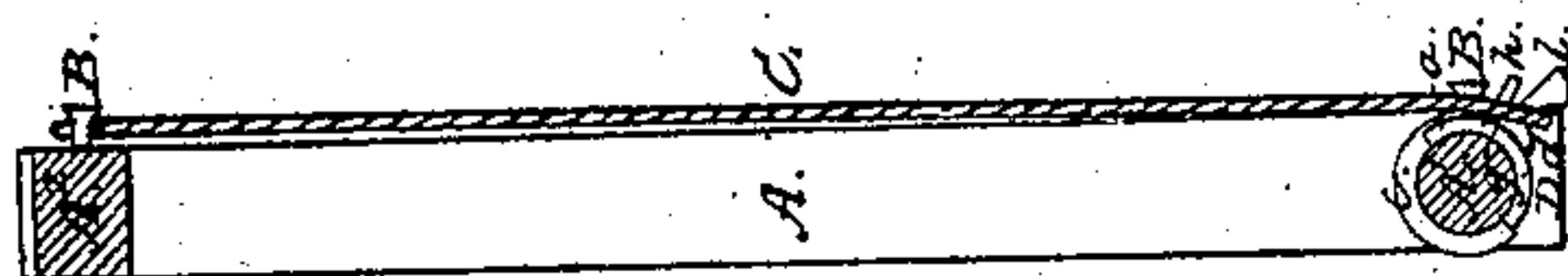
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## BEDSTEAD.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 15,235, dated July 1, 1856.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SILAS HUDDLESTON, of Cottage Grove, in the county of Union and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cording Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a plan of a bed-stead corded after my invention, showing the cord slack. Fig. 2, is also a plan showing the cord drawn taut. Fig. 3, is a vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference in each of the several figures indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to the cording of bedsteads, and its object is to facilitate the operation of drawing the cord taut, lessen the labor of performing the same and simplify the means employed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A, A, A', A<sup>2</sup>, represent the end and side rails of a bedstead secured fast together by means of screws or otherwise; B, buttons or pins inserted in the top of the end rails; C, the cord which forms the bottom and D, the device for drawing the cord taut. It consists simply of two metal semi-circular collars *a, a*, united together by a metal cross piece *b*, as shown by the drawing. The semi-circular collars are fitted loosely in grooves *c, c*, cut around the end rail A', of the bedstead and are capable of being moved around in the same. The cross piece *b*, which is cast with the semi circu-

lar collars in a manner to unite them together, is provided with a groove *d*, along its whole length on one of its sides and with an open slot *e*, at each end.

*g, g, g*, are holes formed in the end rail A', for receiving a pin *h*, which holds the tightener in the place desired after the cord has been drawn to the proper tension. In cording the bedstead so as to form a bottom, the cord is attached by its two ends *f, f*, to the pins or buttons on the end rail A', and then carried to and around the pins on the end rail A<sup>2</sup>, and then again to the end rail A', and connected to the tightener D, by being drawn over the same and fitted in the longitudinal groove *d*, and end slots *e, e*, in the manner represented, this being done, it is simply necessary, in order to bring the cord to the proper tension, to turn the tightener around, by hand, from the position shown in Fig. 1, to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and then by inserting the pin *h*, in the end rail in front of the cross piece, as represented, it will be kept from shifting its position, and thus made to keep the cord taut.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,

The arrangement herein described and shown, consisting of the device D, *a, a, b, d, e, e*, end rail A, *c, c, g, g, g*, and stop pin *h*; for the purpose of tightening and retaining taut the cord C, which forms the bottom of the bed stead, substantially as set forth.

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