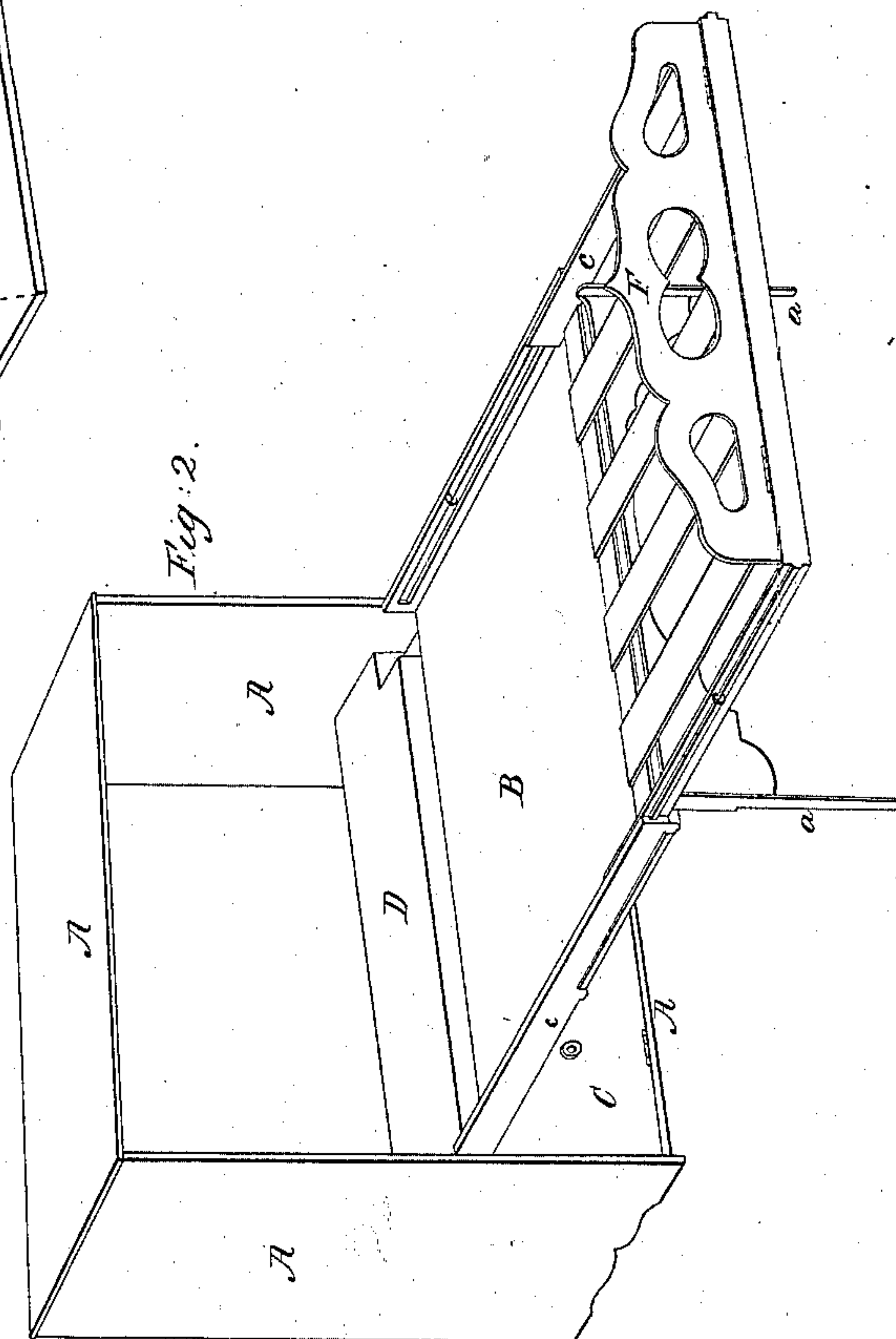
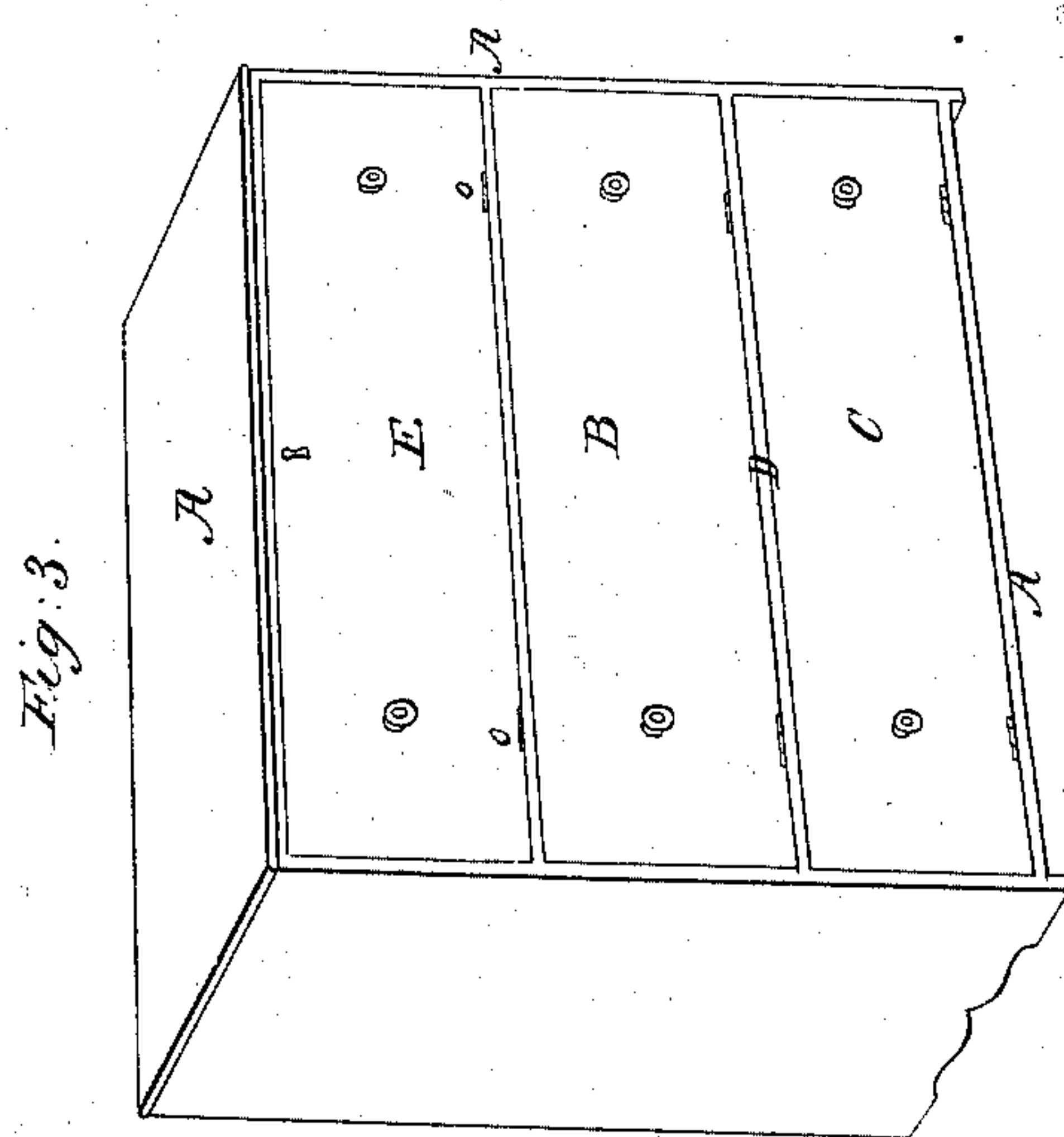
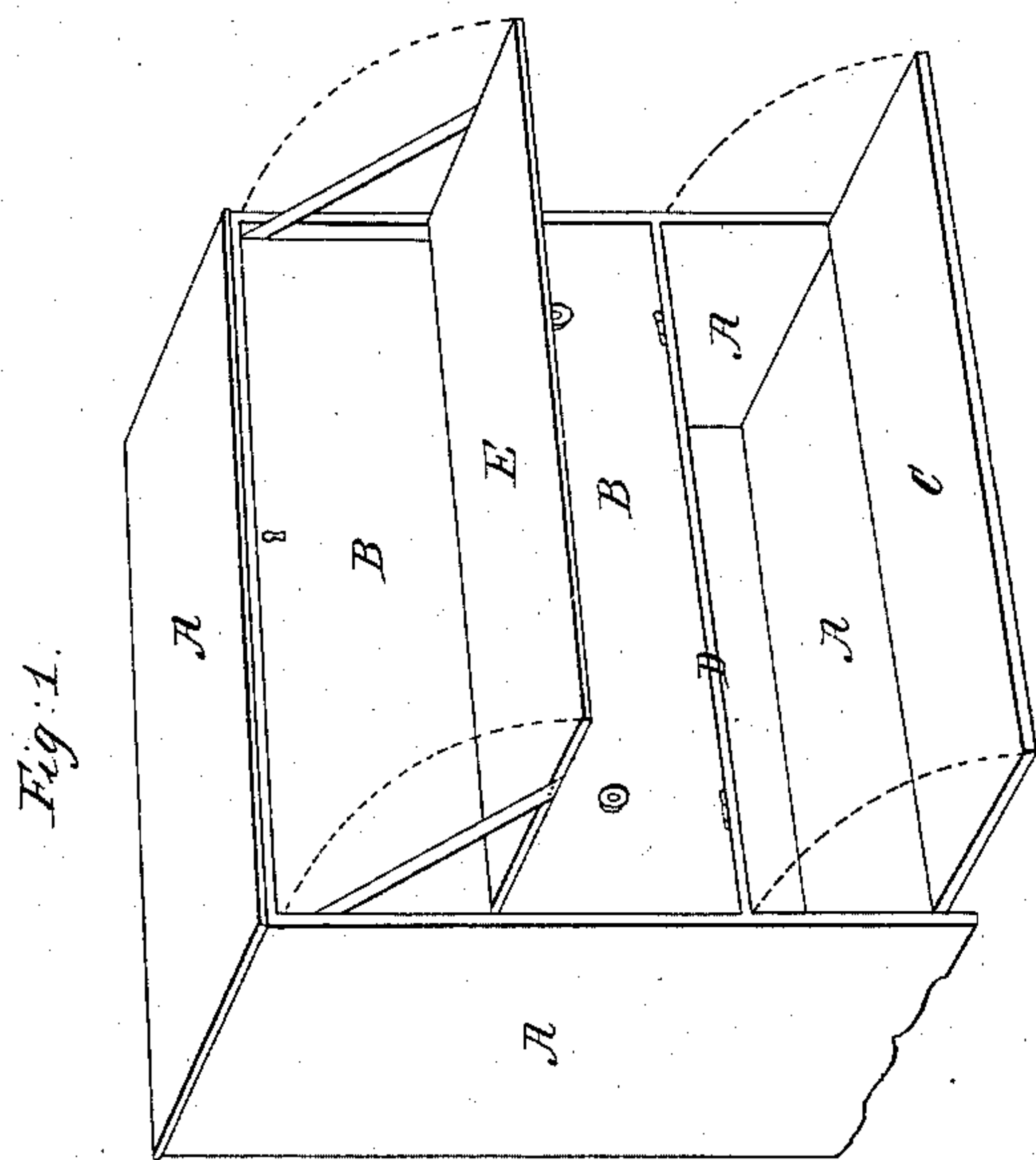


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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE OR BUREAU BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES S. McCURDY, of New York, county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Constructing a Bedstead; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in so constructing a bedstead that it can be used for sleeping upon or as a toilet-bureau.

The construction and operation of my invention will be more readily understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 represents the bedstead as a toilet-bureau, pieces A A A A forming the top, bottom, and sides of the case, with plain back. The front is constructed in the following manner. Leaf B is hinged or otherwise secured to the edge of shelf D, and is secured, when closed, by means of a lock or otherwise, to top A. Leaf C is hinged to bottom A and folds up under the edge of shelf D when closed. Into leaf B there folds a second leaf, E, hinged at o o, which, when closed, is secured by means of a lock to said leaf B, and when opened for use falls down at right angles with leaf B, and is sustained there by any suitable arrangement. Upon said leaf E the washing or other utensils are used. The apartment formed by shelf D, bottom and sides A A A, and the intermediate back is intended as a receptacle for the washing utensils or for any other purpose, leaf C closing it up and forming a part of the front.

Fig. 2 represents the bedstead when used for sleeping upon. B represents the leaf B turned down at right angles with the front of the case.

To the inside of leaf B are secured two grooved pieces, e e. Pieces e e are tongued to correspond with the grooved pieces e e, and are with cross-bars framed together and slatted. To the top cross-bar is hinged head-board F, which when in use is turned up. In order to extend the bottom of the bedstead to the required length, draw out the slatted frame, as represented, (the tongues of e e sliding in the grooves e e,) until the legs a a drop down, said legs sustaining the bottom of the bedstead in a horizontal position.

It will readily be seen that by operating as above the slatted frame, leaf B, and shelf D form the bed-bottom for the reception of a mattress or whatever may be required for the bed.

To reduce the bedstead to its most compact form, as in Fig. 3, turn down the head-board F, turn up legs a a, slide in the slatted frame, and fold up leaf B. The space in the case not occupied by the sliding frame is intended to receive the mattress, bedding, &c., when not in use.

I do not claim constructing a bedstead that may be folded up into the form of a bureau, irrespective of the particular means by which that is effected, as several forms of bureau-bedsteads have before been made; but

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

The combination of the leaf B and slatted sliding frame e e and folding legs a a, constructed, arranged, and operated in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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