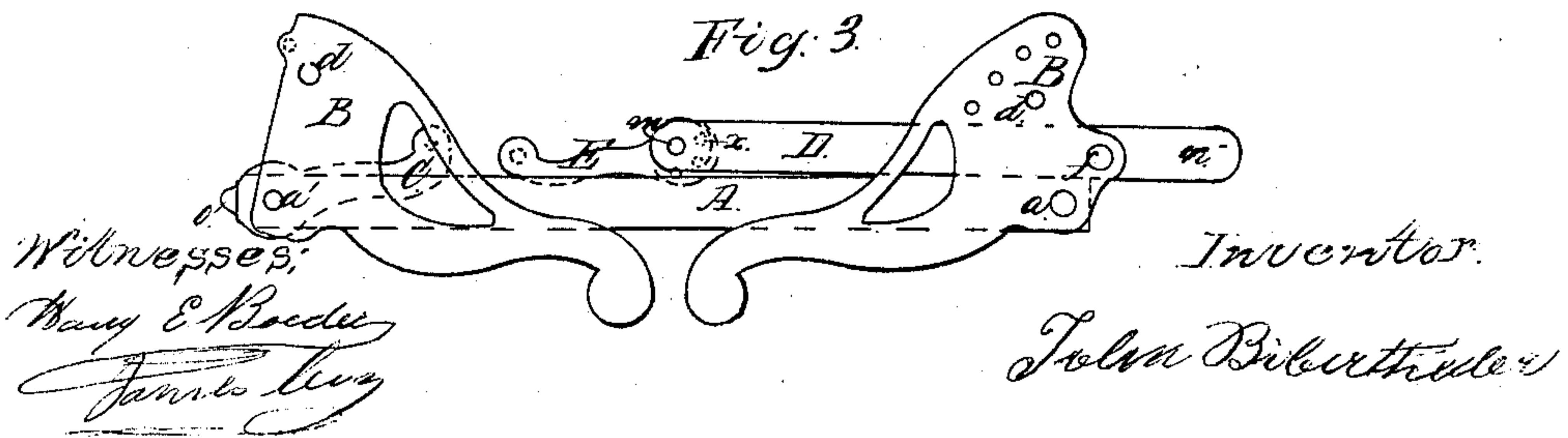
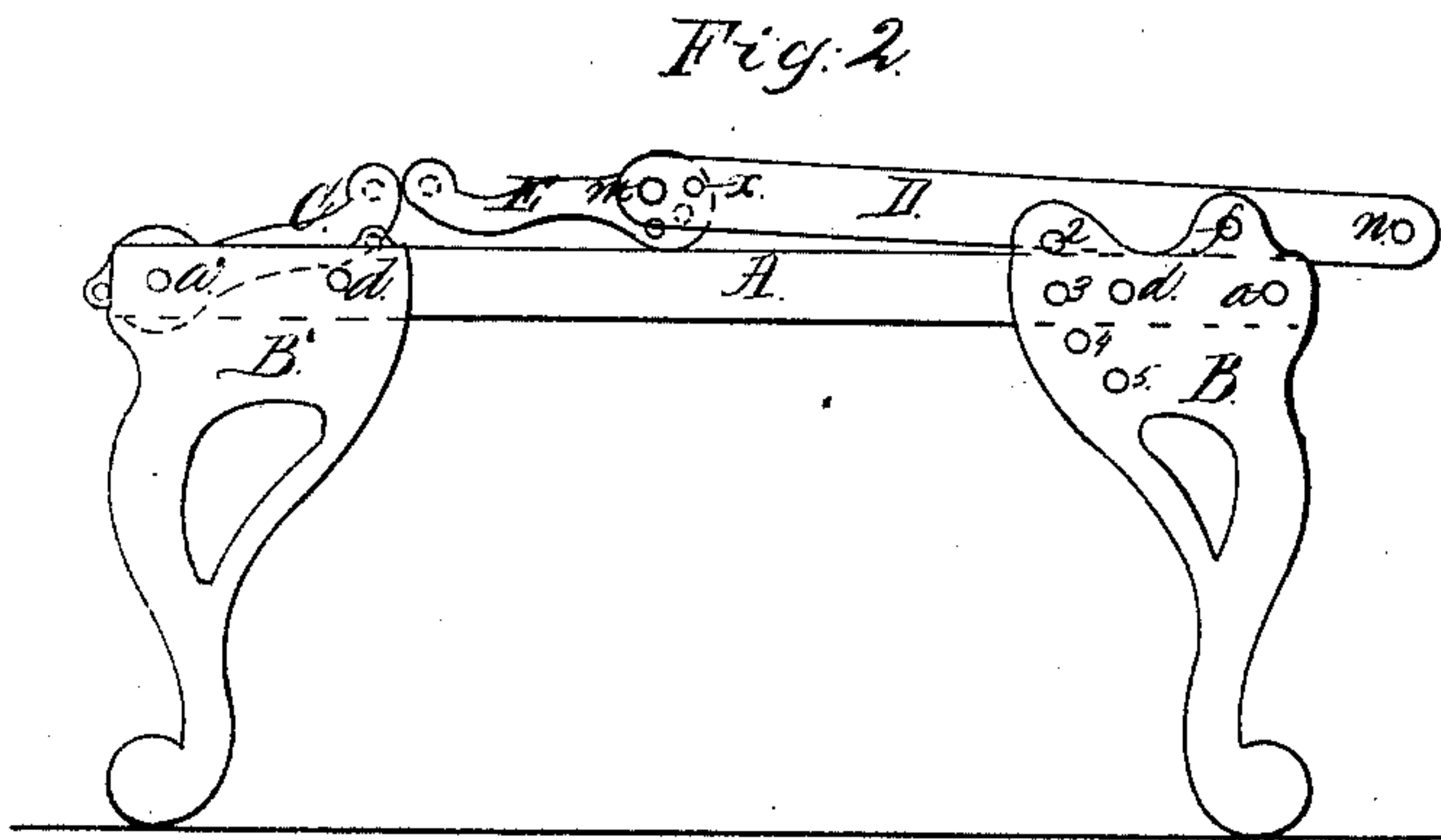
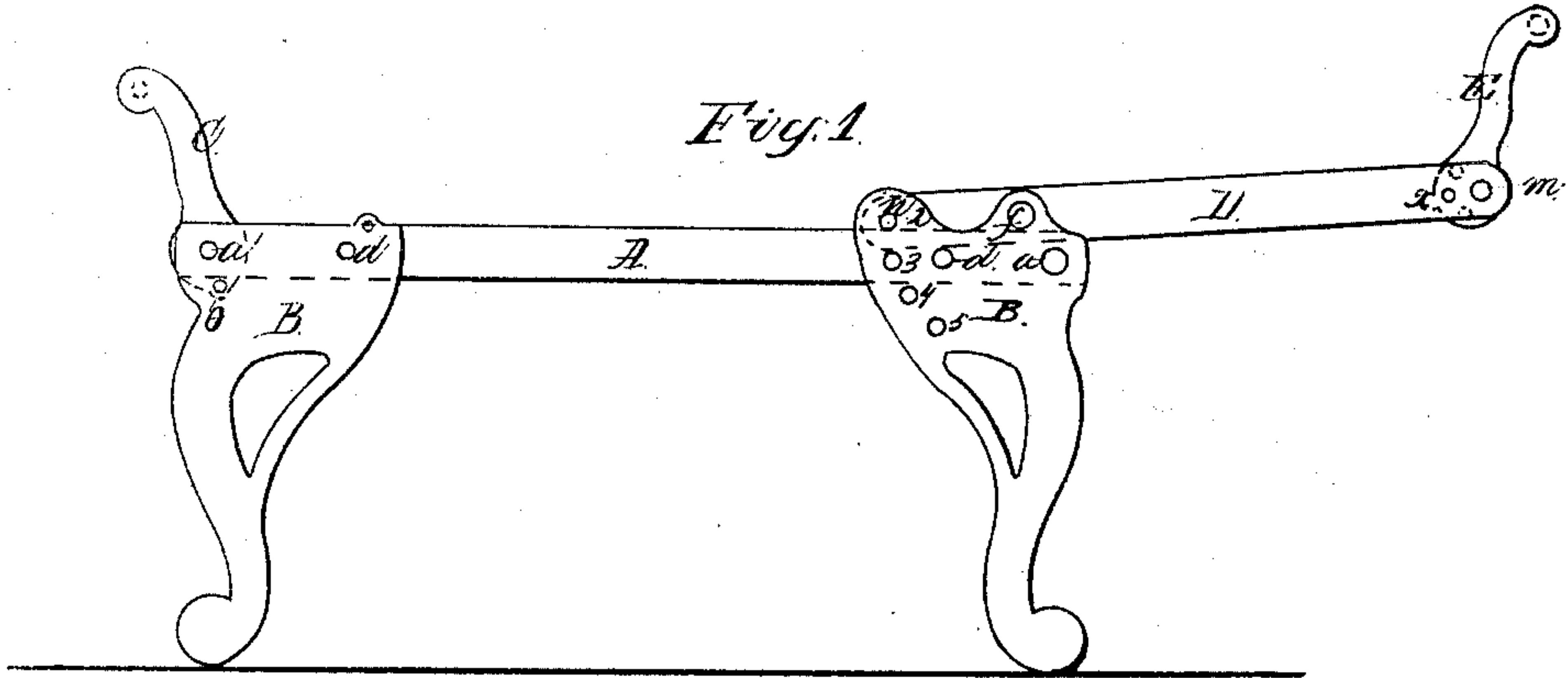


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IRON FOLDING BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BIBERTHALER, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Iron Folding Bedstead; and I hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure I represents a side elevation of my improved bedstead Fig. II represents the same when only partly folded and Fig. III when quite folded together.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a bedstead which can be either only partly or quite folded together so as to render it easily removable and then occupy very little room, and in which the headpart is so arranged that the same may be raised or lowered as desired.

A is part of the bottom of the bed, made about two thirds of the whole length of the bed. To this bottom the legs B, B' are fastened turning on centers *a*, *a'*, and secured in their proper places by pins (*d*) when the bedstead is opened. The lower foot rail (C) turns on the same center (*a'*) as the legs B' on the lower end of the bed, and is prevented from turning too far around by projections (*o*) coming in contact with the underside of the side rails of the bottom (A).

To the legs (B) nearest the head part of the bed a frame (D) is attached, forming, when opened, with the above mentioned bottom (A) the whole length of the bed. This frame (D) is made to turn on centers (*f*) in the legs (B) and is fastened in any desired inclination with the bottom A by means of pins or screws (*n*) which fastens the end of said frame D to the legs B in either of the holes 2, 3, 4, or 5 or a groove may be made in said legs in which the bolt works, which is attached to the end of the frame D; whereby any desired position is obtained. By this arrangement all rods or legs to support and regulate the position of the projecting part of the bed are dispensed with.

On the extreme end of the frame D the headboard E is attached, turning on centers (*m*) and fixed in any desired position by means of screws or bolts (*x*).

In daytime or when not in use this bed-

stead may be folded up, as represented in Fig. II by turning over the foot rail (C) and the frame D with the head rail or board E so as to lie over and upon the main part of the bed or bottom A. In this position the greater part of the bed clothing and bedding may remain in the bed, while the same in that position will occupy then only about two thirds of the space it occupies when quite opened. If the bed wants to be moved then the pins (*d*) which fasten the legs are removed, and said legs turned on their centers (*a*, *a'*) under the bed bottom (A) as represented in Fig. III, when the bedstead will occupy a very small space, and can be placed on its side against the wall until again required for use.

Instead of fastening the end of the frame D to the legs B to regulate the inclination of the same, the same may be fastened to the side rail of the bottom part A to obtain the same purpose.

I do not claim broadly a bedstead connected by joints or turning on centers, so that when not in use the same may be folded together, as such bedsteads are well known and in common use. But

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

1. The arrangement of the bedbottom in two parts, one of which (A) being about two thirds of the whole length of the bed, and to which the legs are attached capable of turning under said part, when required; and attaching the other part D (and which forms the upper or head part of the bed) to the legs nearest the head, in such a manner that the said part (D) may be turned over the top of the bottom part (A) while the legs to which the same is attached are turned under the said part (A) in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described.

2. I further claim fixing the headpart of the bed (D) when unfolded, either to the legs (B) or to the bottom part (A) by means of bolts or pins (*n*) in such a manner that by said bolts the inclination of said part (D) may at the same time be regulated to any desired position, substantially as described and set forth.

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