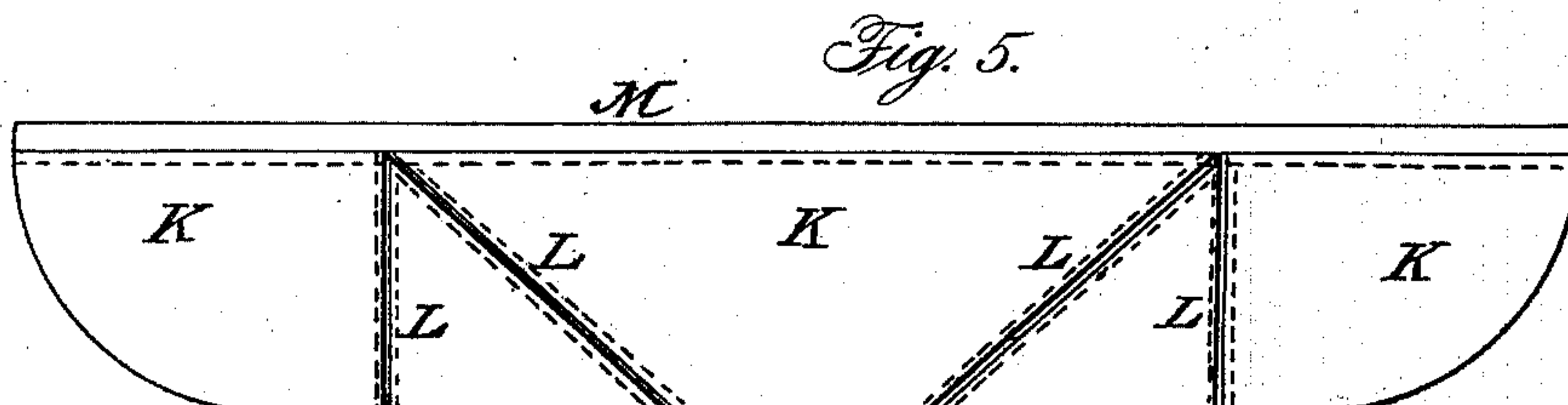
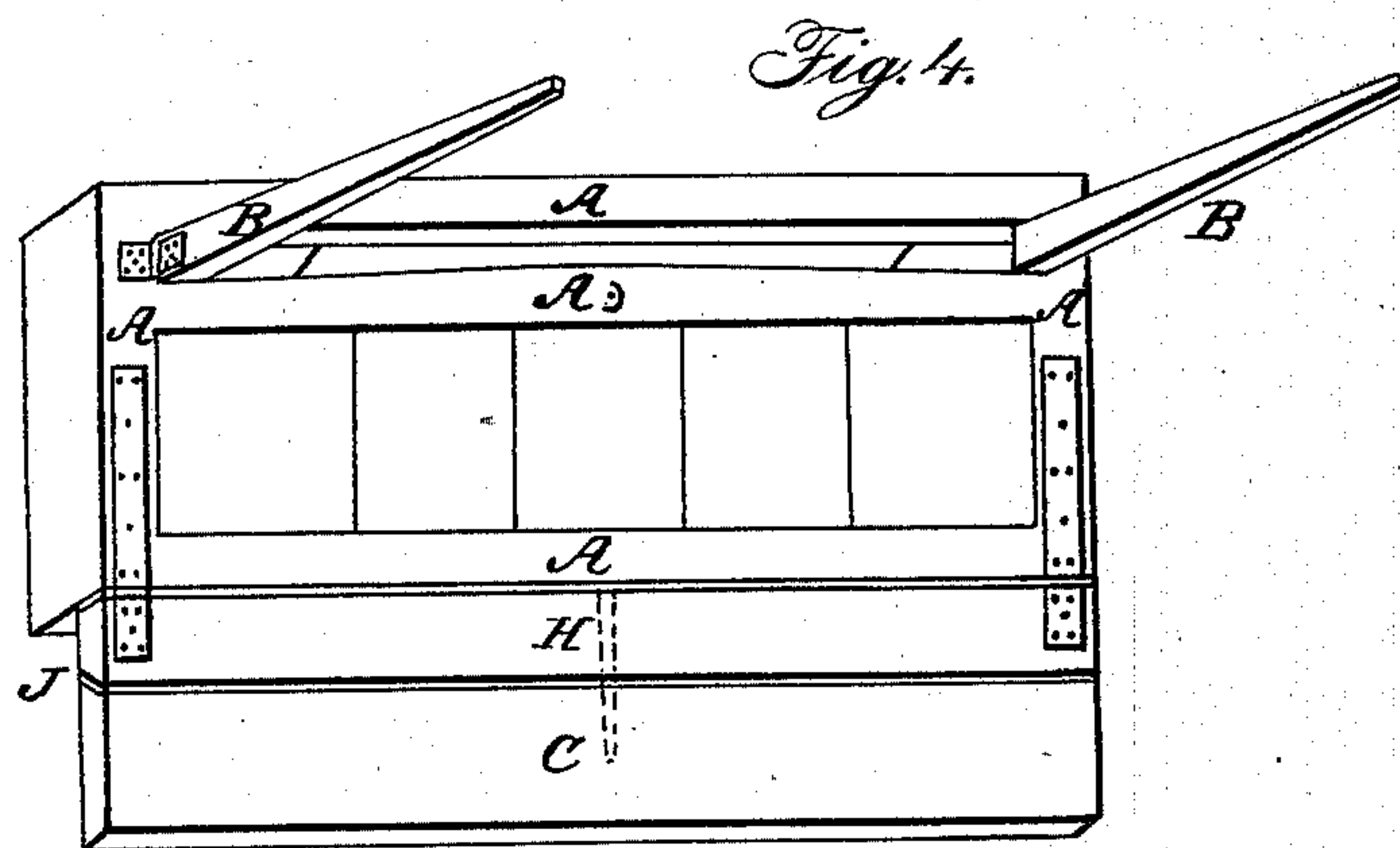
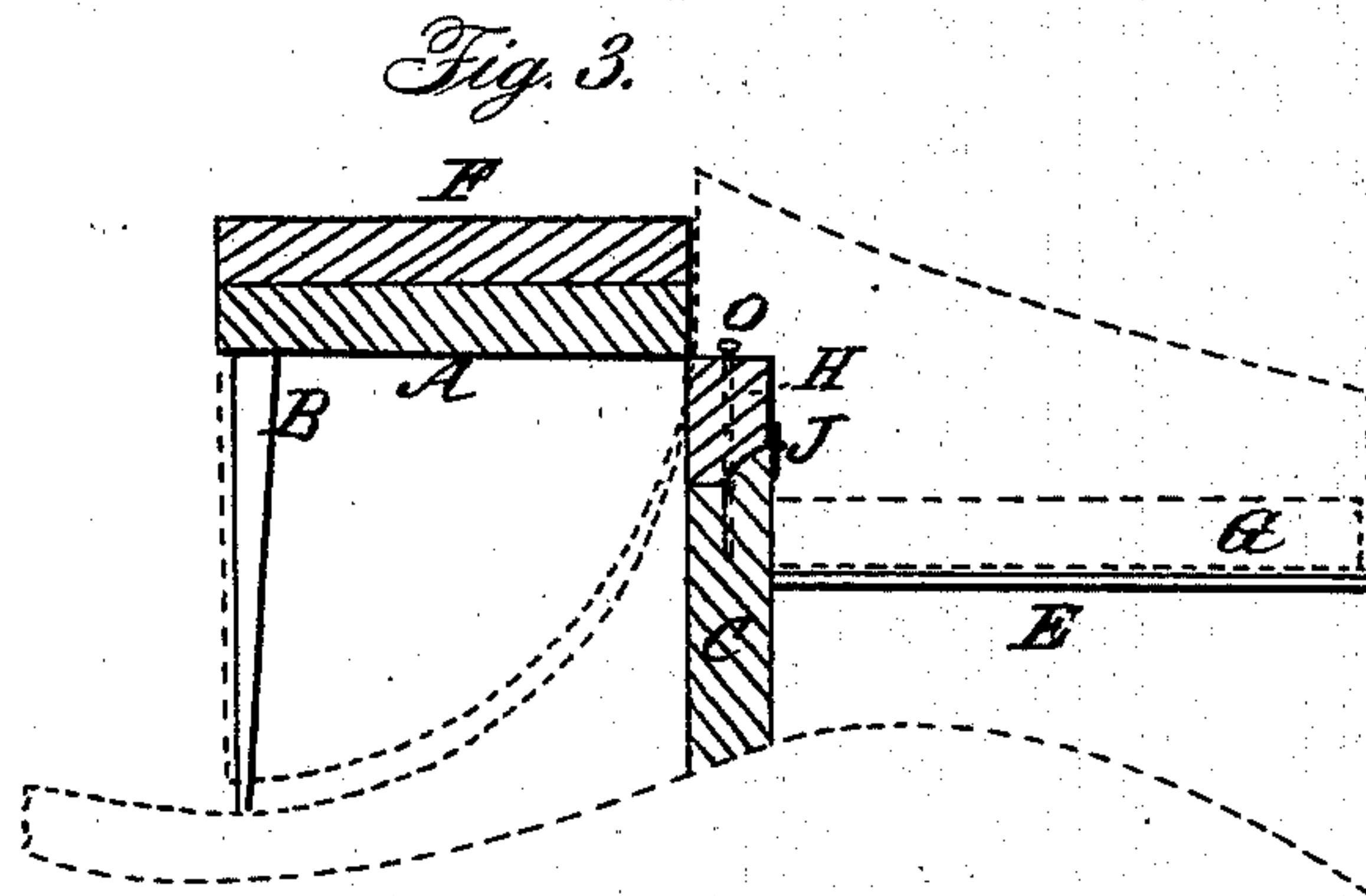
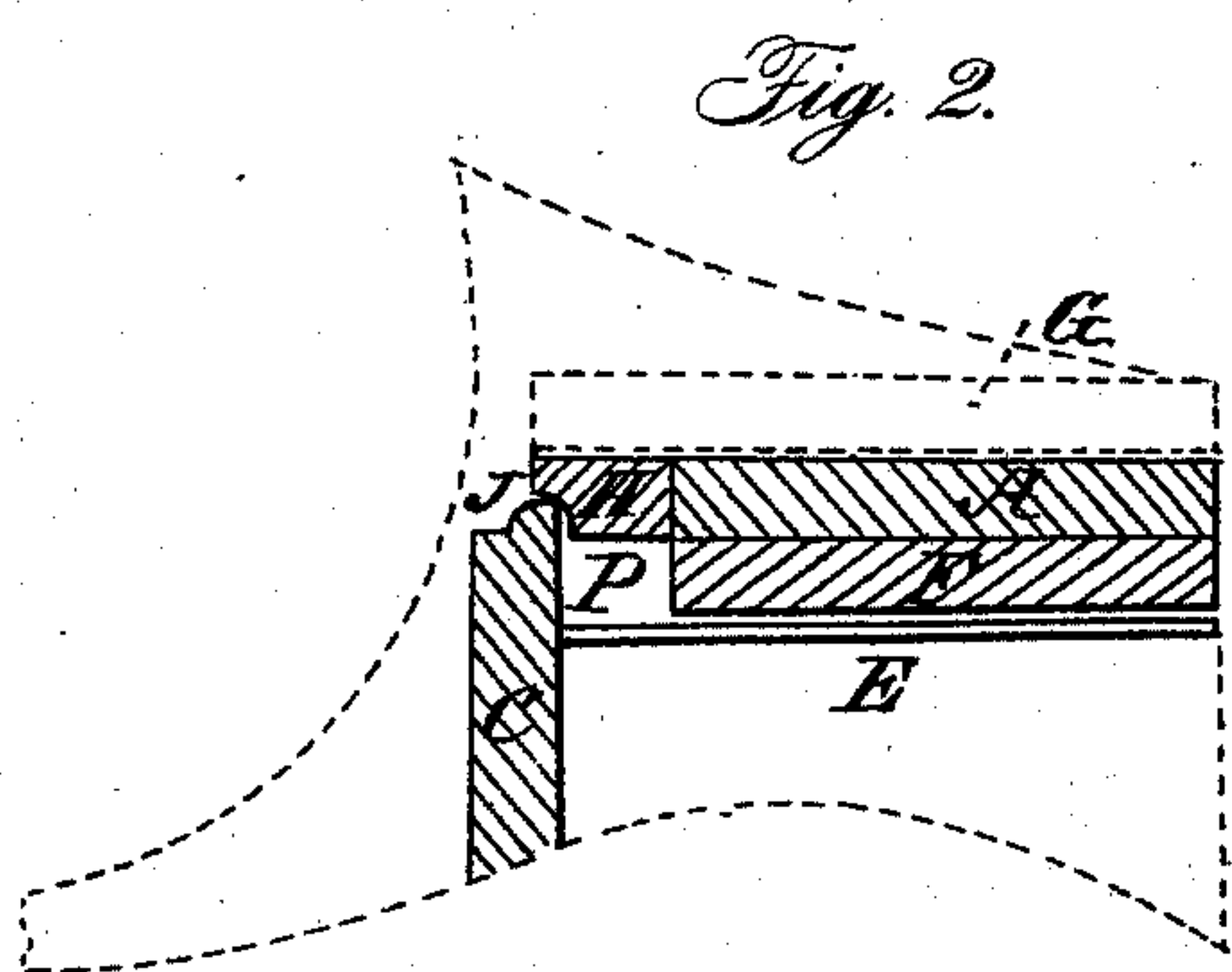
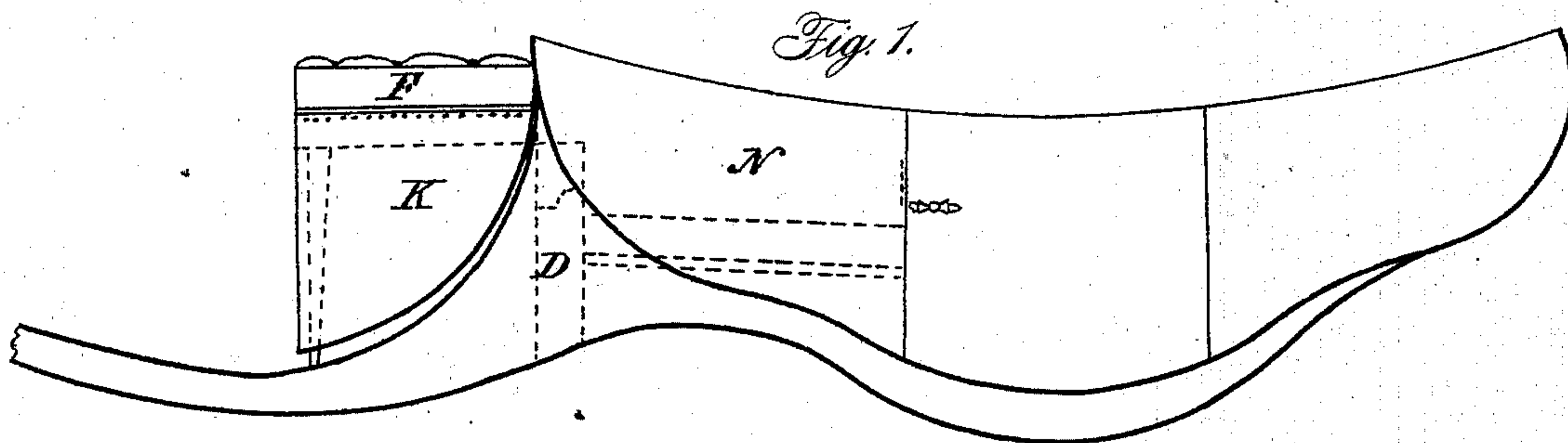


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## EXTENSION-SEAT FOR CARRIAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS J. FLOWERS, of Rahway, in the county of Union, in the State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Extending Driver's Seats; 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, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is the body with my improved seat attached. Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 5, are sectional views.

The nature of my invention consists in folding a seat, so that the space occupied by the permanent seat is filled, forming a level surface, to receive its cushion when the extension seat is folded. When open the width of the extension seat is decreased and its height raised, whereby foot and leg room is gained.

To instruct others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I make my body N of any of the known forms and frame bar C into rocker D letting it project above seat line E four inches or the thickness of cushion, the top edge of it being in table joint form as shown by J thus forming a recess when the seat is folded to receive cushion F, and also cushion G, in its turn. I next divide the width of the permanent seat E between the bar H, and seat frame A in such distances to suit the raise of bar H and width of said frame which is to be governed by the shape of the rocker D, connecting bar H and bar C and seat frame

A with hinges forming the table joint J which prevents the seat from sliding forward, and placing pin O through bar H into bar C prevents its backward slide. I form my seat frame as shown by Fig. 4 A, A, A, A, A, beveling bar A, so as to form the tapered recess I, I to receive legs B, B, which are connected by hinges. Next when trimming I form the boot or hanging cloth as shown by Fig. 5. The object to enable it to be folded without injury to the material. In constructing it I use any stiff material such as patent leather, cutting it as shown by lines L, L, L, L, lining it with some flexible material, letting it project above as shown by line M, secure them together by stitching as shown by the drawing and attach it to the bottom of the seat by margin M thus forming a series of joints by which you can fold it.

I do not claim extending or folding the seat A, nor do I claim the hinged legs B, B, or the boot part K as new, for they are all in use, but

What I do claim 1st as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The operation and combination of the raising bar H or its equivalent, with the parts A, and C.

2. I claim the combination of the recess I, I, with the legs B, B.

3. I claim forming the joints, L, L, L, L, in combination with the boot for the purpose set forth.

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