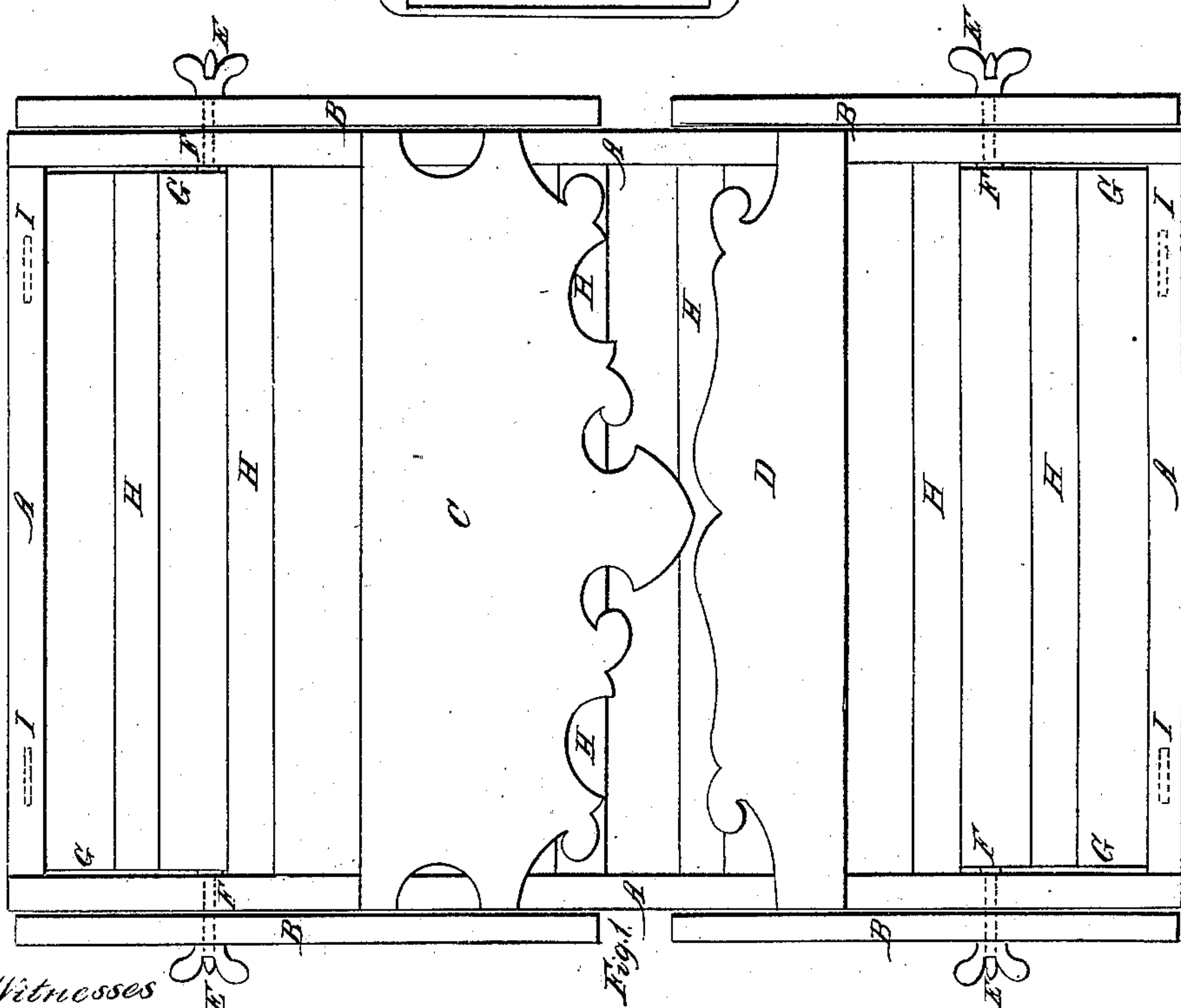
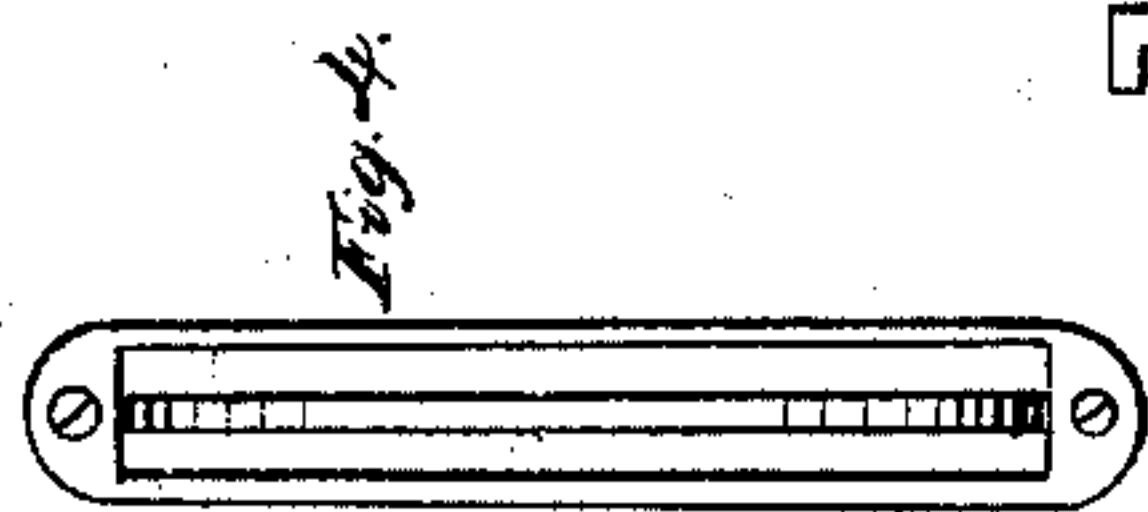
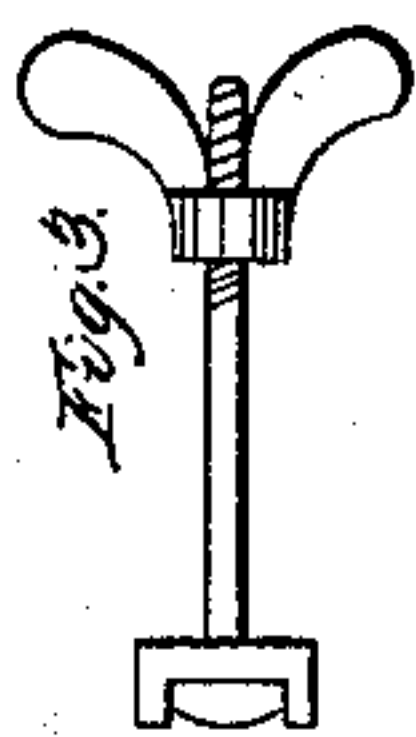
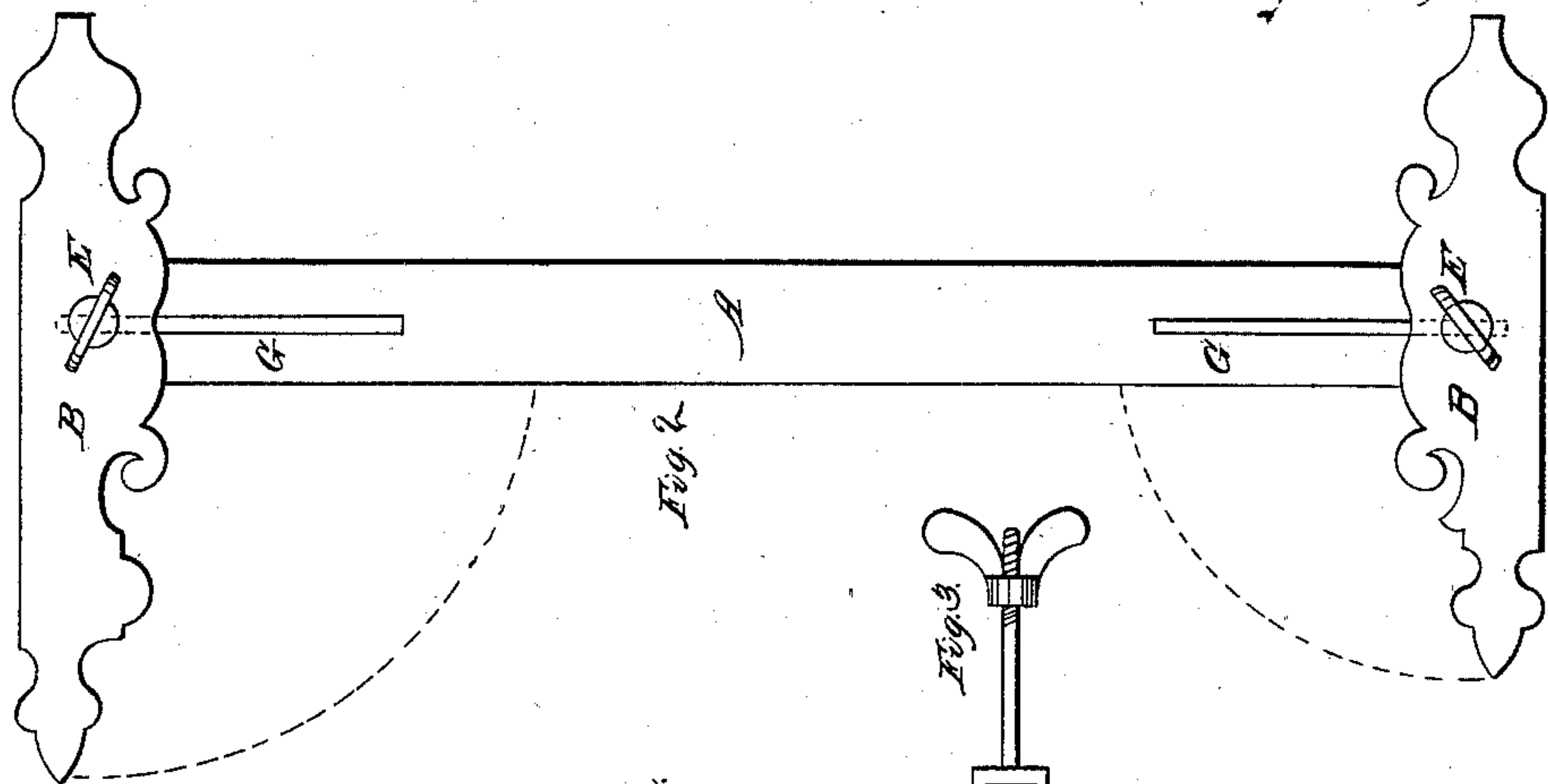


H. W. Eastman, Folding Bedstead

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PORTABLE FOLDING BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. EASTMAN, of Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Portable Folding 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.

10 The object of my invention, is to construct a bedstead that can be easily folded and converted into a box containing the bed, for the economy of room, and to facilitate its transportation from place to place.

15 This bedstead when folded forms a box containing the bed in its usual position and can be carried wherever an ordinary headboard of the common bedsteads will go, without taking a single portion of it apart
20 or even interrupting the bed in the least, and can be adjusted and ready for use in the short space of two minutes' time. It is also intended to be used as a trundle bedstead for children, it being folded to a thickness that will admit of its being rolled under the lowest French bedsteads which are now so generally used, and can so easily be adjusted to the height of the other bedstead which is of great convenience to those having
25 small children.

30 In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is the ground plan, as it appears when folded into a box. Fig. 2 is the side elevation showing the posts and how they are moved and tightened, and Figs. 3 and 4 sectional
35 views of the metallic grooved plate, bolt and thumb nut, substantially as I propose to use them.

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

I construct my bedstead in any of the known forms commonly used.

In the accompanying drawings A, A, is the bed frame which is a permanent one, unless it should be found desirable to make it in parts. 45

B, B, are the bed posts which are hinged to the frame A by the bolts F.

C is the headboard and D the footboard. 50

E, E, are the thumb nuts to tighten the bed posts when set up or folded into a box as in Fig. 1.

F, F, are the iron bolts passing through the frame A and the posts B. 55

G, G, are the metallic grooved plates, also representing the slots through the frame in Fig. 2.

H, H, are the bottom slats running across the width of the bed frame. 60

I, I, represented by dotted lines in Fig. 1 are small wheels on the bottom of the frame A to roll on the floor when folded and used as a trundle bedstead.

The bedstead is set, by sliding the posts B, B, out as far as the slots G will admit, by which a leverage is gained on the posts B, B, that will enable a small child to raise it into its proper position with ease, the posts when perpendicular are tightened by
65 the bolts and thumb nuts and the bedstead is ready for use. 70

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is— 75

The arrangement, of the bed frame, A sliding posts B the headboard C slot plates G bolts F and thumb nuts E substantially as herein described for the purposes specified.

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