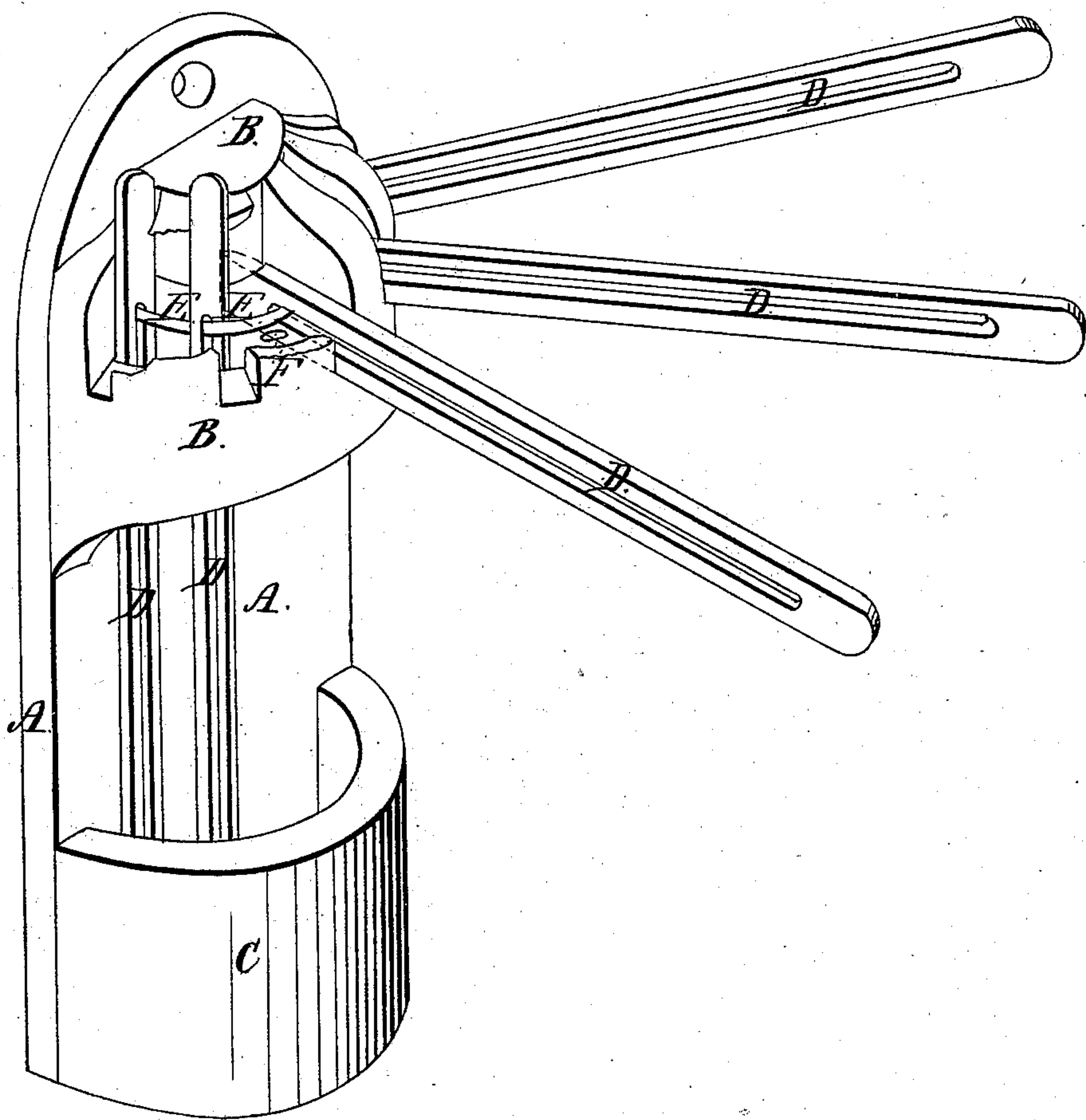


E. R. Bigelow,
Clothes Frame,
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IMPROVED CLOTHES-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN R. BIGELOW, of Salem, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Frame; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the improved arrangement and construction of a clothes-frame, rendering it compact and securing the greatest facility in preparing it for use or disuse, and this economy of space and facility of using I attain by the arrangement of a semicircular hollow standard with a plain back A.

The upper part of the standard B may be made of cast-iron, wood, or any other suitable material and so arranged that it affords support to the radiating bars or rods D and keeps the upper ends in place when not in use.

The lower part of the standard C contains the lower end of the bars or rods D when not in use, but it is not an essential part of the

apparatus and may be dispensed with by confining the lower ends of the bars or rods D with a strap or its equivalent, or they may be left free. The bars or rods D may be made of wood or any other suitable material, and each to be slotted throughout a greater part of its length. The semicircular wire E passes through said slots in the bars or rods D and should be firmly secured in the back of the standard A, and, if necessary, have a brace for the center of it. The back of the standard A should be firmly secured to the wall of the house or other convenient place.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The construction and arrangement of the standard A B, the bars or rods D, with or without the wire E, all substantially as shown by the drawing and set forth in this specification, for the purposes described.

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