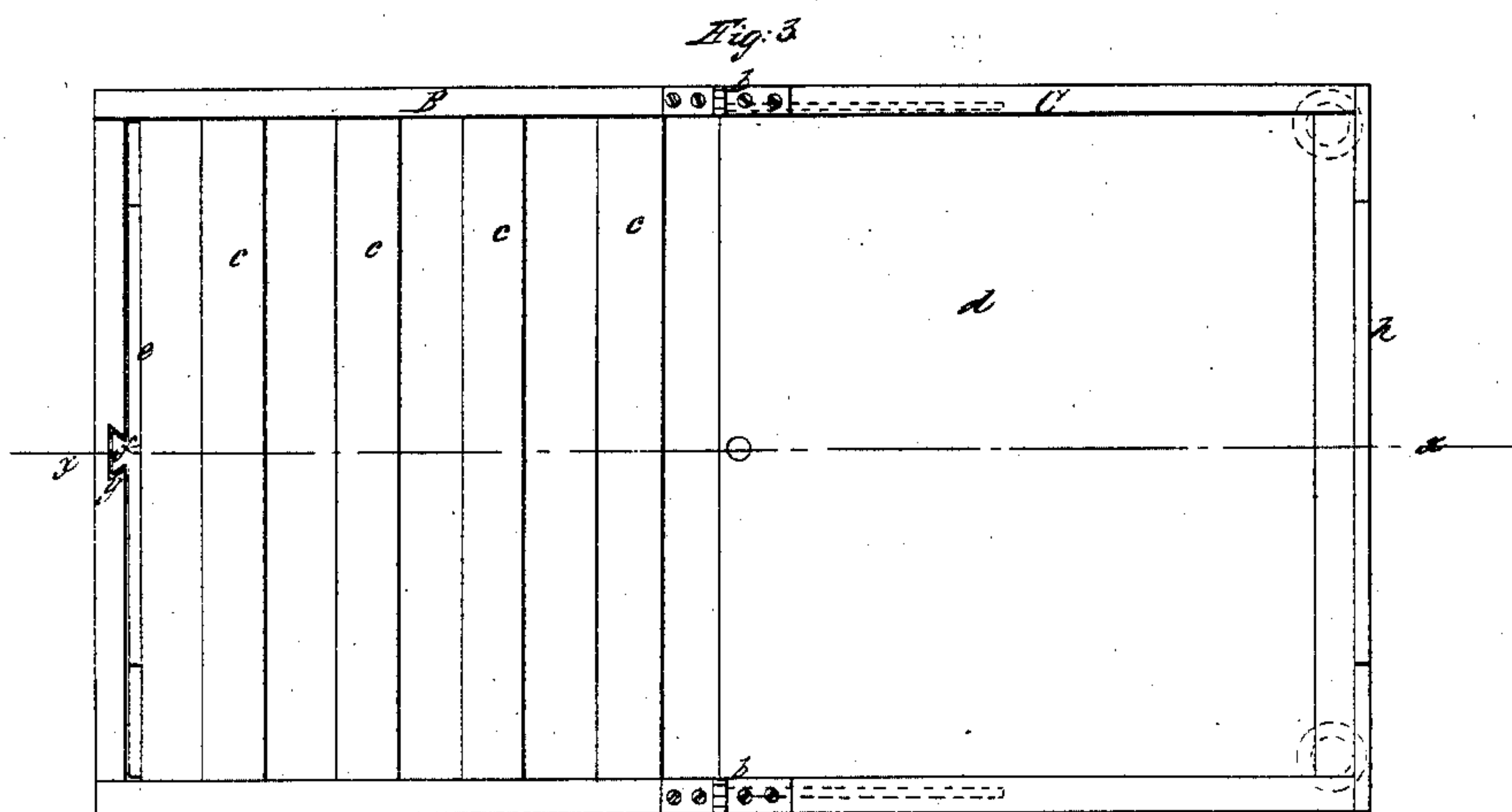
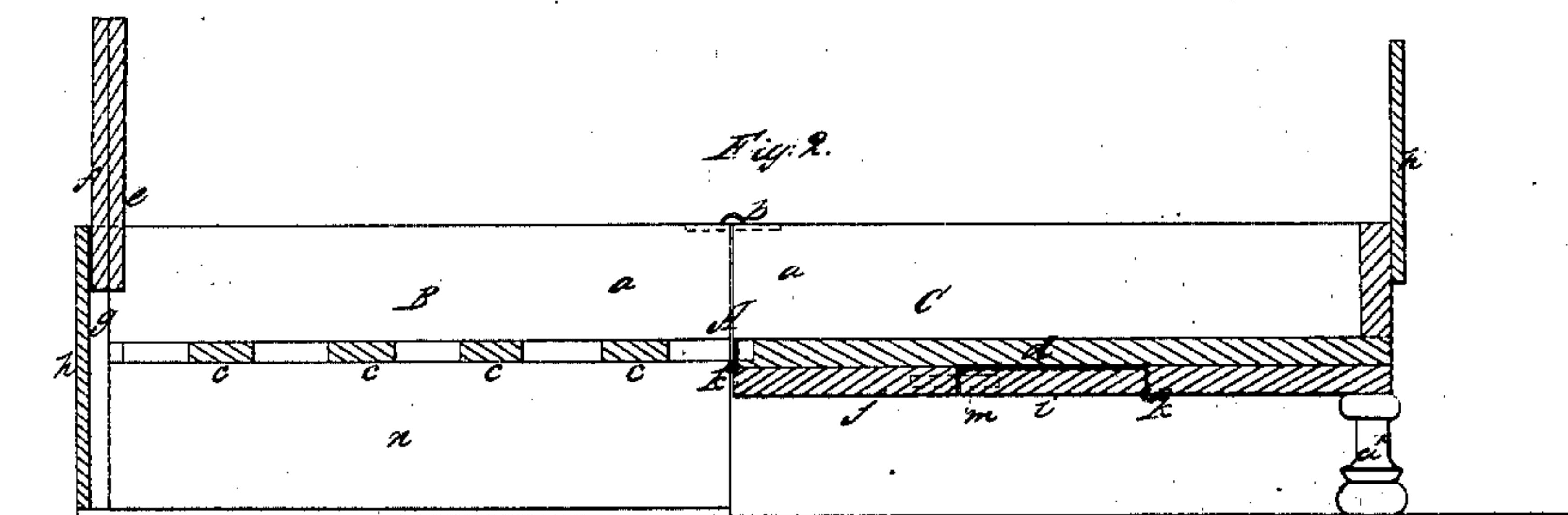
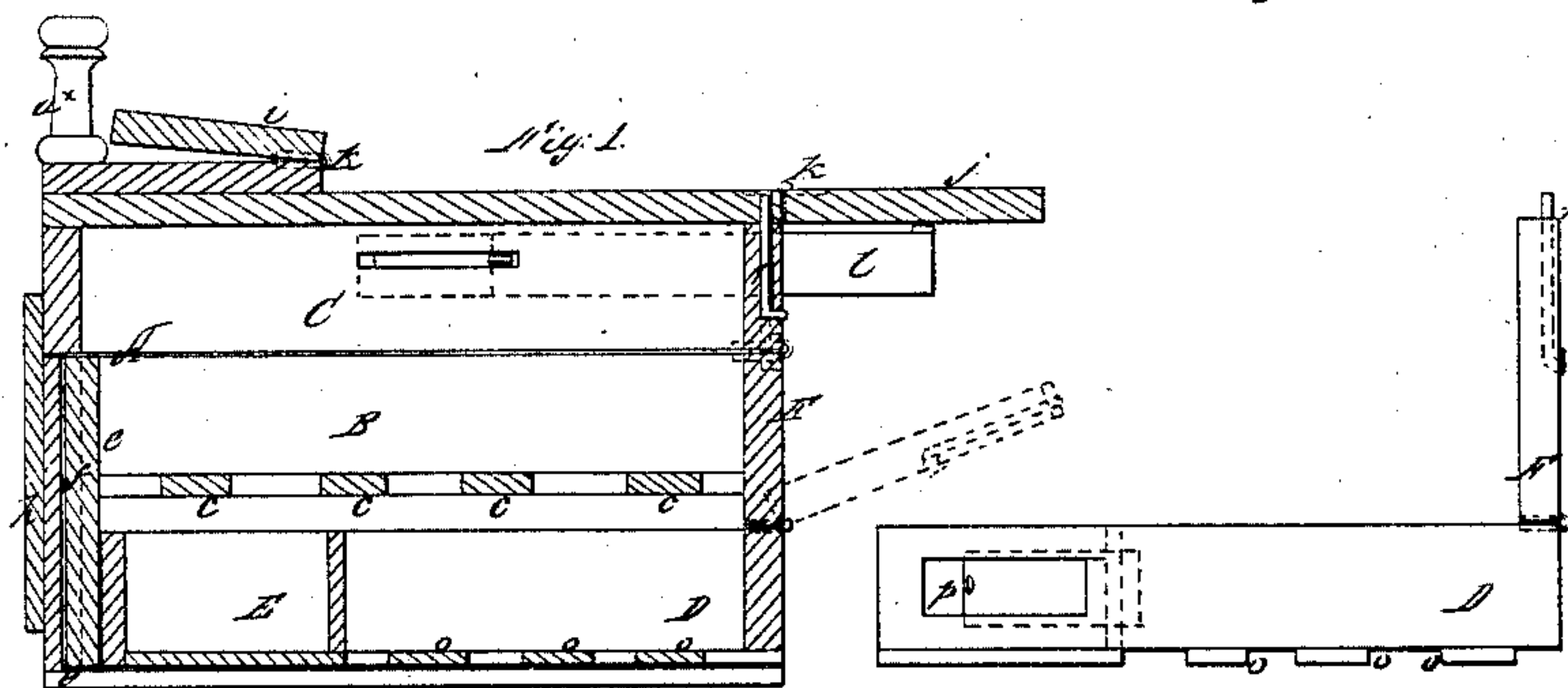


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IMPROVED FOLDING BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD GILL, of Dedham, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Folding Bedstead, Table, and Trundle-Bed Combined; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of my invention, taken in the line $x x$ of Fig. 3, and showing the device adjusted as a table; Fig. 2, a vertical section of the same, taken in the same line $x x$, and showing the device adjusted as a bedstead; Fig. 3, a plan or top view of Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention consists in combining a bedstead, table, and trundle-bed in such a manner that the device may be used in any of the above-named capacities and still be capable of being compactly folded when not in use, and forming while in use or otherwise an ornamental piece of furniture.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents a bedstead, which is formed of two equal transverse parts, B C, connected together at its side rails, $a a$, by hinges $b b$. The part B is provided with a bottom composed of slats c , fitted transversely in it, while the part C has a solid bottom, d . The part B is provided with an adjustable head-board, e , so arranged that it may be raised and lowered vertically, and it is kept in proper position by a dovetail cleat, f , attached centrally and vertically to its outer side, and fitted in a vertical dovetail recess or groove, g , at the center of the end piece, h , of the part B. (See more particularly Figs. 2 and 3.) This head-board e may, when required for use, be secured at any desired height by a pin or spring arranged in any proper way, or the friction of the cleat f in the groove g may be sufficient. When the head-board is not required for use, it is shoved down within the part B of the bedstead, so as to admit of the part C being folded over on B, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. The part C of the bedstead is provided with

a fixed foot-board, h , which, when the two parts of the bedstead are folded together, fits over the end of part B, as also shown in Fig. 1.

The bottom of the part C of the bedstead has two leaves, $i j$, which are attached to it by hinges $k k$, so that they may fold inward or toward each other and against the bottom d and form a level surface thereon, and when the leaves are unfolded the leaf j rests on slides l , which properly support it, and forms with the bottom d , the part on which the leaf i rested, a table. This table, it will be seen, is formed when the two parts B C of the bedstead A are folded together, as shown in Fig. 1, and when the leaves $i j$ are not in use they are retained in a closed state by a sliding catch, m , or other proper fastening. To the outer part of C there are attached legs a^x , as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The part B of the bedstead is double the depth of the part C, and the lower part, n , of B forms a box or receptacle for a trundle-bed, D, which is simply a rectangular box provided with a bottom of slats, o , and having a receptacle or apartment, E, at one end to receive bed-clothing or other articles, said apartment E being accessible from the outer side of the bedstead by means of side doors, $p p$, in the same and in the side of the apartment E. To the outer end of the trundle-bed D there is attached, by hinges or joints q , a flap, F, which serves as a cover for the end of the bedstead when in a folded state, said flap or cover being secured in a proper vertical position by a sliding catch, r .

When the device is not in use, the two parts of the bedstead are folded together, the trundle-bed D fitted in the lower part of B, and the leaves $i j$ folded down on the bottom d . The device thus adjusted forms an ornamental piece of furniture, and the legs a^x may be made in any suitable chaste form, so as to give it the appearance of a sideboard. When a bedstead is required, the two parts B C are unfolded, the legs a^x supporting the part C and the bottom or leaves $i j$ of part B resting on the floor. The trundle-bed D, if required, may be drawn out from the lower part of B and placed by the side of the bedstead.

The invention is extremely simple, and may

be constructed even in an ornamental manner at a moderate expense. It will prove valuable in those cases where families of the humble class are not provided with much room and are compelled, as in cities, to make one room answer for a bed-room, parlor, and living-room.

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

1. The bedstead A, formed of two parts, B C, connected by hinges and provided, respect-

ively, with an adjustable head-board, *e*, and a fixed foot-board, *h*, in connection with the folding or hinged leaves *i j*, attached to the bottom *d* of the part C of the bedstead, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the folding bedstead A, leaves *i j*, and trundle-bed D, arranged as herein set forth.

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