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Fruit-Frame.

No 50,113.

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Fig. 1.

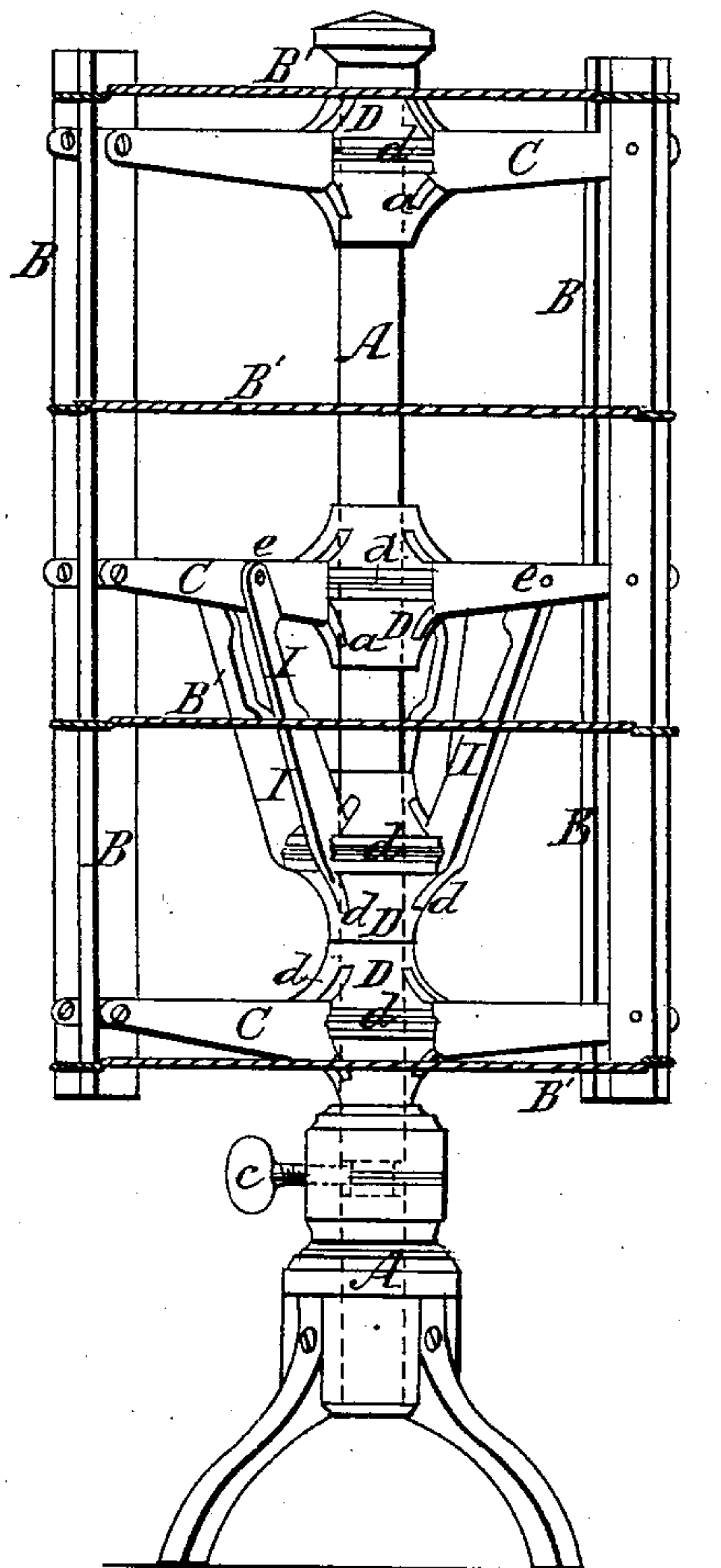
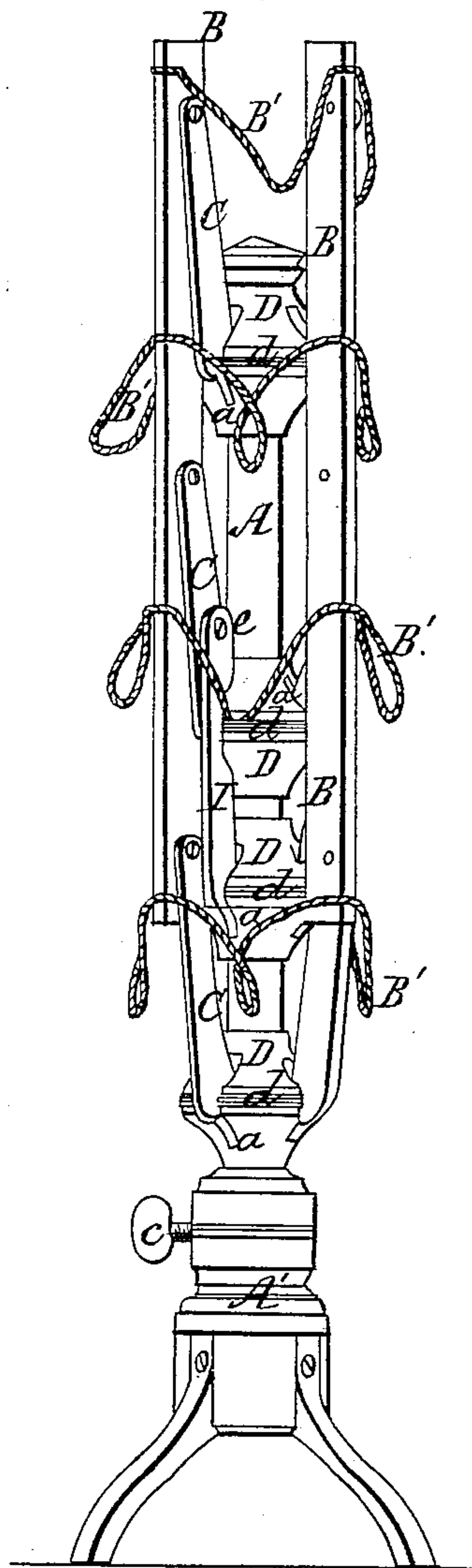


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-DRYING FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. GARDNER, of Freedom, in the county of Portage and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Frames; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation with the frame open. Fig. 2 is a front elevation with the frame closed.

Like letters of reference denote like parts in the several views.

My improvement relates to a fruit-frame, &c., as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, A represents the standard; A', the foot-piece or base that supports the frame. On this standard are hubs D, to which are hung arms C by means of wires *d* that pass entirely round the hub in a groove, which forms a hinge or pivot for said arms. In these hubs are slots *a*, which allows the arms to fold up and down. To these arms are pivoted slats B, which they support and keep in place. Fastened to the slats B are cords B', on which the fruit is hung to be dried. Slats can be laid on

the cords, forming shelves on which the fruit can be spread that is to be dried unstrung.

I represents braces that are pivoted at *e* to arms *c*, and hung, as the arms are, on wires attached to a hub. The hub to which the braces are hung is not stationary, as the rest of the hubs on the standard, but moves up and down on it as the frame opens or closes, being down when the frame is open, as seen in Fig. 1, and up when closed, as at Fig. 2. These braces aid in opening and closing the frame and also in supporting the slats B.

The frame can be raised or lowered, as desired, by turning the thumb-screw *c*, and can also be made to revolve in the foot-piece.

This frame may be applied to other purposes, as to drying clothes, &c.

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

The adjustable standard A, hubs D, wires *d*, braces I, and arms C, when especially arranged and operating conjointly as and for the purpose set forth.

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