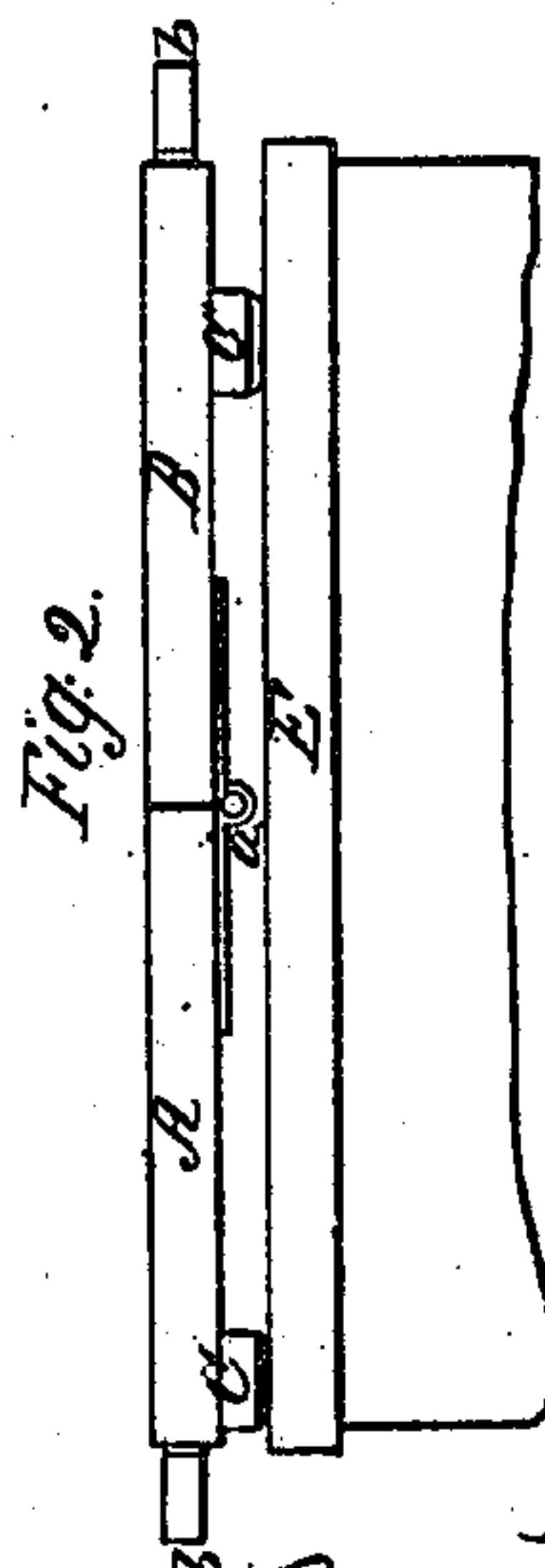
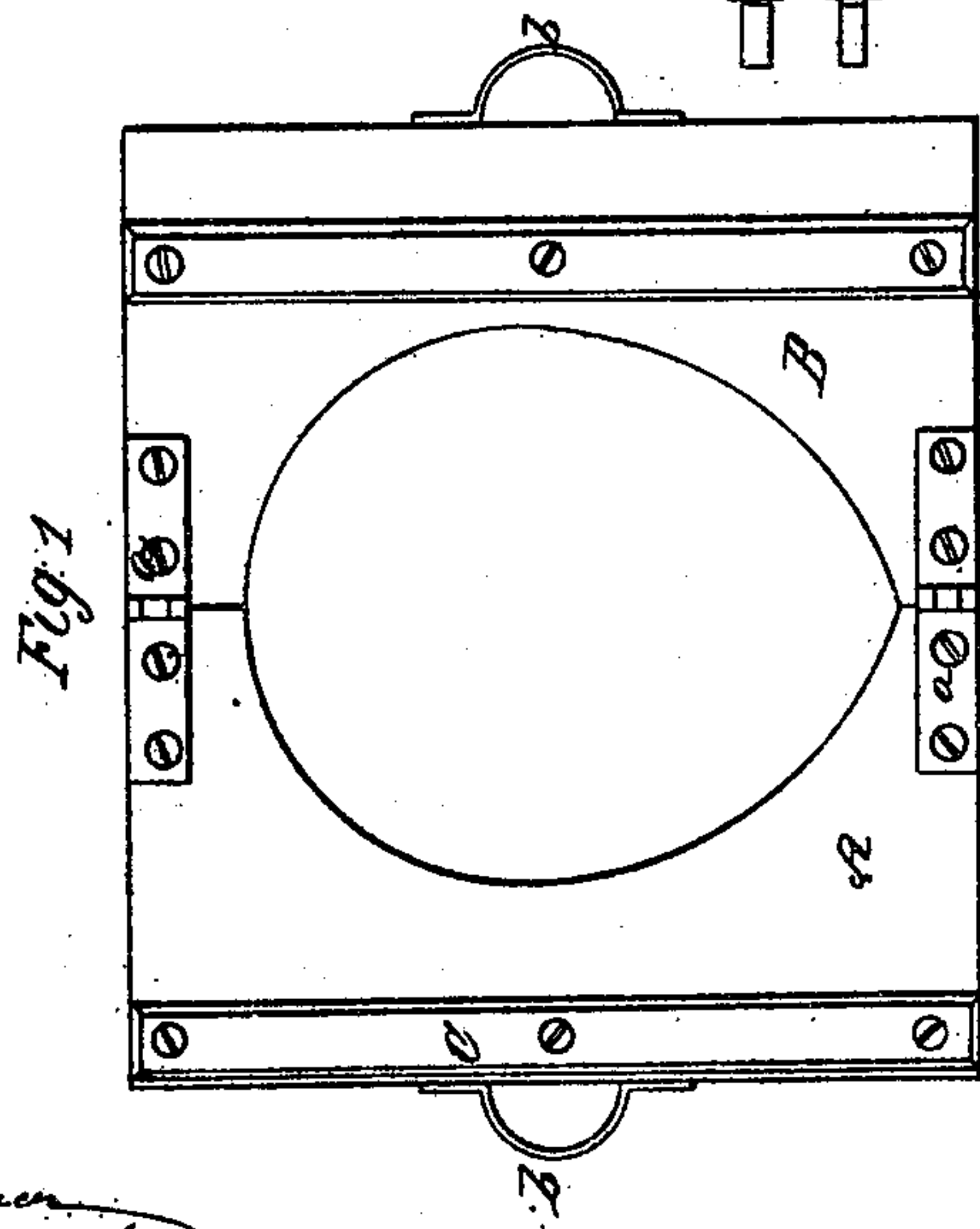
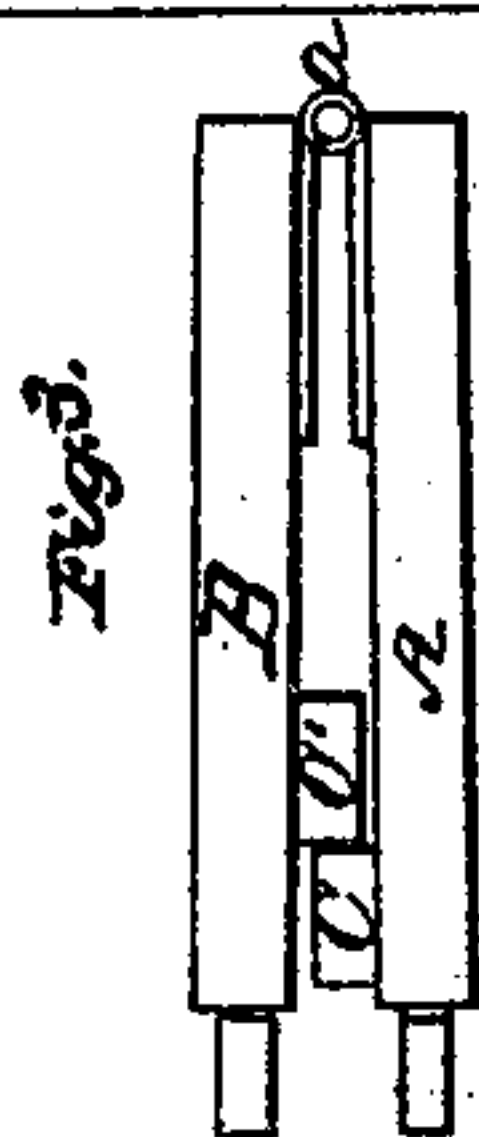
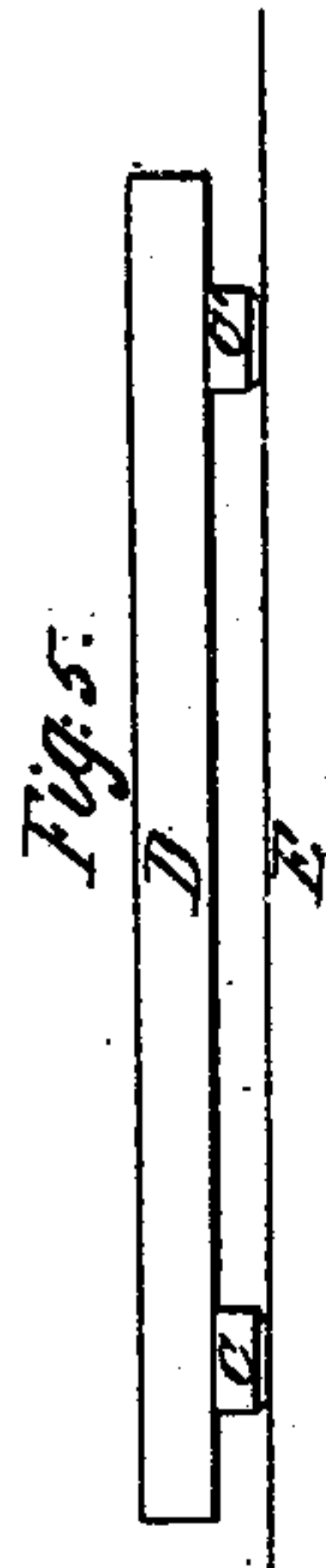
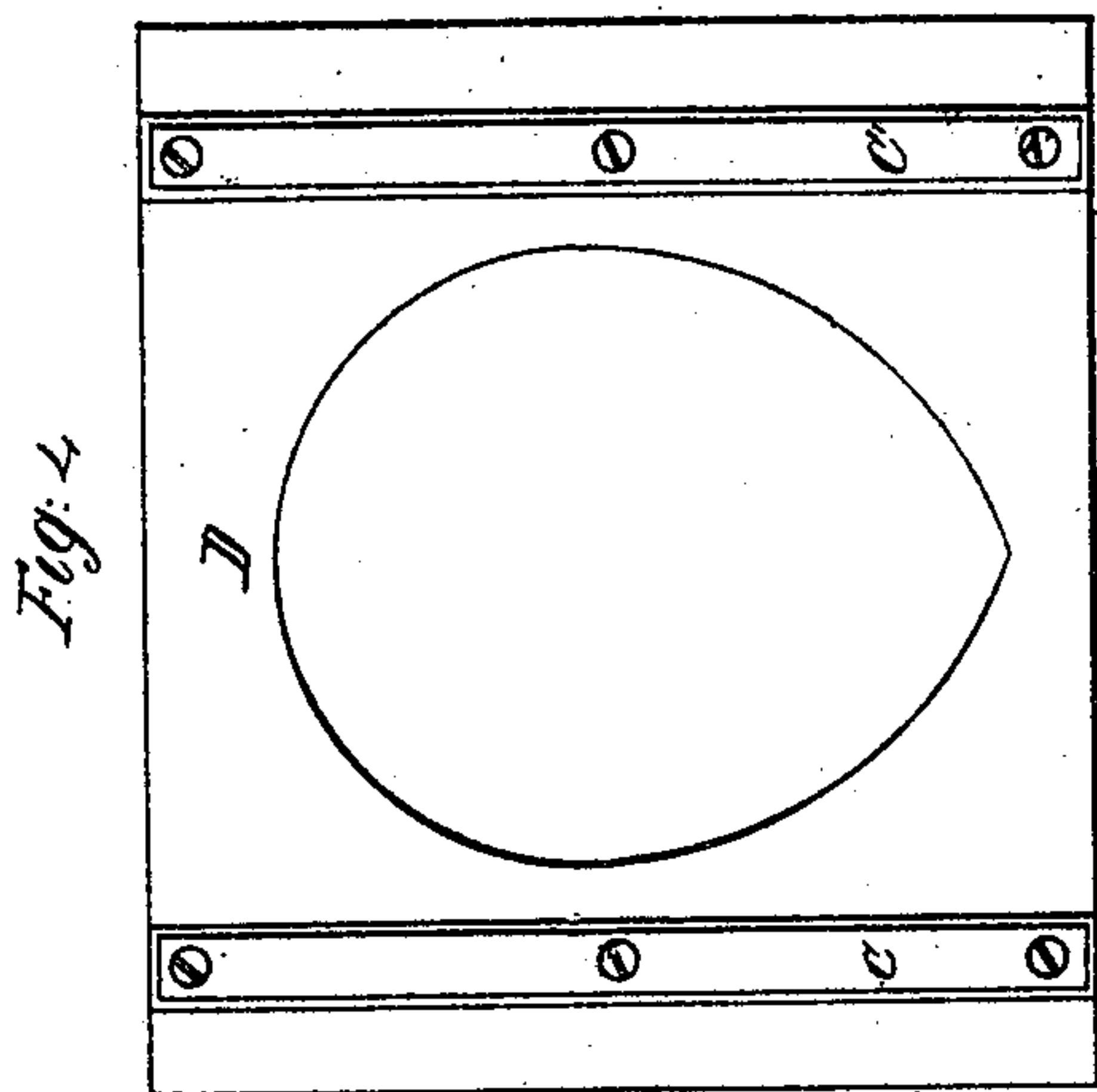


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SUPPLEMENTARY SEATS FOR WATER-CLOSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS H. SONDEHEIM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Supplementary Seat for Water-Closets; 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, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an inverted plan or bottom view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same, showing its application to the seat of a water-closet. Fig. 3 is also a front view of my invention, showing the same when folded up. Fig. 4 is an inverted plan or bottom view of another form of my invention. Fig. 5 is a front view of the same, showing its application to the seat of a water-closet.

In hotels, public buildings, or large establishments where the water-closet is for public or general use, and also sometimes in private dwellings, much embarrassment is often felt by finding the seats in a condition not fit to be used; and the object of this invention is to provide a reliable and portable supplementary seat, which may be conveniently taken by the person intending to use the water-closet, and by him readily placed upon the seat thereof, its construction being such that the person of the sitter is prevented from coming in contact with the privy or water-closet seat.

My invention consists in the application to a seat or board, made to correspond in general appearance with a privy-seat, of cleats or pegs or some equivalent means for raising the same from the privy-seat, so that should the privy-seat be wet or filthy my supplementary seat shall not get in like condition; and it also consists in making the said seat in two or more parts, connected together by hinges or other means which shall permit the seat to be folded up in a more portable condition.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A B, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, represent two parts of a seat or board made to correspond in general appearance with the top of a water-closet seat.

C C' are two cleats or strips of wood, which are secured one to each of the parts A B, as

represented clearly in Fig. 1. These cleats serve to keep the board or seat A B from coming in contact with the seat E of the water-closet, as shown in Fig. 2, and thus prevent its under side from getting soiled, as would be the case should it come in contact with a seat which had been wet or made filthy in any way.

a a are two hinges, which I use to enable the seat A B to be folded up into a more portable condition, as shown in Fig. 3.

D, Fig. 4, represents a modification of the preceding, or rather a seat made without the hinges, which is to be applied to the seat E of the water-closet, as represented in Fig. 5.

b b are two strips applied to the ends of the seat A B for convenience in carrying it.

I do not intend in all cases to use cleats C C', as many other means might be resorted to to effect the same purpose—that of keeping the seat A, B, and D from coming in contact with the seat E of the water-closet—as, for instance, studs or pegs or the like, which would answer the same purpose; and it will be seen that other devices than hinges might be used to enable the two parts A B to fold together.

The advantages of this seat are apparent. Every one employed in a large building where private privies are not provided may have one of my supplementary seats, which is easily carried and applied to the seat of an ordinary water-closet, and with it he will never be embarrassed on finding the water-closet seat not fit to rest his person upon; nor will he be in danger of catching any cutaneous disease, which very often befalls a cleanly person who is obliged to frequent a water-closet used by others. Thus my invention enables every one to virtually have his own private water-closet wherever he may be employed, in public or private dwellings.

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

A supplementary seat for water-closets so constructed as to be folded up, substantially as described.

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