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Fig. 3.

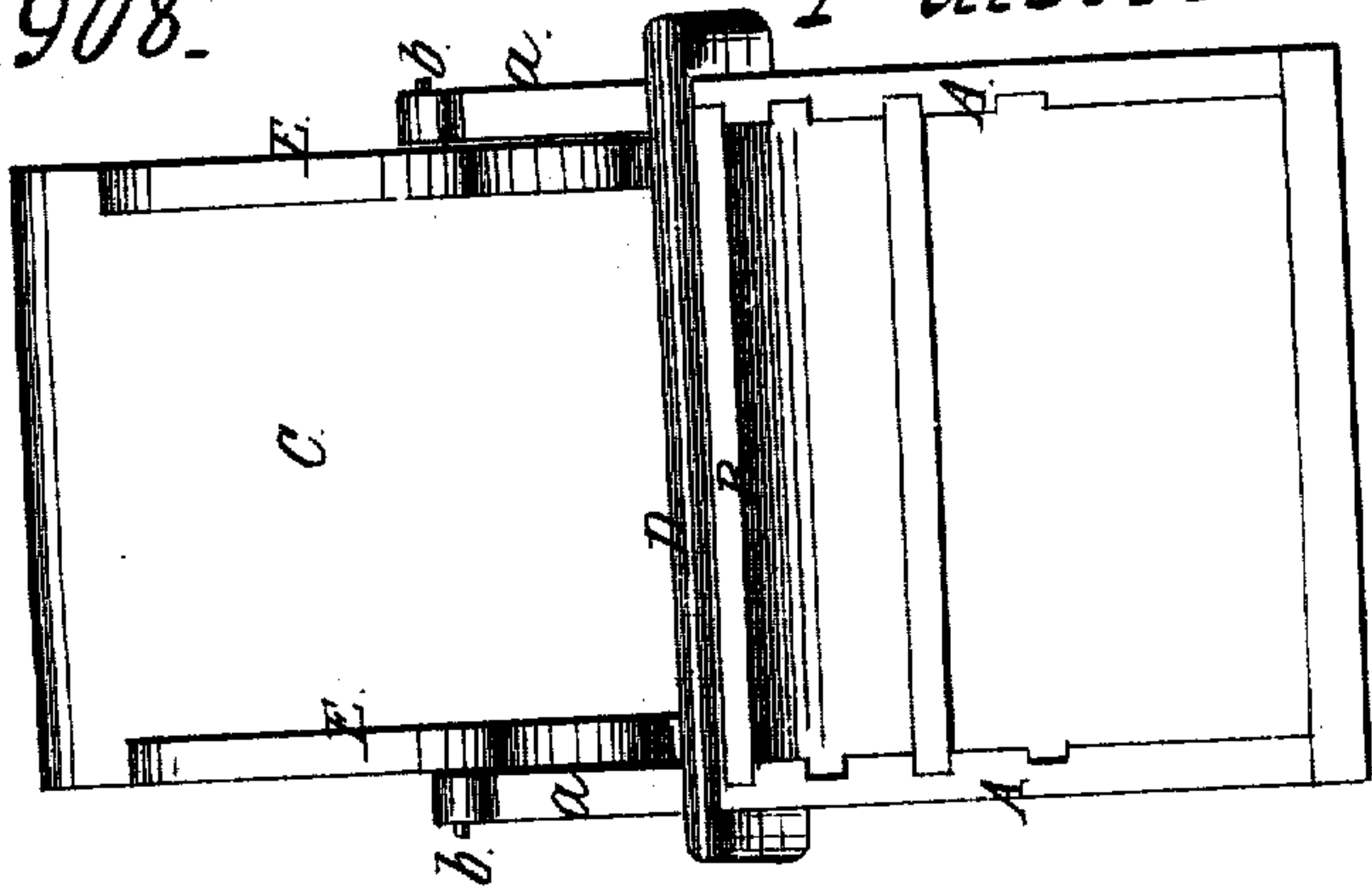


Fig. 2.

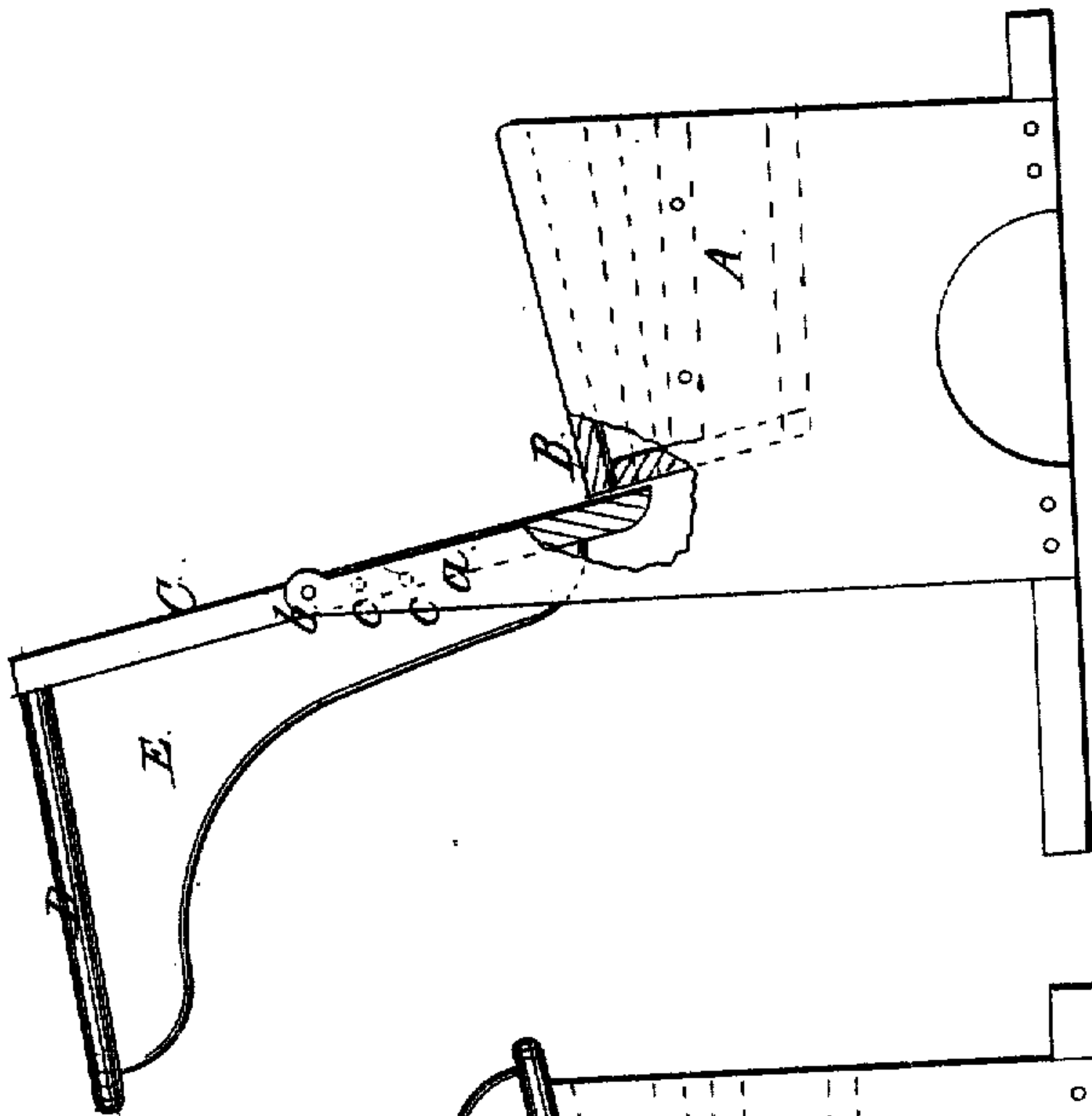
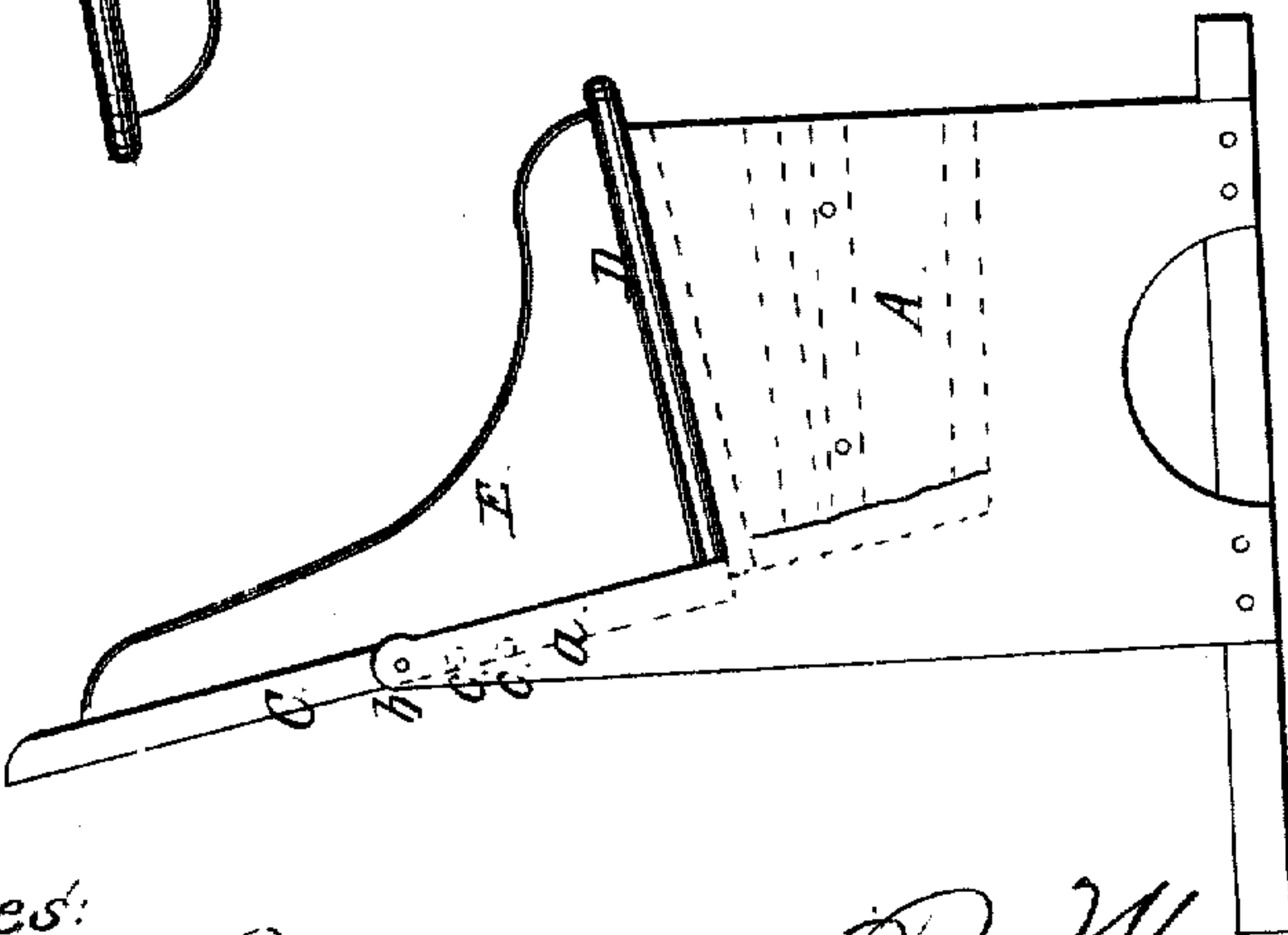


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED SEAT AND DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID I. STAGG, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Combination of Seat and Desk for Schools, Public Halls, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention adjusted as a seat; Fig. 2, a side view of the same adjusted as a desk and seat; Fig. 3, a front view of the same adjusted as a seat.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new and improved combination of a seat and desk, as hereinafter fully shown and described, whereby the device may be adjusted to serve as a seat only, or adjusted to serve as a seat and desk for either adults or children.

The invention is more especially designed for public schools, where the rooms provided with desks and seats are frequently used for lectures, addresses, &c., and where seats for adults are required, my invention admitting of rows of desks and seats being all converted into seats by a very simple adjustment.

A A represent the two side pieces of the seat, between which the seat B is secured by means of screws or other suitable means to admit of the seat being adjusted higher or lower, as may be desired. The side pieces, A A, are each provided or formed with an upright portion, *a*, at their rear ends and between these upright portions the back C of the seat is secured by pins *b*, a series of holes, *c*, being made in the upright portions *a* to admit of the back C being lowered whenever desired. The same end may be attained by having a series of holes made in the sides of the back C instead of the upright portions *a*, the pins being placed in the same holes in the upright portions *a*.

The seat B may be constructed like a box, in order to contain books, slates, &c.; and to one end of the back C a board, D, is attached, to serve either as a seat or desk, said board being secured at its ends to brackets E, secured to each side of the back C. When the back C is turned so that the desk D will be at its upper end, said desk is used by the occupants of the seats B in the rear, as will be fully understood by referring to Figs. 1 and 2.

The seats and desks, it will be understood, are placed in rows, and when in use as seats and desks the backs C are so turned that the desks D will be at the upper ends of the backs, as shown in Fig. 2, the backs C and seats B being higher or lower, to suit the size or age of the children.

When seats only are required the backs C are turned so that the desks D will rest upon the side pieces A A, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the seats in this case being adapted for adults.

Thus it will be seen that adjustable desks and seats are obtained to suit children of different sizes or ages, and when no desks are required, but seats only for adults, the backs C may all be turned so that the desks D will rest upon the side pieces, A A, and a series of rows of seats obtained.

I am aware that combined seats and desks have been previously devised for schools, and I do not claim, broadly, such device; but

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

The reversible and adjustable back C, provided at one end with the desk and seat D, and secured between the side pieces, A A, in combination with the adjustable seat B, between the upright side pieces, A A, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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