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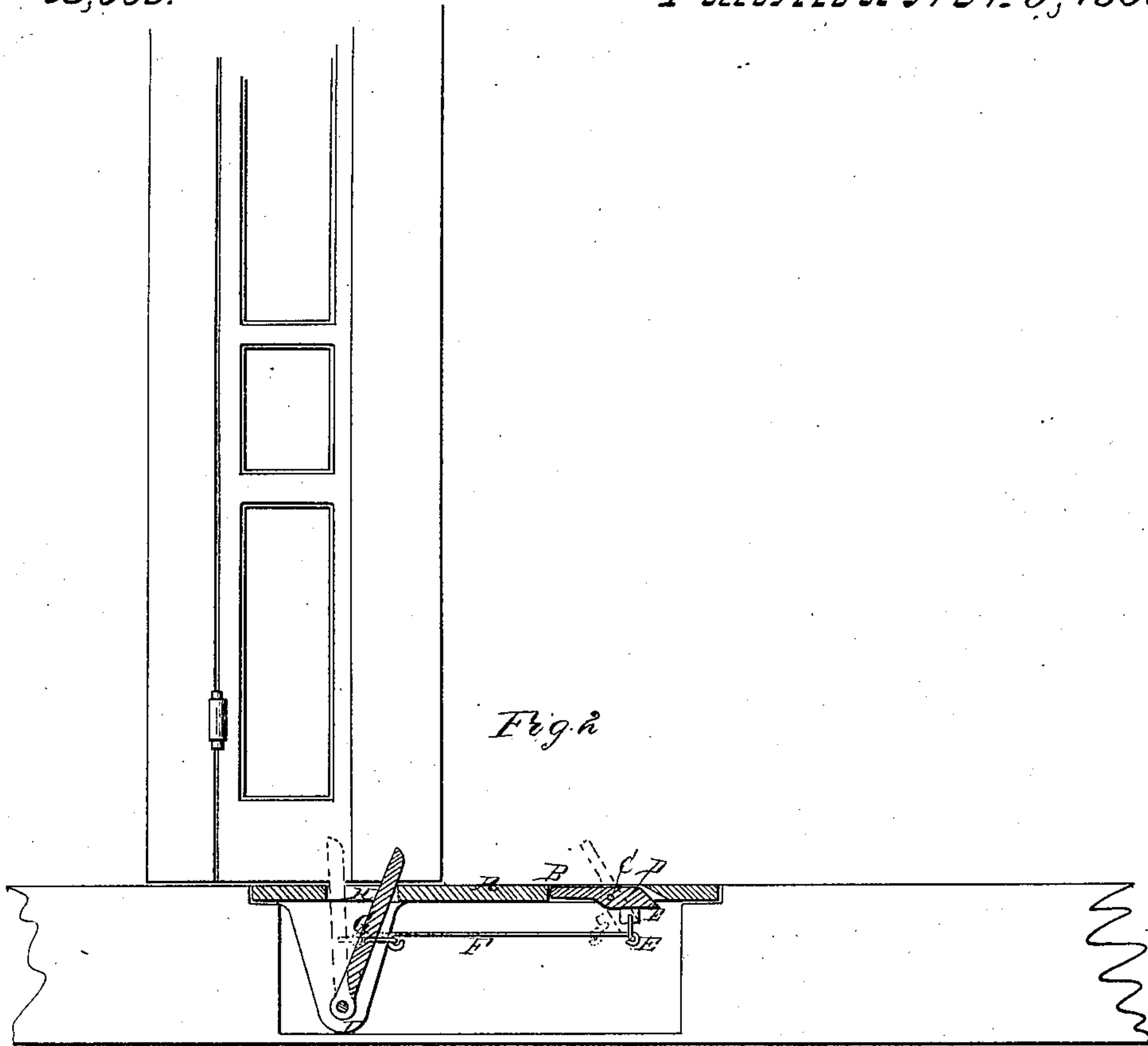
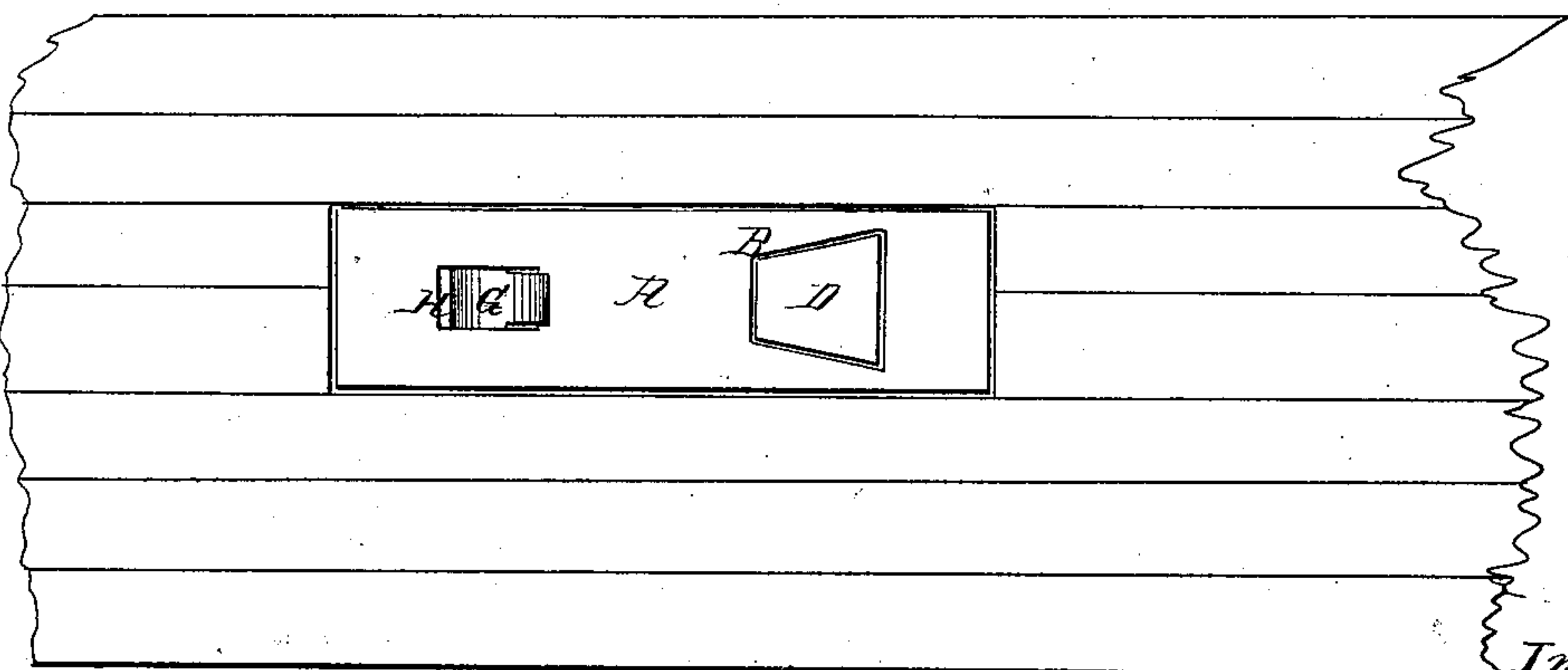


Fig. 1



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## IMPROVED DOOR-CATCH.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 59,380, dated November 6, 1866.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. FOWLER, of Newburg, in the county of Orange and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fastening for Doors, &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.

The present invention relates to a fastener for the holding of doors, &c., when swung open in an open position; and it consists in inserting within the floor a peculiarly constructed and arranged fastening, by means of which, as the door is swung open, it is so operated as to prevent its closing until released or disengaged therefrom, as will be obvious from the following detailed description, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of the fastening or stop, and Fig. 2 a central vertical section taken in the direction of its length.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This fastening or stop embraced in the present invention consists of a plate of metal, A, in an aperture, B, of one end of which is hung upon a fulcrum c, a plate, D, the under side, E, of which is connected, through a rod, F, to an upright lever or bar, G, projecting through the aperture or slot H at the other end of the plate A, and slightly above it, with the lower end hung upon a fulcrum, I,

of the projecting standard J of the under side of the plate A, the plate D and lever G being connected together in such a manner that by pressing against the projecting end of the lever above the plate the swinging plate D will be swung up and into a vertical position, or nearly so, as plainly shown by red lines in the drawings. (See Fig. 2.)

The fastening, constructed and arranged as above described, is inserted in the floor or other suitable place, in such a position that the door, by being swung open, will strike against the projecting end of the lever G, and, moving the same, through the connecting-rod F, throw the swinging plate D up above the plate A, and thus form a stop or rest for the door, should it swing to or close, thereby holding the door in an open position, which, if to be closed, it is only necessary to bear down with the foot upon the swinging plate D, and thus remove it from the path or play of the door, as is obvious without any further explanation.

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

The combination of the plate D, rod F, bar G, and slotted plate H, operating with the door in the manner and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 11th day of April, 1866.

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