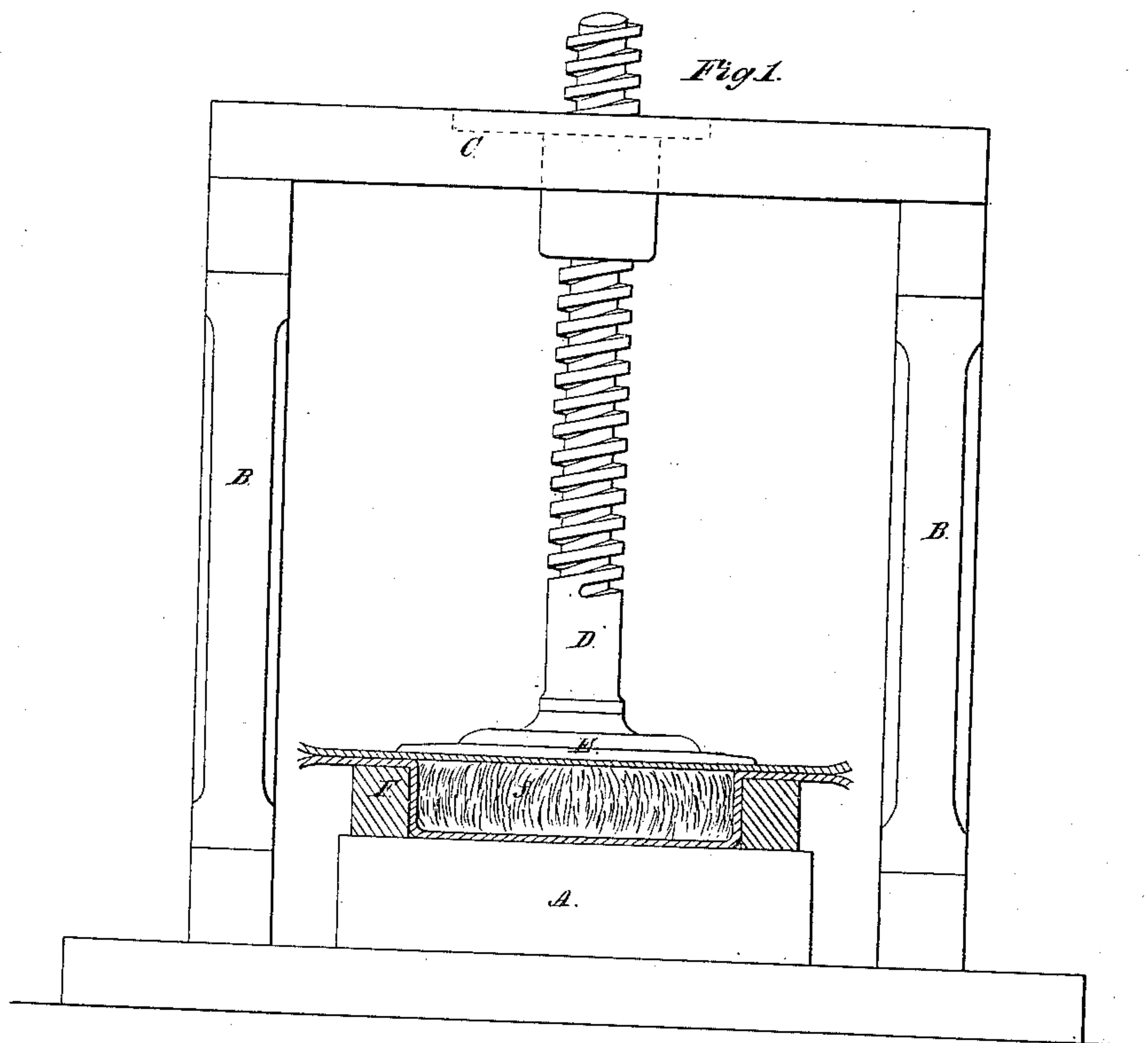


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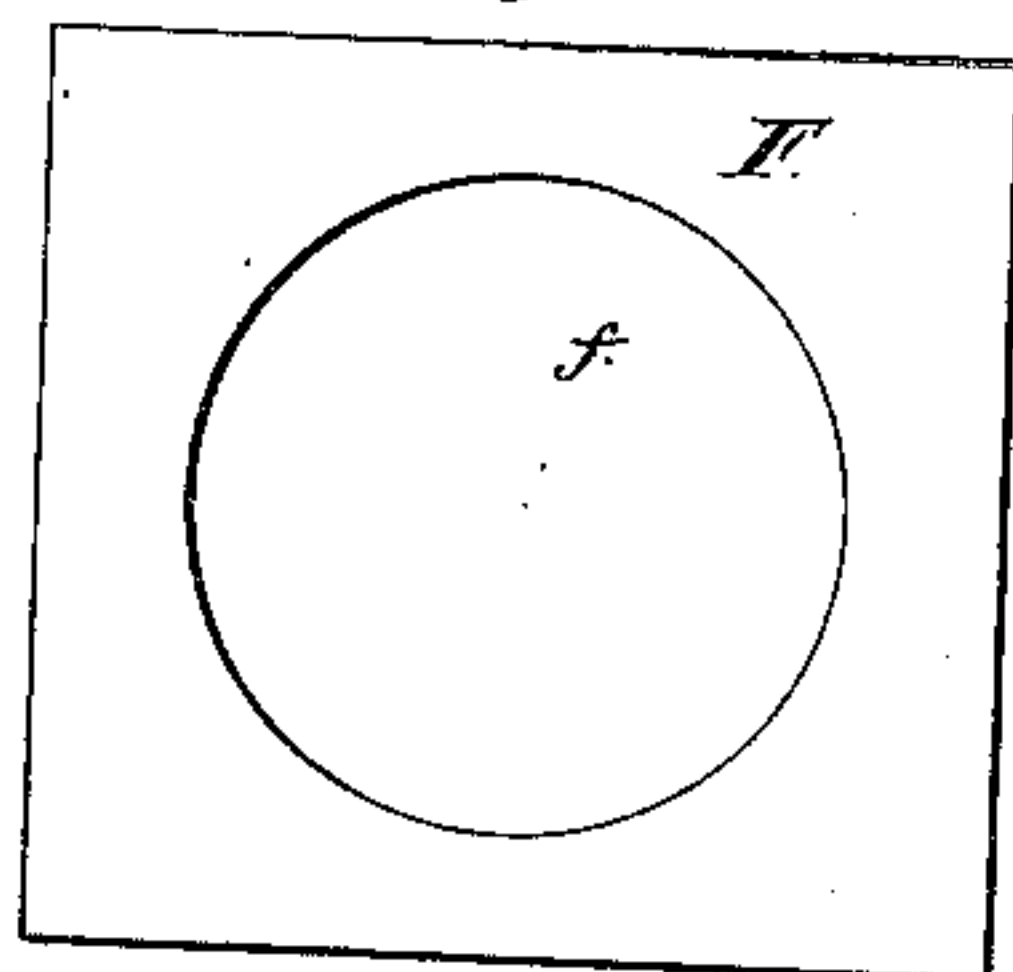


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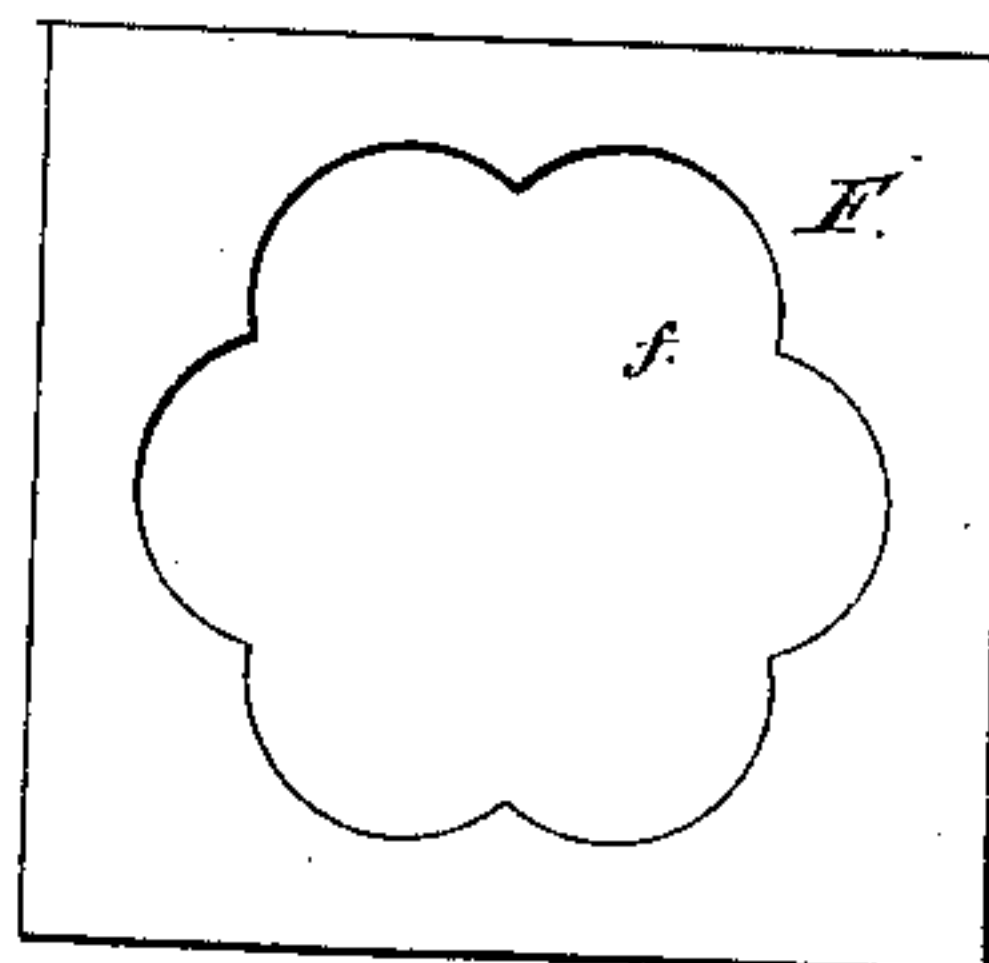


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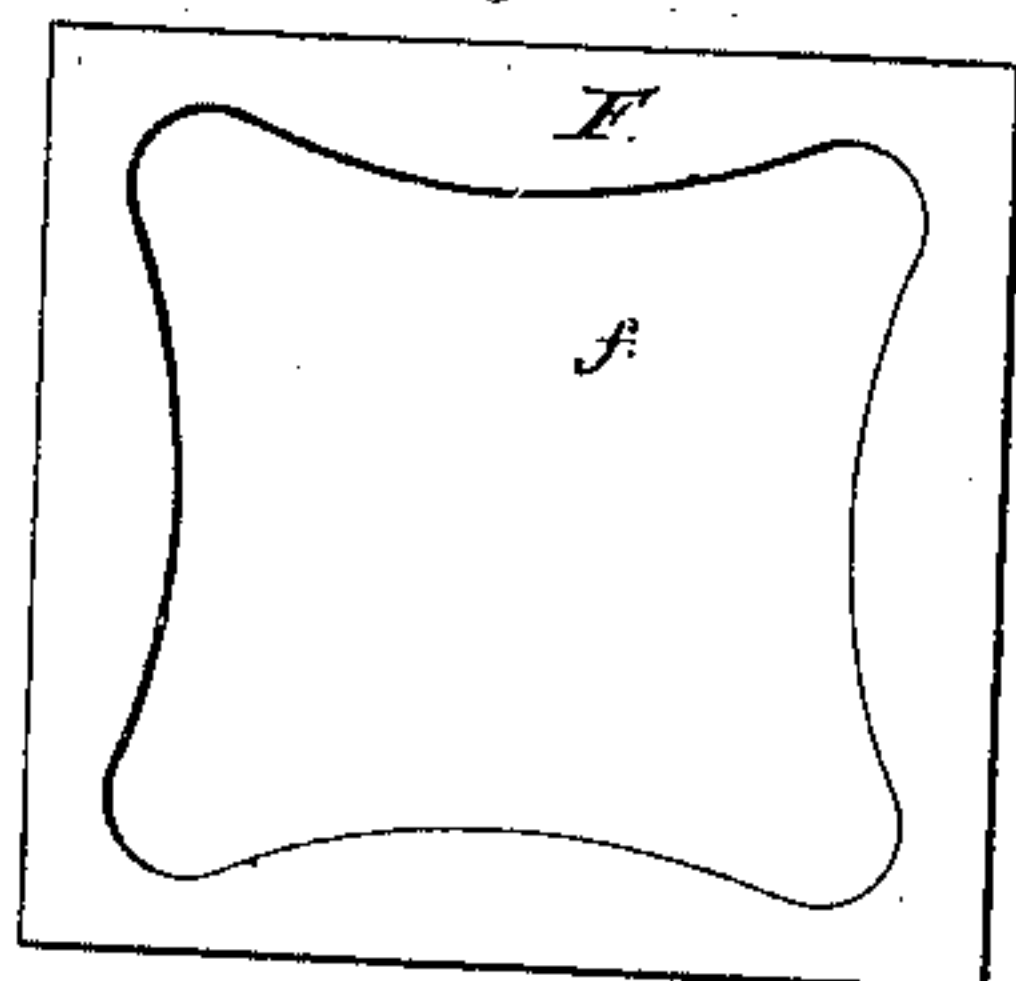
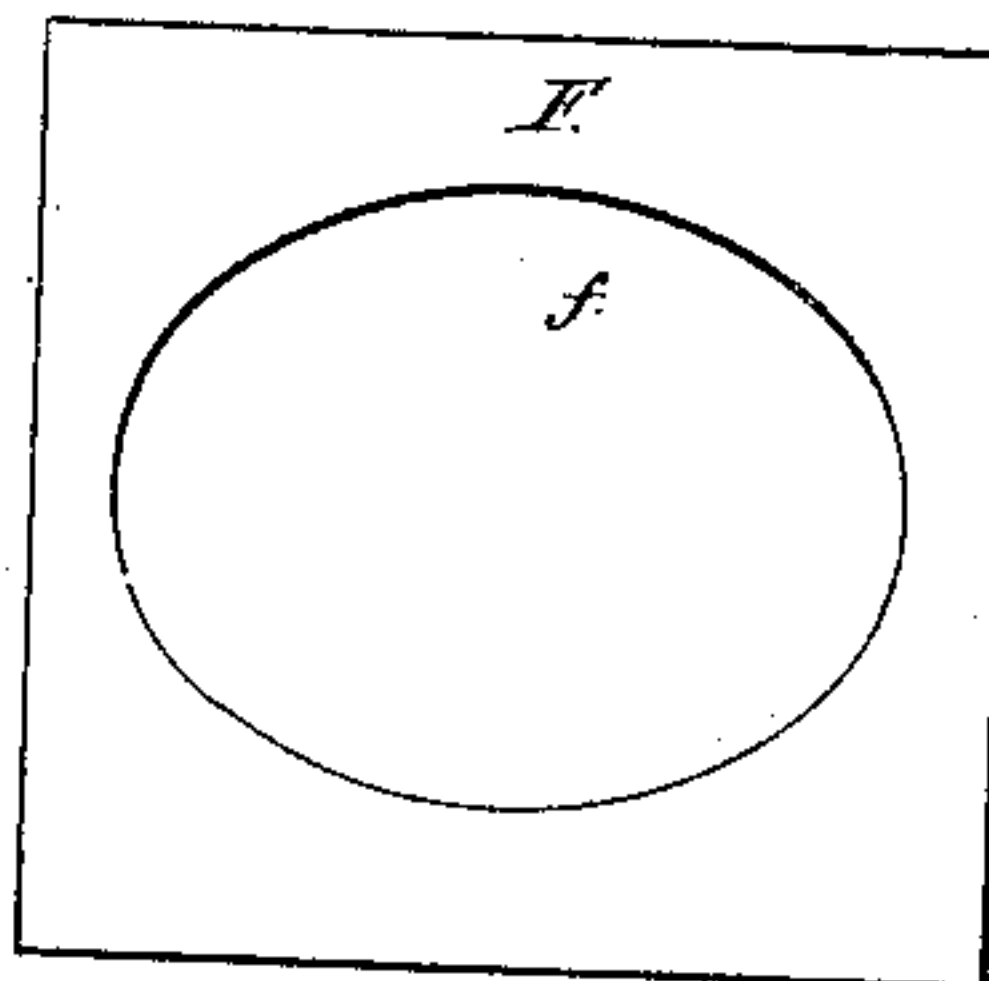


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR FORMING HASSOCKS OR STOOLS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. FLAGG, of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Apparatus for making Hassocks or Carpet Footstools; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the nature, construction, and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are made part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of my improved apparatus.

Figures 2, 3, and 4 are detailed views of the moulds hereinafter referred to.

Similar letters refer to corresponding parts in the different figures.

My improved apparatus consists of a disk or plate which is operated by a screw, and thus made to stuff or press the filling tightly into its carpet cover and retain the same in its compressed state while the carpet is being sewed around it by hand.

In order that others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may be enabled to fully understand and use the same, I will proceed to describe it in detail, in connection with the accompanying drawings.

A may represent the base; B B the uprights, and C the upper cross-piece of a frame, the construction of which may vary to suit the taste. D is a screw working through a metallic socket in the cross-piece C, and carrying at its lower end a disk or circular plate E. F represents a block with an opening *f*, which corresponds in shape with the hassock to be formed therein. This block F is placed upon the base A of the frame, with its opening directly under the disk E. As the blocks determine the shape of the hassocks by confining the filling as it is stuffed into the carpet, I shall call them moulds in the course of the following description.

The operation will be readily understood. First, the carpet is placed upon the mould F, its central portion being depressed by hand so as to occupy the opening *f*. The filling is then piled upon the carpet, and the disk E is brought down gradually but forcibly by rotating the screw D, which rotation may be effected by means of a small crank-handle or otherwise. The descent of the disk E compresses the filling material much more effectually than can be done by hand. The requisite pressure having thus been exerted upon the filling, the screw is reversed and the disk elevated to permit a piece of carpet to be placed over the upper and uncovered portion of the filling. This piece of carpet having been slipped in beneath the disk E, and properly adjusted upon the filling, the disk is again forced down by the screw and made to not only compress the incomplete hassock, but firmly retain the same in position and in its compressed state, while the upper and lower pieces of carpet are being sewed by hand. Sufficient space exists between the disk and hassock, and the body of the latter bulges far enough, to permit the sewing to be conveniently performed. The form of the opening *f*, in the mould F, may be varied indefinitely, according to the shape which it may be desired to impart to the hassock; and four different forms are shown in the figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

I claim an apparatus for making hassocks, consisting of the screw D, disk E, mould F, and a suitable frame, all arranged and operating substantially as herein specified.

To the above specification of my improved apparatus for making hassocks or carpet footstools I have signed my hand this second day of June, 1866.

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