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Fig. 3.

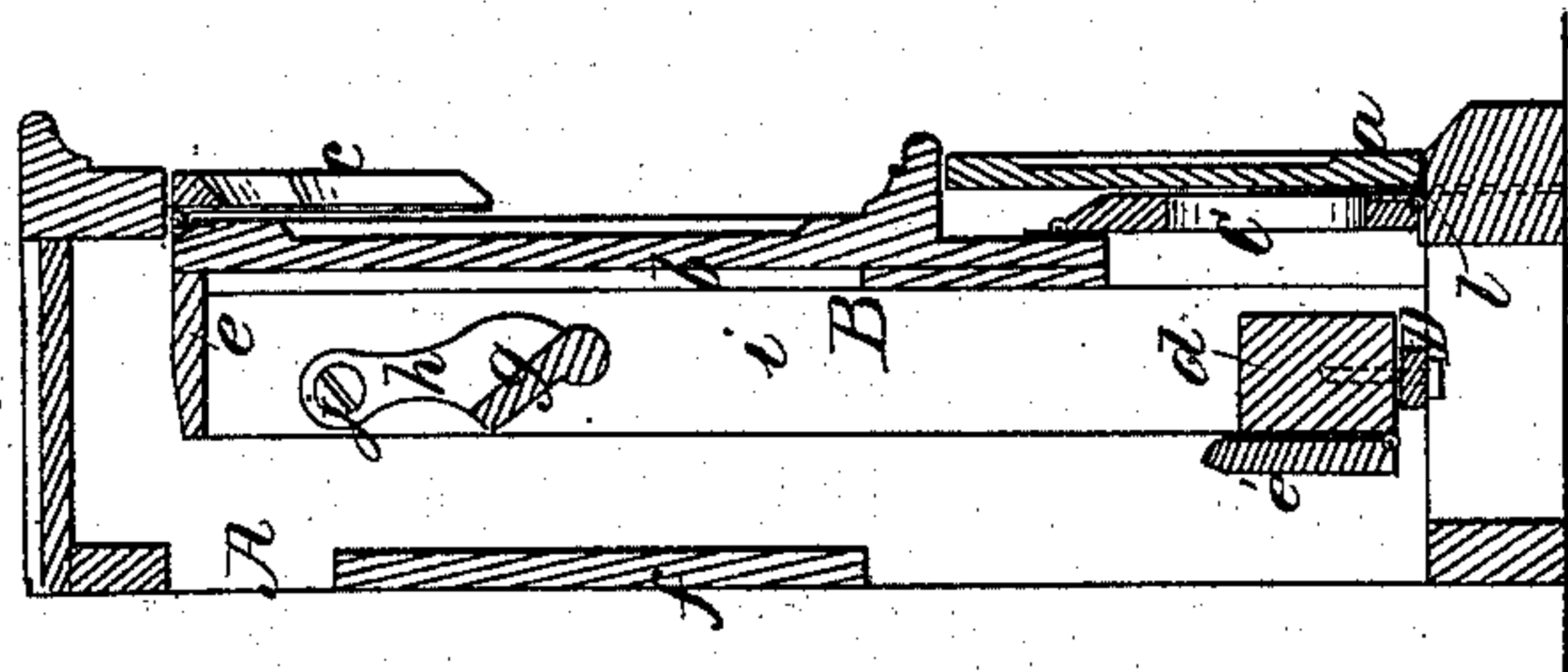


Fig. 2.

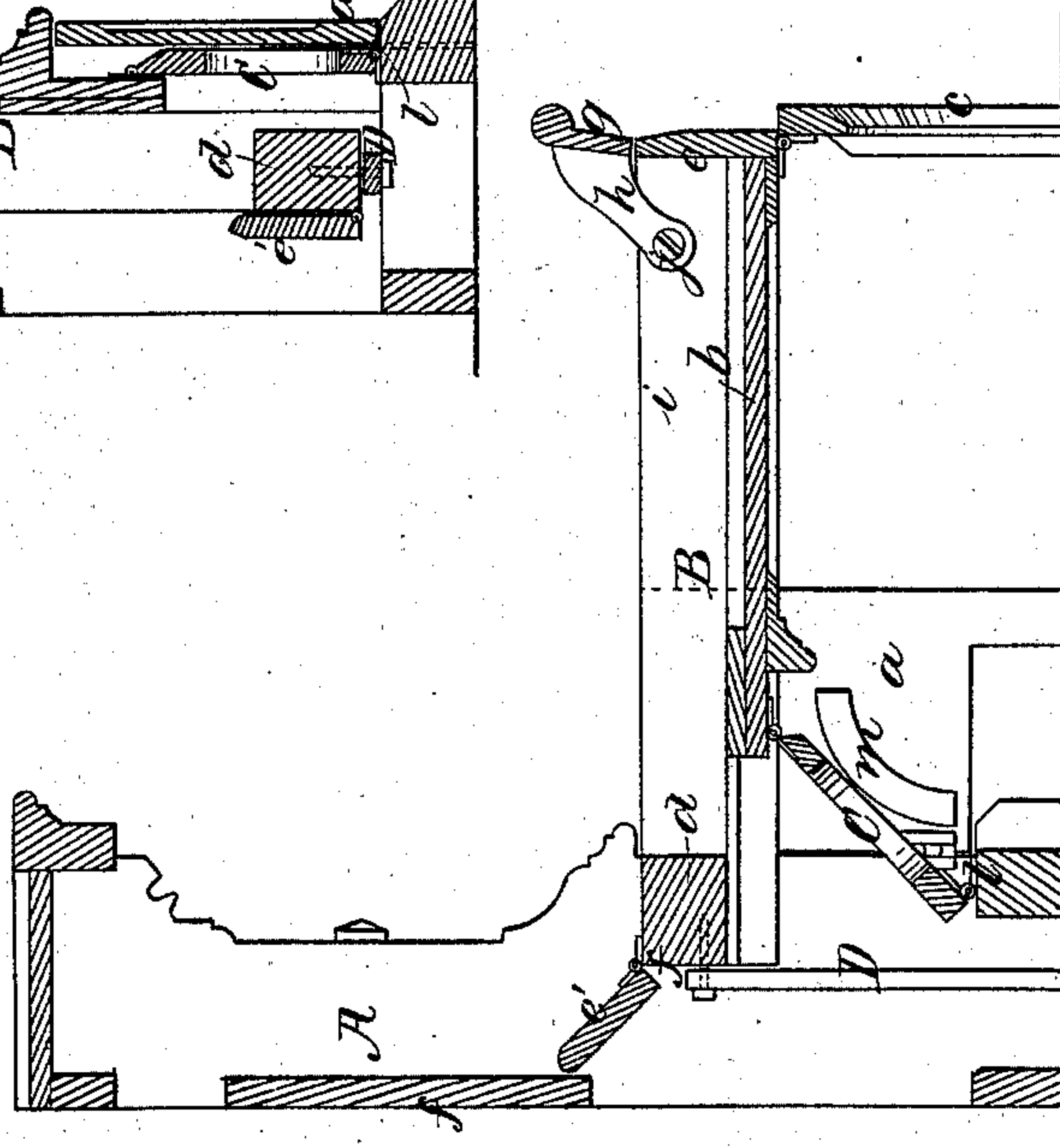
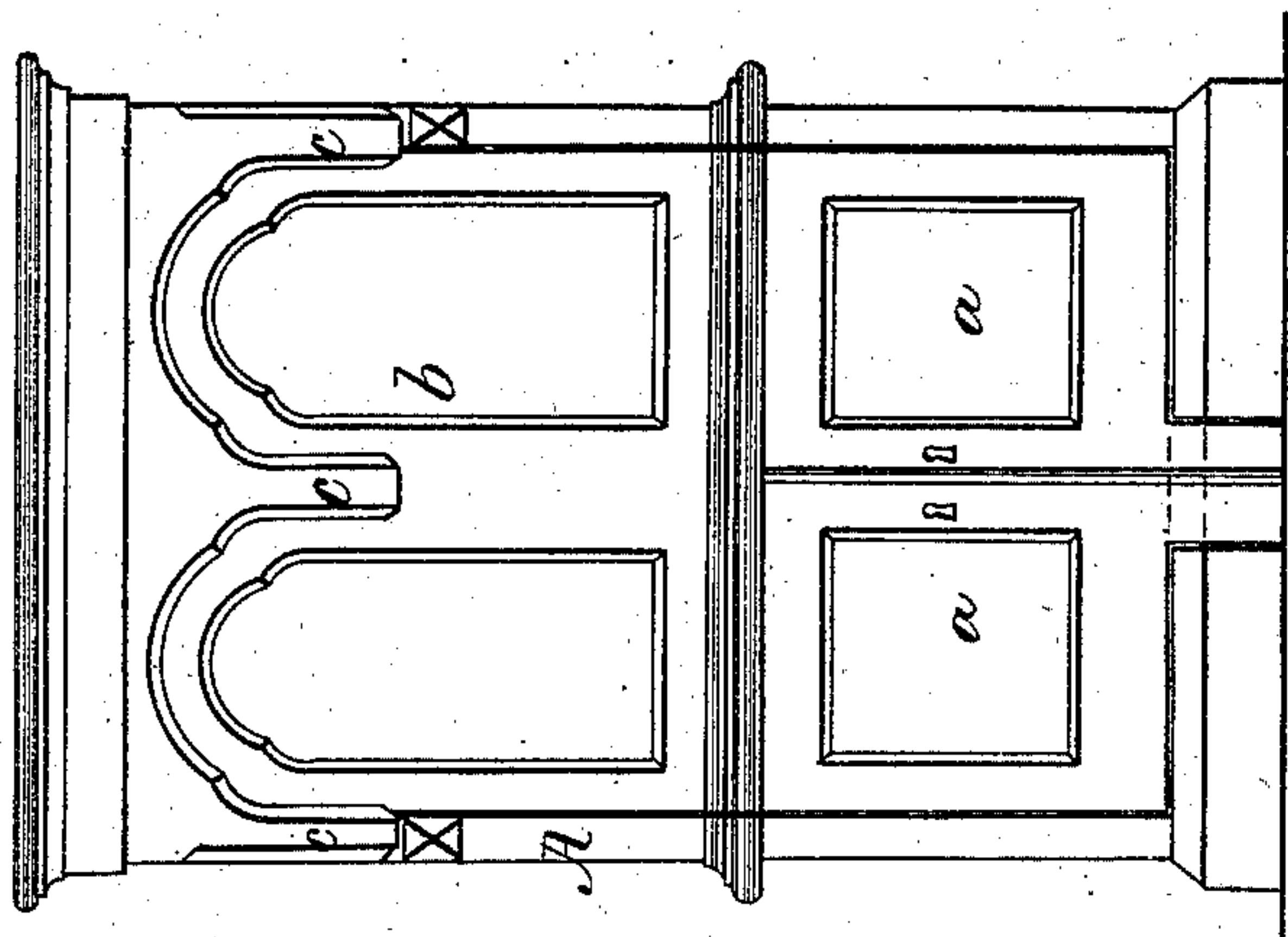


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED WARDROBE BEDSTEAD.

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, J. F. C. PICKHARDT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Secretary Bedstead, and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to a new and improved bedstead of that class which admits, when not required for use, of being adjusted or folded up so as to resemble a secretary or book-case, and, when required for use, of being turned down and adjusted so as to serve equally as good a purpose as an ordinary bedstead. The invention consists in a peculiar construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter shown and described, whereby the bedstead is allowed to fold compactly within a case and still be of ample size, even when designed to be occupied by two persons, such as are commonly termed double bedsteads, and the case also, besides being ornamental or chaste and neat, capable of being made of quite moderate proportions, not larger than an ordinary law secretary with book-case on top. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention in a folded or closed state, and representing or imitating a secretary with book-case on top.

Figure 2, a vertical transverse section of the same taken through the centre, with the bedstead turned down and adjusted ready for use.

Figure 3, a vertical transverse section of the same in a folded or closed state, as represented in fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents the case of the device, the lower part of which at its front side is provided with two hinged doors *a a*, the part *b* above the doors being the bottom of the bedstead B, which is panelled and has legs *c* hinged to its upper end, which legs serve as a finish or ornament when the bedstead is folded or turned upward within the case, as will be seen by referring to fig. 1. The head of the bedstead is a bar, *d*, and the foot a board, *e*. The bar *d* has a board or strip, *e'*, attached to it by hinges *f*, and the foot-board *e* is, when the bedstead is turned down for use, increased in height by a supplemental board, *g*, which is provided at each end with an arm, *h*, secured to the side pieces *i* by screws *j*. To the under side of the bottom *b* of the bedstead there is attached, by hinges *k* a support, C, which is equal in width to the bottom *b*, and is connected at its lower end by hinges *l* to the base of the case A, as shown in figs. 2 and 3. This support C is allowed to turn outward but not inward beyond a vertical position, and its outward movement is limited by curved bearings *m* attached to the inner sides of the doors *a a*. To the centre of the outer side of the head-bar *d* there is pivoted a leg, D, which, when the bedstead is turned down for use, as shown in fig. 2, supports the bar *d*. When the bedstead is to be turned down for use the leg D is turned up parallel with bar *d*. The position of the several parts when folded up is shown clearly in fig. 3, and when the device is to be unfolded for use the doors *a a* are opened, the legs *c* are raised or turned upward, the bedstead lowered and drawn outward from the case as far as the support C will allow, and the leg D turned down so as to rest upon the floor, the legs *c* also resting upon the floor. The supplemental foot-board *g* is then turned up and the board or strip *e'* turned back, so that its outer edge will bear against a back piece, *f'*, of the case, and the bedstead is then ready for use.

In order to turn or fold up the bedstead, the supplemental foot-board *g* is turned down, the board or strip *e* turned inward, and the leg D turned up parallel with the head-bar *d*. The bedstead is then turned upward within the case A, the doors *a a* closed. Previous to the turning up or folding of the bedstead the bed may be made up and the bed-clothes smoothed and adjusted nicely and folded up with the bedstead. Hence no receptacles of any kind are required with the device to receive bedding, as the latter may always be retained in the bedstead.

This device may be constructed at a very moderate cost. It possesses the advantage of being very easily adjusted or manipulated, no exertion being necessary to raise and lower the bedstead, as the head-bar *d* may be loaded or made sufficiently heavy to counterpoise the bedstead on the support C.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The securing or hinging of the bedstead B to a support, C, which is hinged to the base of the case A,

and all arranged in such a manner that the bedstead may be turned or folded up within the case when not required for use, and let down and drawn out from the same when designed to be used, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The bearings *m* at the inner sides of the doors *a a*, in combination with the hinged bedstead-support C and bedstead B, all arranged in connection with the case A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. The jointed supplemental foot-board *g* and hinged head-board *e'* applied to the bedstead, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination of the case A with doors *a a*, bedstead B, support C, bearings *m* on the doors *a a*, supplemental foot-board *g*, the hinged head-board *e'*, and the pivoted leg D, all arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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