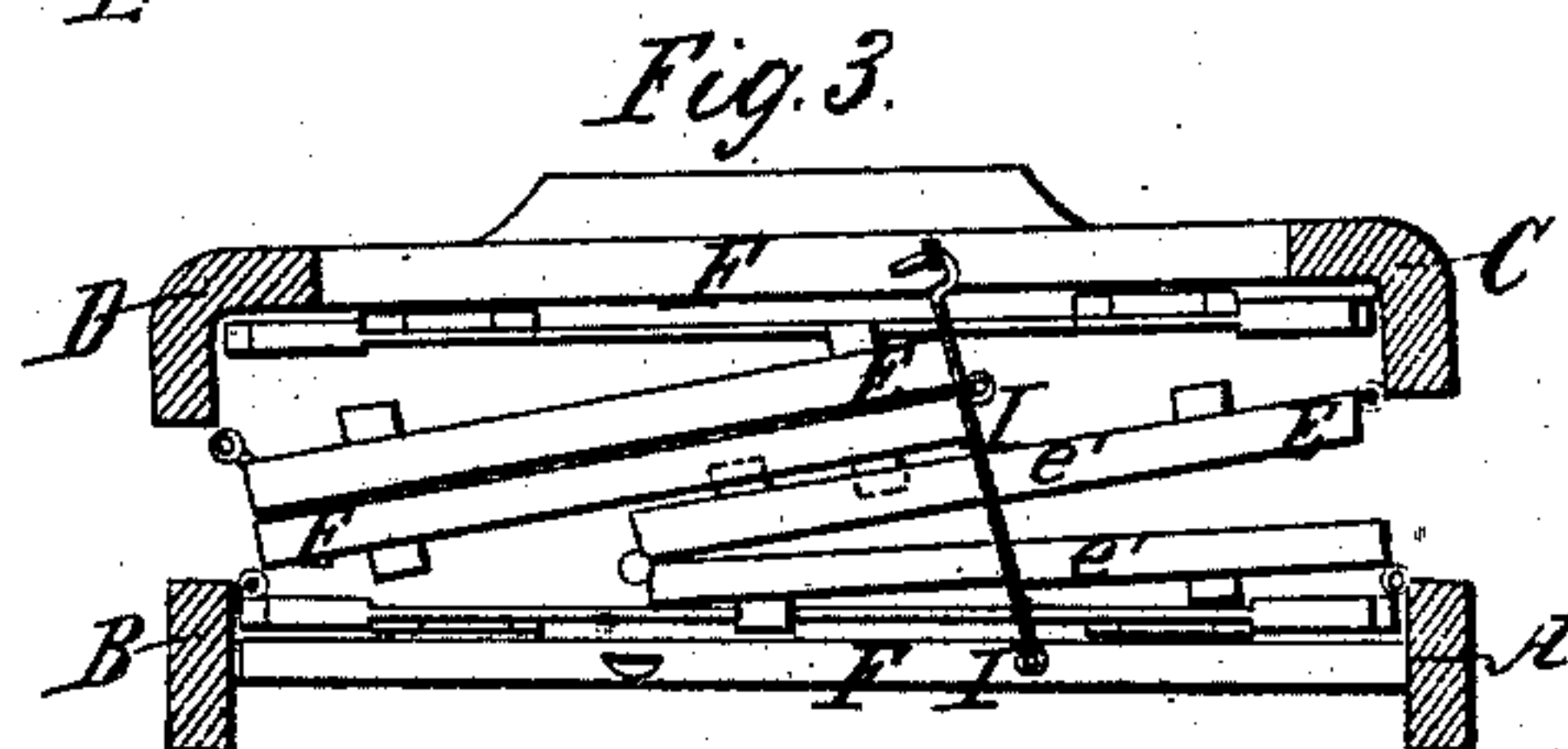
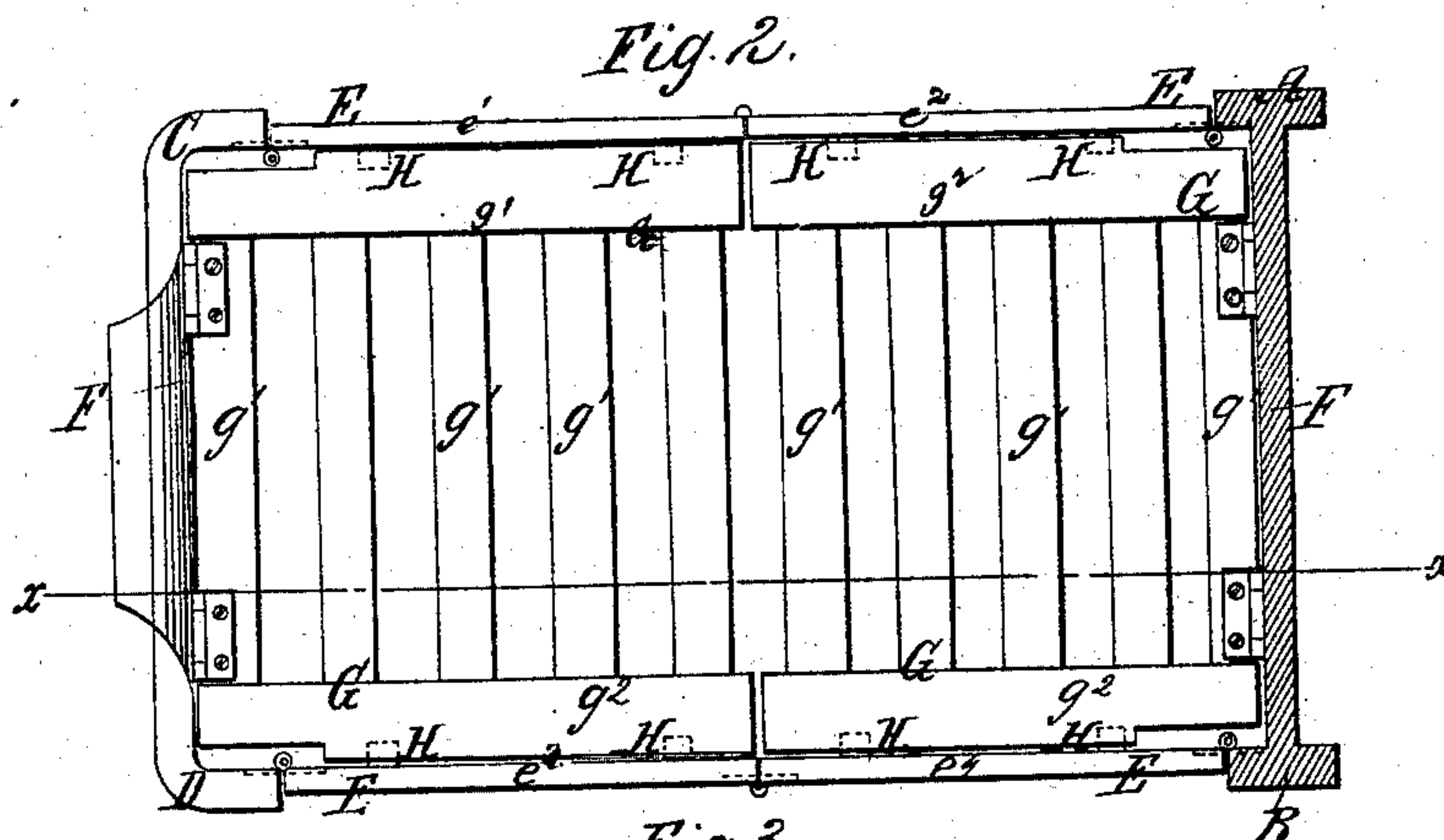
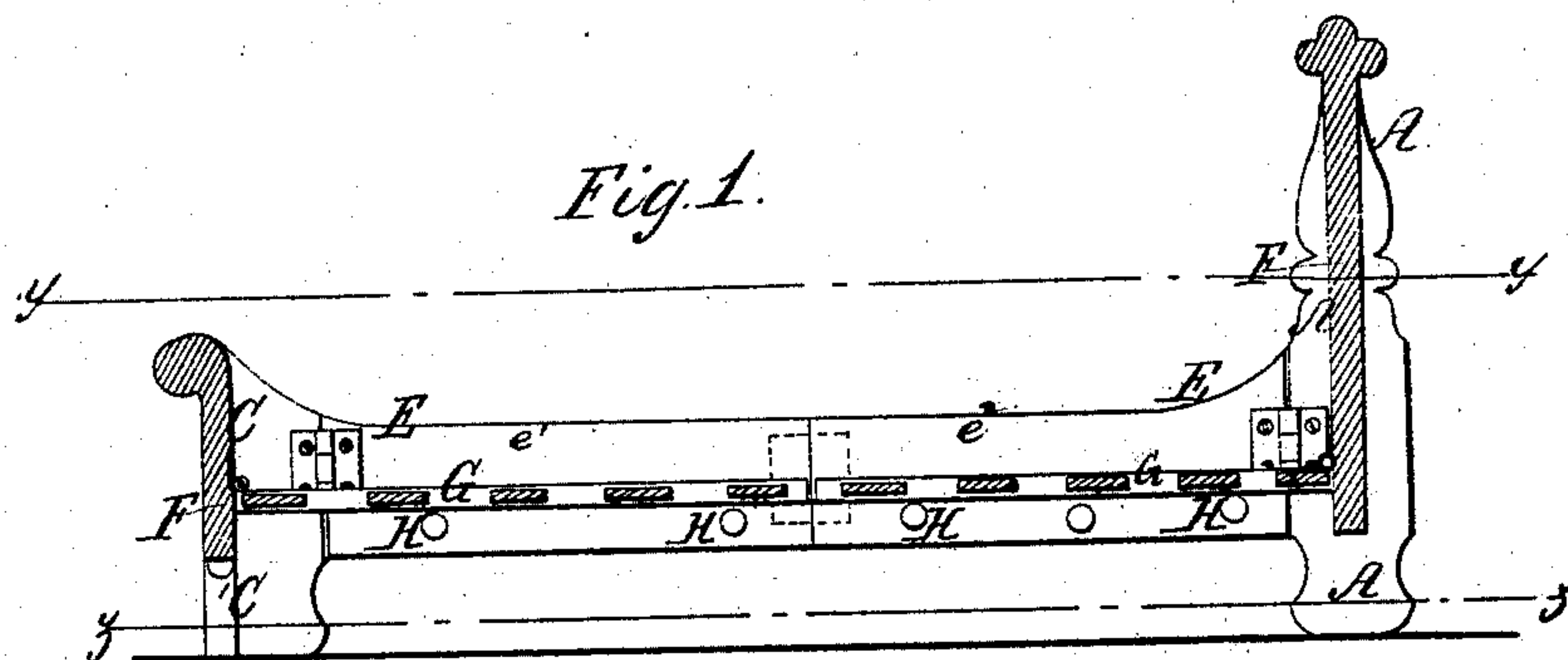


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## IMPROVED BEDSTEAD.

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, B. F. WOODSIDE, of Atlanta, in the county of Fulton, and State of Georgia, have invented a new and improved Bedstead; 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 vertical longitudinal section of my improved bedstead, taken through the line *x x*, fig. 2.

Figure 2 is a top or plan view of the same, partly in section, through the line *y y*, fig. 1.

Figure 3 is an under side view of the same when folded, partly in section, through the line *z z*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved bedstead so constructed and arranged as to be easily and quickly folded into a compact form for storage, transportation, or for speedy removal from the house in case of fire; and it consists in hinging the slat-frames to the end rails or parts of the bedstead, and in making the side rails in two parts, hinged to each other at the centre, and to the posts at their ends; the whole being constructed and arranged as hereinafter more fully described.

A and B are the head posts, and C and D are the foot posts of the bedstead. E are the side rails, and F are the end rails or parts of the bedstead. The end rails F are made and attached to the posts A B C D in the usual manner. G are the slat-frames, the ends of the cross-slats *g*<sup>1</sup> of which are securely attached to the side bars *g*<sup>2</sup>, which extend from the ends of the bedstead to its centre, as shown in fig. 2. The slat-frames G are hinged at their ends to the end rails F, as shown in figs. 1 and 2, so that they may be turned into a vertical position along the inner sides of the head and foot boards, as shown in fig. 3. The side rails E are made each in two parts, *e*<sup>1</sup> and *e*<sup>2</sup>, and *e*<sup>3</sup> and *e*<sup>4</sup>, as shown in figs. 1, 2, and 3. The parts *e*<sup>1</sup> and *e*<sup>2</sup> are hinged to each other at the middle of the bedstead, and are hinged at their ends to the posts A and C. The parts *e*<sup>3</sup> and *e*<sup>4</sup> of the other side rail are hinged in the same way. The hinges are so arranged that the side rails may be folded inward, as shown in fig. 3. H are pins, attached to and projecting from the inner sides of the side rails E, to support the slat-frames G, the side bars *g*<sup>2</sup> of which rest upon them. Upon the inner sides of the parts *e*<sup>1</sup> and *e*<sup>4</sup> of the side rails E, are formed holes, in such positions that when the bedstead is folded the middle pins of the said parts *e*<sup>1</sup> and *e*<sup>4</sup> may enter the said holes, enabling the bedstead to be folded more compactly than it could otherwise be. I is a hook, pivoted to the under side of one of the end rails F, which, when the bedstead is folded, hooks into a staple attached to the under side of the other end rail, and which, when the bedstead is extended, hooks into a staple attached to the under side of the rail to which the said hook is pivoted.

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

1. The slat-frame G, hinged to the end rails F, in such a manner as to be each folded vertically against the head and foot boards, and when turned down, to rest upon the pins H, in the hinged side rails E, thereby holding them spread and the bedstead in position, as herein set forth for the purpose specified.

2. The sections *e*<sup>1</sup> and *e*<sup>4</sup> of the side rails E, provided with holes for the reception of the pins H upon the sections *e*<sup>2</sup> *e*<sup>3</sup>, when folded together, whereby the bedstead is folded more compactly, and vertical movement of the section permitted as herein set forth for the purpose specified.

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