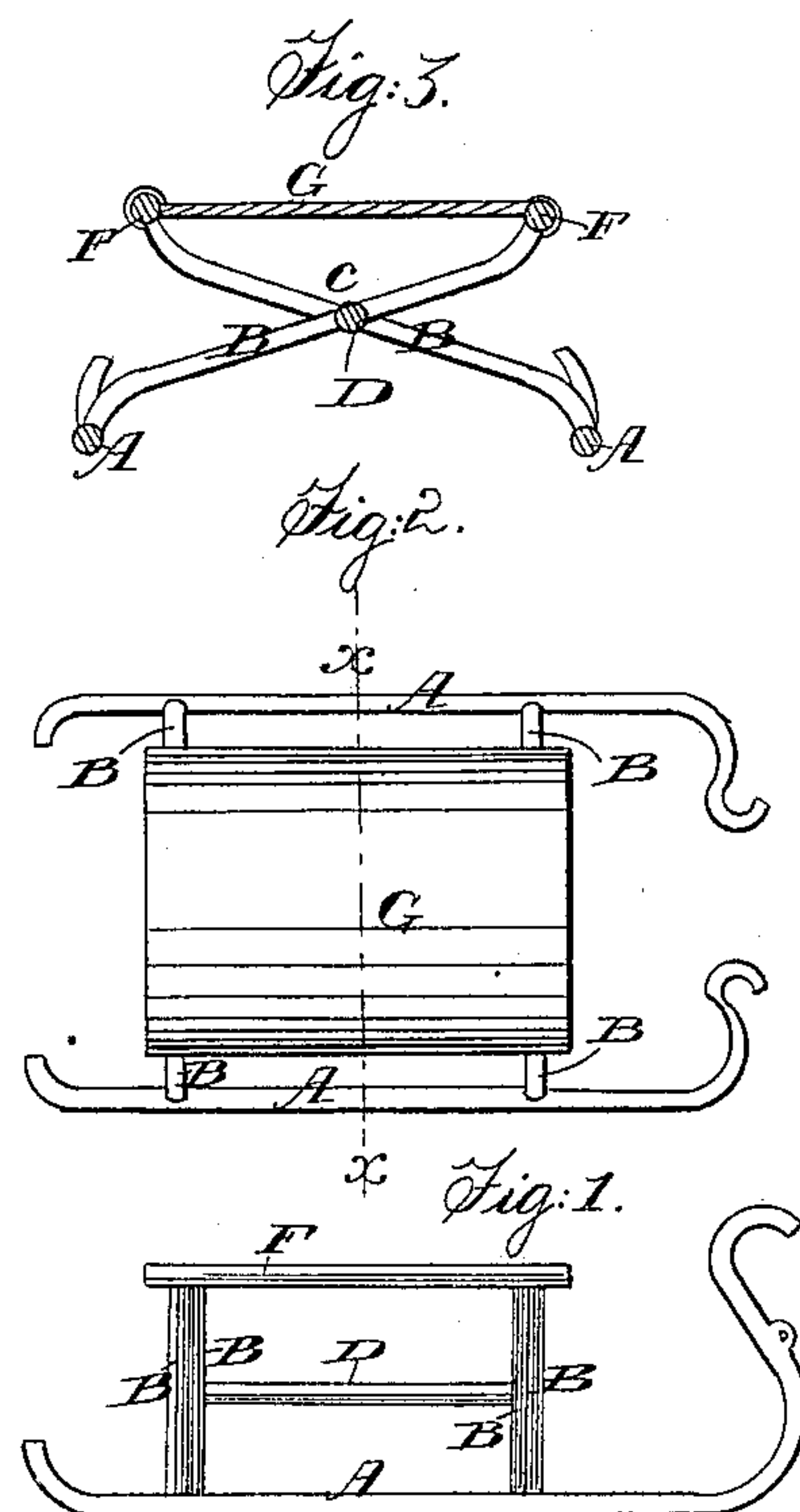


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IMPROVEMENT IN SLED.

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, JACOB SHABER, of Reading, in the county of Berks, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Sled; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The construction of the sled embraced in the present invention is such that its two sides, with the seat, which is made of flexible material, can be folded and brought together, and opened from each other, and in the latter position, by the simple weight of the person upon the sled, there held and sustained, this sled then having all the firmness and rigidity of a sled constructed in the ordinary manner. In the accompanying plate of drawings my improved sled is illustrated—

Figure 1 being a side view of the same,

Figure 2 a plan view, and

Figure 3 a transverse vertical section in the plane of the line *x x*, fig. 1.

A A, in the drawings, represent the two runners to the sled; B B, rods or arms of equal length applied to the runners A, two to each runner. These arms extend upward from the runners in an inclined direction, and the two of one runner meet and cross the two of the other runner at C, where, by a rod, D, they are joined and hung together so as to turn or swing the one upon the other, whereby the two runners can be brought together, or nearly so, or opened from each other. The upper ends to the rods or arms B are slightly bent or curved upward, and each is terminated in a pin, which pins upon the same side of the sled are joined together by a similar rod or bar, F. G, a strip of cloth or other flexible material, fastened at each end to the bars F, across from one to the other of which it extends, and thus forms the seat to the sled when opened, while, as it is folded up, it offers no obstruction or impediment thereto, but folds itself or drops down between the planes of the two runners.

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

A sled, constructed substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 22d day of July, 1867.

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