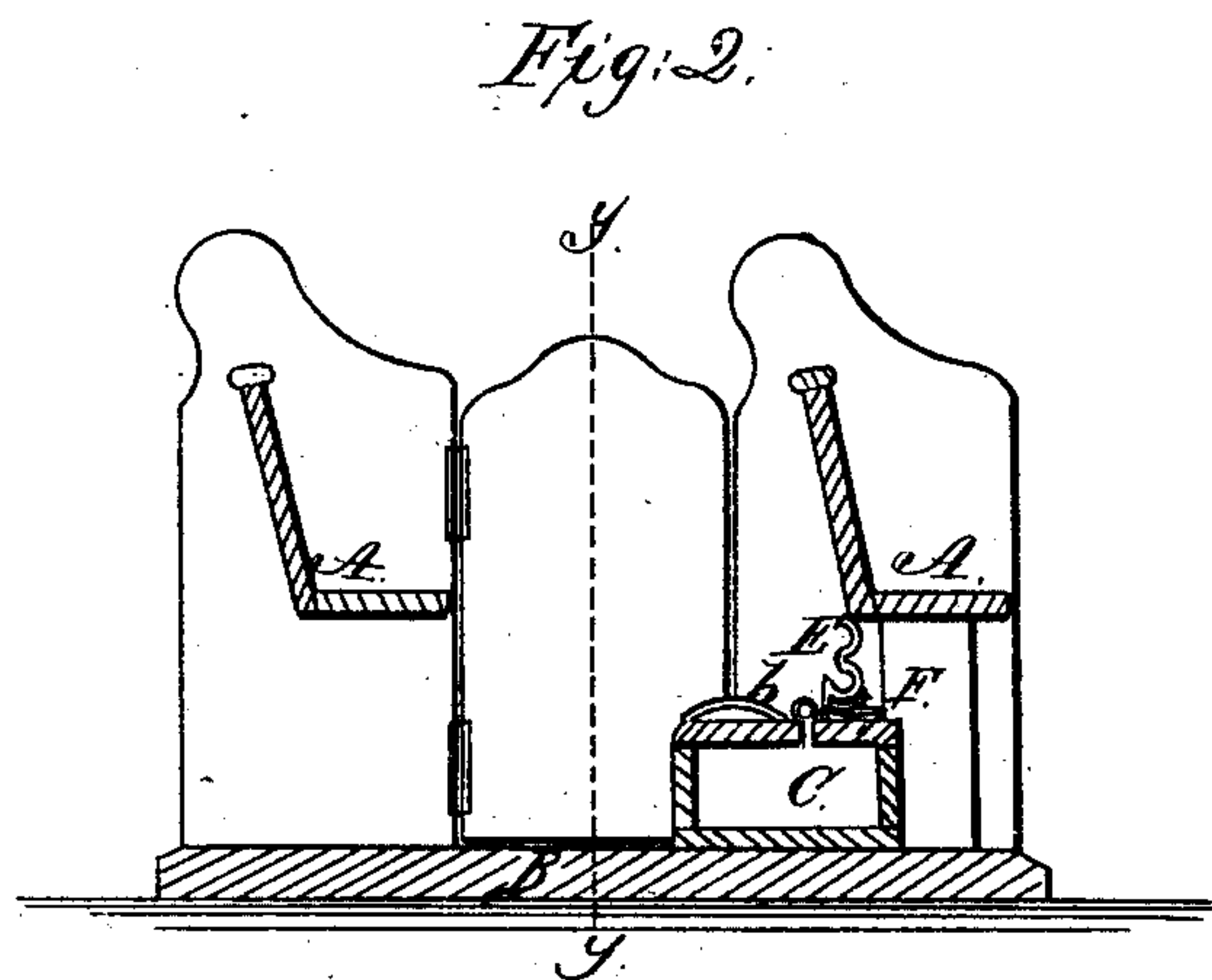
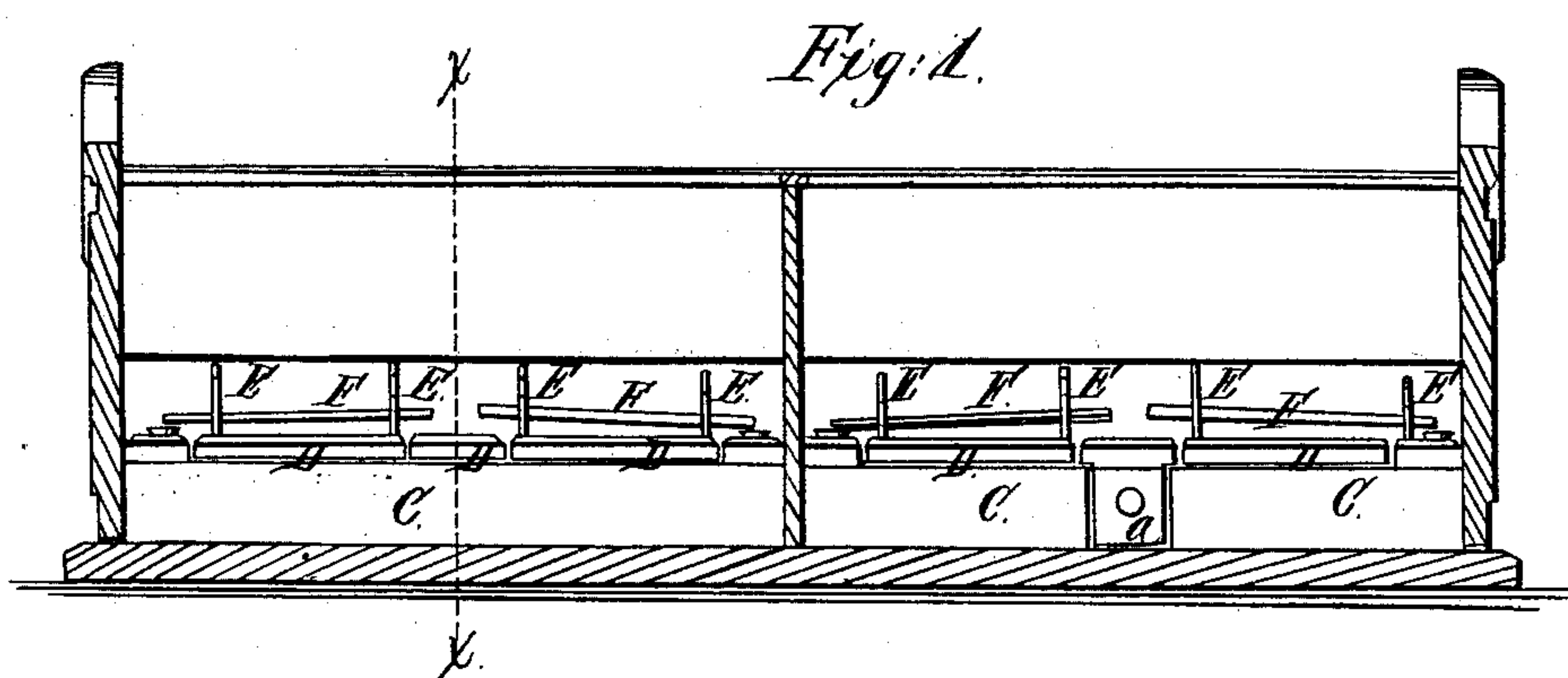


L. Mooney,
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IMPROVED KNEELING-CASE FOR CHURCHES.

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, LAWRENCE MOONEY, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Kneeling-Case for Churches; 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.

This invention has reference to an arrangement for slips or pews in churches, whereby many of the inconveniences hitherto experienced are overcome; and the invention consists in placing in the slip (where the ordinary footstool is placed) a case which may be divided into different compartments, the case being of the proper height for kneeling upon during the religious exercises, and the compartments being of suitable size for containing hats, muffs, and books. And also attached thereto is a rack for umbrellas, with a gutter for conducting water from the same to a suitable reservoir therefor, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section of a double slip, showing the general arrangement of the case and the parts attached thereto, the section being through the line *y y* of fig. 2.

Figure 2 is a cross-section of the same through the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the seat in the slip. B is the floor. C represents the kneeling-case. The case C is in the form of a box, extending the length of the slip, and at a convenient height for kneeling, and which is divided into different compartments by partitions. D represents the lids or covers to these separate compartments, which are hinged to the top, as seen in fig. 2. Hats, muffs, and other articles may be kept in them during service, and one may be devoted to hymn and other books, where they may be secured by a lock and kept during the week. In the right-hand slip (shown in fig. 1) there is a drawer, *a*, in the middle of the case, designed for books. The covers of the compartments are cushioned, as seen at *b* in the drawings. On the top of the case, and back of the covers, there is one or more racks for umbrellas, as seen at E, formed of wire, and secured to the case, as seen in fig. 2, and beneath the racks there is a gutter or trough, F, made of sheet metal, which will receive the dripping of water from a wet umbrella and conduct it to a reservoir at the end of a slip.

It will be seen that by this arrangement many of the inconveniences and difficulties experienced by church-going people will be overcome. A safe place is provided for hats, ladies' muffs, and for books, and especially for umbrellas, whether wet or dry.

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

The combination of the case *c* with an umbrella-rack attached, with a gutter beneath, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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