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Sheep Shed and Rack.

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Fig. 1.

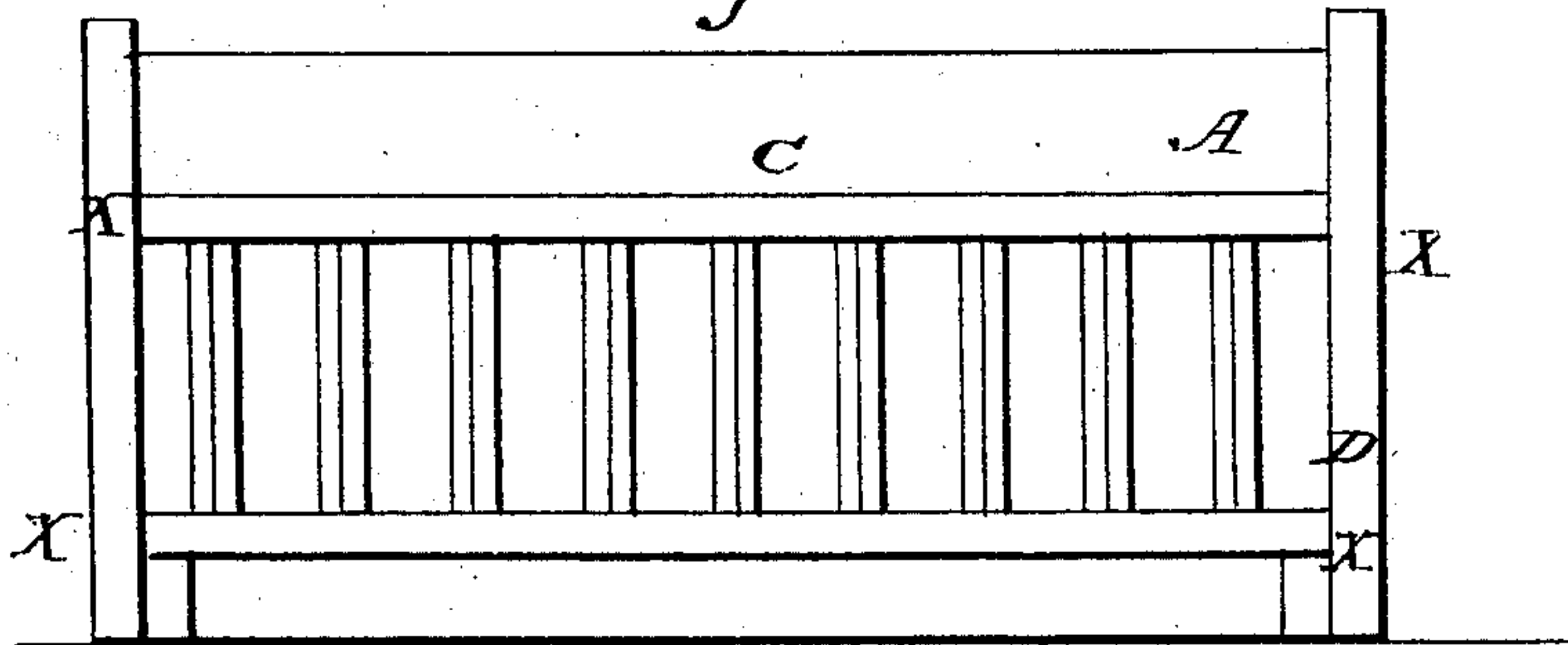


Fig. 2

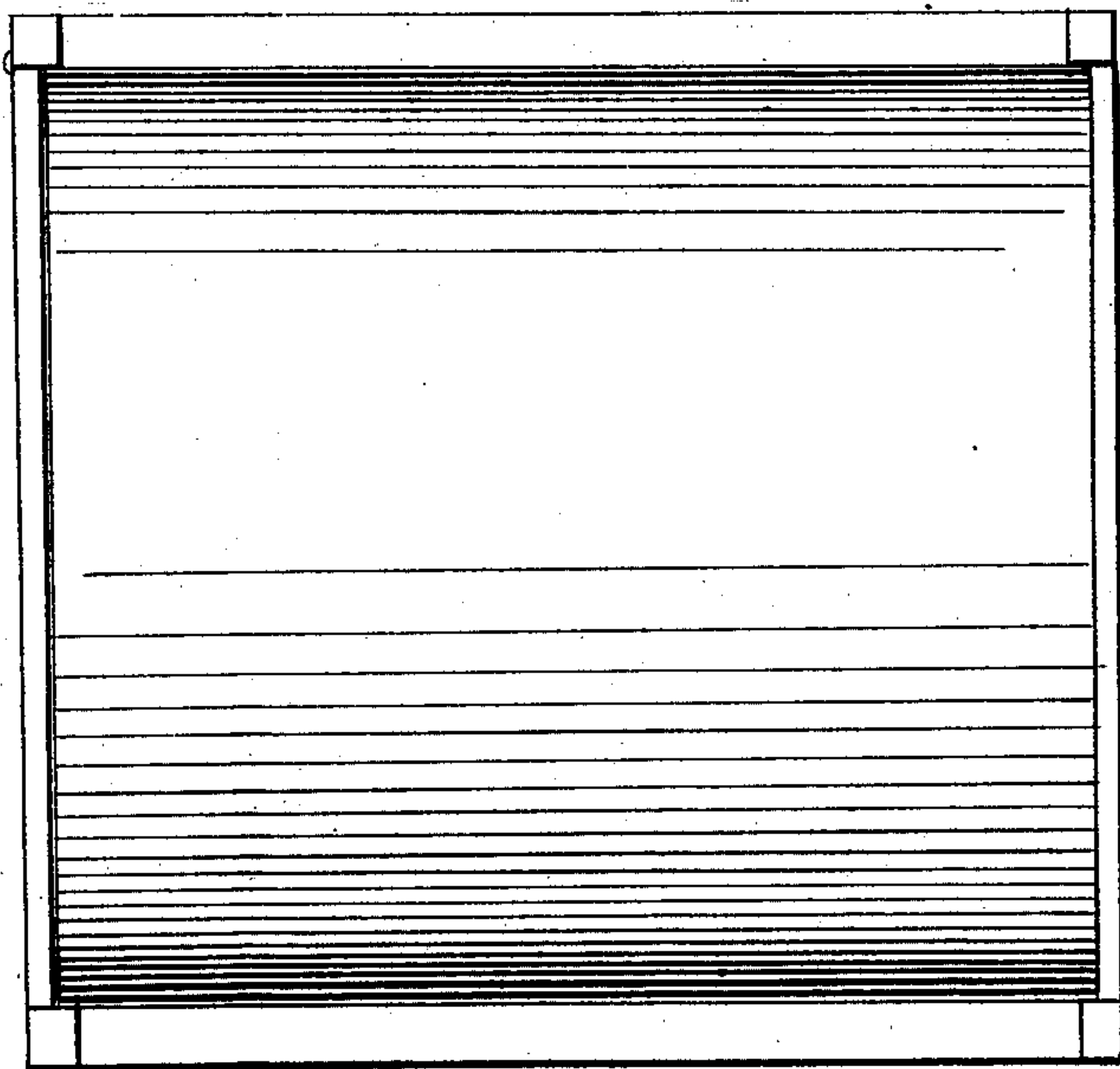
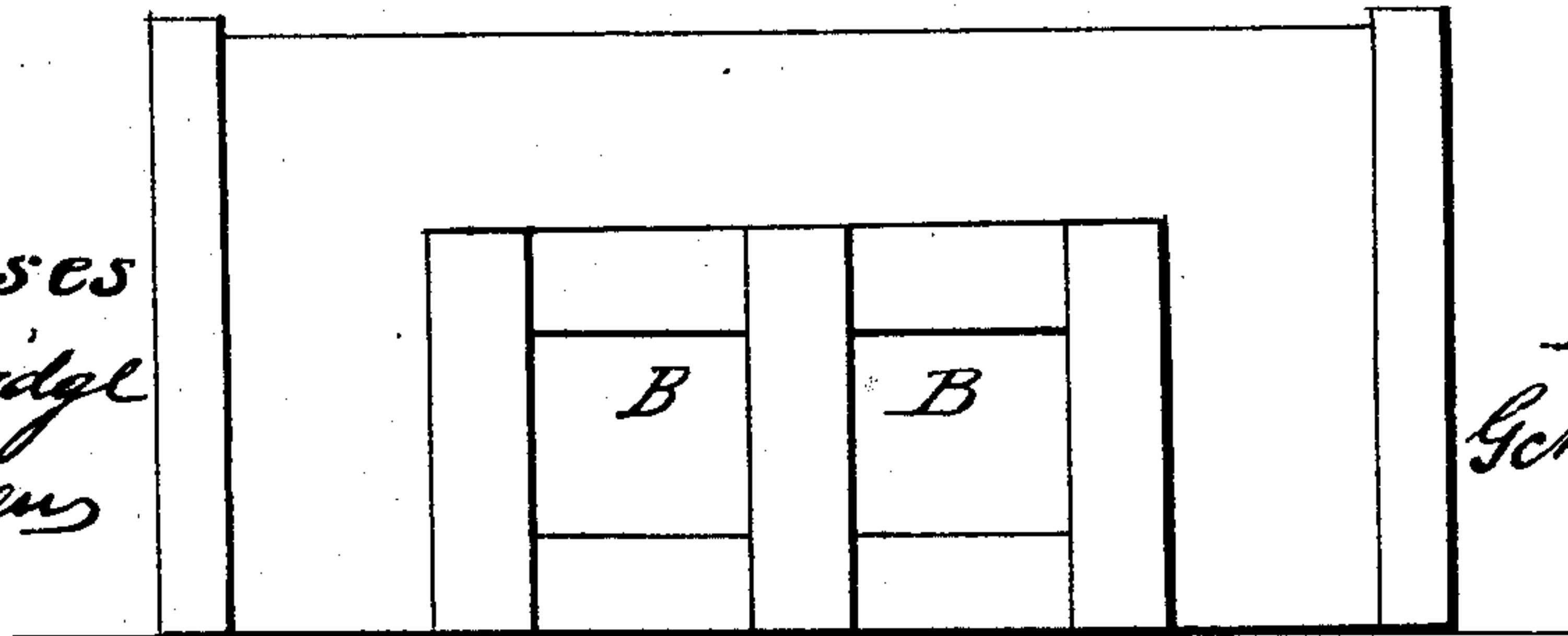


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHEEP-SHED AND RACK.

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, GABRIEL McWILLIAMS, of Fostoria, in the county of Seneca, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Sheep-Shed and Rack; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the shed and house.

Figure 2 is a top view.

Figure 3 is a front view.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the views.

In the drawing, A represents the shed, which may be constructed of any desirable size, according to the size of the flock. The roof of this shed is made arching, and is constructed of ordinary thin boards, sprung into an arch by bending them for that purpose, and securing the same by any desirable means. Access is had to the inside of this shed through the doors B, fig. 3, made in one end of the shed. Along each side of the shed, and secured to the same, is a rack, C, fig. 1, the upper rail of which is pivoted to the shed at the points X, so that the rack can be lifted up for cleaning out the same, or other needful purposes, and which is secured when down by a pin, D, passing through the end of the shed into the rail of the rack. The bars of this rack are so close to each other as to prevent the sheep from thrusting in their heads through, allowing their noses only to pass through to reach the hay, and thus they are prevented from having their heads and necks filled with dust and hay-seed, and from picking and musing about the hay, and wasting it, as they necessarily do when allowed to get their heads in amongst it. The slanting side of the rack, formed by the roof of the shed, allows the hay to slide down and press against the bars as fast as the sheep may eat it away, and thus it is at all times kept within reach of the animals, fresh and clean; hence but little waste will occur in feeding. This shed, being constructed in a light but substantial manner, is easily moved from place to place, and thus the accumulated waste and dropping can be easily gathered up, or by frequent changing of the shed be distributed over the field without labor, and at the same time affording a warm and comfortable covering to the animals.

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

The herein-described shed and rack, constructed in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

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