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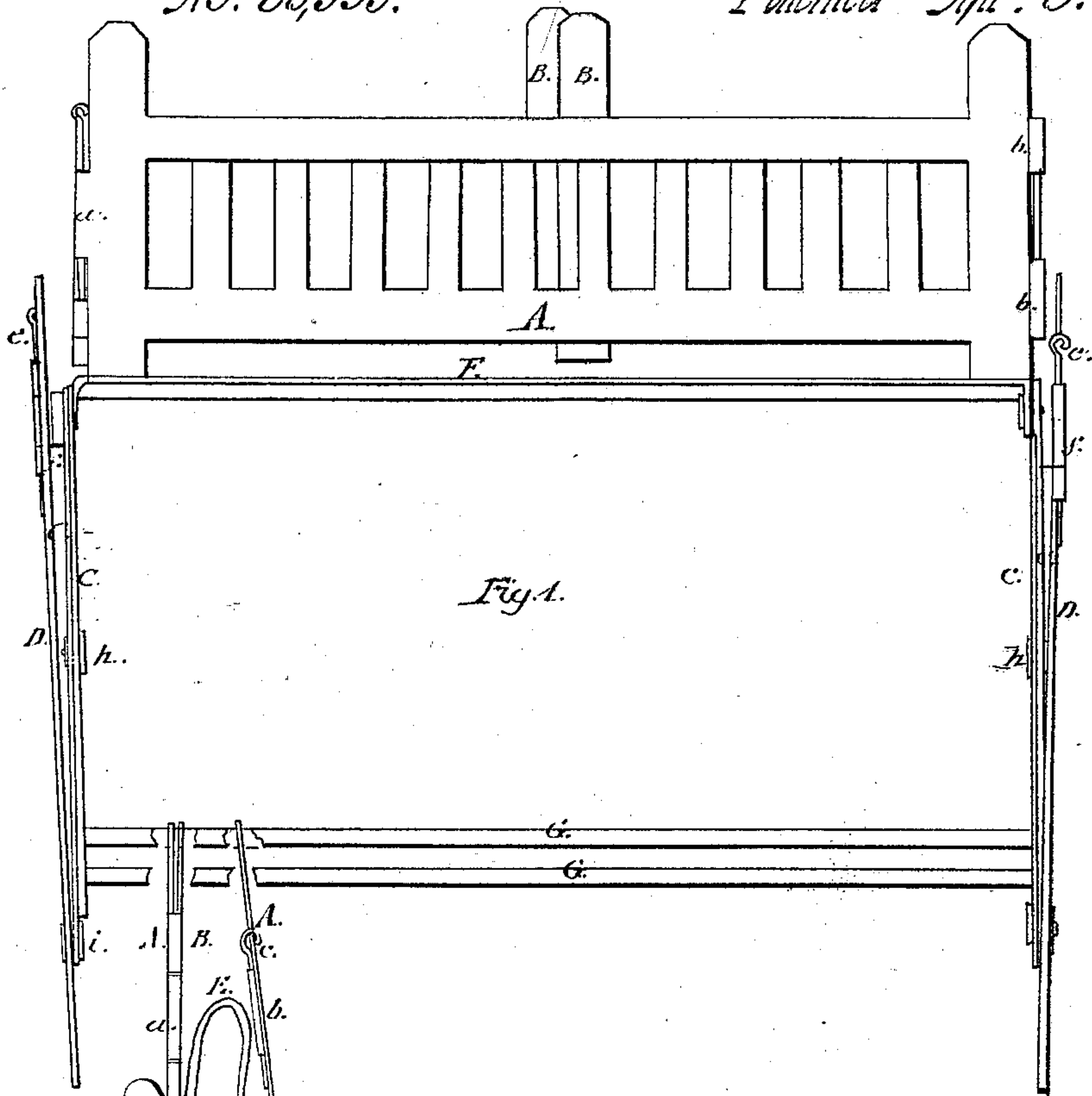


Fig. 1.

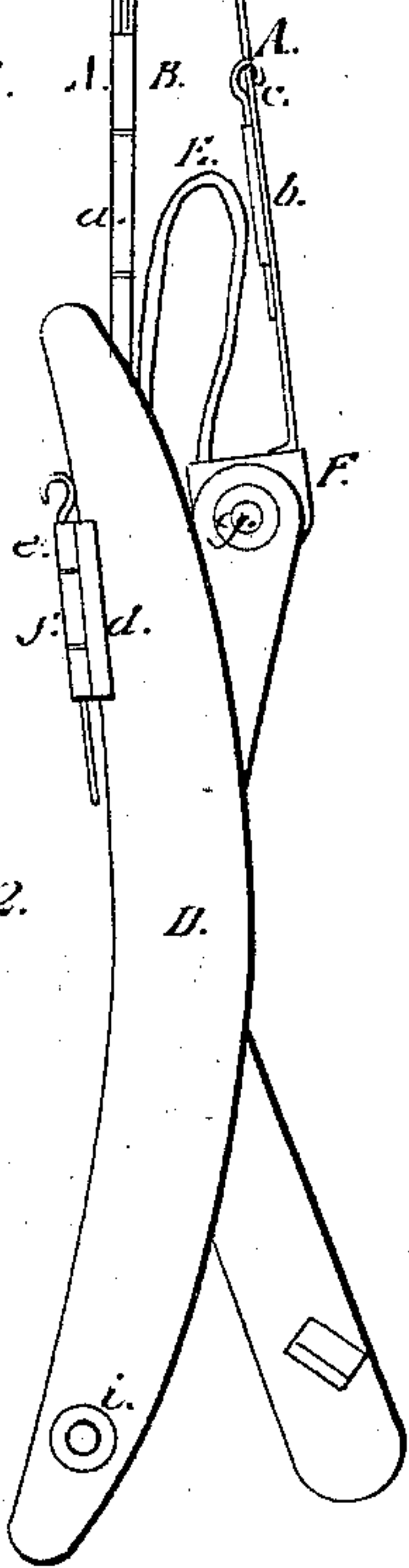


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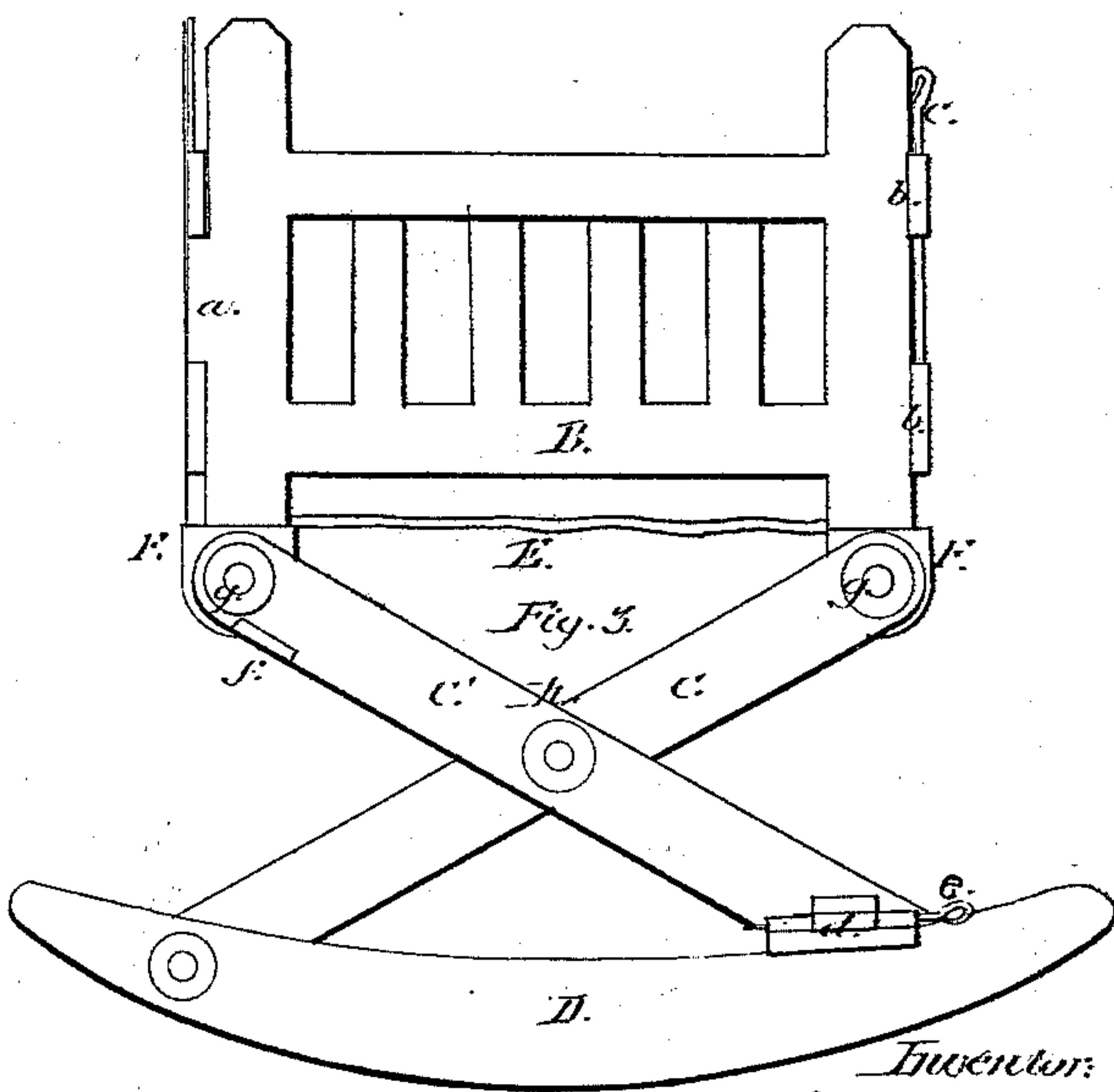


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVED CRADLE, OR CRIB.

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, ELIZA N. CUTTER, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cribs for Children; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view, folded.

Figure 2, an end view, folded.

Figure 3, an end view, open.

Like letters refer to the same parts in all of the figures.

The cribs, or cradles for children, as made heretofore, have been constructed large and cumbersome, and not only take up much room, but require a great depth of mattresses, or of clothing to make them sufficiently easy and flexible for tender infants, and also difficult in storage, particularly for parties of limited accommodations.

The nature and object of my invention consist in overcoming these difficulties by providing the bottom of the crib with a stretcher of canvas, carpeting, or other cloth, in place of slats or cords, and in so constructing it, that it can be folded without being taken apart.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction.

The sides A and ends B are made of the usual lengths, but will not require the usual height; from ten to twelve inches will be sufficient.

The sides A are attached permanently to the side rails F, as shown, or by any other suitable means.

The ends B are hinged to the sides A, one to one side, and the other on the other side, as shown, by means of one or more hinges *a*.

When made wholly of wood, two ordinary butts, or hinges will be found the most convenient.

At the end opposite to the hinges, they are secured to the sides by a latch, or by a bolt, as shown. I prefer the bolt, as it makes the crib firm and secure, and, with the rockers, lock it in place, so that it is as firm as though made with all of the parts permanently fastened together.

The bottom of the crib proper, E, is made of canvas, carpeting, or other suitable cloth, and permanently attached to the side rails F.

By making this bottom of cloth instead of slats, a less depth of bedding will be required, and in warm weather can be wholly dispensed with.

To the ends of the side rails are pivoted cross-legs C and C', at *g*.

The length of the legs will depend upon the width of the crib, and the height, and will not be difficult to adjust.

They are pivoted together at *h*, and attached to rockers D at *i* and *d*. The fastening *d* is made by inserting a bolt, as shown, or by a snap-catch, and the leg C' has a catch on its upper end, similar to that on the lower, so that when the crib is folded, the rocker and upper catch will operate as a lock to hold it in that position.

A similar catch may also be placed on the upper end of the legs C, so that by properly adjusting the length of the rockers with the legs, they may be fastened thereto, and thereby prevent rocking whenever it is desired, without taking off the rockers, and make it interchangeably a rocking or non-rocking crib.

These legs C and C' may be braced by cross-rods, or bars G.

The operation of folding, unfolding, and detaching the rockers, will be apparent from the description, and its general operation will be practically understood, and found conducive to family quiet.

Having thus fully described my improved crib,

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

1. The combination and arrangement of the hinged ends B with the sides A, side rails F, and bottom cloth E, substantially as specified.

2. The combination and arrangement of the rocker D, provided with the catches *d* and *f*, with the cross-legs C and C', side rails, F, and bottom E, substantially as described.

3. The combination and arrangement of the sides A, hinged ends B, bottom, E, and side rails F, with the cross-legs C and C', and rocker D, all constructed and operating substantially as specified.

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