

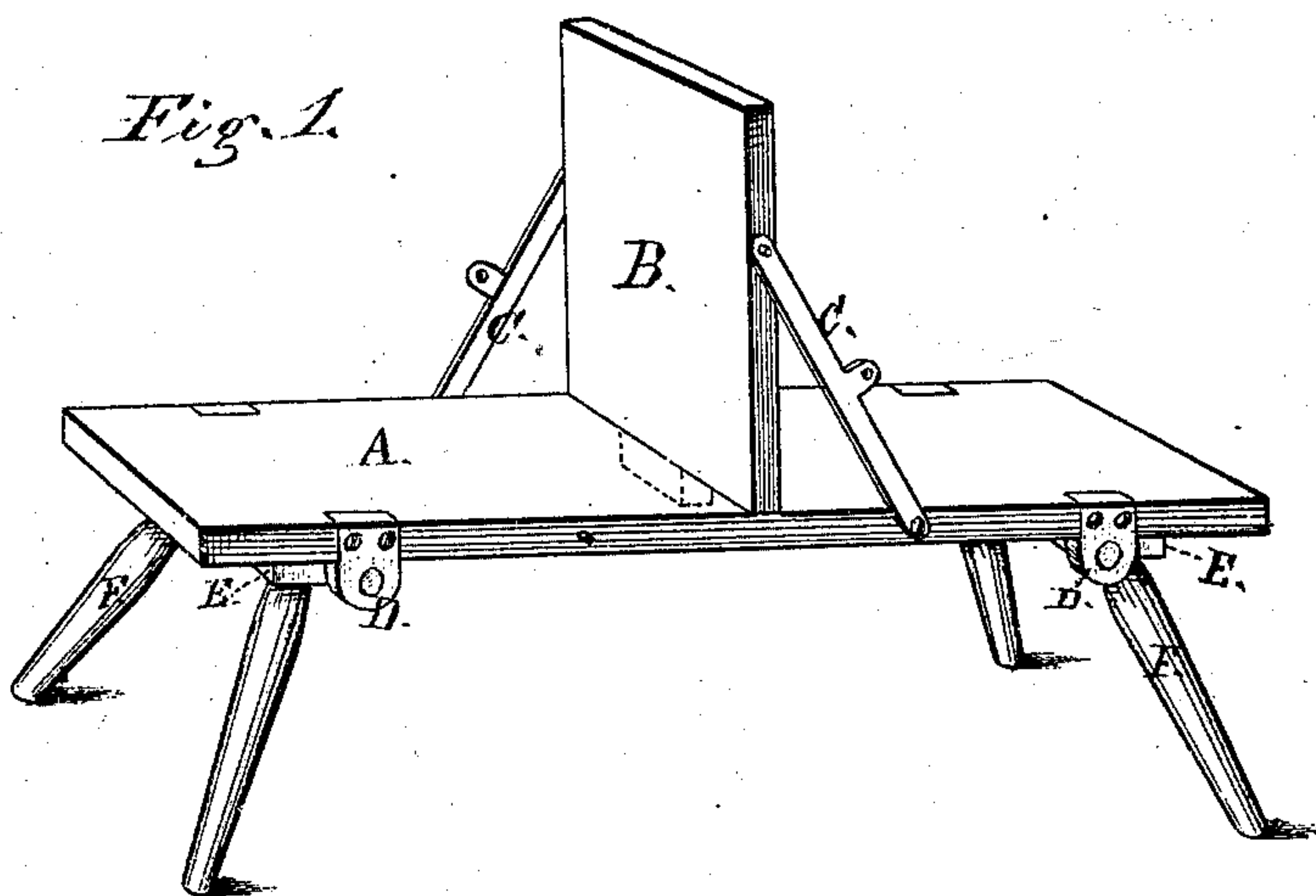
*A. H. Spencer,*

*Wash Bench.*

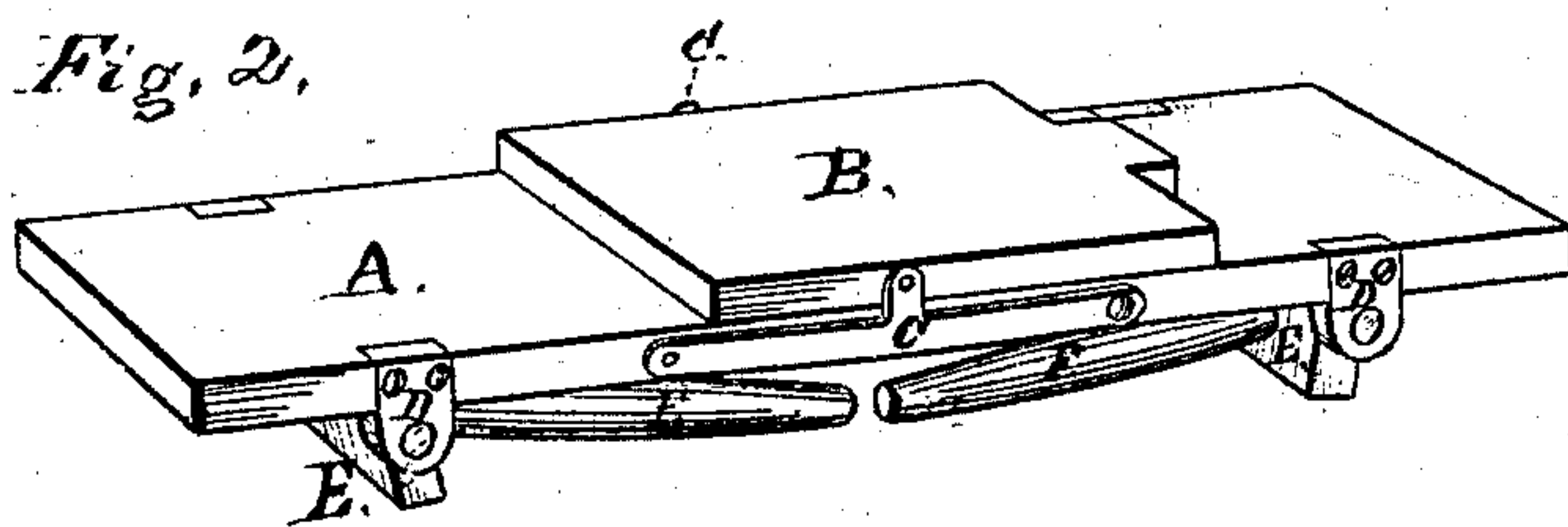
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED LAUNDRY-BENCH.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

I, ALBERT H. SPENCER, of Providence, county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain Improvements in Laundry-Benches, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a folding bench, adapted to support two tubs and a wringing-machine, in a convenient relative position for use, and which may be folded into small compass for transportation or storage.

Its object is to economize space, promote the convenience of the laundress, and permit any ordinary wringing-mechanism to be used therewith.

Figure 1 shows the bench, when properly set up for use.

Figure 2, the same, folded for transportation.

A is the platform, of sufficient dimensions to receive a tub on either side of the upright B, to the top of which the wringer is secured.

C, braces, for giving steadiness to the same.

D, ears, secured to the platform A, forming hinges for the cross-pieces E, to which are firmly attached the supporting-legs F.

At each inner corner of these cross-pieces, a bearing is turned, to pass through the ears D, permitting the legs to fold inward, when not in use, and preventing them from opening outward beyond the point desired when sustaining a weight. When thus spread for use, the superincumbent weight retains the legs in their proper position, and prevents their closing.

The upright B, to which the wringer is attached, consists of a single board, let into the platform at its sides or centre. Its dimensions are such as to permit a household wringer, of any ordinary construction, to be clamped thereon, at a proper height above the top of the tub.

The braces C are screwed to the edge of the platform, and spring over short pins in the edge of the upright, so that they can be readily disengaged, after which the upright may be slightly raised, then folded flat on the top of the bench, and the braces, folding at the side, lock the two together by slipping over projecting pins in their edges, as seen in fig. 2.

I claim, as my invention—

1. In combination with the platform A, the adjustable upright B, and braces C, arranged substantially as described.

2. In combination with the platform A, and a suitable upright, B, the folding legs F, substantially as described.

3. The improved laundry-bench, herein described, combining the folding legs F, adjustable upright B, and braces C, for the purposes specified.

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