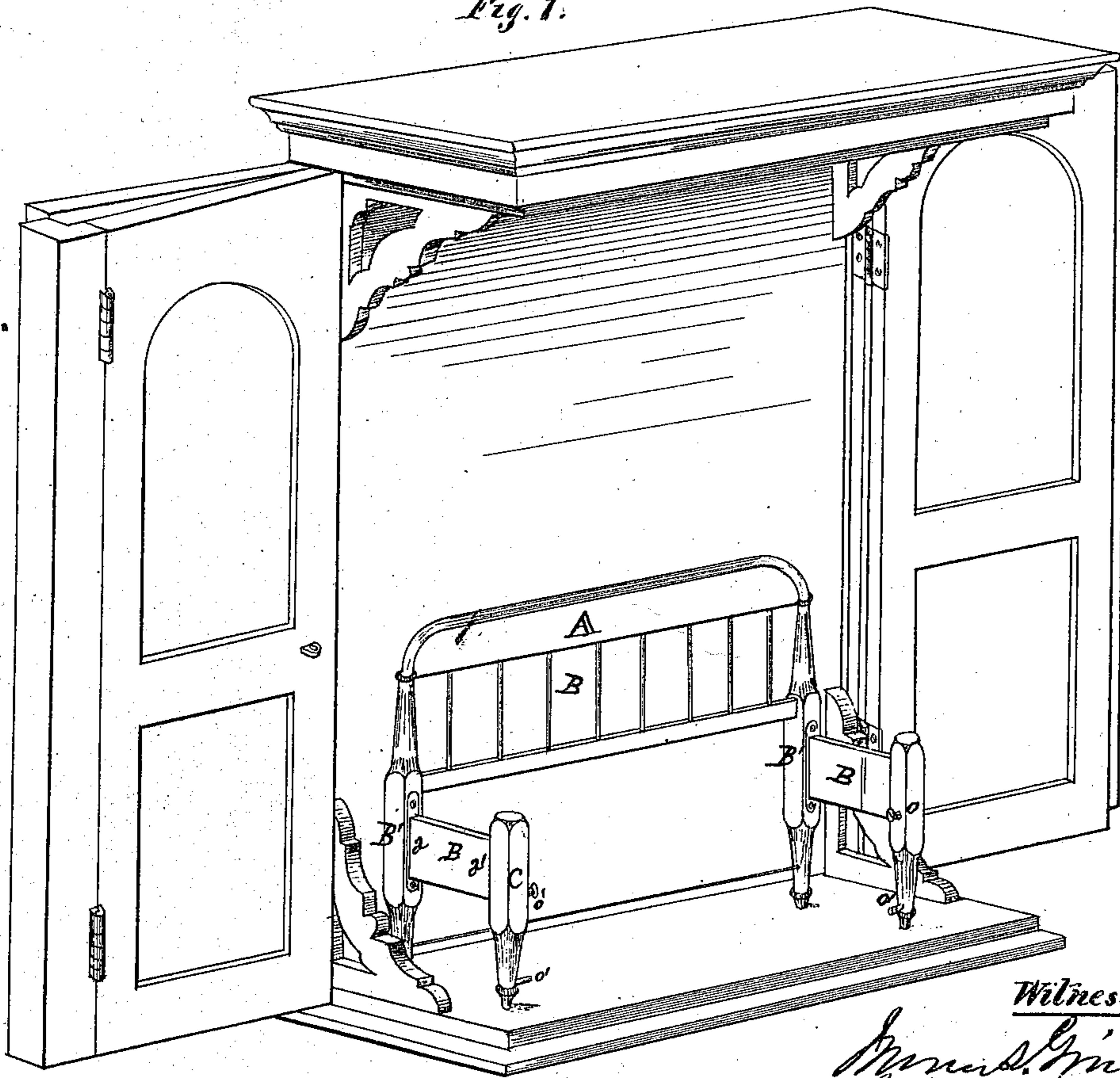


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Fig. 1.



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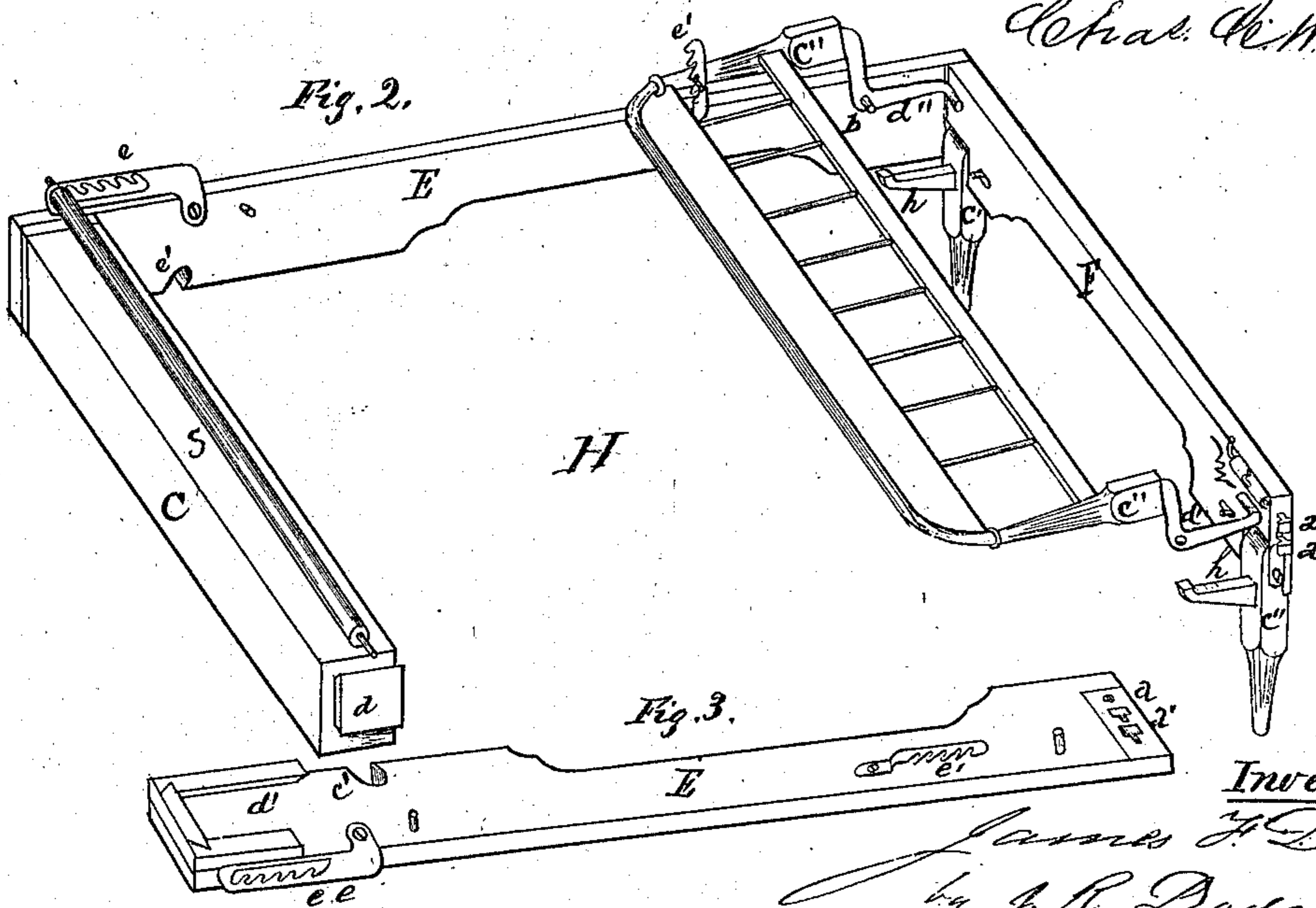
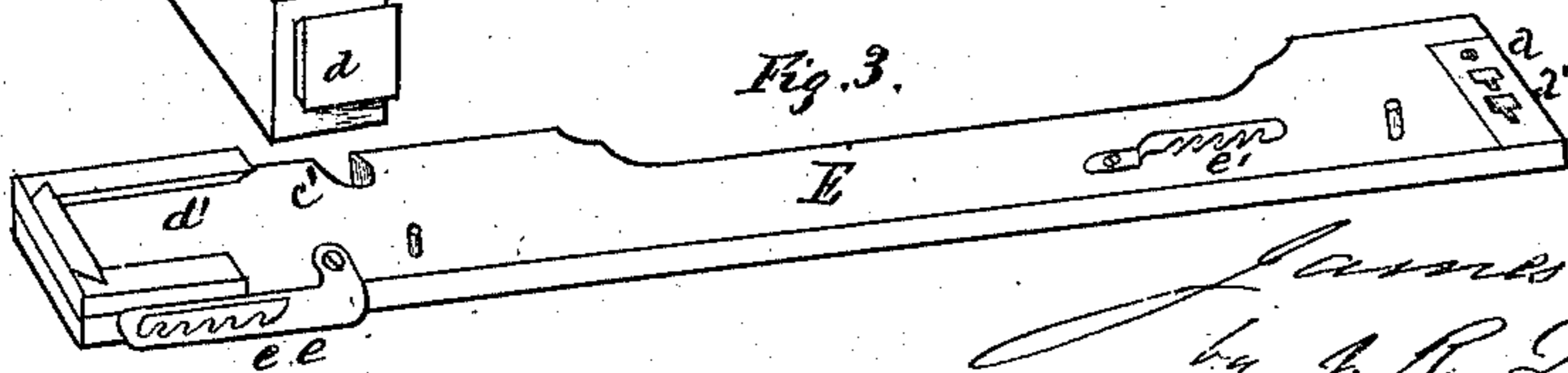


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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE BEDSTEAD.

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, JAMES F. DODGE, of Nashua, in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, have invented an Improvement in the Construction of Wardrobe Bedsteads; and I do declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same.

My improvement in wardrobe bedsteads consists in the arrangement and construction of parts, by which a bedstead may be attached to the walls of an ordinary dwelling, or connected to or with a hinged wardrobe, in so compact and closed a manner as to conceal it and exhibit a handsome piece of furniture, in the manner more fully set forth and described in the following specification, and exhibited in the accompanying drawing, making part of it, and to which reference is made by letter.

Figure 1 of the drawing shows the wardrobe with its hinged doors, and the front section of the bedstead, and dovetailed fastenings, &c.

Figure 2, the sides of bedstead, with the devices for connecting and operating it.

A A is the head-piece of bedstead, and consists of the short rails B B, post C, and head-board and post B', attached and held together by the dovetailed fastenings *a a* and *a'*, and tenons *d''*.

To the posts C, I attach the pins *o* and *o'*.

Bedstead H is composed of the pieces E E, end pieces F, and box, C, which is arranged with means of adjustment, *d* and *d'*, to regulate the weight of it, and to serve as a counterpoise, and the parts attached by the dovetailed fastenings, before described.

To the post C projecting pins are attached, one, *o*, which serves as a pivot for the bedstead to turn on in slot C' and *o'*, to suspend, or as a detent, to limit its action to an upright position, or nearly so, when turned up.

To the side-pieces E E are attached ratchets *e* and *e'*. *e* is arranged to detain and hold for adjustment roller *g''*, working on journals within the ratchets,

which is constructed with upright pieces to detain it, for holding the bed-clothes in any desired position when the bedstead is turned up.

Near the lower ends of sides E E is ratchet *e'*, with a corresponding pin, 2, in the upright part of post *e'*, to hold the foot-board in position when the bedstead is turned up, and also serves to hold the bed-clothes in their place, and prevent tumbling of the bed.

At or near the center of post C', the post is separated by end-piece F, and the parts held in position by the angle-braces *d* and *d'*, attached to each part of the post, having a pin or projection, *b*, which serves with the projecting pin *h h* on the lower portion of post C', to give an upright position to the lower part of post C' when let down, and is held in its position by spiral spring-bolt *m*, attached to the inner side of post C', and the upper part of the foot-board working on and pivoted to the angle-braces *d'* and *d*.

The box C is intended to be filled or weighted with some heavy material, stone, &c., to serve as a counterpoise for the lower portion of the bedstead, and is arranged in its connection with pivot *o* and slot, that a child of ten years can turn up the bed and adjust it, either for use or to dispose of it, thus rendering it a very desirable arrangement.

Having thus described my invention,

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

1. A wardrobe or folding bedstead, consisting of the head-piece A, constructed as described, in combination with the hinged part H, the ratchet *e'* angle-braces *d' d'*, spring bolt *m*, and adjustable box C.

2. Roller G, working on journals within the ratchet *e*, constructed as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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