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Table Leaf Support.

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FIG. 1

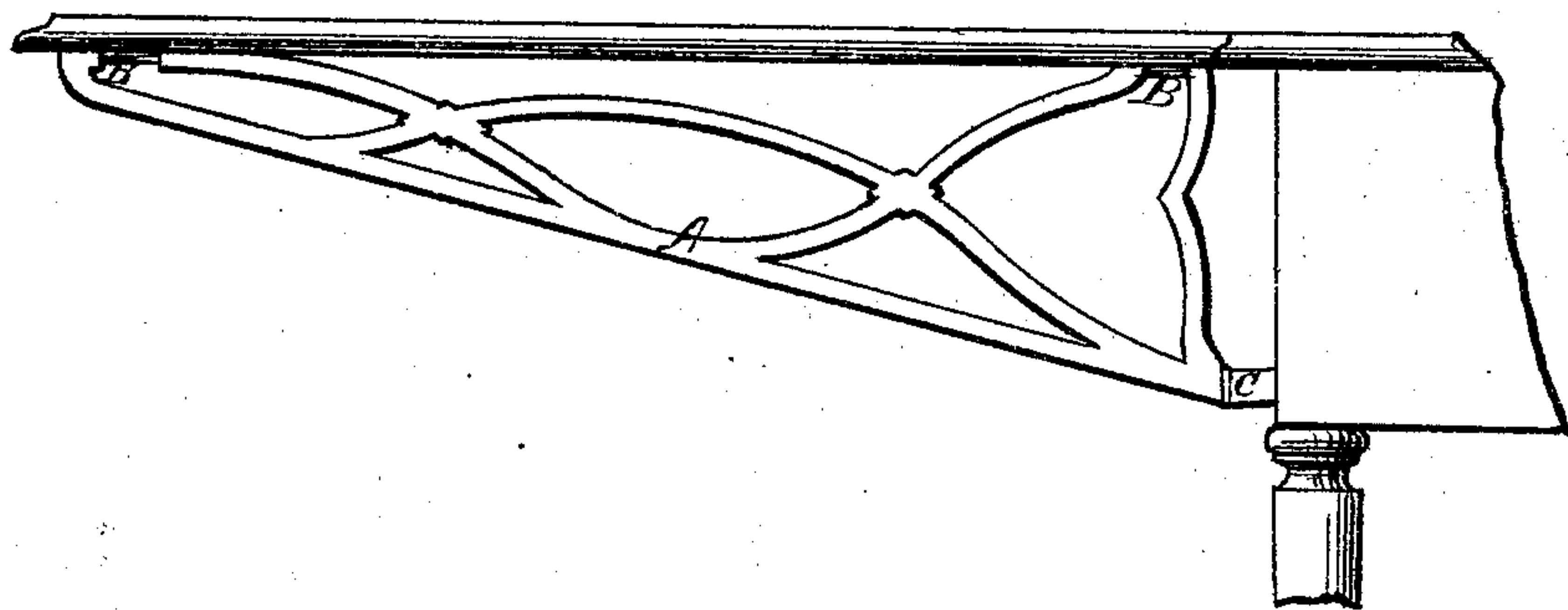


FIG. 2.

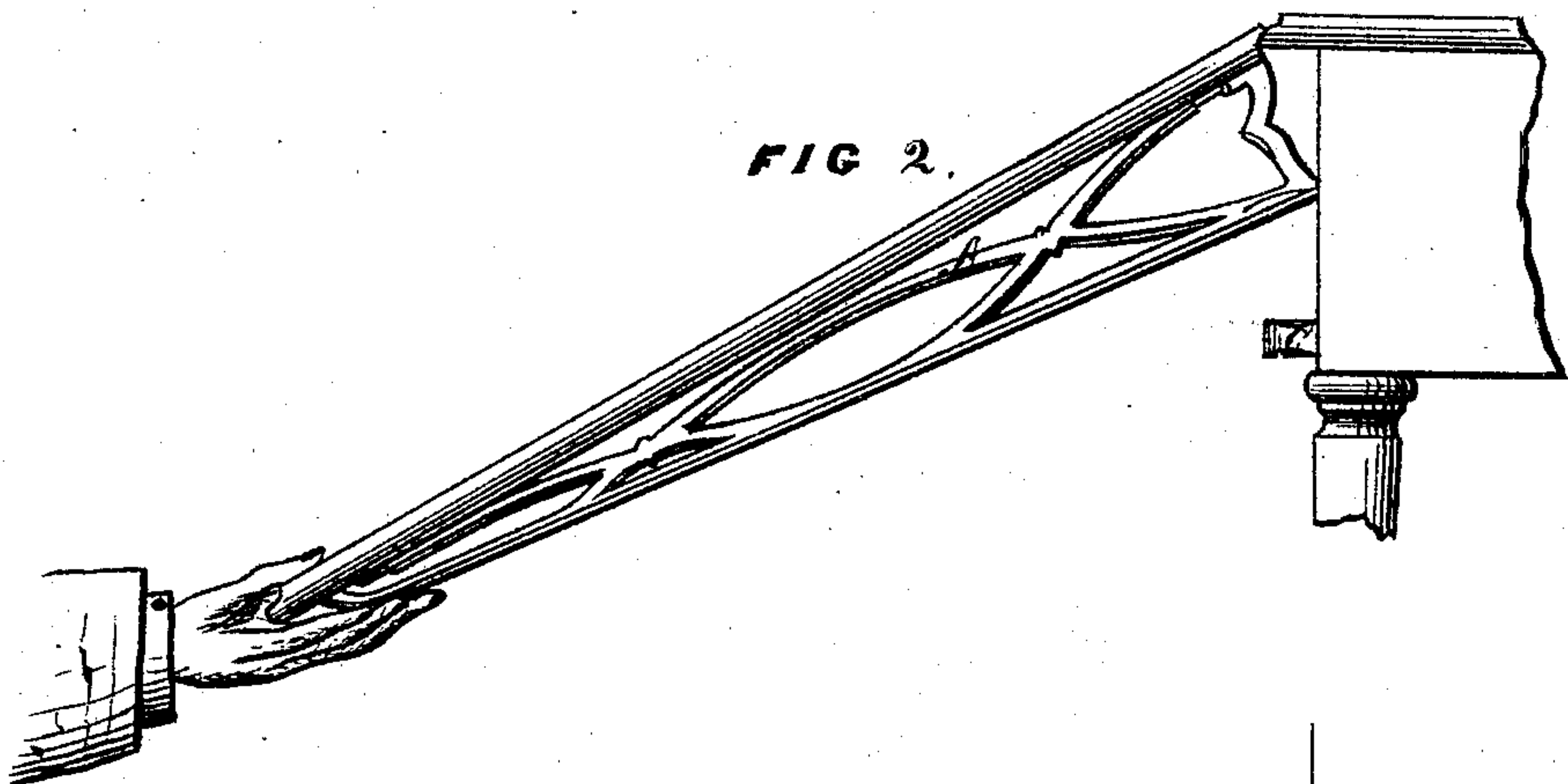
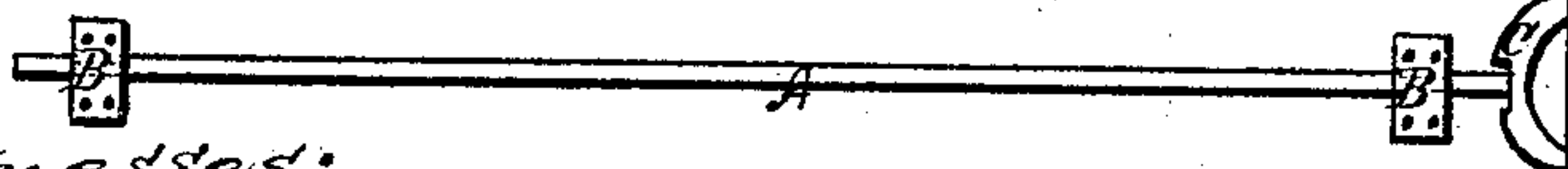


FIG. 3.



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IMPROVED TABLE-LEAF SUPPORTER.

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, GEORGE L. GERARD, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Table-leaf Supporter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a side view, showing the leaf raised and the support in operation.

Figure 2 is also a side view, showing the support partially folded as the leaf is being closed.

Figure 3 is a top view of the support detached from the leaf, showing its position when held by the stop.

Similar letters of reference, where they occur in the separate views, indicate like parts.

This invention relates to that class of leaf-tables which have their leaves supported by means of a swinging bracket hinged to their lower side, and consists of a stop of peculiar construction, by means of which the bracket is securely held when in position for supporting the leaf.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe fully the construction and operation of the same.

A represents a bracket, which is attached to the under side of the table-leaf by means of hinges B B. This bracket may be made in any suitable manner, and of any proper material.

C represents the stop, provided with a recess and projections, the projection upon one side being longer than the other, as shown.

When it is desired to use the leaf, it is simply necessary to raise it with the hand, when the bracket will fall at once into its proper place by its own weight, and secure it (the leaf) in place. By means of the peculiar construction of the stop the bracket is easily permitted to fall into place.

It is easily caused to pass the small projection upon the adjacent side of the stop by elevating the leaf slightly above the level of the table; but when once in place it is securely held from accidental displacement by the weight of the leaf and the things which may be upon it.

I do not claim the employment of a bracket; but having thus fully described my invention,

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a table provided with a leaf having a swinging bracket hinged thereto, the curved stop C, provided with a recess and projections, arranged as described for the purpose set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 6th day of November, 1869.

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