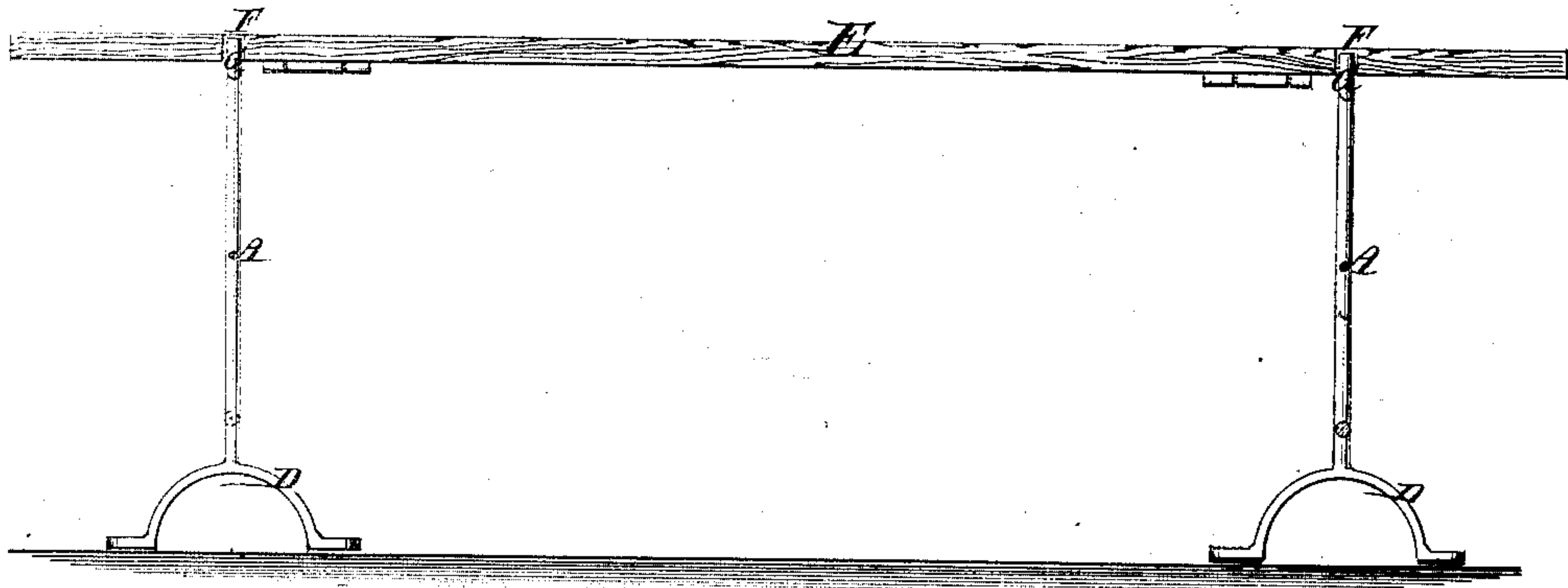


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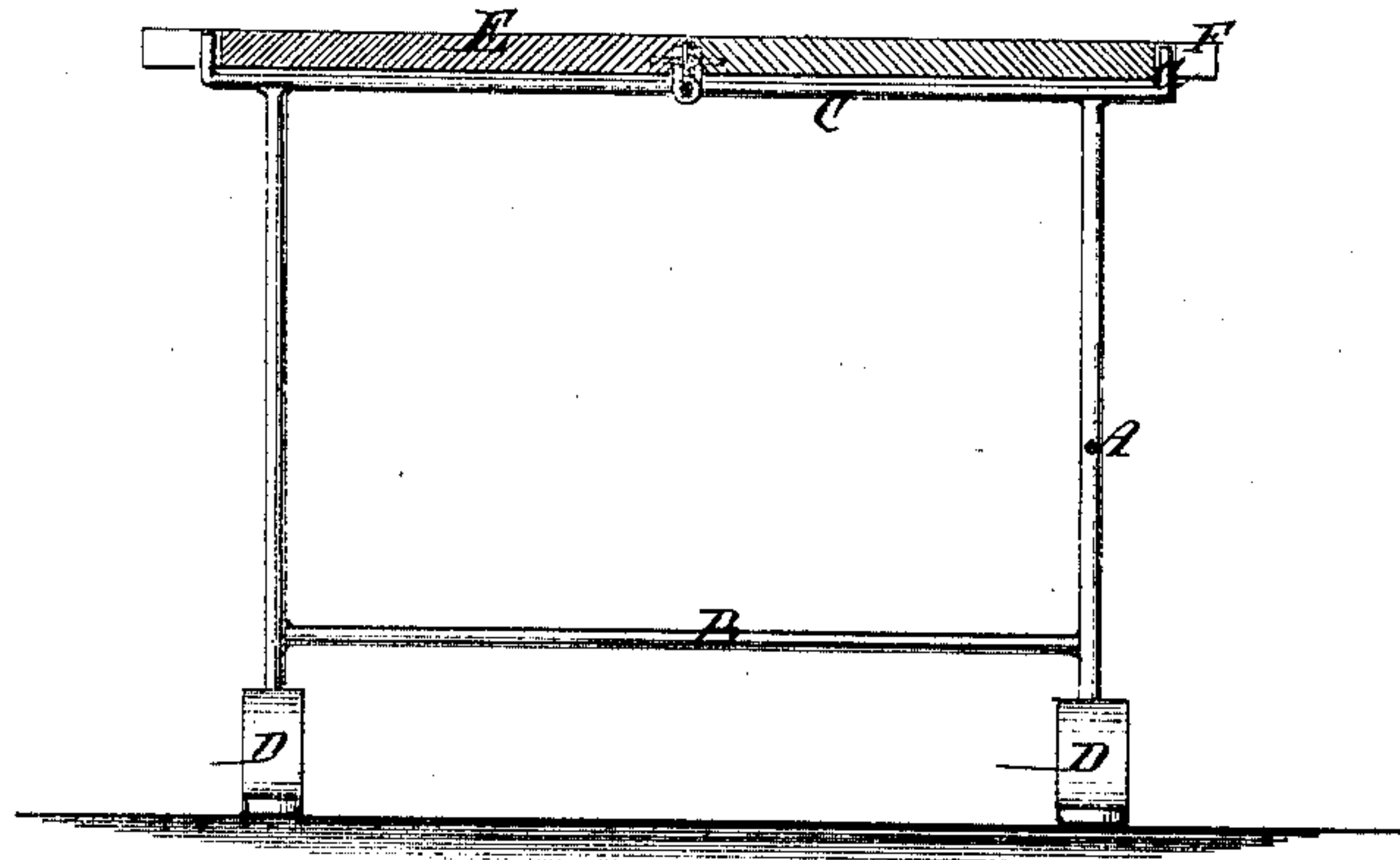
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*Fig: 1*



*Fig: 2*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TABLES.

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, JOSEPH TAFT, of Rockville, in the county of Tolland and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in tables, and consists in a pair of light metal stands, and a folding detachable top, constructed and combined in such a way that the top may be taken off the stands and folded up into convenient shape for transportation.

The said invention is designed to provide simple and cheap tables for picnics, also for hotels, in which it is sometimes required to set out tables for unusual numbers of people.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved table, and

Figure 2 is a transverse section.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

I propose to make light metal stands for supporting the top, by combining the vertical rods or tubes and transverse tubes B C with any suitable metal bases, D, one to each stand.

The transverse bar C is made to extend at the top beyond the vertical tubes A, and they are turned upward, as shown at G, to receive the top E, between

them, to prevent it from being moved laterally thereon.

The top is made of long plank, preferably two in number, hinged together, as shown, and they have notches, F, in the edges for the reception of the vertical parts G, by which, together with bases D, which are arranged to brace the vertical parts A of the stands in the lengthwise direction of the table, the table is made sufficiently strong in that direction for its support, and the lateral bracing is effected by the transverse bars C B, in connection with the posts.

It will be seen that by a very simple construction an efficient table, which may be readily put up or taken down, and can be stored away or packed in a small space for transportation, is provided.

The top may have any kind of fastening arranged in connection with the posts for holding the parts together, for instance, a spring bolt, latch bolt, or other similar fastening.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The stands, composed of the base D and rods or tubes A B C, arranged as described, in combination with the tops, composed of two or more parts hinged together and provided with the notches F, all substantially as specified.

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