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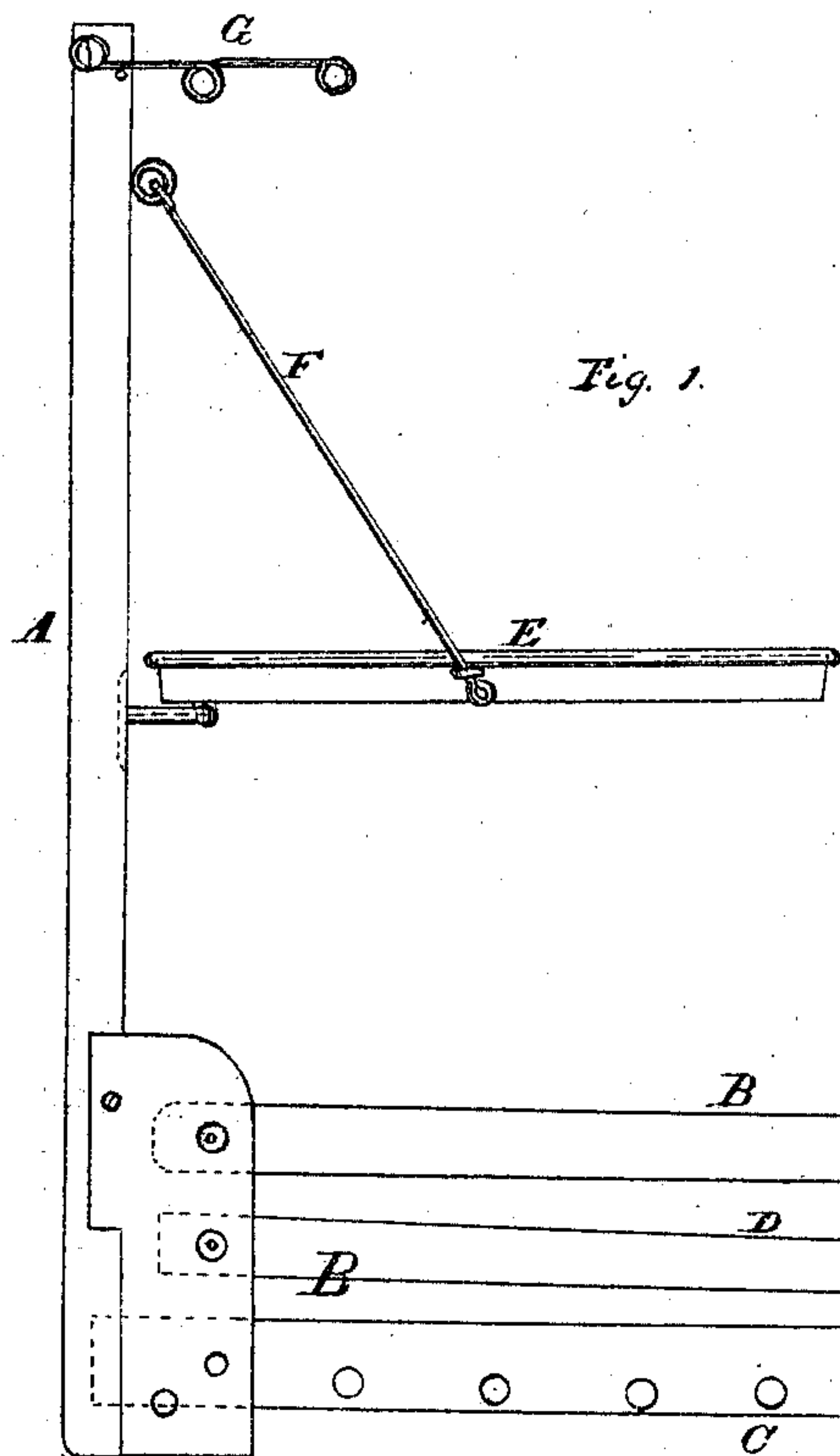


Fig. 1.

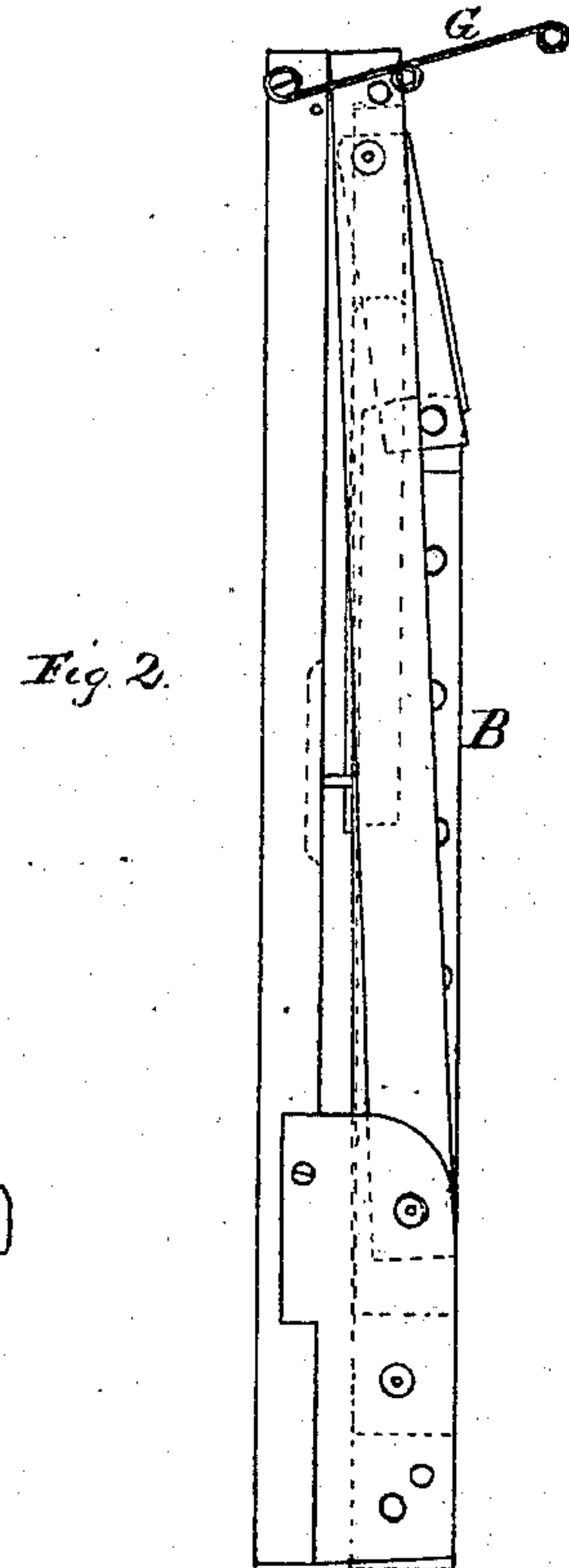


Fig. 2.

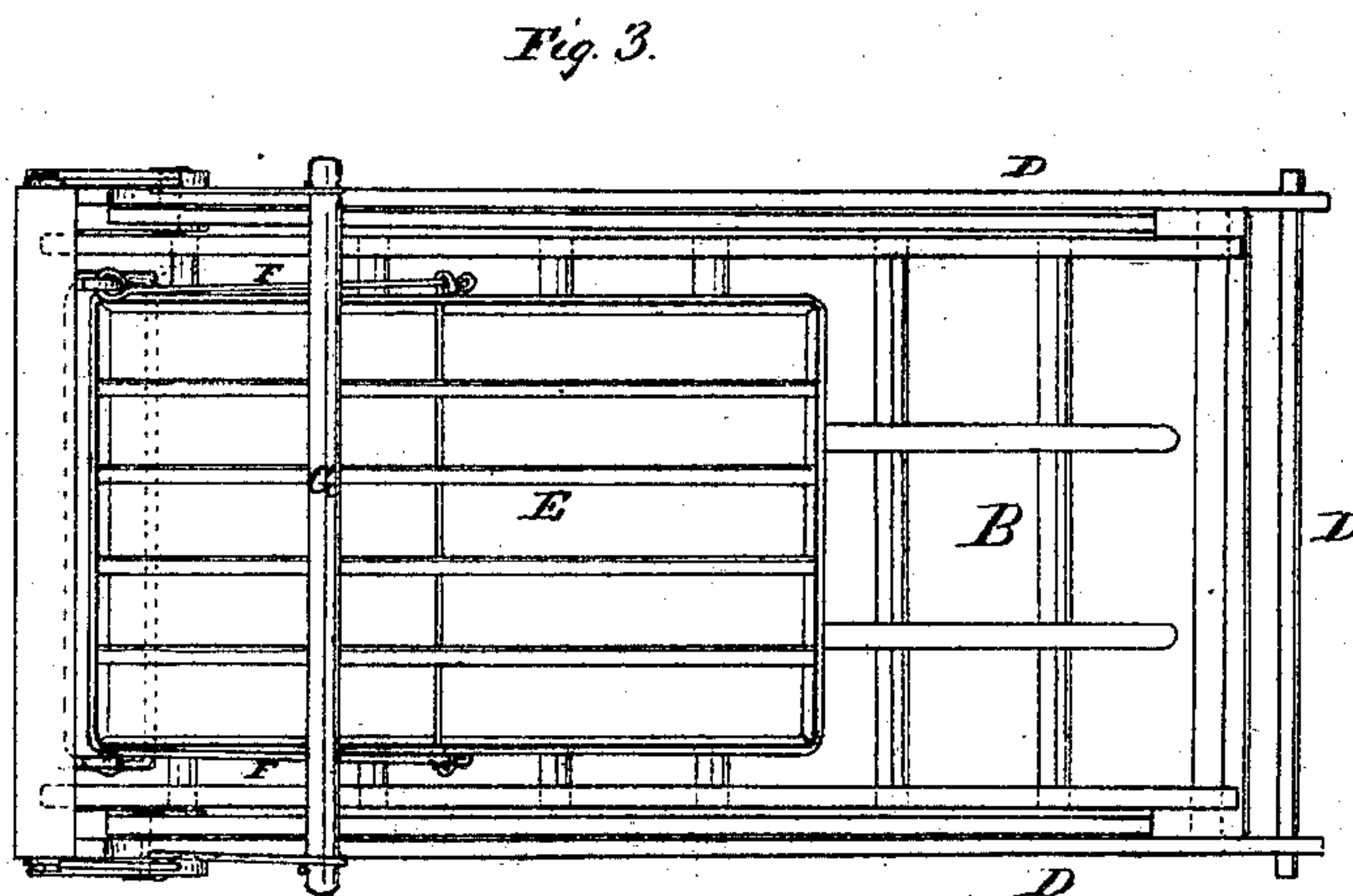


Fig. 3.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN DISH-RACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, J. MAX RUDIGER, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Dish-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear and exact description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to fully understand and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the rack in an open position. Fig. 2 is a similar view thereof in a folded state. Fig. 3 is a top or plan view thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a rack for holding dishes, &c., which is designed to be fastened to the wall or elsewhere, and when in use to be swung over the sink of a kitchen or otherwise, where it is to be utilized; more especially for receiving the soiled dishes after being washed, so as to permit them to drain and dry. The invention further consists of a hinged shelf, which is arranged above the rack as a draining-receptacle for glasses, knives, spoons, &c., and adapted to be folded up within the rack when not in use. The invention finally consists of a rack for holding towels, &c., which is so located in relation to the dish-rack that it serves to hold the latter when in a closed state.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the back or supporting-plate, at or near the lower end of which is hinged the dish-rack B. This rack consists of a body whose bottom, C, is open or perforated, slatted, or otherwise constructed, and its side and end pieces D are so hinged that when the rack is swung up, it will fold in compact form against the back A or the wall from which it is to be suspended, in order to be out of the way, as is desirable in cases of transportation or when the rack is not required for use. The rack when open and in service will be located over the sink, and is designed to receive the soiled dishes, especially after being washed, so that they can drain and dry, thus obviating the necessity of drying by wiping, while the water escapes through the

open bottom of the rack into the sink. After the dishes are dry the rack may be folded up, and it then entirely clears itself of the sink without in any manner interfering with the ordinary use of the latter. E represents a shelf, which is hinged to the back A above the rack B. It is formed with rods, slats, or netting, for drainage purposes, and will be supported or braced, when open, by stays F. This shelf is designed for holding spoons, knives, &c., which articles could not well be placed on the open bottom of the rack B, and said shelf is so arranged and is of such dimensions that, when folded up against the back A, the rack B may likewise be folded up, inclosing the shelf without interfering with each other, and if a catch or fastening is applied to hold the rack, the latter will serve to keep the shelf in its folded position. When the shelf is folded, the water is permitted to escape at the end, which is hinged to the back and drops into the sink. G represents a hinged rack which is intended to hold towels and like articles, and hinged to the back A at or about the top thereof. This rack is so arranged that when the rack B is in a folded state, (as in Fig. 2,) the former will catch over the free end of the latter and serve to hold it in said folded state. The device will be found to be simple, practical, and useful.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The dish-rack, consisting of the body B, with draining-bottom C, and hinged side and end pieces D, so constructed as to be folded in the manner described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. The arrangement, with the hinged dish-rack, of the hinged shelf E, adapted to be folded within said rack in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

3. The hinged towel-rack G, so arranged as to catch and hold the dish-rack when folded, substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above signed by me this 22d day of November, 1871.

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