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Improvement in Combined Kneeling-Stools and Book-Holders.

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Fig. 1.

Front View.

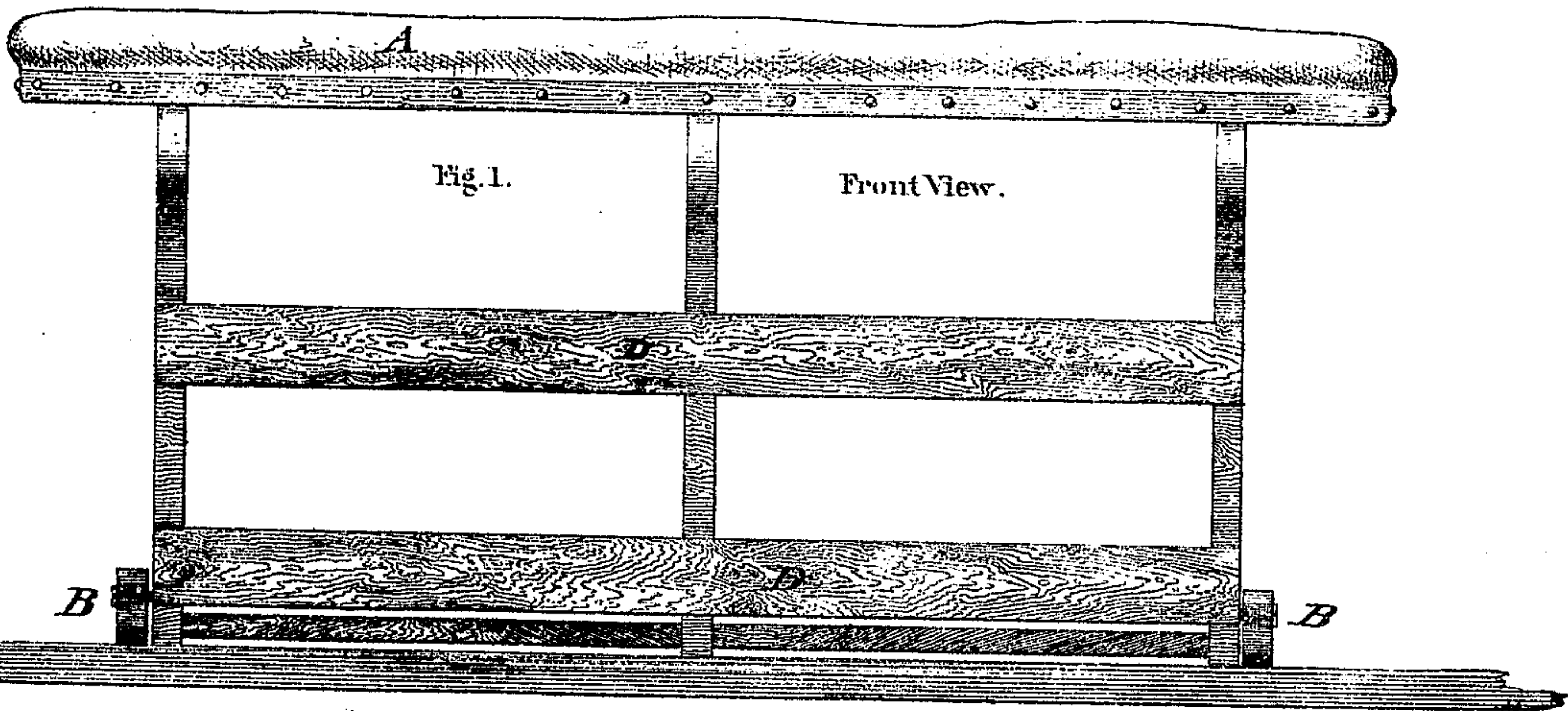


Fig. 2.

Perspective View.

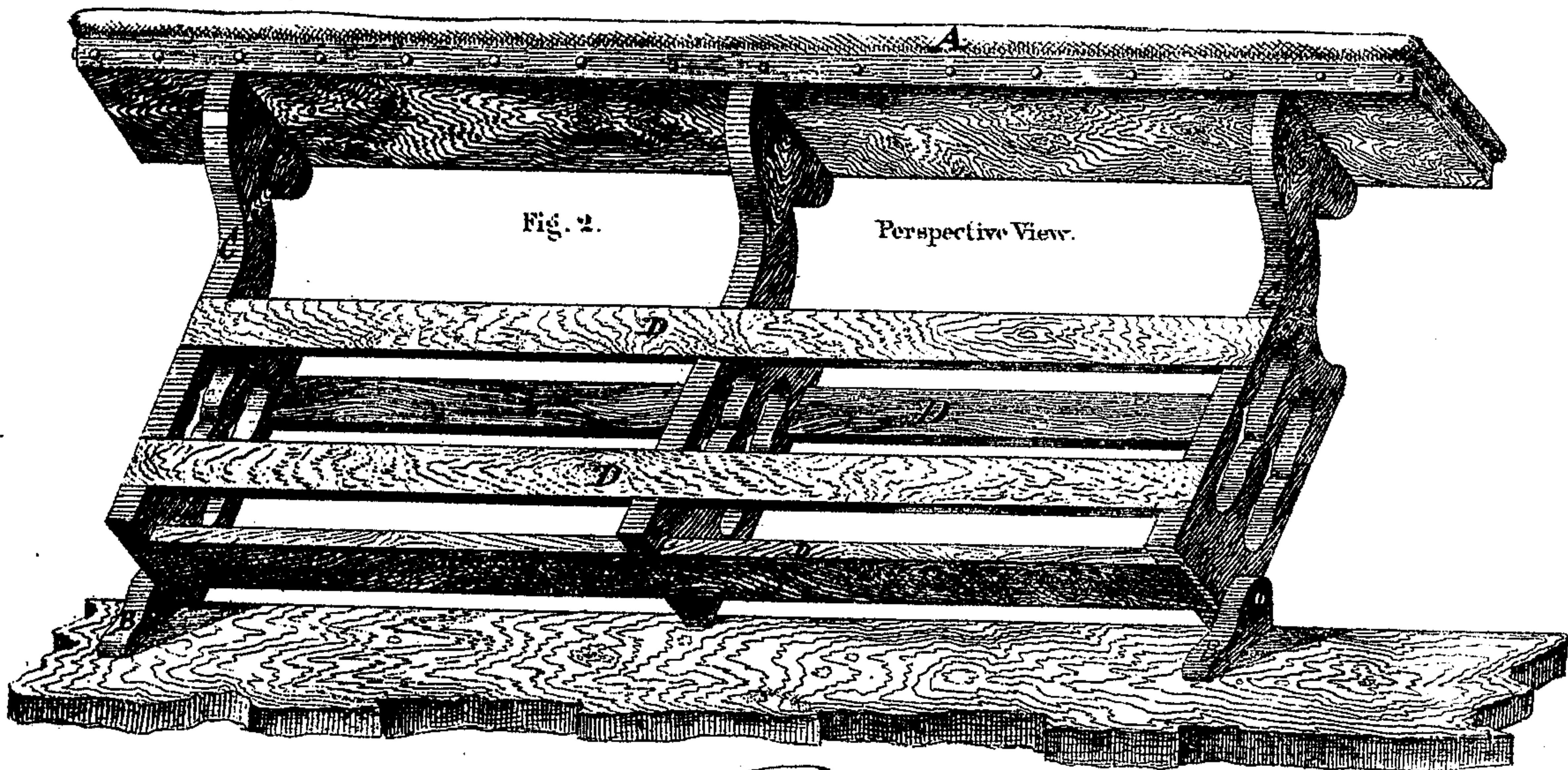
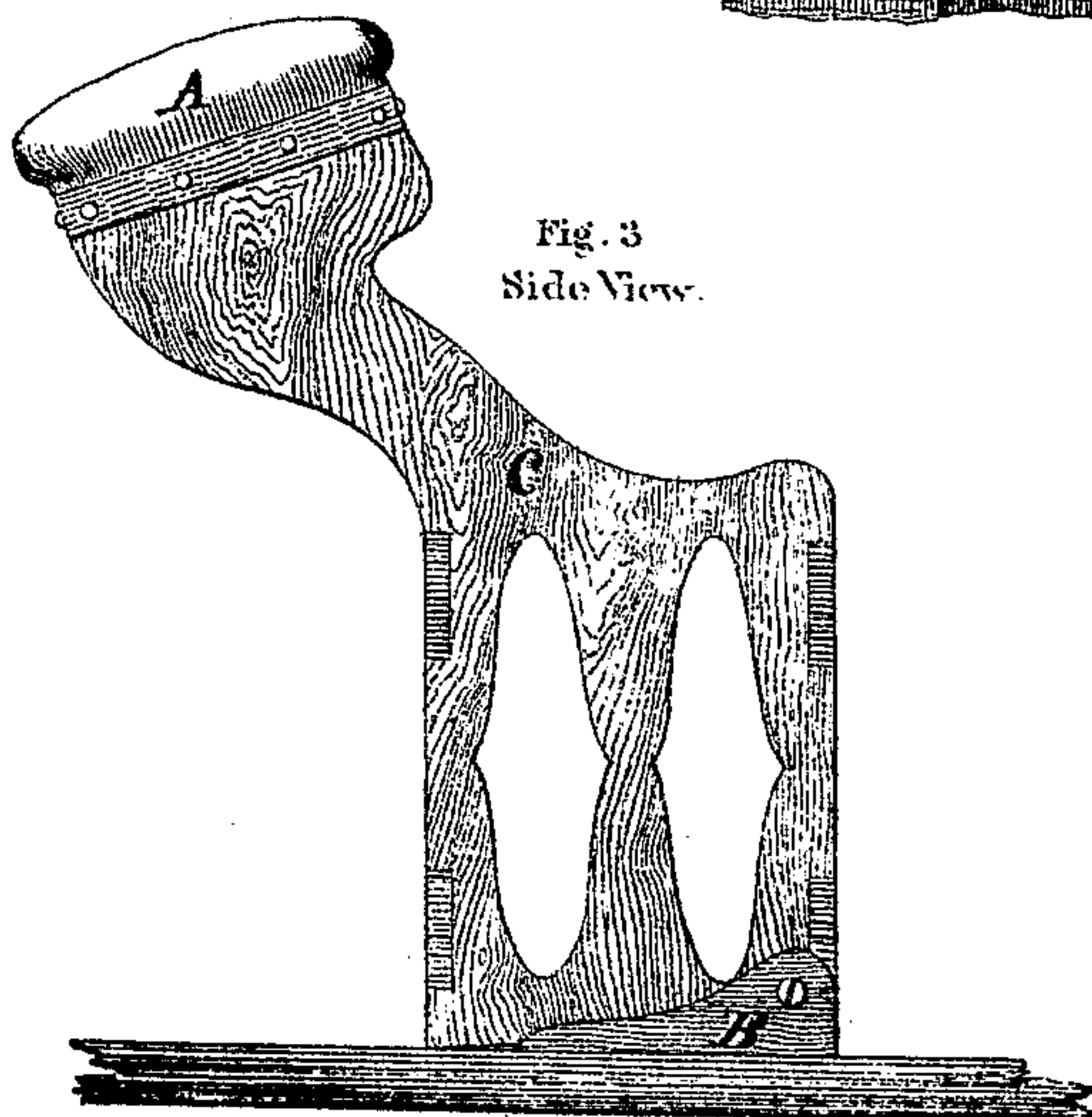


Fig. 3.
Side View.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED KNEELING-STOOLS AND BOOK-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 126,430, dated May 7, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WATSON, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a Combined Kneeling-Stool and Book-Holder, to be used in churches and all other houses of public worship; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the drawing accompanying the same.

Figure 1 of the drawing shows the stool resting in the pew as it would appear to one looking from a pew directly in the rear of the one in which the stool is placed.

A represents the cushion, which it is my purpose to make of hair stuffing or filling and to cover with carpeting. The ground-work or foundation on which the figures in the drawing rest is a representation of the floor of the pew. The small blocks B B, seen on the lower right and left hand corners and attached to the floor, are fitted each with a socket, in which turns a pivot, allowing the stool and holder to tip forward until it rests the cushion against and underneath the seat of the pew next in front, as appears more clearly by reference to Fig. 2 of the drawing. When so thrown forward, which can easily be done by a slight touch of the hand or foot, it will leave the pew entirely va-

cant, or, more properly, free of obstruction to one entering or leaving the pew. When seated in the pew the stool can be brought back to its place and will rest on the floor in the position seen in Fig. 1. The side or perpendicular pieces C C will be made in the shape as seen in Fig. 3. D D, the slats or horizontal bars, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. The book-holder is formed beneath the cushion of the stool by the inclosed space as seen in Fig. 2. The books are put into the space so formed for them over the cushion of the stool as it stands in Fig. 1, and as it is thrown forward, as seen in Fig. 2, the books rest in the holder and are kept in place should the angle in which the stool is thrown be such as to displace them by the back of the seat in front being close to and sufficiently covering the open space of the holder.

What I claim as my invention in kneeling-stools and book-racks is—

The combination of the cushion A, the pieces C C, and the slats D D, all pivoted to the blocks B B, as specified.

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