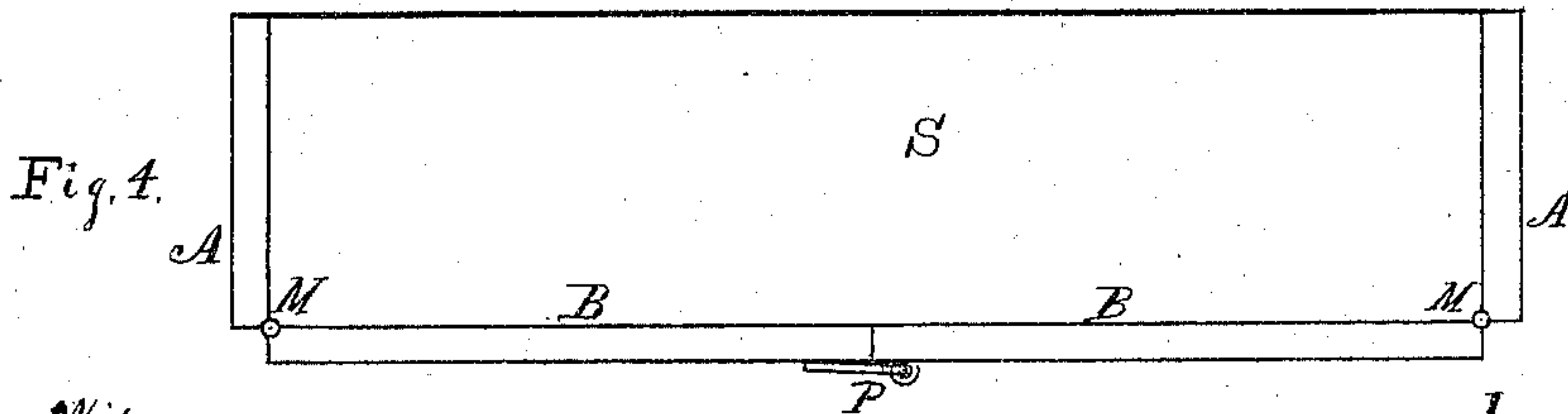
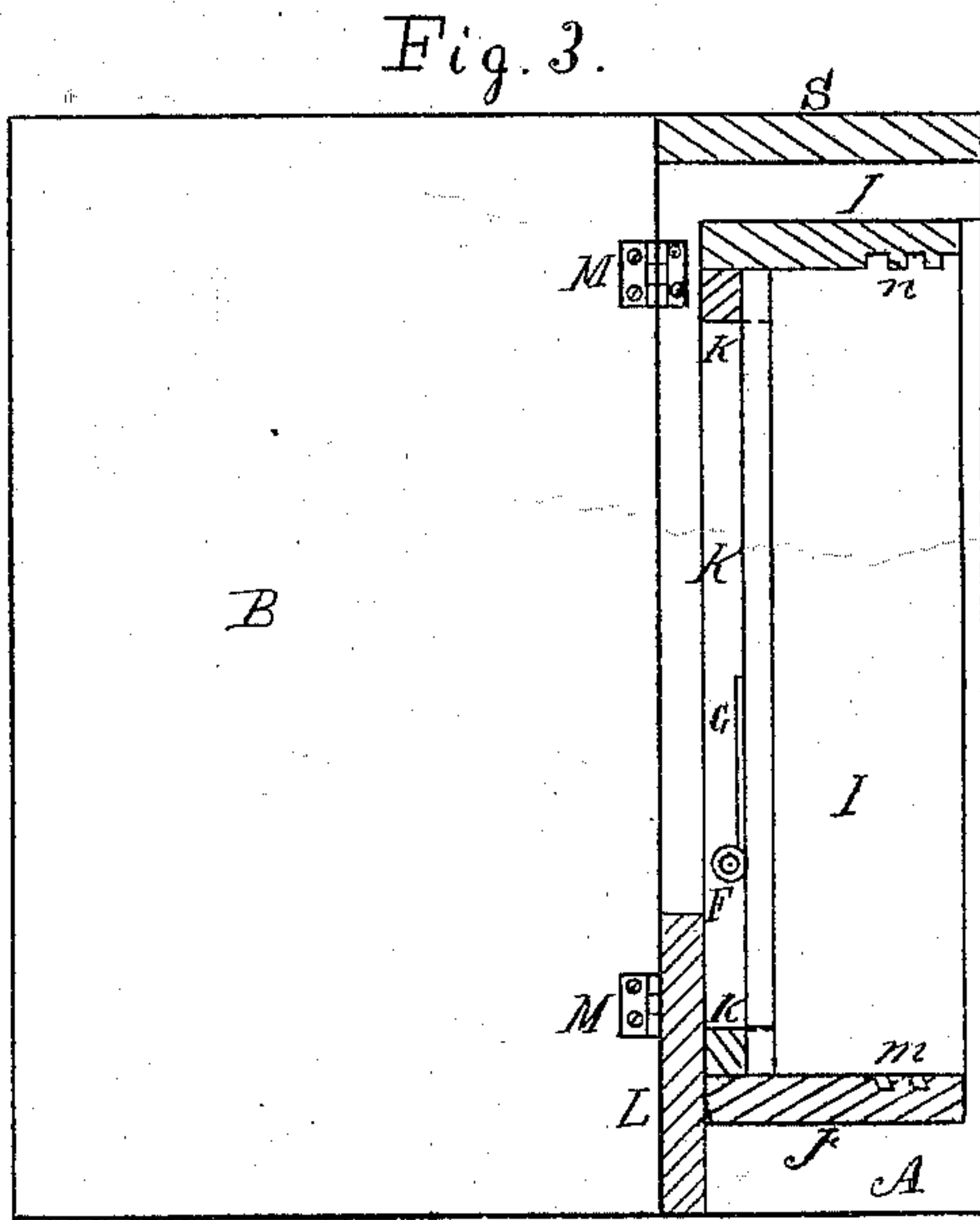
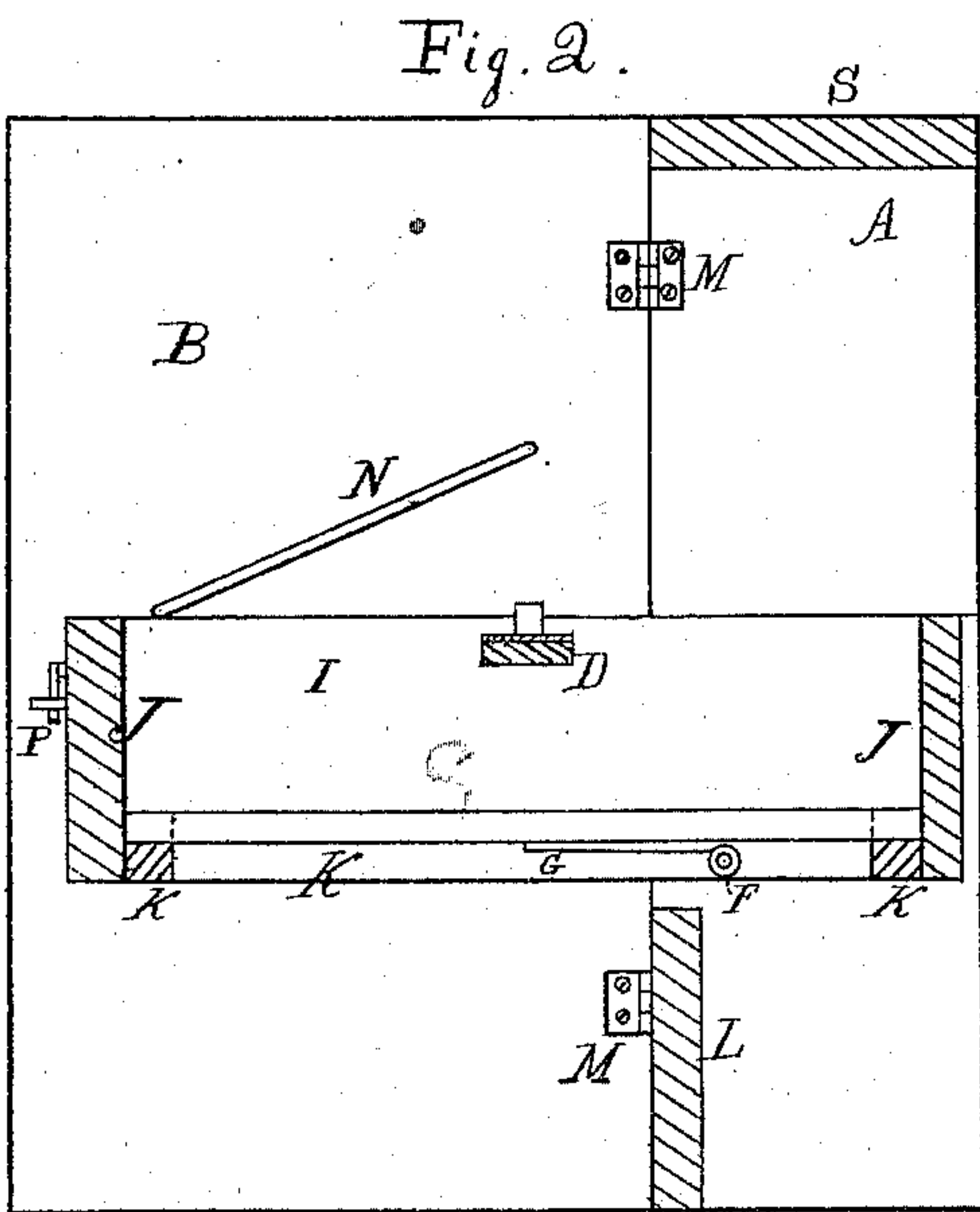
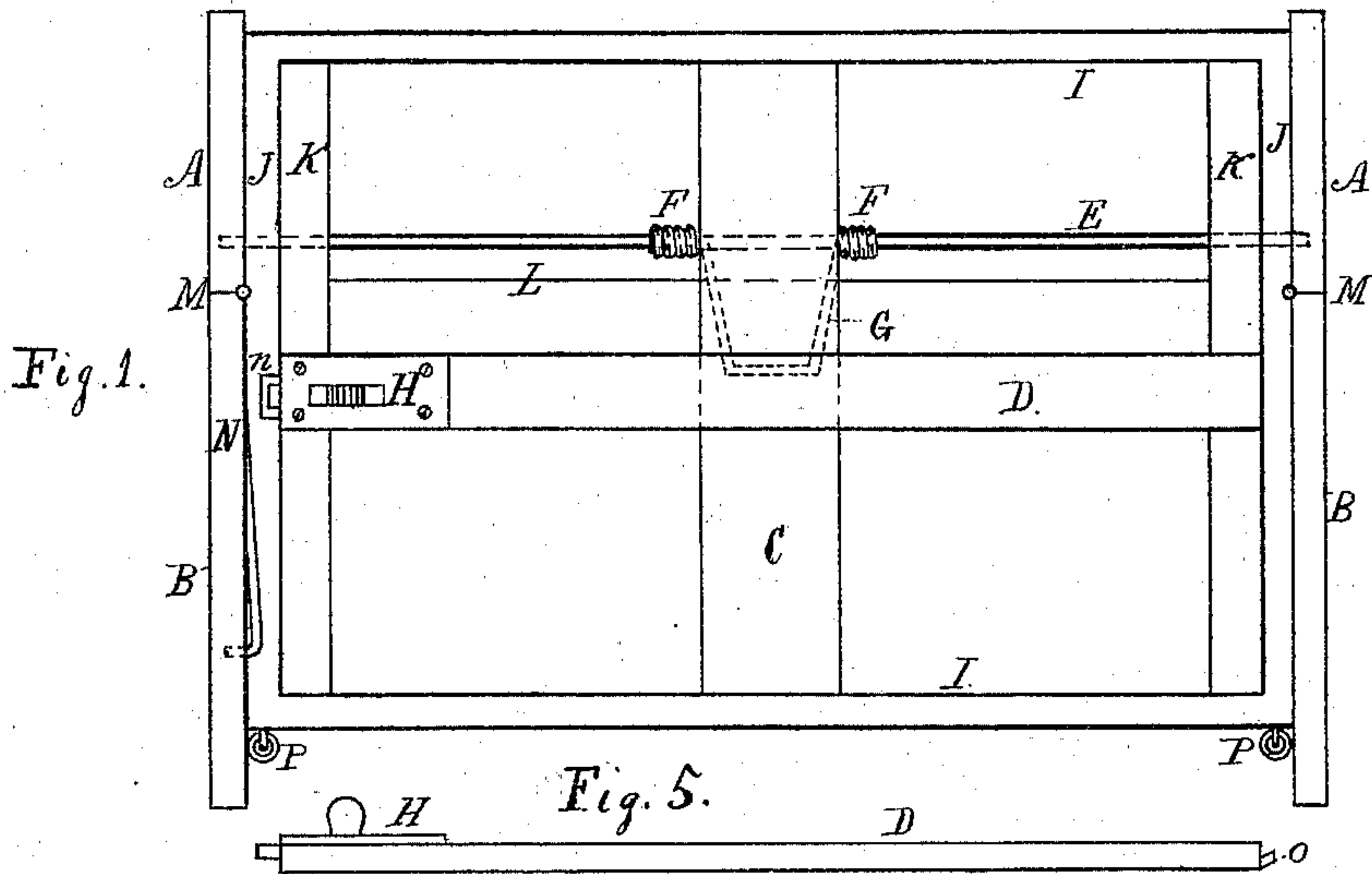


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB SMITH, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wardrobe-Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification:

The present invention relates to an improvement in wardrobe-bedsteads, which are provided with pivots for the bed-bottom to swing on; and its nature consists in the combination of a peculiarly-constructed holding-slat with the folding-case, a pivot-rod, elevating-spring, a slat on which the spring operates, a skirting for preventing the folding part from turning back too far, and with the bed-bottom and suitable fastenings.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a top or plan view of my improvement with the top of cabinet removed. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation with the bed-bottom in position for use. Fig. 3, a sectional elevation, showing the bottom folded up with doors of the case open. Fig. 4 shows the top of the case closed. Fig. 5 shows a side view of the fastening-slat.

A represents the ends, S the top, and B the doors, of the cabinet, the end pieces A being a little wider than the bed-bottom is thick, so that the latter can be readily folded inside. The ends and sides of the bed-bottom are shown at J I, and the cleats or strips for supporting the bed-springs are shown at K, said cleats being put either across the ends of the bottom or on the rails or bolts, as may be required. The bottom is hung on a longitudinal rod, E, which is made fast in the end pieces A, and passes through the ends of the bottom. This rod is provided with a looped coil spring, F, which is extended forward, as shown at dotted lines G, Fig. 1, and also in Figs. 2, 3, for the purpose of pressing upward on a cross-slat, C, and assisting in elevating the bed-bottom, as shown in Fig. 3, thereby materially

lessening the labor required to close the cabinet. This cross-slat is rigidly fastened to the rails of the bottom, at such a distance from the top as not to be in the way of bedding. To hold the bottom in place when in position for use its front side is fastened by hooks and eyes P, or other suitable fastenings; and to prevent the bottom from tipping backward when weight is placed on its back edge a spring, N, is fastened to one of the doors B to serve as a catch. In this construction the doors serve both the purpose of closing the cabinet and supporting the bottom. The slat which holds the bedding in the bottom consists of a thin piece of wood, D, one end, O, of which is formed to fit into notches *m*, and the other end is provided with a bolt, H, which may be pushed into notches *n*. The doors B are hung to the end pieces A by hinges M, and fastened when closed by means of a suitable catch, P, double folding-doors being used when the bed is very large. The means for preventing the bottom from folding back too far consists of a skirting, L, placed longitudinally between the ends A A, the lower end of the bottom striking against it, as shown in Fig. 3.

I have, in the foregoing description, set forth the complete bedstead; but I limit myself to the following claim:

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the fastening-slat D, constructed as described, with the folding-case S A B, rod E, spring F G, cross-slat C, skirting L, fastening N, and bottom I J, as and for the purpose specified.

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