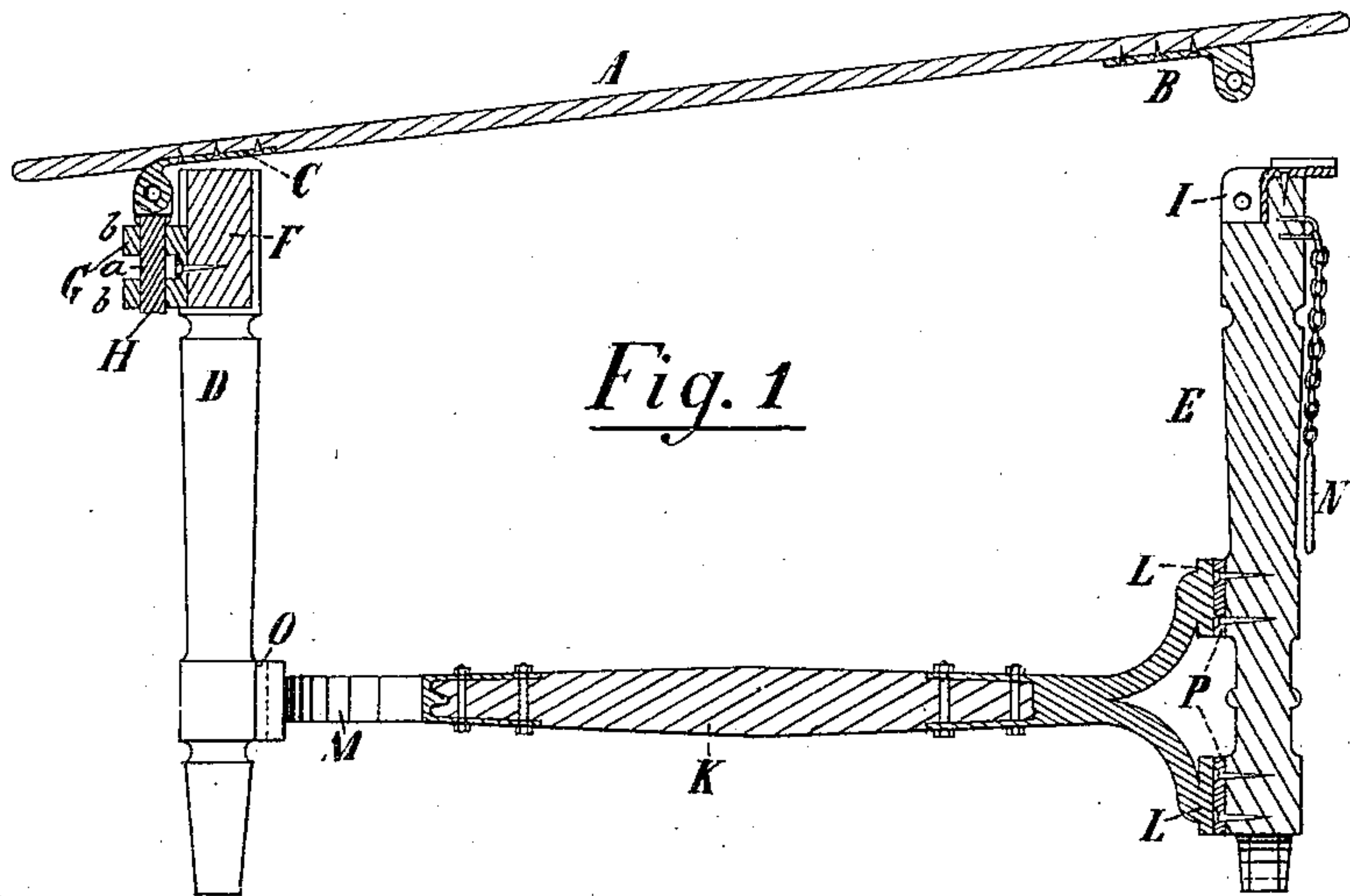


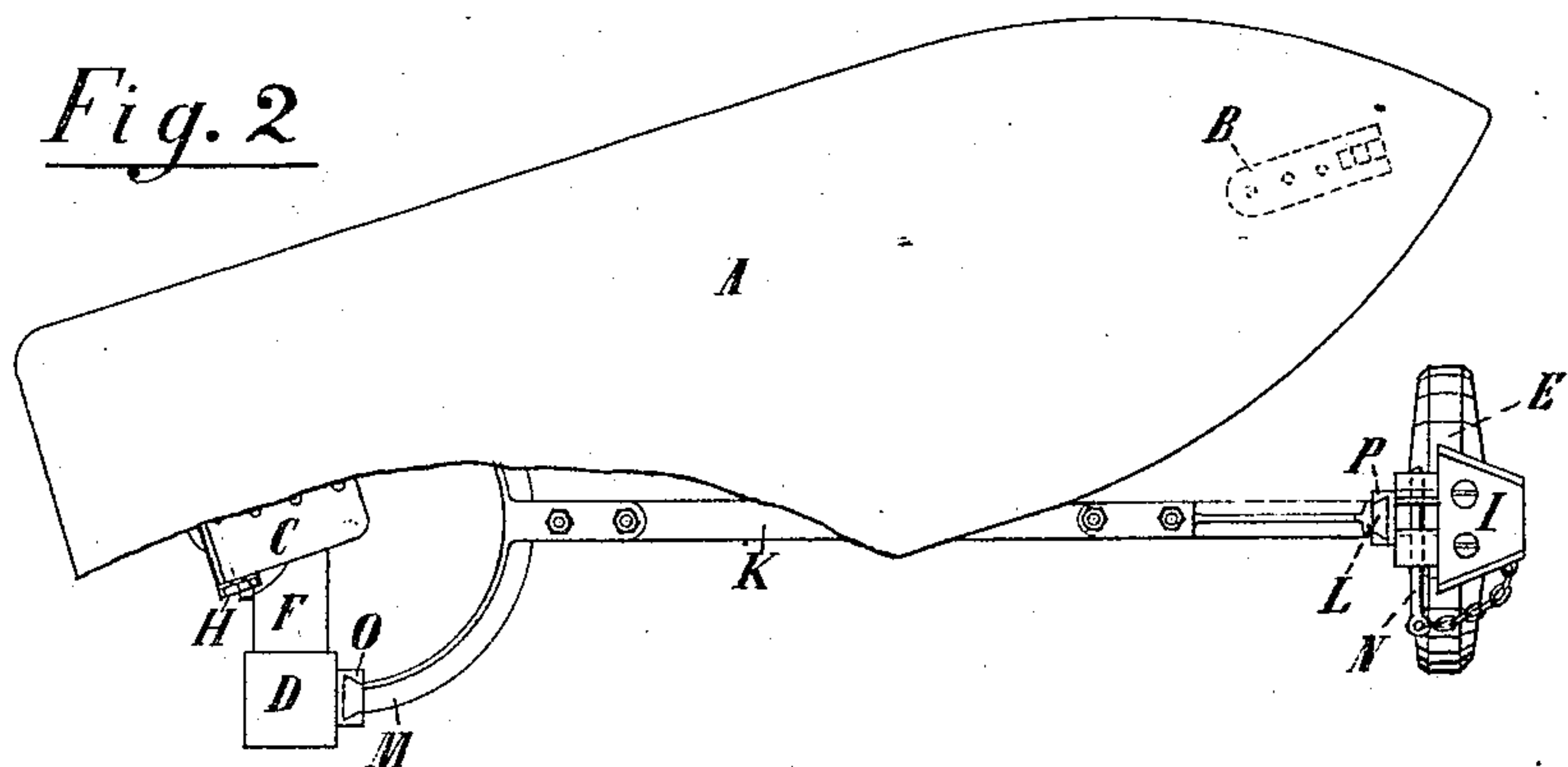
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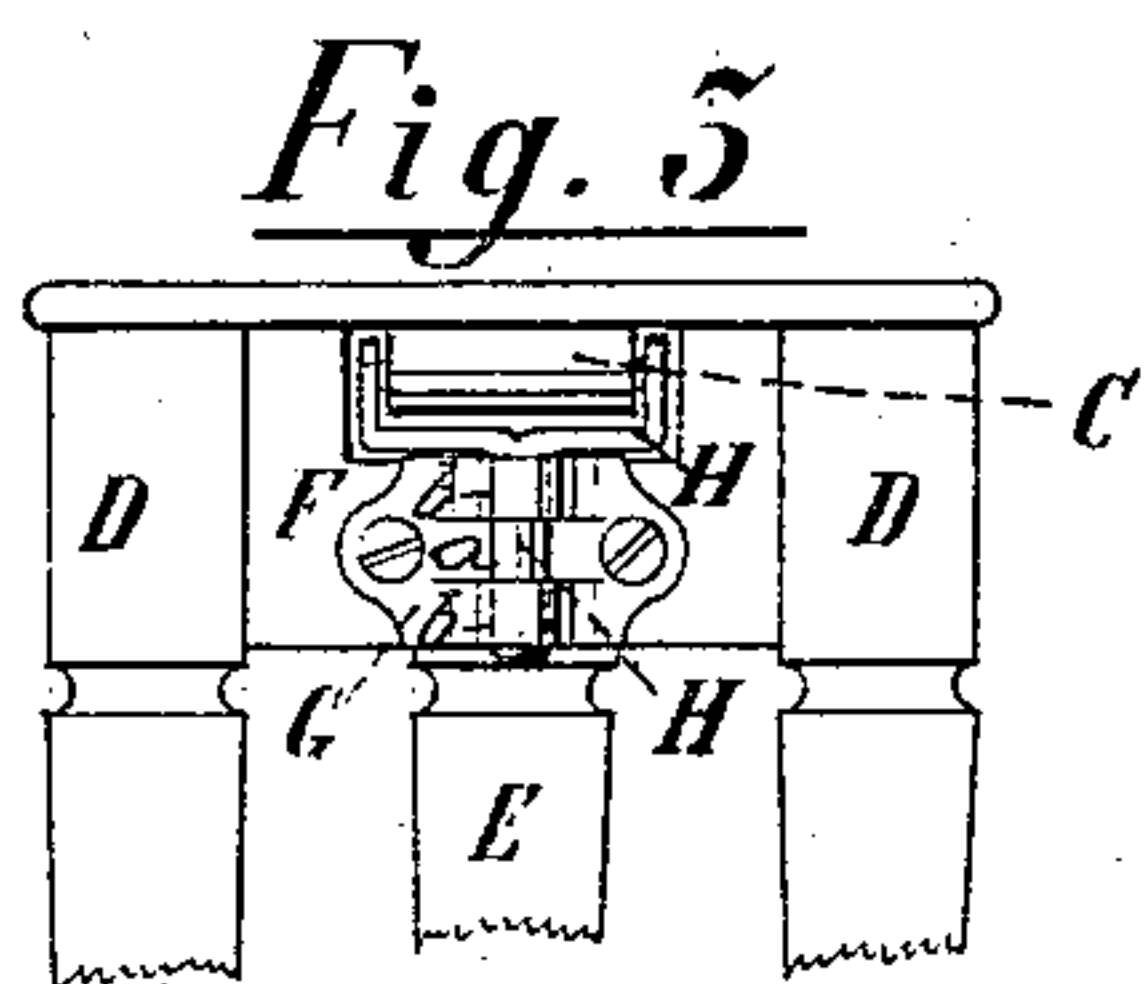
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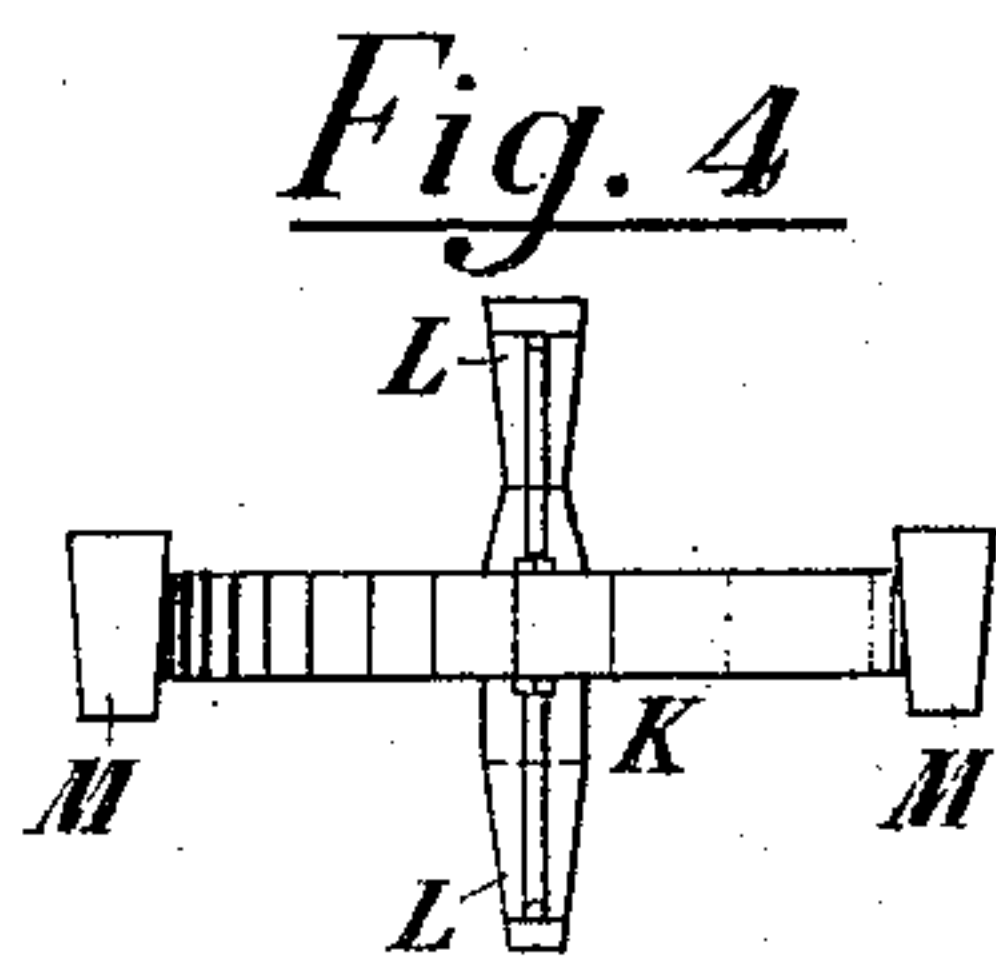
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, VOLNEY B. ST. JOHN and MICHAEL M. BRUNNER, of Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and act description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of our invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an ironing-table, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which forms a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of our ironing-table. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof, showing the table top turned a little to one side; and Figs. 3 and 4 are detached views of certain parts thereof.

A represents the table top constructed in any suitable form for the purpose for which it is intended, and of any desired dimensions. This table top is supported upon three legs, D, D, and E, the two legs D D being connected at the top by means of a cross-bar, F, and the leg E connected to the legs D D by a brace, K. The brace K is at one end formed or provided with two branches or prongs, L L, standing one above the other, as shown in Fig. 1, and the ends thereof formed dovetailed and wedge-shaped, to be inserted in corresponding dovetailed and tapering boxes P P secured to the leg E. The other end of the brace K is formed or provided with similar branches or prongs M M, which, however, stand horizontal, and are inserted in corresponding boxes O O secured on the legs D D. Near the rear end, on the under side of the top A, is secured the part C of a hinge, which is made somewhat similar in form to one leaf of a strap-hinge. This is pivoted in an angu-

lar bar, H, which forms the other part of the hinge, and is provided with a shank or stem, *a*. This stem is inserted vertically through eyes *b b* formed on a plate, G, which is secured to the bar F, as shown in Fig. 3. By this construction of the hinge C H G, the top A cannot only be raised, but may also be turned to either side, so that skirts or other similar articles can be readily put on and taken off the table. The lower end of the stem *a* of the hinge is swaged or otherwise enlarged or fastened, so that it cannot be lifted out of the eyes *b b*, and hence when the table top is swung around to either side it will be self-sustaining in that position. When ready for use the front end of the table top is held to the leg E by an ear, B, on the under side of the table top entering a slotted plate, I, on the upper end of the leg, and a pin, N, passing through them. This forms a firm and substantial ironing-table, which can be folded and put away when not in use by lifting the brace K out of its place, when the leg E will turn on the pin N as on a pivot or hinge and fold under the top, and the legs D D swung around and also folded thereunder.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The brace K, provided with the prongs L L and M M, constructed as described, in combination with the legs D D and E, provided, respectively, with the boxes O O and P P, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The combination, with the table top A and frame D F, of the hinge formed of the part C, angular bar H with stem *a*, and the plate G with loops *b b*, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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