

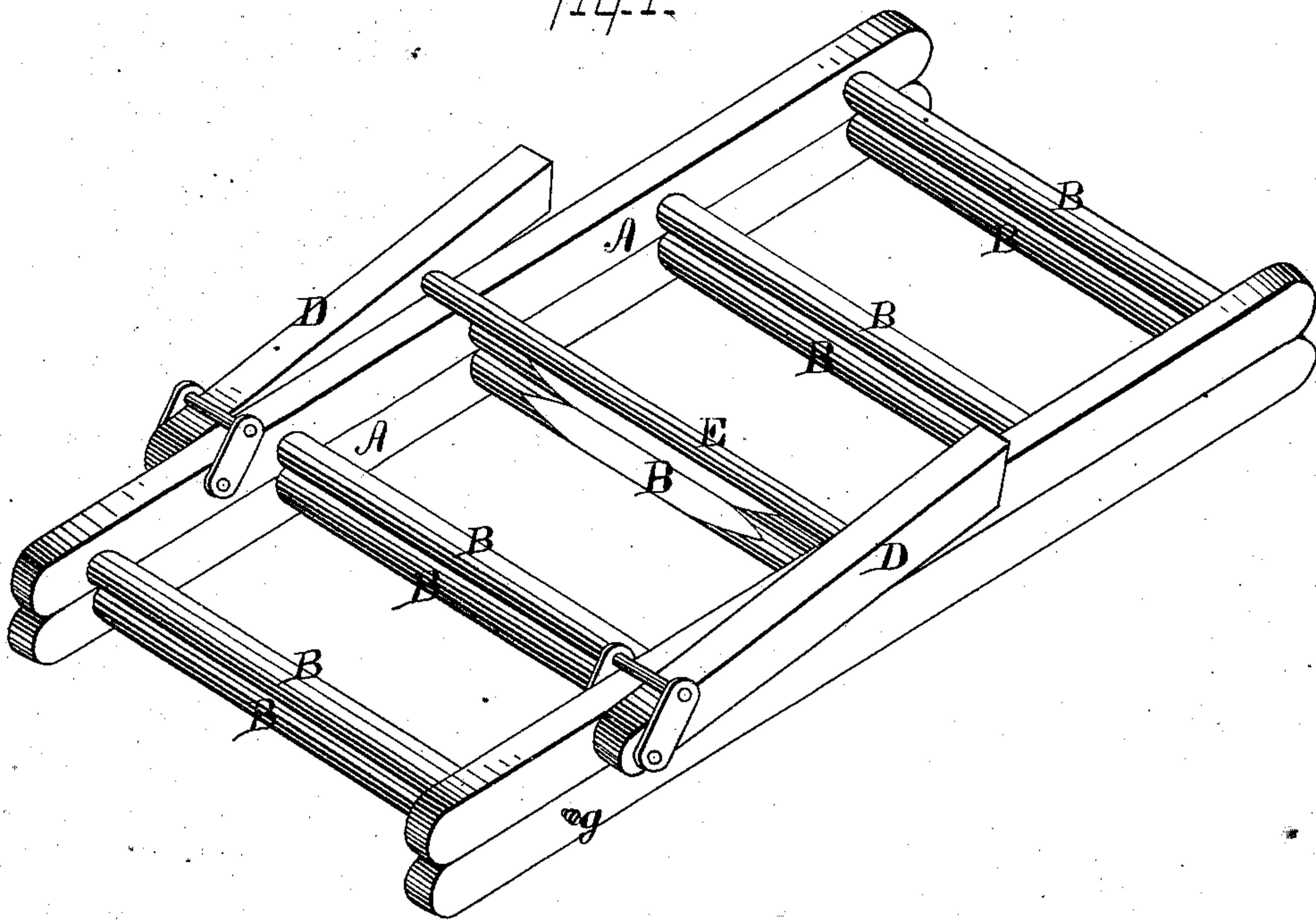
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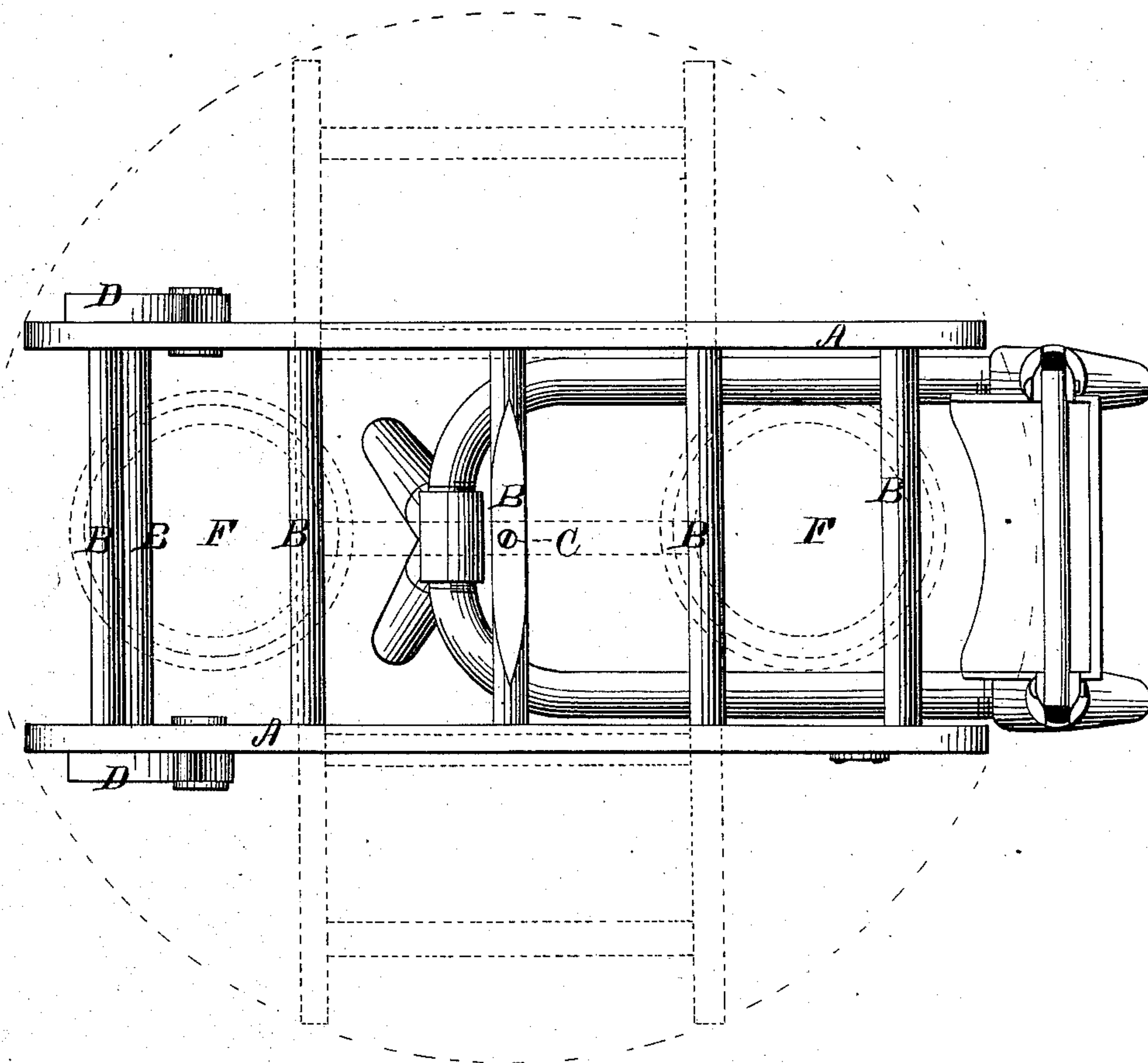
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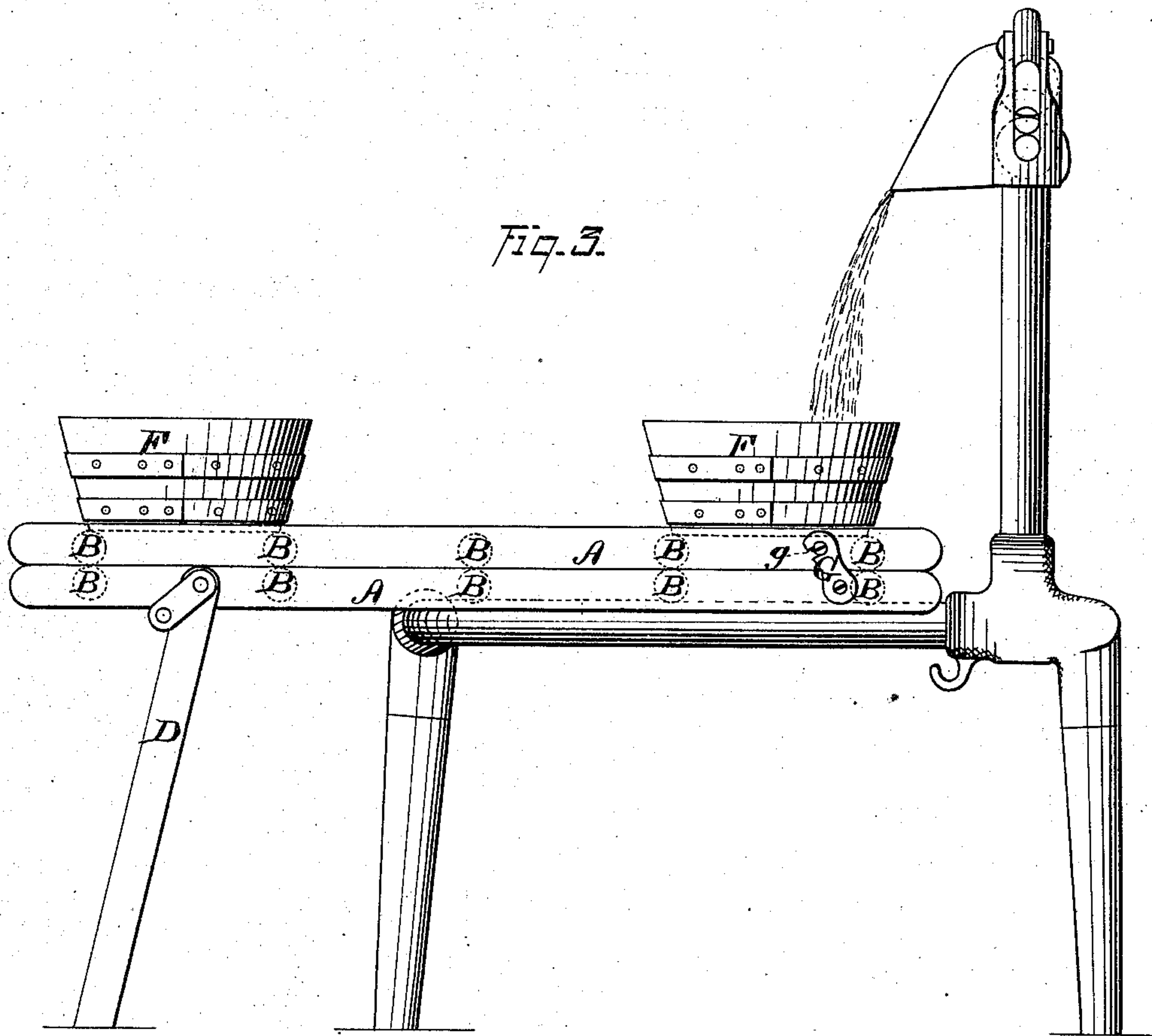
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IMPROVEMENT IN WASH-BENCHES.

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CASE B.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANCIS WAY and MARTIN WAY, of Springfield, in the county of Clarke and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Benches; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved device as arranged for storage. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the upper side of the same as arranged for use; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of said device, as shown in Fig. 2.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The design of our invention is to lessen the labor required for washing and wringing clothing; to which end it consists in a wash-bench pivoted centrally, and capable of rotation in a horizontal plane upon and around its pivotal bearing, so as to enable the reversal of the positions of its ends, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawings, A and A represent two rails arranged in parallel lines, and connected together by means of a number of cross-bars, B B, &c., which extend between and are secured to said parts. A second frame, constructed precisely like that described, is placed upon the latter, and pivoted thereto by means of a bolt, C, which passes vertically through the longitudinal centers of their center cross-bars B and B, and serves as an axial bearing for, and around which said upper frame revolves in a horizontal plane. Near one end of the lower frame is hinged a pair of legs D and D, which are connected together by means of a cross-bar, E, and, when not in

use, may be folded against said frame, as seen in Fig. 1.

The device thus constructed, being placed with one end resting upon any suitable support, and its opposite end sustained by the legs D and D, is ready for use as a support for tubs, one of which, F, may be placed upon each side of its center. When one tub has been used, and it is desired that the other tub should be moved to the wringer, the upper frame is rotated horizontally upon its bearings, and without labor the positions of said tubs are reversed.

When not necessary to turn the upper frame, it may be locked in place by means of a hook, G, pivoted upon the outer face of one of the side rails A of the lower frame, and engaging with a stud or staple, g, upon the corresponding rail of said upper frame.

The device thus constructed enables tubs of water to be handled (when once placed upon the bench) with great ease, and materially lessens the labor usually required for the performance of such work.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of our invention, what we claim as new is—

A wash-bench, pivoted centrally, and capable of rotation in a horizontal plane upon and around its pivotal bearing, so as to enable the relative positions of its ends to be reversed, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 15th day of February, 1875.

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