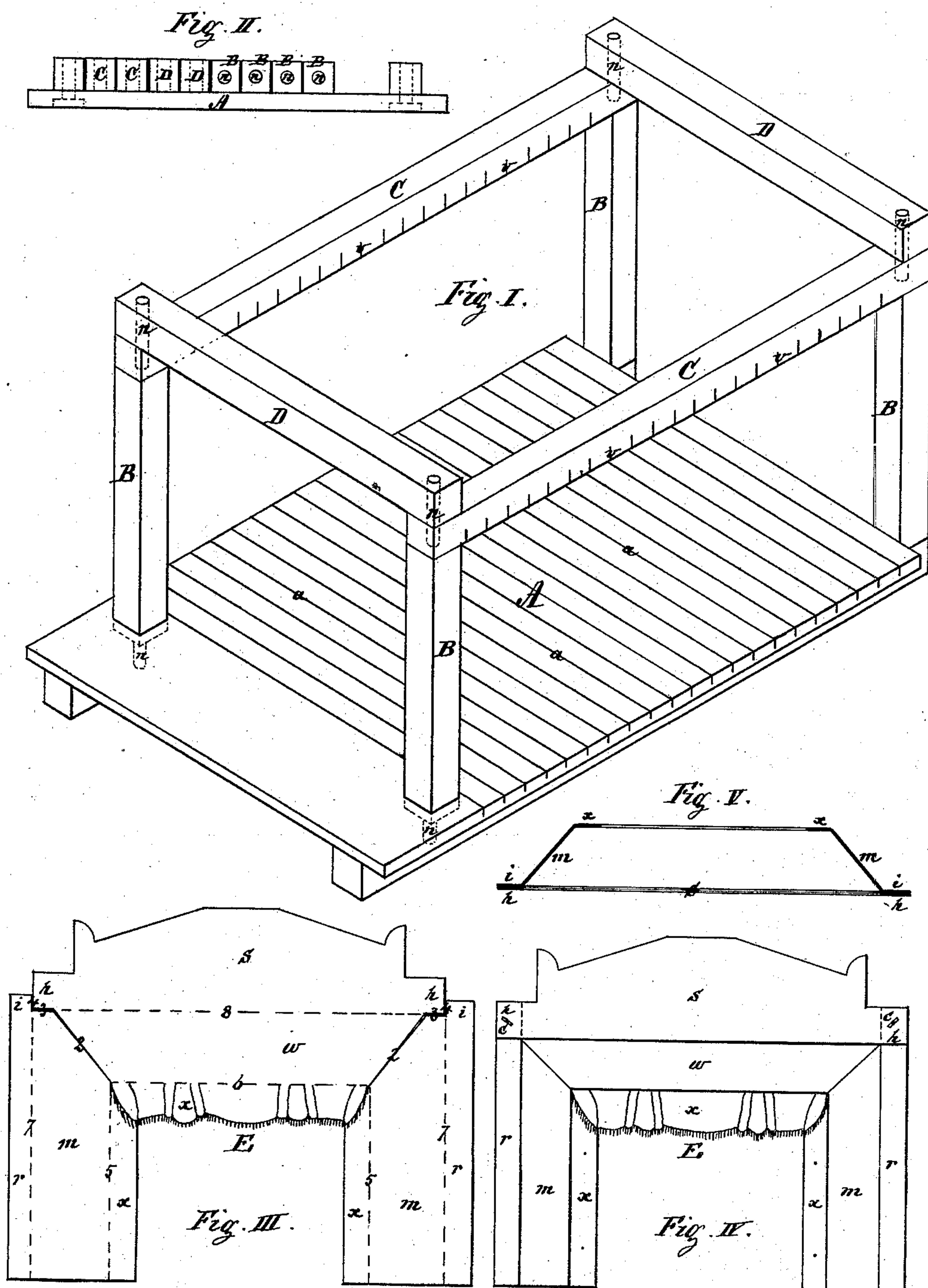


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. SCOTT, of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding or Sectional Toy Theaters, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The object of my invention is to construct and arrange the several parts forming the frame or body of the stage so that the same are easily taken apart for the purpose of packing them into a small compass for transportation or storage.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure I represents a perspective view of my improved stage. Fig. II is an end view of the same packed together for transportation. Fig. III is a front view of the front or proscenium scene attached to the stage, shown as printed and cut. Fig. IV is a front view of the same as folded and fastened together. Fig. V is a cross-section of Fig. IV.

A represents the board or bottom plate of the stage, provided with suitable grooves *a a* to insert and move the scenery and acting figures. B B are upright posts, provided with studs *n n* at top and bottom. The bottom studs are inserted into suitable holes made in the bottom plate, and upon the top studs the side pieces C C are fixed, as well as the cross-ties D D. The side pieces are provided with grooves *v v*, corresponding with the grooves *a a* in the bottom plate A, to guide the top of the side scenes.

This arrangement of the parts forming the stage enables the same to be easily put together or to be taken apart and packed, as shown in Fig. II, in a very small compass when required to be stored away or transported.

The proscenium scene E is printed on paper or other suitable material, as shown in Fig. III. The same is then cut, as shown at 2, 3, and 4, and creased at the dotted lines 5, 6, 7, and 8, so that by bending the surfaces *m w* the surfaces *r r s* are brought forward of the surfaces *x x x*, as shown in Figs. IV and V. By this bending of the same the projections *i* on the upper end of the surfaces *r* come behind the end projections *h* of the surface *s*, and are then fastened to the same by means of metal tags *c*, (see Fig. IV,) and are thus easily taken apart when desired to be packed.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The framing of a toy theater, consisting of the bottom plate A, having grooves *a*, upright posts B, side pieces C, having grooves *v*, and cross-pieces D, constructed and combined in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described.

2. The proscenium scene E, having cuts 2 3 4, bent and fastened together through metal tags *c*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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