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Folding Bracket Chair.

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Fig: 1.

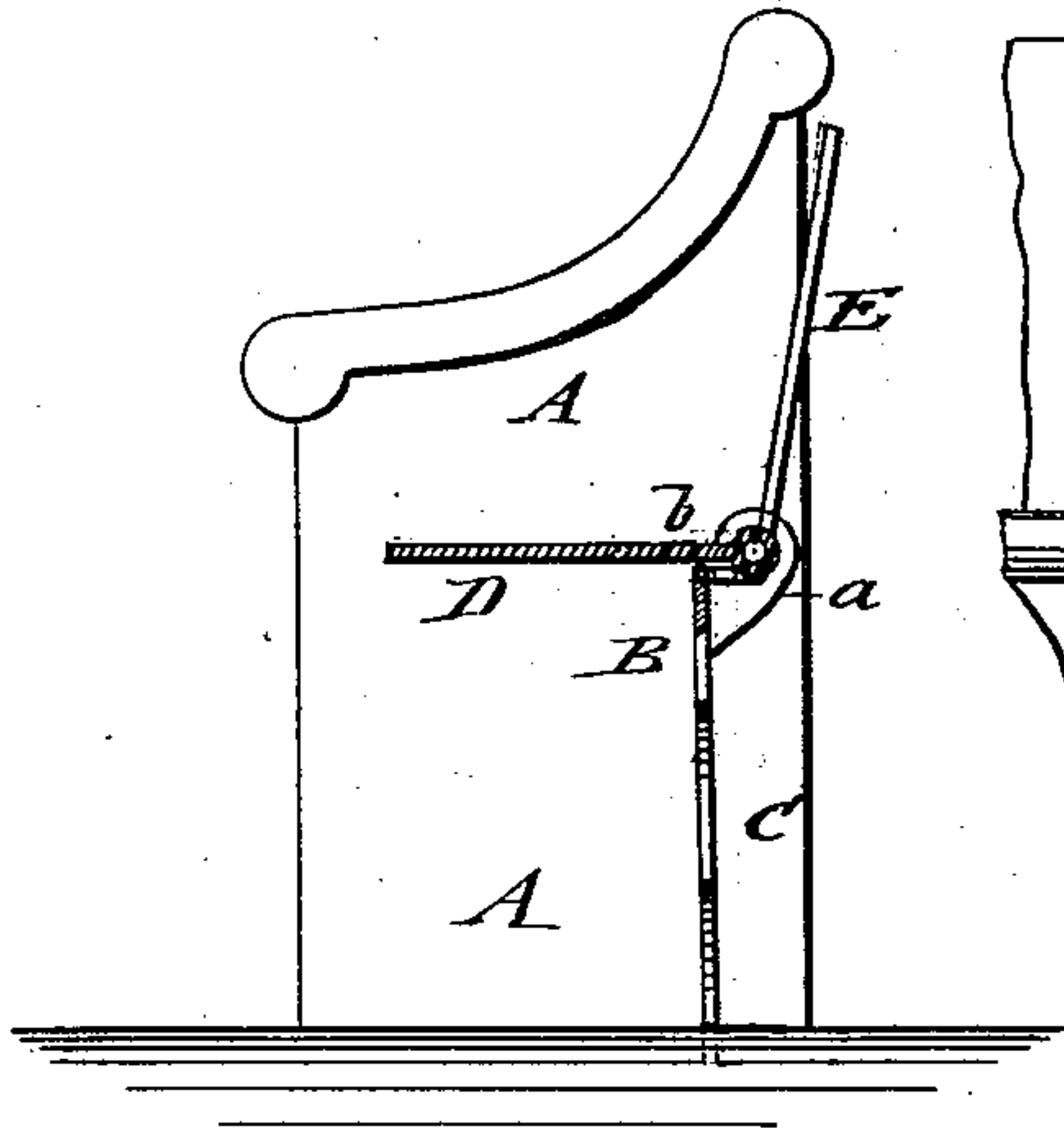


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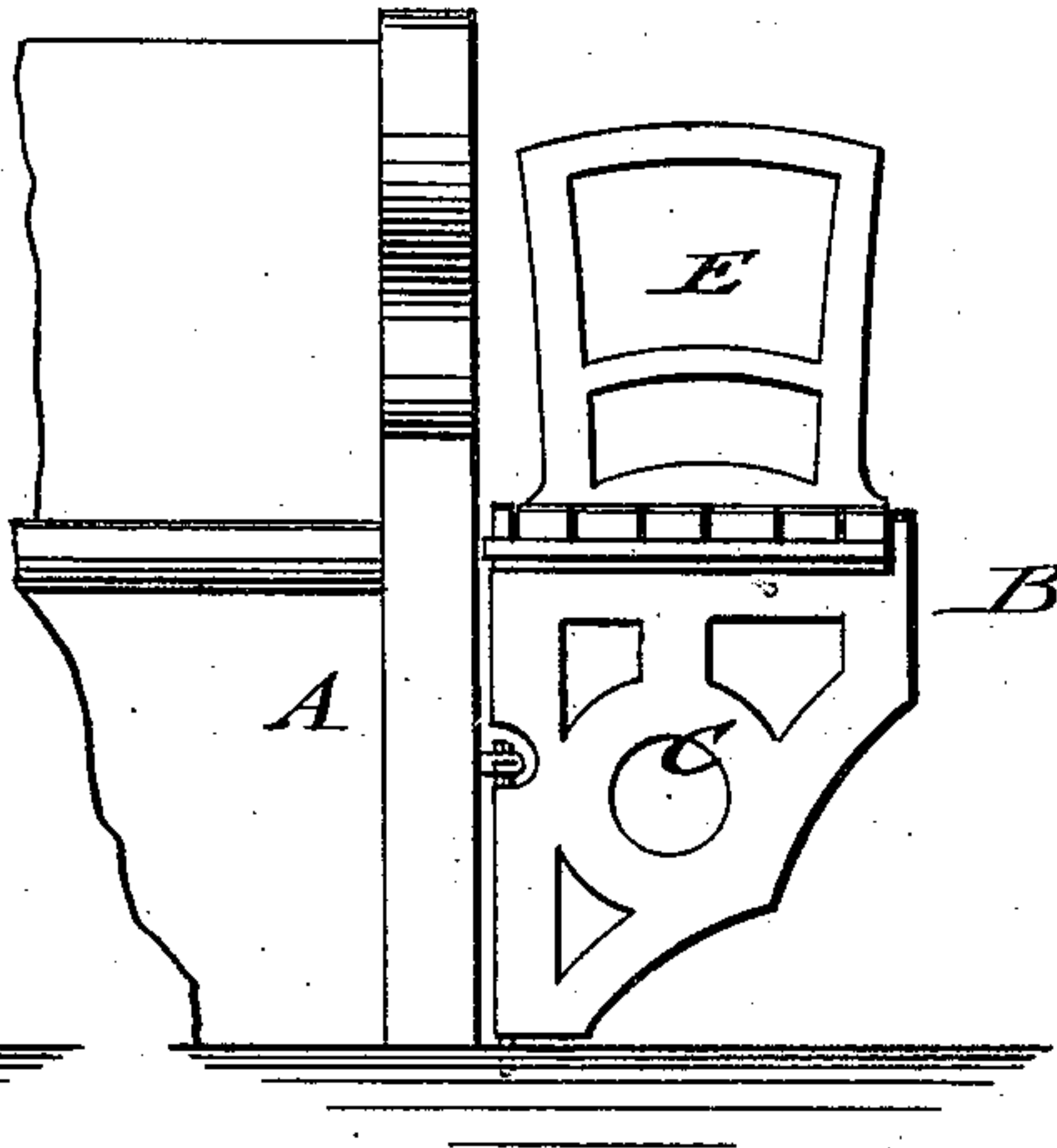


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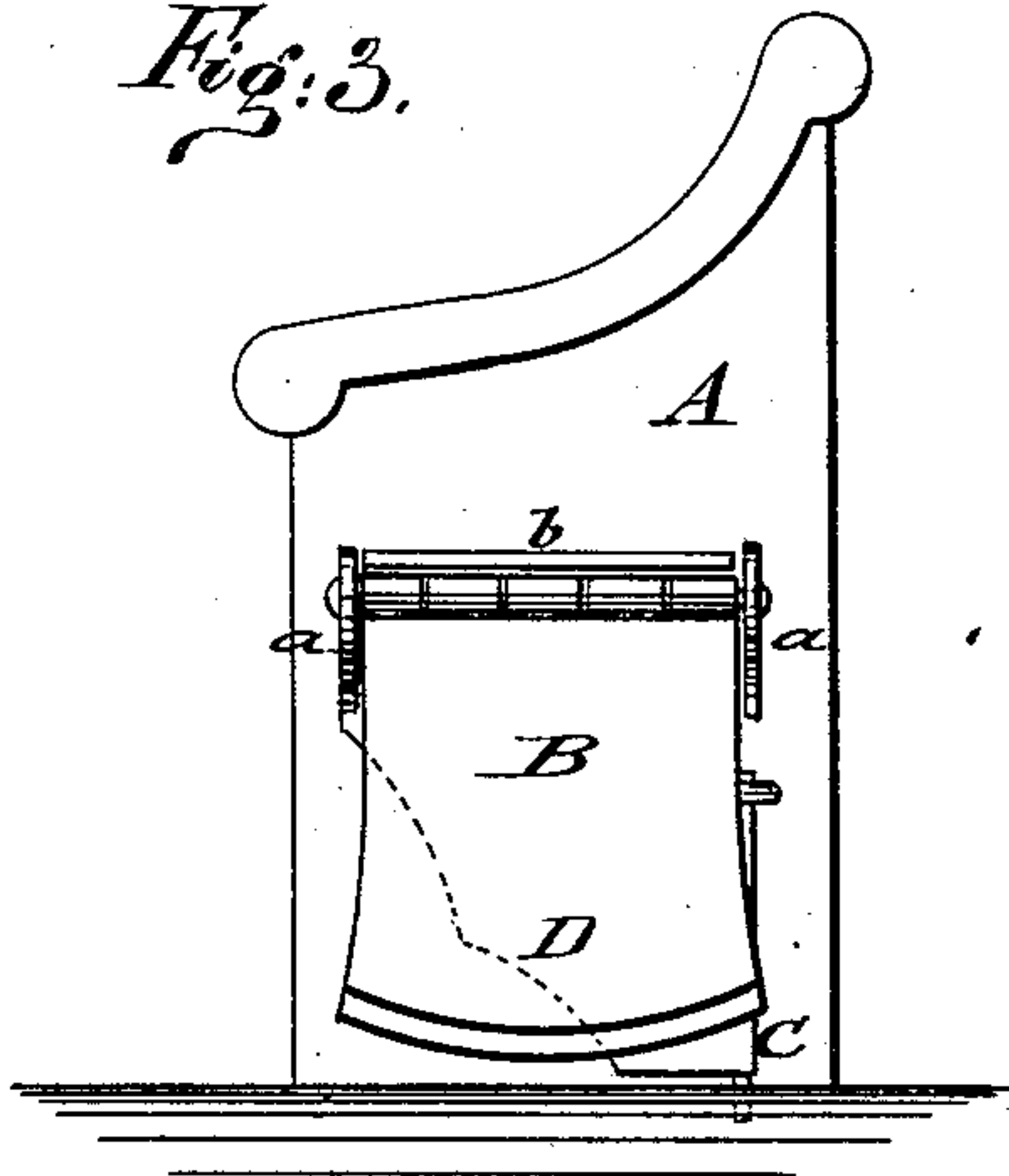
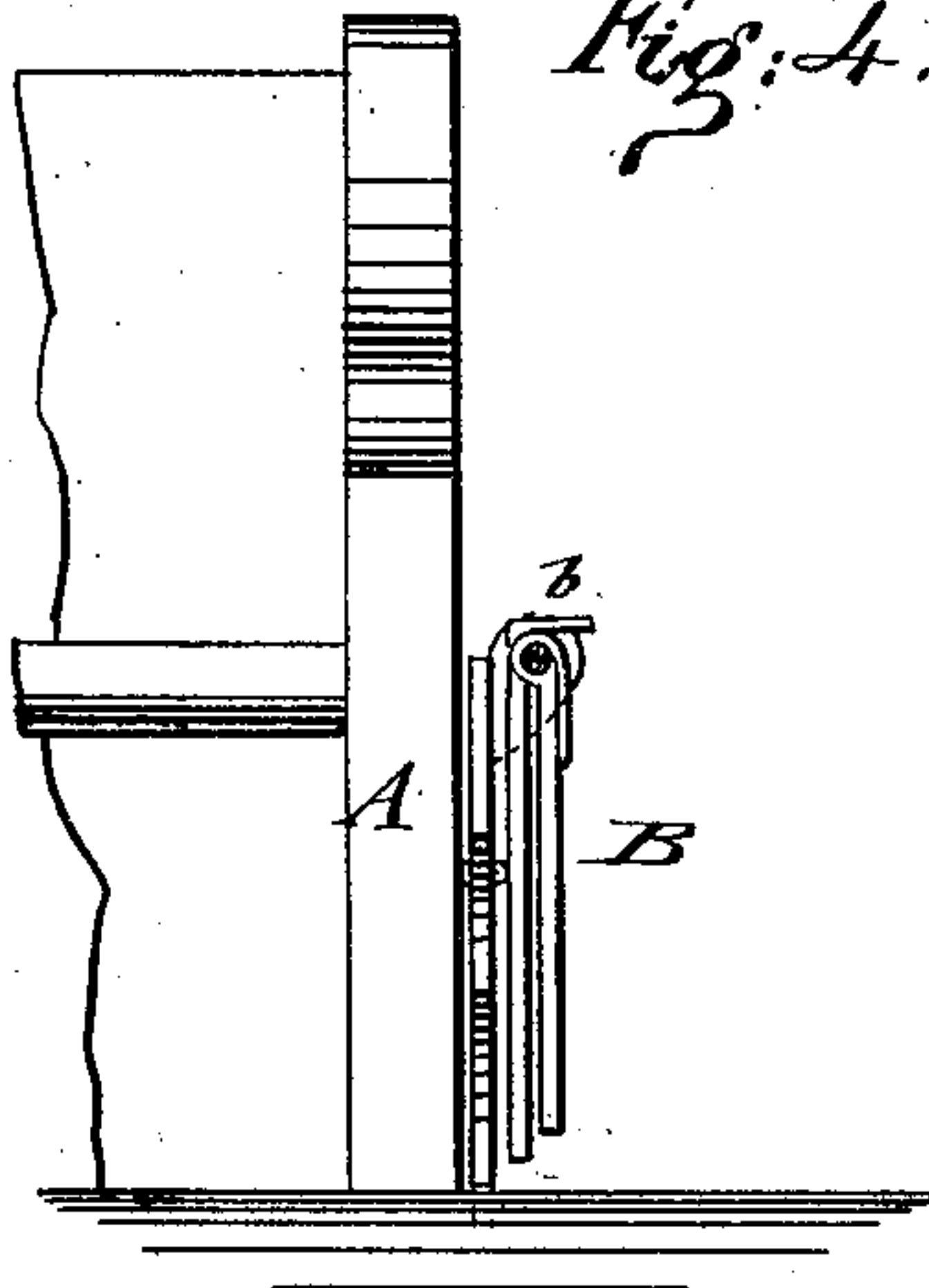


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING BRACKET-CHAIRS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER A. BREWSTER, of Woodbury, in the county of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Folding Bracket-Chair, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a sectional side view of a pew with my improved bracket-chair attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same with bracket-chair shown in position for use; and Figs. 3 and 4 are, respectively, side and front views of pew and bracket-chair, the latter being shown folded up.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention is designed to furnish for churches, theaters, concert-halls, and other public places an improved folding bracket-chair, that is attached to the ends of the pews and benches, for the purpose of making the unoccupied space in the aisles available when the church, theater, or other place is crowded.

The invention consists of a folding chair made of a bracket-section, hung by pivots to sockets of the end walls of the pew or seat, and carrying a pivoted seat with hinged back-section, the seat turning on ears of the bracket, and resting thereon, while the back bears, by a supporting-flange, on the under side of the seat.

In the drawings, A represents the aisle-wall or standard of a church pew, bench, or row of seats; and B, a folding chair, that is applied to the end wall by a pivoted bracket-plate, C, which swings in a bottom socket and in a staple of the end wall. The bracket C has projecting ears *a* near the upper end, to which is pivoted the seat-section D, so as to be supported by the top edge of the bracket when thrown in horizontal position for use. The

back E is hinged to the seat, and retained thereon by a flange, *b*, that extends below the seat at such an angle that the proper inclination is given to the back.

When the bracket is thrown out at right angles to the end wall or standard of the pew, and the seat and back thrown, respectively, into horizontal and backward inclined position, the chair is available for occupation, admitting thereby the convenient utilization of the space in the aisle when the church or other place is crowded.

By folding the back down on the seat, swinging seat and back down on the bracket between the ears, and folding the bracket with seat and back up against the end wall, the chair is entirely out of the way, so as not to obstruct the aisle in the least.

If desired, the end wall may be provided with a recess for the folding chair.

It may be instantly arranged for occupation, and folded up again after use, so as to form a neat and advantageous device for public halls and churches, as the aisles may at any moment be made available for seats without any annoyance to the public.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with standard A, of the bracket C, swinging in bottom socket, the seat D, pivoted in ears of said bracket, to rest on its top edge, and the flanged back E, hinged to seat, as shown and described, so that by a single motion of the hand the bracket-chair may be folded or unfolded.

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