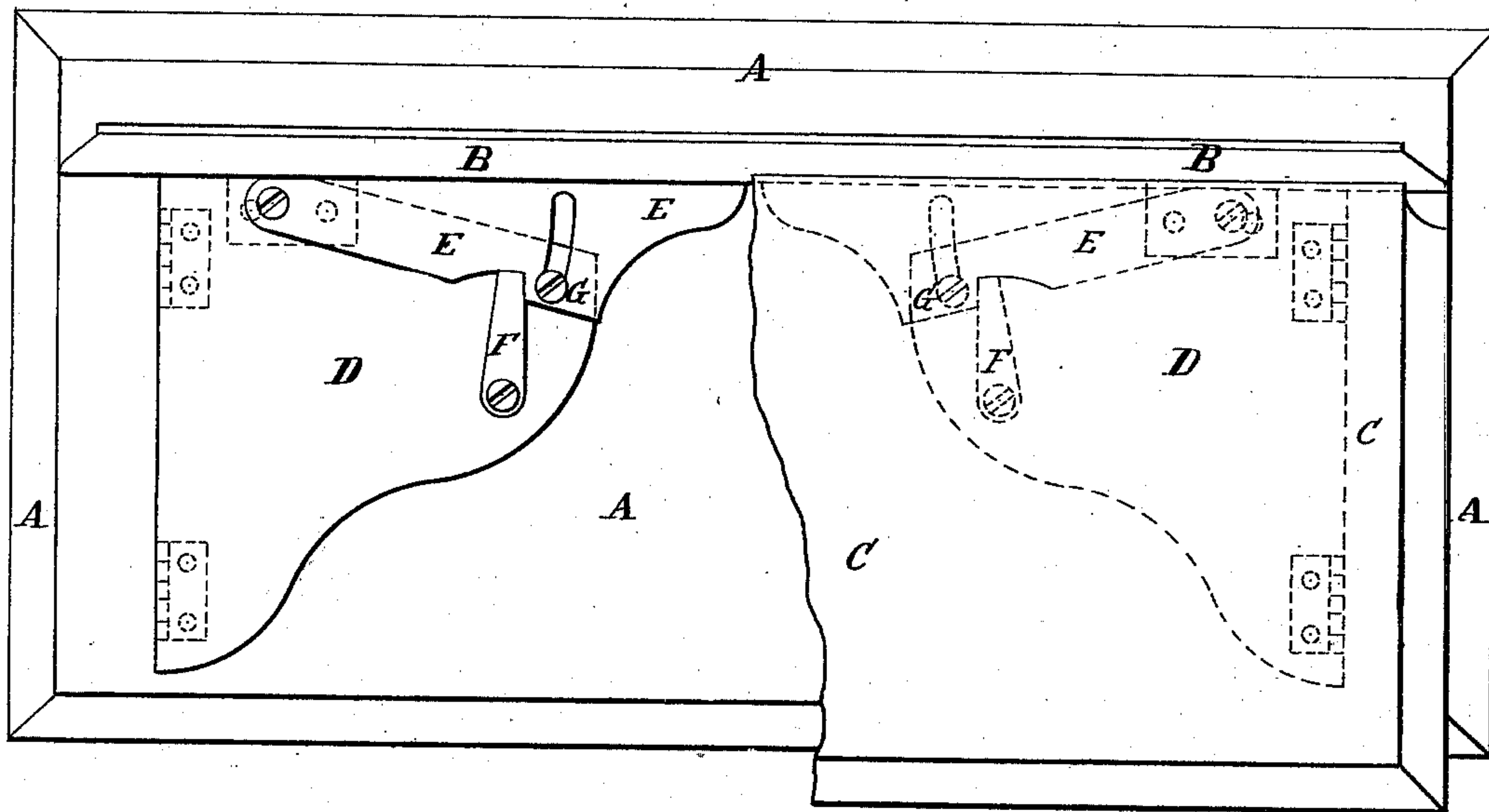


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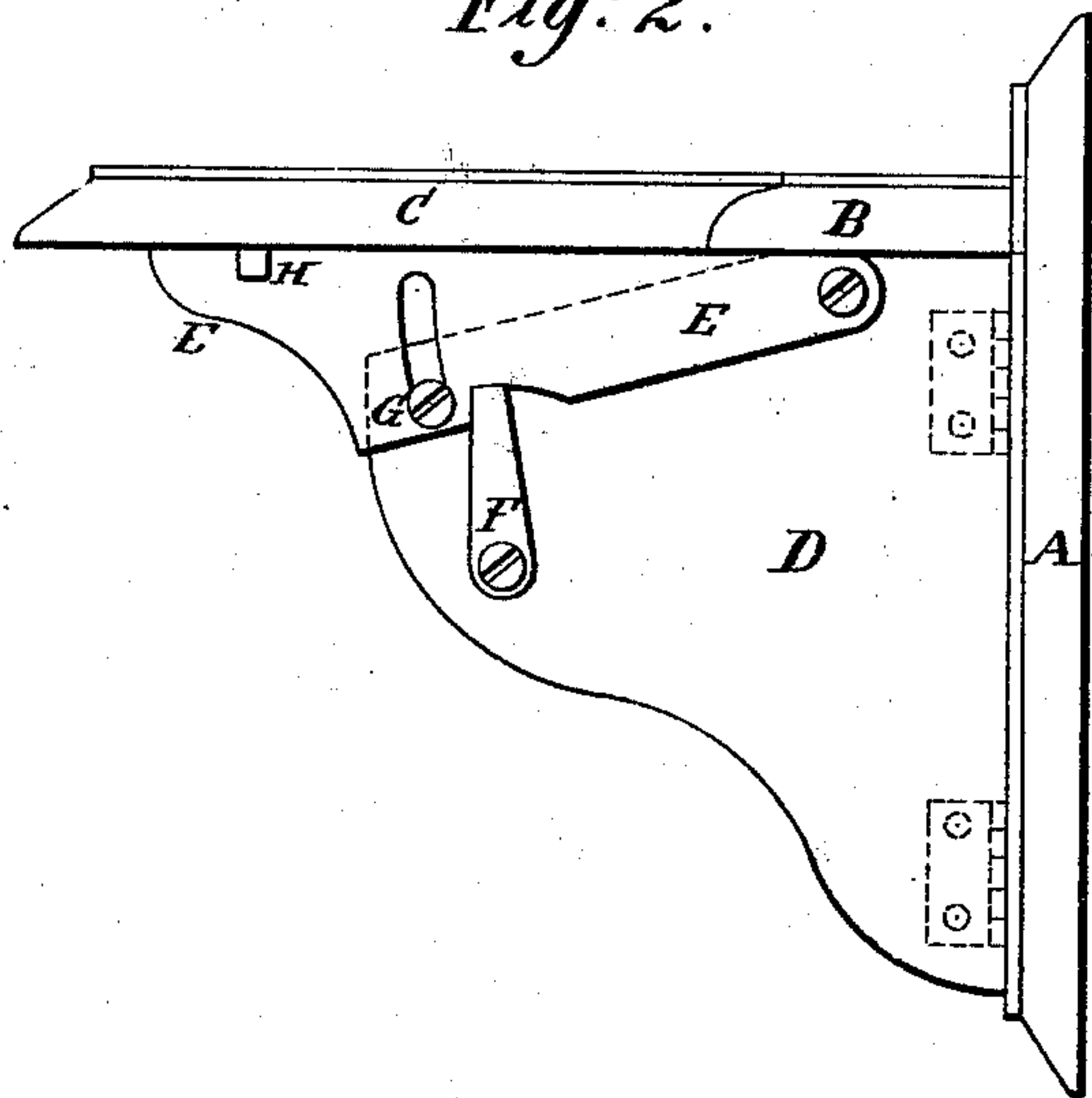
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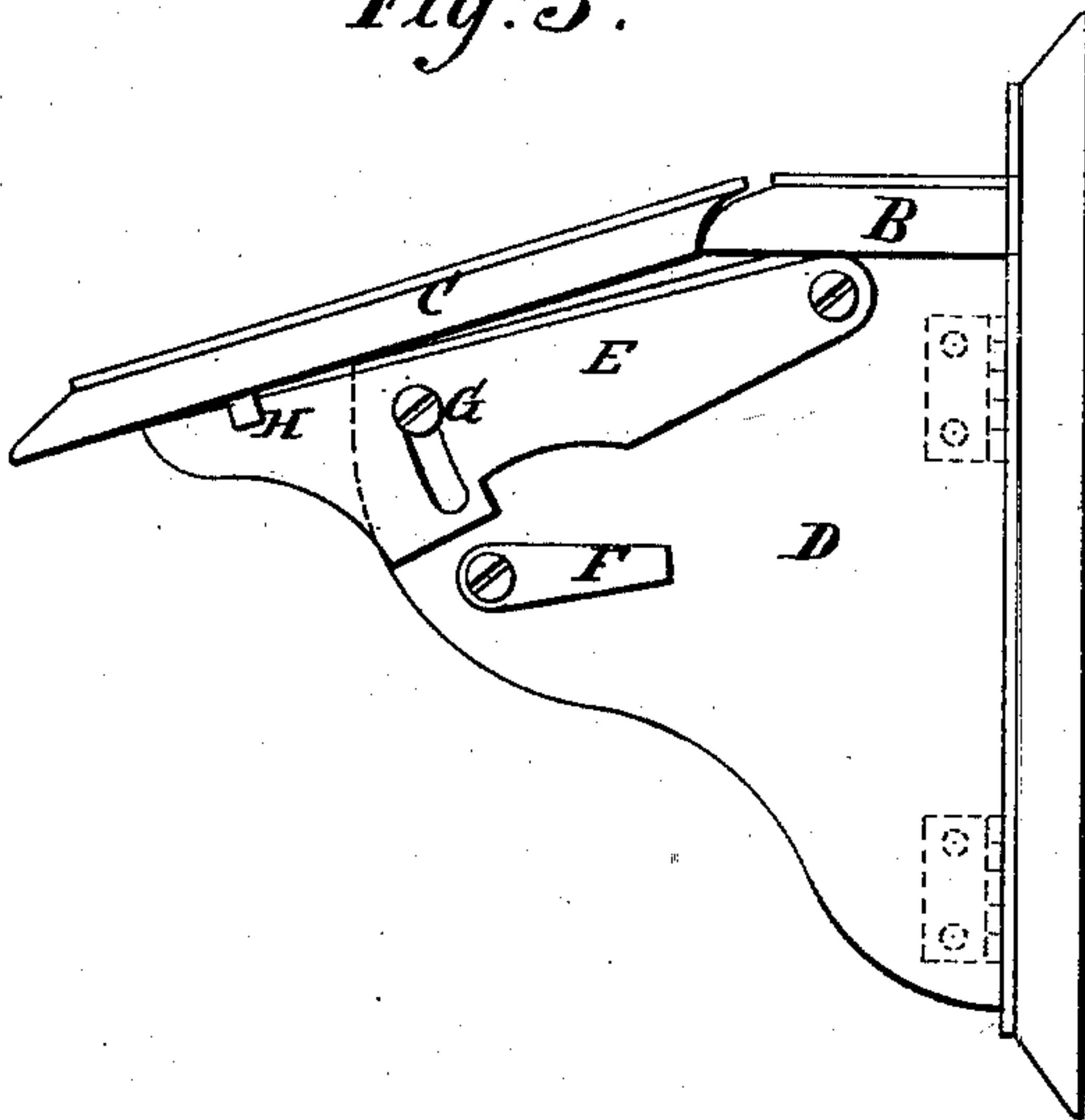
*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN DESKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GEORGE RUNTON and JOHN RUNTON, of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Side Table, Shelf, and Writing-Desk, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a front view of our improved device, shown with the table-leaf hanging down and part broken away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, showing the table-leaf raised into a horizontal position. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same, showing the table-leaf adjusted in an inclined position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved device for attachment to the walls or partitions of rooms, to adapt it to be used as a flower-shelf, a work-table, a side table, and as a writing-desk, as circumstances may require, and which shall be simple in construction, strong and durable in use, and neat in appearance.

The invention consists in the combination of the pivoted arms and the pivoted buttons with the hinged brackets, the stationary top, and the hinged leaf, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents a board, which is designed to be attached to the wall or partition of a room. To the upper part of the board A is rigidly attached the edge of a horizontal board, B, which forms the stationary part or top of the table.

To the outer edge of the stationary top B is hinged the edge of a board, C, which forms the movable part or leaf of the table.

To the end parts of the board A are hinged brackets D, the inner part of the upper edges of which is made horizontal, so as to fit against the lower side of the stationary top B and support it when weight may be placed upon it.

The outer parts of the upper edges of the brackets D are inclined, as shown in Fig. 3, so as to support the table-leaf C when adjusted in an inclined position.

To the outer upper parts of the brackets D are pivoted the inner ends of arms E, in such positions that the said arms E may be moved upward to bring their upper edges into line with the horizontal parts of the upper edges of the brackets D, to support the leaf C when raised into a horizontal position, in which case the arms E are supported and locked in place by buttons F, pivoted to the said brackets D and turned up against the lower edges or into notches formed in the lower edges of the said arms E, as shown in Fig. 2. The arms E are kept in place against the brackets D by screws G, passed through slots in said arms, or by keepers, as may be desired.

To the lower side of the leaf C may be attached pins H, or other stops, for the arms E to strike against, to prevent the brackets D from being turned too far outward when being opened.

With this construction the device may be adjusted to a horizontal position, to serve as a table for various uses in houses, saloons, steamboats, &c., and may also be adjusted into an inclined position, for use as a writing-desk or table, when required.

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

The combination of the pivoted arms E and the pivoted buttons F with the hinged brackets D, the stationary top B, and the hinged leaf C, substantially as herein shown and described.

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