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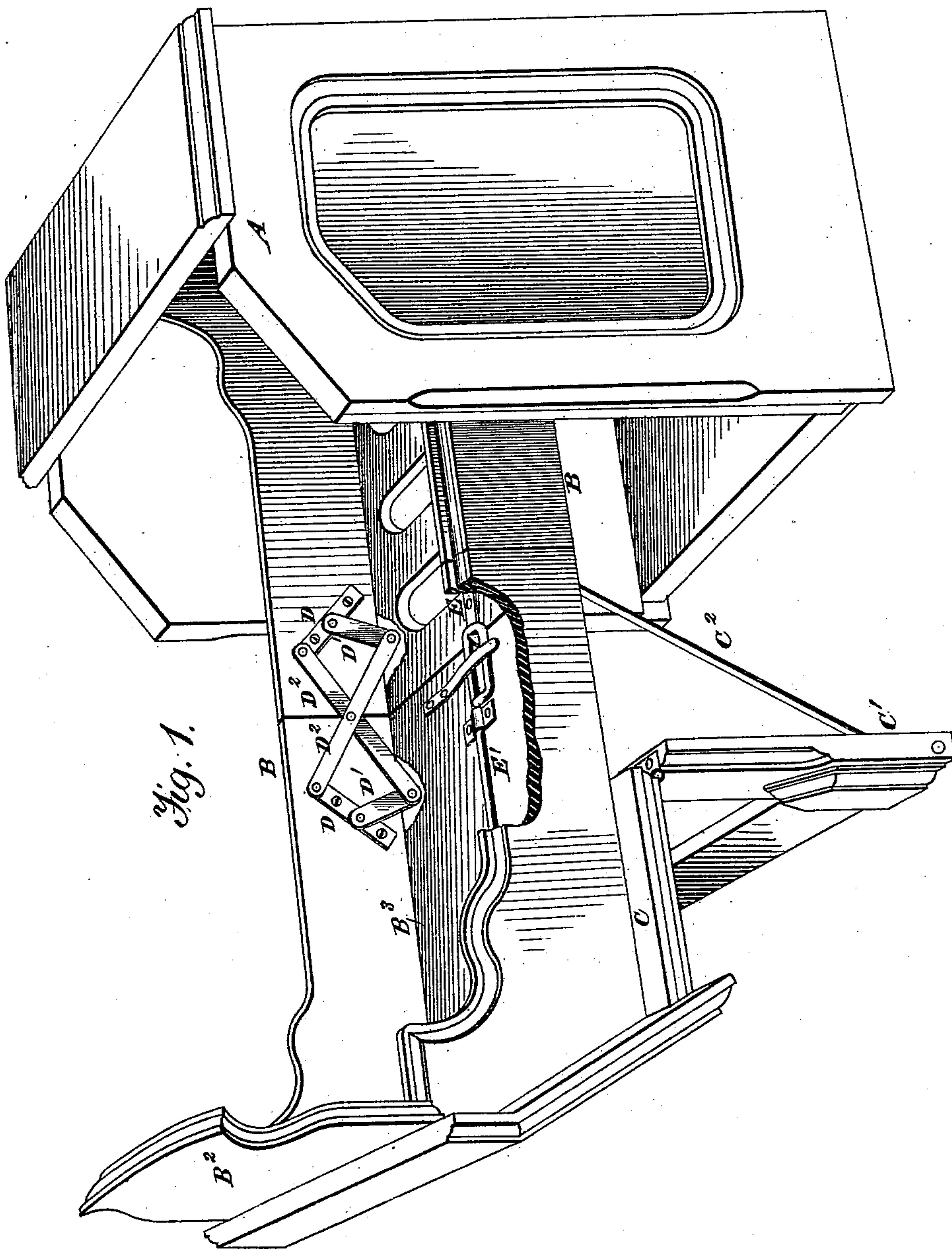


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2

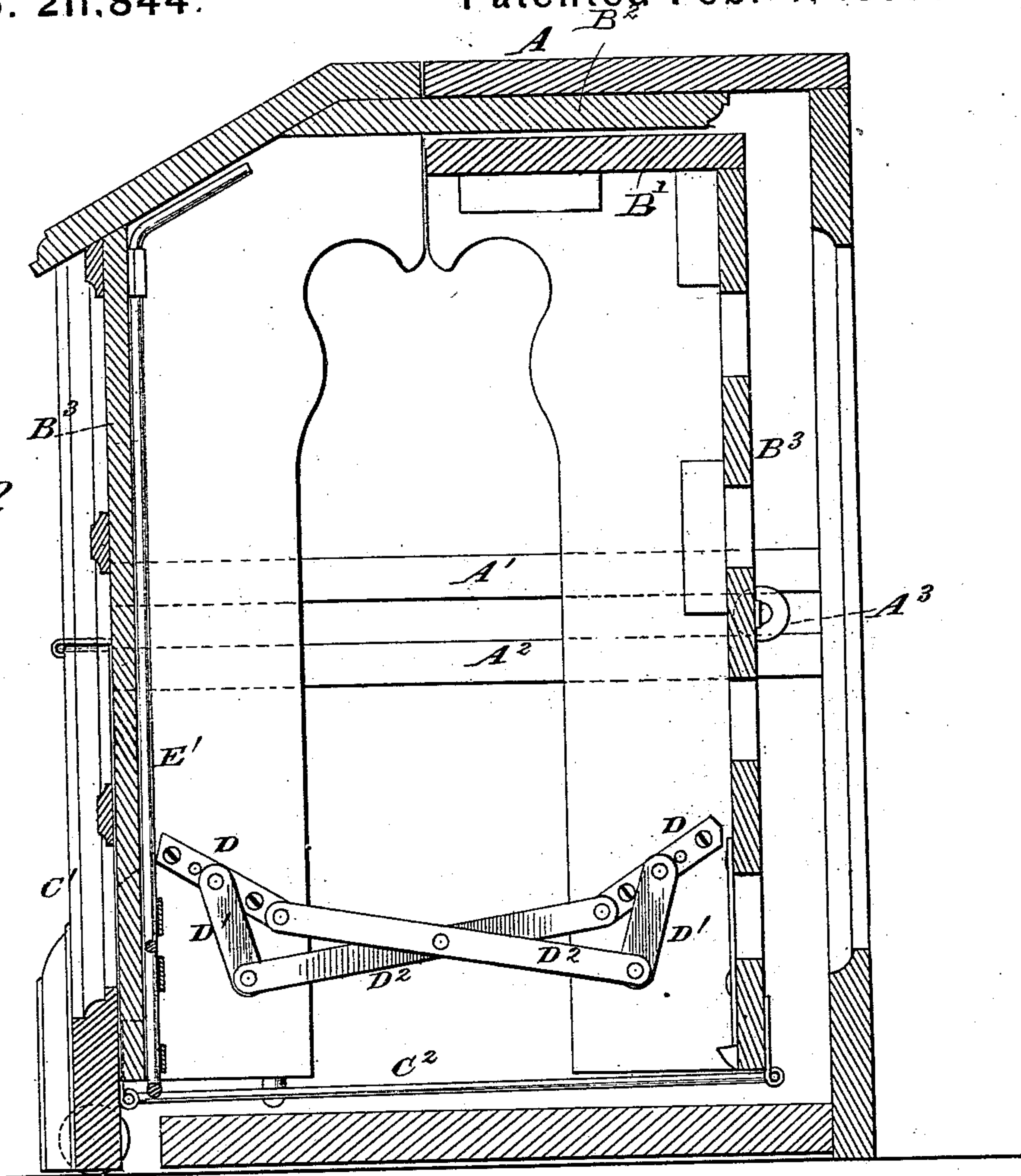
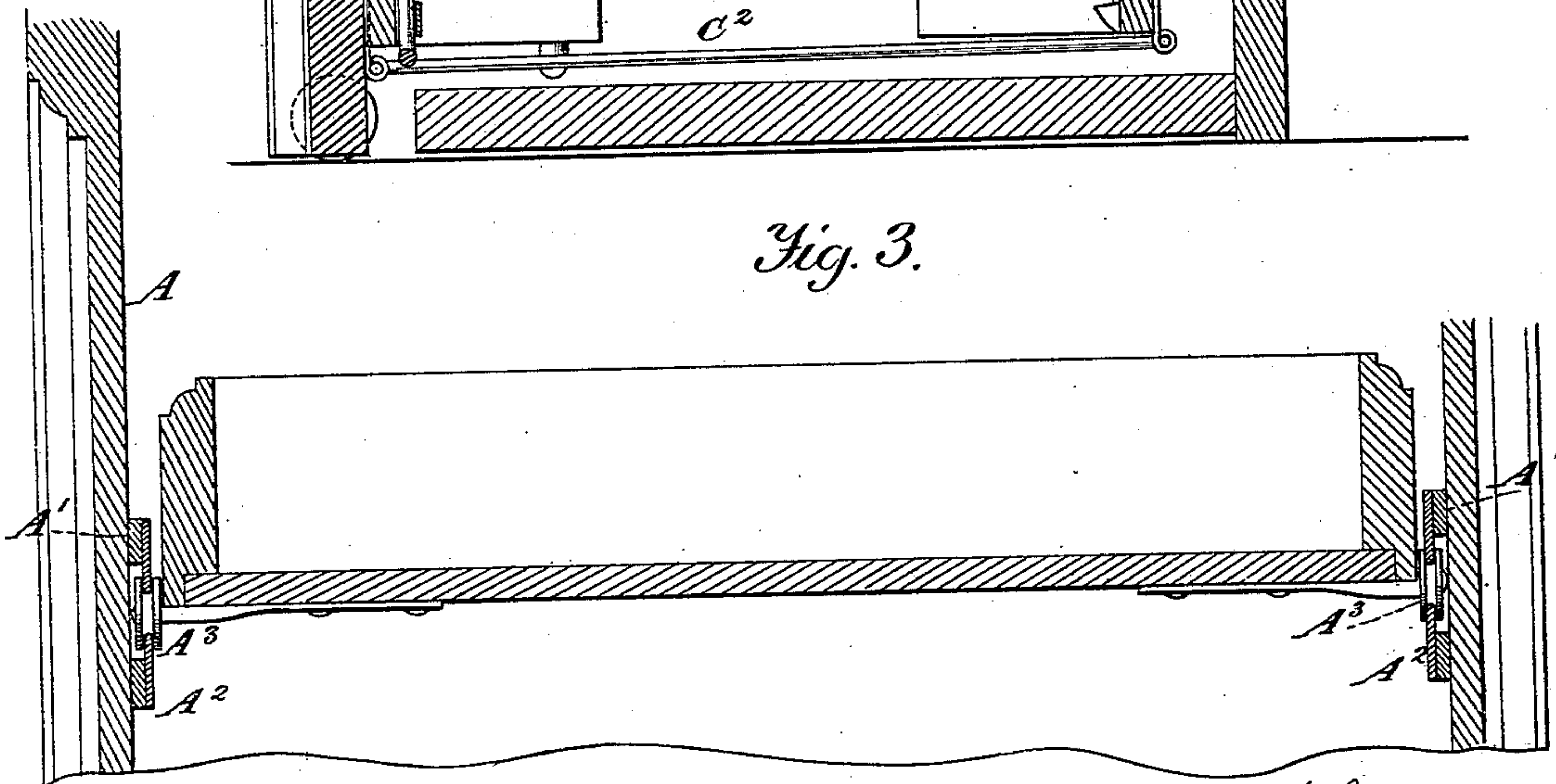


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, D. A. GREEN, W. P. GREEN, and J. H. ROBERTS, of Rushville, in the county of Rush and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinet-Bedsteads; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the case into which the parts enter when folded up, the folding side rails and bottom, with their foot-board, legs for supporting the bedstead when in its extended form, the hinges for uniting the two portions of the folding rails, and a locking-bolt for holding the parts in position when extended. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation, showing the casing and the position of the parts when folded therein; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section, showing rollers and ways upon which they run in folding up the parts and in withdrawing them from the case.

Corresponding letters denote like parts in all of the figures.

In constructing articles of furniture of this type, we prefer, for convenience and for the sake of appearances, to use a case, A, which may be of any desired style of finish, it being of such length as to allow the folding portions of the bedstead to pass freely into it, and of such width and height as to permit said bedstead to be folded up within it, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The rear portion of this case is to be left open, in order that air may pass freely through it, and thus promote full ventilation; and, if desired, a looking-glass may be attached to the upper surface of the cover, it being secured thereon in the same manner that such devices are secured to other articles of furniture. Upon the inner surfaces of the ends of this case there are placed ways A¹ A², which extend from front to rear thereof, and are placed at such a distance apart as to receive between them flanged or grooved rollers A³, said rollers being attached to arms or axles attached to the under surface of the

inner portion of the folding part of the bedstead, in order that when it is desirable to place the parts in the position shown in Fig. 1, or ready for use, the folding portions may be so far drawn out of the case as to allow them to be unfolded and then returned to the case, as shown in Fig. 2, and again withdrawn in folding up, in both of which operations these rollers and ways serve as guides and supports for the inner end of the folding parts.

The bedstead proper consists of two side rails, B B, jointed to each other at or near their centers, a head-board, B¹, and a foot-board, B², and a bottom board, B³, which, throughout a portion of its length, is made without openings, in order that when the parts are folded together it may form the front portion of the case, while the remainder may consist of slats, or of boards with ventilating-apertures formed in them. That portion of the bottom board which constitutes the molding or end bars thereof, and which is designated by the letters C C¹, is separated at its center, in order that when in position for use it may assume the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and thus form the support for the outer folding portion of the structure, this part, when folded up, assuming the position shown in Fig. 2. The portions C C¹ of these moldings are held in their vertical positions by braces C², which maintain them in said position, whether extended or folded into the case.

Upon the surfaces of the side folding rails, B B¹, there are placed peculiarly-formed hinges, which consist of strips of metal, D D, which are firmly secured to the rails, and have attached to them, at or near their centers, short bars D¹ D¹, to the opposite ends of which are pivoted longer bars D² D², which are pivoted to each other at their centers, and at one of their ends to the fixed bars or plates D D, the object of this construction and arrangement of the parts of this hinge being to allow it to unite the two folding portions of the rails B B and hold them in their proper relations to each other, whether extended for use or folded into the case. The positions which the parts of this hinge assume with reference to each other and to the rails B when extended are

clearly shown in Fig. 1, while their positions, when the rails are folded into the case, are shown in Fig. 2.

In order that the parts of the folding rails and bottom board may be held firmly in position when extended, there is affixed to one portion of said bottom board a strip of metal, E, which has upon its end a projection, which enters a loop or slot formed in the end of a rod, E', which extends outward to the head-board, where it is bent so as to form a handle, by means of which its looped end can be turned so as to pass over the projection on strip E, and thus lock the parts in their extended position.

To prevent the rails B B from dropping down at their centers when in use, dowel-pins are secured in the ends of one of the portions, which enter apertures formed in the adjoining ends of the other portion, and thus form a support for their respective ends.

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

In combination with the case A, the bed in sections, connected by extension-hinges, which permit the mattress to be folded face to face, and rollers A³, running in ways D A¹ A², thus permitting the bed to be folded and packed in the case or drawn out, and the parts C C', connected by hinges so as to support the foot extended and form the front of the case when folded and packed, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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