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Portable Commode.

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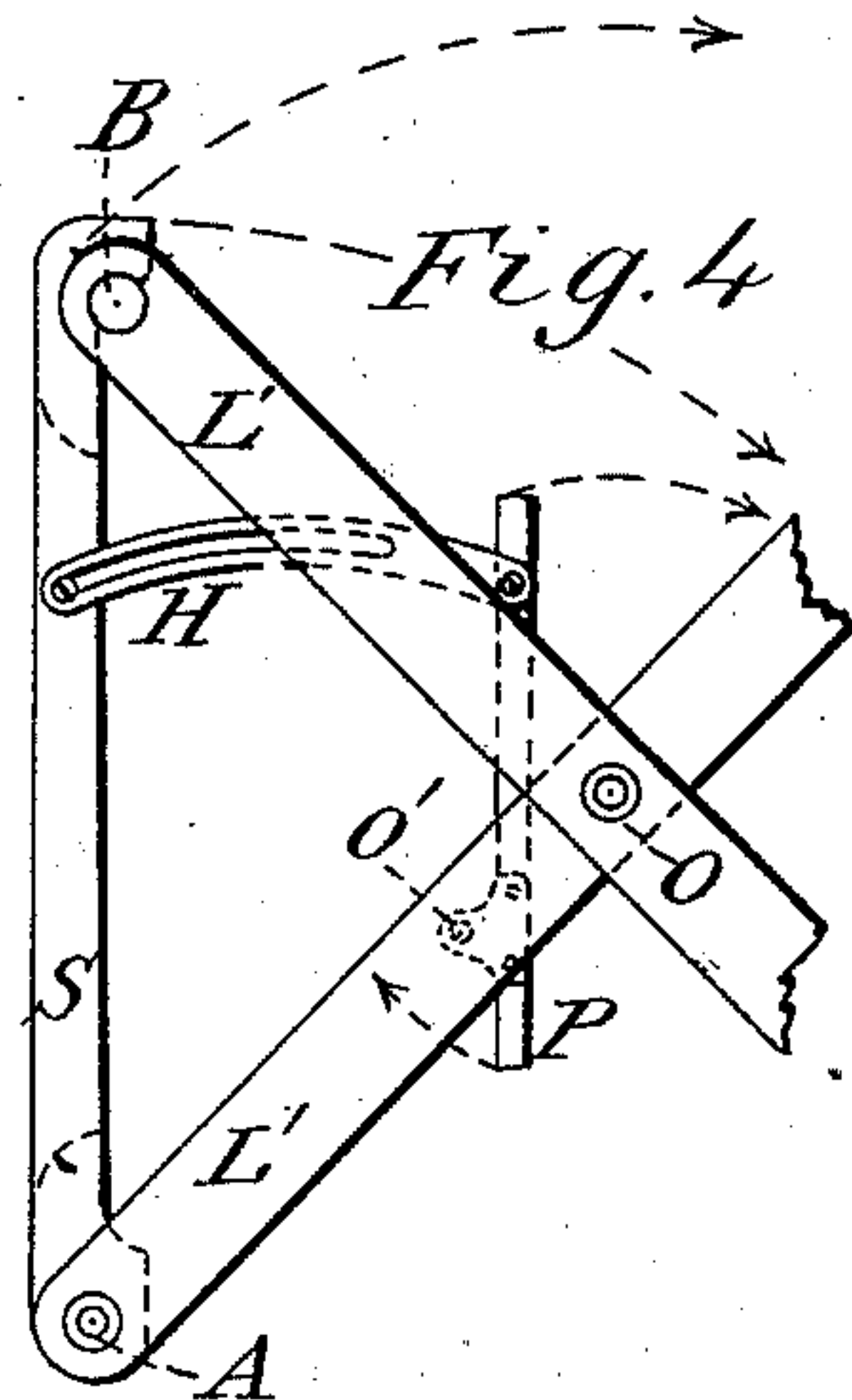
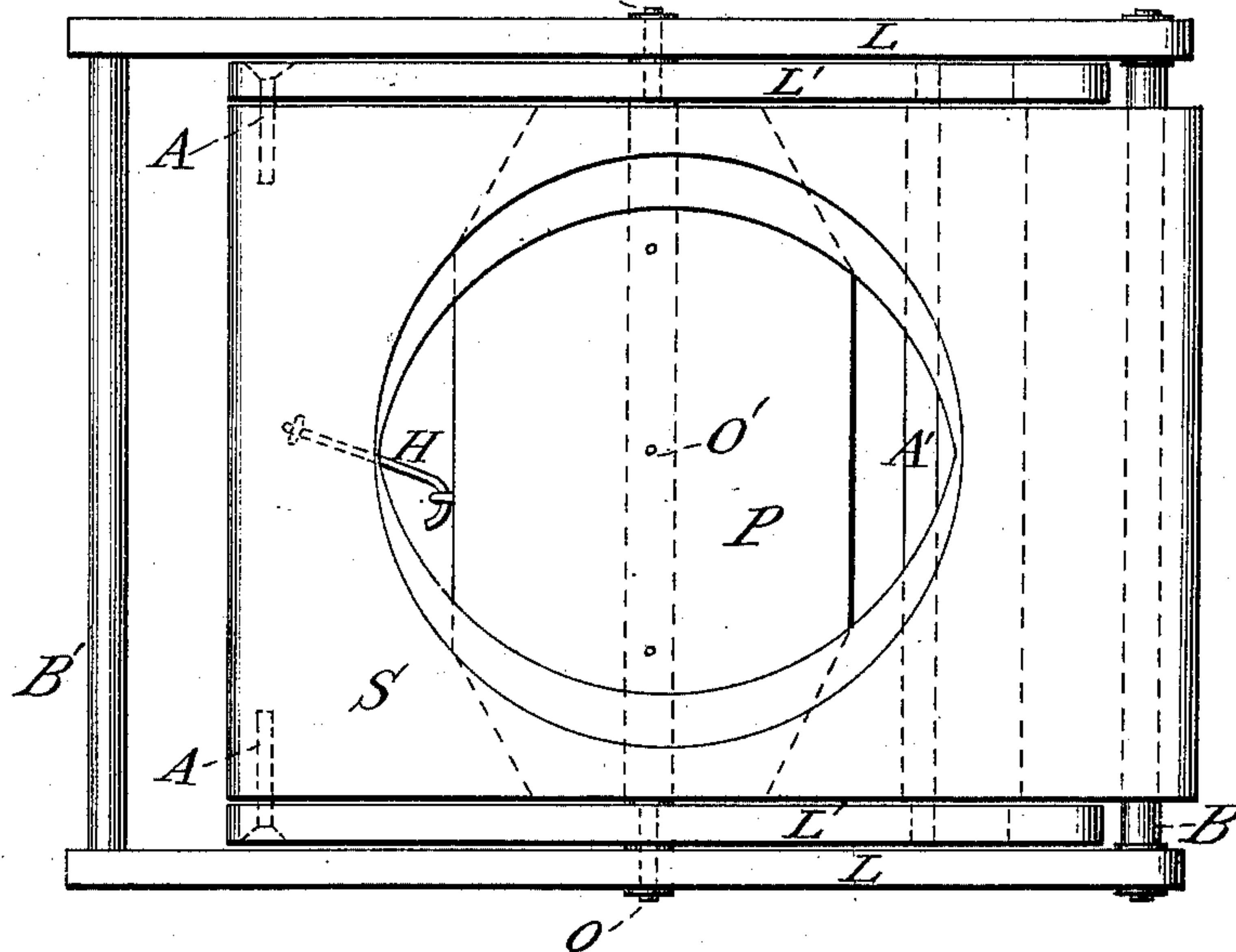


Fig. 3.

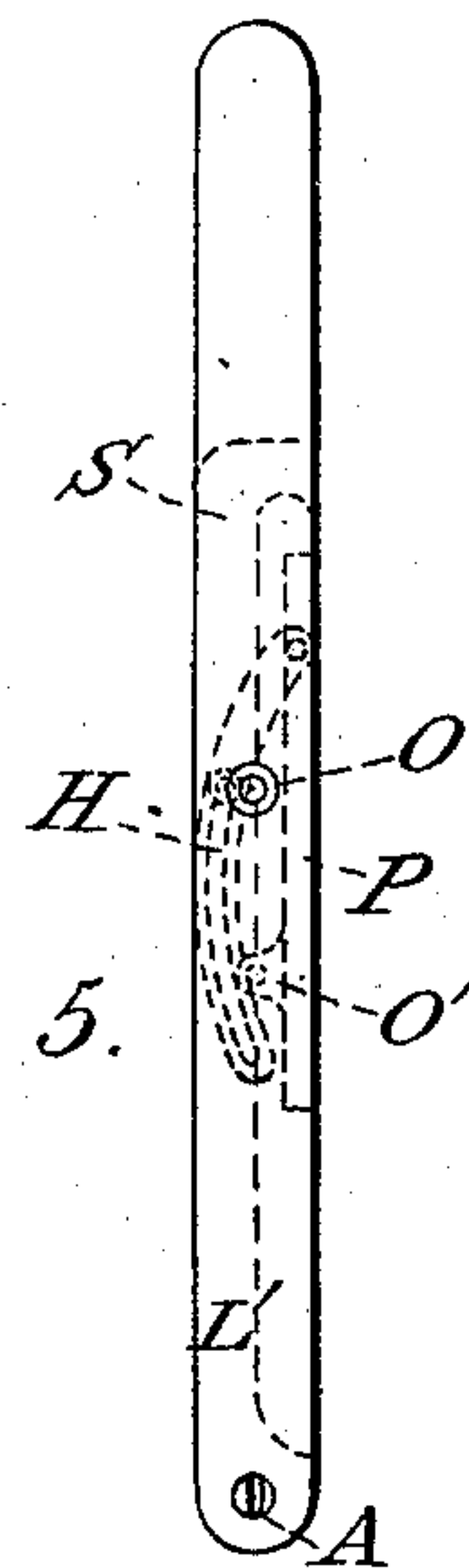
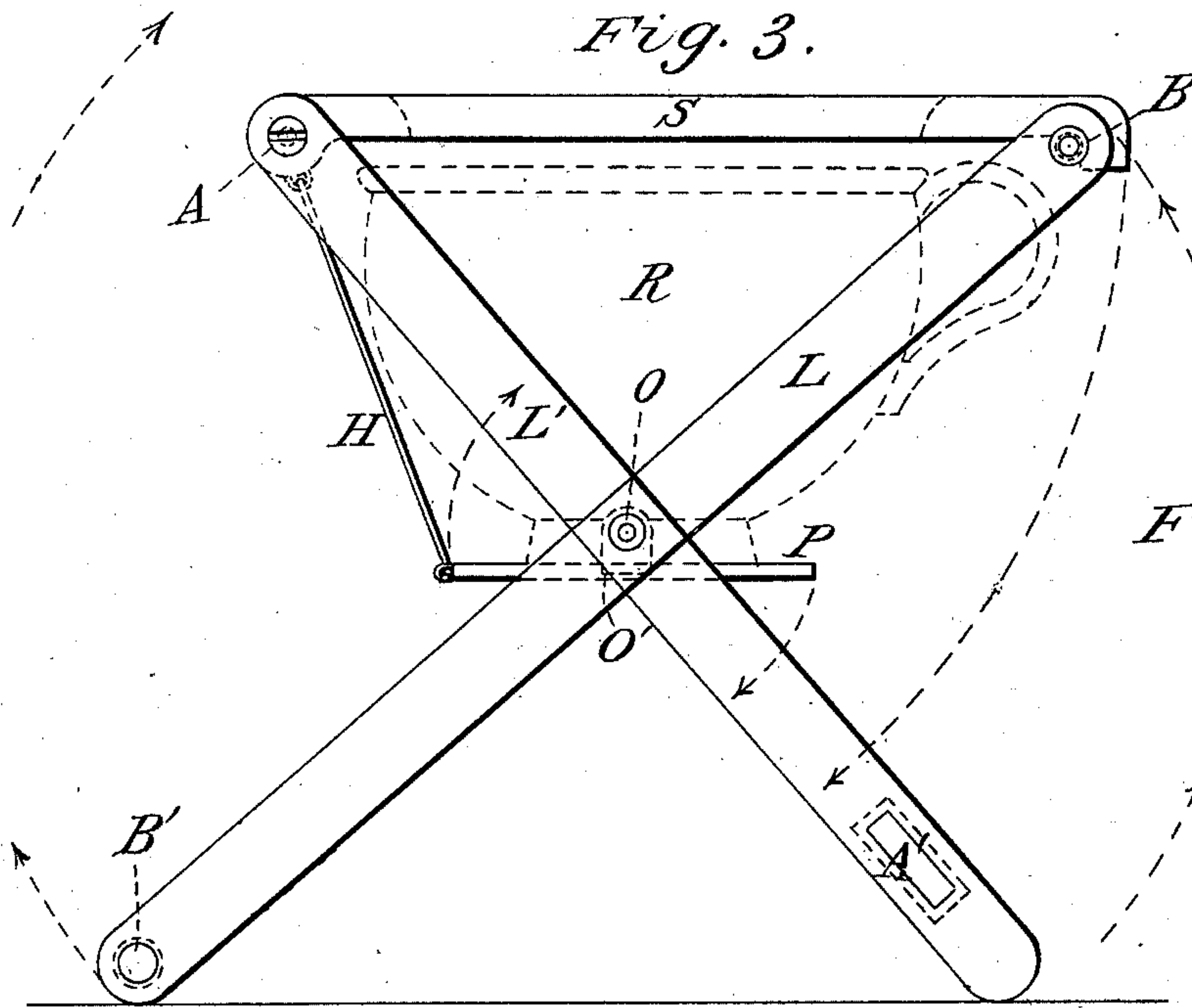


Fig. 5.

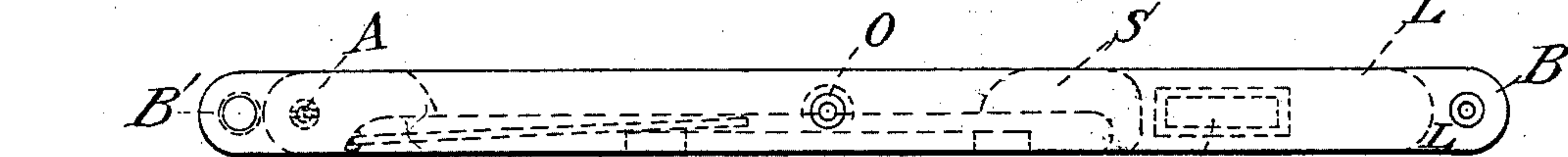


Fig. 2.

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## PORTABLE COMMODE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 223,574, dated January 13, 1880.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. G. BAKER, of Baltimore county and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Commodes, of which the following is a specification.

The invention consists in arranging a stand of proper proportion and shape, having a seat provided with an opening and shelf at proper distance below to support a vessel, that it may readily and quickly be set up for use or folded closely together for transportation, and be of such size and form that it may be packed in a trunk.

The object of my invention is to provide a portable seat, under which any ordinary vessel may be used, for the relief of those who may be infirm or otherwise require such convenience.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a top-plan view when erected for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation when folded for transportation. Fig. 3 is a side elevation when erected ready for use, showing by dotted lines the position of vessel. Fig. 4 shows a side elevation of a modified form of arranging the shelf, using a hanger, H, instead of hook H, by which the shelf is held in proper position and folded automatically. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of Fig. 4 when folded.

The legs L L and L' L' are made of some light and strong wood, riveted together near centers by rivets O, which also secure the metal brace O', to which brace O' the shelf P is fastened, the shelf P being such distance below the seat S as to admit of any ordinary vessel generally found in chambers of hotels

or dwellings. The upper end of legs L' L' have hinged, by means of screws or bolts A A, a wooden seat, S, which is formed with opening of proper size and shape. The seat S also serves as a brace to keep the legs L' L' in position. The seat S has a groove on under side of other end, which, when in position for use, fits over and rests upon the rod B, which is riveted to the legs L' L', bracing them together and forming a support for one end of the seat S. The legs L L and L' L' are also properly braced at bottom by braces A' and B'.

The shelf P is fastened to the metal brace O' by rivets or screws, and so arranged out of center that it will revolve, and can be set at two distances below and under the opening in the seat. The shelf P being out of center also allows it to close up under the seat when the whole is folded for transportation, as shown in Fig. 2. The shelf P is held in position by hook H or its equivalent.

The legs L L and L' L' are of such length as to admit of the whole being folded close and flat together, occupying a space equal to the length and width of the leg L, which gives a compact and convenient form for transportation or packing within ordinary trunks.

What I claim is—

In a portable commode, the combination of the legs L L', seat S, and shelf P, hinged at O', and supported in position by a hook or hanger, H, the whole being adapted to be folded as described.

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