

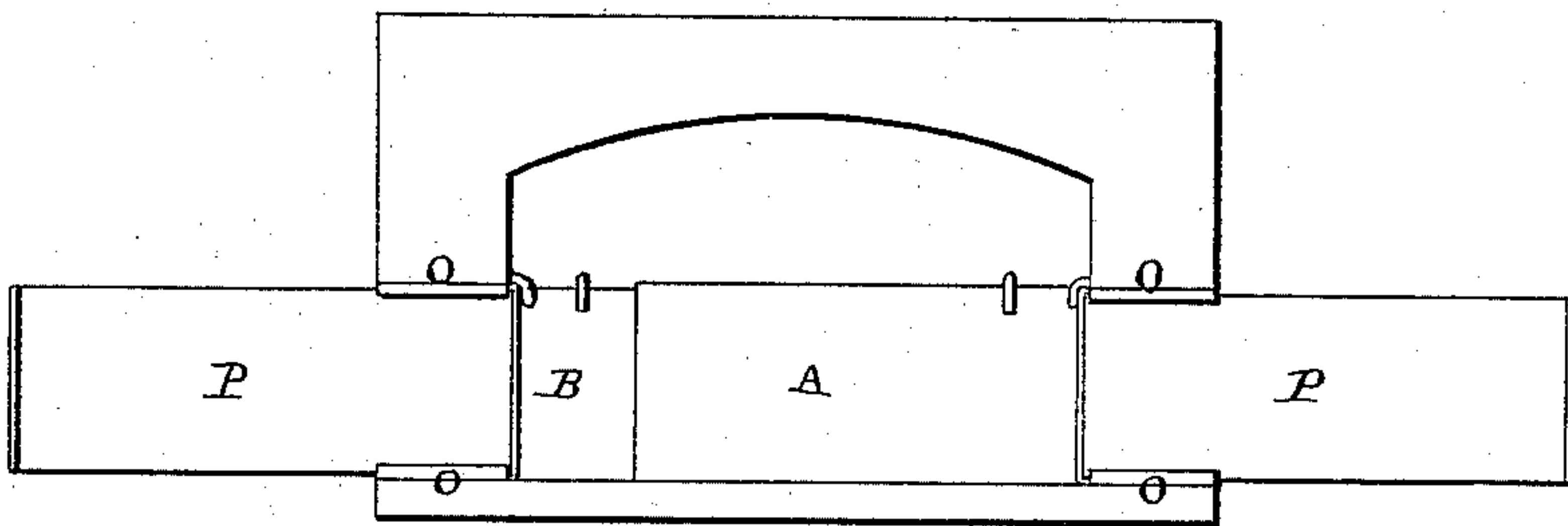
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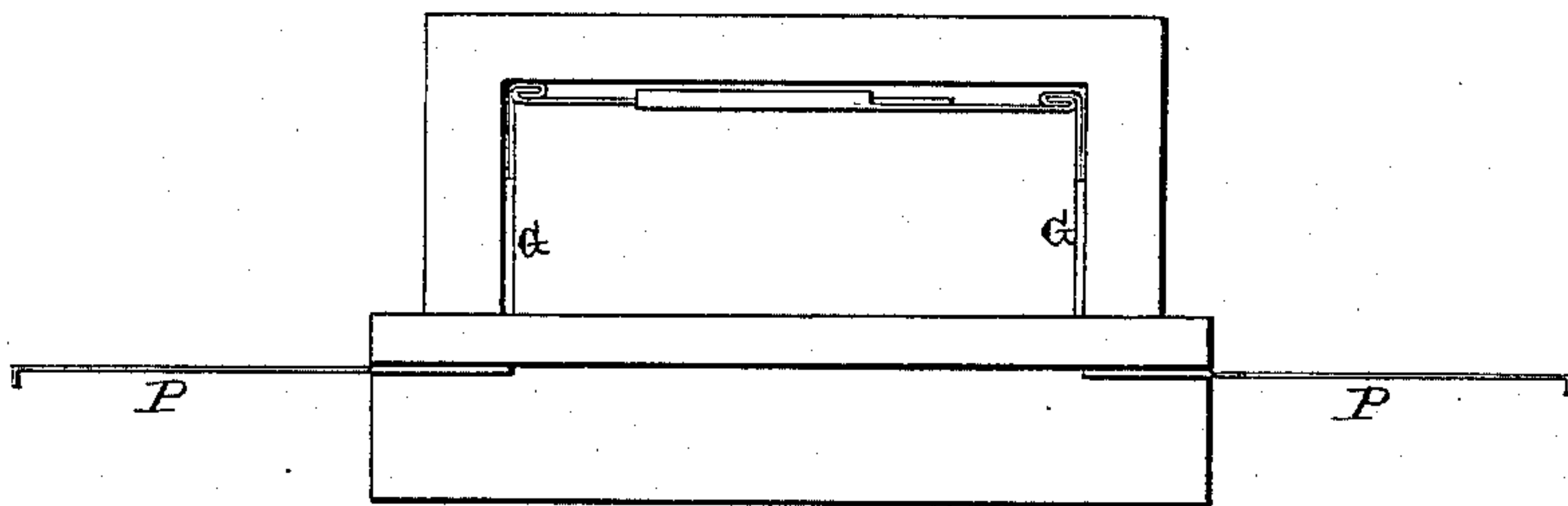
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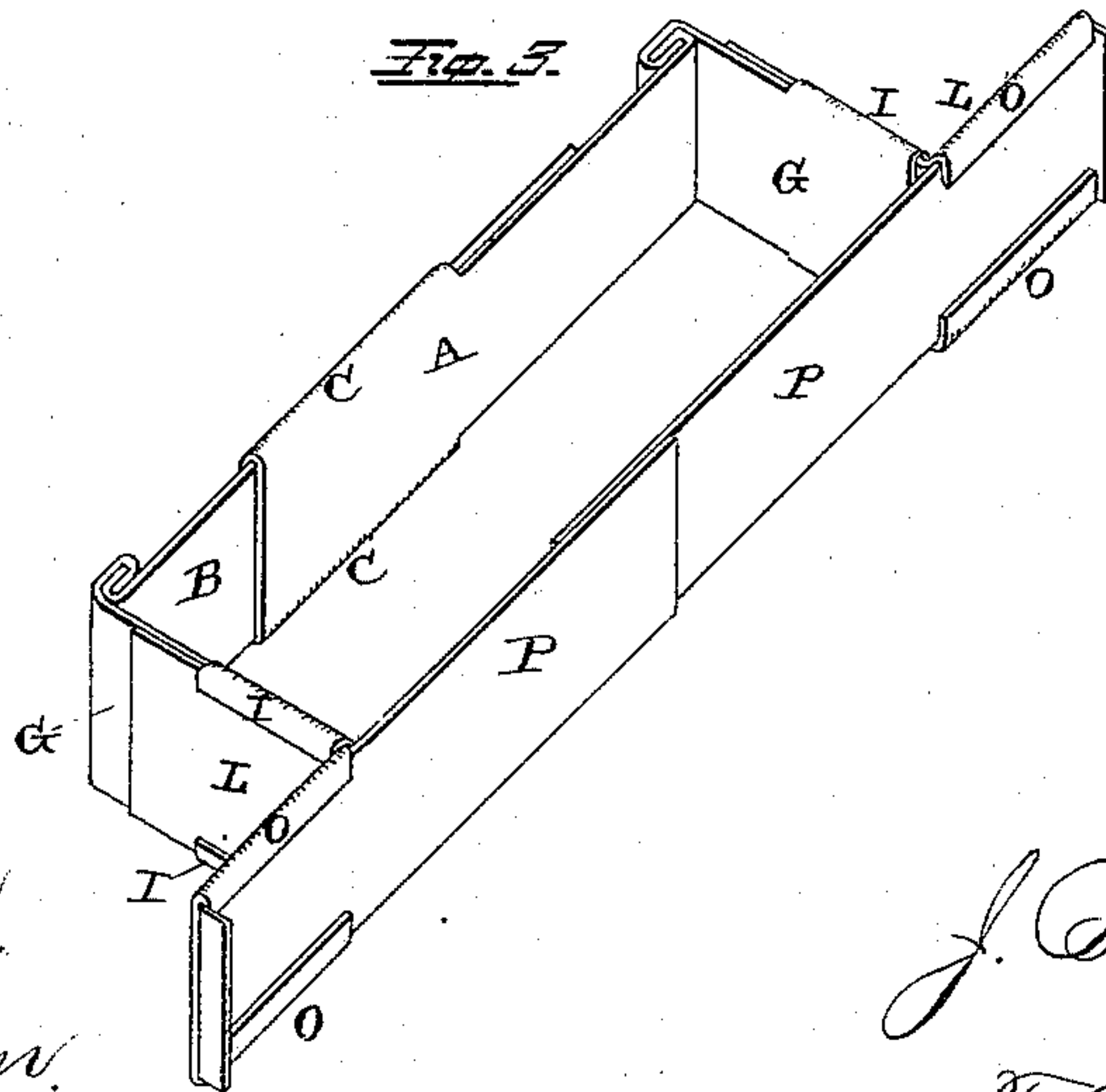
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## LINING FOR FIRE-PLACES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES BRIGGS WITHERSPOON, of New Providence, in the county of Calloway and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Linings for Fire-Places; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification:

My invention relates to an improvement in linings for fire-places; and it consists, first, in making the back portion of the lining in two or more pieces and uniting them together in such a manner that they are movable one upon the other, so that they can be adjusted to fire-places of any length; second, in attaching the jamb-pieces to the ends of the back lining by means of hooks or catches which are formed in the ends themselves, whereby the jamb-pieces can be removed whenever it is so desired; third, in providing the jamb-pieces with guides in which move right-angular adjustable pieces which catch over the outside corners of the fire-places, and which are provided with guides for the fender to move in, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a lining for fire-places which can be adjusted to fire-places of all sizes, and which is so constructed that when one piece is worn out another piece can be substituted for it. The parts of this lining are to be made of thin plates of wrought-iron, and are intended for fire-places in which wood is burned, for the purpose of preventing the bricks or stone out of which the chimney is built from being destroyed or injured.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the lining by itself.

A B represent the two thin wrought-iron plates, which form the back lining for the fire-place. One of these plates is made wider than the other at its inner end, and has its two edges turned over so as to form the two guides, C, in which the inner end of the other piece slides. By thus forming the guides upon one piece and having the two pieces move one

upon the other they are firmly attached together, and can be adjusted so as to conform to the length of any fire-place. These plates are held in position against the back of the fire-place by means of suitable hooks or catches, which are driven into the wall, as shown, and which catch over the top edges of the two pieces. The outer end of each one of these parts A B is bent backward upon itself, and the jamb-pieces G, which extend outward at right angles from the pieces A B, also have their ends hooked, so as to catch in the hooked ends of the back pieces, whereby the jamb-pieces and the back lining are attached together, but in such a manner that they can be readily separated, when so desired, by moving either one of the pieces vertically.

Each one of the jamb-pieces is provided with suitable guides *i* upon its outer ends, and in these guides are placed the right-angular pieces L, which project around the corners of the fire-place and are made adjustable upon the jamb-pieces, so as to accommodate themselves to any depth of fire-place. These pieces have also guides O made upon their outer ends, and in these guides O slide the two plates P, which form the fender for the fire-place and prevent the fire from falling out upon the floor. These two plates, which form the fender, can be moved back and forth in their guides, so as to extend entirely across the fire-place when it is desired to use the fender, or they can be drawn back so as to extend along the wall, or can be removed entirely when so desired.

It will be seen that this lining is formed of two back pieces, the two jamb-pieces, and the two right-angular pieces, all of which parts are so constructed as to be removable and to be adjustable to fire-places of any size. A person buying one of these linings can adjust it to any fire-place in his house without making any measurements whatever, and will need no skilled help to enable him to put it in place.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of the two back pieces A B, made adjustable one upon the other, with the jamb-pieces, which are detachably connected thereto, and which are provided with guides I, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the jamb-pieces G,



provided with suitable guides I, with the rectangular pieces L, which extend around the corners of the fire-place, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the rectangular pieces  
5 which extend around the corners of the fire-place, and which are provided with suitable guides, with the front plates, which move in the guides and are adapted to form a fender for the fire-place, substantially as specified.

10 4. The combination of the two back pieces, which are adjustable one upon the other, the two jamb-pieces, which are connected to the

two back pieces at their outer ends, and the two rectangular pieces, which extend around the corners of the fire-place, the parts being com- 15  
bined and arranged to operate substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of July, 1880.

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