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Fig. 1.

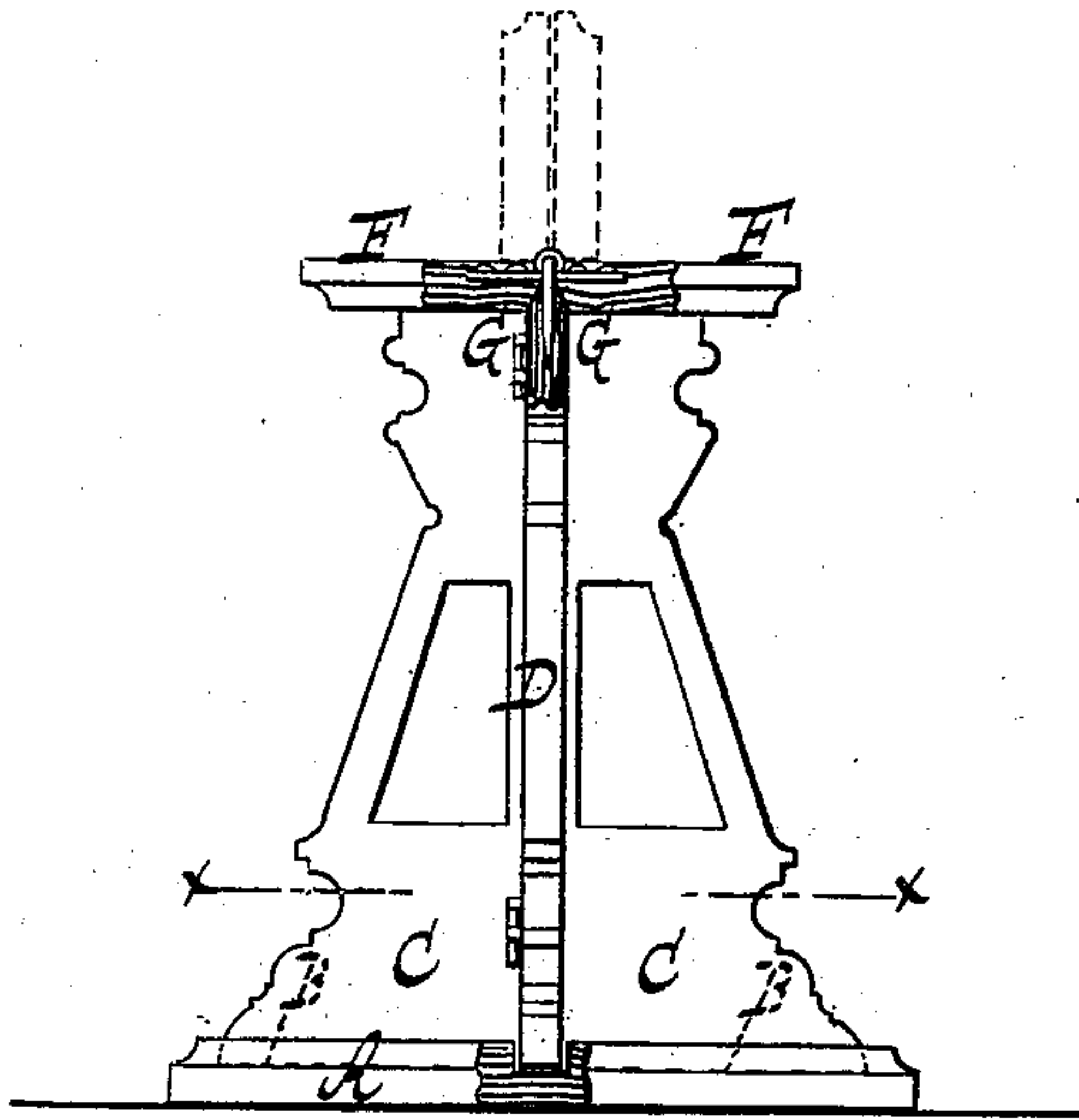


Fig. 2.

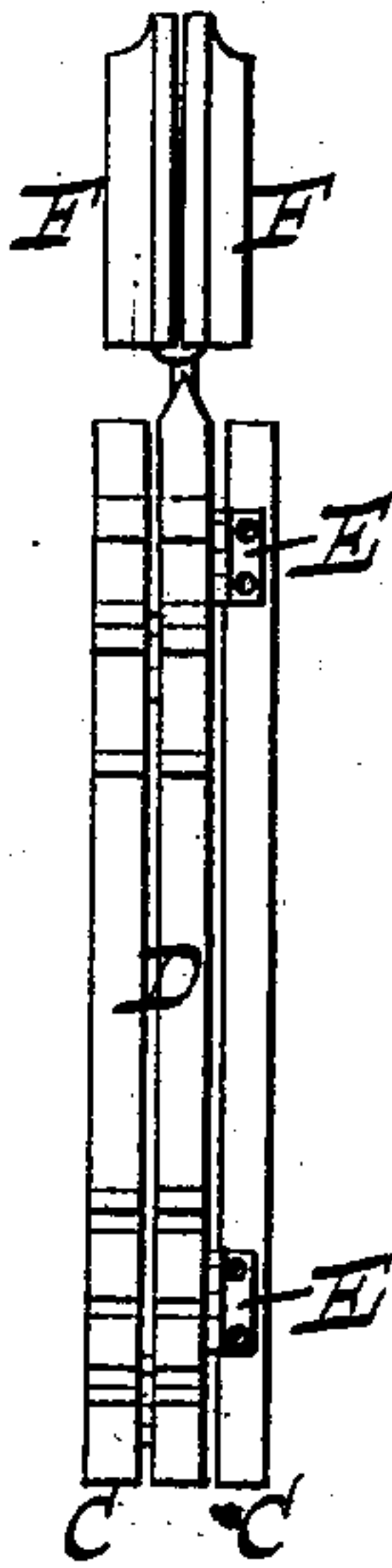


Fig. 3.

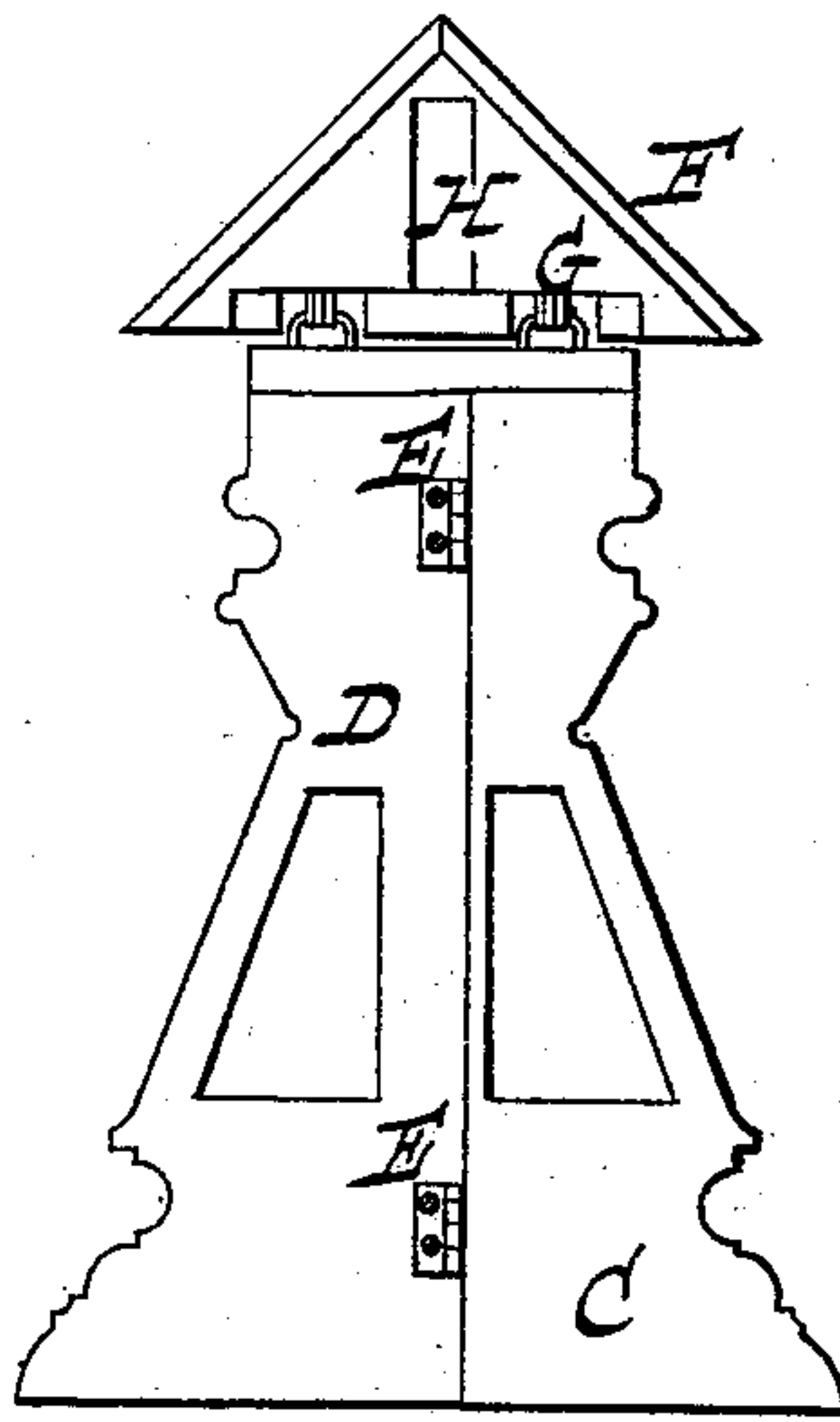
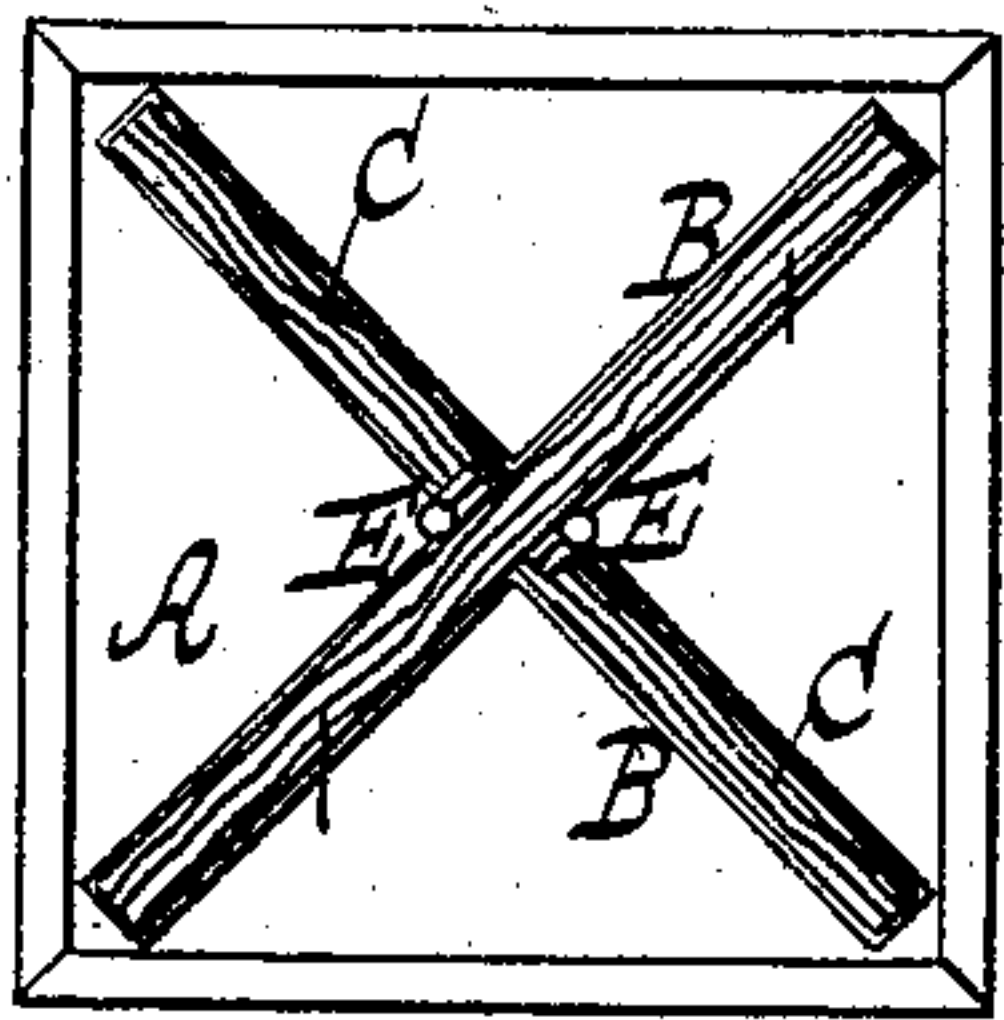


Fig. 4.



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## PEDESTAL FOR COFFINS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK R. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Vernon, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pedestals for Coffins, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved apparatus for use by undertakers for supporting coffins and caskets. The means or apparatus heretofore employed for that purpose are for the most part ungraceful in appearance, and are so constructed as to require considerable carriage-space when the undertaker transports them to the place of a funeral.

My invention consists in a pedestal for coffins and caskets provided with a detachable base, a series of folding legs, which, when opened, rest in locking-grooves in the base, and a folding top whose parts are arranged to be folded upward when not in use, the said parts being provided with grooves in their under surfaces to engage with the upper ends of the legs, so as to aid in locking them when opened for use.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is an elevation of the pedestal, partly in section, showing also, in dotted outline, the top of the apparatus when folded up for transportation. Fig. 2 is an elevation in edge view, showing the same folded up, detached from the locking-platform. Fig. 3 is an elevation, in side view, of the pedestal when folded up and detached from the locking-platform. Fig. 4 is a cross-section in the line *xx*, Fig. 1, showing the divisions of the pedestal when open for use, and also showing a plan view of the locking-platform.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the base or platform, consisting of a block of any desirable outline, square, triangular, circular, or of other suitable shape, to provide a stable support for the legs and top. The base is provided with grooves B to receive the feet of the legs C of the pedestal.

The letter D indicates a standard, the base

of which is adapted to one of the grooves B in the base A, and to opposite sides of said standard are hinged the vertical legs C C by means of hinges E, and when these legs are unfolded they form, in connection with the standard, four supporting-feet arranged at right angles to each other, as shown in Fig. 4. The legs C are adapted to fold against the opposite sides of the standard.

To the upper end of the standard D are hinged the divisions F of the folding top of the pedestal, the inner edges of the said divisions being rabbeted at G on the under side, so as to allow the divisions to fit over the top of the standard, the two rabbets together forming the equivalent of a groove. The under surfaces of the divisions F of the top are also provided with grooves H, into which the tops of the folding legs C C fit when the apparatus is extended and set up for use.

Two or more of my improved pedestals will ordinarily be required for use by an undertaker in supporting coffins and caskets for adults.

When the apparatus is not in use the top is folded up in the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3 and in dotted outline in Fig. 1, and the legs are then lifted out of the grooves of the base and folded upon each other, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, thereby allowing the apparatus in its detached and folded condition to be arranged in a comparatively small bulk and conveniently transported to the place where it is to be used.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the grooved base A, the standard D, the hinged legs C C, and the top F, composed of two parts hinged to the standard, and each having the rabbet G and groove H, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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