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Nursery Chair.

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Fig. 1.

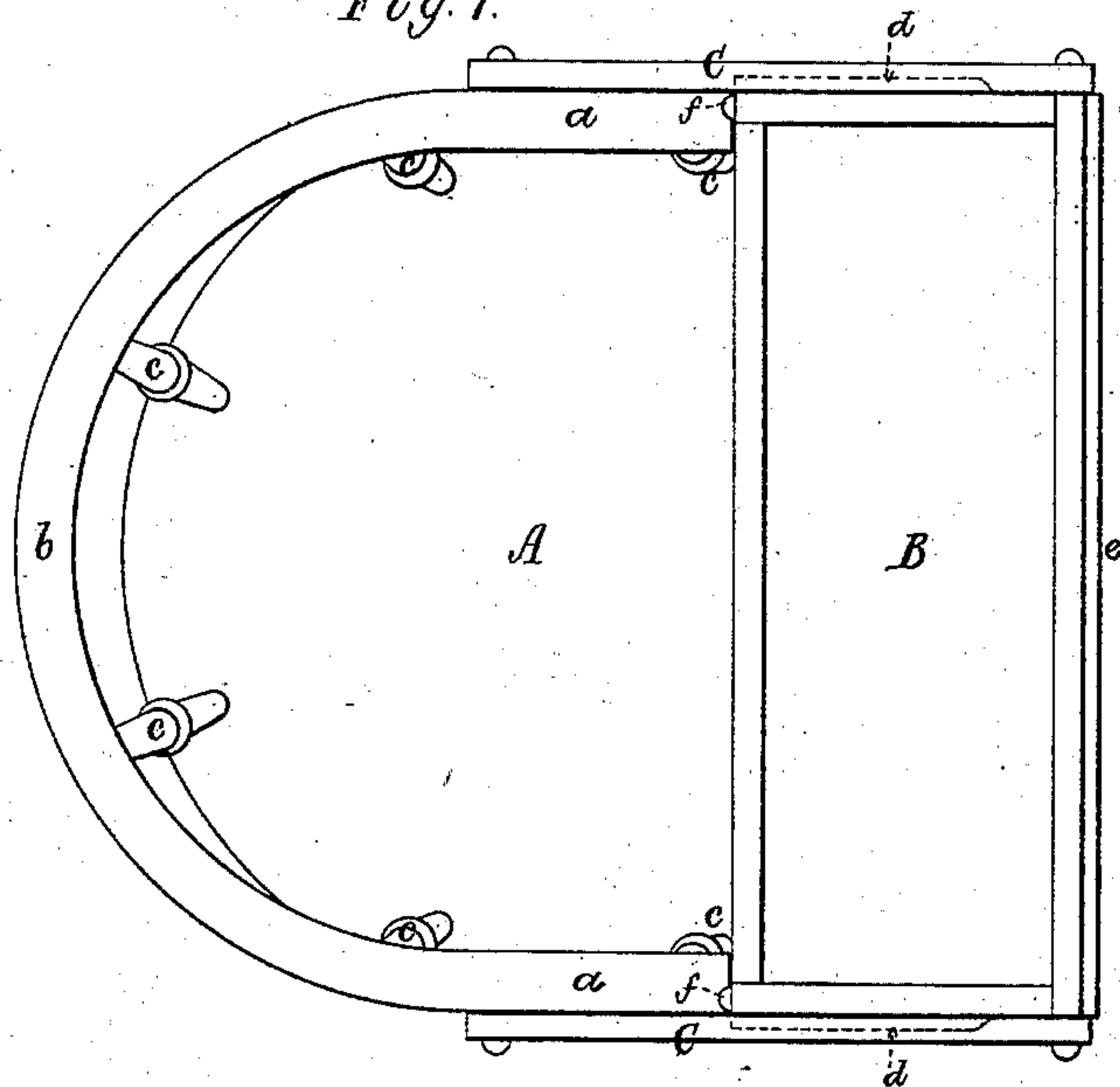


Fig. 2.

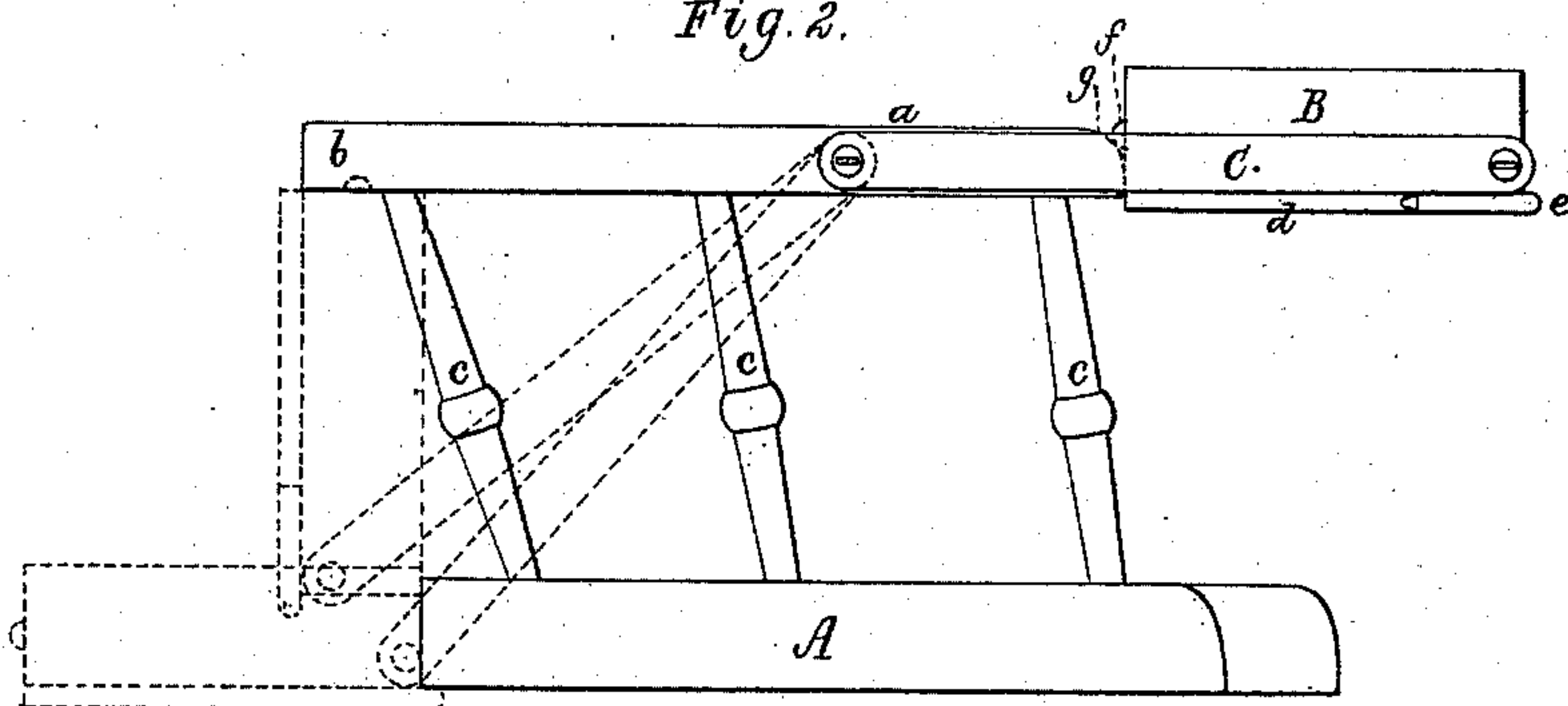


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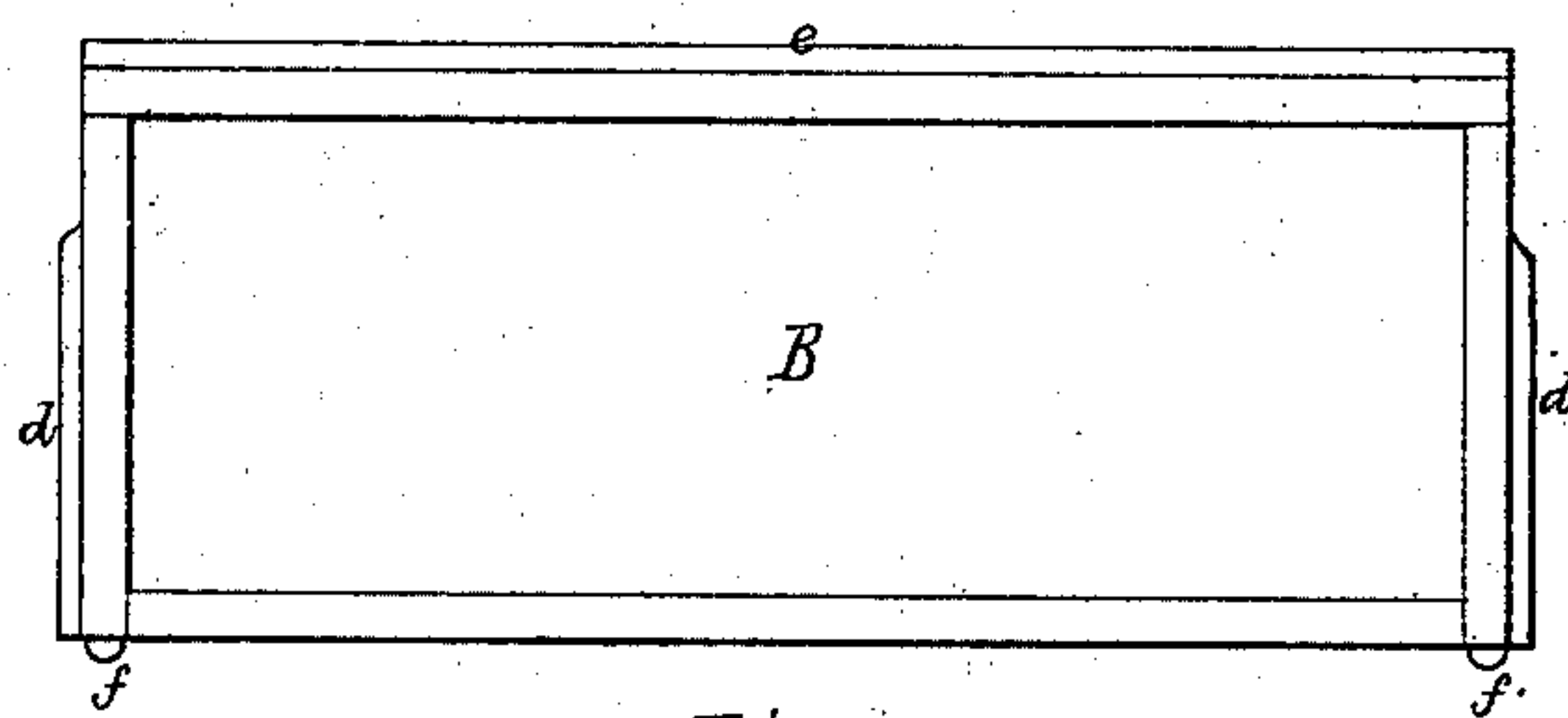
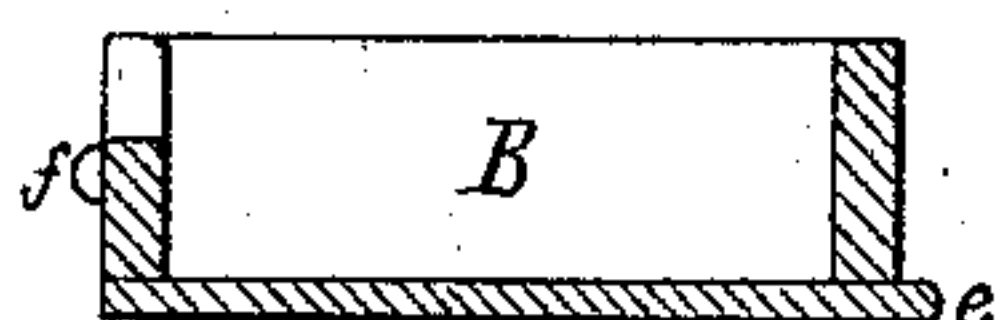


Fig. 4.



Witnesses

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## NURSERY-CHAIR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERASTUS S. FRENCH, of Winchendon, of the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Chairs; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, and Fig. 2 a side elevation, of a chair-seat and its arms, with a play trough or box applied thereto in accordance with my invention. Fig. 3 is a top view, and Fig. 4 a transverse section, of the play-box.

My improvement relates to a play-box and its application to the chair, the nature of my invention being duly set forth in the claims hereinafter made. The play-box in form is analogous to a common drawer—that is, it is open at top, and is intended to hold articles in front of a person or child while seated in the chair. When not wanted for such purpose the box may be turned over into either a horizontal or a vertical position in rear of the chair.

In such drawings the chair-seat is shown at A as having its arms *a a* and back *b* formed in one entire bar or piece, bent as represented, such arms or back being supported by a series of standards, *c c*, projecting up from the seat. It is not essential to my invention that the chair arms and back should be in one entire piece.

The play-box (shown at B) has its bottom projecting from the ends of said box, in manner as shown at *d d*, and also from one side of the box, in manner as represented at *e*, the box at its opposite sides being provided with two knobs or projections, *f f*, arranged as shown. The front

end of each arm is rounded or beveled, as at *g*, and the box is connected with each arm, at or near its middle, by one of two connection-bars, C C, pivoted both to the box and the arm, the same being so as to enable the box to be turned or moved from its position in front of the chair into either of the positions in rear of it, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, the box in the first of the said rearmost positions being horizontal and in the second vertical. When in front of the chair the play-box is supported in its horizontal position not only by the projections *f f*, which then rest on the beveled ends of the arms, but by the bottom extensions, *d d*, which are then borne against the connection-bars. When in rear of the chair and in a horizontal position, the play-box will be held therein by the connection-bars and by the middle extension, *e*, the latter being borne upward against the seat.

I do not herein claim a play-box combined with a chair; but

What I do claim as my invention is as follows:

1. The combination of the chair, its arms, the connecting bar or bars C, and the play-box having projections *d d* and *f f*, whereby the play-box, when in its forward position, is sustained therein.

2. The combination of the chair, its arms, the connecting bar or bars C, and the play-box having projections *d d*, *f f*, and *e*, for sustaining such box in either of its forward or rearward horizontal positions, as set forth.

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