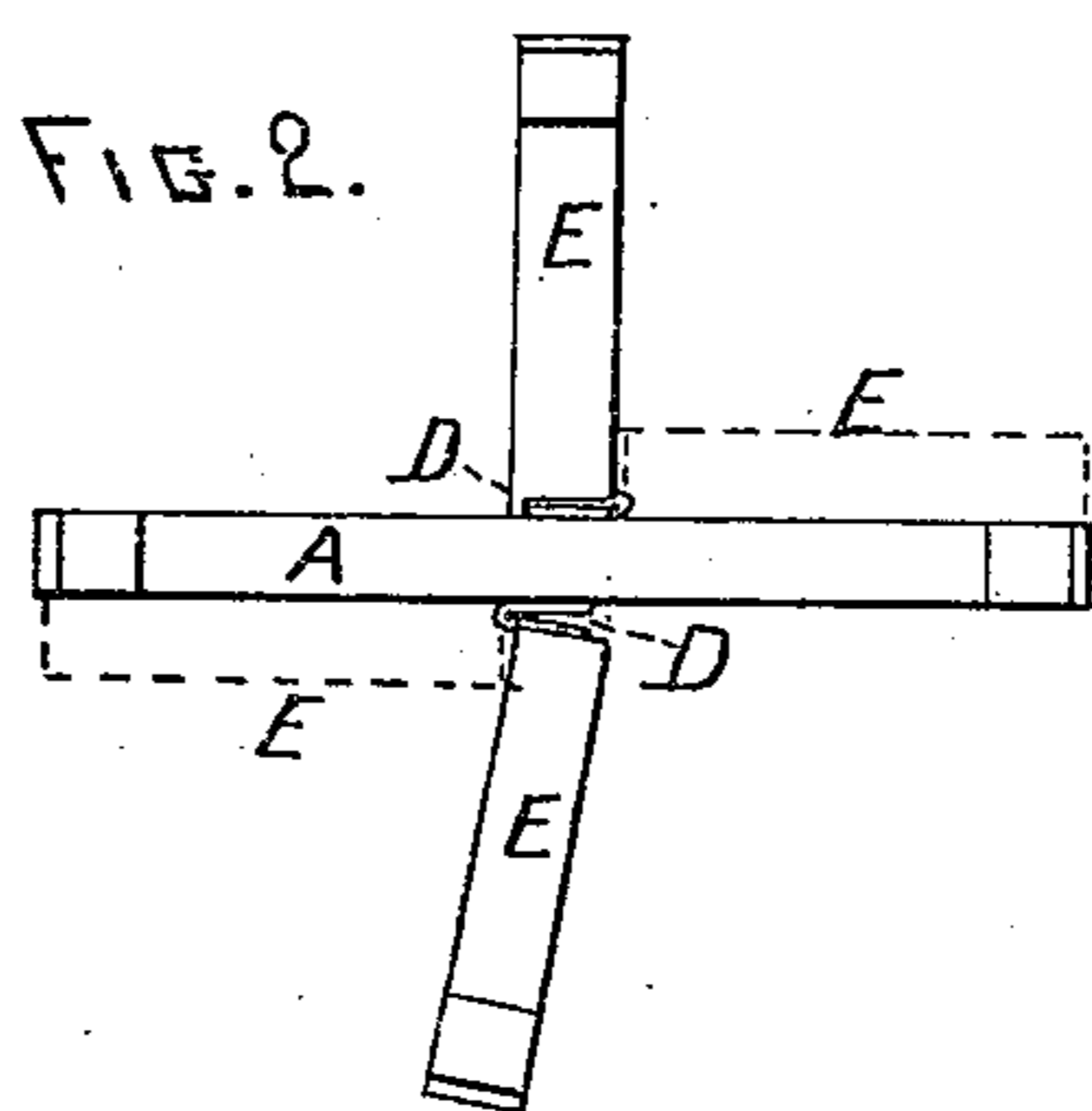
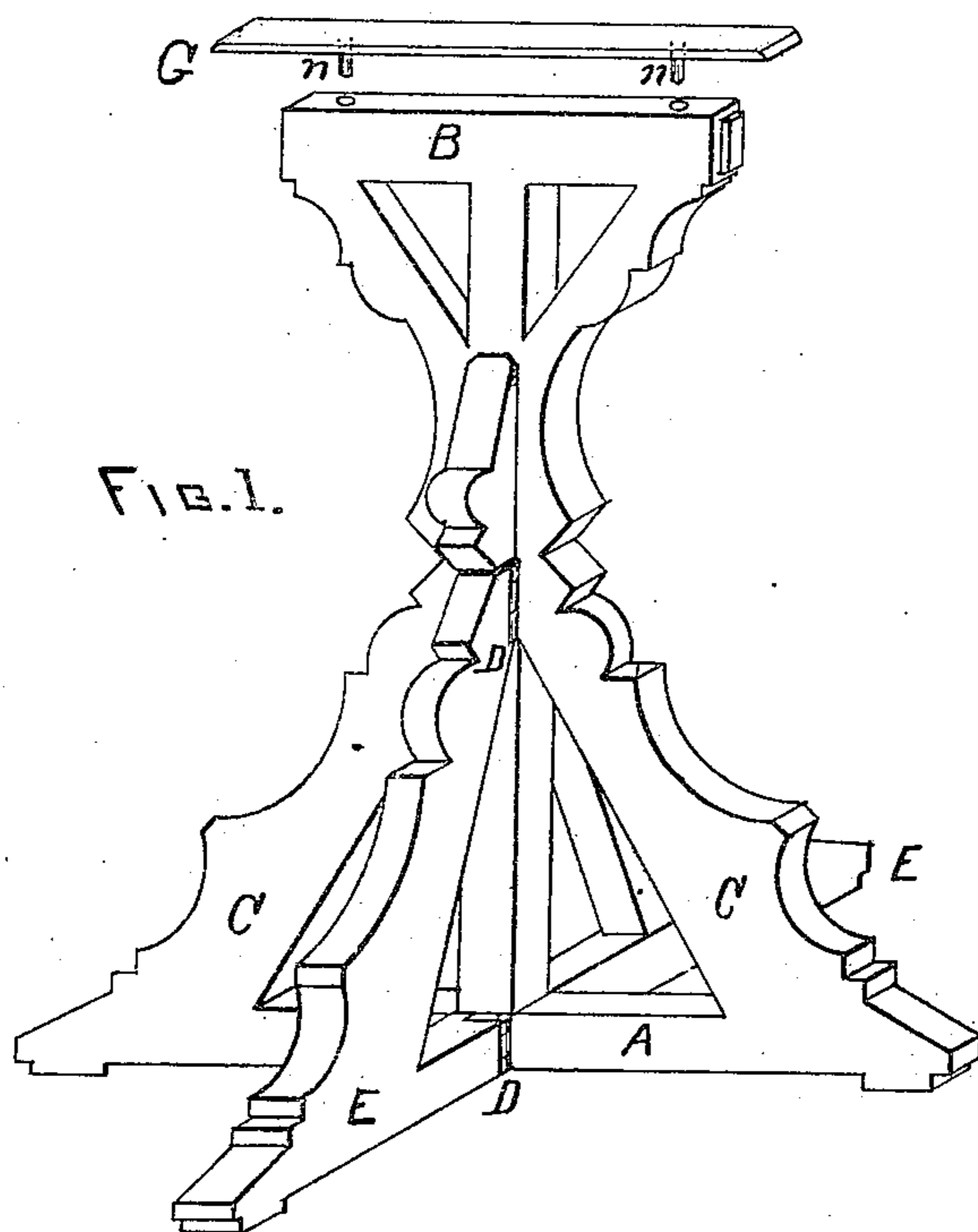


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALAMANDO B. RUSS, of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement

5 in Pedestals for Supporting Coffins, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective representation of a pedestal embodying my improvements; Fig. 2,

10 an inverted or bottom view thereof.

The object of the present invention is to provide supports for coffins, burial-cases, and caskets, which are suitable for coffins of different sizes, and which may be folded in compact

15 shape for shipment when not in use.

The nature of my invention consists in a wing-leg pedestal which is provided with a stationary bearer and one or more removable bearers of such length as will substantially

20 coincide with the different widths of coffins to be supported.

A B C C represent the main part of the pedestal, which in this case has a bracket form, but may have any form which will give a suitable base support for a coffin and be convenient to handle. Hinged to the sides of this

25 main part, at D D, are wings E E, which are also of bracket form, and when spread stand at right angles to the part A B C, and when closed shut flat on opposite sides of said part

and project in opposite directions, as shown at Fig. 2. The wings are folded thus that they may add as little as possible to the thickness of the main part, and so that they may be nested closely for shipment.

The top part, B, is made of the proper length to support a small coffin without projecting beyond it and being in the way; but for a larger coffin a bearer, G, is, by means of dowels *n n*, secured to the part B. Bearers of different

40 lengths may be employed.

It is well to state that two pedestals are to be employed for a coffin, and that they can be made of wood and the wings hung by metal hinges, and the whole may be painted or ornamented so as to be in consonance with the coffin or otherwise suited to the occasion.

I do not claim to have invented folding legs; but

What I claim is—

A pedestal for the support of coffins, consisting of a single standard provided with a stationary bearer and two folding legs, in combination with a removable bearer, G, for the support of coffins of different sizes, as specified.

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