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Fig. 1.

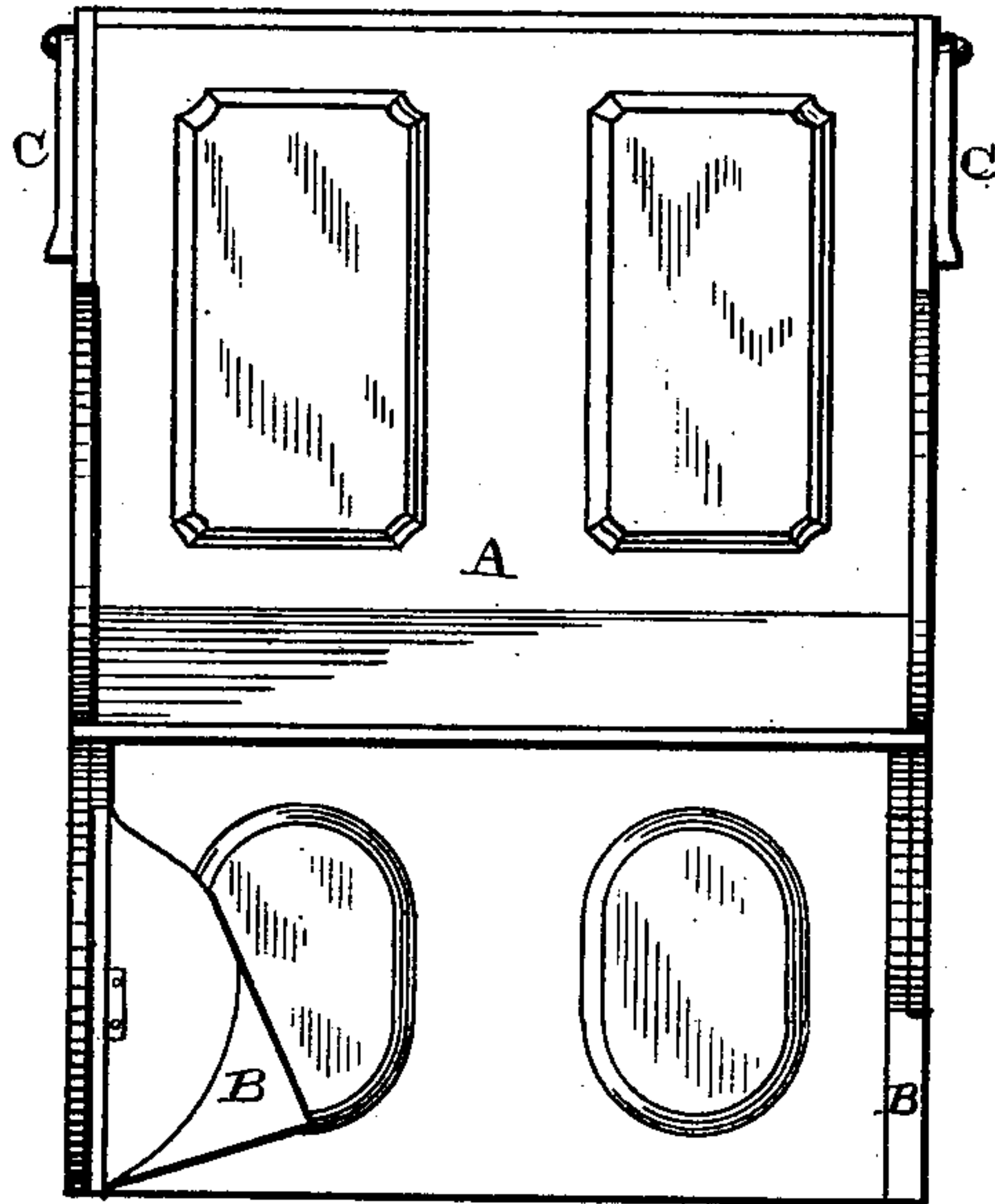


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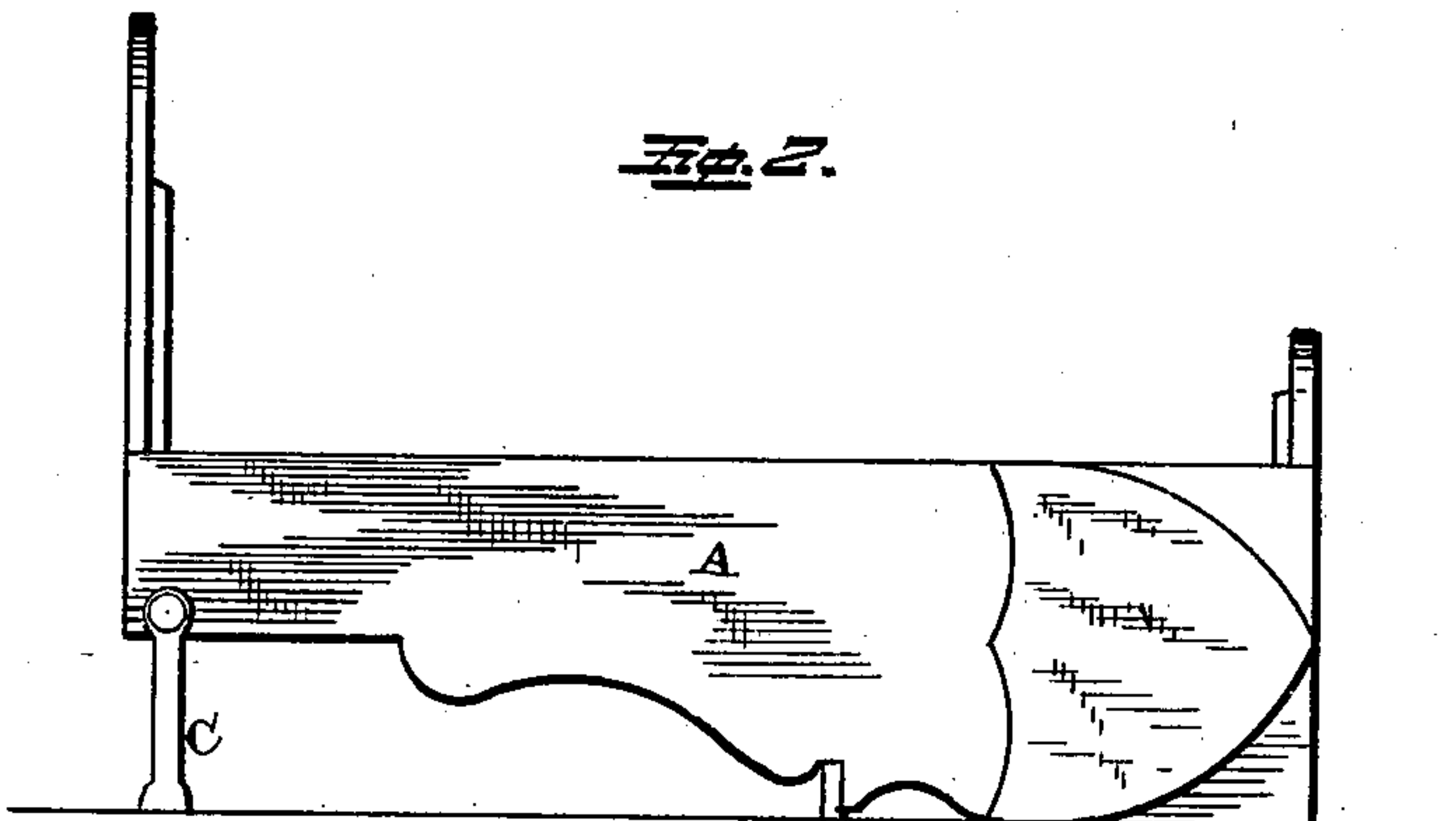


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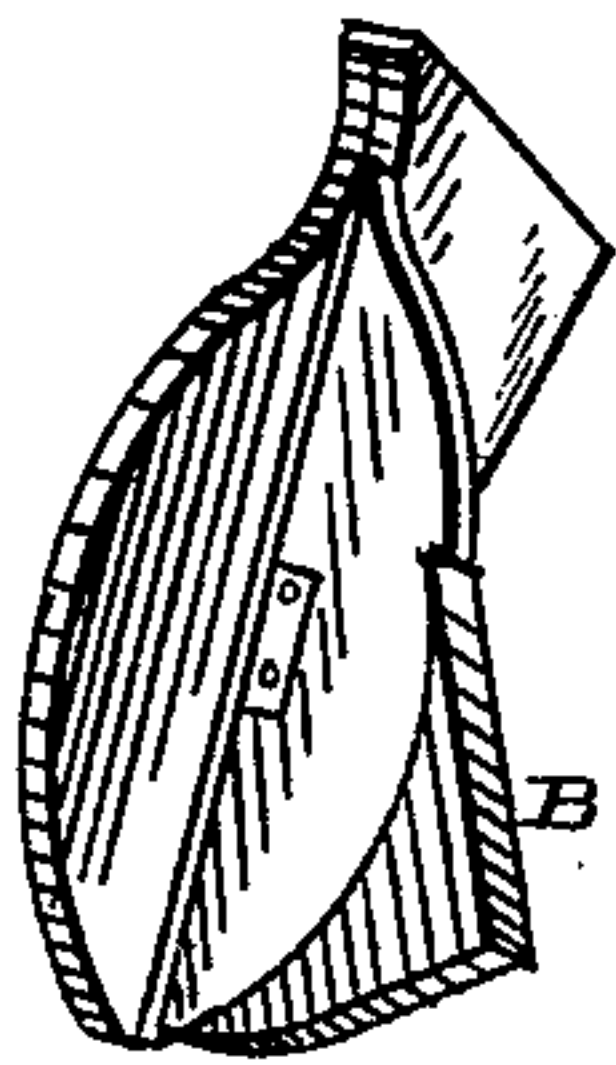
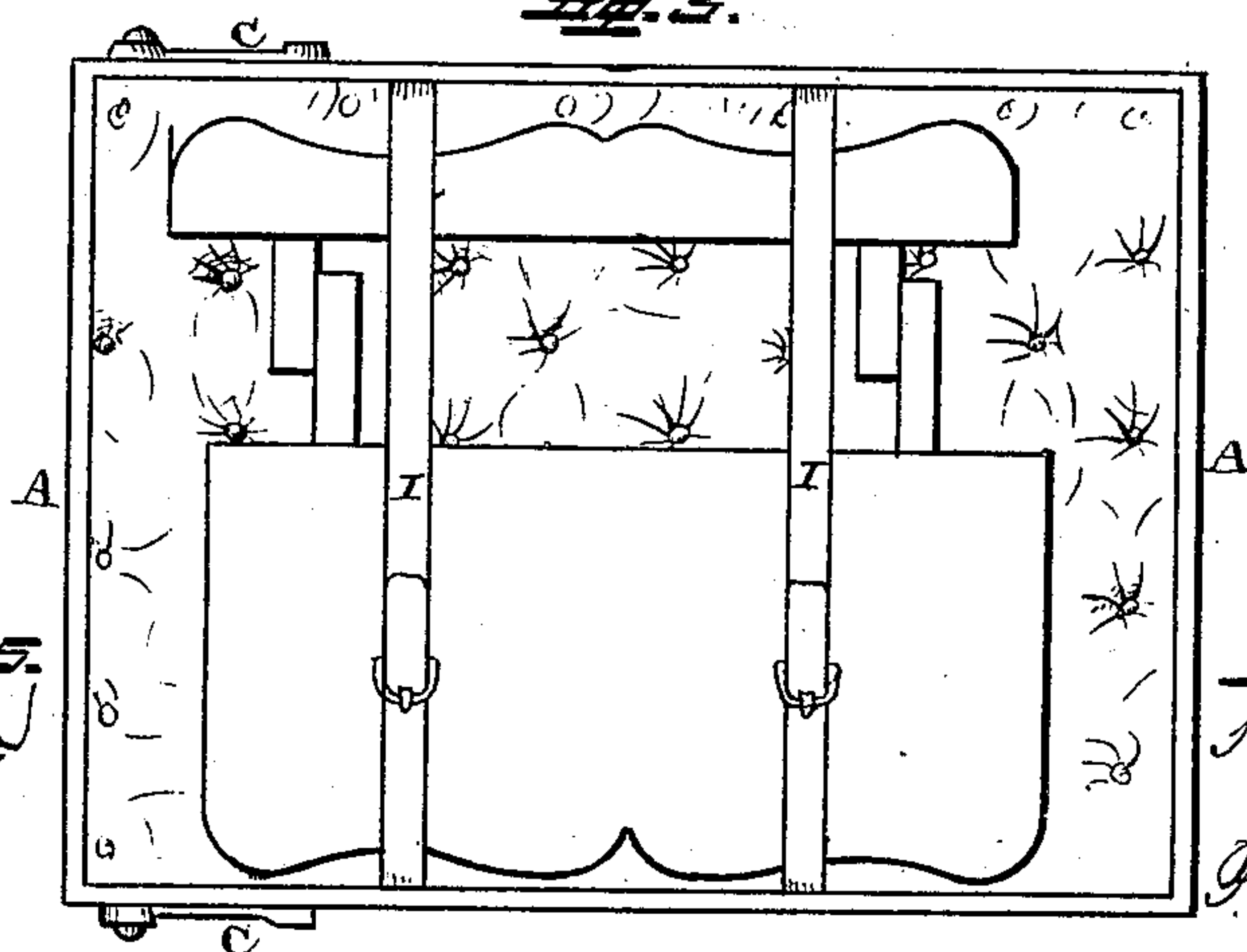


Fig. 3.



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## WARDROBE-BEDSTEAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY O. BICKNELL, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Bedsteads; 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 wardrobe-bedsteads; and it consists, first, in making the front end of the frame rounding, that the frame can tilt forward so as to lower the bed into position; second, in so constructing the frame as to dispense with the usual foot-piece, which has heretofore been used, and to which the bed portion has been hinged or otherwise loosely connected; third, in making the lower corners of the frame round, so as to allow the frame to tilt forward, and hinging to these rounding portions suitable feet or supports, which, when opened out in position, will prevent the frame from tilting forward, all of which will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to do away with the usual foot or bottom piece to which the movable portion of the bed has heretofore been hinged or otherwise attached, and thus greatly simplify and cheapen the construction of the bed.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention, showing one of the feet turned inward. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing the bed lowered for use. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the bed, showing the head and foot boards fastened in place by means of the straps. Fig. 4 is a perspective of one of the feet hinged to the frame.

A represents a bed-frame, which may be made to imitate a book-case, an organ, a secretary, or any other piece of furniture, and which, instead of being hinged or otherwise loosely attached to the usual base or foot piece, is here made to rest solidly upon the floor. The lower front corners of this frame are rounded away, as shown, so that when the feet B are moved inward, so as not to

touch the floor, the frame will tilt forward into a horizontal position, as shown. When the bed is in this horizontal position, ready for use, it is supported at one end by means of the swinging legs C, which are pivoted to the sides of the frame, and at the other end by that portion of the frame to which the feet B are hinged. The feet B are cut away on their inner edges at the angle here shown, and are then pivoted to the frame, so that when the feet are turned back no portion of them will come in contact with the floor. After the bed has been raised against the wall it is necessary to open these feet outward, and they then form a support for the bed, which renders it impossible for it to accidentally tip over.

As there is no back to this frame into which the bed portion closes, the head and foot boards are made detachable, and during the day, when the bed is closed up against the wall, are held in position against the bedding, as shown, by means of the straps I, which also serve to hold the mattress and bedding in place.

By dispensing with the usual foot or base piece of the frame, in which the folding part of the bed is usually closed, the construction of the bed is very much simplified and cheapened, and places wardrobe-bedsteads within the reach of poor people, and makes them much easier to operate.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A wardrobe-bedstead having its lower front corners made rounding and provided with hinged feet, substantially as described.

2. A wardrobe-bedstead having its lower front corners rounded away and provided with the hinged feet, in combination with the folding legs, which are pivoted to the sides of the upper end of the frame, the frame being made to support one end of the bed, while the pivoted legs support the other, substantially as set forth.

3. In a wardrobe-bedstead which rests solidly upon the floor at its lower end, removable head and foot boards, and suitable straps for holding the parts in place while the bed is raised against the wall, substantially as specified.



4. A wardrobe-bedstead which rests solidly upon the floor at its lower end, and which has its lower front corners rounded away and provided with hinged feet, the back portion of  
5 the frame being left entirely open for the reception of the bed, and made to close against the wall, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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