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Fig. 1.

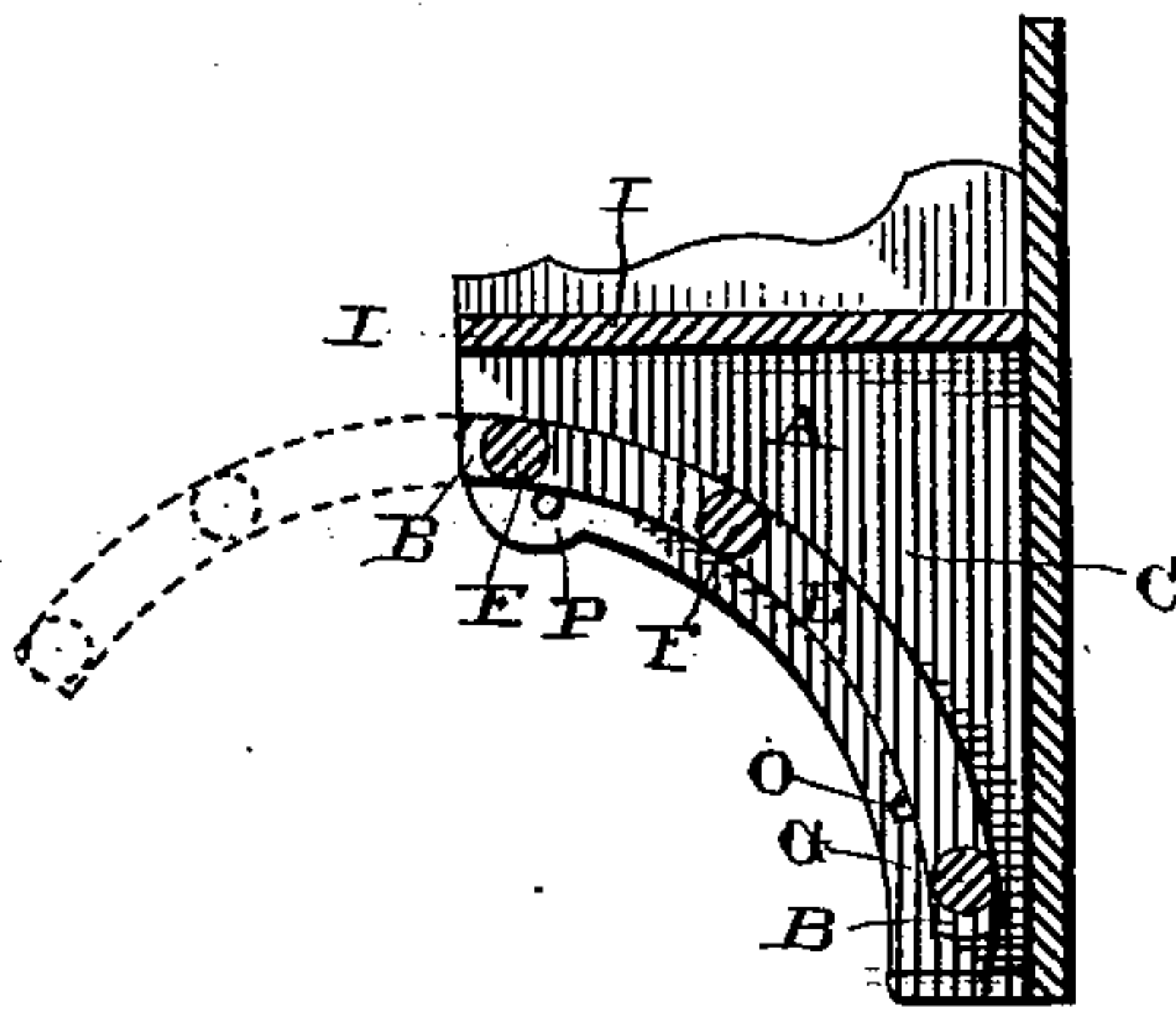
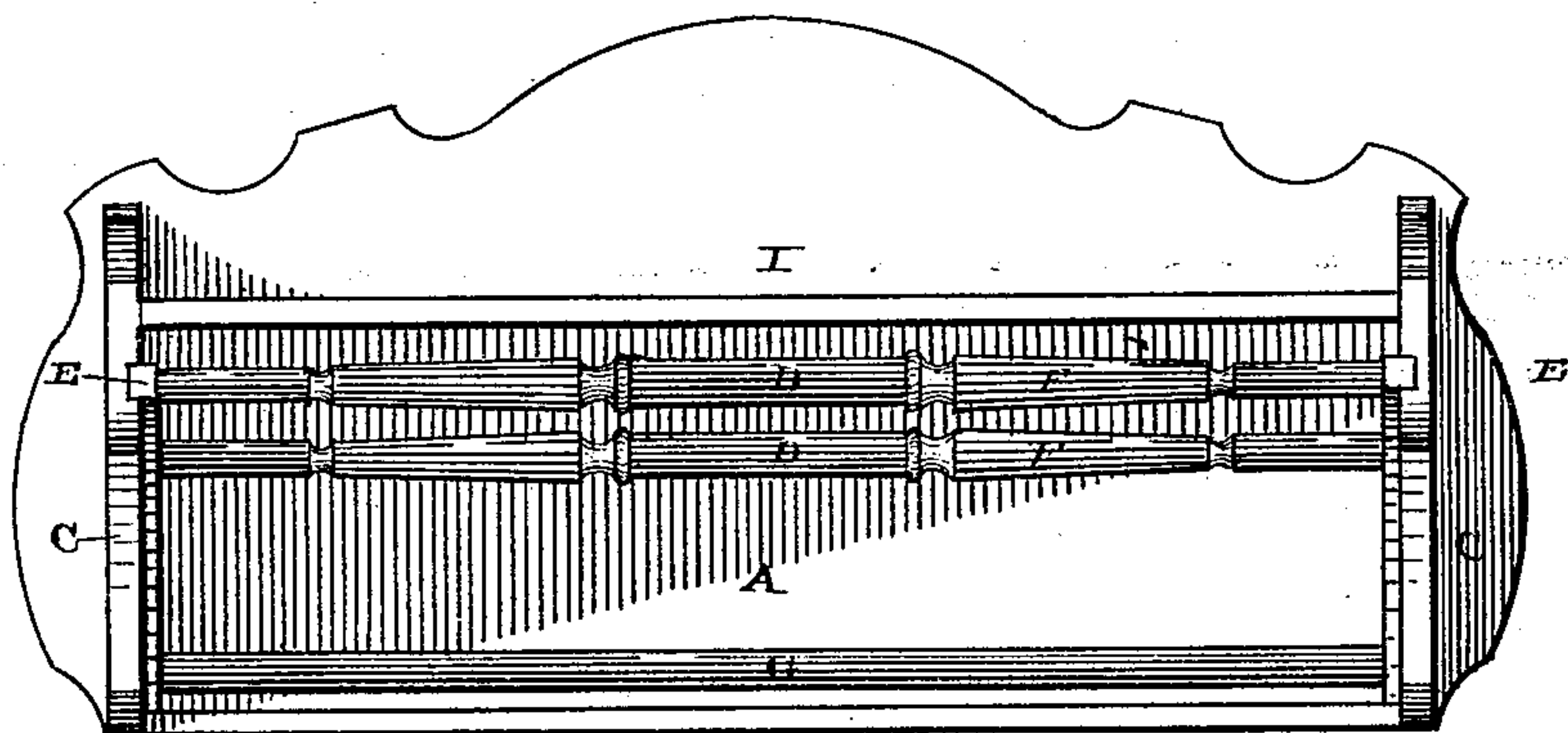


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. CLAPP, of Gouverneur, in the county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Racks; 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 towel-racks; and it consists in the combination of a bracket-frame having a curved groove made in the inner side of each of its ends with a curved rack, which can be drawn out beyond the front edge of the frame, so as to allow towels to be hung upon it, or pushed back into the frame, so as to be entirely out of the way.

The object of my invention is to provide an ornamental towel-rack which can be secured to the wall or against any suitable support, and in which the rack can be pushed back out of the way when not needed.

Figure 1 is a vertical section of my invention, showing the rack in one position in dotted lines and in another in solid lines. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same, showing the rack pushed back into position.

A represents a suitable bracket-frame, of any desired shape, size, construction, or length, and which has a curved groove, B, made in the inner side of each one of its ends C. In these curved grooves is placed the towel-rack D, which consists of the two curved end pieces, E, the two bars, F, upon which the towels are to be hung, and a rod, G, which connects the inner ends of the two end pieces together.

This rack, being made curved, as shown, fits in the curved grooves made in the inner ends of the bracket-frame in such a manner that the rack can be drawn outward so that both of the bars will project beyond the outer edge of the shelf I, so that towels or other articles can be hung upon them, or the rack can be pushed back into the frame so as not to take up any room when not needed.

In order to prevent the rack from being pulled out of the frame, suitable stops, O, are secured to the outer edges of the end pieces of the rack, and these stops strike against suitable stops, P, which are secured to the inner sides of the end pieces of the bracket-frame. When the rack has been drawn out sufficiently far the stops prevent any further movement of the rack, and the rack then remains in position, whether there is anything hung upon it or not.

After towels have been hung on the rack the rack can be pushed back into the frame, and the towels will hang without any interference.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The combination of the bracket frame A, having curved grooves made in the inner sides of its ends, with a curved towel-rack, D, which fits in the grooves, and which is provided with stops to prevent the rack from being drawn out too far, substantially as shown and described.

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

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