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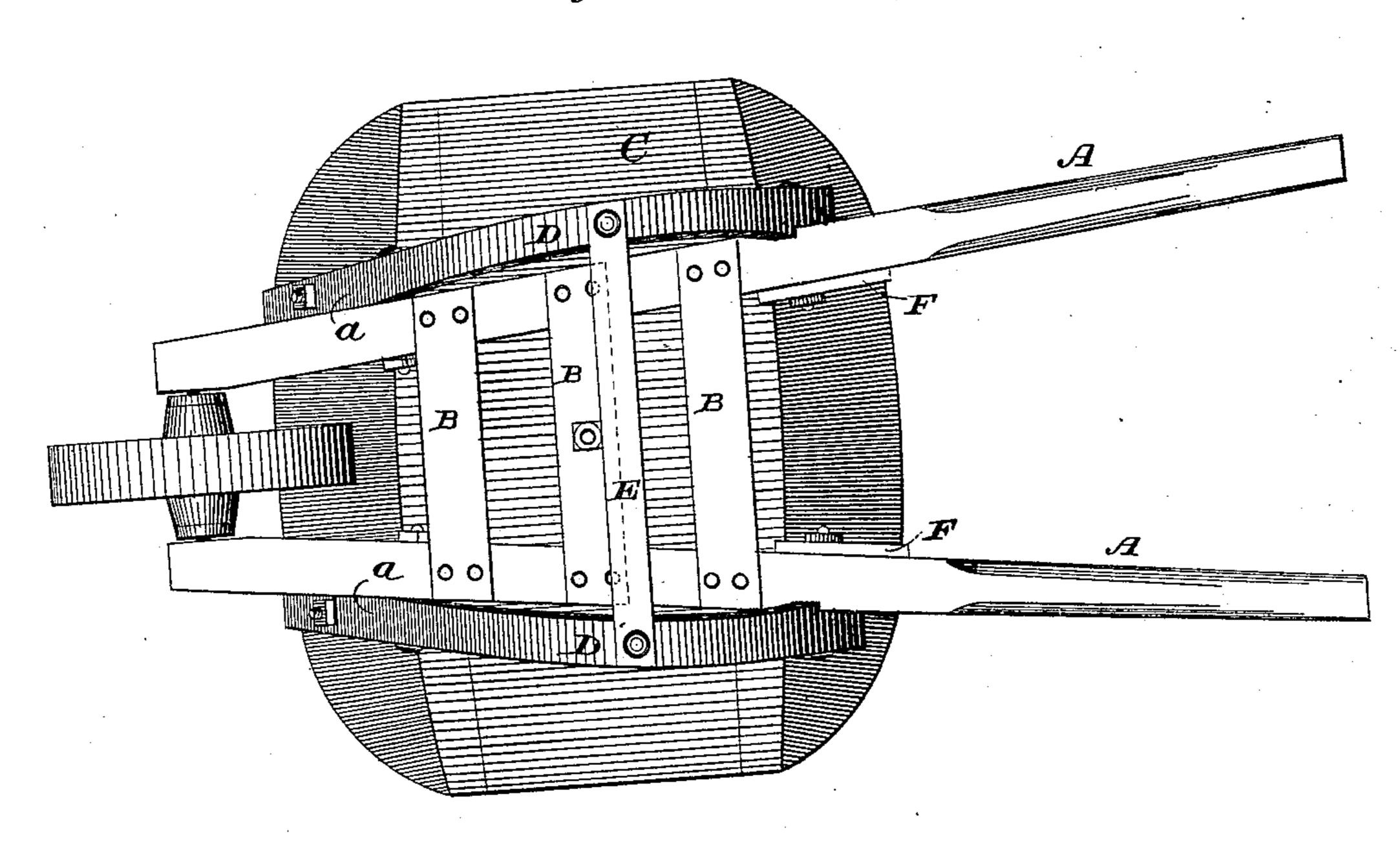
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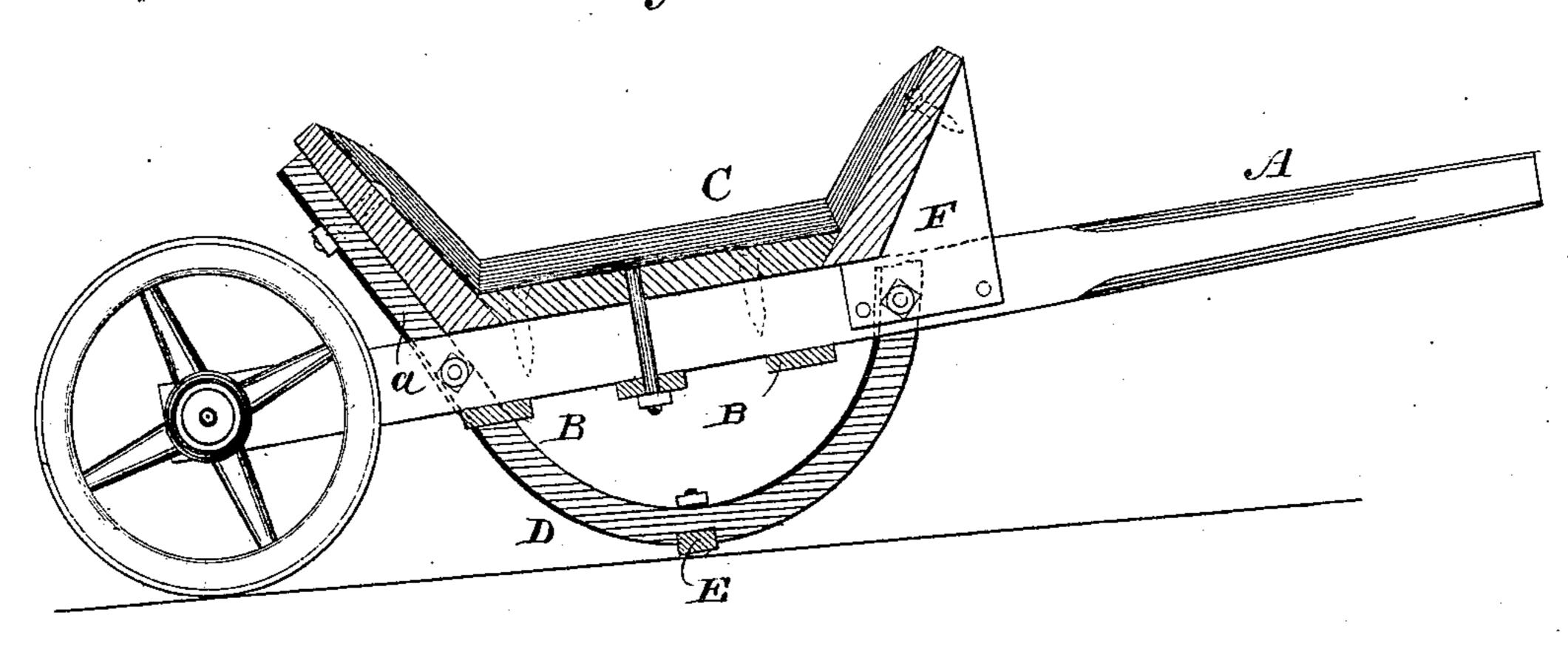
WHEELBARROW.

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Fig. I.





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## WHEELBARROW.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, George W. Thomas, of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wheelbarrows, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a wheelbarrow that shall combine simplicity of construction with strength and lightness; and it consists in certain improvements on the well-known tray-barrow, the details of which are hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a bottom view, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal sectional view.

15 Fig. 2 a longitudinal sectional view.

The rails A A are connected and held at a fixed distance apart by the cross-pieces B B B, and constitute the handles of the barrow and afford a bearing for the wheel. The tray 20 or hopper C is secured to the rails and crosspieces by suitable bolts or screws. These parts are old and may be of any well-known construction. The legs D D are made of hard wood or metal bent into a bow shape and ex-25 tend under the rails in a gradual curve from the front to the back of the tray. The ends of the legs are secured preferably to the outsides of the rails, and the front ends extend up above the rails to form braces or supports 30 a a for the front of the tray. Each leg D and brace a is in one continuous piece, and a crosspiece, E, connects the bottoms of the legs and braces them laterally.

Two braces or supporting-plates, F F, are secured to the inside of the rails, independently 35 of the legs, and constitute independent supports for the back of the tray to which they are secured. The form or character of the brace and other details may of course be varied.

The several parts may optionally consist of wood or metal. By this construction I obtain a light, strong, and durable barrow, of very simple construction, at a reasonable cost.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the rails, the tray, the curved legs, the extensions of which constitute braces for the front of the tray, and braces which support the rear side of the tray independently of the legs, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the rails, the cross-pieces, the tray, the curved legs and braces a a, each leg and brace formed in one continuous piece, the cross-piece E, and the independent braces F F, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 16th day of September, A. D. 1882.

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