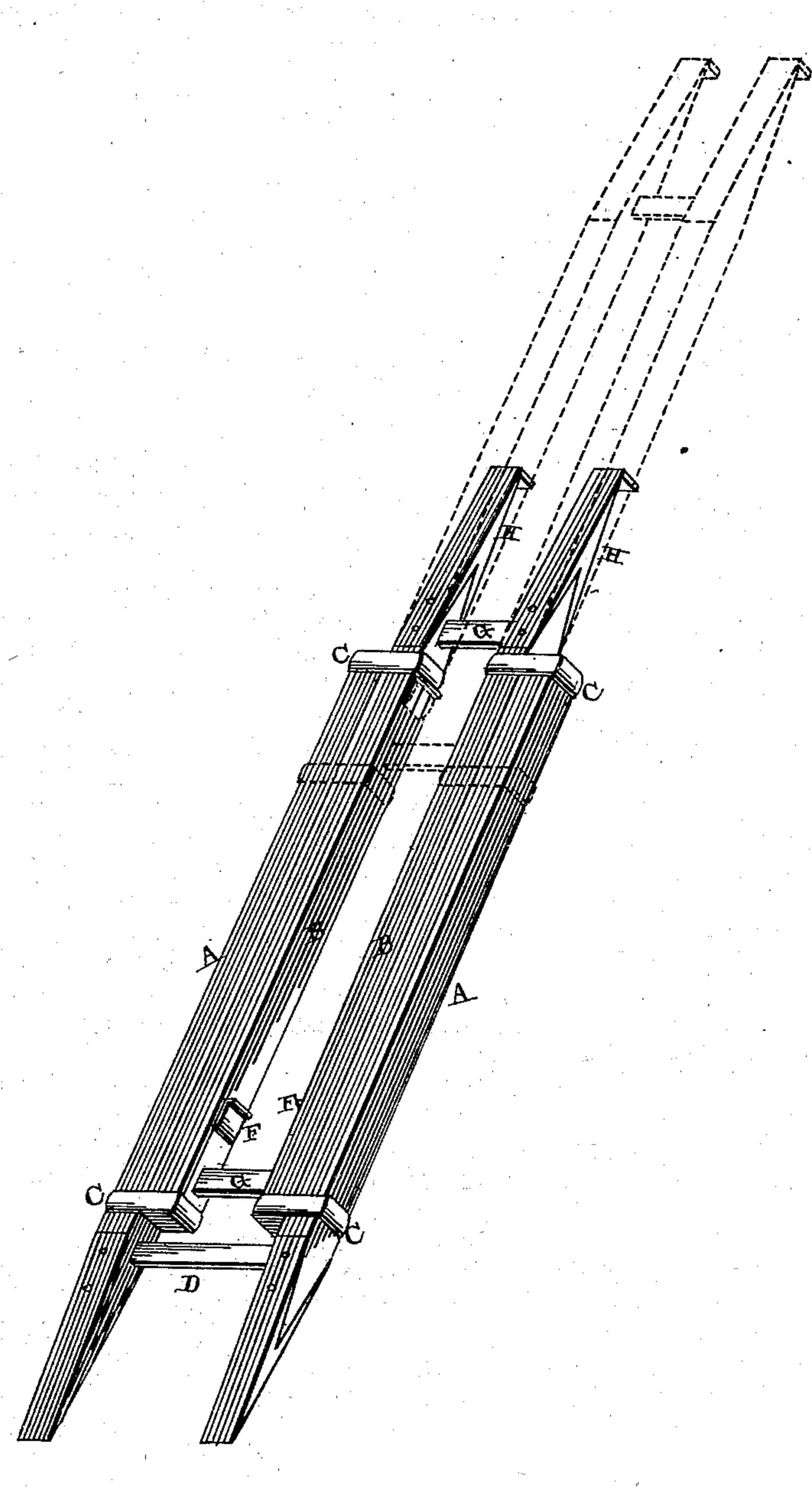
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED N. GODFREY, of Oldtown, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skids; 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 drawing, which forms part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in skids; and it consists in making the skid in two parts and having the parts adjustable in such a manner that the skid can be lengthened and shortened, according to the place in which it is to be used, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The accompanying drawing represents a per-20 spective of a skid embodying my invention.

A represents one part of the skid, and B a smaller part, which is connected thereto by means of the bands C. This larger part consists of two parallel bars, which are strengthened at one end by sharp iron points, and which are connected together by the cross-bar D. At their inner ends are secured the bands, which form simply guides, through which the other part of the skid passes, and against which the stops F strike when the part B is drawn out to its full extent. The smaller part, B, of the skid consists of two parallel rods or

bars, which are united together by the two cross-pieces G, and which are armed at their outer ends with suitable metallic pieces, H, 35 which have their outer ends turned downward, so as to form flanges to catch over the tops of sills, upon the sidewalks, and other such places. This part B has the second set of bands secured to its inner end, and which slide freely 40 back and forth over the bars of the part A.

The great trouble with skids heretofore made is that they have been made of only one length, and hence are unfit for use in certain places because they are too short and in other places 45 because they are too long. For this reason many of the warehouses are obliged to have more than one set of skids at a time. The object of my invention has been to overcome this defect and to provide a skid which can be 50 lengthened and shortened according to the place in which it is to be used.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A skid formed of two parts, A B, the parts 55 being made to slide back and forth upon one another, so as to lengthen or shorten the skid, substantially as shown.

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

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