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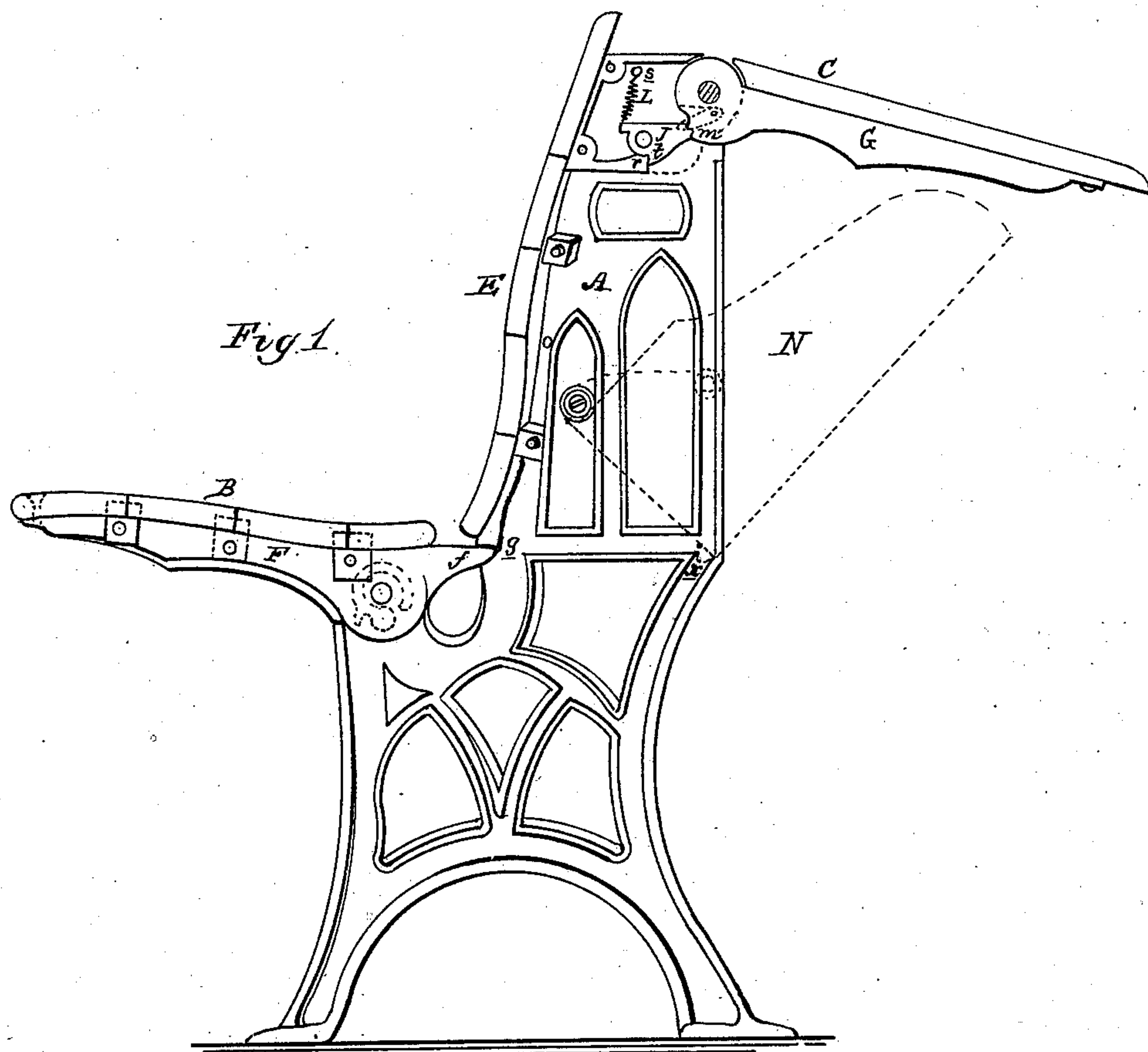
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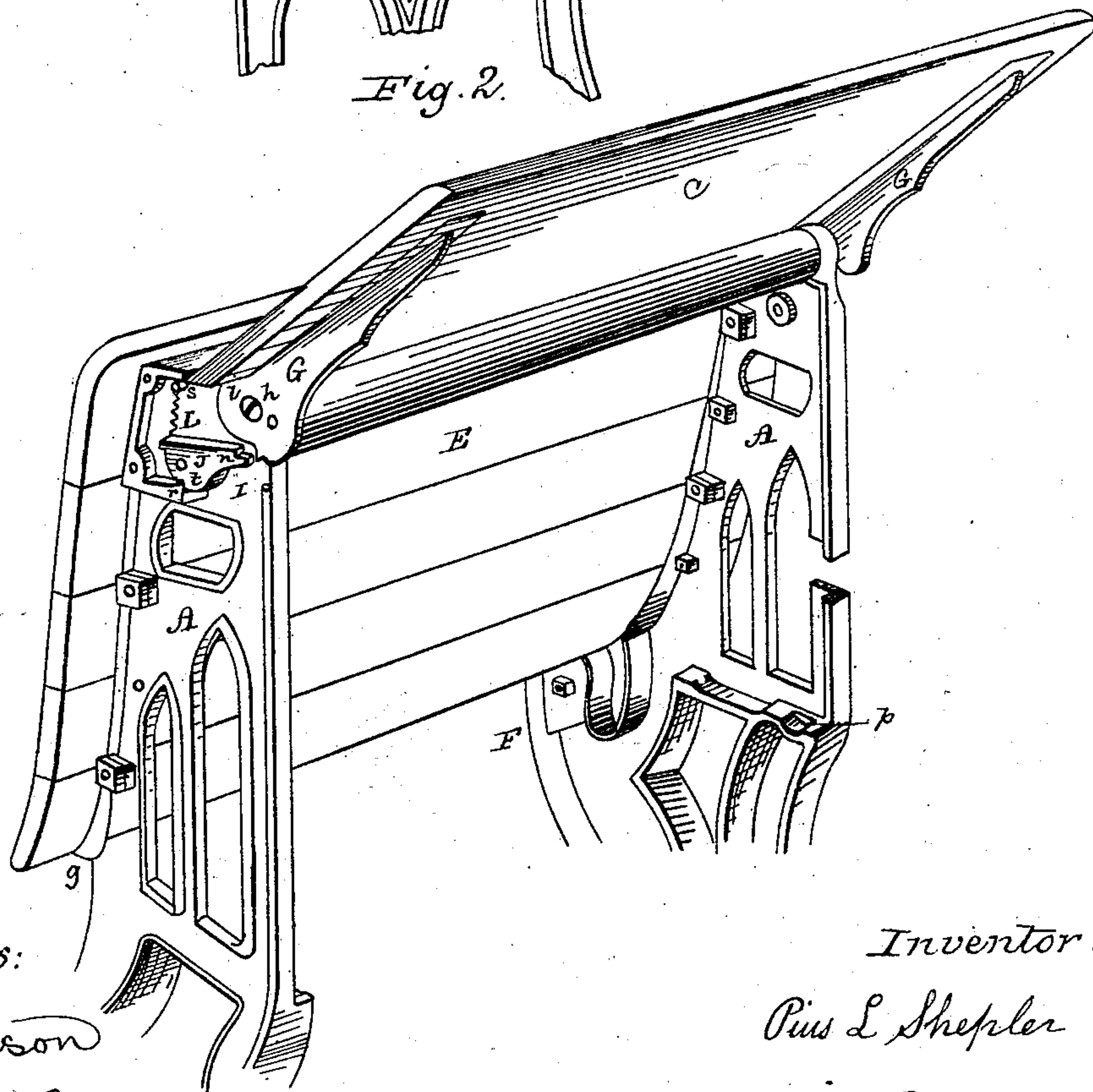
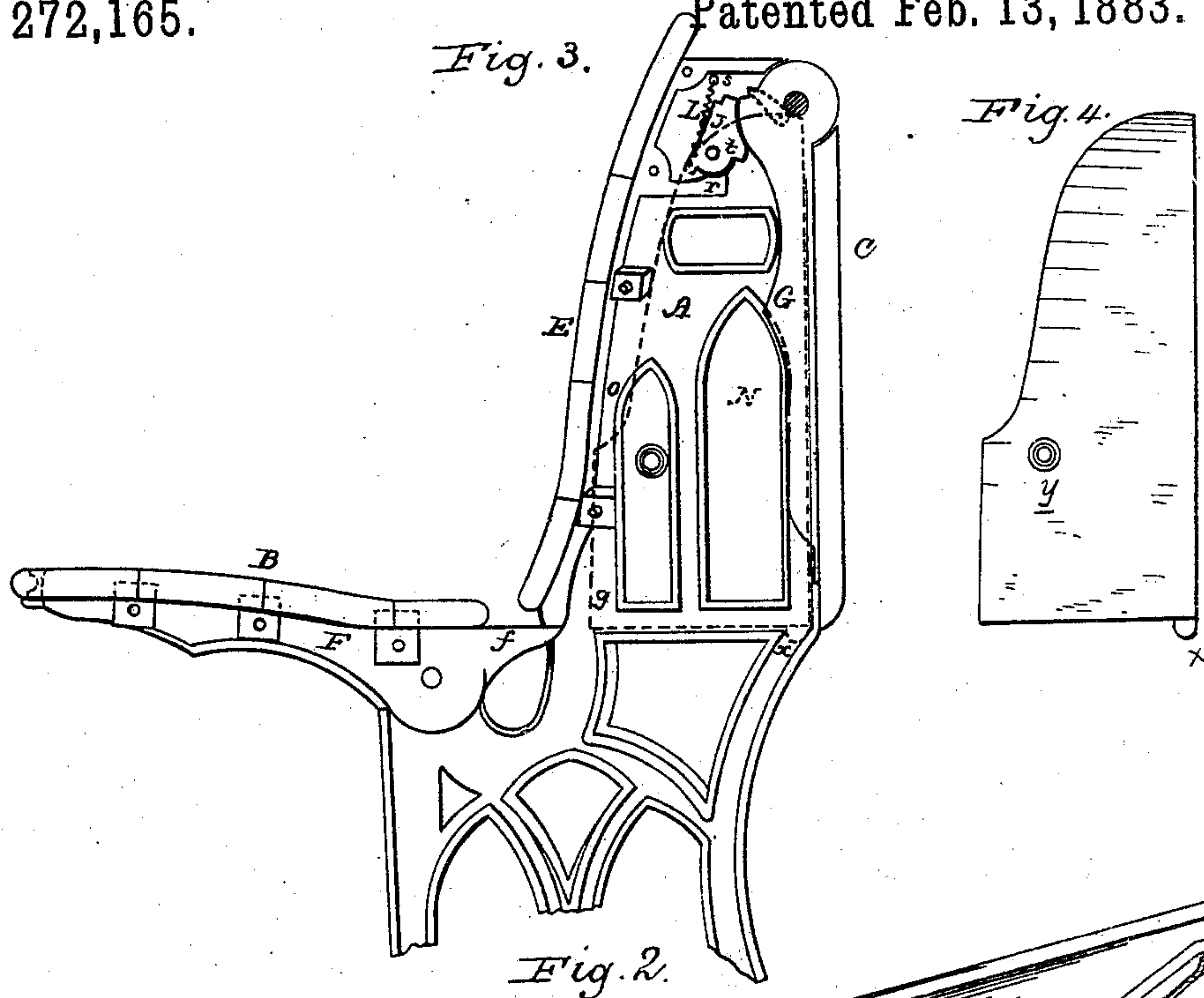
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## FOLDING SCHOOL SEAT AND DESK.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 272,165, dated February 13, 1883.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PIUS L. SHEPLER, of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding School Seats and Desks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction and operation of school seats and desks of that class which fold upon the vertical standards.

The novelty consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and be specifically pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved seat and desk, with the cap which covers the fall-leaf joint removed and showing some of the parts in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a rear sectional view of the same, with the book-receptacle removed. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, with the leaf folded over the receptacle. Fig. 4 is a detached end view of the receptacle.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents the vertical standards of a folding desk, and to these standards the seat B and the table or fall-leaf C are attached by a joint of any suitable construction, so that each may be folded upon the standards—the seat by lifting the front edge thereof, and the fall-leaf by lowering the same.

E is the back, formed of slats of wood secured together and to the front of the standards, as described in an application for a patent bearing even date herewith upon a means of securing wood and metal together, although in the construction of desks I do not desire to confine myself to that special method of securing the slats which form the seat and back to the iron portion of the frame, as this may be done in many other known ways.

In order to utilize to the best advantage the space between the two standards and underneath the top, and to provide a receptacle for books, &c., which may be locked, if desired, I provide the receptacle or box N, the lower

rear corners of which are provided with semi-circular bearings *x*, which fit and partially rotate in the journals *p* upon the standard. After the box has been inserted in place through the openings in the standard the stop *y* is secured upon each side of this receptacle, which, when the box is turned outward, impinges against the rear ribs of the standards and prevents the receptacle being withdrawn, but allowing ready access to it when the leaf is raised, as shown in Fig. 2. The standard and leaf should be provided with some suitable device capable of allowing the latter to be folded down over the receptacle, as in Fig. 3, or raised to allow free access to its contents, as in Fig. 2, or of holding it in condition for use, as in Fig. 1; but I prefer the construction shown in the drawings, on which I have made an application for a patent as a division and continuation of this case, and it is therefore unnecessary to further describe it here, as it is not claimed in this application.

I am aware of the Patents Nos. 119,794 and 88,609, and make no claim to the construction shown therein.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a folding desk, a receptacle arranged between the standards and turning upon pivotal points arranged at the corner of the receptacle farthest from the seat and prevented from being turned on its side by a stop upon each end of such receptacle, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a folding seat and desk in which the leaf folds down against the standards, a pivoted book-receptacle arranged between the standards, and adapted, when in a vertical position, to be inclosed on one side by the leaf when folded down, and by the back of the seat on the other side, substantially as described and set forth.

3. The book-receptacle N, having bearings *x* and stop *y*, combined with the standard A, having journals *p*, and the hinged leaf G, as specified, for the purpose set forth.

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