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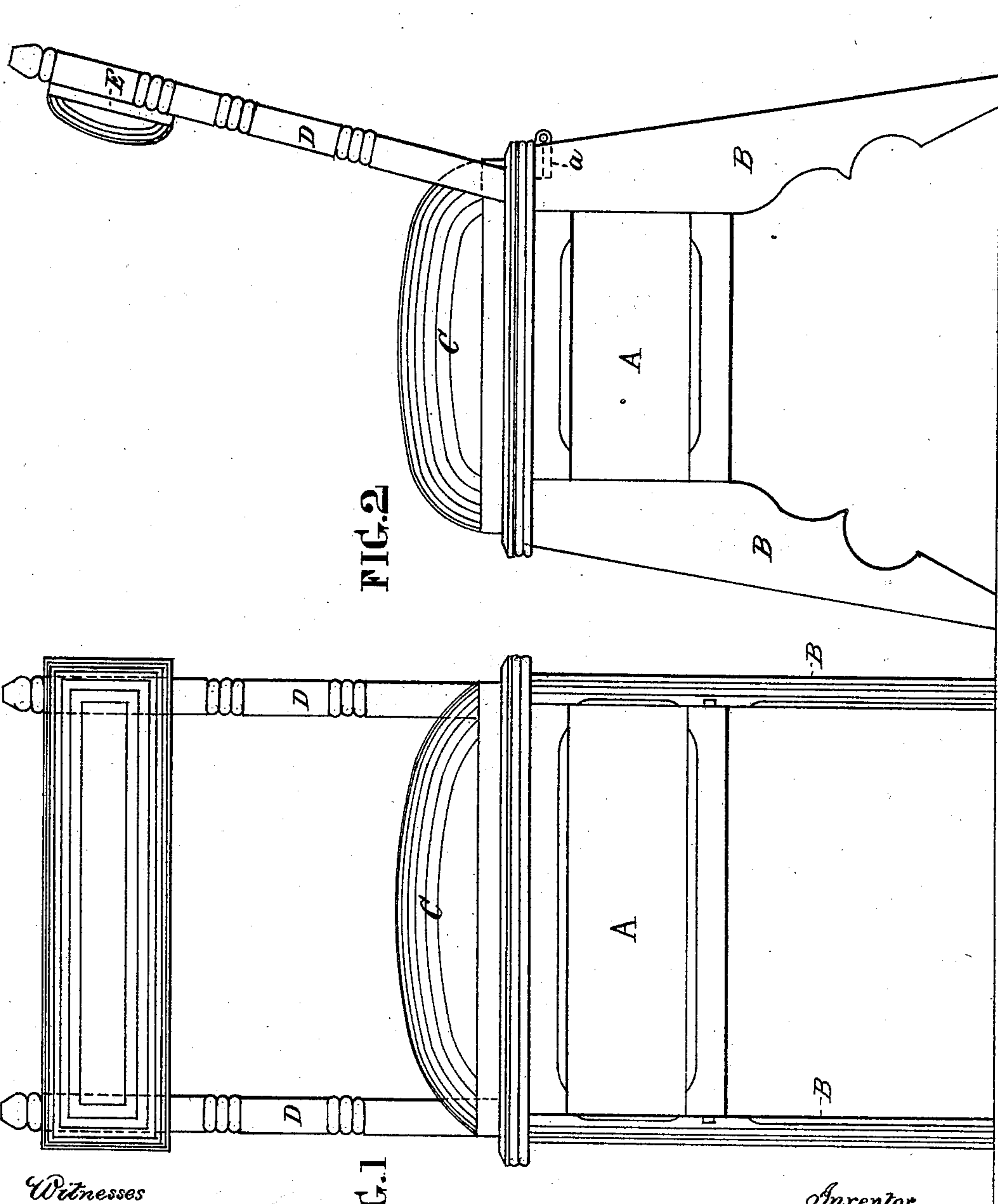


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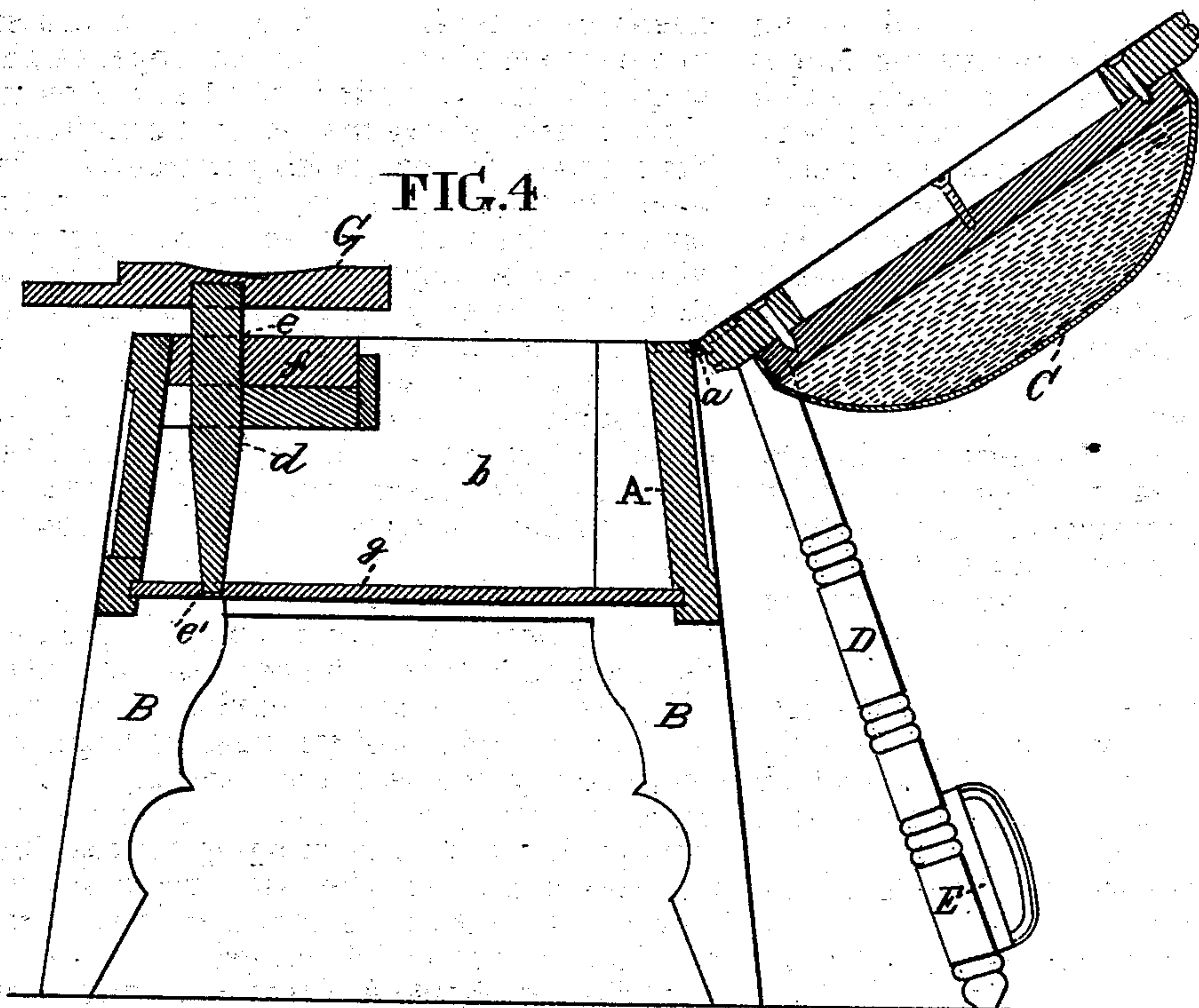
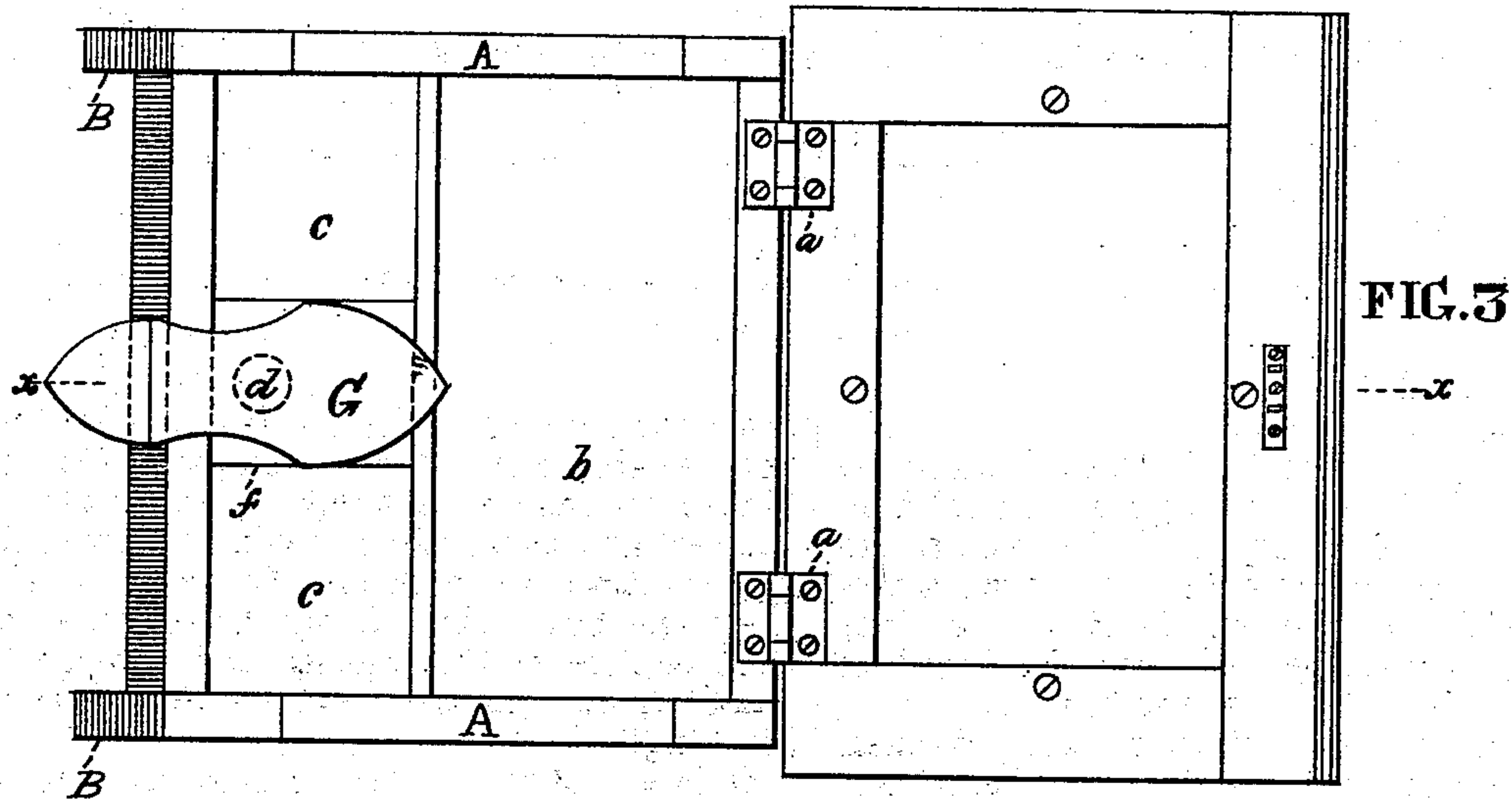
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ENOCH S. FARSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boot and Shoe Blacking Apparatus and Chair Combined, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention mainly consists in the seat and back of the chair being permanently connected together and the seat hinged to the body of the chair, which is of box form to contain the blacking apparatus, so that as the former is reversed the back is made to form a brace by the top rail resting upon the floor, and thus to relieve the hinges of the weight of the seat and back, which would otherwise exert a great strain upon them.

The invention further consists of a detachable foot-rest, which is placed in a chamber in the box before the seat is closed upon the latter, so that when placed in position for use it may be arranged sufficiently high above the upturned seat that the latter will be entirely out of the way in the use of the brushes, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, which make a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved boot and shoe blacking apparatus and chair combined, with the seat closed on the body A, which is of box form to contain the blacking apparatus in the usual manner. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view with the seat turned over into its reversed position and the foot-rest arranged in its normal position which it assumes when in use. Fig. 4 is a transverse section at the line *x x* of Fig. 3.

Like letters of reference in all the figures indicate the same parts.

A represents the body of the chair, having legs B B B B.

C is the seat; D D, uprights, and E the top rail of the back. The seat C and rail E are cushioned, so as to make a neat and comfortable chair when the article is used for such purpose. The seat is connected to the body A by means of hinges *a a*, to admit of being thrown back out of the way of the use of the brushes, in which position the back forms a

brace for the seat, the rail E resting upon the floor, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, whereby the hinges are relieved entirely of the weight of the seat and back, which would otherwise be a great strain upon them. The body A is of the usual box form, having a chamber, *b*, for the reception of the brushes and detachable foot-rest, and recesses *c c* to contain boxes of blacking.

G is a foot-rest, which is provided with a vertical stem, *d*, that fits a corresponding hole, *e*, in the block *f* and hole *e'* in the bottom *g* of the box, the latter opening being smaller than the former, and the stem *d* reduced by means of a taper, as shown, or otherwise, whereby to retain the rest at the proper height, as seen in Fig. 4, to admit of a free movement of the brushes above the seat in the position it has assumed for the blacking operation. The stem *d* has a free axial movement to admit of changing the rest G to any lateral position which may be required or which may be desirable for the easy position of the foot, which position may be automatically gained by the foot seeking an easy attitude. The rest is detachable, as before stated, so as to be placed out of the way in the chamber *b* when not in use, the detachment being effected by withdrawing the stem *d* out of the holes *e* and *e'*.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a boot and shoe blacking apparatus, the combination of a hinged seat and back with the body or box A, having a foot-rest, G, in an elevated position when arranged for use, whereby the seat and back may be removed together out of the way of the movement of the brushes by bringing the seat into a reversed position, the back being of such length as to rest on the floor and support the seat, substantially as described.

2. The detachable foot-rest G, having a vertical stem, *d*, in combination with the block *f*, having a hole, *e*, and the bottom of the box A, having a hole, *e'*, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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