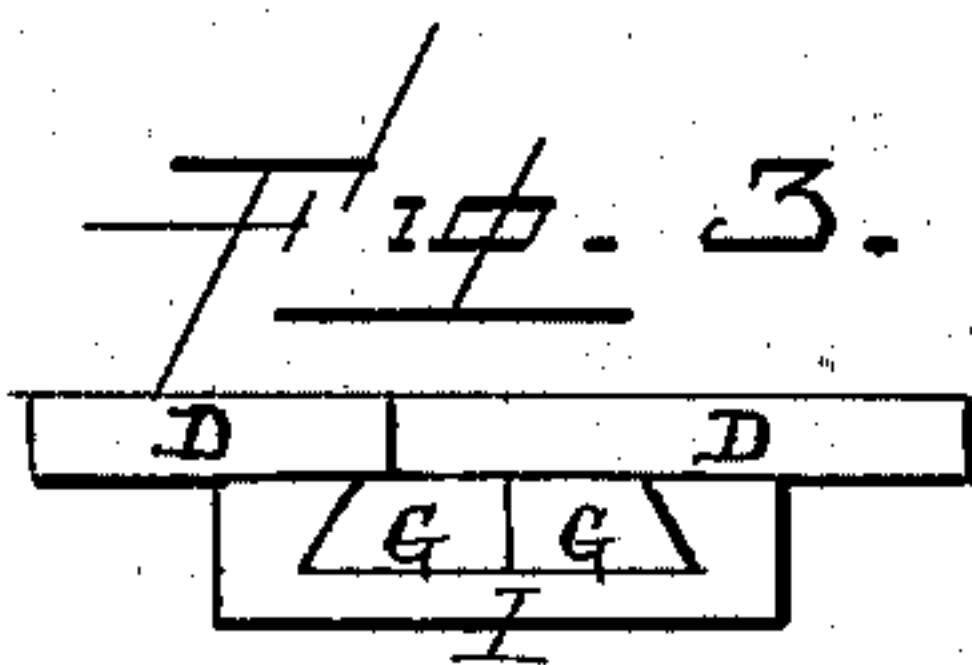
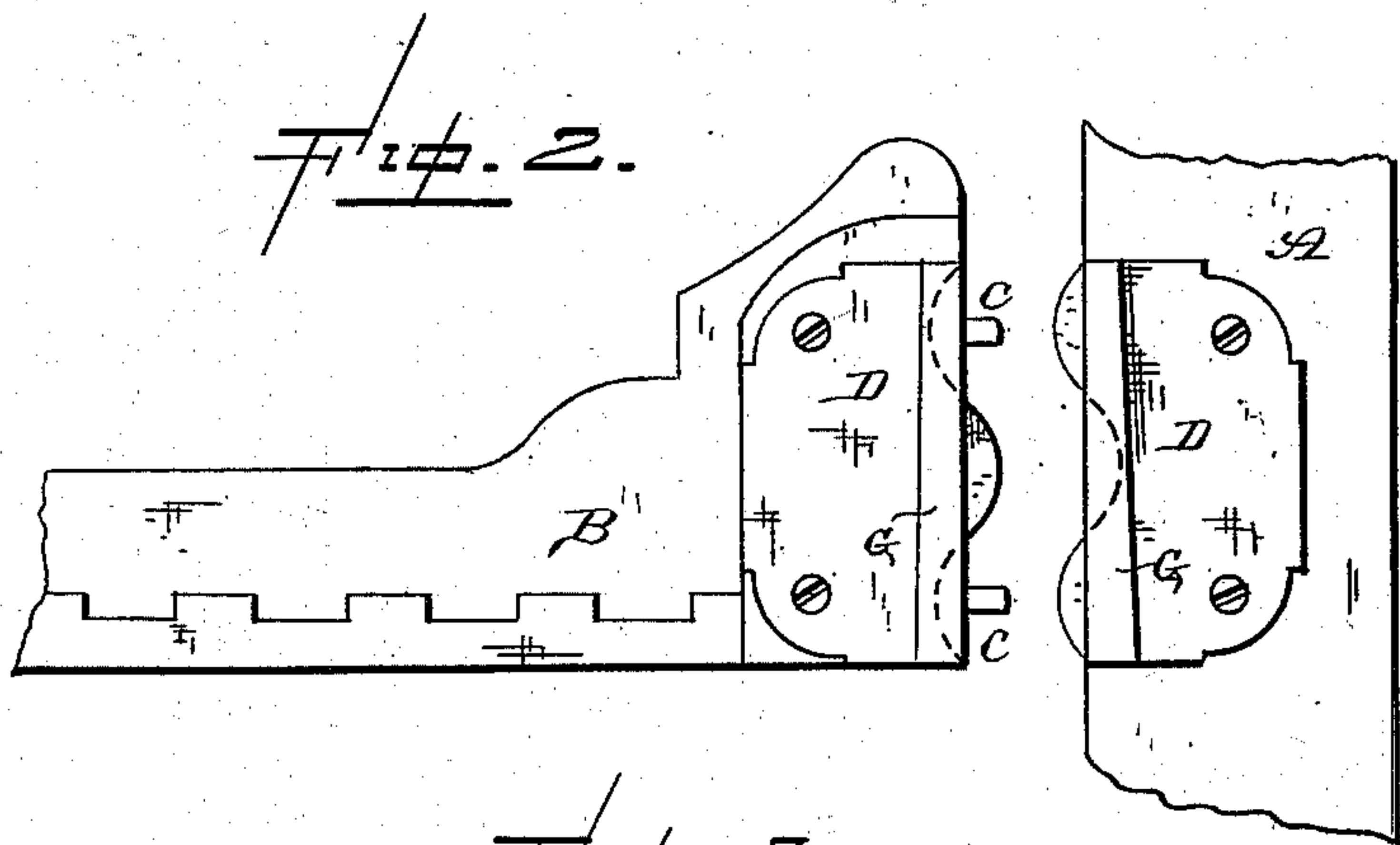
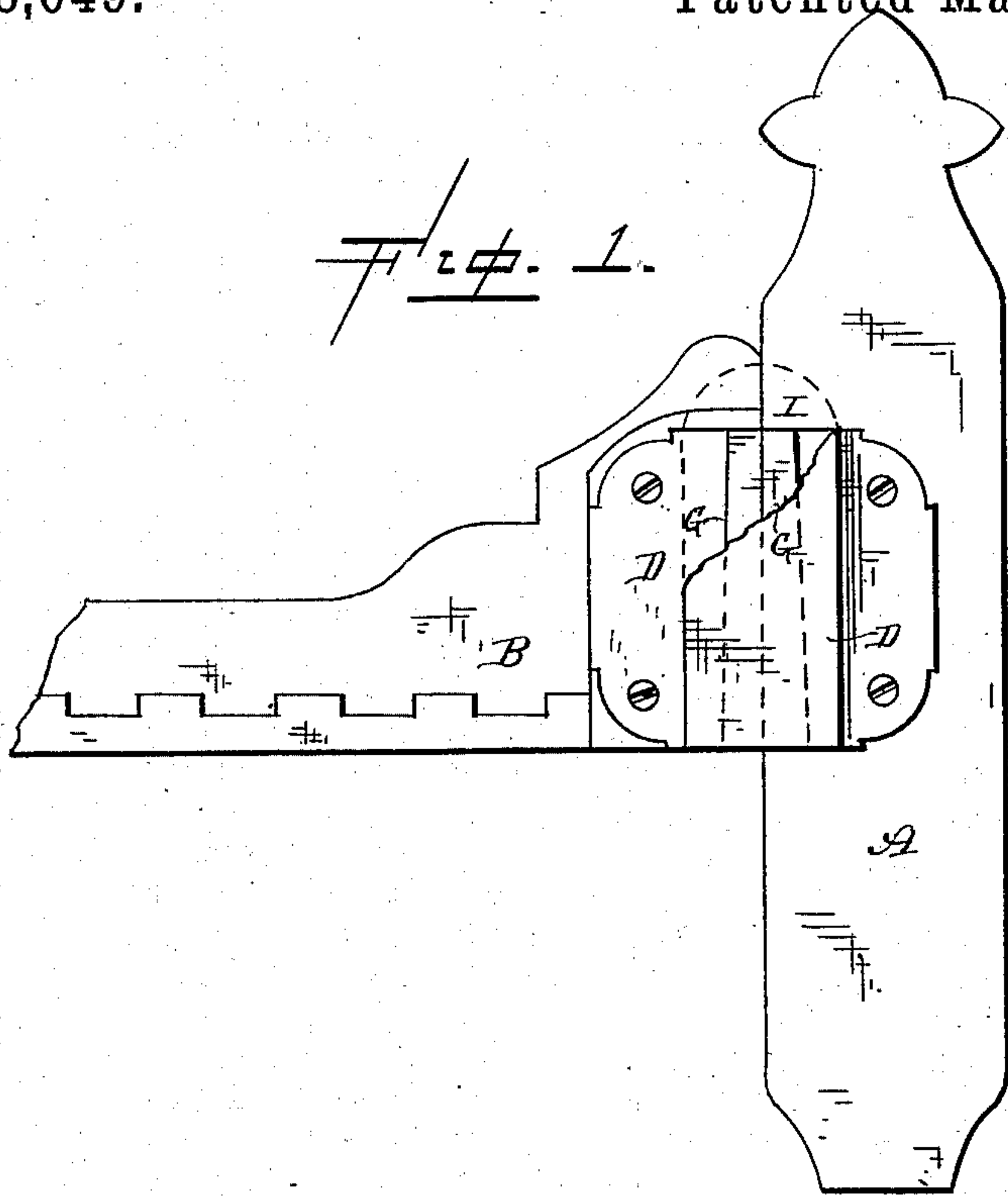


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## BEDSTEAD-FASTENING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, B. A. WILTON, of Bergen Point, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Bedsteads; 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 improvements in fastenings for bedsteads; and it consists in the combination of the bed-post having suitable sockets formed therein, with the side bar provided with tenons to fit the sockets, a casting which is made in two parts, each one of which has a curved edge where they fit together, and each one provided with a tapering piece, over which the clamping device is made to catch, so as to rigidly lock the parts in position, all of which will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and cheap fastening for bed-posts, and which will prevent the parts from having either any endwise or lateral motion.

Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the parts detached. Fig. 3 is a plan view.

A represents one of the head-posts, and B the side rail. In the edge of the post are made two or more sockets to receive the tenons C, which are formed upon one end of the rail. These tenons serve to assist in supporting the rail in position and preventing any vertical play in either direction. Secured to the inner side of both the post and the side rail are the two parts which form the casting D. Each part of the casting has its inner edge made curved, as shown, so that the two parts will lock together and assist in supporting the rail

rigidly in position. Upon the inner side of each of these castings, at the inner edge where they come together, is formed the dovetailed portion G, which is made in two parts. The inner edges of these parts G are perfectly straight, and fit snugly together, while their outer edges are made dovetailed, and are made to taper from the top to the bottom, so that the part G is wider at the bottom than at the top. Passed down from the top of this tapering part G is the clamp I, which binds the two parts to the casting rigidly together, and in binding the two parts of the casting binds the side rail to the head-post. This clamp can be very quickly removed, and then it is only necessary to pull the post and the side rail apart, when the bed can be taken to pieces. The tighter the clamp is pushed down over the part G the more tightly the rail and the head-post are forced together, and thus a tight joint is formed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of the post, the side rail, and the casting, which is formed in two parts, with the dovetail G, which is formed upon the castings, and the clamp by which the parts are held rigidly together, substantially as shown.

2. The combination of the post and the side rail, provided with tenons and sockets, with the casting which is made in two parts, and each part having its edge curved or corrugated, so as to make them lock together, the dovetail G, and the clamp which is made to fit down over the part G, substantially as shown and described.

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

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