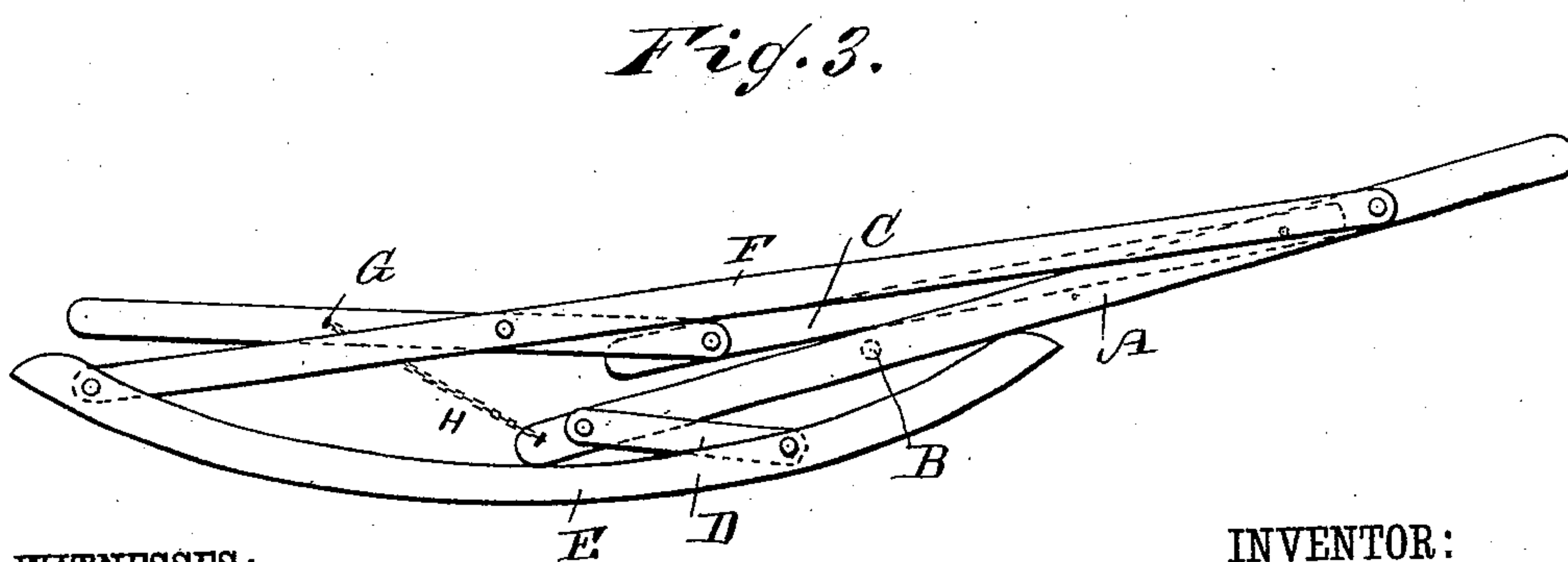
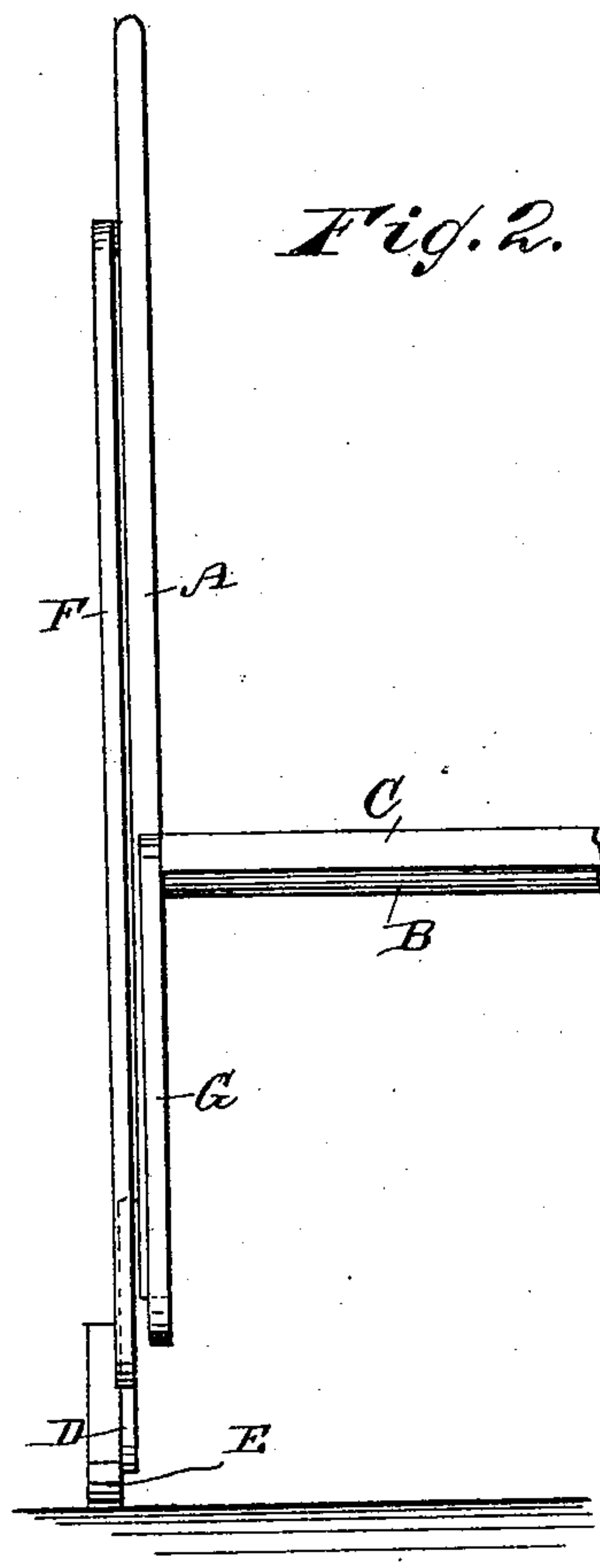
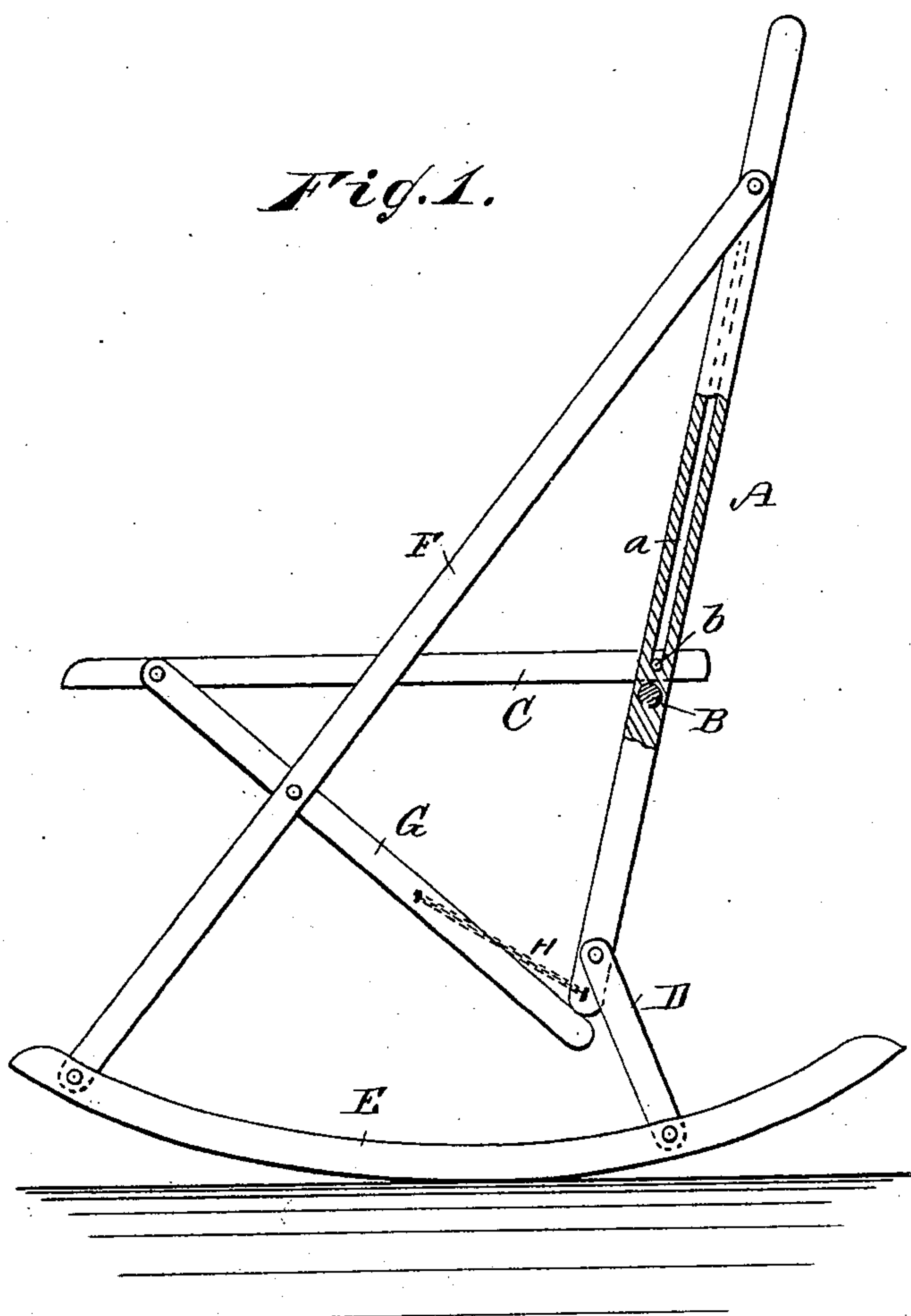


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ROCKING-CHAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. COTTON, of Fairfield, in the county of Somerset and State of Maine, have invented a new and Improved
5 Rocking-Chair, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved rocking-chair which can be folded very compactly and erected very easily
10 and rapidly.

The invention consists in novel combinations of legs, braces, rockers, and the seat, whereby a strong chair is obtained which can be folded and erected very easily and rapidly.

15 Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved rocking-chair, showing it erected for use, parts being broken out and others shown in section. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same, parts being broken away. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same, showing it folded.

25 The side bars, A, of the back-rest of the chair are united by a cross-bar, B, on which the back part of the seat C rests when the chair is erected. Each side bar, A, is provided on its inner surface with a longitudinal groove, *a*,
30 into which grooves studs or pintles *b* pass, which project from the inner ends of the outer sides of the seat-frame. A link-piece, D, is pivoted to the outside of each back side bar, A, at the lower end, and to the inner side of the corresponding rocker, E. Brace-bars F
35 are pivoted at the upper ends to the outer sides of the back side bars, A, near the upper ends of the same, and the lower ends of the said

brace-bars are pivoted to the inner sides of the rockers E, at the front ends of the same. Legs 40 G are pivoted to the outer sides of the sides of the seat C, near the front ends of the same, and to the inner sides of the braces F. To the lower end of each side bar, A, a chain, H, is fastened, the other end of which is fastened to 45 the corresponding leg, G, at or near the middle of the same. If the chair is folded, the chain draws the side bar, at its lower end, inward toward the front of the seat, and the chair is thus folded by only one motion—that is, by 50 raising the rear end of the seat. When the chair is erected the lower ends of the legs G rest against the lower ends of the back side bars, A. The chair folds very compactly, as shown in Fig. 3, and is very strong and dura- 55 ble.

I do not abandon or dedicate to the public any patentable features set forth herein and not hereinafter claimed, but reserve the right to claim the same either in a reissue of any 60 patent that may be granted upon this application or in other applications for Letters Patent that I may make.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 65 Patent—

The combination, with the rockers E, of the pivoted links D, slotted side bars, A, connected by rod B, the seat C, having the inside pivots, *b*, the pivoted braces F, the pivoted 70 pieces G, and the chains H, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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