

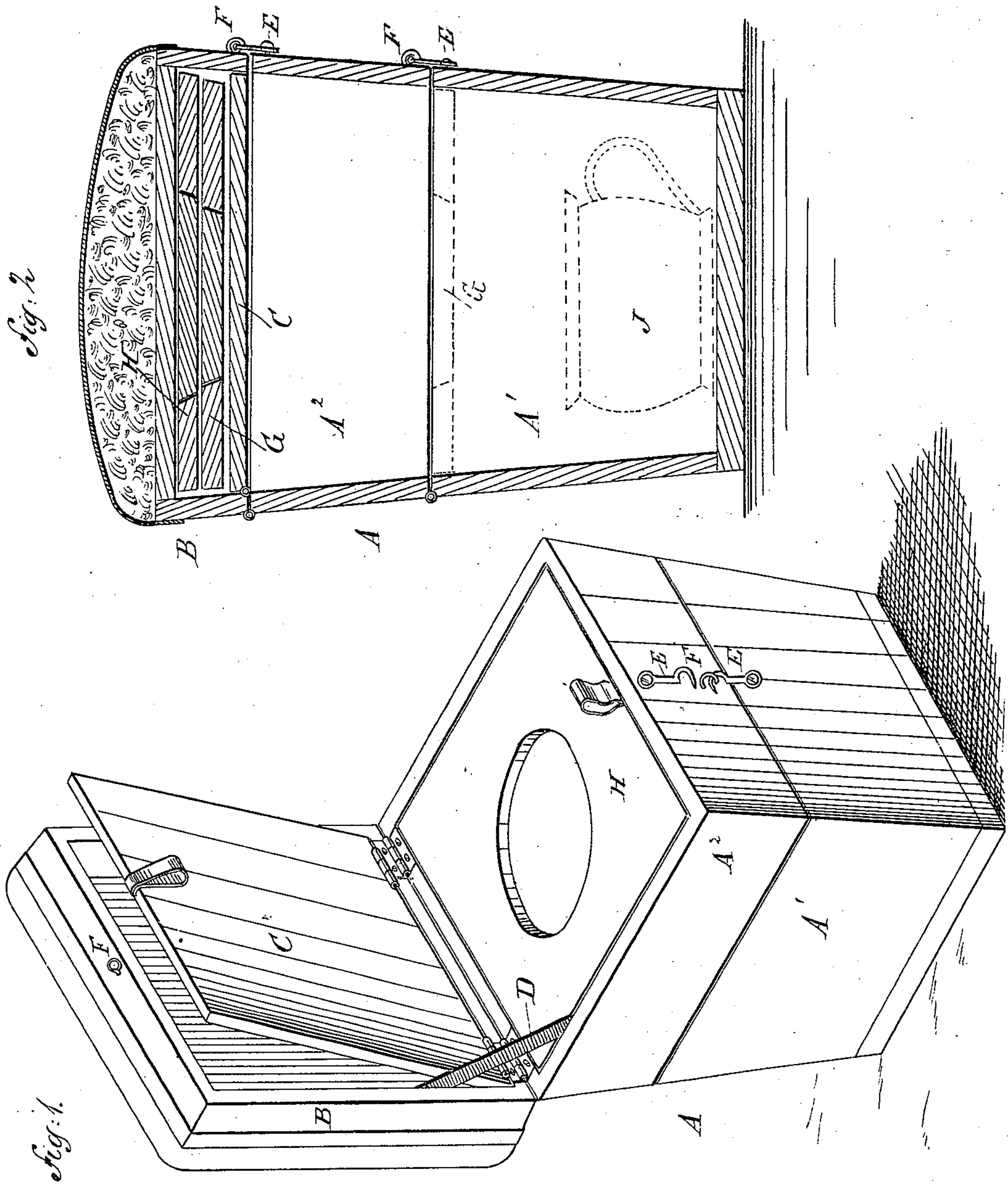
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## COMMUNE-STOOL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUGH H. HUGHES, of Fair Haven, in the county of Rutland and State of Vermont, have invented a new and Improved Commune-Stool, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved stool which can be used as a commode or as a receptacle for shoes, slippers, &c.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved commode-stool, showing the cover raised and the hinged bottom of the cover opened. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same, showing it closed and the commode-seats curtained within the cover.

A box, A, which preferably increases in cross-section from the bottom to the top, is composed of a base-section, A', and an upper section, A<sup>2</sup>, hinged to the top of the base-section. A cover, B, is hinged to the top section, A<sup>2</sup>, which cover is provided with a hinged bottom, C, which opens downwardly. Bands D hold the cover B from being opened too far. Hooks E and staples F are used to lock the section A<sup>2</sup> on the base A' and the cover B on the section A<sup>2</sup>. A commode-seat, G, fits in the upper end of the base-section A', and a commode-seat, H, fits in the upper end of the top section, A<sup>2</sup>.

The cover B is to be upholstered, and the box is covered with fabric, or can be ornamented in any suitable manner. A chamber, J, is placed in the bottom of the box A, and if a child wishes to use the commode the section A<sup>2</sup> is raised and the seat G is placed in the top of the base-section A'.

If the commode is to be used by a grown person, the section A<sup>2</sup> is folded down, the cover B is raised, and the seat H is placed in the top of the section A<sup>2</sup>. If the box is to be used for receiving shoes and slippers, the seats G and H are placed in the cover B, and the entire box will be empty to receive the shoes and slippers. The stool can also be used as a chair or for other purposes.

Locks or other catches can be used in place of the staples F and hooks E.

The stool is to be provided with casters for convenience in moving it.

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

A commode formed of the section A', the section A<sup>2</sup>, hinged to the upper edge thereof, and the separate commode-seats G H, to adapt the commode to children and adults, as described.

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