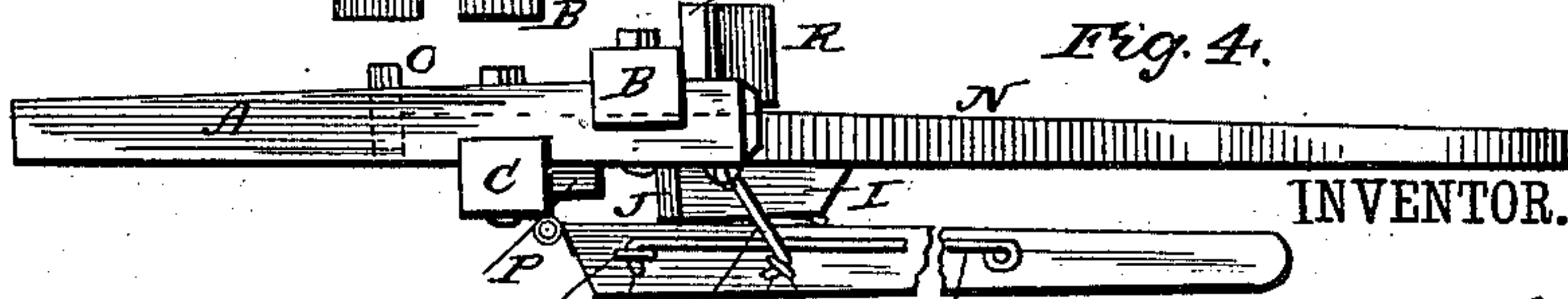
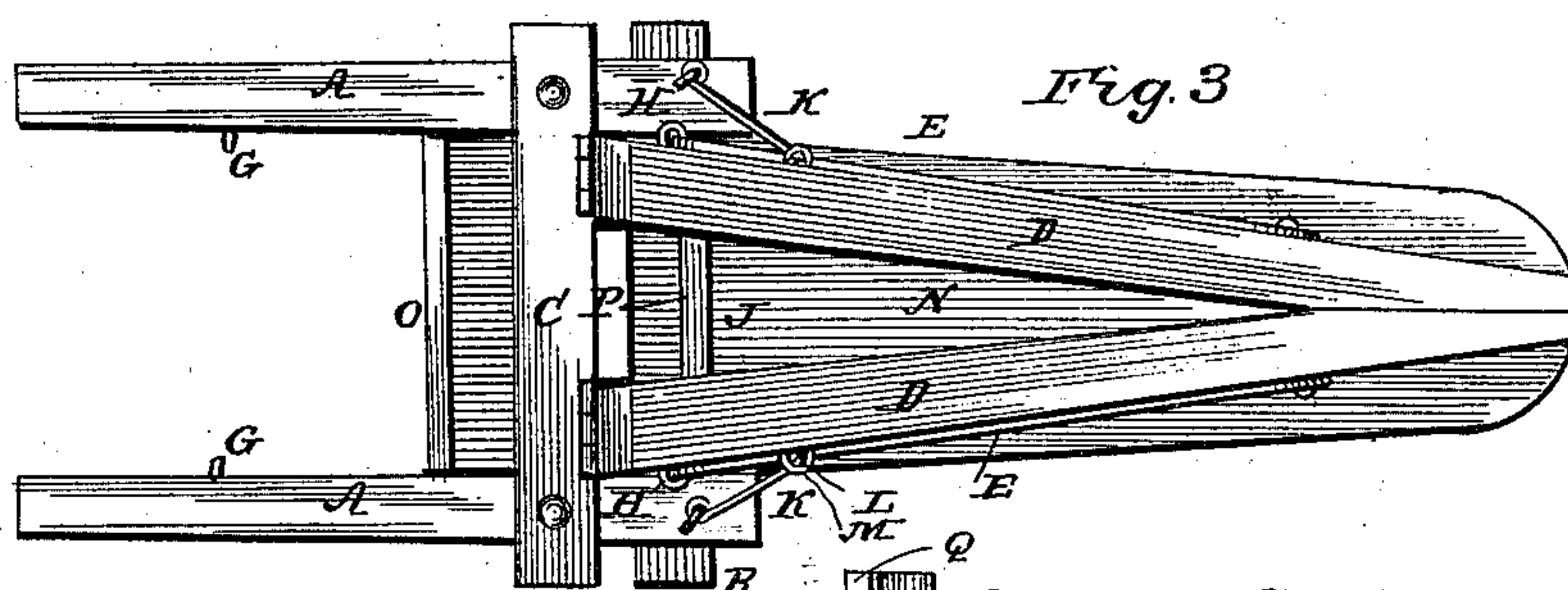
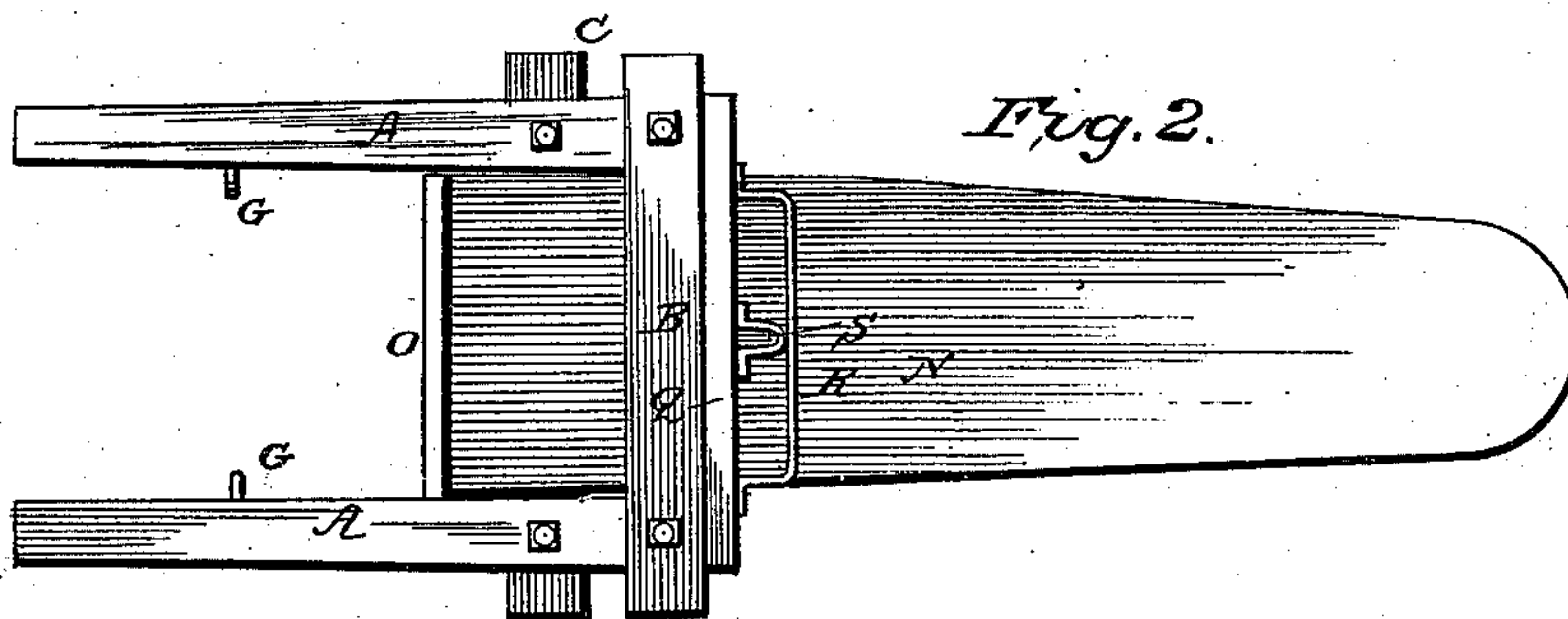
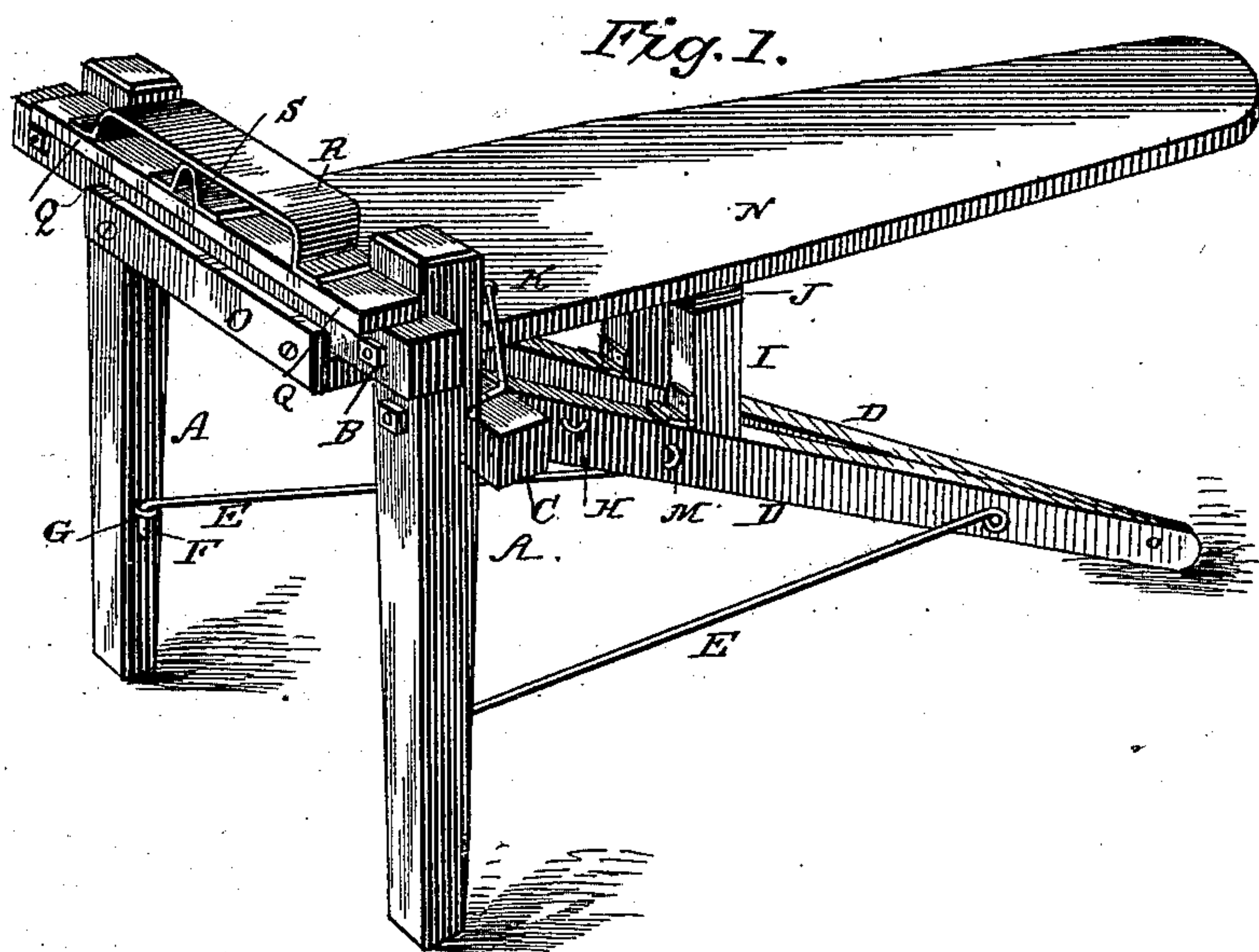


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. WEST, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Clarksville, in the county of Pike and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to
10 which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ironing-board. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, when folded up, when not in use. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the same, and Fig. 4 is a side view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to ironing-boards; and it consists in the detailed construction and combination of parts of a folding ironing-table, as hereinafter more fully described and
25 claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letters A A indicate two legs, connected near their upper ends by two cross-pieces, B and C, one upon each side of the legs, and the one a short distance above the other. Two converging legs, D, are hinged at their upper ends to the lower of the cross-pieces, and bear with their beveled ends against the outer side of the same, resting upon the ground with their outer ends
35 in an oblique position. Two rods, E, are hinged to the inclined legs or braces near their other ends, and have hooks F at their outer ends, which are adapted to engage staples G upon the lower portions of the upright legs and staples H upon the upper ends of the oblique legs, serving to brace the inclined legs when they are braced against the ground, while they are hooked into the staples upon the inclined legs when the said legs
45 are folded up. Upon the upper sides of the inclined legs, near their upper ends, are hinged two short uprights, I, connected at their upper ends by a cross-piece, J, and adapted to be folded down upon the inclined
50 legs, and to be raised, resting with their be-

veled lower ends upon the upper sides of the said legs, with their upper ends and the cross-piece in height with the upper side of the lower cross-piece upon the upright legs. Two short rods, K, are hinged to the upper ends
55 of the upright legs, and are adapted to engage with their hooked outer ends, L, two staples, M, upon the sides of the inclined legs, when the latter are folded up, holding them in position.

N is the ironing-board proper, and is provided with a transverse cleat, O, upon the upper side of its inner end, and with a shorter cleat, P, upon its under side, a distance from the outer cleat equal to the distance from the
65 outer side of the upper cross-piece to the inner side of the lower cross-piece, and of a length equal to the distance between the upper ends of the inclined legs, and the board is supported upon the support formed by the
70 legs by inserting the end provided with the cleats between the two cross-pieces, with the outer cleat bearing against the outer side of the upper cross-piece, and with the inner cleat bearing against the inner side of the lower
75 cross-piece, fitting between the upper ends of the inclined legs. A board, Q, is secured upon the upper side of the upper cross-piece, and a plate, R, of metal, having its ends bent downward, is secured by the said ends upon
80 the board, and supported at its center by an upwardly-doubled plate, S, fastened to the board, and bearing with its upper doubled end against the under side of the plate, which plate serves for the purpose of placing the hot
85 flat-irons upon.

It will be seen that the board may be swung upward between the cross-pieces, and that the inclined legs may be swung up against the under side of the same, after having unhooked
90 the long hooked rods and folded the short upright support against the upper side of the inclined legs, when the short hooks may be hooked into their appropriate staples and the long hooks be hooked into the staples upon
95 the upper ends of the inclined legs, when the entire board and support may be placed against the wall, and occupy only a very small space.

Having thus described my invention, I claim 100

and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The combination, with an ironing-board having a transverse cleat at one end projecting
5 above its upper surface, of two upright legs connected at their upper ends by cross-pieces, one upon each side of the legs and one a distance above the other corresponding to the thickness of the board, as described, and
10 means for supporting the outer portion of the

board, and for bracing the legs, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

JOHN C. WEST.

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