

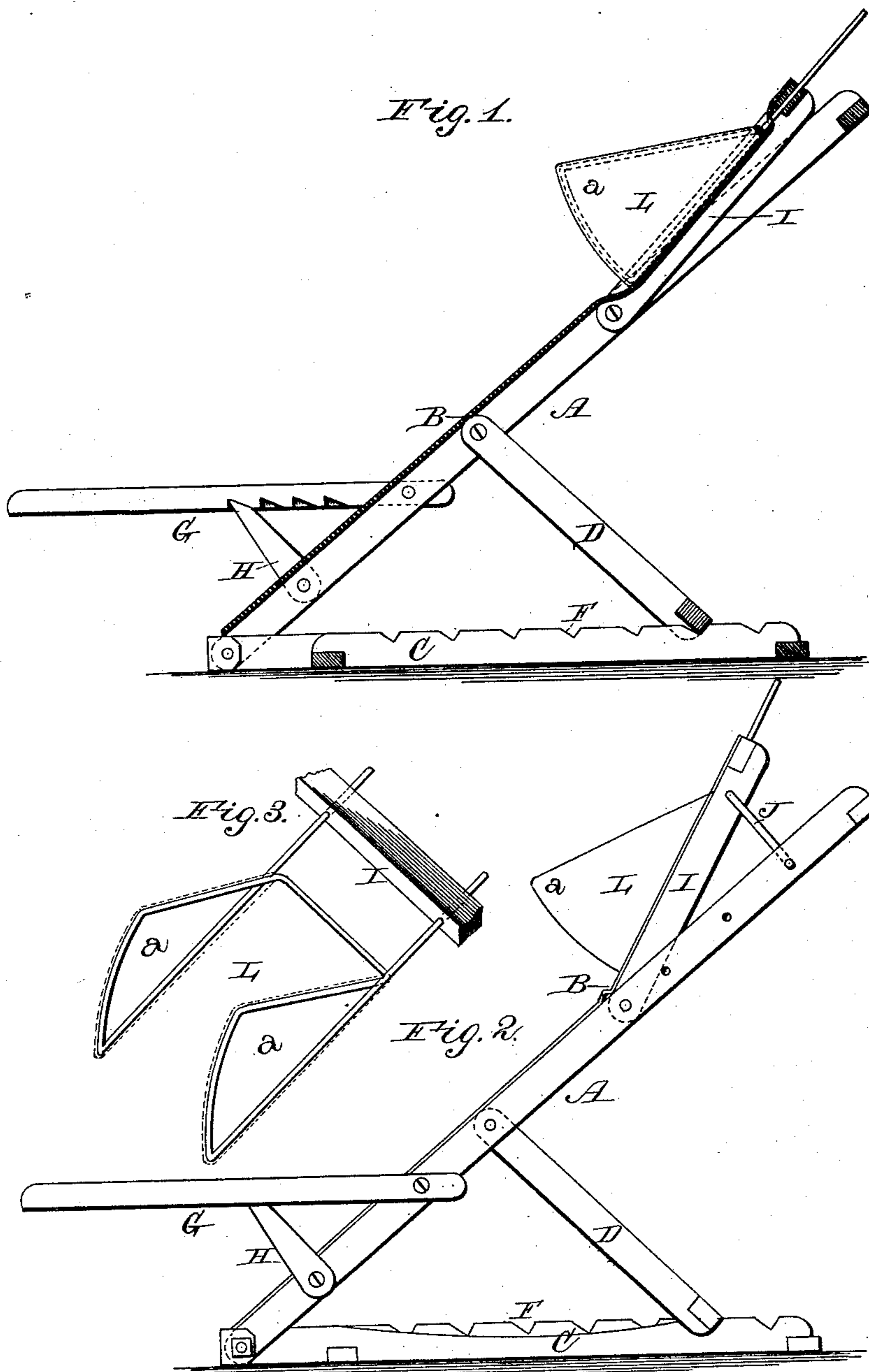
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HEAD-REST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL D. GITT, of Arendtsville, in the county of Adams and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Head-Rests; 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
10 make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in head-rests for invalids; and it consists, first,
15 in a head-rest made from a single piece of wire, which is bent into shape and covered with canvas or other material; second, in a head-rest made of wire and covered with canvas or other material, and provided with side portions
20 to prevent the head from falling to one side, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a head-rest for persons who have lost the muscular power to control the movements of the head, and thus enable them to sit up with comparative ease and comfort.

Figure 1 is a vertical section of an apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective
30 view of the head-rest alone.

A represents a suitable frame, which is covered over upon its front side with canvas or other suitable material, B, and which is hinged
35 or pivoted at its lower end to the supporting-frame C. To the back of this frame A is attached the support D, which engages with the notches F in the frame C, for the purpose of holding the frame A at any desired angle.
40 No claim is here made to the frame C, for this is conceded to be old. Pivoted to opposite sides of the frame A are the arms G, which have notches formed in their under sides, and which can be adjusted into any desired position
45 by means of the pivoted supports H. These arms may be used either to support the arms or to support a book-rest or a board upon which a tray is to be placed.

Inside of the frame A is pivoted a smaller
50 frame, I, which can be adjusted independently of the frame A by means of any suitable device, for the purpose of throwing the head forward to any desired degree. As here shown,

this smaller frame is held in position and adjusted at different angles by means of a rod, 55 J, which has its two ends bent at right angles and in opposite directions.

Attached to the front side of the smaller frame is the head-rest L, which is made, in the form shown, from one continuous piece of wire 60 or other suitable material, and which has the triangular portions *a* of the frame covered with canvas or other suitable material, for the purpose of preventing the wire from coming in contact with the head, and for the purpose of forming a more perfect and pleasant support. The
65 ends of the rod or wire out of which this head-rest is formed pass up through the top rail of the smaller frame, and are held in position by frictional contact alone. These ends being 70 made of considerable length, the head-rest can be adjusted vertically independently of the frame to which it is attached. This head-rest is just wide enough to allow a person's head
75 to be placed freely between its triangular portions for the purpose of preventing the head from falling or dropping toward either side, either when the patient is asleep or when muscular control of the head has been lost from
80 paralysis, sickness, or any other cause, as the frame supports the back and shoulders so that a person can sit up in bed or upon any other suitable support with comparative ease and comfort.

Having thus described my invention, I 85 claim—

1. A head-rest, L, made from a single piece of wire and provided with the side portions, *a*, the parts being covered with canvas or other
90 suitable material, substantially as shown.

2. The head-rest L, made from a single piece of wire, which is bent as shown and covered with canvas or other suitable material, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the reclining-frame 95 A and a suitable support therefor with the head-rest provided with side portions, *a*, for preventing the head from dropping or rolling to one side, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 100 presence of two witnesses.

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