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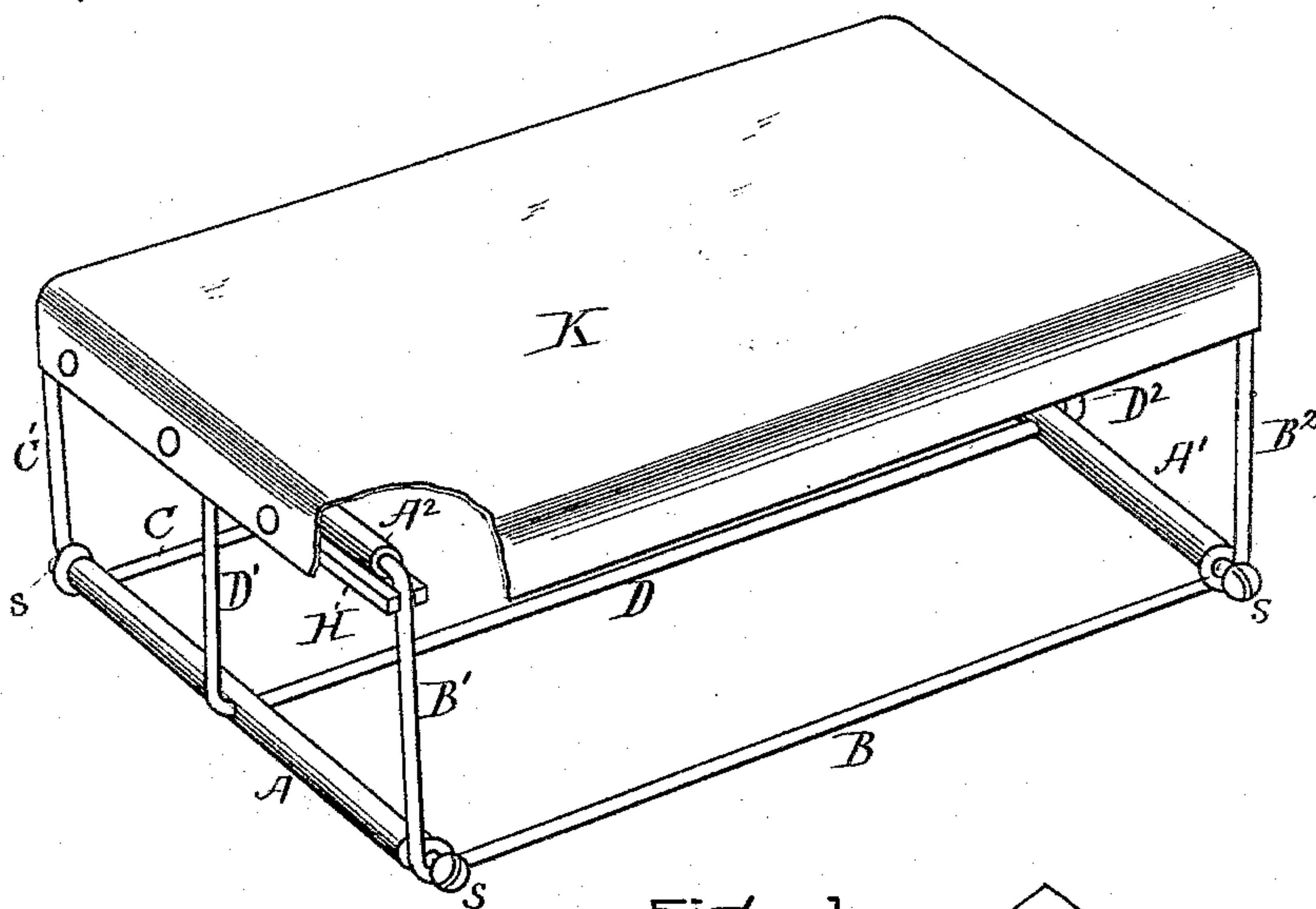


Fig. 1.

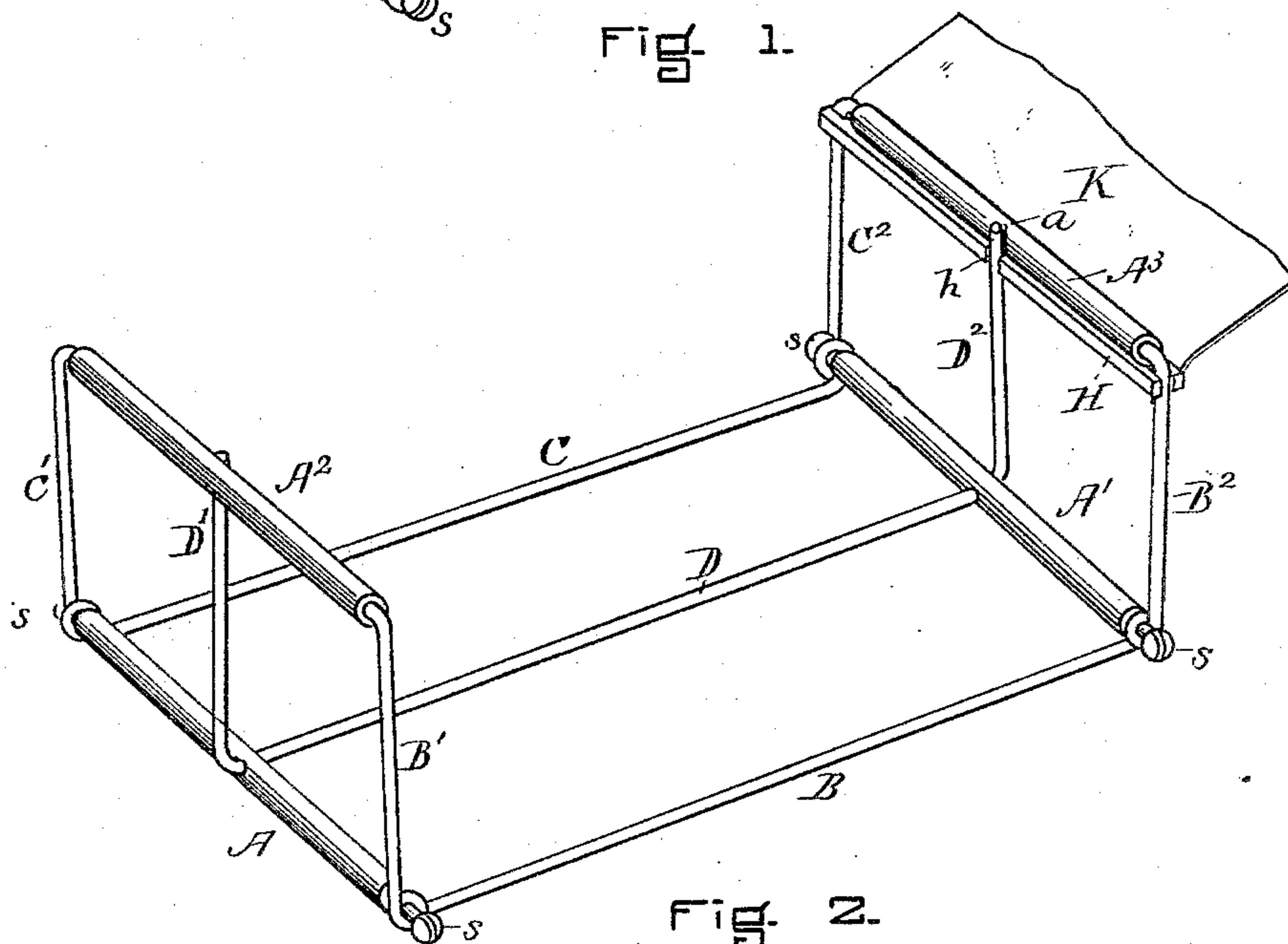


Fig. 2.

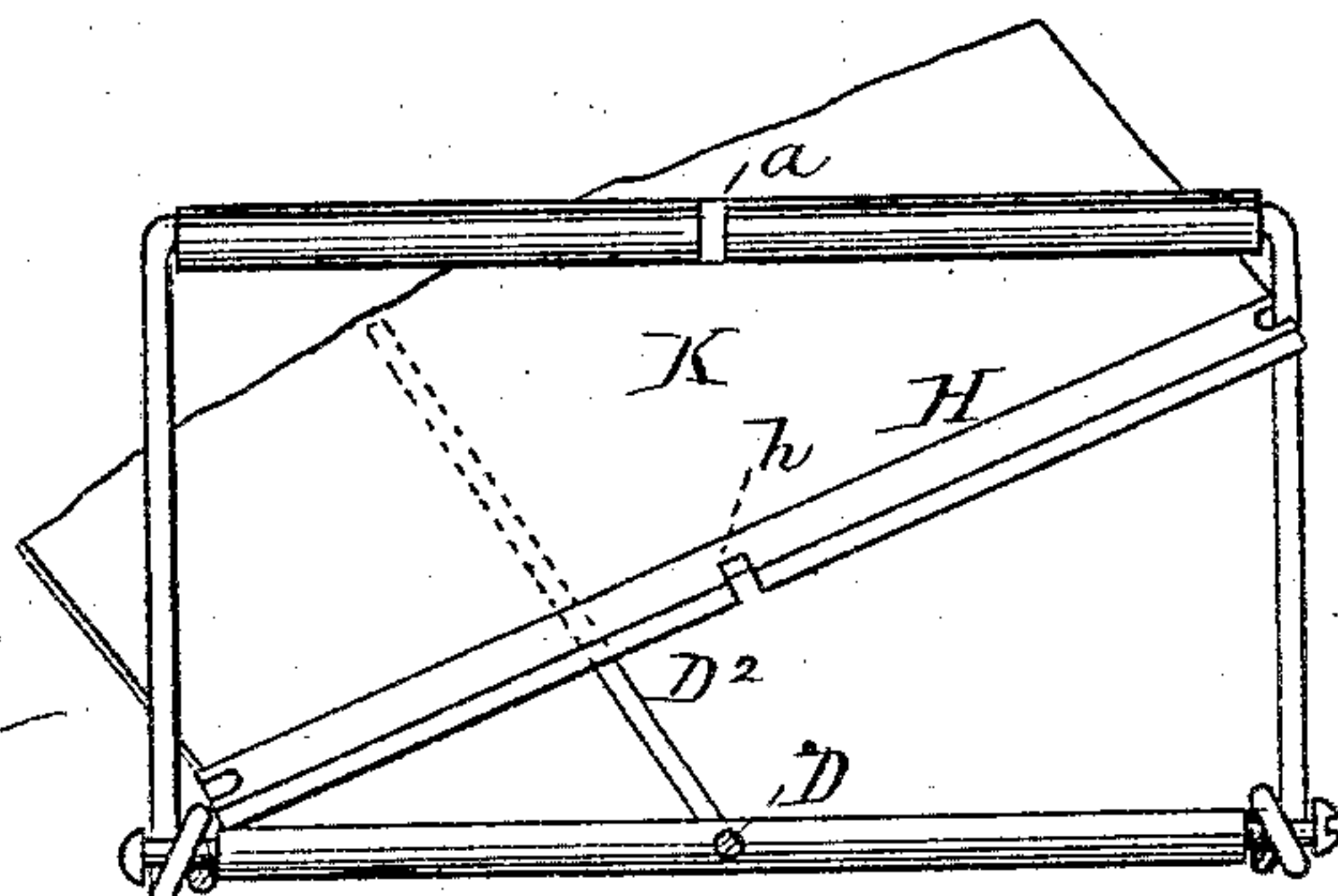


FIG. 3.

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HEAD-REST FOR HAMMOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMOS NICKERSON, of Boston, (Somerville,) in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Head-Rests for Hammocks, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention has for its object so constructing the frame of a head-rest that the cloth or flexible part that forms the resting-place for the head may be easily removed or replaced, and that the frame itself shall be yielding and light. I accomplish this object by the mechanism shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my head-rest complete. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the frame of my device, the flexible or cloth covering being represented as detached from one end and still attached at the other; and Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing the inner side of one end of the frame, so as to show more clearly the construction.

In the drawings, Figs. 1 and 2, A A' represent the two end base pieces, to the ends of which the side wires, B C, are attached by screws S S S S or otherwise. The ends of the wires B and C are turned up to form, respectively, the uprights B' B² and C' C². These uprights B' B² C' C² serve to hold the end pieces, A² A³, in place, as indicated in the drawings. The cloth K is attached at each end to bars H. (See Figs. 1, 2, and 3.) Each of the bars H has forked ends, which embrace their respective posts B' B² C' C².

At the center of each of the end bars, H, I make a notch, *h*, which corresponds in position with a similar notch, *a*, made in the end pieces, A² A³. The rod D occupies a central position, and has its ends turned up to form the

center spring-posts, D' D², and can be so turned on its axis that the posts are inclined so as to occupy the position shown in Fig. 3. The function of the rod D D' D² is to assist in holding the bars H H in place. Thus when they are in their normal place—that is, in the position shown at H, Fig. 2—then the uprights or posts D² D' can be sprung into the notches *h h* and *a a*. This action will prevent the bars H from having an end brought down, as shown in Fig. 3, and thus be released from its side posts, B², Fig. 3, for instance. As the ends of the cloth K are securely attached by tacks or otherwise to the bars H, it will be understood that if the said bars are held in place the cloth K must also be held. To remove the cloth, it is necessary to spring the upper ends, D' D², of the center rod, D, inward, so as to free them from the notches *h h a a*, and to turn them down, as indicated at Fig. 3. Now one end of the bars H may be forced down so as to occupy the position indicated at Fig. 3, and thus readily released from the posts B' C' B² C². The center rod, D D' D², also serves to give additional strength to the frame without affecting its elasticity.

I claim—

In a hammock head-rest, the combination of the base end pieces, A A, and upper end pieces, A², connected by the side wires and posts, B B' B² C C' C², with the rod D D' D², adapted to be turned down and to hold the bars H, said bars H having notches *h h*, and being adapted to hold the cloth K, all operating together substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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It is hereby certified that the residence of the patentee in Letters Patent No. 325,691, granted September 8, 1885, upon the application of Amos Nickerson, for an improvement in "Head Rests for Hammocks," was erroneously written and printed "Boston, Massachusetts," whereas said residence should have been written and printed *Somerville, Massachusetts*; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 8th day of December, A. D. 1885.

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