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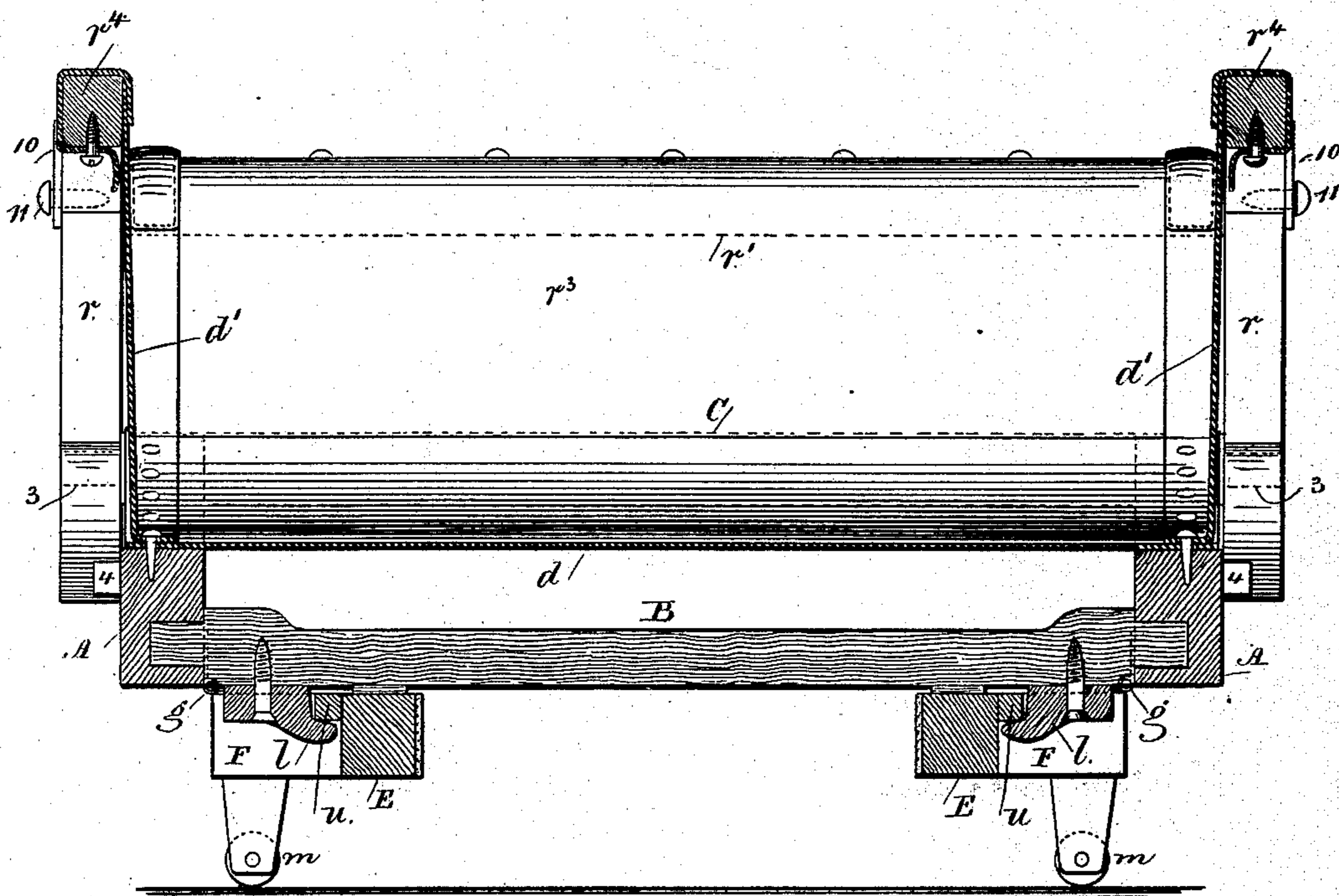
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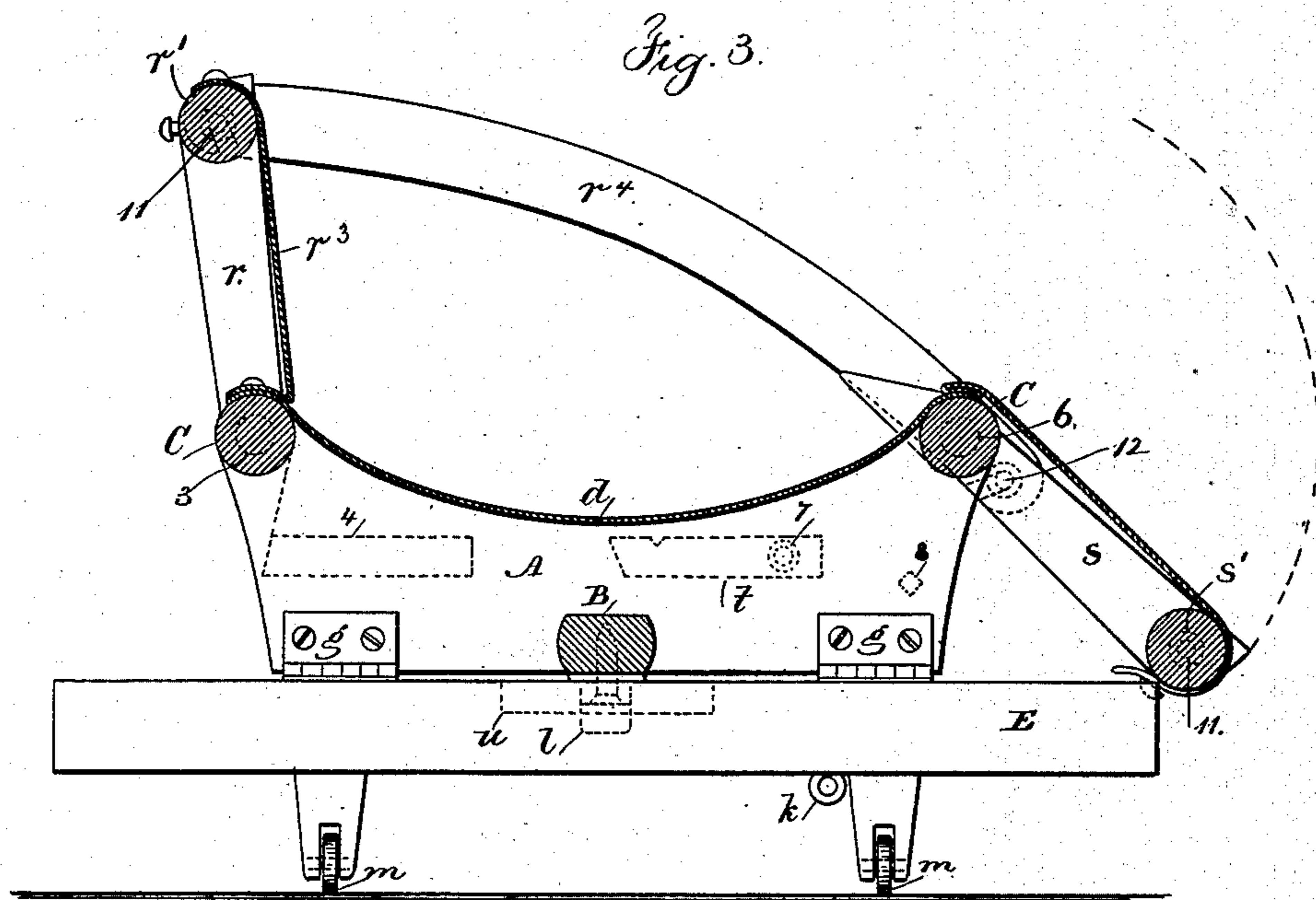
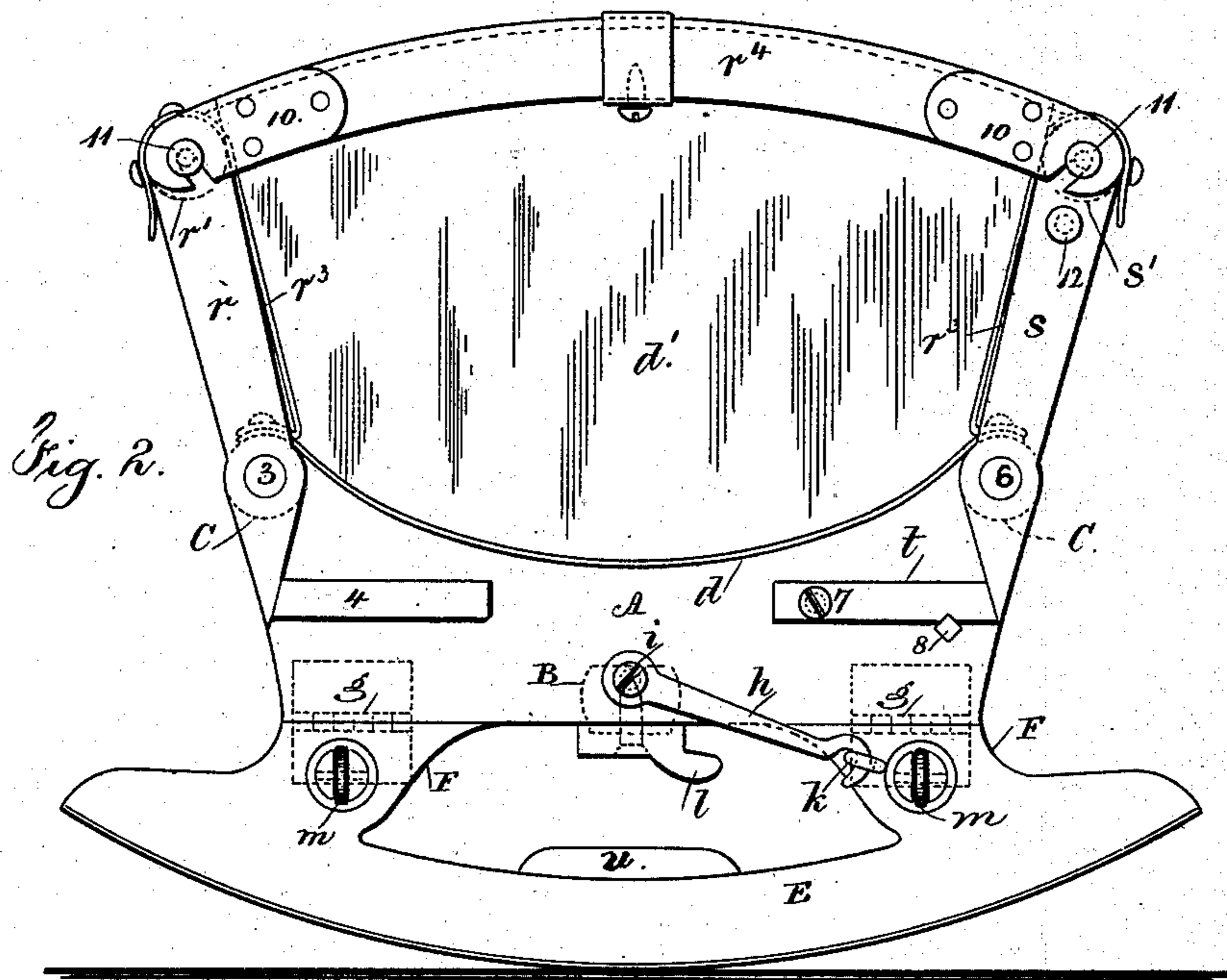
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS M. FREEMAN, of Ocean Grove, in the county of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, have invented an
5 Improvement in Folding Settees, Cribs, and Cradles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is for the convenience of nurses and children; and it consists in a piece
10 of furniture that is convertible into a rolling crib, a rocking-cradle, or a settee, and which can be folded into a small compass for transportation or for stowing away when not in use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal
15 section of the article when spread as a crib. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same in the form of a cradle, and Fig. 3 shows the parts as a settee.

The frame is composed of the end pieces, A
20 A, united by the central rail, B, and side rails, C C. Between these there is a yielding bottom, *d*, usually of canvas, or a padded seat or mattress may be used to form the bottom of the seat or cradle.

The frame is supported, when used as a cradle, by the rockers E, which preferably are provided with a strip of rubber upon their under segmental edges, and the leg-pieces F
25 of said rockers are united by hinges *g* to the end frame-pieces A, and when turned down for use said rockers are held in place by spring catches or hooks *h*, screwed at *i* and hooking into eyes *k* upon the rockers.

When the article of furniture is used as a
35 crib, a settee, or a cart for children to play with, the rockers are swung on the hinges *g* up beneath the frame and held by the buttons *l*, that button below projections *u* upon the rockers, or any similar device may be used
40 for fastening the rockers up under the frame.

Upon the outer faces of the rockers there are studs or bracket-frames with wheels or casters *m*, so that when the rockers are folded
45 up beneath the frame these rollers or casters are in position for resting upon the floor, and they allow the seat or crib to be rolled around in any direction, and when the upper parts are in the position for use as a crib the same may be rolled in beneath an ordinary bedstead; or
50 the crib may be rolled about by children in a manner similar to a cart.

The side frames are composed of the end pieces, *r*, pivoted at 3 to the end frames, A, and these pieces *r* are united by the rail or rails *r'*. Upon the end frames, A, there are stops 4, 55 which act against the lower parts of the end pieces, *r*, to limit the outwardly-swinging movement of the side frame *r r'*; but they allow the said side frame to be swung inwardly upon the pivots 3 toward the bottom frame 60 when not required for use. This frame *r r'* is padded, or the canvas *d* of the bottom is fastened to the rail *c*, and there is also canvas *r³*, Fig. 3, fastened at its edges to the rails *r'* and *c*.

The other side frame is composed of the end 65 pieces, *s*, and rail or rails *s'*, the former being pivoted at 6 to the end pieces, A, of the bottom frame, upon which pivots such frame can be swung up into position (shown in Fig. 2) for use as a crib or cradle, or it can be swung 70 over upon the bottom, or it can be swung outwardly and downwardly, as shown in Fig. 3, so as to be out of the way when the article is used as a seat or settee.

The stops *t*, pivoted at 7, act against the lower 75 ends of the end pieces, *s*, to hold up the side frame *s s'*, when used as a crib or cradle. The pins 8 hold up these stops, and the stop can be thrown over out of the way when the side frame *s s'*, is laid down. The side frame *s* 80 *s'*, is either cushioned, or the sacking of the bottom is extended up to the rail *s'* and either tacked on or secured by buttons.

At the end of the frames *r r' s s'*, I apply the cross-rails *r⁴*, having at their ends plates 10, 85 that are slotted to pass over the headed pins or screws 11 at the ends of the respective rails *s' r'*. These slots are preferably diagonal, as shown, and slightly enlarged at the inner ends, so that they will not become unhooked while 90 in use, but can be removed when the stops *t* are turned back, so that the frame *s s'* can be partially swung outwardly to permit the slotted plates being lifted from the headed pins or studs. 95

There may be end flaps or extensions, *d'*, to the canvas or bottom *d*, that are passed up to the cross-rails *r⁴* and hooked on, so as to close the ends of the crib or cradle.

When the parts are in the position shown 100 in Fig. 3 to form a settee or seat, the movable end pieces, *r⁴*, can be applied between the

frame $r r'$, which forms the back, and the studs 12 on the frame $s s'$, so that the same form end pieces or arms to the settee. The flaps d' may either rest upon the sacking d or be passed up over the arms r^4 when the parts are in position to form a settee.

This combined folding settee, crib, and cradle is easily changed from one article to the other, and it can be folded for transportation.

10 I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the seat d , end frames, A, connecting-rails B C, and frame $r r'$, of the frame $s s'$ pivoted at 6 and capable of being swung up or down, stops 4 and t , and the rockers E, hinged to the end pieces, A, and the casters or wheels upon the sides of the rockers, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the frame A B C C, of the side frame $r r'$, pivoted at 3 to the end pieces, A, and the stops 4, the side frame $s s'$, pivoted at 6 to end pieces, A, and the movable stops t , substantially as set forth. 20

3. The combination, with the frames A C C, of the side frames $r r' s s'$, pivoted to the end pieces, A, and the movable cross-rails r^4 , slot- 25 ted end plates, 10, and headed pins 11, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 8th day of April, A. D. 1884.

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