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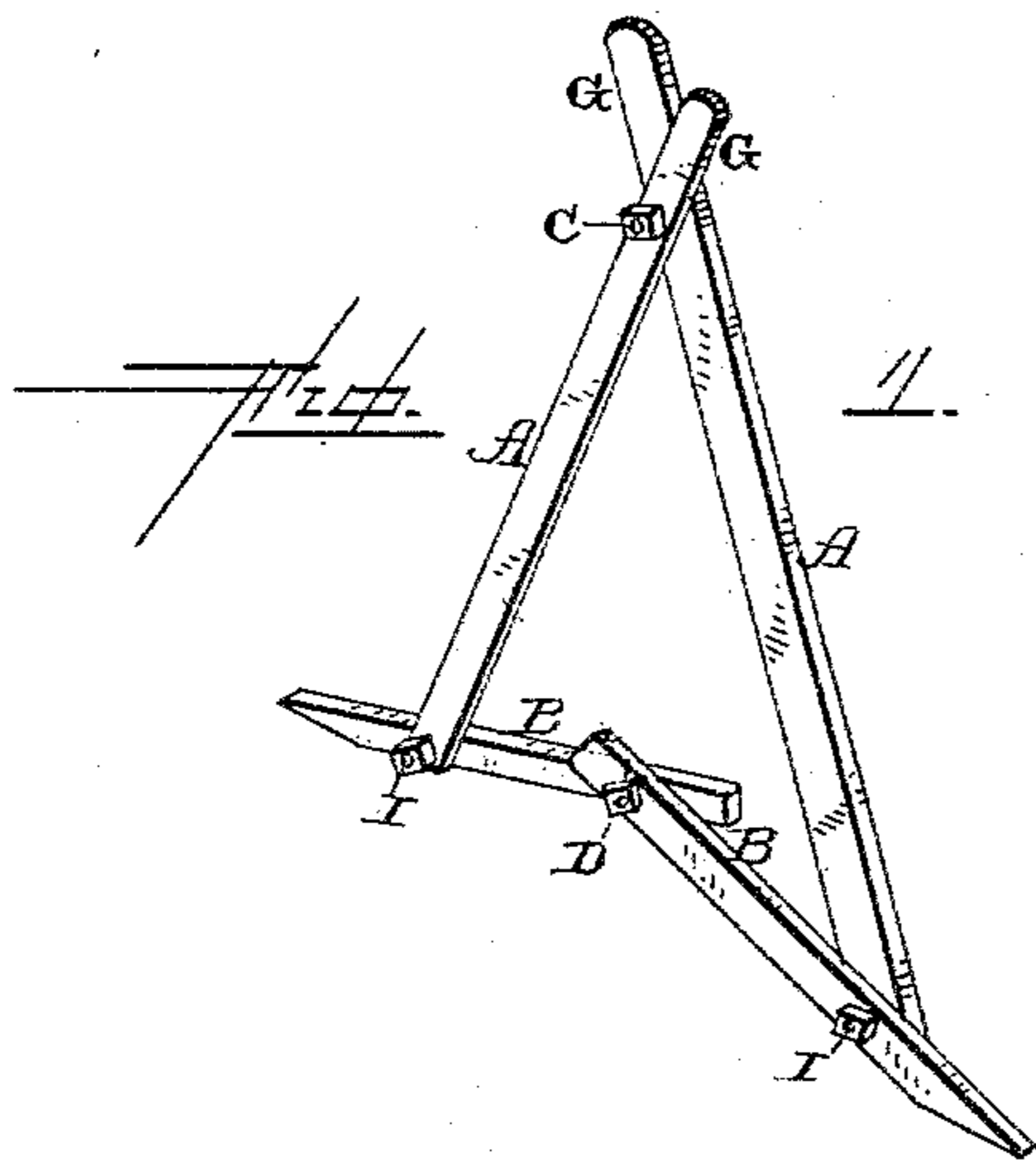
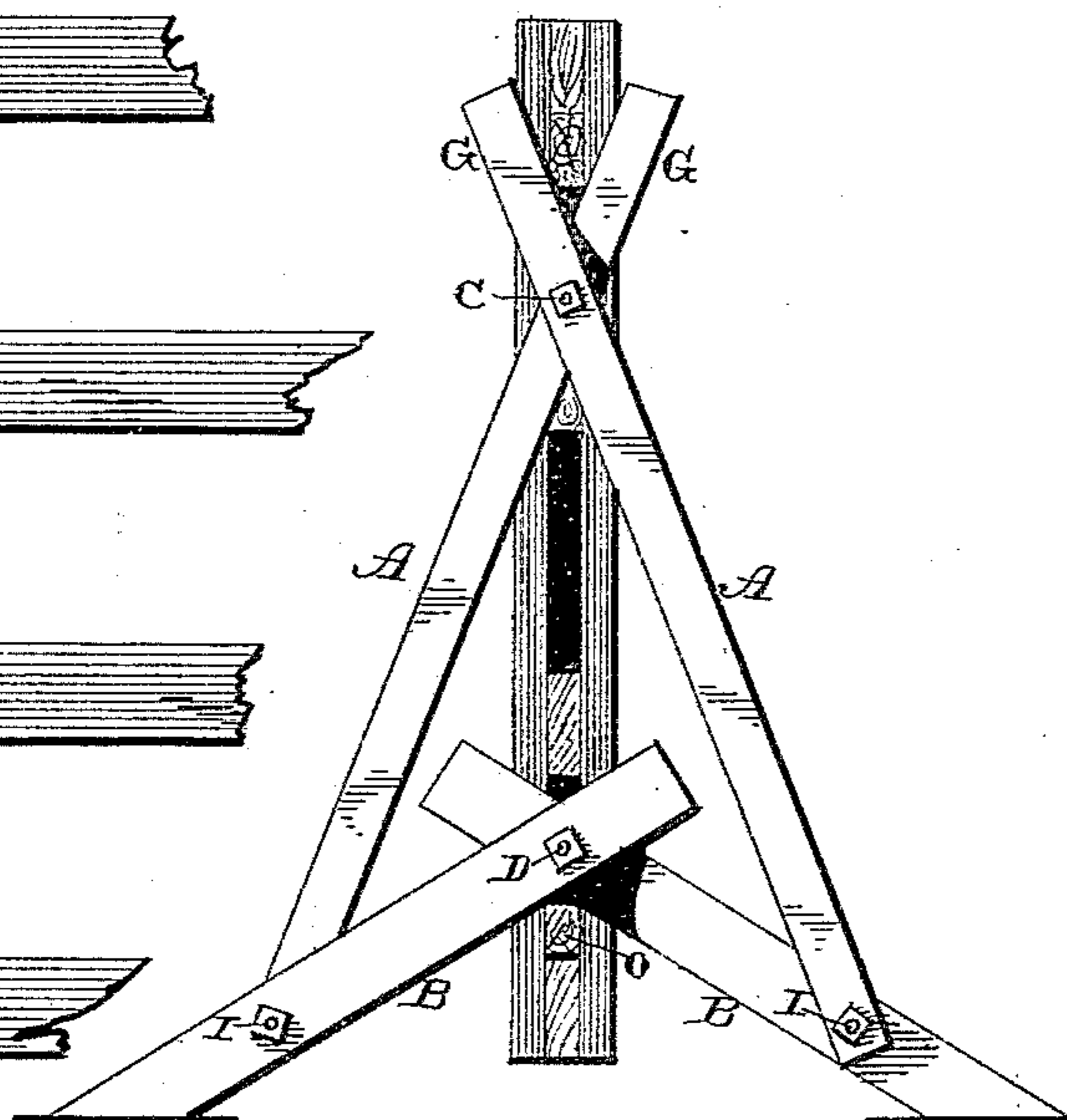
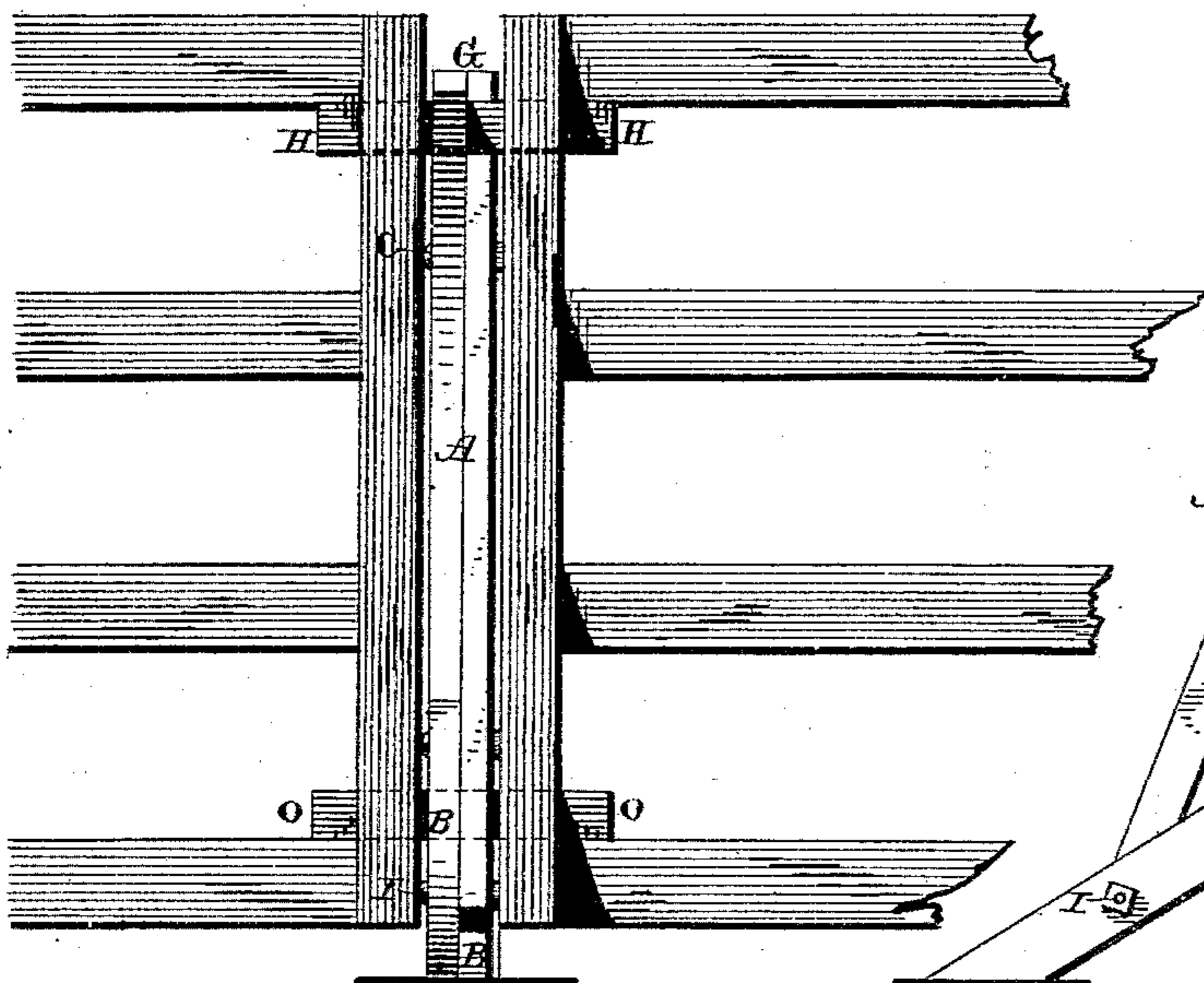


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WALTER PEARSON and WILLIS PEARSON, of West Milton, in the county of Miami and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and we 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 make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

Our invention relates to an improvement in fences; and it consists in the combination of two panels, which are united together at their ends by suitable connecting rods or strips with the support or post, which is formed of two pairs of strips or rods, each pair being pivoted together at their upper ends, and the two pairs then connected together, whereby the lower pair of strips or rods is made to support the upper one, as will be more fully described.

The object of our invention is to form a fence post or support of two separate pairs of strips or rods which are pivoted together, the upper pair being made to catch under one of the strips which unites the two panels of the fence together, and the lower pair to catch over the other strip, whereby the whole weight of one end of the panels is brought to bear upon the upper pair of strips.

Figure 1 is a perspective of a fence post or support embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing two panels supported in position by the post or support. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the post or support.

A B represents two separate pairs of strips or rods, which are pivoted together near their upper ends, as shown at C D. The lower ends of the strips or rods A are pivoted to the rods B at the points I. The upper ends, G, of the strips A form a crotch to receive the upper strip, H, which connects the two panels of the fence together. The upper ends of the strips B do not form supports, but serve rather to steady the panels of the fence in position, and to prevent the weight of the panels upon the upper pair of strips A from closing both pairs of strips downward to the ground. The second or lower strip, O, which unites the lower corners of the panels together, passes underneath the upper ends of the strips B, and thus the two pairs of strips A B are held

in between the two strips H O. The lower strip, O, serves to prevent the lower strip, B, from closing downward, while the upper pair, A, receives the whole weight of one end of each of the panels.

The two pairs of strips A B being pivoted together at the points C D I, the post or support can be readily closed up, so as to be packed away, when not needed for immediate use, into the smallest available space.

When the strip O is passed under the upper ends of the rods B after the strip H has been adjusted into position between the ends G, the upward movement of the ends of the strips B causes the ends G to contract upon the strip H, and to grasp and hold it tightly in position. By having the upper ends, G, thus closed upon the strip H it cannot readily be pushed through between the panels and the post, so as to allow the fence to drop down.

We are well aware that a support or post for fence-panels, formed of two pairs of strips which are placed in a reverse position to each other, and which have the panels rest in the crotch formed by each pair of strips, is not new. We are also aware that a post or support which is formed of two pairs of strips, the lower pair being provided with two sets of mortises for the lower ends of the upper pair to pass through, is not new, and these we disclaim.

Having thus described our invention, we claim—

The combination of the two pairs of strips A B, pivoted together at C D I, the upper strips, A, being provided with the ends G, which are adapted to close upon the upper strip which connects the two panels together, with the two panels of the fence and the connecting-strips H O, the upper strip, H, being made to catch in the crotch formed by the upper ends of the strips A, and the lower strip being made to catch underneath the upper ends of the lower strips, B, for the purpose of preventing the strips from closing downward, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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