

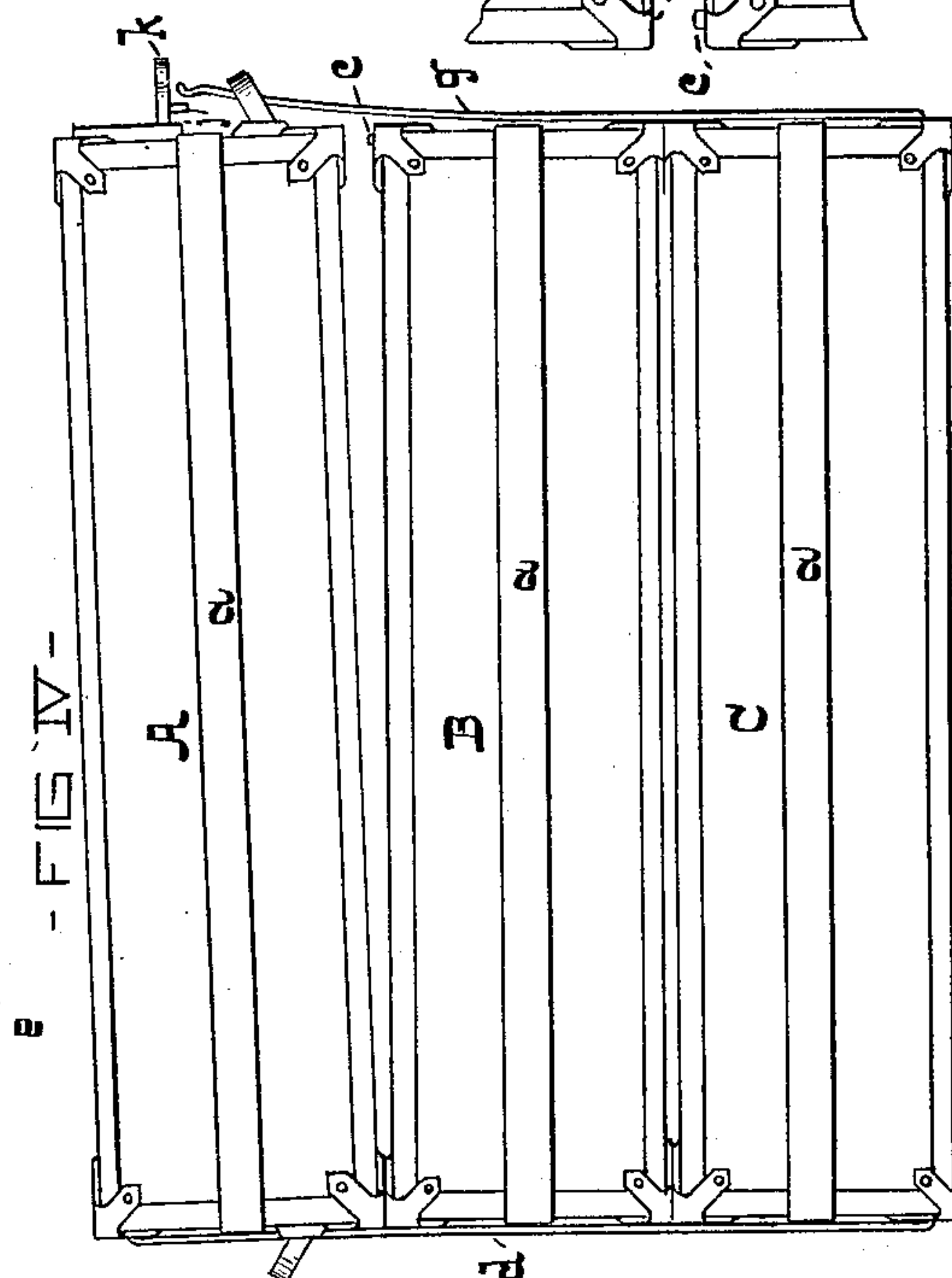
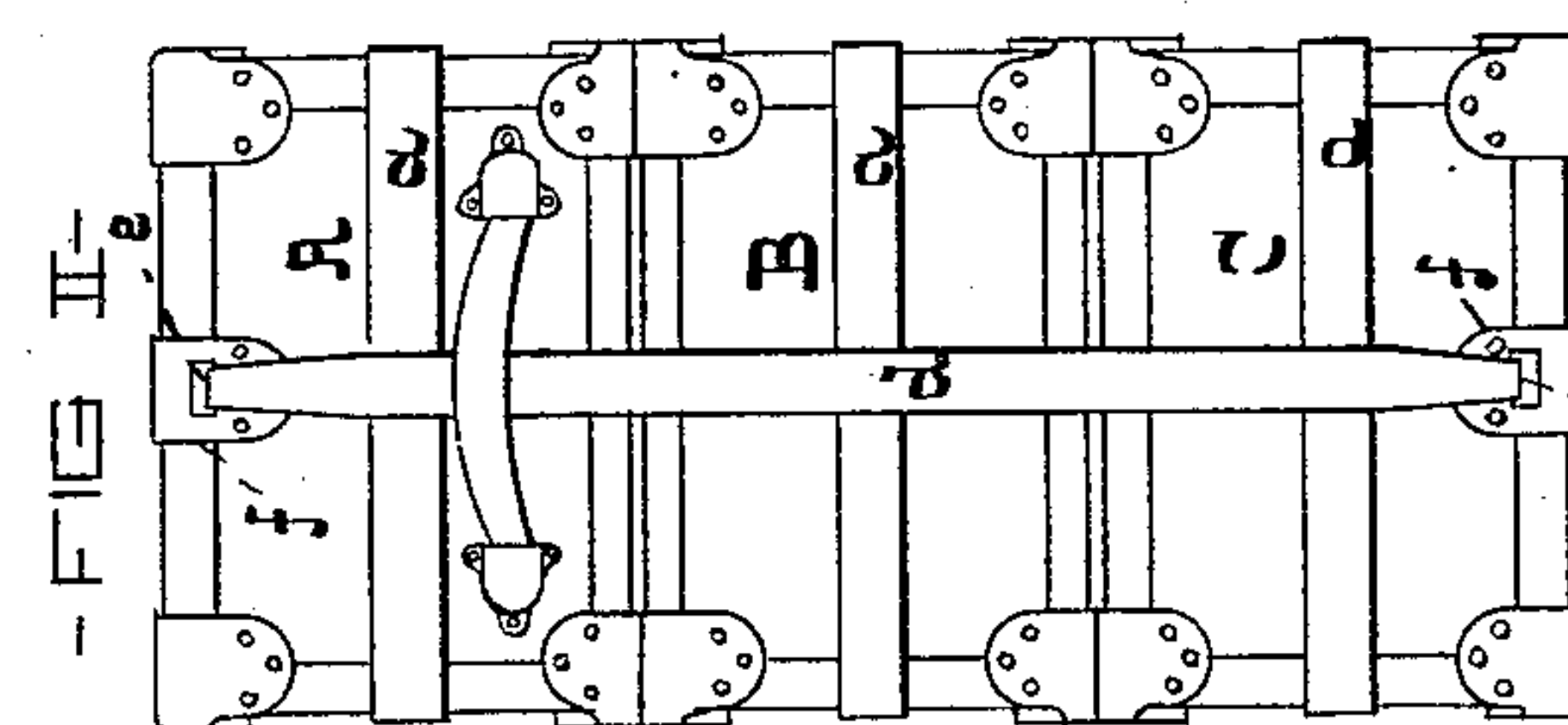
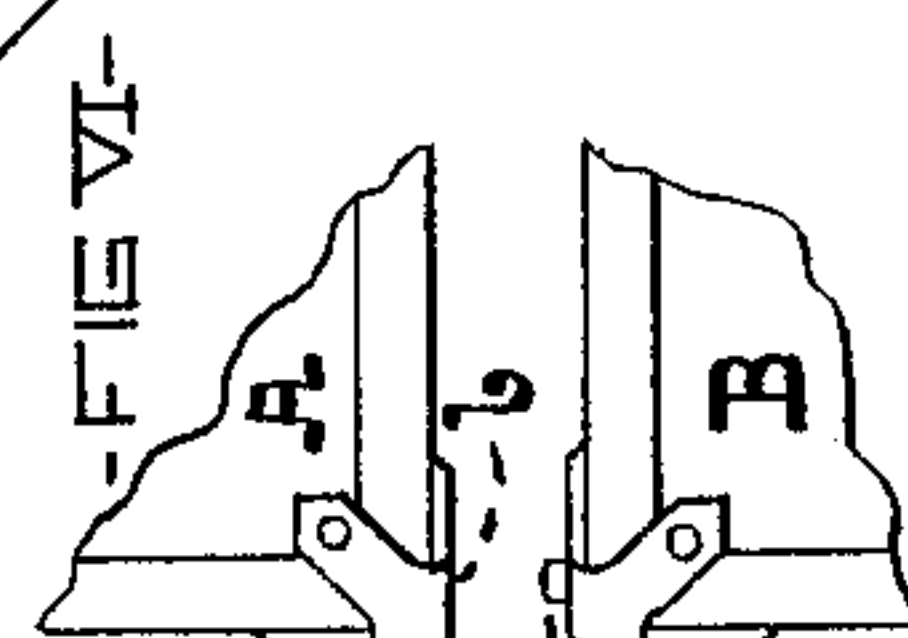
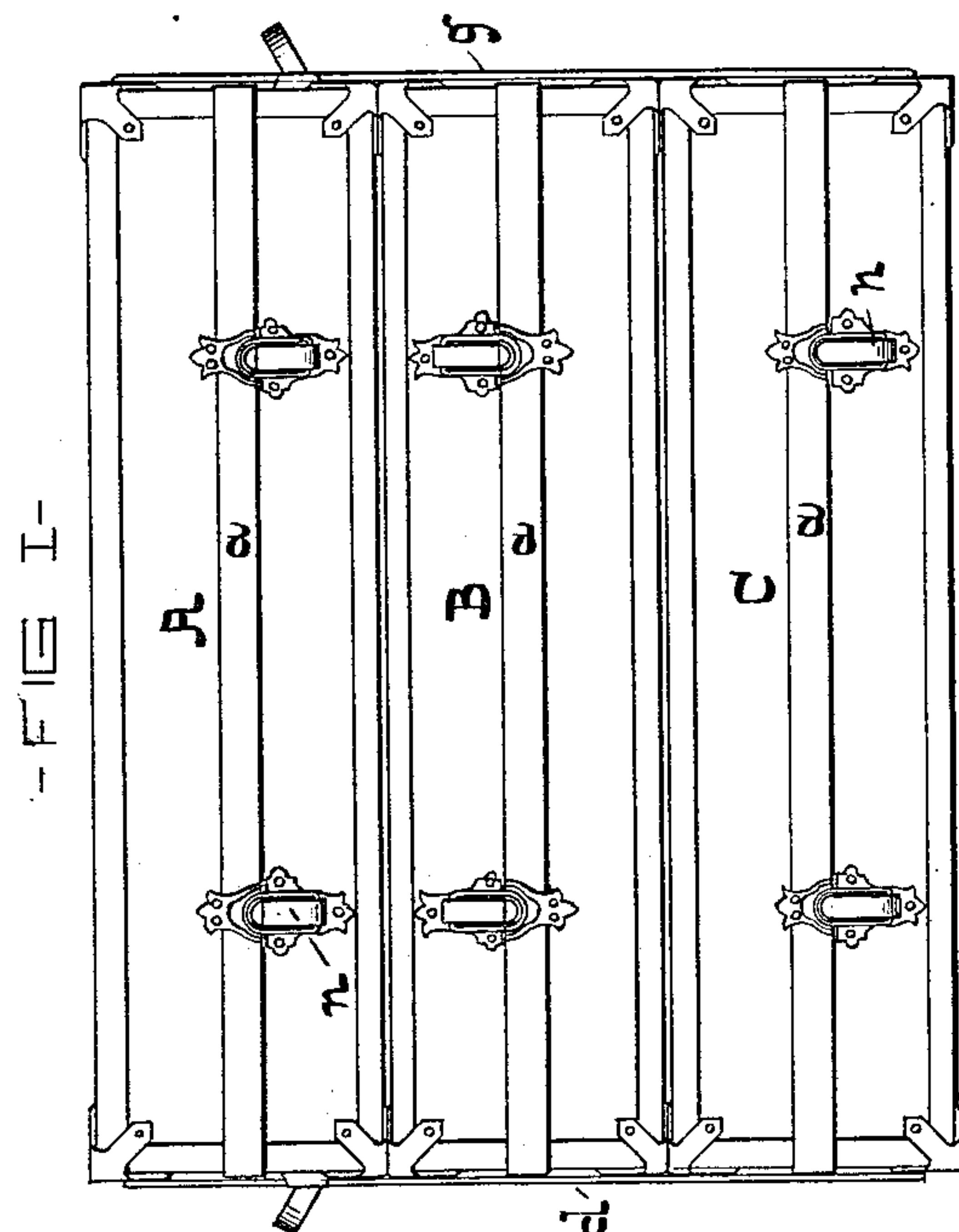
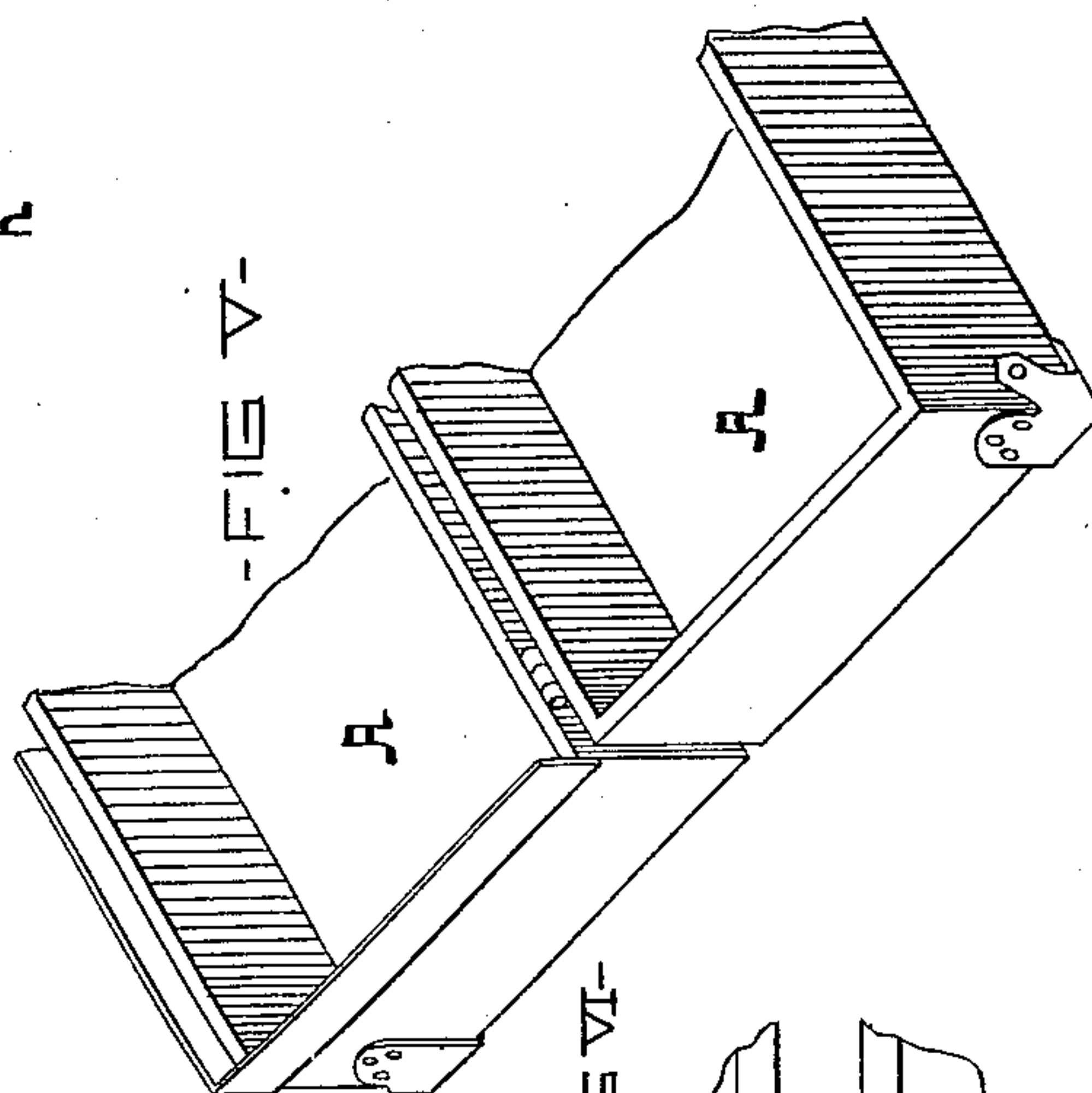
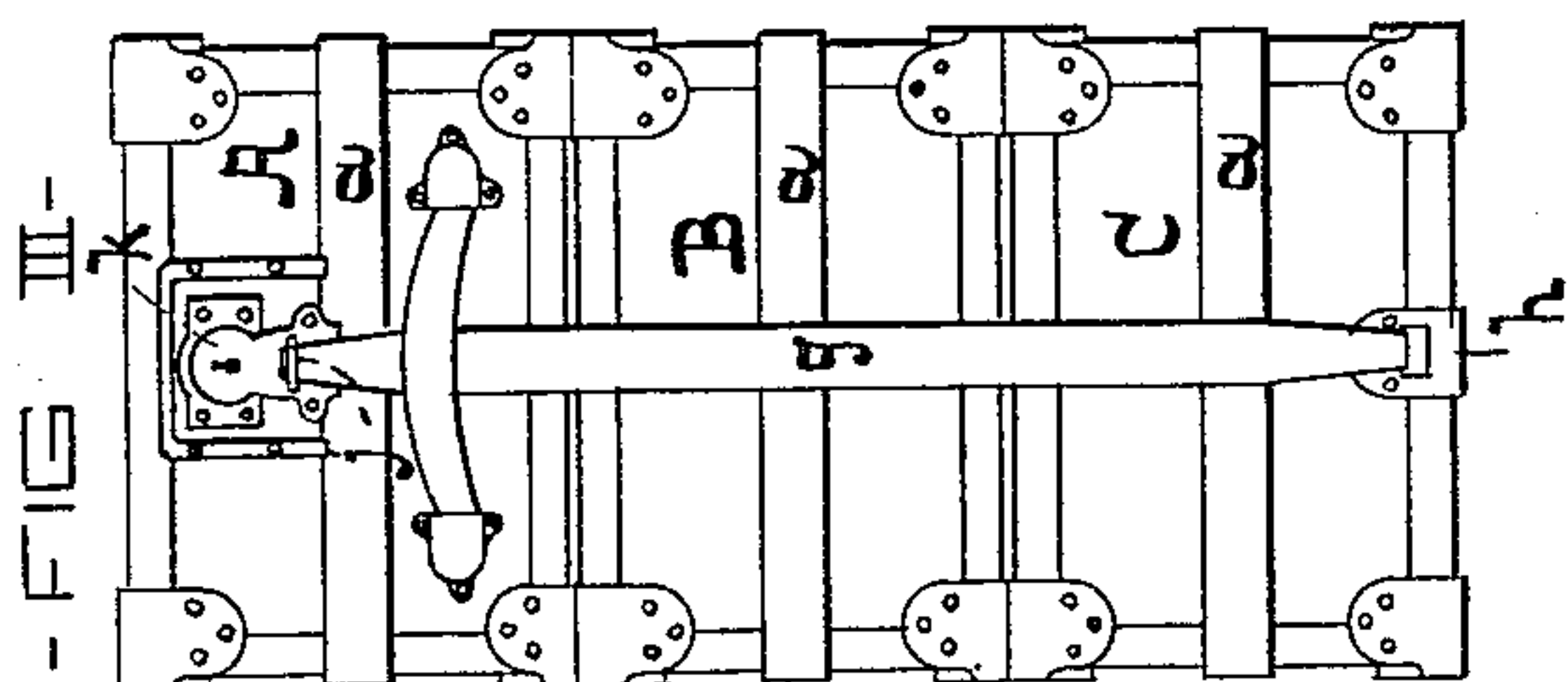
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SECTIONAL TRUNK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BOOKER T. M. HUNLEY, of the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Sectional Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention, in common with others of its class, relates to certain improvements in sectional trunks adapted for use by commercial travelers; and it consists in a trunk composed of a number of sections, all of which are secured together by means of one fastening device.

In the further description of the said invention which follows reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure I is a side elevation of the improved sectional trunk, with the sections thereof connected together in accordance with my invention. Figs. II and III are views of the two ends of the trunk. Fig. IV is a side elevation of the trunk before the sections are fastened together. Fig. V is a perspective view of a part of one section, showing the same as extended; and Fig. VI is a side view of a corner of two sections, illustrating the means employed to retain them in alignment.

In the said drawings the trunk is shown as formed of three sections; but any number of sections can be employed without changing the character of the invention. The said sections are denoted by A, B, and C, and they each consist of two trays, preferably of equal depth, hinged together, as shown particularly in Fig. V. One tray of each section has a projecting band, *a*, which band, when the said section is united to another, serves to conceal the joint, as is common in trunks, and of the two sections one is provided with sockets *b* at the corners, and the other with projections *c*, to fit into the sockets to retain the sections, when united, in alignment. The sections A,

B, and C are attached together at one end by means of a strap, *d*, preferably of plate-steel, having a hook, *e*, at each end adapted to enter and connect with slotted plates *f*. (See particularly Fig. II.) This strap is slightly shorter than the distance between the edges of the plates with which it engages, and to attach the strap the upper section, A, is tilted, as shown in Fig. IV, consequently when the raised edge of the section is forced in contact with the edge of the adjacent one the strap is drawn tightly and the sections held firmly together. The other end of the sections is secured by means of another strap, *g*, similar to the one *d*, the lower end of which is connected to a plate, *h*, similar in construction to the ones *f*. The upper end of the strap *g* is hooked and fitted to engage with a slotted projection, *j*, on a hinged hasp, *k*, forming a part of a lock of any appropriate description. In closing the hasp after the attachment thereto of the strap *g*, the said strap is drawn tightly and the sections of the trunk forced together.

The sections A, B, and C are each provided with ordinary spring-catches *n*, such as are generally employed in trunks.

I do not confine myself to the straps *d* and *g* having hooks, as other means for connecting them with the plates and the hasp could be employed without changing the character of the invention, which aims to construct ready means of attachment between the said straps and the plates and lock.

I claim as my invention—

In combination with the sections A, B, and C, having the slotted plates *f* and *h*, the straps *d* and *g*, and a lock having a hinged hasp adapted to engage with one end of the said strap *g*, substantially as specified.

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