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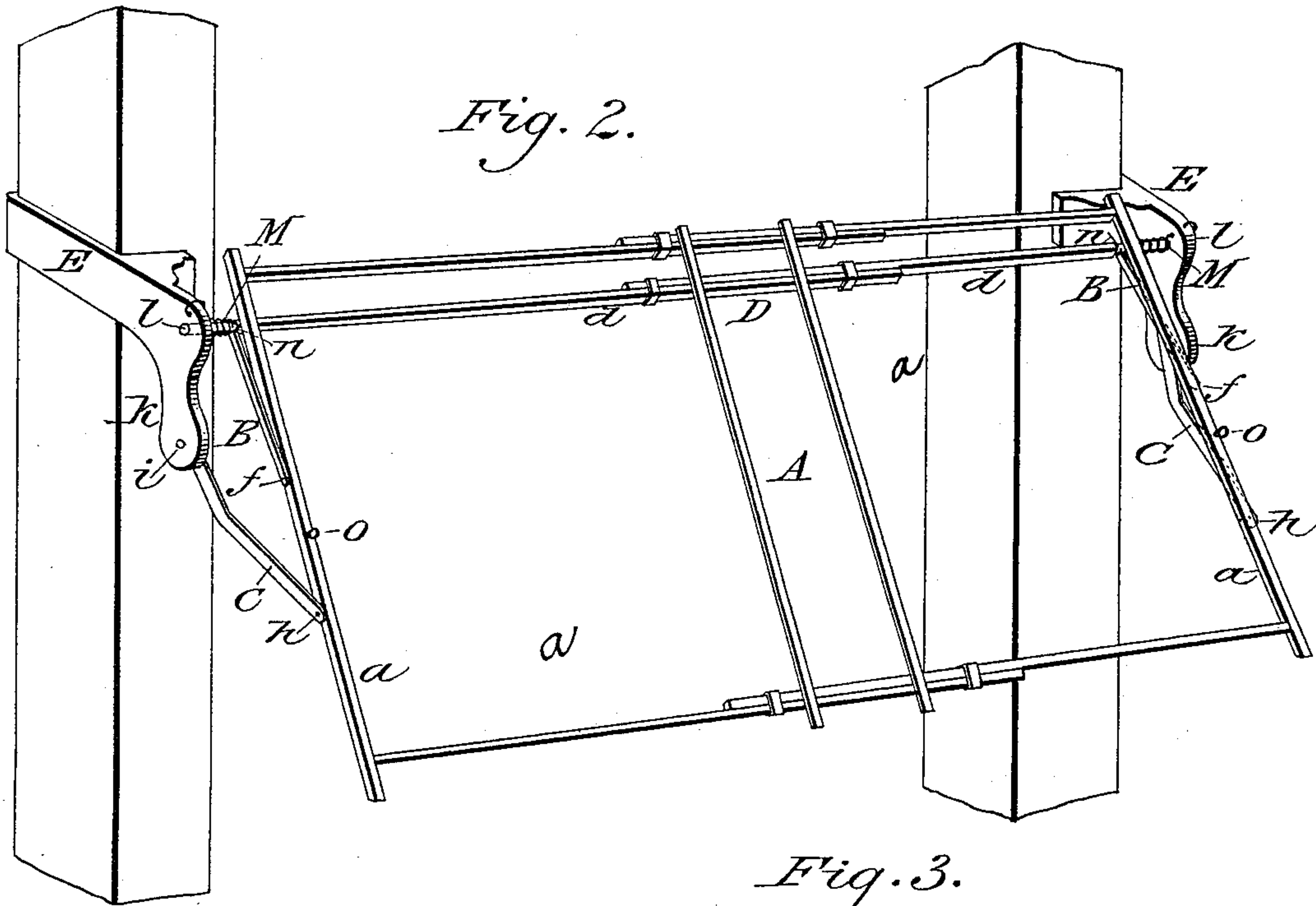


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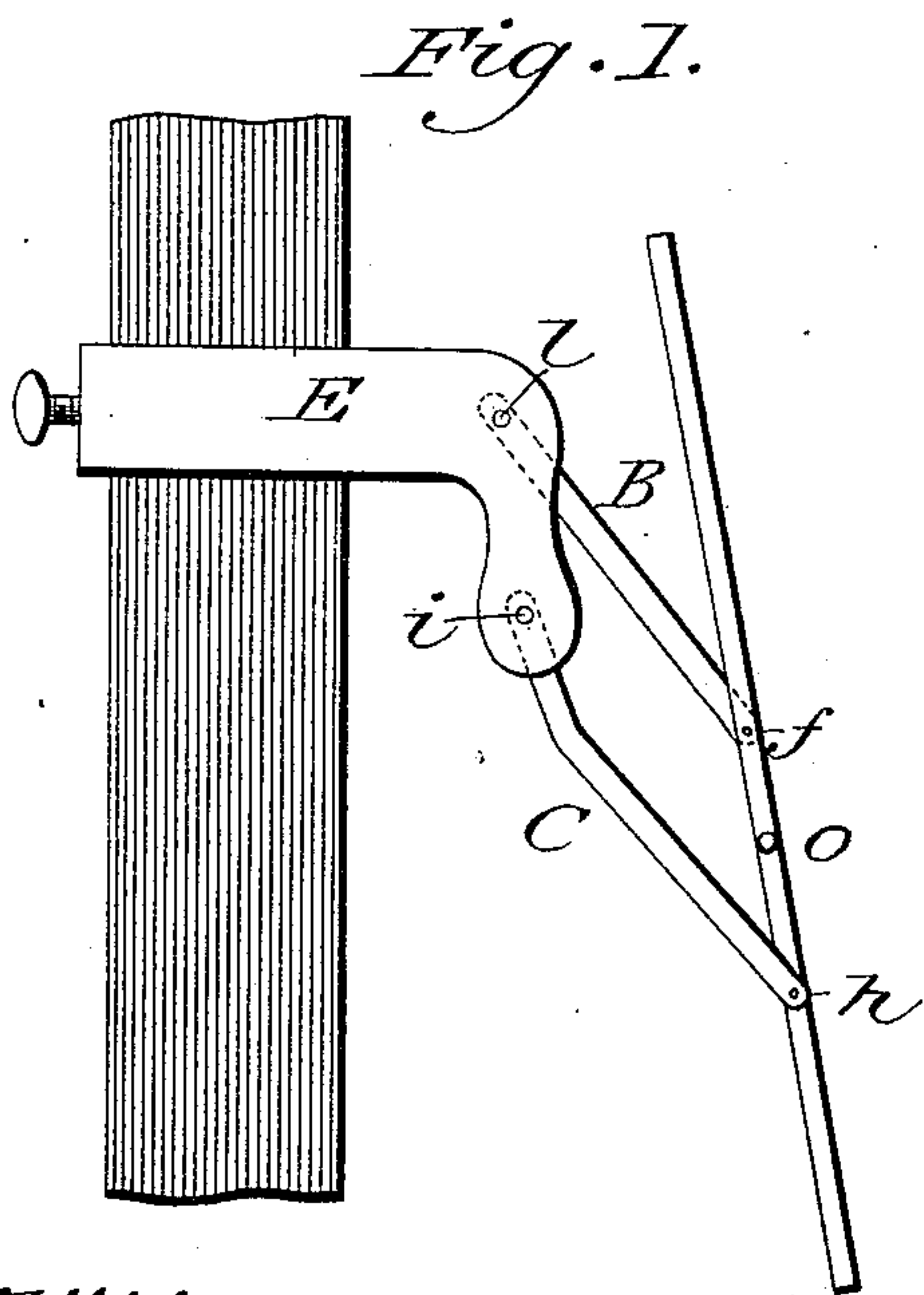


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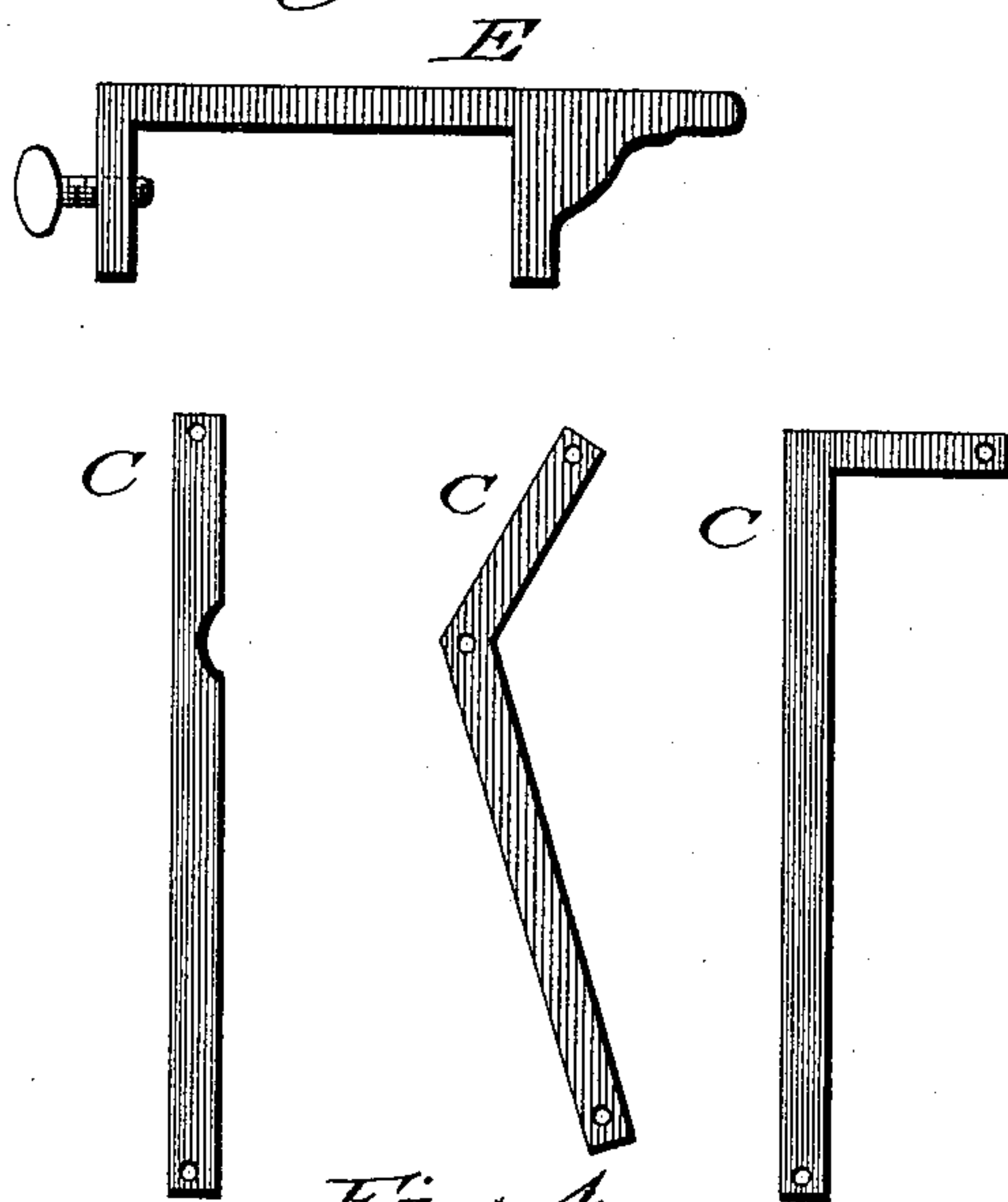


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STUART F. MARCHANT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pillow-sham holders; and the objects of my improvements are, first, to provide a holder which shall obviate the folding of the pillow-sham when the sham is not in use; second, to provide a simple contrivance whereby the sham may be lowered or raised with ease without changing the position of the sham upon the frame on which it rests; third, to provide a means whereby when the sham is in use it keeps its position, whether the pillows are under it or not, and prevents their absence from the bed being noticed; fourth, to attach the holder to the bedstead by means of thumb-screws, so that an unskilled person can easily put the holder in place, and to obviate the boring of screw-holes into the bedstead. I attain these objects by the pillow-sham holder illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is an elevation of one end of the holder and shows the clamp and levers. Fig. 2 is a front view of the holder when down. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the clamp which fastens the frame to the bedstead, and Fig. 4 shows different forms of arms C.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The frame A is composed of two parts, *a a*, which slide one upon the other, so as to be laterally adjustable to the width of the bedstead.

B B are straight arms or levers. C C are curved arms or levers.

The clamp E is fastened to the bedstead by means of a thumb-screw or other similar device, and has a lug, *k*, on one side, as shown in Fig. 1. The lug *k* has a hole, *i*, at its lower end, and there is a similar hole, *l*, in the end of the clamp above the lug. The bar D is in two parts, *d d*, which slide one upon the other, by means of two metallic bands fastened, respectively, to each inner end of the bars *d d* and loose around the opposite bar, and is fastened at its outer ends to the clamps

by means of screws or pins through the holes *l l*, so that the bar can turn on its axis when the frame is raised. There is a coiled spring or other similar device, M M, at each end of the bar D, which spring is fastened to the clamp E at one end and to the bar D at the other, and acts so as to hold the frame in a vertical position against the bedstead when raised. There are holes *n n* in the bar D about one inch from the ends.

The straight arm B is connected with the frame A at the point *f*, and with the bar D at the point *n*, as shown in Fig. 2. The curved arm or lever C is connected at its straight end with the frame A at the point *h*, and at its curved end with the clamp E at the point *i* by means of pins through the holes *h* and *i*.

The arms or levers B and C are of such proportionate length and bear such relative position that the frame may be easily raised and lowered, and when lowered will incline at an angle of about thirty degrees, and when raised will assume a vertical position. By this means the sham does not change its position upon the frame on which it rests, and is free from folds and creases, and is kept clean and in serviceable condition for considerable time.

I do not confine myself to the spring for the purpose of keeping the holder in position when raised, but accomplish the same result without a spring by increasing the curve of the arm C; nor do I confine myself to having the arms C C curved. The object of the curve being to avoid the bar D, and to enable the frame to take a vertical position, the same result may be obtained by an angled or a notched lever.

The holder may be made of smooth wood, of light iron castings, or of wire, or of a combination of any two or all of these materials.

The pillow-sham rests upon the face of the frame A, and is fastened by means of pins or in any other way. At each end of the frame A there is a knob, O, between the holes *f* and *h*, for the purpose of raising and lowering the frame.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination of a frame, A, the bar D, and the arms B B

and C C with the clamps E E, constructed and arranged substantially as described, and adapted for attachment to a bedstead or other article of furniture, as set forth.

- 5 2. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination of a frame, A, having holes *f* and *h*, the bar D, with holes *n n*, the levers B B and C C, the springs M M, and the clamps E E with the

lug *k* and holes *i* and *l*, constructed and arranged substantially as described, and adapted for attachment, as set forth.

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