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WASH BOILER.

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Fig. 1.

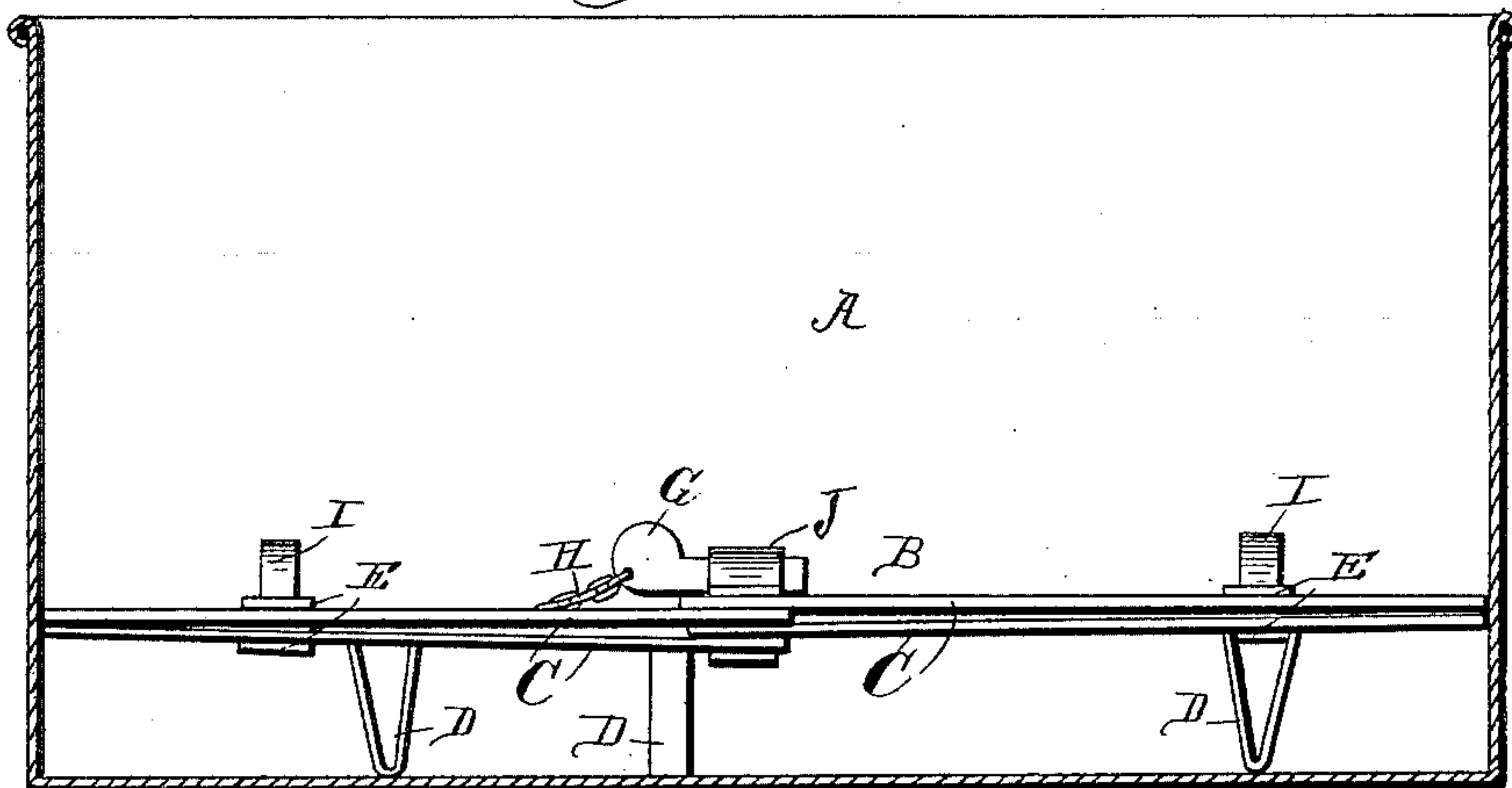


Fig. 2.

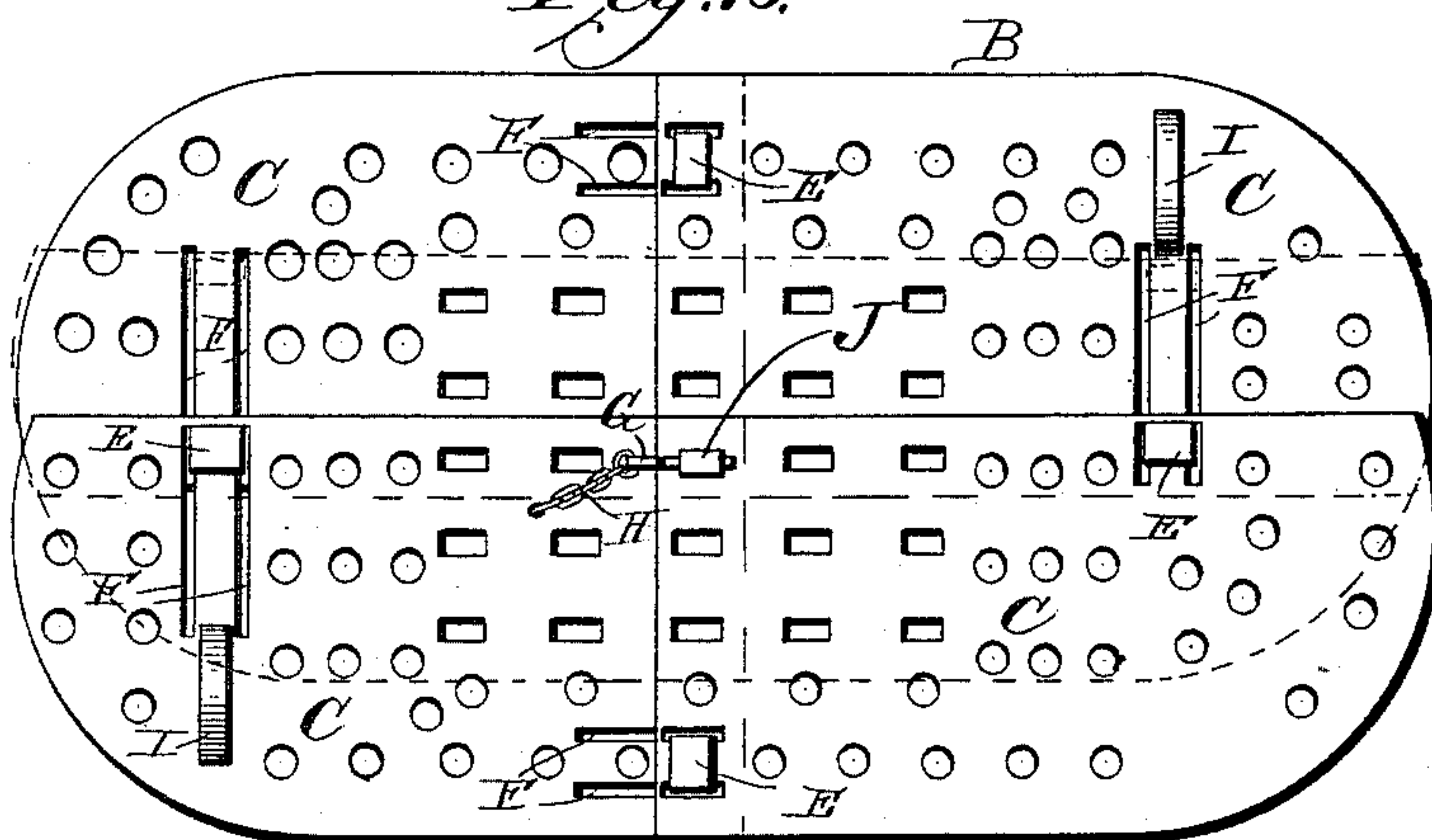
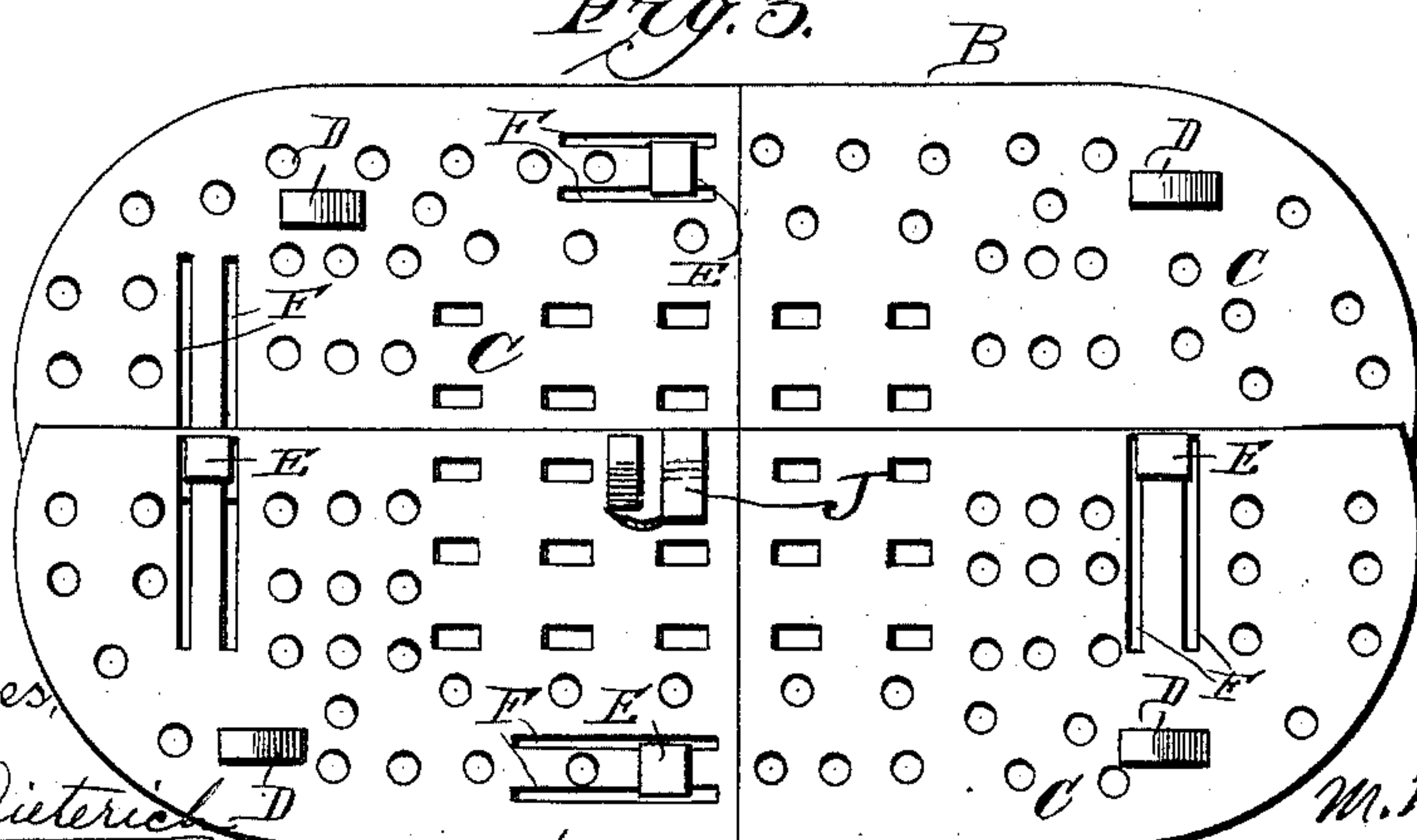


Fig. 3.



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WASH-BOILER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MALINDA KNOPP OCOBOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Maple Rapids, in the county of Clinton and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Washing-Machines, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in washing-machines; and it consists in certain novel features hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, which fully illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section of a wash-boiler, showing my improved device in operative position therein. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of my device removed from the boiler, and Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of the same.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A designates a wash-boiler of ordinary construction.

B designates my improved device, consisting, essentially, of a perforated sheet-metal false bottom made in a number of sections or members, C, adjustably connected together. The sections or members of the false bottom are provided on their under sides with the legs or supports D, as shown, whereby the device is supported above the bottom of the wash-boiler. The adjustable connection between the several sections or members consists of keepers E, secured to one section and engaging the slots F in the overlapping portion of the adjacent section or member. The ends of the sections are curved to correspond to the semicircular ends of the wash-boiler, and the slots F are arranged both transversely and longitudinally, so that the device can be readily adjusted to the dimensions of the boiler and fitted snugly within the same.

G designates a key secured to one of the sections, near the center of the device, by a chain, H, and is adapted to engage a staple or

keeper, J, inserted through the centrally-registering perforations of all the sections and thereby prevent the same slipping from a position to which it has been adjusted. The diagonally-opposite corner sections are provided with handles I, as shown, to facilitate the removal of the device from the wash-boiler and also to permit the device to be easily placed within the boiler.

In operation the device is properly adjusted to fit snugly within the boiler and then placed within the same, as shown in Fig. 1. The boiler is then filled with water to within a few inches of the false bottom, and the clothes, previously rubbed with soap, are then placed on said false bottom. The boiler is then placed on the stove and the water will be converted into steam, and the steam rising through the clothes permeates them and loosens the dirt therefrom, so that when removed from the boiler a slight rubbing on the clothes will be sufficient to thoroughly cleanse them.

My device is very cheap and simple, and its advantages are thought to be obvious.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the perforated sections or members provided with slots, the bails secured to the adjacent members and engaging said slots, the staple inserted through the registering perforations of all the sections, and the key engaging said staple, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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