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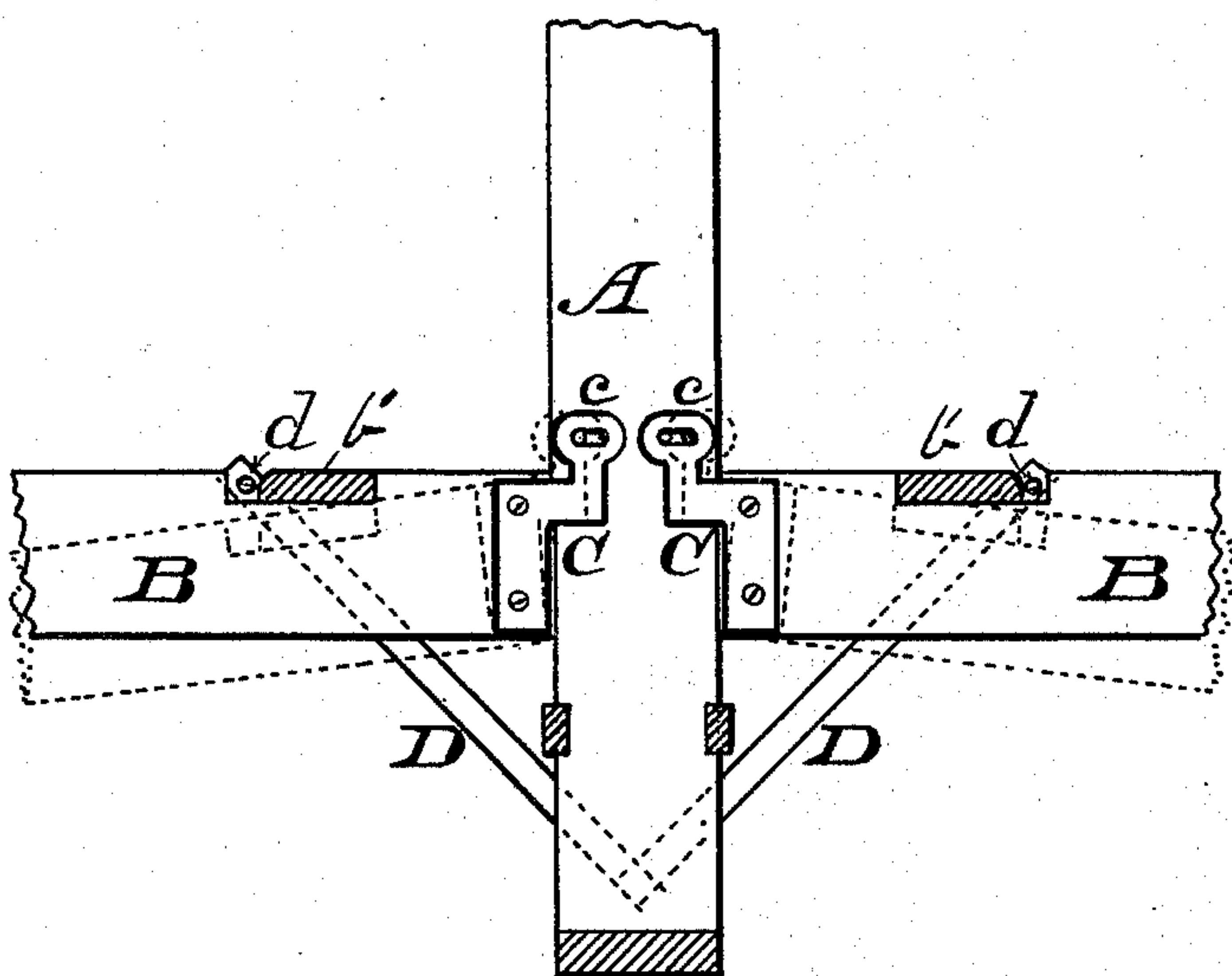


Fig. 3.

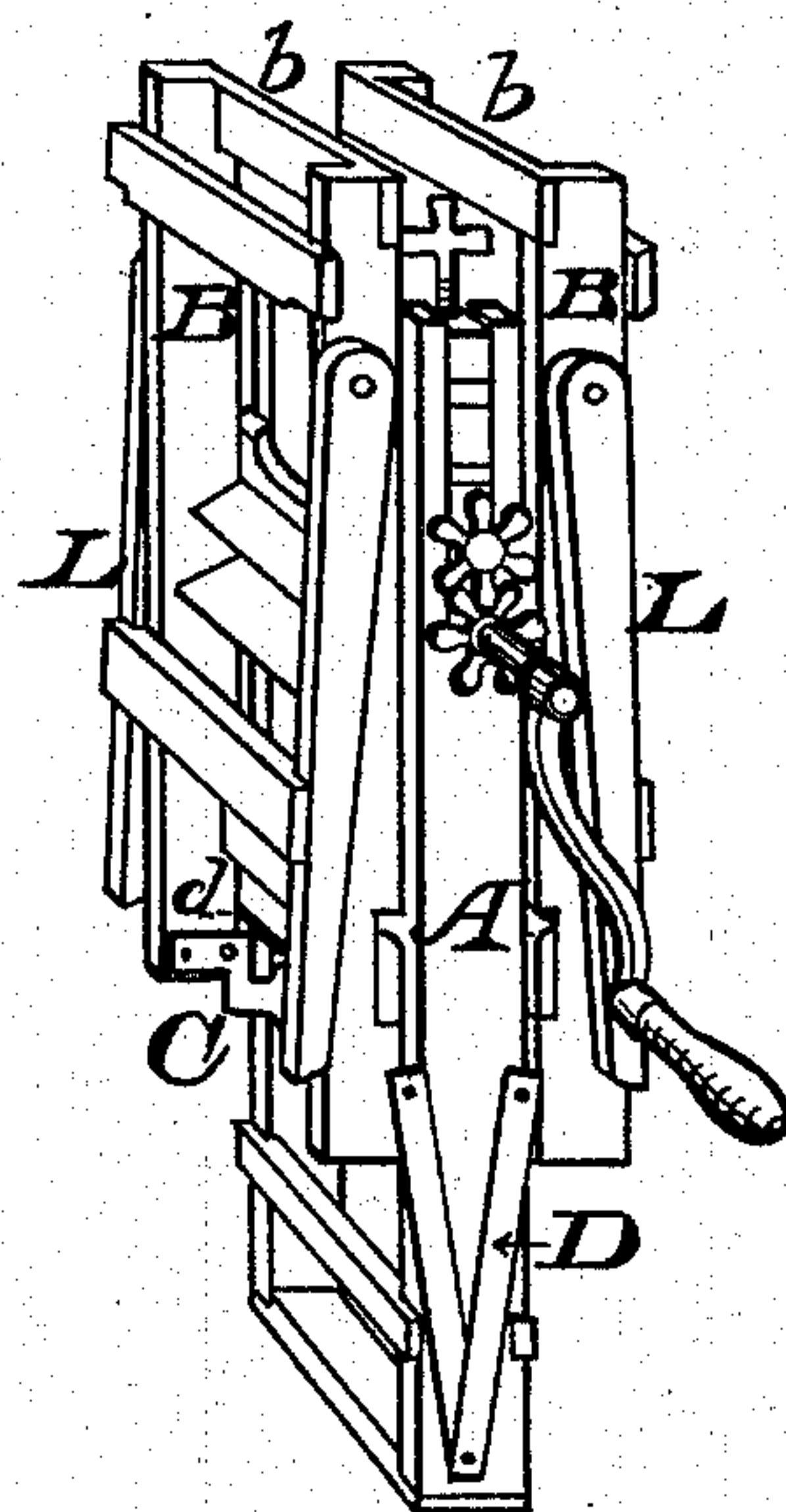


Fig. 2.

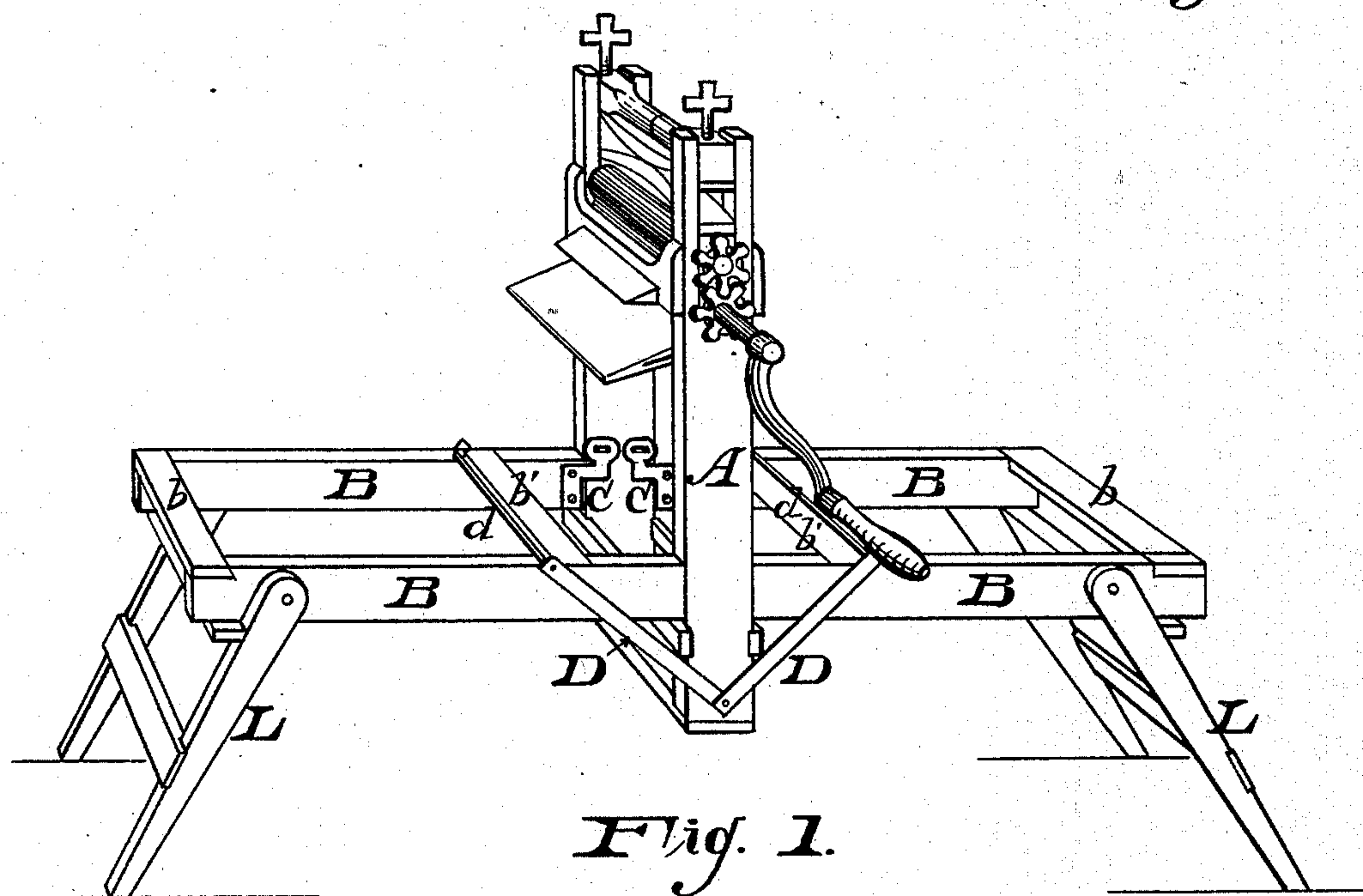


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK W. BROOKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laundry-Benches, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to benches for laundry purposes, and has for its object to provide a compactly-folding bench, easily and quickly adjusted and readily handled; and it consists in the peculiar construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new bench as seen spread open and ready for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same closed. Fig. 3 is a view of the peculiar hinge adapted for use in my construction of folding bench.

A A represent the standards of a wringer, which may be of any of the well-known kinds.

B B are side rails forming the sides of the bench-frame, having end bars *b b* and middle cross-bars *b' b'*, the ends of the frame being supported by the folding legs L L.

The side rails are hinged to the said standards A A, a little distance above their lower ends, by the angular-shaped hinges C, the eyes *c* of which are elongated, for a purpose hereinafter shown.

D D are iron braces, consisting of bars piv-

oted to the lower ends of the standards A A, their top ends being joined by a cross-rod *d*, which lies in notches in the top edges of the said rails B B and alongside of the cross-bars *b' b'*. These braces serve to support the middle part of the bench-frame in the form of a truss. To fold this bench, the middle part, with the wringer, is slightly raised. The elongated eyes *c* of the hinges C permit this middle part to be lifted up sufficiently to release the brace-bars from the notches, which are then turned upward. The standards then settle down and rest on the floor. Now the side rails may be turned upright against the standards, the legs folded down upon the side rails, and the frame assumes the folded condition seen in Fig. 2.

Having described my invention, I claim— In a laundry-bench, the combination, with the standards A A, of side rails B B, hinged to said standards by slotted hinges C C, and provided with the notches *d*, the brace-irons D D, pivoted to lower end of standards and adapted to lie in notches in the rails B B, for supporting the middle of the bench, and to be turned up for allowing the bench to be folded, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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