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Fig. 1.

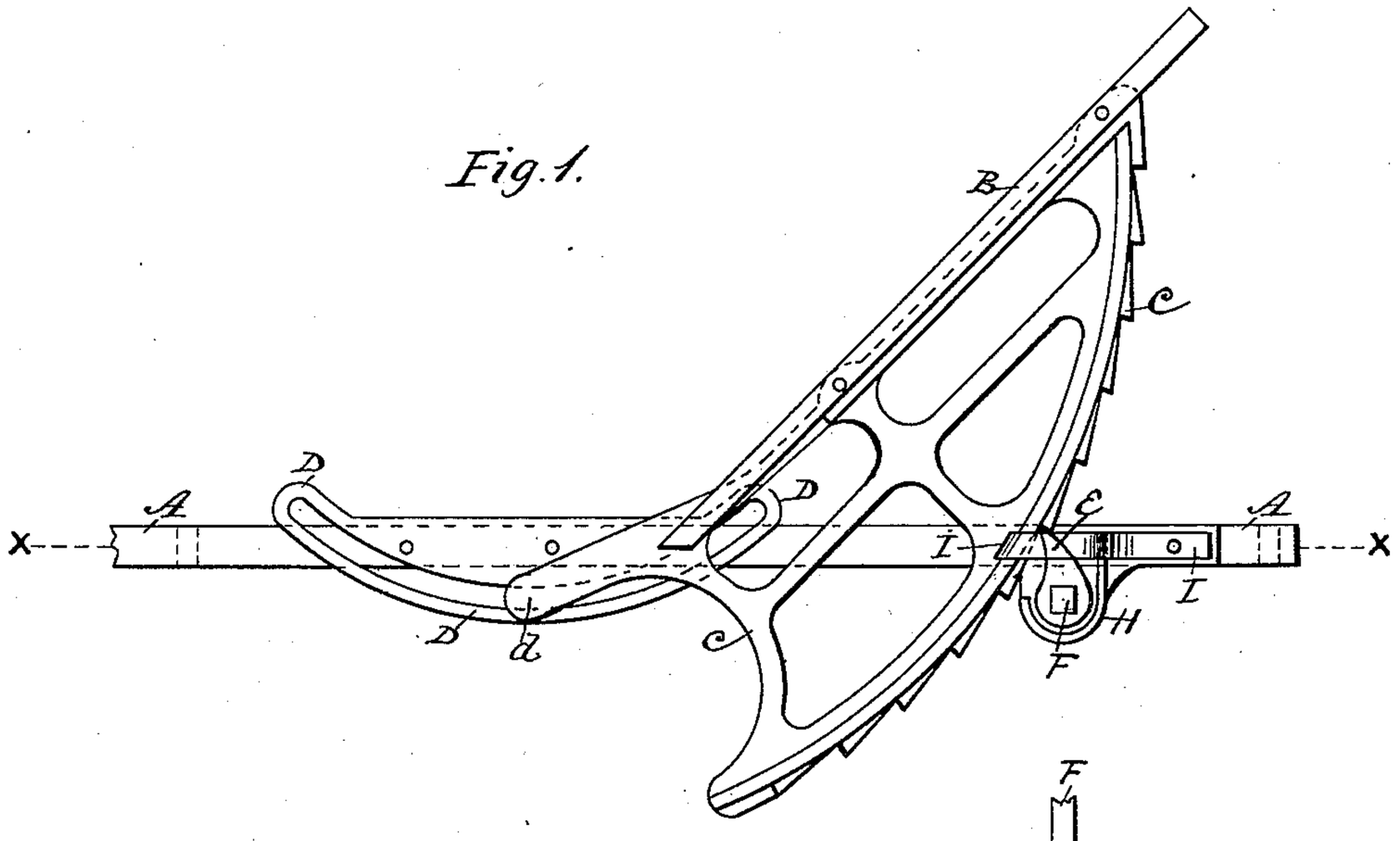
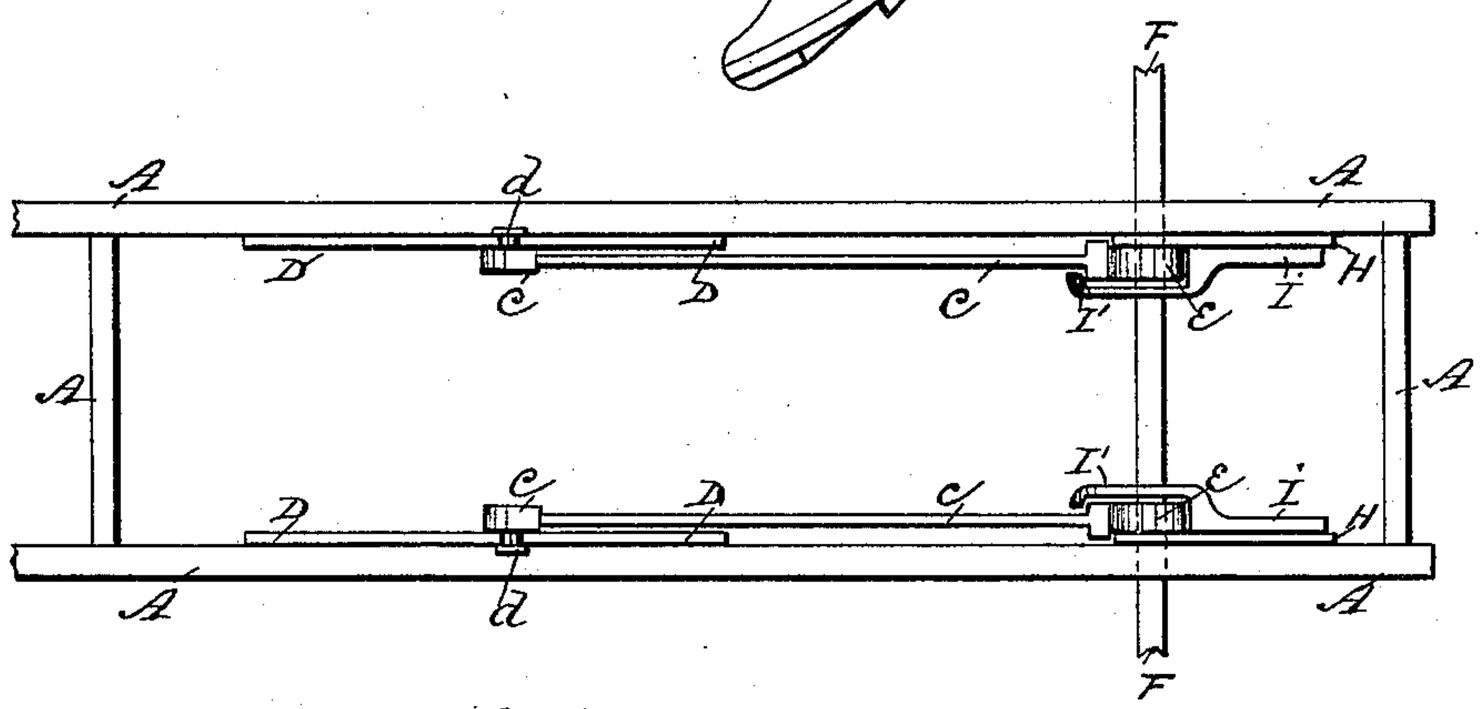


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER OXLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hamilton, in the county of Wentworth, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Head and Shoulder Rest for Beds or Lounges, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in head and shoulder rests for beds or lounges, in which are two ratchets that move on a circle line when lifted up, and held in any required position by pawls in conjunction with a rod; and the object of my improvements is to allow the invalid to rest at any desired angle or position by means of the device hereinafter described. I attain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device viewed from the inside of the bed. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same through the line *x x*, showing the circular ratchets with their mechanism in the inside of the frame of the bed. Similar letters refer to similar parts in both figures.

In the drawings, A is the frame of the bed, and is intended to fit into any ordinary bedstead.

B is the movable head part of the frame and can be elevated to any angle.

C C are circular ratchets attached to the head or movable part of the frame, the lower ends of which are attached to the stationary slotted circular guide D by means of a T-headed pin *d*, which passes through the said slots, thus holding the said ratchets in position. The pawls E E, which engage with the teeth of ratchets, are operated by the rod F when lowering the head part of the frame. The circular ratchets C C and pawls E E are kept in position by the pawl-casings H H and the guide-caps I I, thus allowing the ratchets to move freely while being operated.

When operating the head-rest, the wood frame B is lifted to any desired angle. At the same time the T-headed pins *d*, which form a part of ratchets C, slides in the circular slotted guides D, and when elevated sufficiently the pawls E on cross-rod F fit into and engage with the teeth of the metallic ratchets C and hold the same in position, thus holding the wooden head-frame B, which is screwed to the said circular ratchets. When necessary to lower the head-rest, the rod F is turned to the right, and when the pawls E are freed from the teeth of ratchets C the frame B is lowered down by hand and rests on the bed-frame A. The whole device is made of metal, excepting the frames A and B.

The ratchet-bars C of the head-rest B are held and guided in their sliding movement by means of the projecting lips on the caps I′ and the corresponding flanges of the said ratchet-bars. By this means the ratchet-bars are allowed to work freely, and at the same time are kept in position.

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

In a head and shoulder rest, the combination of the bed-frame, circular slotted guides attached to said bed-frame, circular ratchet-bars provided with guide-pins adapted to move in the circular slotted guides, each of said ratchet-bars having a longitudinal flange, a rod adapted to rest in bearings in the bed-frame, and having pawls adapted to engage with the ratchet-bars, and caps mounted on the bed-frame and adapted to engage with the flanged ratchet-bars and guide the same in their adjustment.

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