

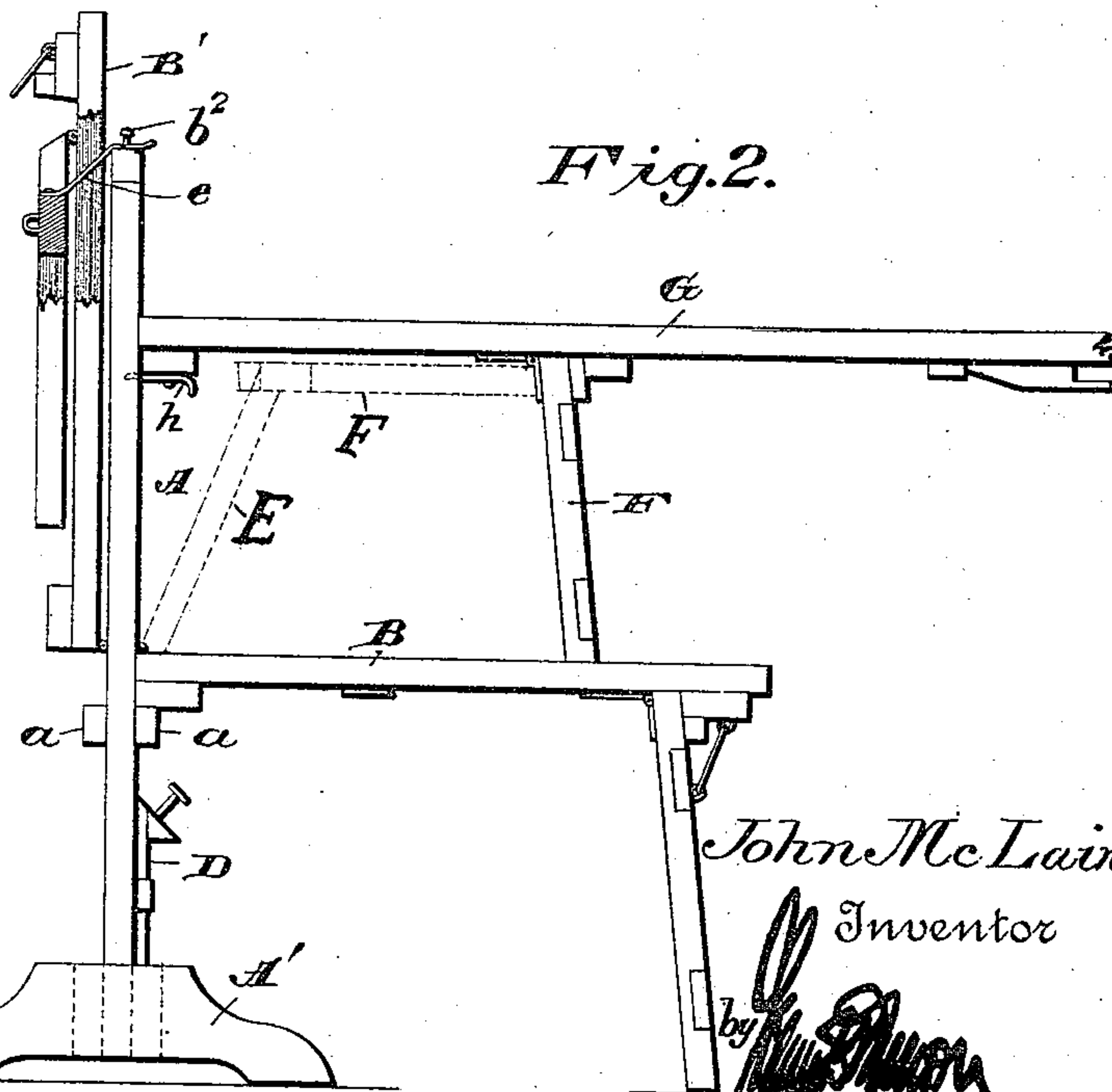
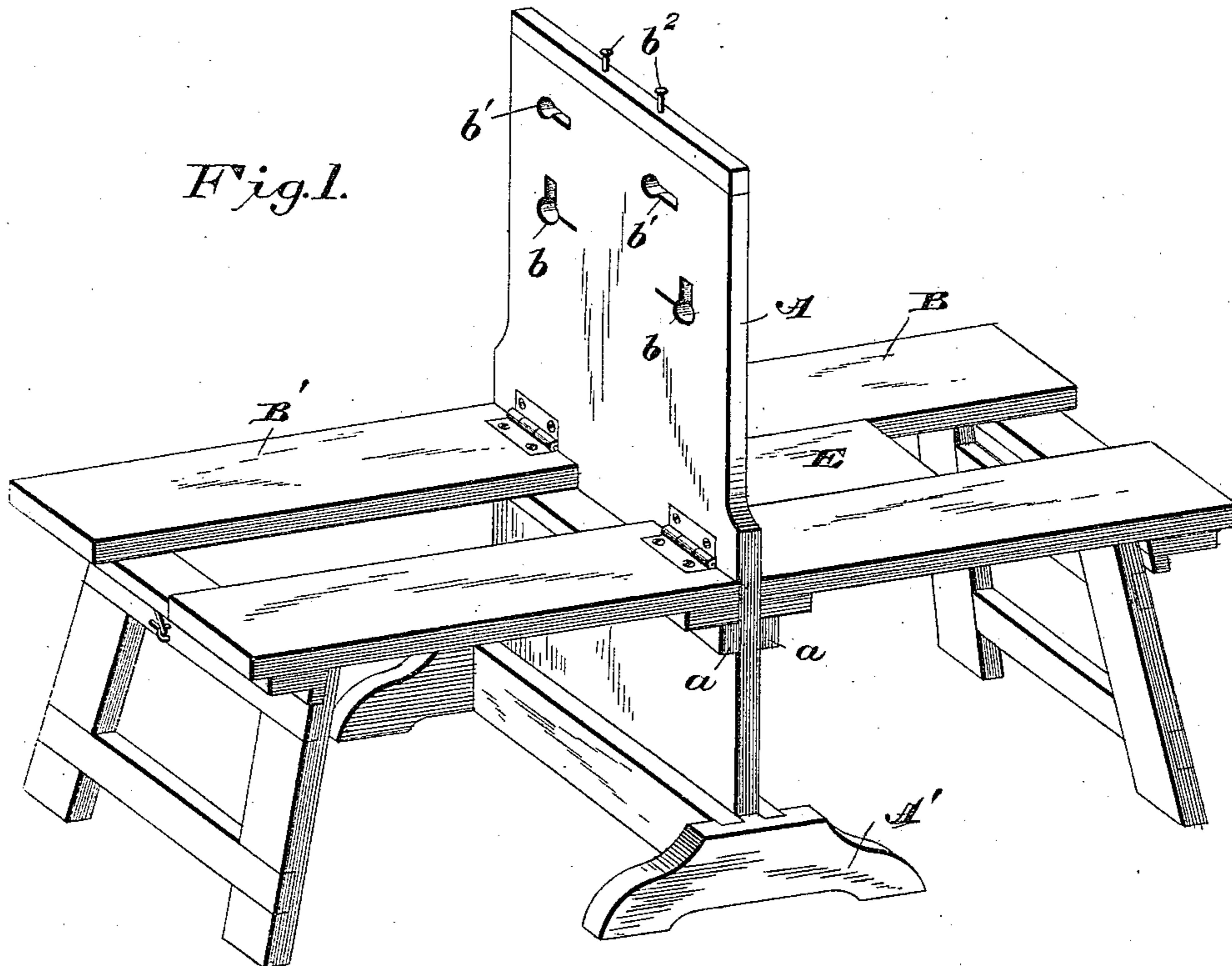
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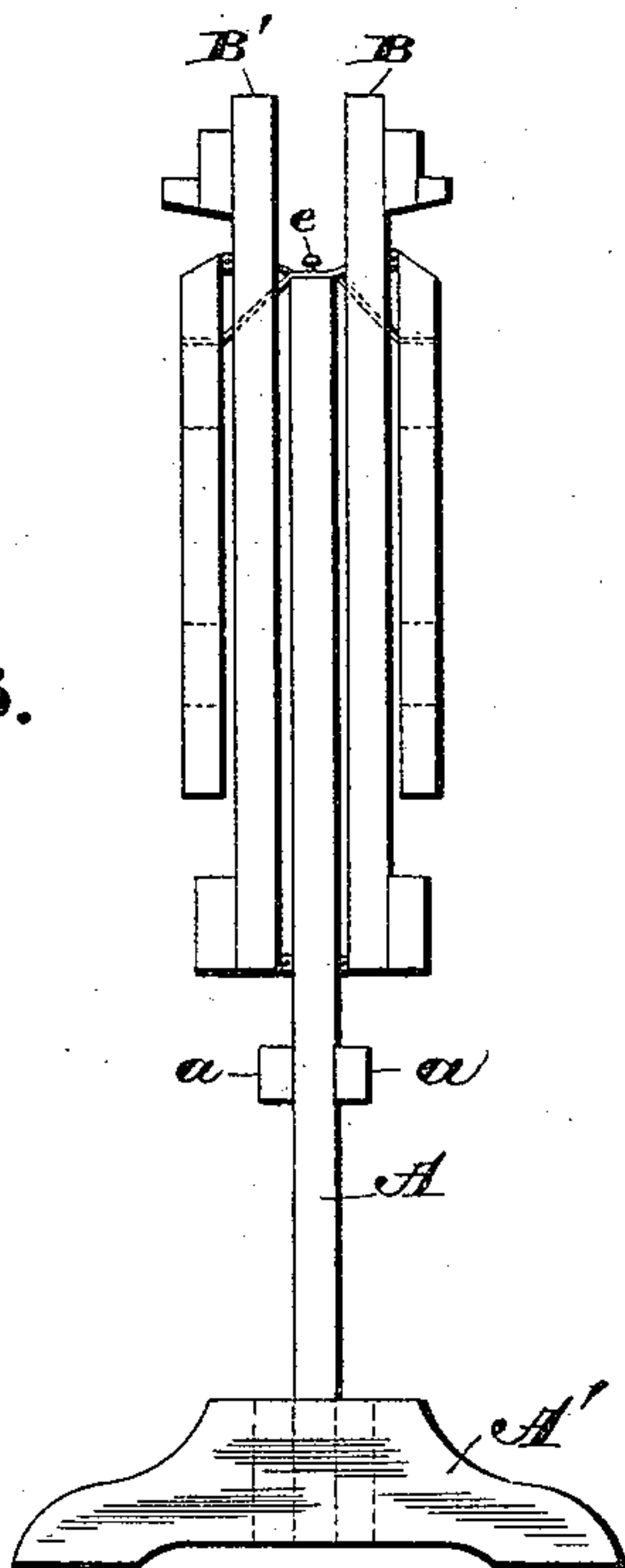


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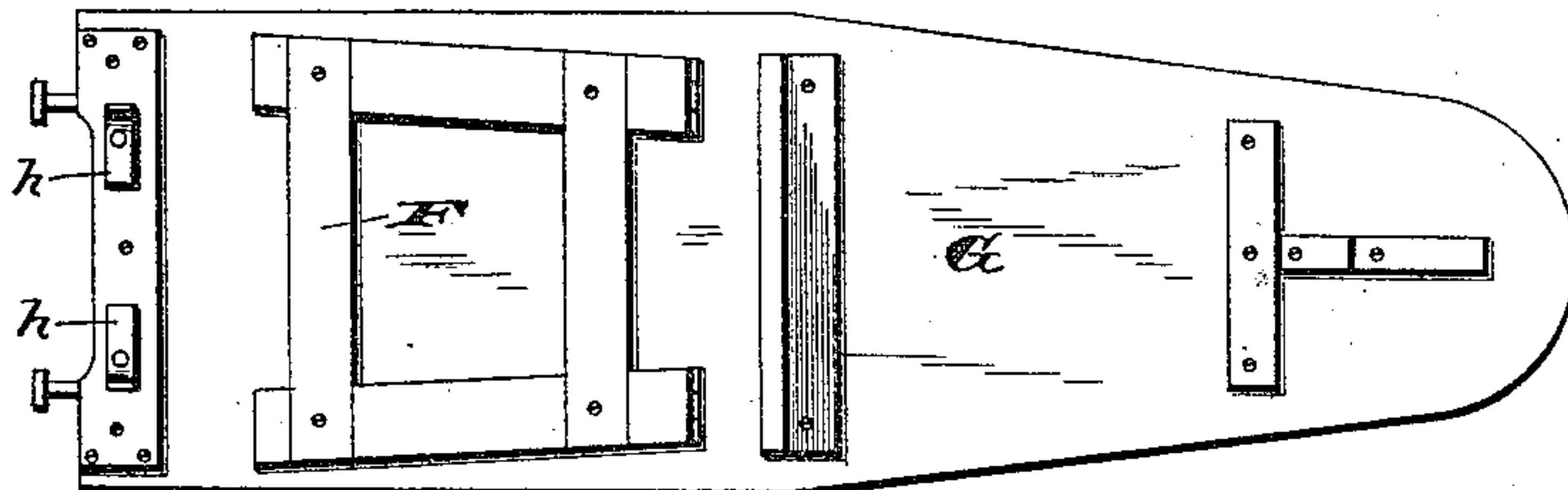


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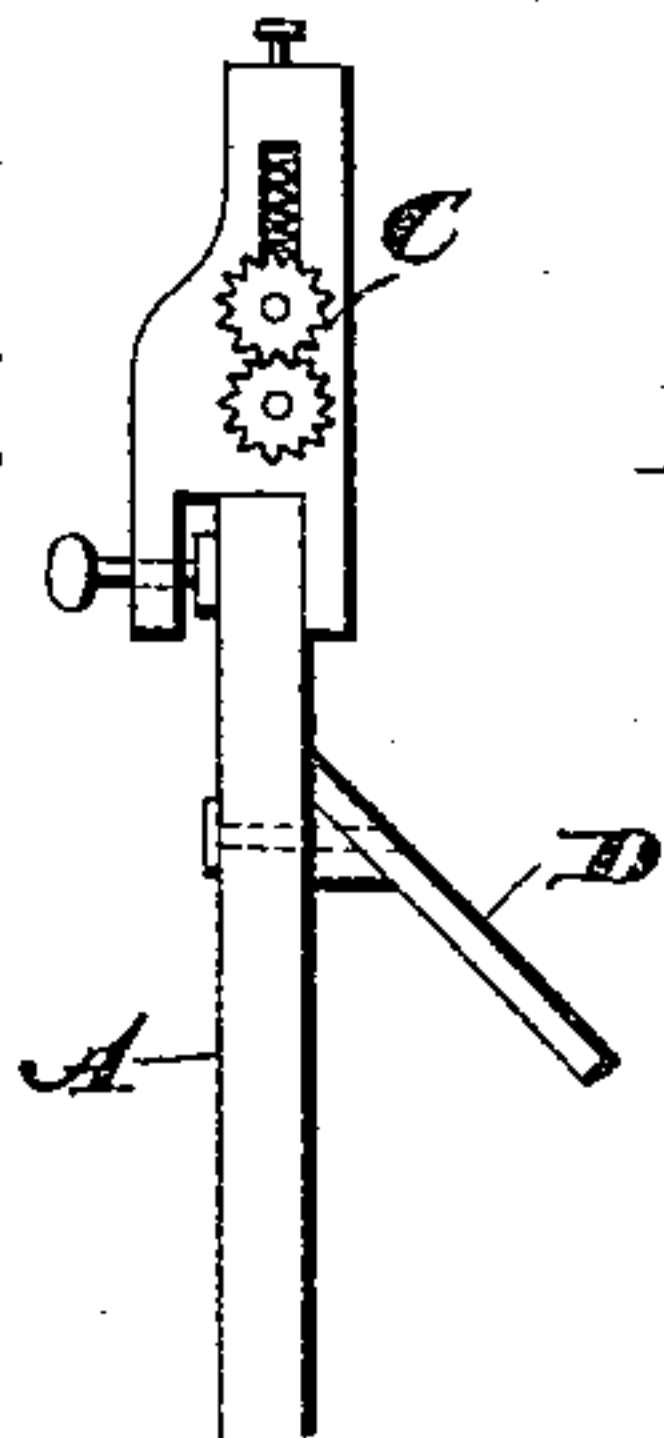


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN McLAIN, a citizen of of the United States of America, residing at St. Mary's, in the county of Auglaize and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Benches; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in combined wash-benches and ironing-board supports.

The object of the invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and effective device which will provide a support for two wash-tubs and a clothes-wringer, also for a clothes-basket and ironing-board, the parts being so constructed that divers combinations may be made and the parts folded upon each other when not in use, so as to occupy but little room; and it consists in the construction and combination of the parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device adapted for use as a wash-bench. Fig. 2 is a side view showing an ironing-board attached, one of the benches being folded. Fig. 3 is a side view showing the parts folded upon each other. Fig. 4 is a view of the under side of the ironing-board. Fig. 5 is a detail view, and Fig. 6 is a detail view of the substitute support for the ironing-board.

A refers to an upright or standard, which is provided with legs or feet A' to rigidly support the same in a vertical position. At a suitable height on opposite sides of the standard are secured transverse strips a , upon which will rest the inner ends of the tables B and B', which are suitably hinged to said standard.

The upright or standard A is provided near its top with vertically-arranged key-hole slots b , directly above which are located horizontal key-hole slots b' , the upper edge of the

upright being provided with pins b^2 , with which are adapted to engage perforated straps attached to the hinged supporting-legs of the tables B and B', so that said tables may be held vertically against the upright A, as shown in Fig. 3. These pins may also serve to hold centrally upon the upper edge of the standard a clothes-wringer C. When a wringer is used, a block D, having headed pins adapted to fit in the key-hole slots b' , is secured to the upright, so that the drippings may be guided into a tub supported upon one of the stands B B' beneath the inclined block, and when said inclined block is not in use it can be placed out of the way against the lower portion of the upright A by means of clamps positioned for such purpose. The hinged table B has near its outer edge a transverse ledge adjacent to which the upper ends of the legs are hinged, and a hook and eye are provided for holding said legs in a position to support the outer end of the table. The table B is supported in a similar manner. To the upper cross-bars of the table-legs are attached straps e , which when engaged by the pins b^2 will not only hold the tables in a vertical position, but will also hold the hinged legs snugly against said tables. One of the tables B is provided between the top boards with a short hinged support E, which is adapted to engage with the permanently-secured hinged legs F of the ironing-board G, said ironing-board having headed pins for engagement with the key-hole slots b in the standard A. The hinged support E lies between the top boards of the table B, and rests normally upon a cross-strip, and when the ironing-board is secured to the upright, as hereinbefore described, the notched end of the support E will engage with the hinged legs F to hold said legs folded against the under side of the ironing-board G, and when the legs F are held elevated a removable outer support or leg H is employed to support the outer end of the board. When desired, the long leg H can be dispensed with and the hinged legs allowed to fall and contact with the table B, and when the parts are so positioned the ironing-board will be properly positioned; but when it is desired to iron skirts or other large garments the hinged legs F may be elevated against the ironing-board,

as hereinbefore described, and the support H used, said support being bifurcated at its upper end and provided with a transverse pin, which engages with a fixture at the outer end
5 of the ironing-board, so that it can be readily removed therefrom. The straight edge of the ironing-board adjacent to the headed pins is provided with turn-buttons *h h*, which engage
10 with slots or recesses in the standard A and prevent the ironing-board when elevated to the narrow end of the key-hole slots from falling to the position it assumes when it is desired to remove the same.

The device hereinbefore described can be
15 readily manufactured, and may be used for numerous other purposes than those herein mentioned.

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

1. The combination, in a wash-bench consisting of a vertical upright, tables hinged thereto, said upright having key-hole slots *b*, of an ironing-board having headed pins which
25 engage with said slots, and a hinged leg adapted to bear upon the top of one of the tables to support said board in a horizontal position above the table, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with an upright A, having a table B hinged thereto, a hinged board E, forming a part of said table, together with an ironing-board engaged with the upright and having a support adapted to engage with said board E, substantially as set forth. 30

3. In combination with the upright A, provided with key-hole slots *b*, an ironing-board having hinged supporting-legs F and headed pins which engage with said key-hole slots, and turn-buttons adapted to engage with slots
40 formed in the upright adjacent to the key-hole slots, substantially as set forth. 35

4. In combination with the upright A, constructed substantially as shown, and provided with a bench, an ironing-board having a lug
45 or casting secured to the outer end thereof, and a permanently-connected hinged support, as described, a removable supporting-leg H, bifurcated at its upper end and provided with a transverse pin for engaging the lug or casting,
50 ing, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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