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Fig. 1.

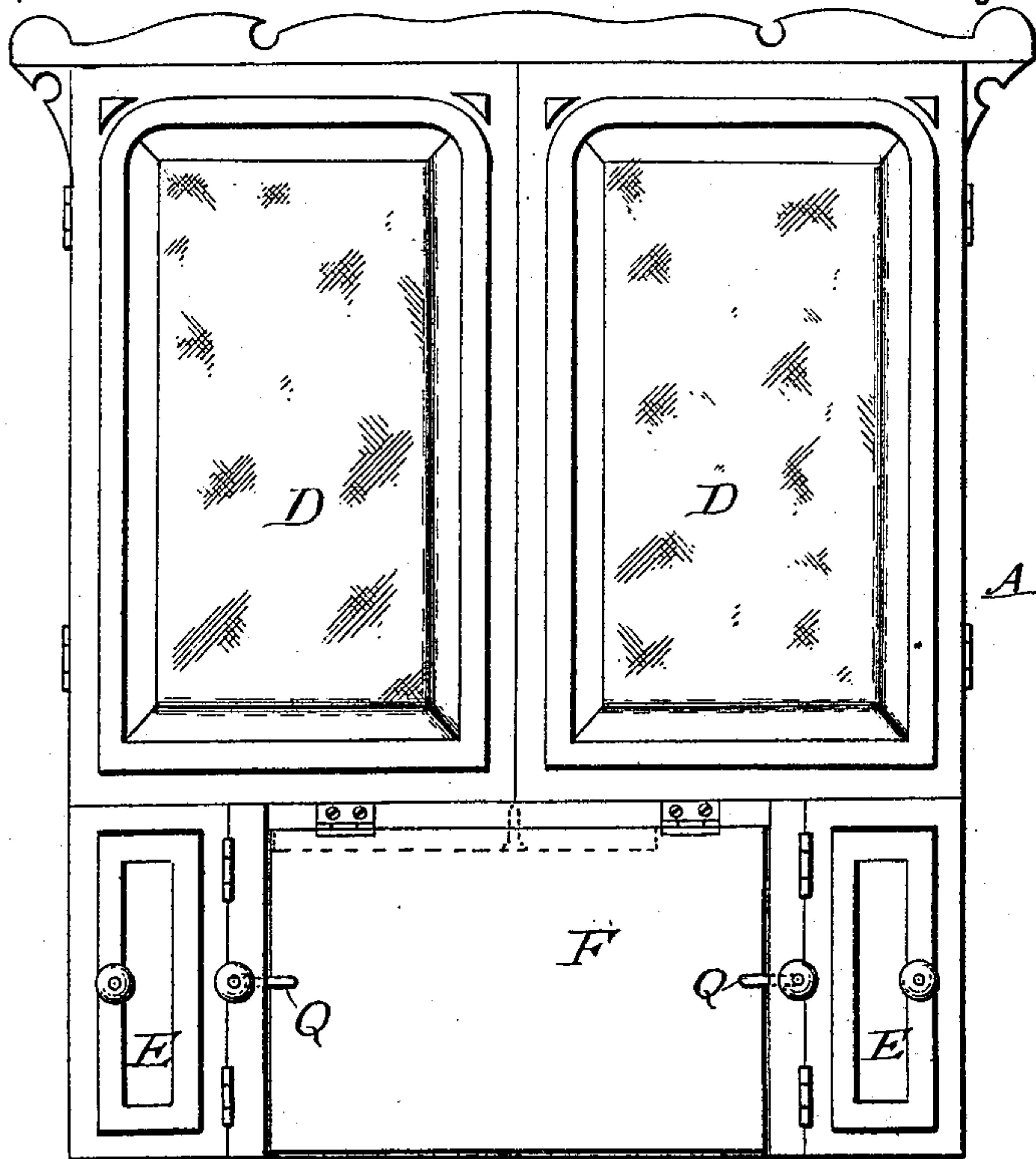


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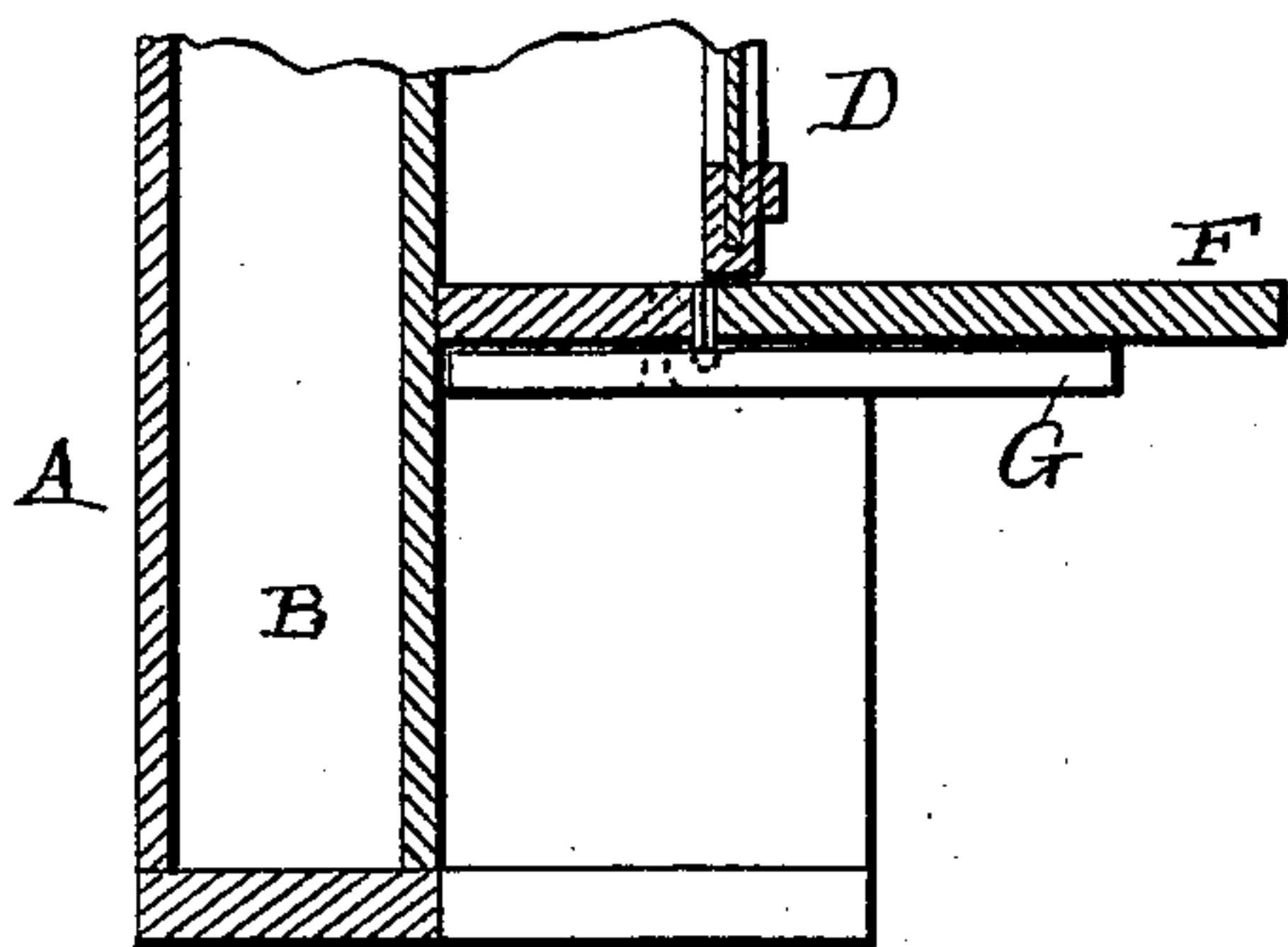
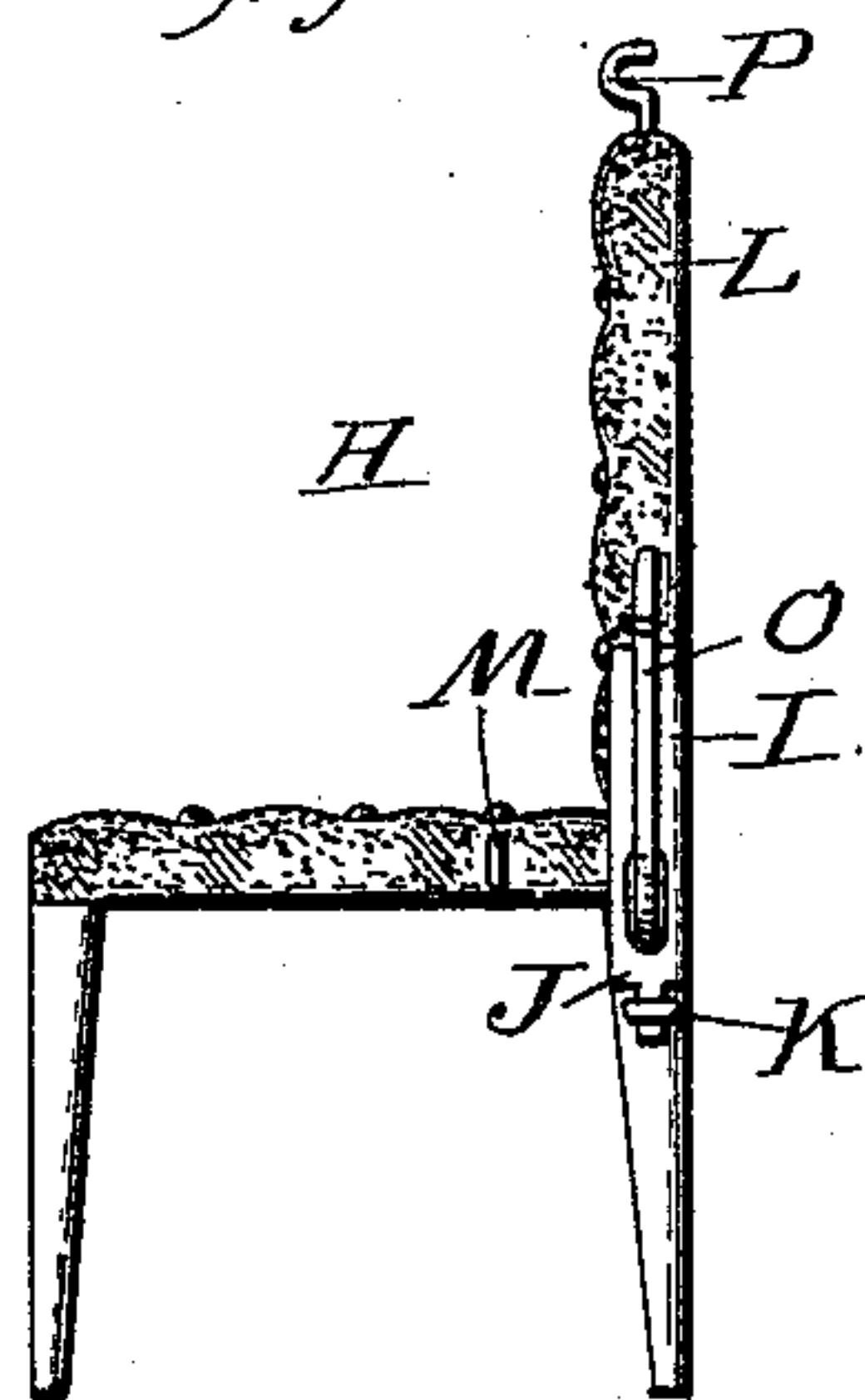


Fig. 5.



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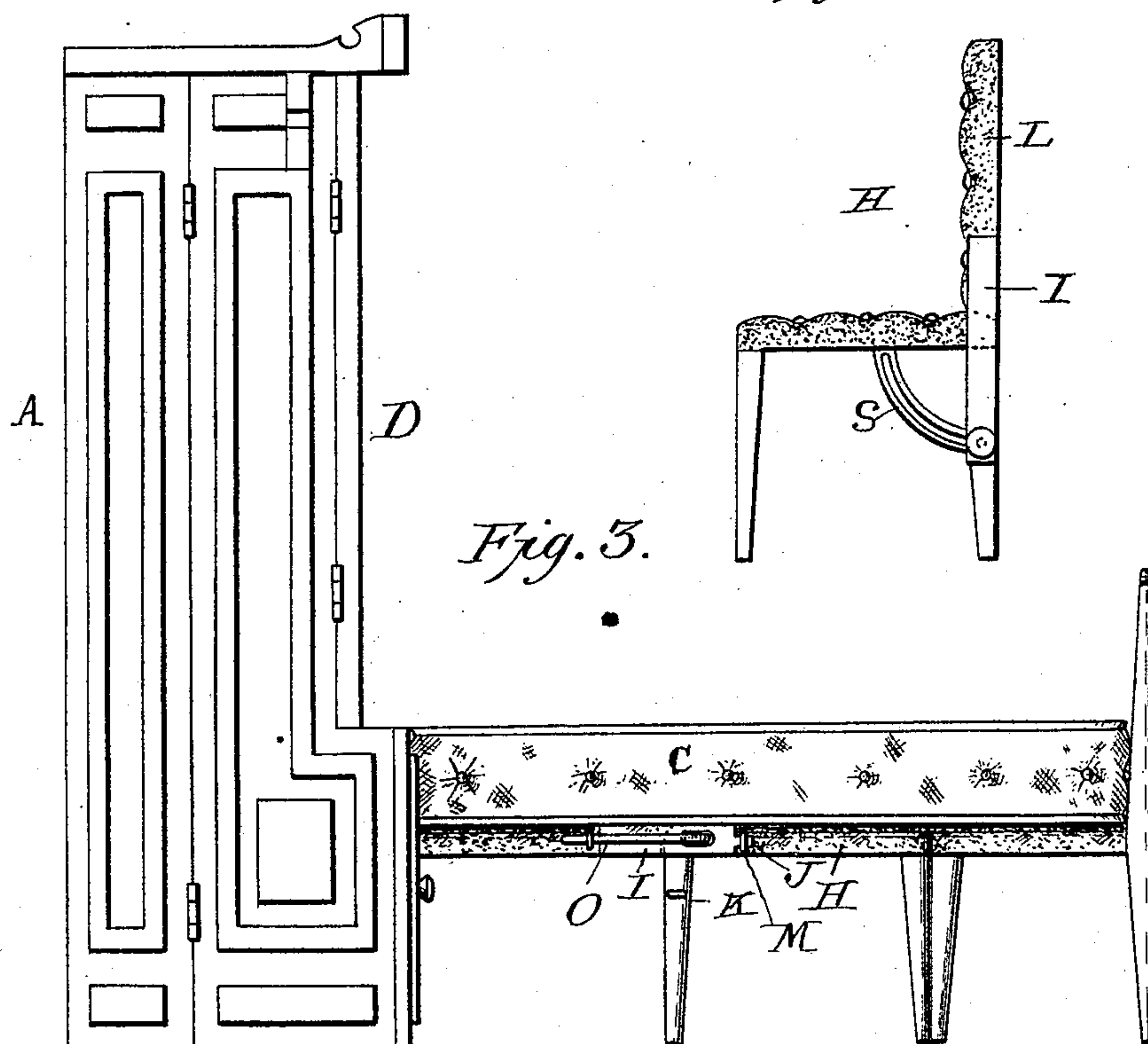
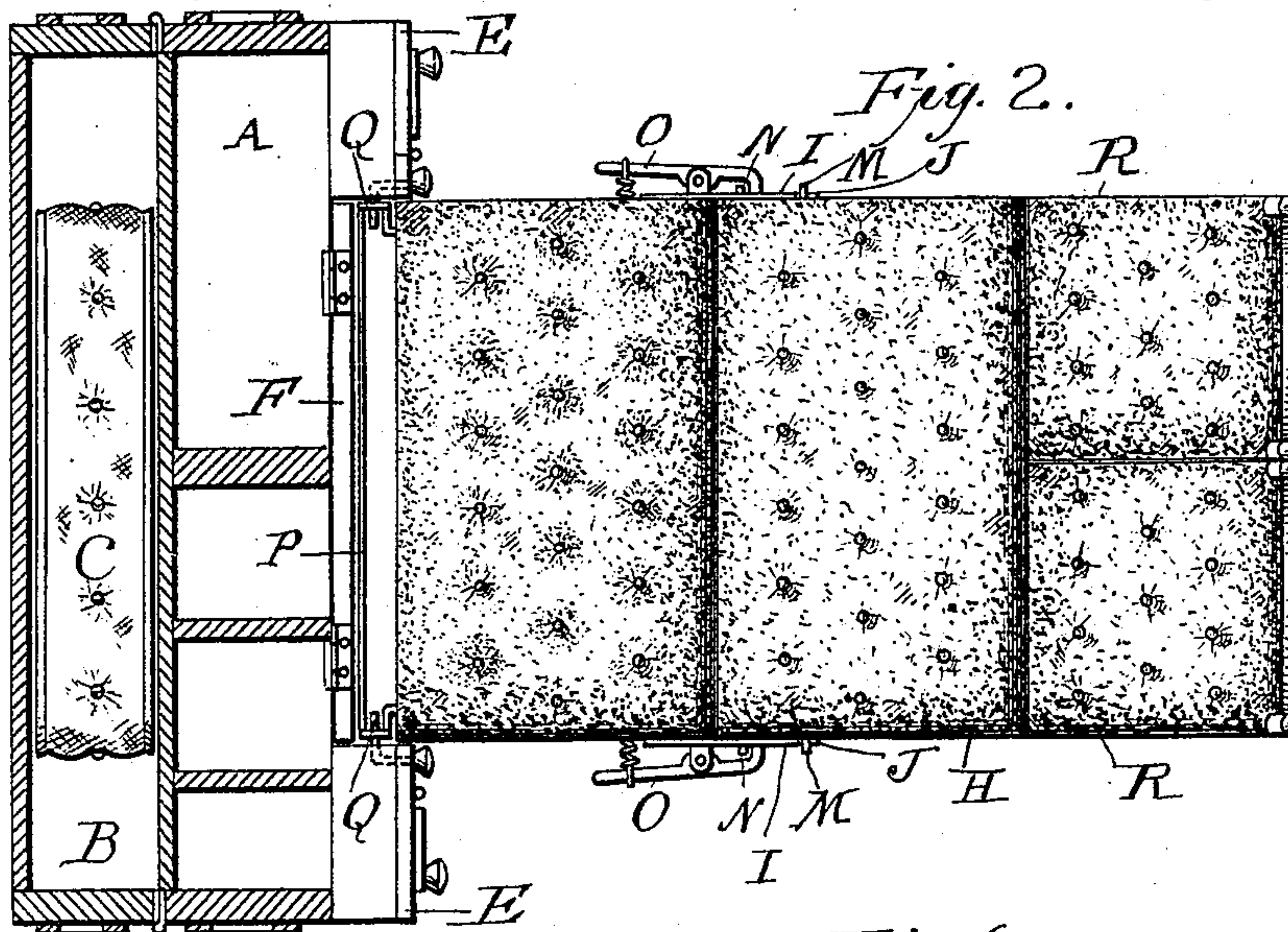
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. SHEARER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Verona, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Convertible Furniture; and I do 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 letters of reference marked on the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a piece of furniture to which I have applied my improvements, such as a desk, wardrobe, bed-cabinet, settee or *tete-à-tete*, bookcase, or washstand. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view showing the device converted into a bed or couch. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my improvements when formed into a bed. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view partly broken away, showing the hinged desk-lid. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the adjustable-back settee. Fig. 6 is a modified form of securing the adjustment of the settee-back.

The objects of my invention are to provide combination interconvertible furniture alike useful for a bed or couch, a bookcase, a cabinet, a wardrobe, a desk, a washstand, a settee and chairs, the advantages of which are obvious at a glance.

With these objects in view my invention consists of the following construction and combination of parts, the details of which will first be fully described, and the features of novelty then pointed out and claimed.

In the drawings, A represents a bookcase, cabinet, or the like. It is preferably provided with double doors D having glass or mirror fronts. In one side may be a wardrobe or shelves, in the other pigeon holes, but the arrangement may be varied to suit special requirements.

B is a rear compartment having preferably doors at each end, within which, when not in use, is housed a mattress C. E are lower cabinet doors at each side.

F is the desk-lid hinged at its upper or rear edge to the case A, so as to swing inwardly under the space beneath the same to provide for the bed, or to be extended horizontally and supported by an adjustable support G for use as a desk.

H is a settee or *tete-à-tete* of the width of a bed, and provided with a hinged or detachable back which can be brought into a horizontal position in forming the bed. In Figs. 2, 3, and 4 it is shown as detachably adjustable. I are metal plates at each side rigid with the back. J are projecting ends thereof which extend into slots or eyes K when the settee back L is vertical, and into slots M when the back L is horizontal. Additional pins, such as N, prevent undue movement when the back is in either position. The spring pressed pivoted latch O locks the back in either position.

P is a metal rod or rail extending along the top of the settee back L which serves to secure and lock the back when horizontal to the case A. For this purpose two adjustable supports Q are provided hinged to the lower portion of the case A and projecting inwardly into the space beneath the desk lid F. When used in supporting the settee back for the purpose of forming a bed, the supports Q project inwardly into such space as shown in Fig. 1 and are rigidly held in that position. At each end of the rod P is found a hook shaped part as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 5 which engage the supports Q and support the settee back at that point. The rear extension of the bed is formed by two chairs which are secured to the front edge of the settee by means of pins and swinging link connections R.

The settee and chairs are preferably upholstered. They may be provided with springs, in which case no mattress would be needed, although the mattress may be used whether the settee and chairs have springs or not.

Instead of the settee back being adjustable by the plates I and connections, a segment plate S may be used secured either to the back or seat and provided with a segmental slot in

the binding screw by means of which the inclination of the back may be adjustably set, as illustrated in Fig. 6.

I claim—

- 5 The combination of a mattress holding upright casing, a bed support provided with an adjustable back, extension supports, means for securing said bed support to said casing,

and means for securing said extension supports to said bed support.

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

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