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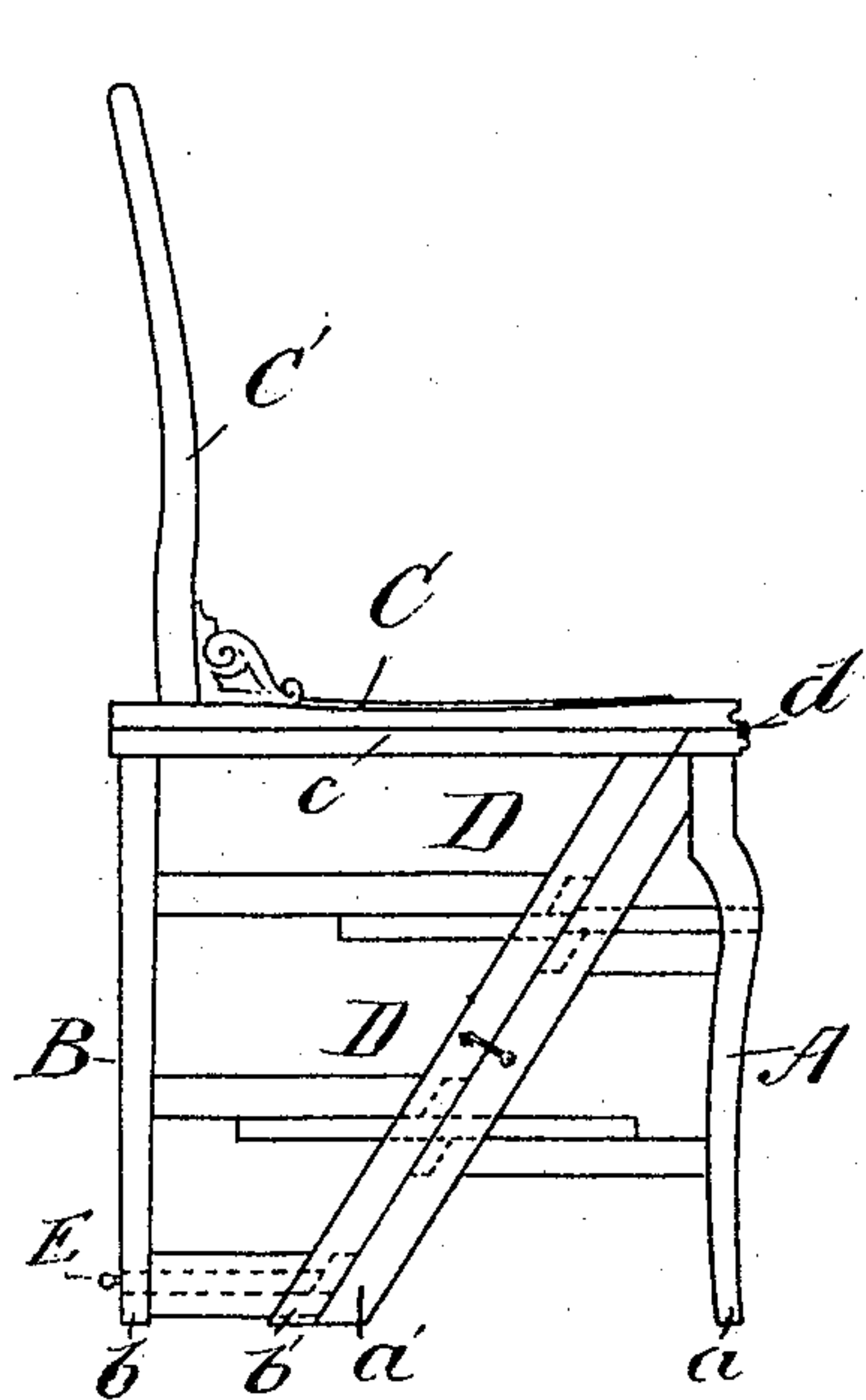


Fig. 1.

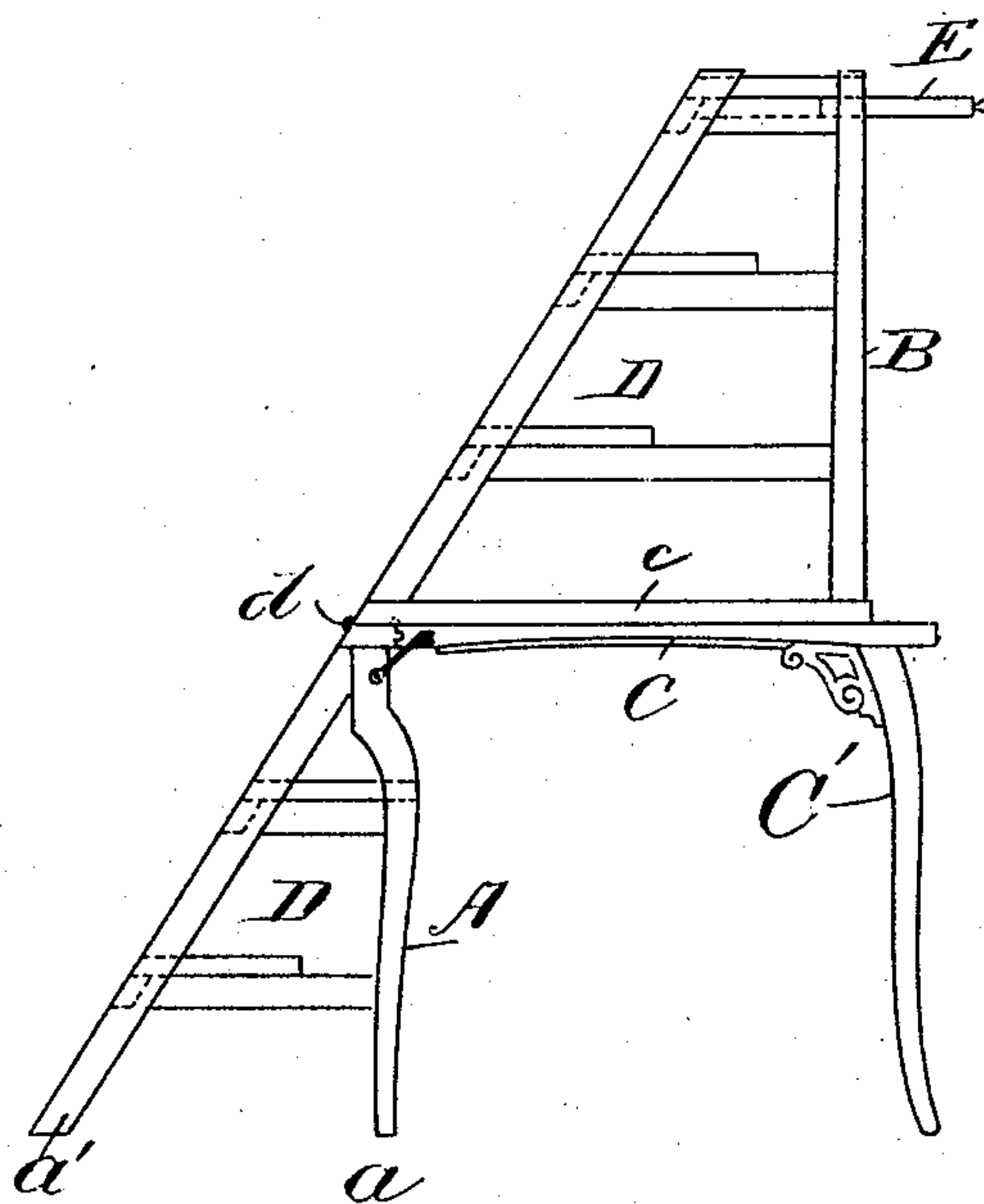


Fig. 3.

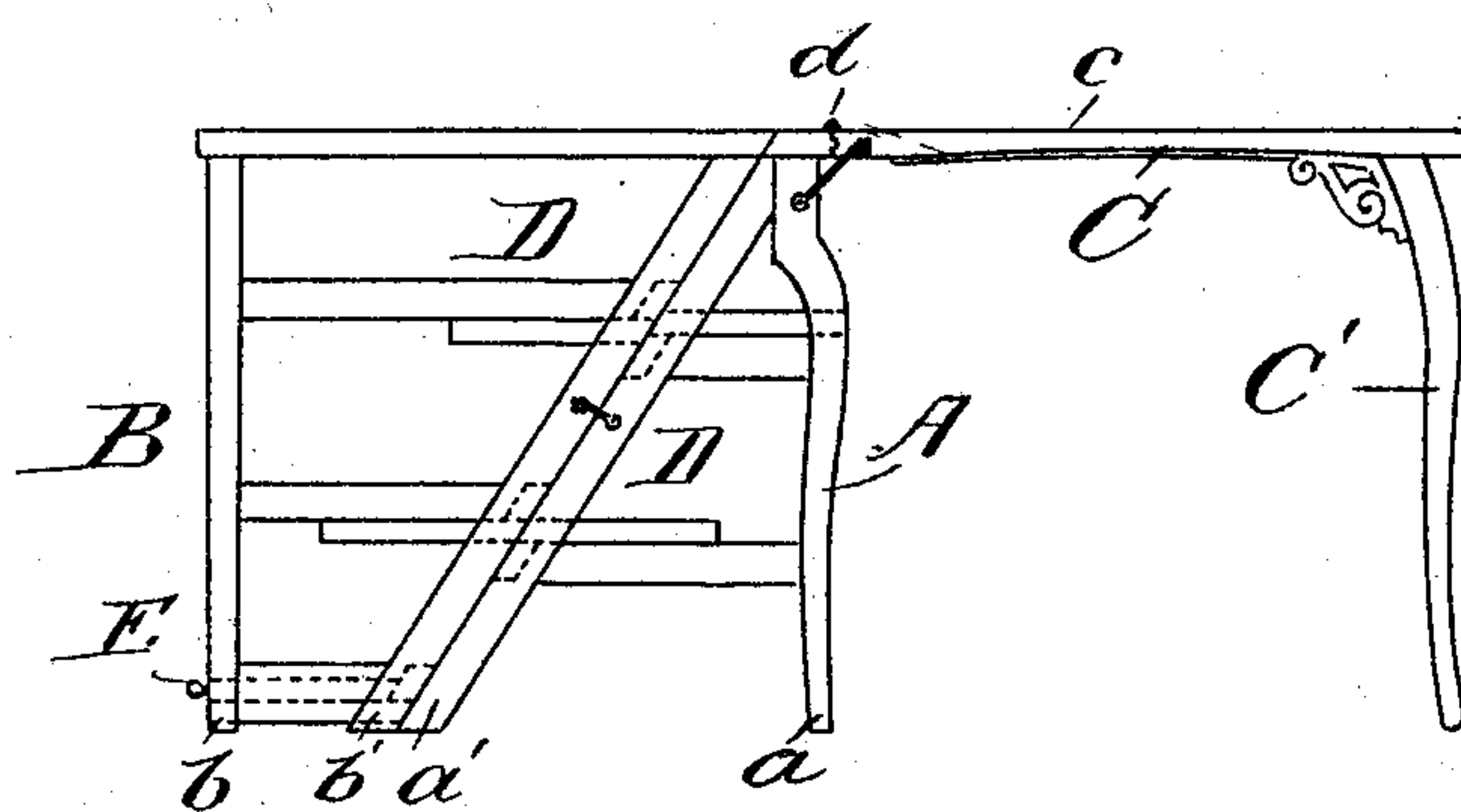


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH VAN MELICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at No. 150 Pelton avenue, in the city of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Convertible Chair, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in convertible chairs.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts whereby the device may be converted into a chair, a washbench, or a step-ladder, all as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved chair. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the chair adjusted so as to serve as a washbench or double seat. Fig. 3 is a like view showing chair adjusted as a step-ladder.

A B represent the base portions of my improved chair, each portion being provided with the legs *a a'* and *b b'*, respectively, and with tops or seat portions *c*. These two seat portions are designed to be hinged together, as at *d*. It will be observed that the legs *a'* and *b'* are upon an incline and so arranged that when they are closed together they will practically form a rectangular chair without a back. These two parts A B should be provided with any suitable clasp or hook whereby

they may be locked or secured in their closed position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Between the legs of the parts A B there is secured a series of steps D.

C represents the seat portion of the chair, having a back *C'*, and it is designed to be hinged at its front edge to the top *c* of the portion A, as shown.

The parts being constructed and arranged substantially as shown and closed together as in Fig. 1, they form a comfortable chair. If it is desired to convert the device into a bench, the seat portion C is opened out, as shown in Fig. 2, its back *C'* serving as legs. To now convert the device into a step-ladder, the part B is turned up and over, so as to rest upon the part C, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3.

If desired, a shelf E may be arranged in the part B, so as to form a support for a pail when the device is used as a step-ladder.

What I claim as my invention is—

A convertible chair consisting of two hinged base portions A, B, provided with suitable vertical and inclined legs between the latter of which is secured a series of steps D, in combination with a seat portion C hinged to the top of the portion A, as and for the purpose set forth.

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