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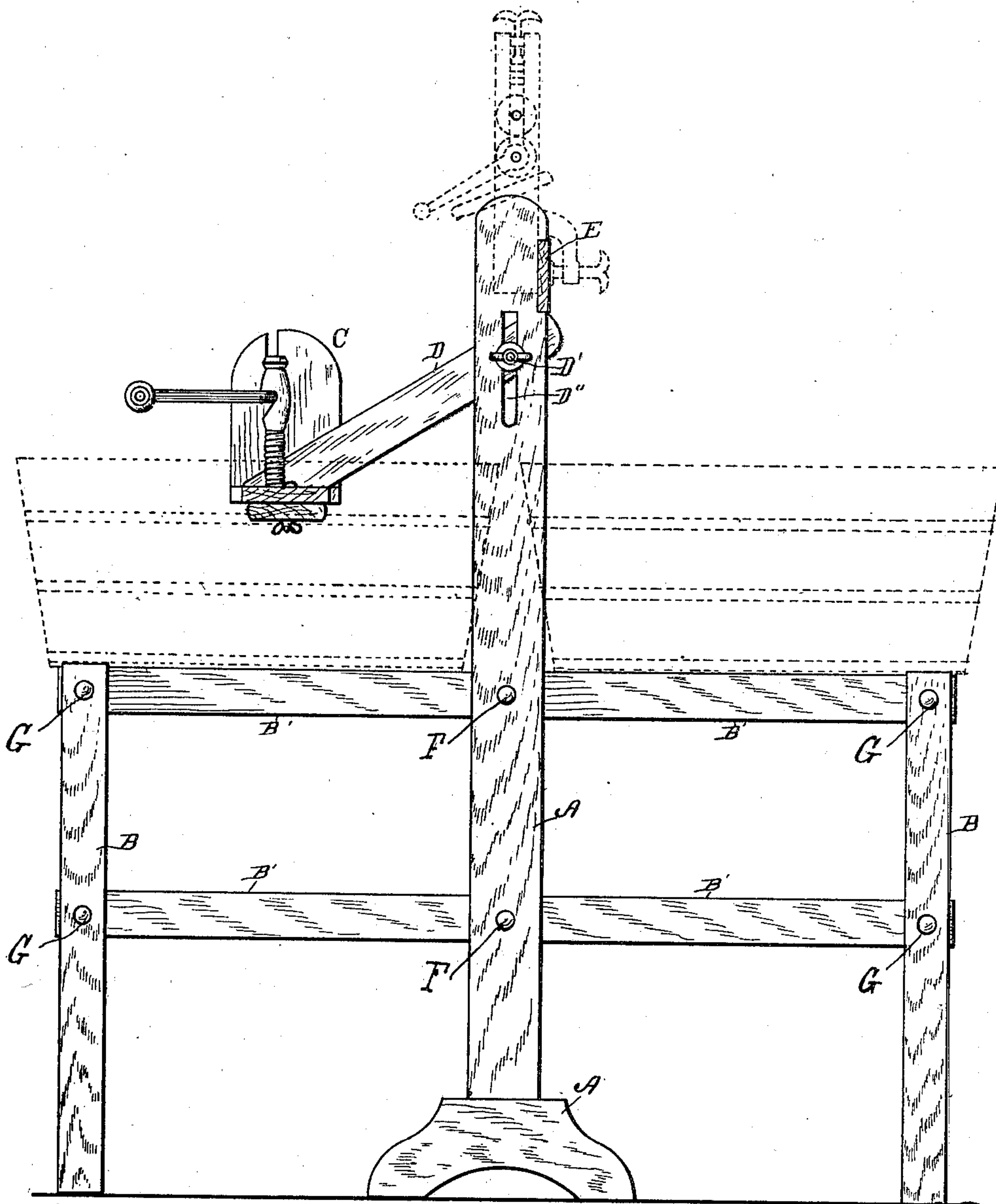


Fig. 1

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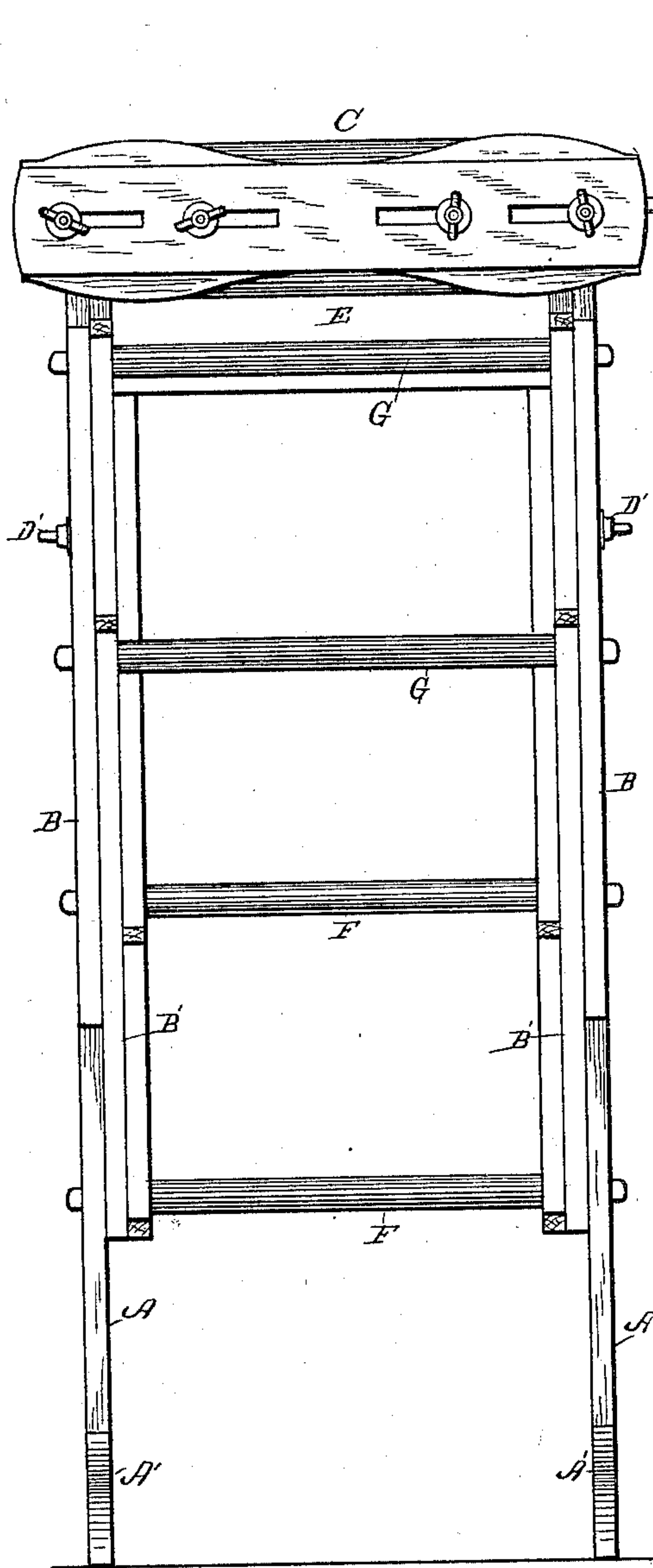


Fig. 3

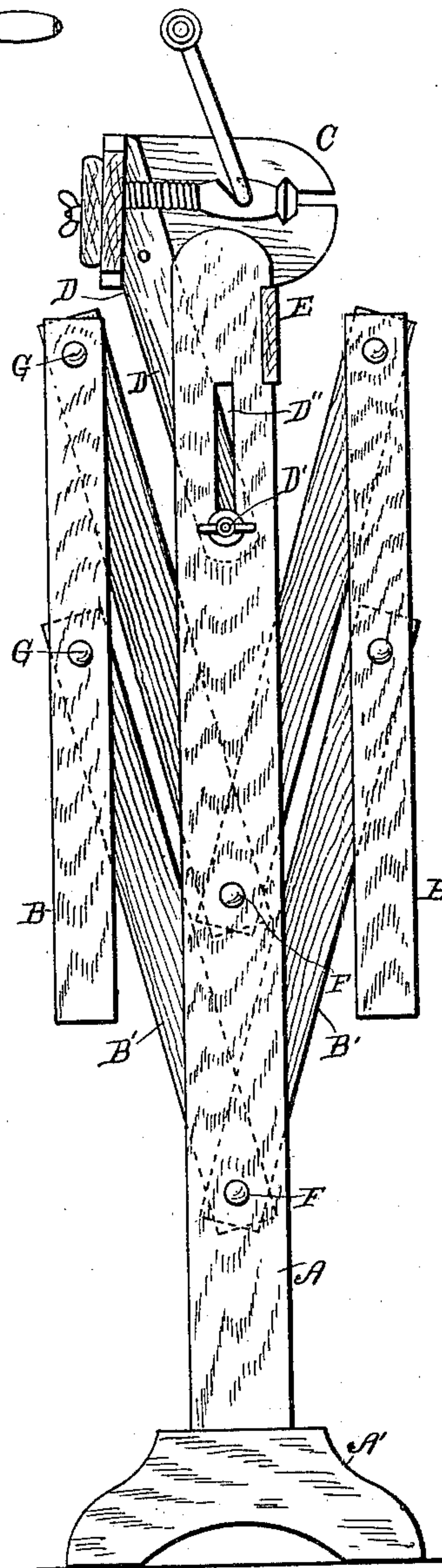


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEMUEL A. ROBBINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Constantine, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washbenches, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in washbenches.

The objects of this invention are to provide an improved washbench which is simple in its construction and adapted to fold into a comparatively small space and at the same time be strong and durable and very rigid when in use.

A further object is to provide an improved folding washbench to which a washing-machine may be secured and held in position when in use and folded up with the bench when not in use.

Further objects will definitely appear in the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification. The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claim.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation view of a structure embodying the features of my invention, the same being shown open or in position for use, a wringer and tubs being indicated in dotted lines in position on the same. Fig. 2 is a side elevation view of the structure shown in Fig. 1 when folded. Fig. 3 is an elevation view taken from the left of Fig. 2.

In the drawings similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the lettered parts of the drawings, A A are the main standards or supports. These I provide with bases or feet A' A'. Between the standards A are rounds F F. Legs B are arranged in pairs to each side of the standards, and each pair of legs are secured together by rounds G G. The longitudinal bars B' are pivotally secured to the rounds F and G, preferably by passing the rounds through holes in the ends of the

bars, as is illustrated in the drawings. This permits the folding of the wings into the position illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. This arrangement of parts also makes a very stable and rigid structure when in use and is capable of sustaining very heavy loads, as the legs are braced in a very effective manner.

The structure is very simple to use, as there are no locks or braces to be adjusted.

The upper ends of the standards A have a longitudinal slot, as D''. Arms D are secured to a suitable washing-machine, as C, and these are provided with lateral projecting bolts D', adapted to be inserted through the slots D''. A thumb-nut on the bolts D' serves to clamp the arms in any adjusted position, so that the washing-machine is supported in the tub, as is illustrated in Fig. 1, or may be folded when not in use, as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, when the wings of the bench may be folded up and the whole structure stored away in a very small space for transportation or storage. Across the top of the standards I provide a cross-bar E, to which a wringer may be secured, as is illustrated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. This may be left upon the bench when the same is folded, although it does not fold quite so completely as when it is removed.

It is apparent that any weight on the bench adds to its stability. I preferably provide the standards A with the bases A', as this adds somewhat to the stability of the structure, although it is not essential, as the structure is very rigid and stable without.

I have illustrated and described my improved washbench in the form preferred by me on account of its simplicity and economy of manufacture and the great strength of the same, even though made of comparatively light material. I am aware, however, that it is capable of considerable structural variation without departing from my invention.

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

In a washbench, the combination of the standards A having slots D''; rounds F securing said standards together; legs B; rounds G securing said legs together in pairs; longitudinal bars B' arranged in pairs, pivoted on said rounds F and G respectively, whereby

said legs are permitted to fold upwardly; arms D secured to a suitable washing-machine; bolts through said arms inserted through said slots; and suitable thumb-nuts
5 on said bolts, whereby the position of said washing-machine may be adjusted, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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