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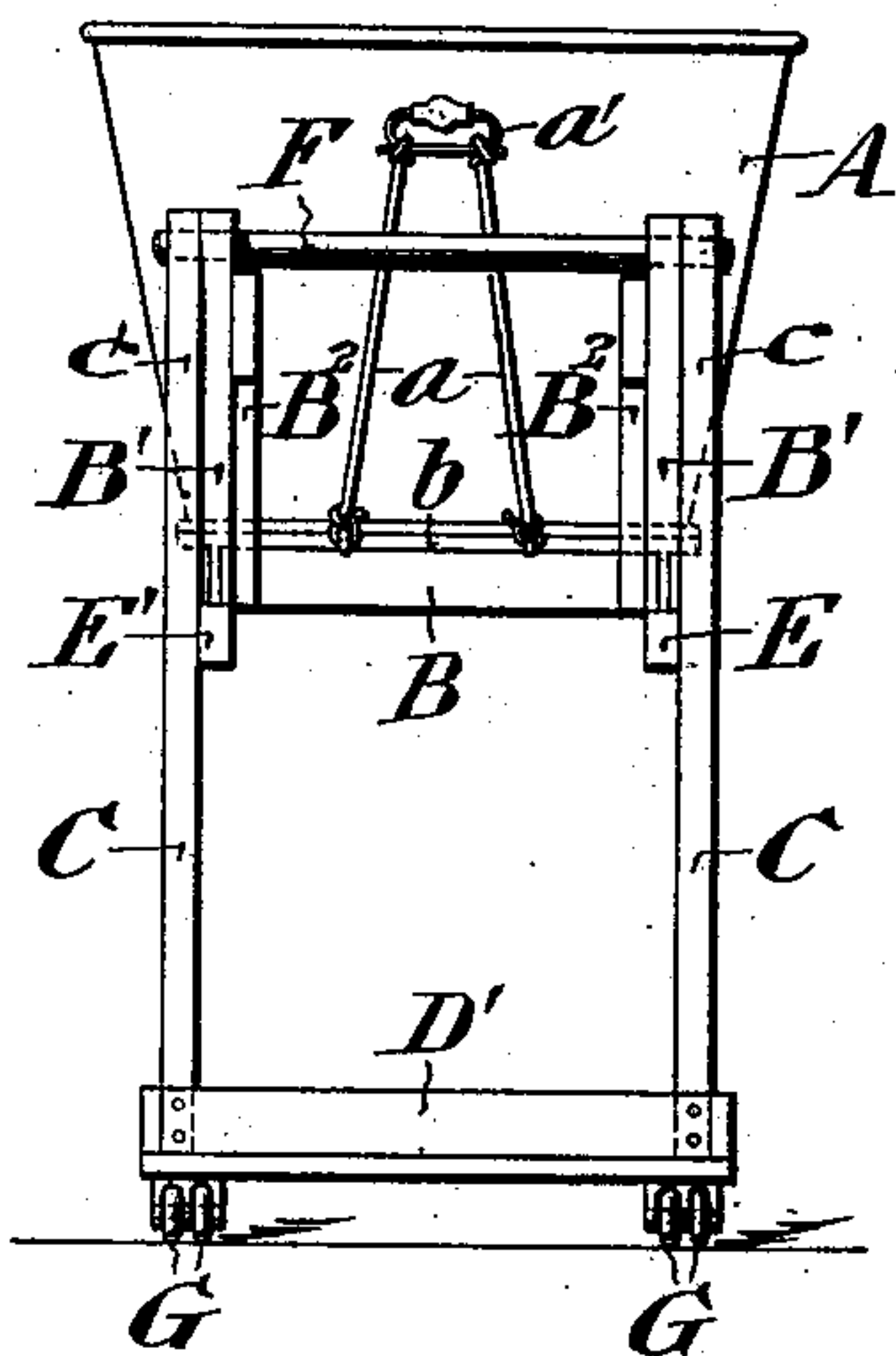
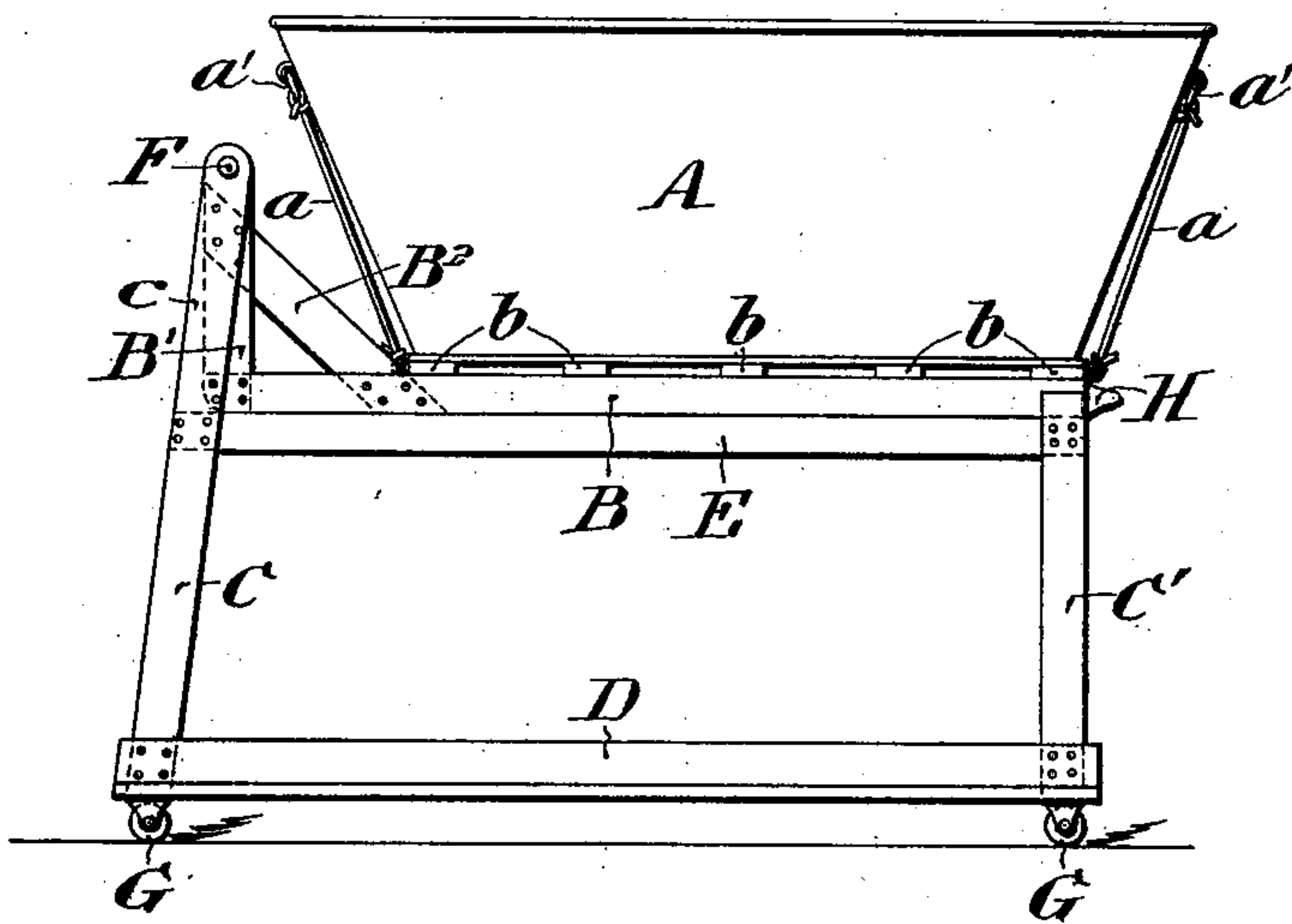


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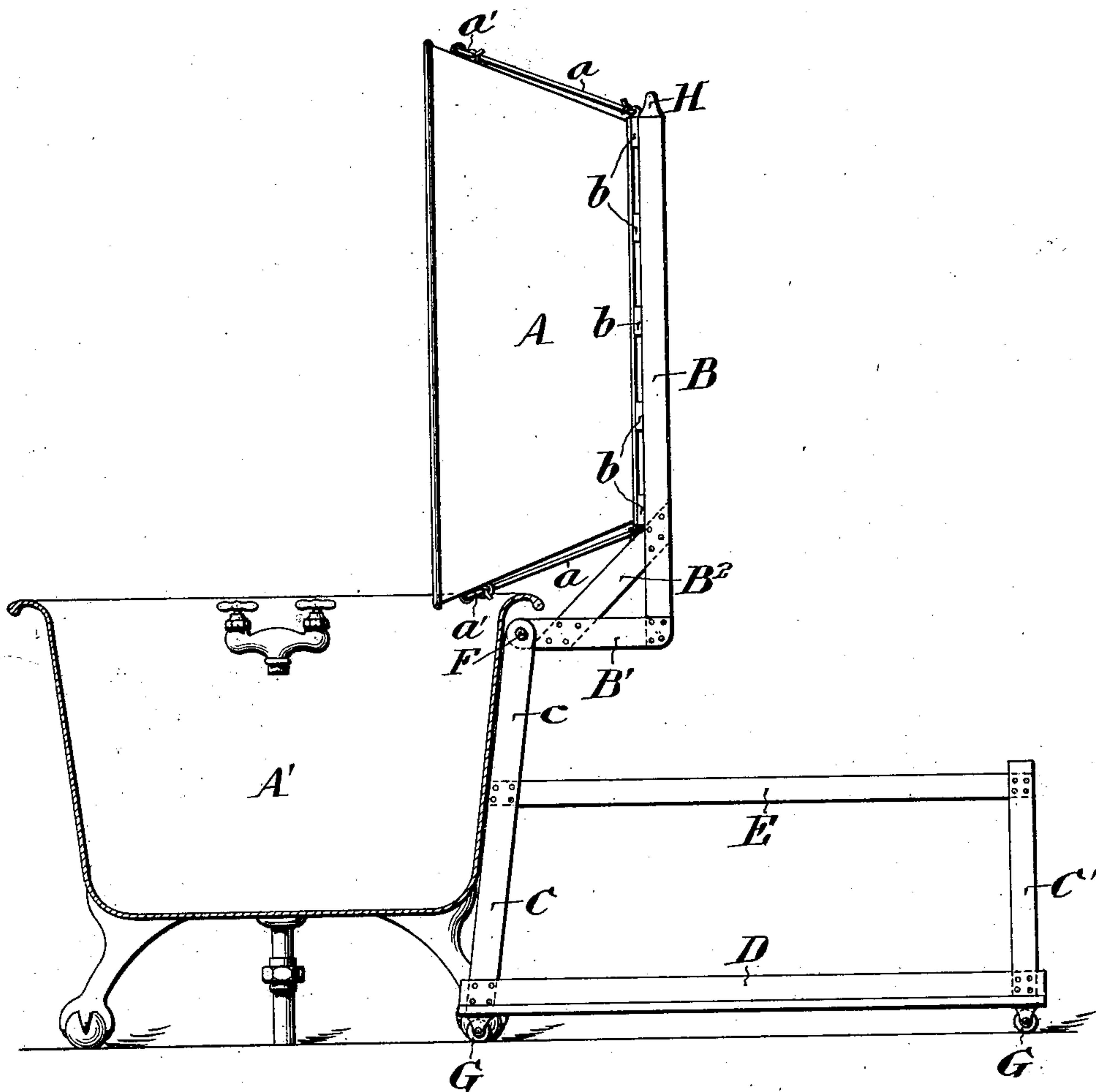
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DEVICE FOR TRANSPORTING AND EMPTYING BATH-TUBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. R. MARCH, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, (but having declared my intention of becoming a citizen of the United States,) residing at No. 5001 Florence avenue, in the city of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Transporting and Emptying Bath-Tubs, whereof the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to means for transporting and emptying such vessels as children's bath-tubs, &c., which though in one sense portable are inconvenient to use at a distance from the point of water supply or discharge and difficult to empty after use.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated the invention as applied to a "baby's bath-tub" of ordinary construction, indicating also the use of the device for emptying the contents thereof into a stationary bath-tub or other stationary vessel in order to discharge them through the waste-pipe of the latter.

In said drawings, Figure I represents an end elevation of the device; Fig. II, a side elevation thereof, and Fig. III is a view in side elevation showing the position assumed when the baby's bath-tub or other vessel is being emptied.

The baby's bath-tub (indicated at A) is of any ordinary type and is mounted upon the carrier, which embodies my invention, being preferably secured thereto by wires or cords α , which may be fastened to the handles α' at the respective ends of the tub.

The carrier comprises a rectangular platform B, having transverse slats b , upon which the bath-tub A directly rests, and a framework of convenient height supporting said platform. The framework consists of four uprights C C', connected at their lower ends by longitudinal strips D and cross-strips D' and at the level of the platform B by longitudinal braces E E', preferably mounted on the inner faces of the uprights, and thereby forming rests for the platform B, as shown clearly in Fig. I. The uprights C C' at what may be termed the "front" end of the device are preferably inclined, as shown, and are

prolonged upwardly, as indicated at c , to a distance of, say, a little more than one-half the height of the bath-tub A. The platform B is provided at its front end with upwardly-projecting portions, such as a pair of uprights B' B', the upper ends of which are at the same height as the ends of the prolongations $c c$, and said uprights B' B' are pivotally connected to the prolongations $c c$ by means of a transverse rod F. Diagonal braces B² extend from the sides of the platform B to the uprights B', and at the rear end of the platform a handle H may be provided. The framework is mounted upon rollers G for convenience of transportation.

As before stated, the platform B is arranged at such a height from the ground as will bring the bath-tub A to a convenient level when used for washing a child or other desired purpose, and the tub when filled with water in this position may be easily moved from place to place. When it is desired to empty the bath-tub A, the rear end thereof is raised by means of the handle H, and as the point of pivoting is relatively high with relation to bottom of the tub it is obvious that the contents will be forwardly projected, so as to clear the structure. The inclination of the front supports C also permits the close approach thereof to such a receptacle as a stationary bath-tub A' with inclined sides, and thus tends to prevent any accidental spilling of the water during the act of discharge.

Having thus described my invention, I desire to state that I do not claim, broadly, the pivoting of a vessel for the discharge of its contents nor the use of a framework supported upon casters, for I am of course aware that the same are not new; but the device above described is an exceedingly simple and practical one for transporting and emptying vessels of this character and the features of novelty hereinafter claimed are those which directly tend to these results.

I claim—

1. The combination of an elevated, roller-supported framework; a platform freely supported thereon; uprights arranged at one end of said framework and projecting above the level of said platform; upwardly-projecting pieces rigidly connected with said platform and of similar height to the uprights of the

framework; a pivotal connection between said uprights and said pieces, and a bath-tub, or similar vessel, mounted upon the platform, substantially as set forth.

- 5 2. A supporting and transporting framework, mounted on rollers; a platform resting
thereon; a liquid-containing vessel resting
upon and attached to the platform; a pivotal
connection between the platform and the sup-
10 porting-framework, which is above the center
of gravity of the vessel and its contents; and

wholly to one side thereof, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, this 13th day of 15 April, 1903, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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