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Fig. 1.

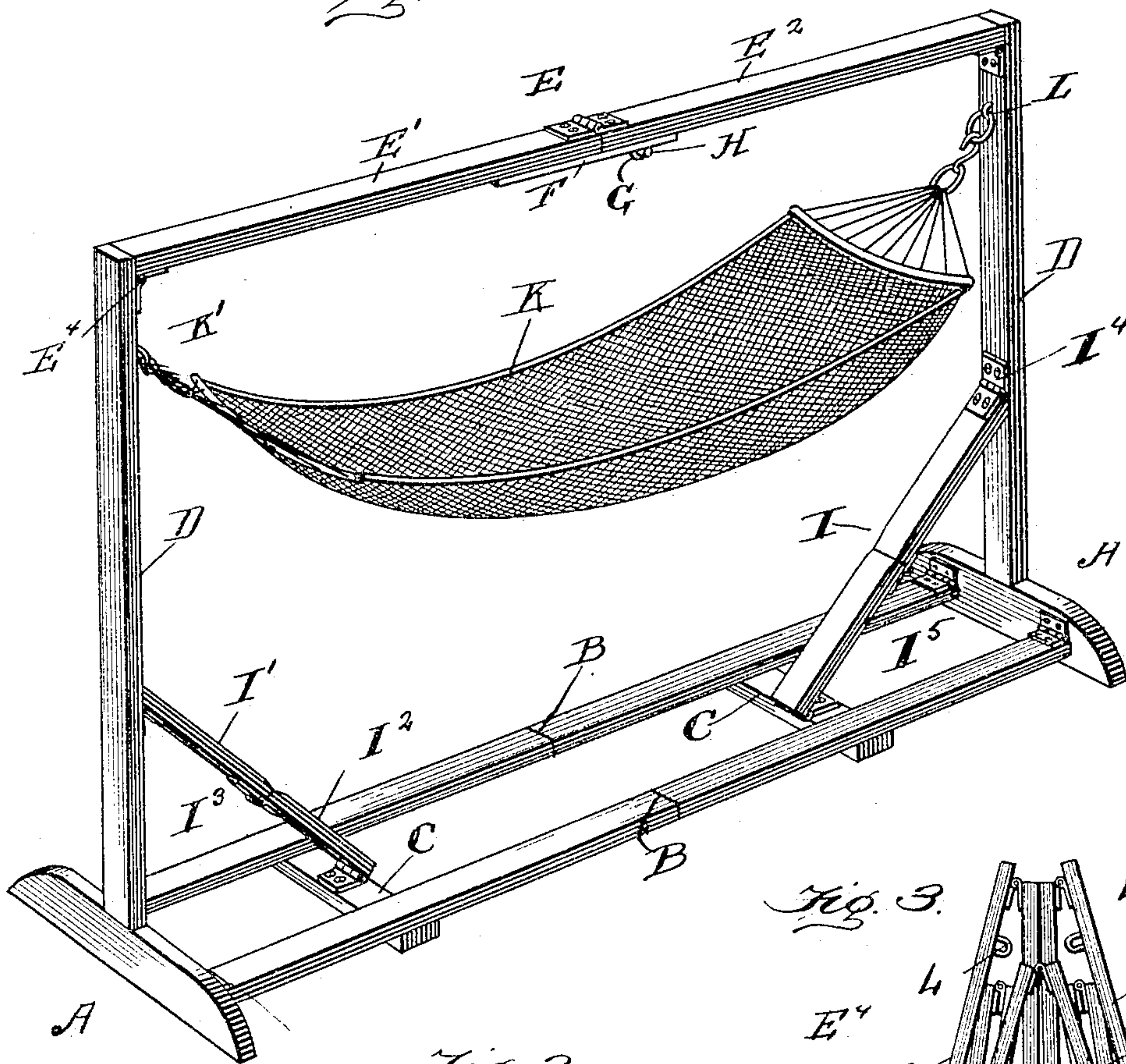


Fig. 2.

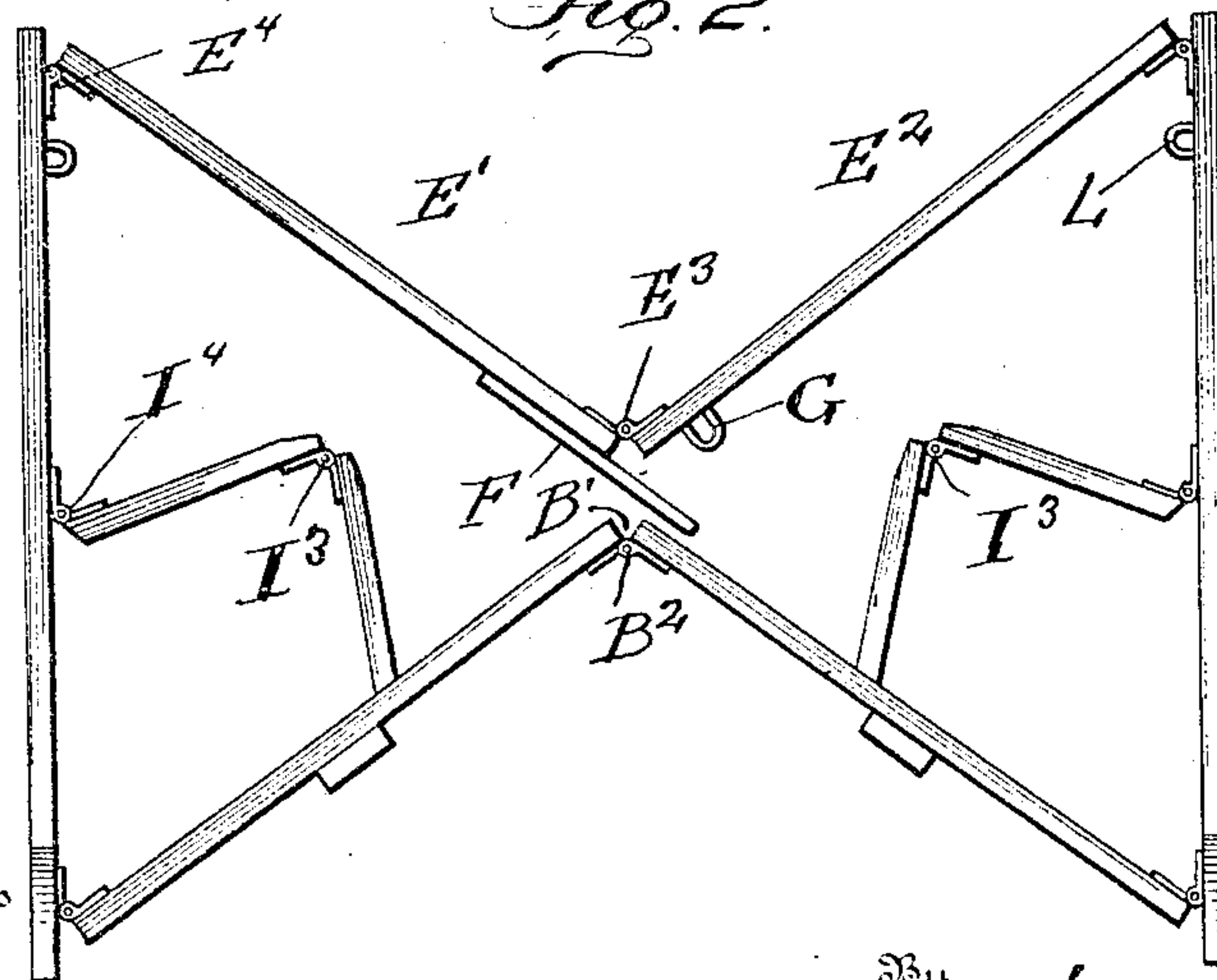
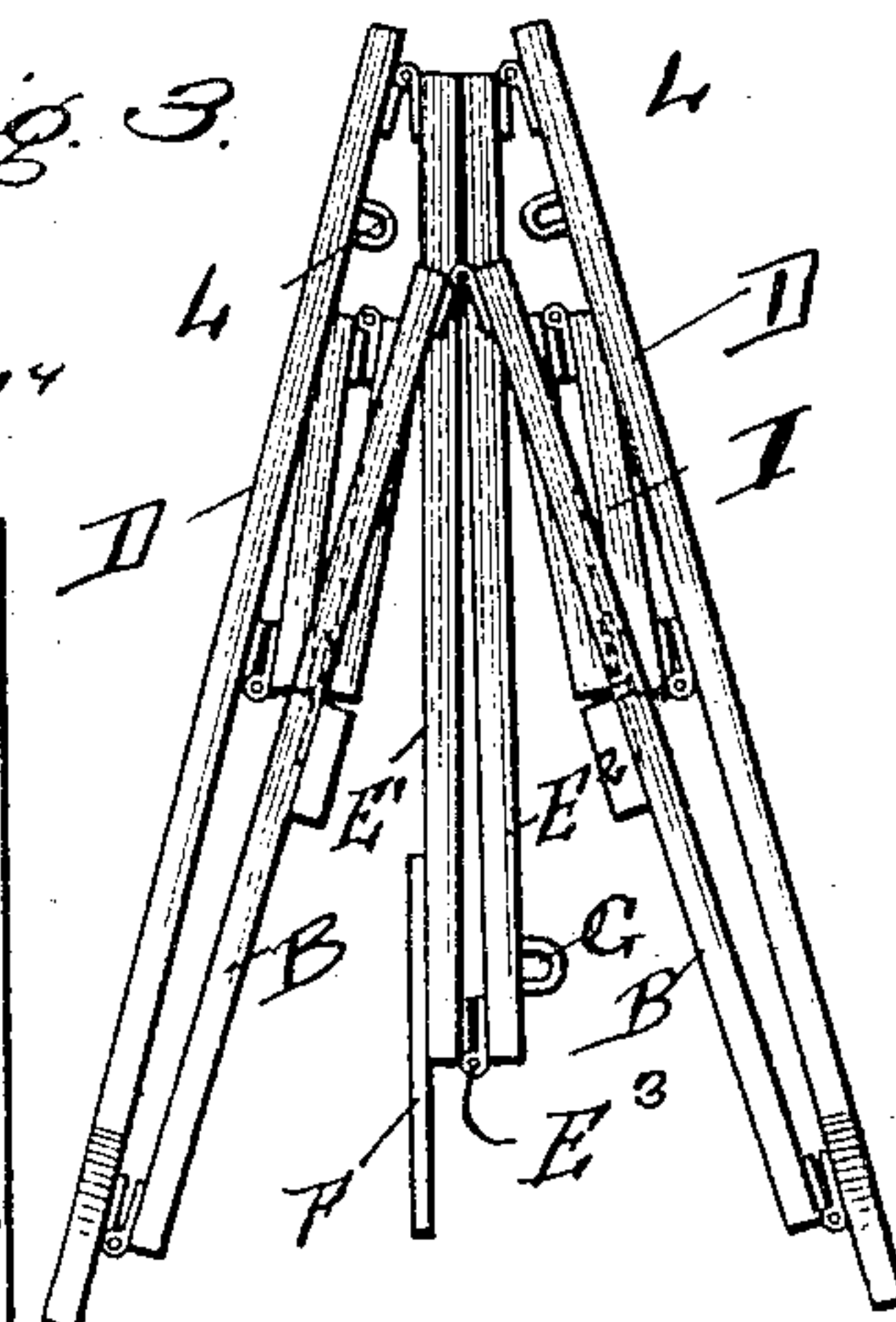


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LAWSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the borough of Manhattan and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Hammock-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved construction of hammock-support, the object being to provide a strong and durable support which can be quickly and easily folded into a compact mass when not in use and one which can be quickly and easily unfolded and set up whenever it is desired to support the hammock.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device which is adapted for indoor or outdoor use.

With these objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement, all of which will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a support constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same in process of folding. Fig. 3 is a side view showing the device folded.

In carrying out my invention I employ two base-sills A, which are connected by means of two parallel longitudinal strips B, said strips being connected intermediate their ends and upon their lower sides by the cross-strips C.

D indicates the supporting-standards, which may be of any suitable height and rigidly connected at their lower ends to the base-sills A, and connected to the upper ends of the standards is the sectional hinged top piece E, composed of two sections E' and E'', connected by means of a hinge E³, arranged upon the upper side, so that the top piece can be folded inwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, the outer ends of the sections E' and E'' being connected to the upper ends of the standards by means of hinges E⁴. The section E' carries a hasp-bar F, which overlaps the staple G, carried by the piece E'', and a pin H passes through said staple and locks the sections E' and E'' in rigid alignment, as most clearly shown in Fig. 1.

The longitudinal strips B are divided centrally, as shown at B', and connected by means of hinges B², arranged upon the lower side, so that the said strips can fold upwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, and it will be noted that these strips are spaced some distance apart, so that the sectional top piece when folded inwardly will pass between said strips B, as most clearly shown in Fig. 3.

For the purpose of bracing the standards I employ the sectional brace-strips I, each composed of two sections I' and I'', connected by means of hinges I³, the upper ends of the sections I' being hinged to the inner faces of the standards, as shown at I⁴, and the lower ends of the members I'' being hinged to the upper faces of the cross-strip C, as shown at I⁵. When the support is folded, these braces brake upwardly and fold into the angle formed between the upper ends of the standards and the sections of the top piece connected thereto.

K indicates an ordinary hammock having a chain or rope K' connected thereto and which is adapted to be fastened into a ring, staple, or other form of fastening device L, rigidly attached to each standard adjacent its upper end.

The support can be quickly and easily set up and the hammock connected thereto, and when not in use the support can be folded up, as shown in Fig. 3, and put away, and the hammock can be either detached from the support or folded up therewith.

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

1. A hammock-support comprising a pair of standards attached to the base-sills, the upper ends of said standards being connected by a sectional hinged top piece provided with means for locking the same, the base-sills being connected by parallel strips hinged together at their inner ends and the braces connected to the standards as set forth.

2. A hammock-support comprising the base-sills connected by the parallel strips jointed at their centers, the standards connected to the base-sills, the sectional hinged top piece connected to the upper ends of the standards and

provided with means for locking the same, the cross-piece connected to the parallel bottom strips and the sectional hinged braces connected to said cross-strips and the standards
5 as set forth.

3. A hammock-support comprising the base-sills, the parallel bottom strips connecting said base-sills and jointed at their centers, the supporting-standards rigidly connected to the
10 base-sills, the top piece consisting of two sections hinged together, one section carrying a

hasp and the other section carrying a staple, said top piece being connected at its ends to the upper ends of the standards, and the sectional hinged braces hinged to the standards 15 and to the cross-piece connecting the parallel bottom strips, substantially as described.

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