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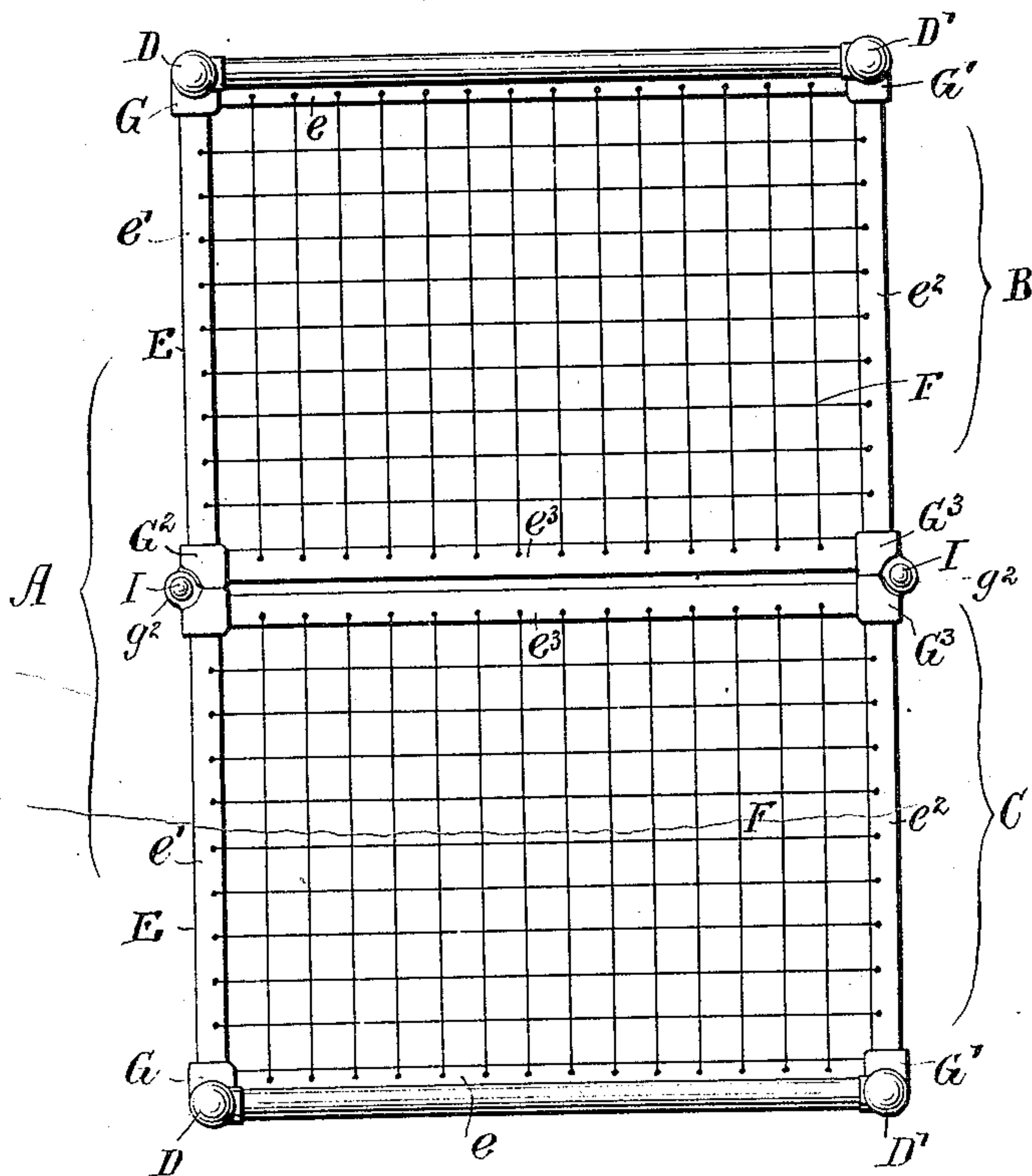
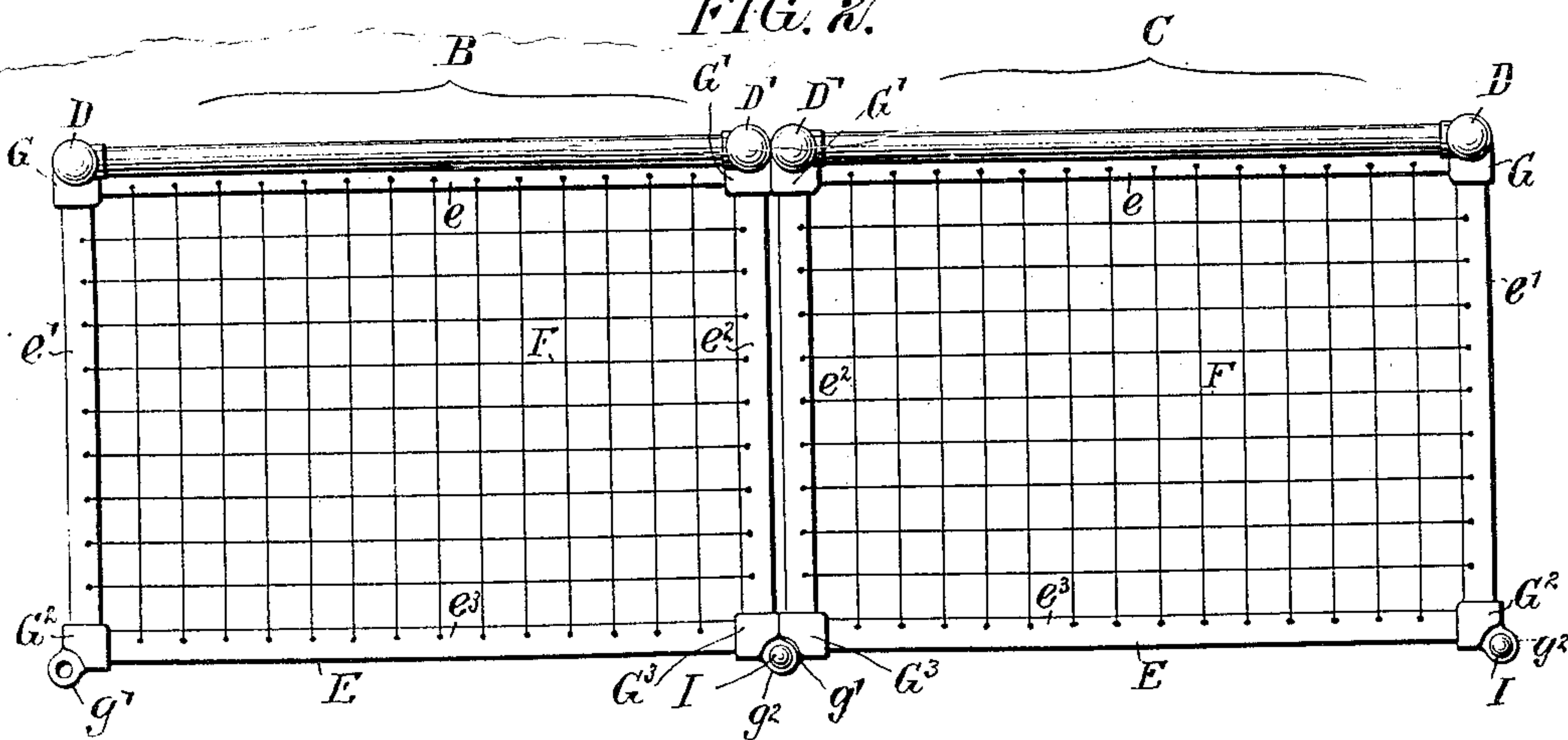


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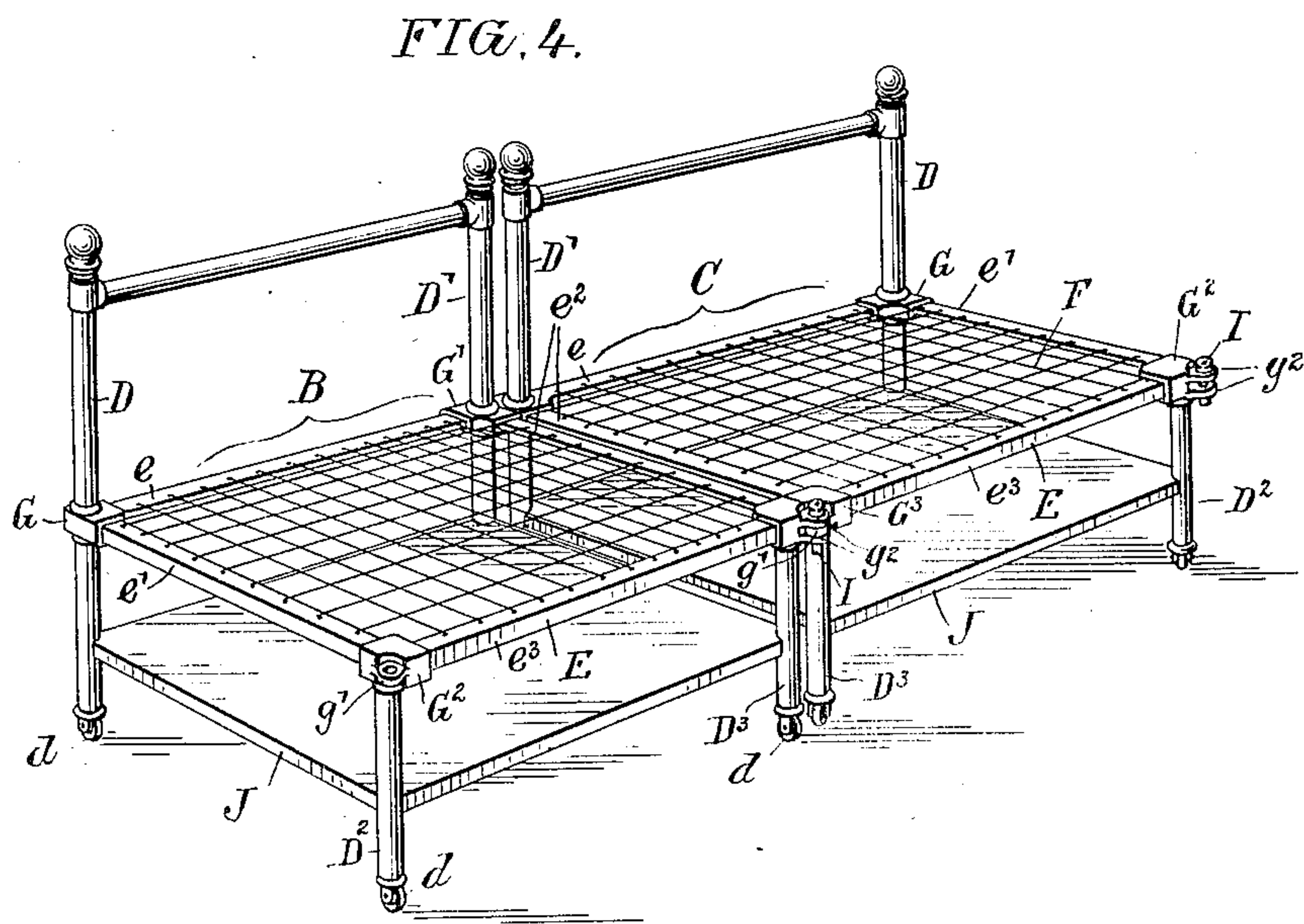
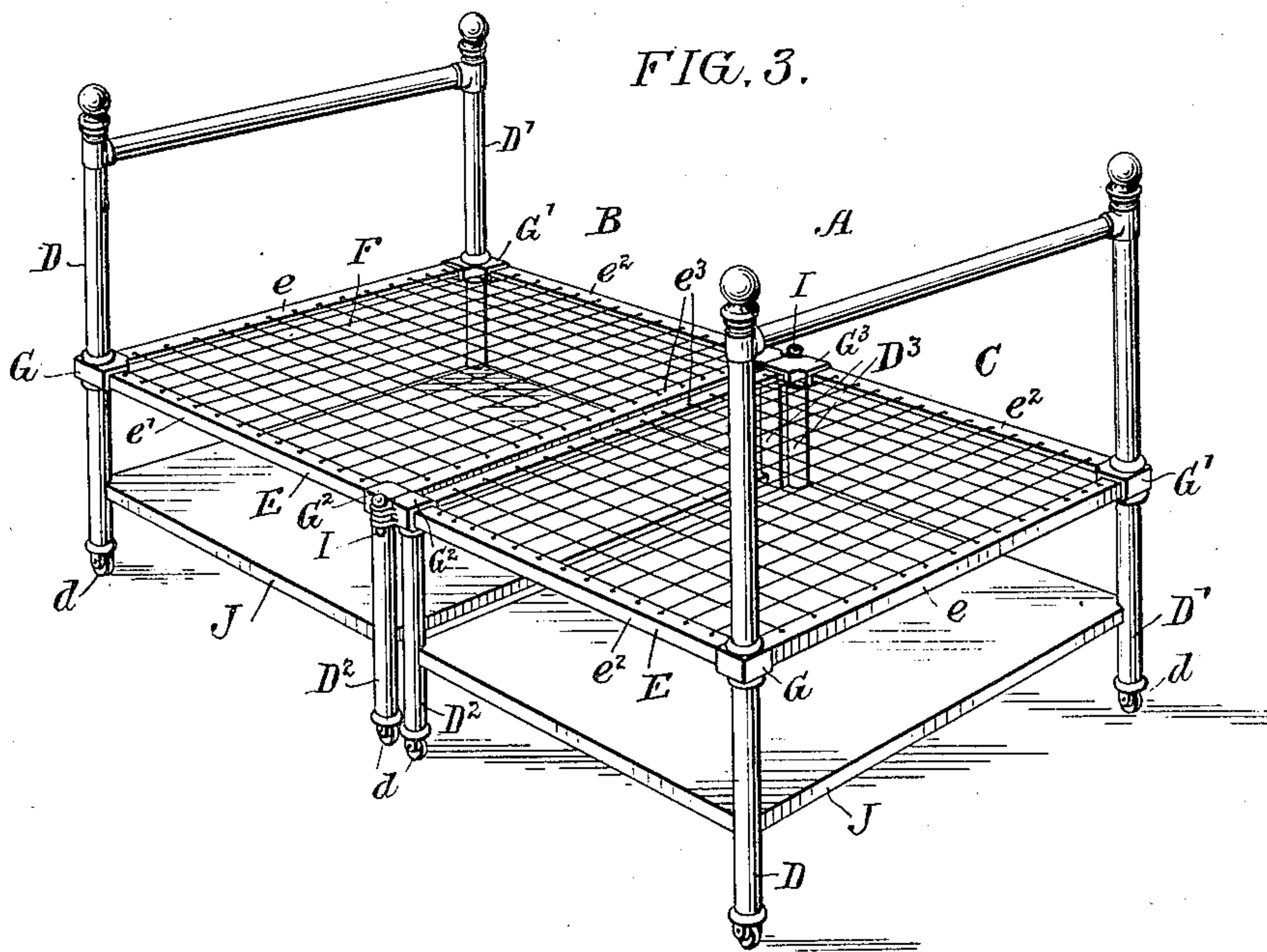
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## FOLDING BED,

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM STANLEY McLEWEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Yardley, in the county of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Beds, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in a folding bed; and the object of my invention is to construct a bed in two sections, so that said sections may be used either as a bed or turned horizontally and brought side by side to form a seat, or said sections may be separated to form two independent seats, as desired.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of my improved folding bed when the same is extended. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the bed converted into a seat. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the bed extended, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the bed when converted into a seat.

In the drawings, A represents a bed consisting of two sections B and C of equal dimensions, each consisting of a rectangular frame E, formed by the end bar  $e$ , the side bars  $e'$  and  $e''$ , and the center bar  $e^3$ . The said bars support wires F, on which is placed the mattress, which is of the same dimensions as the rectangular frame E. Corner-brackets G, G', G<sup>2</sup>, and G<sup>3</sup> are provided to hold the bars forming the rectangular frame E. End posts D and D' and legs D<sup>2</sup> and D<sup>3</sup> support the rectangular frame E. The said end posts and legs are provided with casters  $d$  of the usual form.

The corner-brackets G<sup>2</sup> and G<sup>3</sup> on the section B of the bed are pivoted to the corresponding corner-brackets on the section C of the bed. The said corresponding corner-brackets are provided with complementary outwardly-extending projections  $g'$  and  $g^2$ , having an aperture formed in each, through which passes a pin I to hold the said corner-brackets together or to form a hinge, said projections  $g'$  and  $g^2$  occupying different horizontal planes and interfitting when brought together. It will also be observed that the corner-brackets of one section aline with the brackets of the other when the sections are placed in the bed formation and extend beyond the plane of the sides of said sections, so that the adja-

cent brackets abut against each other, and thereby enable the ends of the sections to lie close together, thus eliminating an objectionable space therebetween.

By removing the pin I from either of the corner-brackets G<sup>2</sup> or G<sup>3</sup> one side of the bed-sections will be released and one of said sections may be then turned upon the remaining pin until said sections are brought side by side, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, to form a seat. By removing both of the pins I the sections of the bed may be placed in different positions of the room when two seats are desired instead of one, as shown in the drawings.

J represents a shelf supported by the end posts D and D' and the legs D<sup>2</sup> and D<sup>3</sup>, which forms a receptacle for storing the bedclothes when the same are not in use upon the bed. A drawer, if so desired, could be provided in one or both of the bed-sections in place of the means shown in the drawings for holding the bedclothes without departing from my invention.

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

A bed of the class described, comprising a pair of sections formed of rectangular frames having suitable supporting-legs, the inner sides of said sections, when placed in the bed formation, being parallel and having at their respective ends corner-brackets provided with outwardly-extending apertured projections, the brackets of one section alining with the brackets of the other when the sections are placed in the bed formation, and extending beyond the plane of the sides of said sections, the projections of the contiguous brackets occupying different horizontal planes and interfitting when brought together to form hinges at opposite sides of the bed, and pins fitted in said projections to maintain the projections of the contiguous brackets in locked relation, said pins being removable, whereby said sections may be separated at either side of the bed to permit them being swung relatively to each other, or entirely separated.

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

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