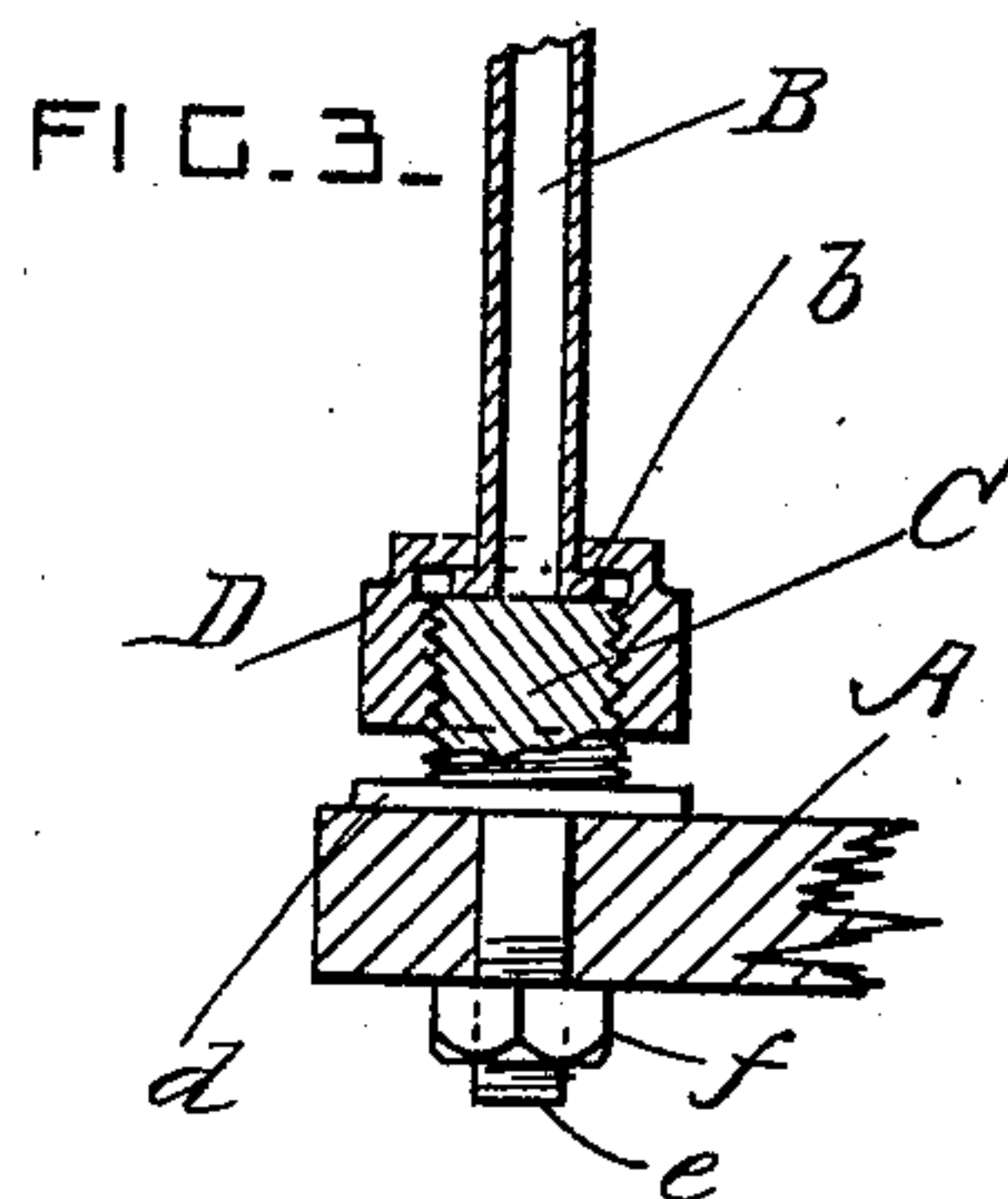
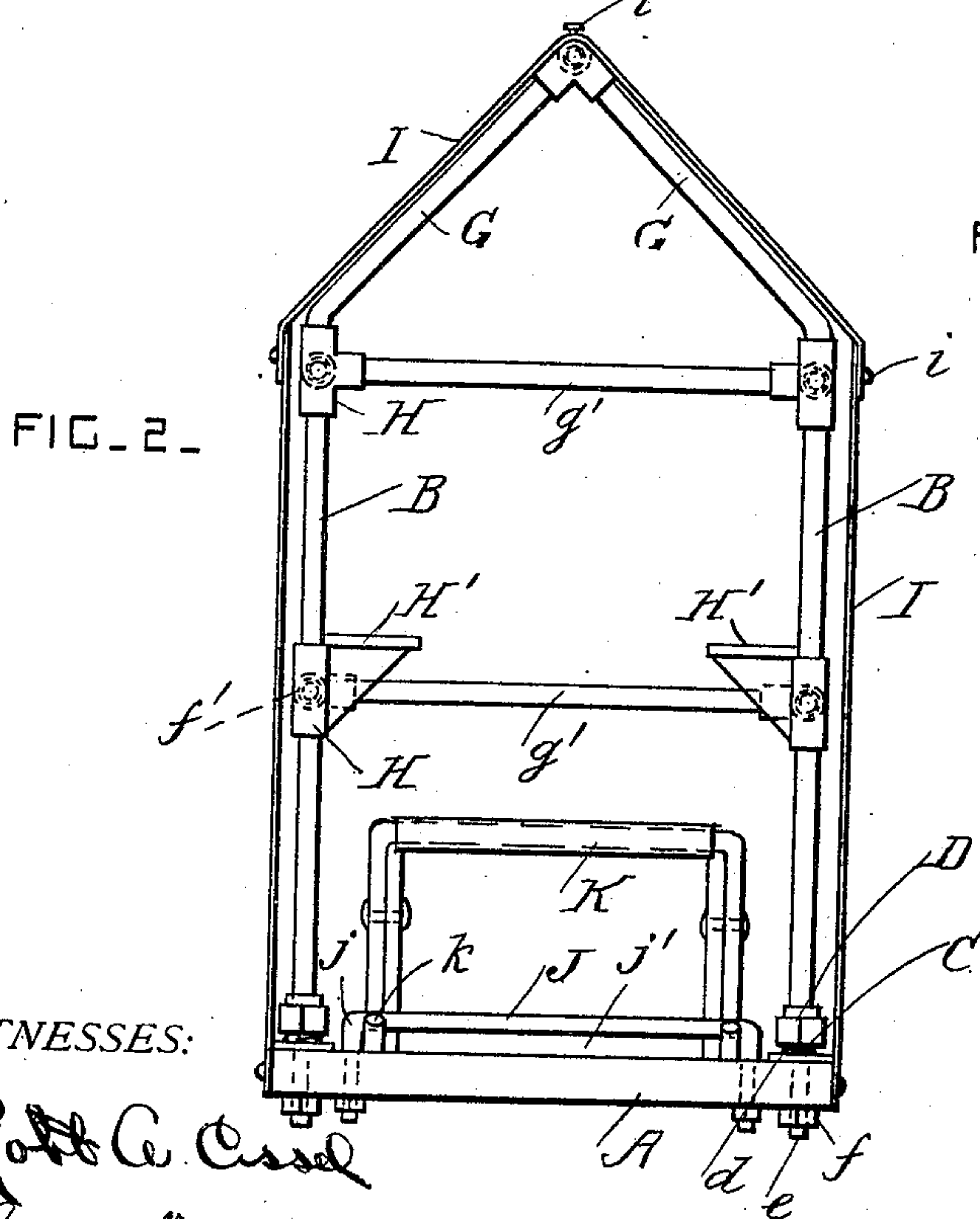
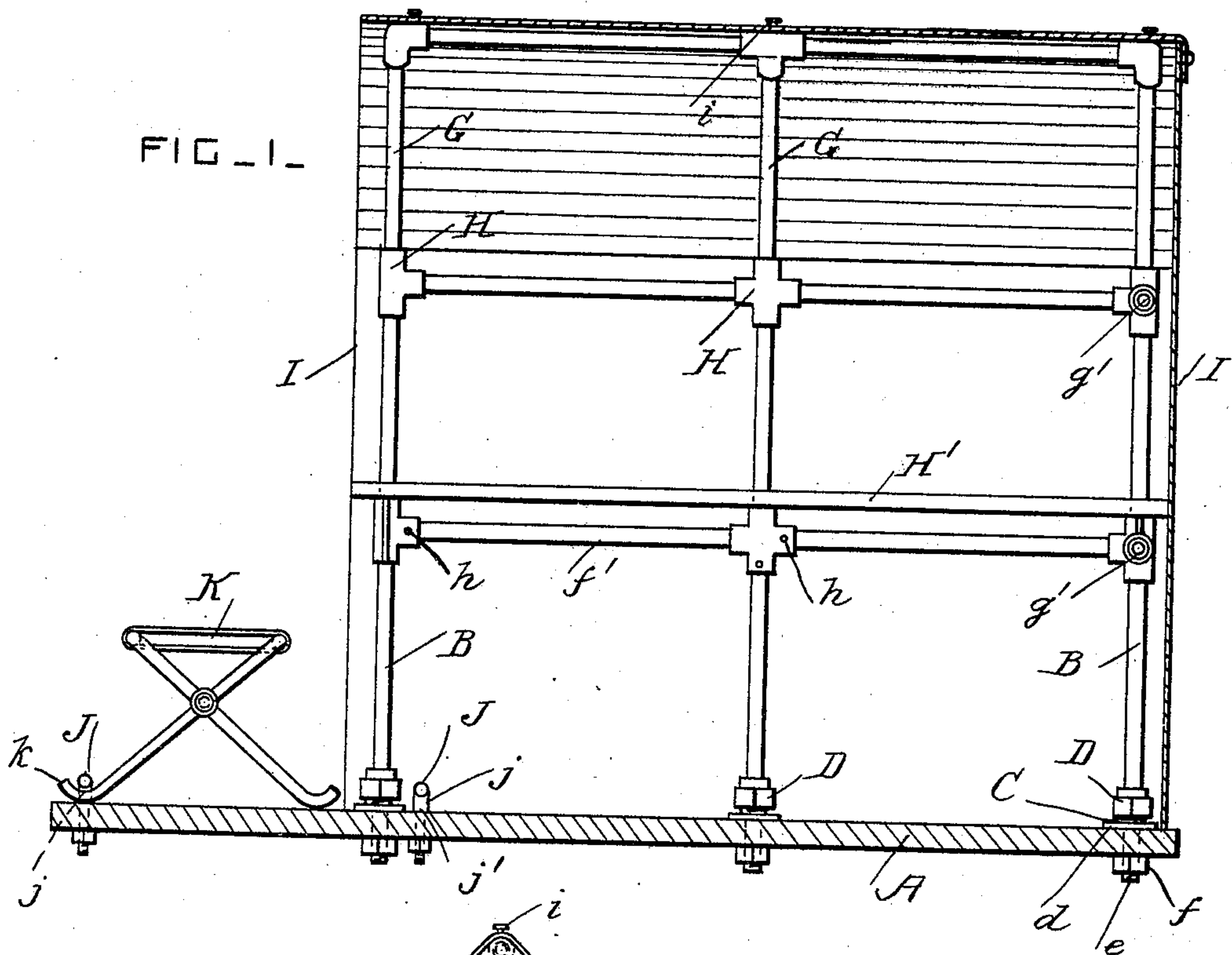


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER N. STAFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vehicles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to vehicles, automobiles, and cars; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section through the top part of a vehicle constructed according to this invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view showing the connection of one of the uprights with the base.

A is the base or platform, which is formed of a flat plate. This base is mounted on wheels or runners in any approved manner.

A removable top or canopy is provided. This canopy has a frame provided with vertical uprights B, which are preferably thin metallic tubes. These uprights, however, can be made in any other approved manner such as of solid bars of metal, wood, or other suitable material. As many uprights as desired are provided, and each upright has a collar *b* at its bottom.

C represents screw-threaded stems upon which the collars rest, and D represents union-nuts which engage with the said collars and screw onto the said stems. The stems C are provided with collars *d*, which rest on the base A, and they are also provided with screw-threaded shanks *e*, which are inserted in holes in the said base and which are secured thereto by nuts *f* on their lower end portions.

The upper part of the canopy is provided with supports G, arranged at an angle to each other, and cross-braces *g'* are provided at the ends of the frame. Intermediate bars *f'* are also provided about half-way up the frame, if desired, and additional intermediate bars may also be provided. These bars form a convenient support to shelves H' in wagons used by hucksters and others, and a series of shelves may be supported in this manner.

The various bars of the frame and the uprights are preferably connected together by sockets H, so that they may be quickly taken apart and put together. The bars may be

slid into the sockets and fastened by pins or screws *h*, or the bars may be connected to the sockets in any other approved manner, such as by screwing them into the sockets.

The frame is used to support curtains I, of any approved material suitable for the purpose, such as textile material. These curtains are connected to the frame by any approved fastening devices, such as buttons *i*; but any approved fastening devices—such as pins, hooks, or clasps—may be used to connect the curtains to the frame.

The curtains can be constructed in any approved manner, such as whole curtains to each side, or the curtains may be formed in sections or parts, so that they may be removed as a whole or in part whenever necessary. The curtains may also be used to display advertisements and signs.

The base is provided with bars J, having their ends *j* bent downward and secured to the base, leaving a narrow space *j'* between each bar and the base. K is a foldable seat formed with pivoted legs like a camp-stool. The legs have upwardly-curved feet *k*, which are slipped into engagement with either of the bars J close to its end portions *j*, so that the seat cannot slide in any direction. The seat is easily detached from its retaining-bar by tilting it up. When the seat is connected to the front bar, it is outside or partially outside the canopy. When the seat is connected to the rear bar, it comes under the canopy, and the front bar serves as a foot-rest. The canopy can be taken down and off, while the frame can be folded up easily and quickly, and it may be applied to all kinds of vehicles and cars irrespective of the purposes for which they are used.

What I claim is—

1. The combination, with a base, of a knockdown canopy-frame detachably secured to the base, said frame comprising uprights each formed of a series of sections, cross-pieces *f'* and *g'*, sockets provided with branches which are detachably connected to the said cross-pieces and to the said sections, and inclined top bars G detachably connected together at their upper ends and detachably connected to the uppermost of the said sockets at their lower ends.

2. The combination, with a flat base-plate provided with a series of holes, of screw-threaded stems provided with collars which rest on the base and shanks which are inserted

in the said holes, fastening-nuts screwed on  
the lower projecting end portions of the said  
shanks, a canopy-frame provided with up-  
rights having collars on their lower ends  
5 which rest on the said stems, and union-nuts  
which engage with the last said collars and  
the said stems.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my  
signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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