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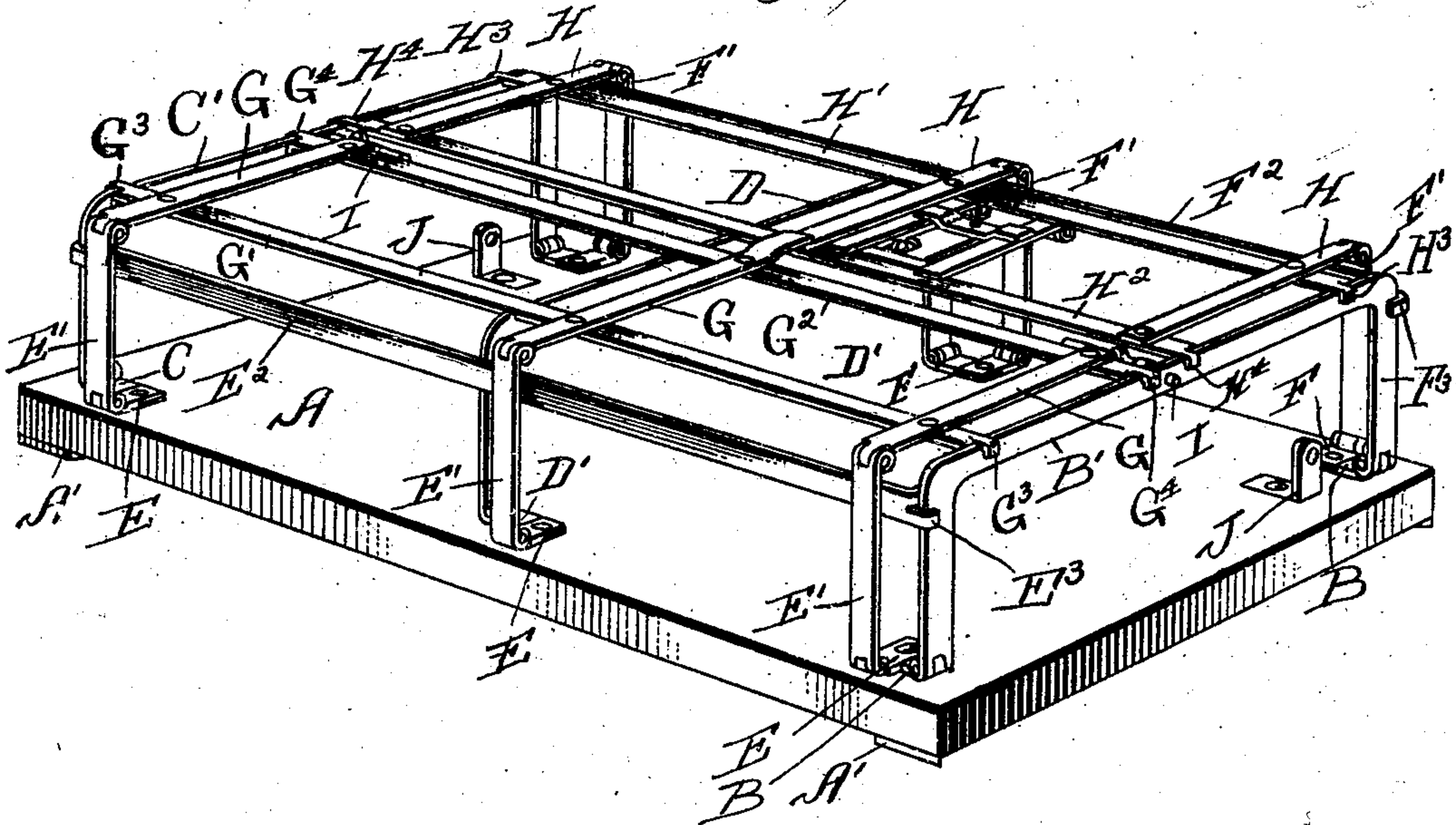
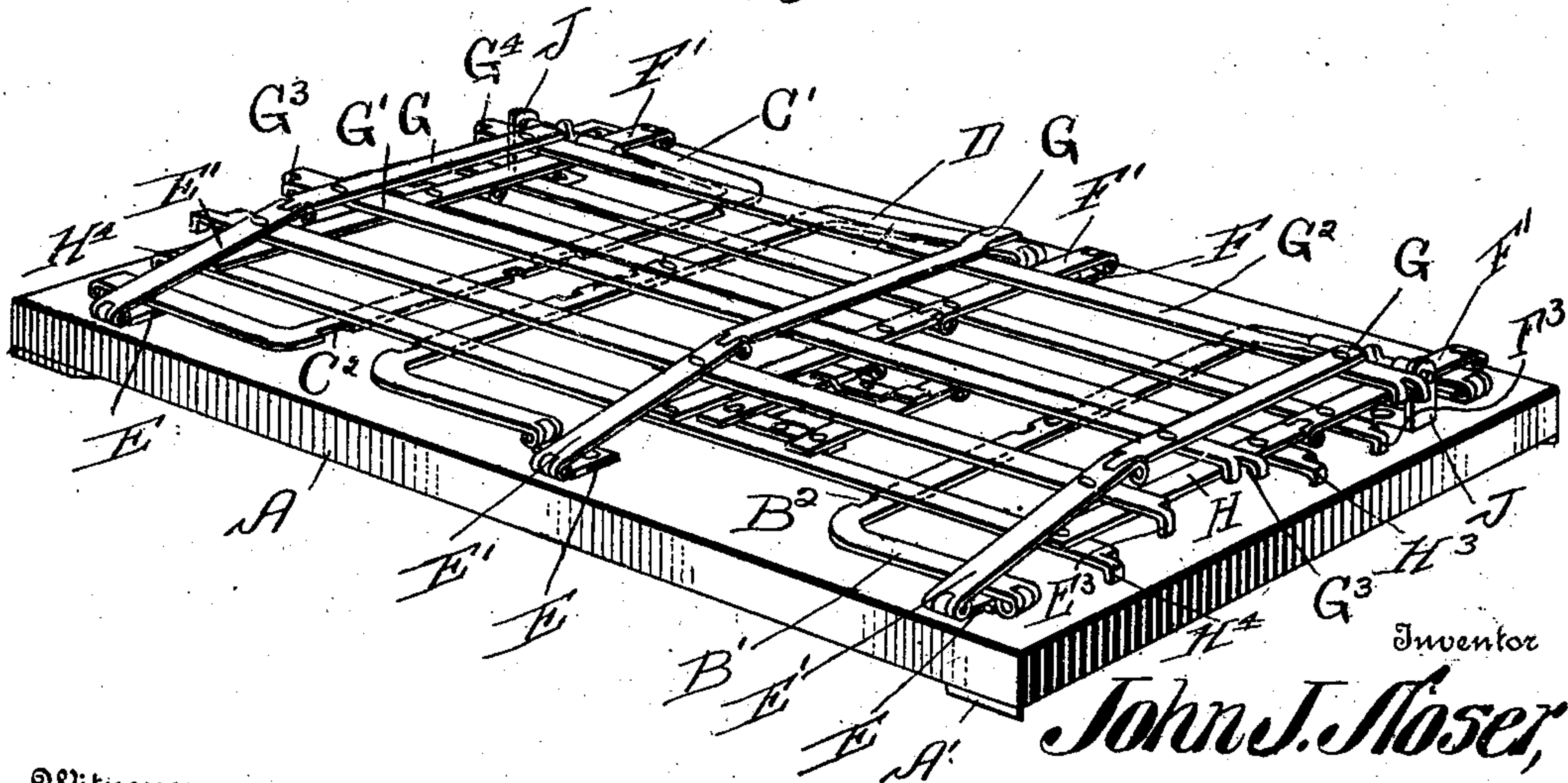


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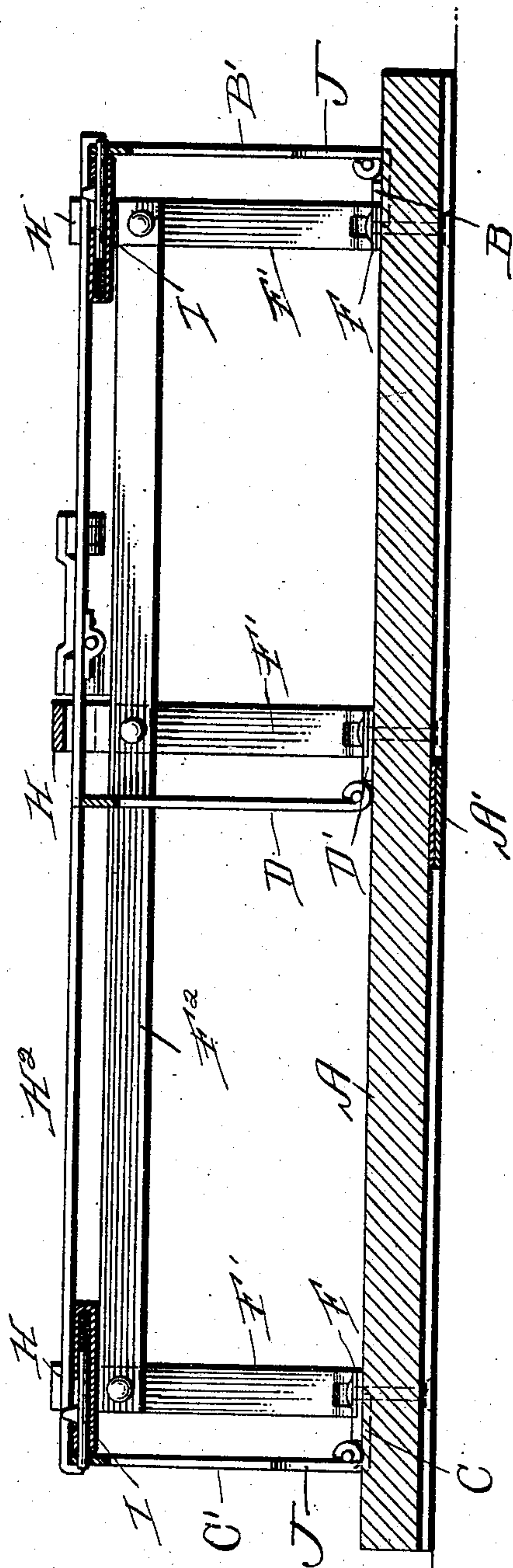
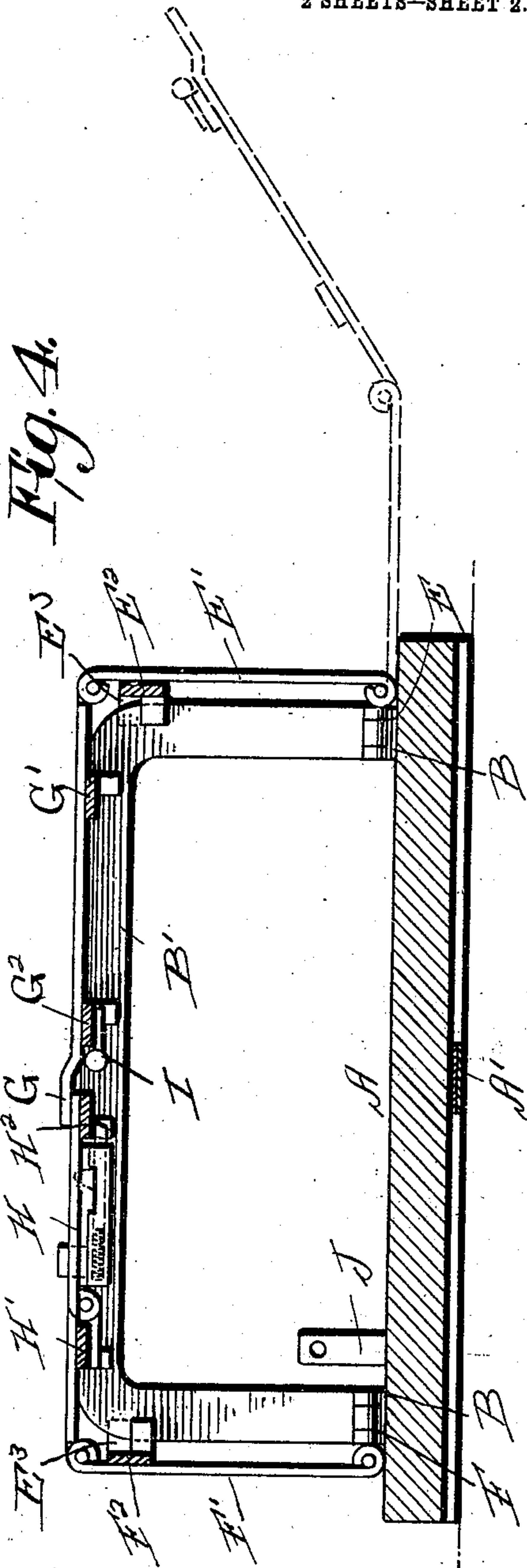


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. NOSER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Noser Mill, in the county of Franklin and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Coop, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to poultry coops and more particularly to a folding coop; the object being to provide a coop which can be easily and quickly folded so that it will only occupy a very small space for shipping.

Another object of my invention is to provide a coop which is very simple and strong in construction, and one which is very effective in use.

With these and various other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of the parts, hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved coop. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the coop folded. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the coop. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view through the coop.

In the drawings A indicates the bottom which is formed preferably of wood, having diagonal metal strips A' secured to its underside, to strengthen the same and prevent it from warping.

Secured on the bottom adjacent each end are plates B and C, to which are hinged metal arch shaped frames B', C' forming the end frame of the coop, which are provided with notches B² C² for the purpose hereinafter fully described. A similar arch-shaped frame D is hinged to plates D', secured centrally on the bottom adjacent each side, which is also provided with notches in alignment with the notches of the end frames. Plates E and F are secured on the bottom adjacent each side, to which are hinged flat metal bars E', F' which are connected together by longitudinal flat bars E² F² adjacent their ends, forming the side frames of the coop. The end of the bars E² F² are split longitudinally and bent inwardly to

form spaced lugs E³ F³ which are adapted to fit over the ends of the end-frame.

Hinged to the ends of the bars E', F' are strips G and H, connected together by flat bars G', G², H', H² forming top frames. The ends of these bars are also split longitudinally and bent downwardly to form spaced lugs G³, G⁴ and H³ H⁴ adapted to fit over the tops of the end frames, in notches formed therein so as to securely hold the end-frames up in a vertical position. These bars also fit in the notches in the central frame D which securely supports the top frames in the middle. The central strip G is formed longer than the end strip, and is adapted to fit over the central strip H, and lock the same down on the end, and central frame.

Spring actuated sliding bolts I are secured on the under side of the bars G² adjacent their ends, adapted to fit in openings in the end frames, and securely lock the top down on the frame. A hinged door is secured between the bars H', H² adjacent the central bar, provided with a spring bolt for locking the same.

It is of course understood that spaced bars can be secured on the frames, or they can be covered with wire netting so as to make the coop poultry tight.

When it is desired to fold the coop, the bolts are drawn out of the end frame, and the top and side frames are thrown upwardly and outwardly so that the end and central frames can be folded down on the bottom, the side and top provided with the door are then folded down on the end frame, and the other side and top are folded down upon these, the bolts fitting in the apertured ends of angled plates J, secured on the bottom so as to securely lock the coop in a folded position so that it will occupy a very small space.

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

1. In a coop, the combination with a bottom, of end and side frames pivotally mounted on said bottom, the top frame carried by the side frame, the ends of the bars of the side and top frames being split and bent down-

wardly to form spaced lugs adapted to fit over the end frame for the purpose described.

2. In a coop, the combination with a bottom, of end frames hinged to said bottom, apertured plates hinged to said bottom, side frames hinged to said bottom provided with hinged top frames, and bolts carried by one

of said frames adapted to engage the angled plates carried by the bottom and securely lock the coop folded.

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