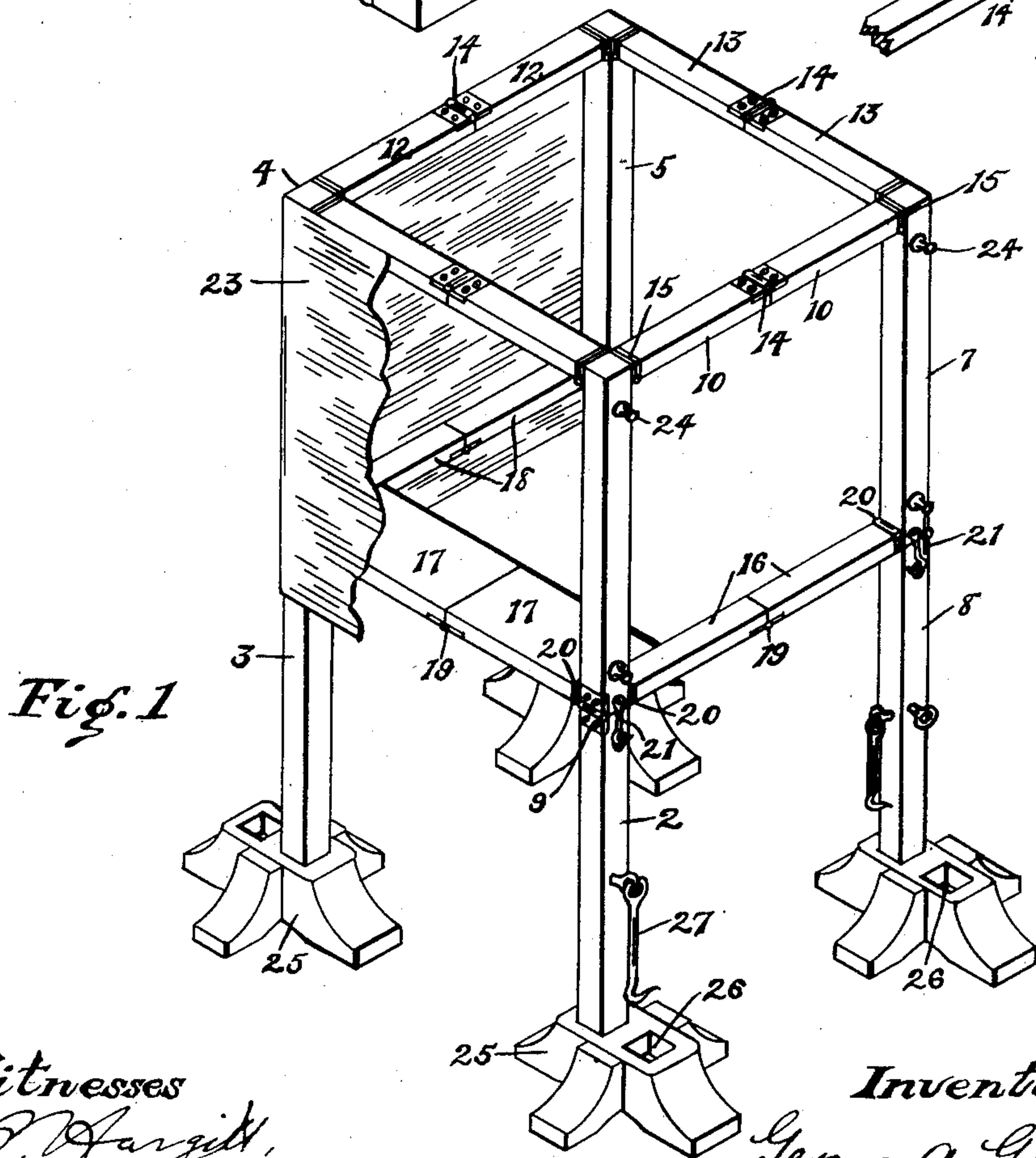
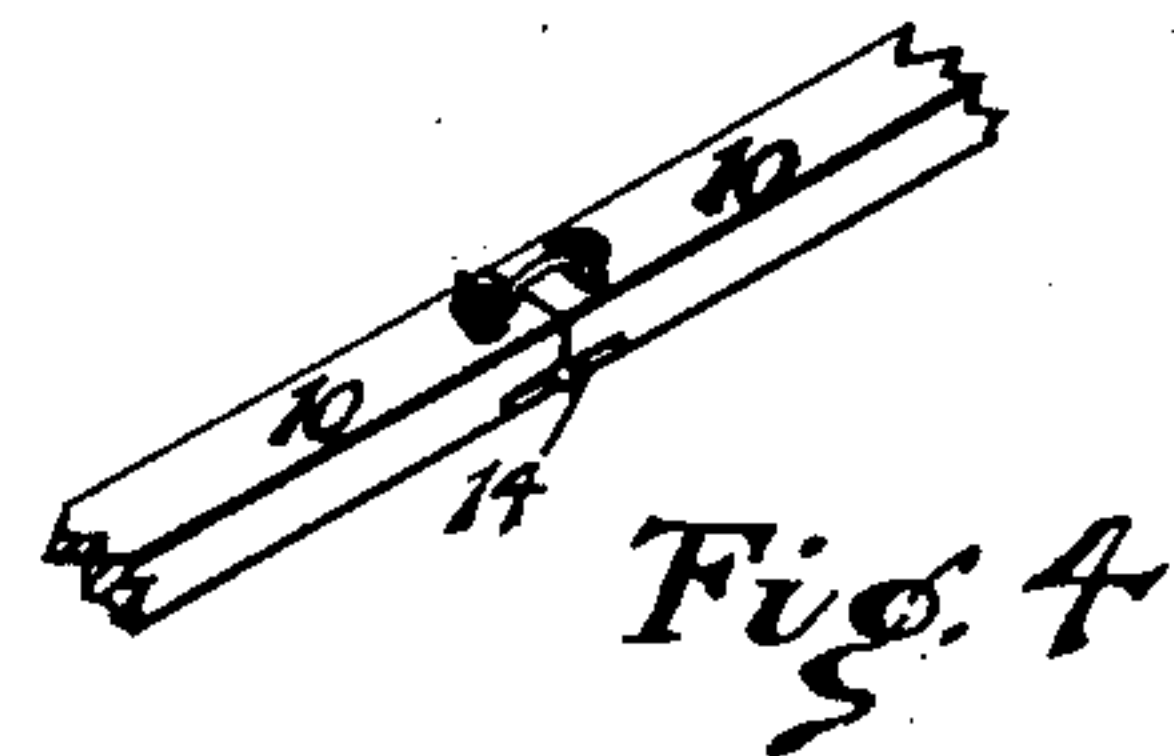
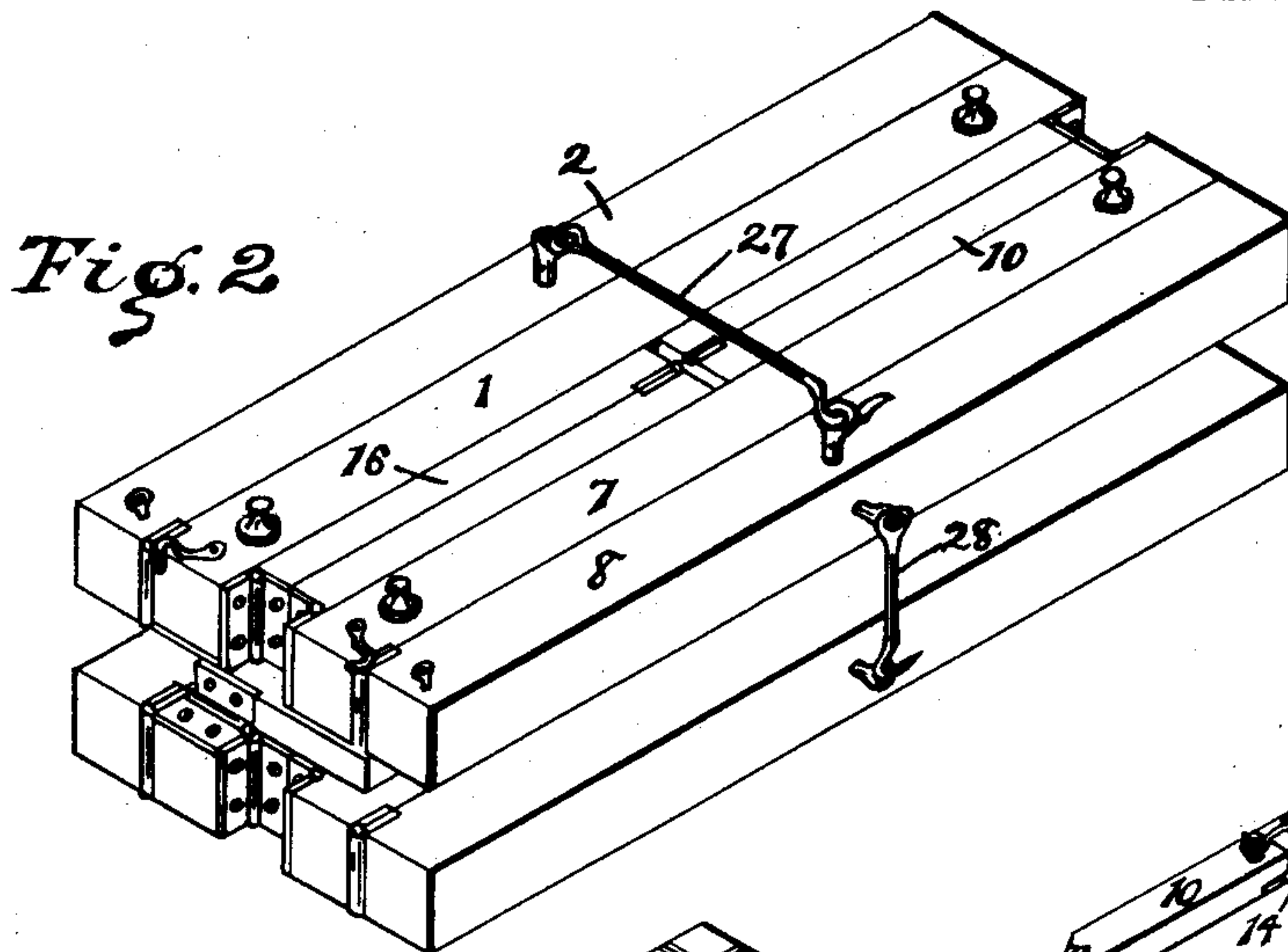


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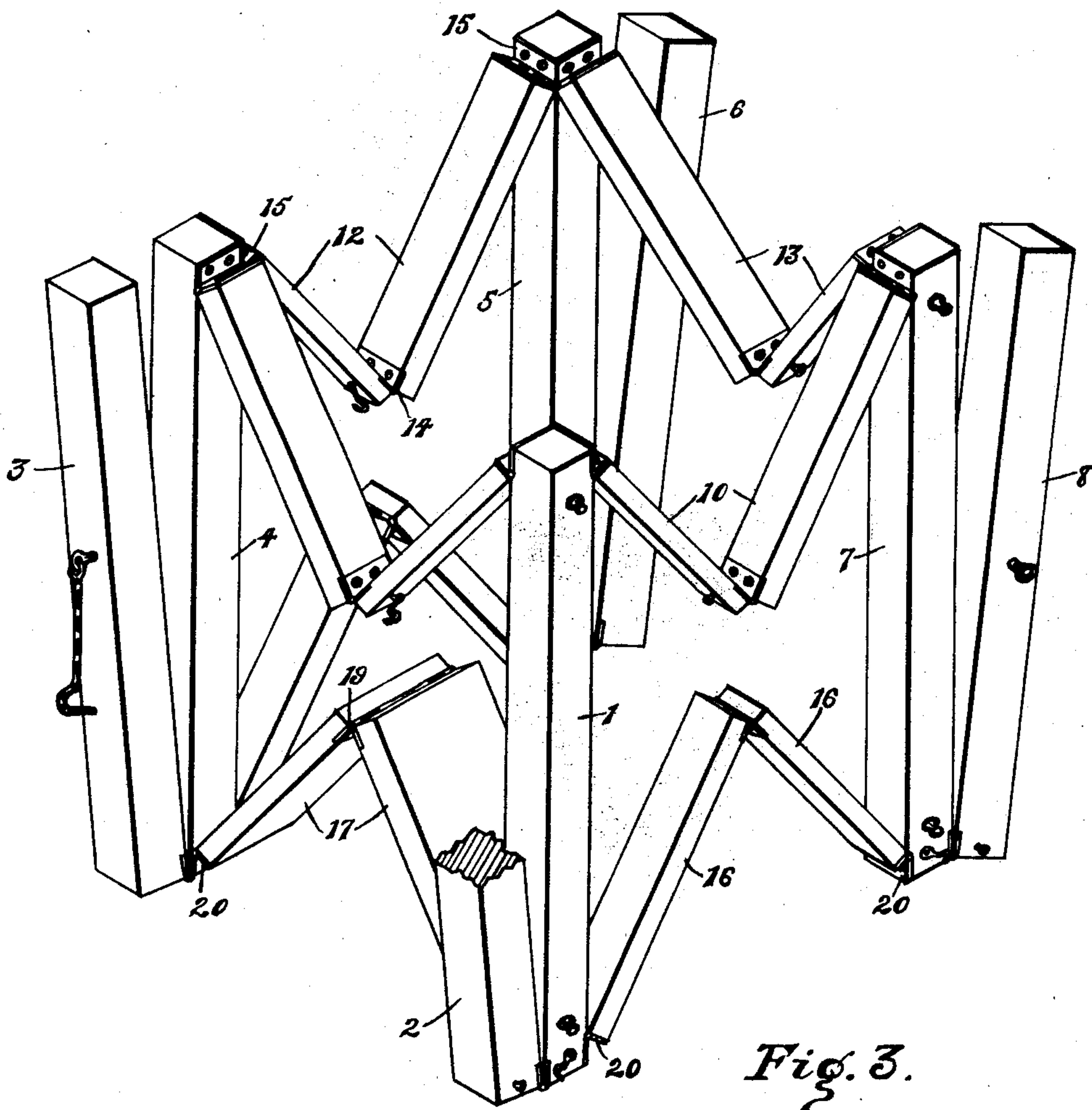
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. GOHEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Election-Booths, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to the construction of booths for the use of voters at elections, more particularly for use under the Australian system, and the purpose of the invention is to provide a strong and substantial framework construction to be inclosed with sides of canvas, or other suitable material, which framework with its cover may be set up and made ready for the voter easily in the least possible time, and which can be as easily and quickly collapsed and folded up in the least possible space for convenience of transportation and storage.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my booth framework construction set up ready for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the framework folded up ready for transportation and storage. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the booth in process of folding. Fig. 4 is a detail of the underside of one of the upper cross braces.

The corner posts of the framework are made up in two sections 1—2, 3—4, 5—6, 7—8. These sections form the four corners of the framework and are of a convenient length to form a proper height for the booth when extended, and the posts which are preferably made of wood are square in cross section. The sections are hinged together by hinges 9.

10—10, 11—11, 12—12, and 13—13 are top cross braces which are also made in two equal lengthed sections hinged together by the hinges 14, 14 at the middle, and by hinges 15, 15 to the upper end of the upper section of the corner posts.

16, 16, 17, 17, and 18, 18 are middle cross posts also made in two equal lengthed sections hinged together at the middle by the hinges 19, 19, and also hinged by the hinges 20 to the lower end of the upper sections of the corner posts. One of these middle cross braces corresponding to the top cross braces is omitted to allow for entrance to the booth, and the opposite middle cross brace is three times the width of the other cross braces to

serve as a writing table. The cross braces, except the table are all of the same width as one side of the square corner posts, and of half the thickness of the corner posts. The upper cross braces are hinged on top, so as to fold downwards, and the middle cross braces are hinged on the bottom, so as to fold upwards, and the parts are all made in proportional size, so that the two sections of the cross brace when folded together will form the same sized piece as one of the sections of the corner posts, but when folded are just half the length of the corner post section. Hooks and eyes 21—21 are provided, and where needed to lock the various hinged parts together. The middle cross braces are supported by the hinge, but the upper cross braces are provided with a hook and eye 22 to hold them from bending at the middle. The sections of the cross braces are just half the length of the sections of the corner posts, so that when folded the top and middle cross braces between the corner posts will occupy the same space as a corner post section. When the frame has been erected a canvas cover 23 is stretched over the sides and back, and buttoned on the buttons 24, and we have the booth complete.

To better support the corner posts, when the booth is erected, I provide the feet 25, with the socket 26—26 to receive the lower end of the corner posts, and as these booths are erected in series, the feet are arranged so as to hold two corner posts of the adjoining booth. I have found that convenient sizes for the framework structure are to provide corner posts 2x2 and 3 ft. for each section, with the feet two inches high, so that when erected, the booth will be six feet, two inches in height. The cross braces are 2x1, and one and a half feet in length, and the table sections are 2x6 and one and a half feet in length.

With the sizes made in proportion as above described, but not necessarily the exact sizes given, it will be evident that the entire structure with all of the parts hinged together, so that none can be lost or mislaid, the booth will fold in to a package 6"x10"x3', and in order to lock the parts together when folded, I provide the hooks 27—28.

In taking down and folding up the booth, the cover 23 for the side walls is first unbuttoned, the feet are removed, the lower sections of the corner posts 2, 3, 6 and 8 are folded up outwardly along the corresponding



sections 1, 4, 5, and 7. The top and middle braces are folded down and up respectively to coincide with the upper sections of the corner posts, and we have the package as  
5 shown in Fig. 2, occupying a minimum amount of space. The package is then locked together with the hooks, and is ready for transportation and storage.

It takes but a moment to erect the struc-  
10 ture. The hooks 27—28 are unhooked, the corner posts extended, and locked together with the hooks and eyes separated to form a square structure inserted in the sockets in the feet, the canvas cover is buttoned on, and  
15 the booth is ready for use.

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

A voting booth, comprising corner posts each in two sections hinged together at the middle to fold on each other, with cross  
20 braces each in two sections hinged together at the middle, and at the ends each to an adjoining post, the middle cross braces at the back being wider than the others to form a  
25 table for the purpose described.

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