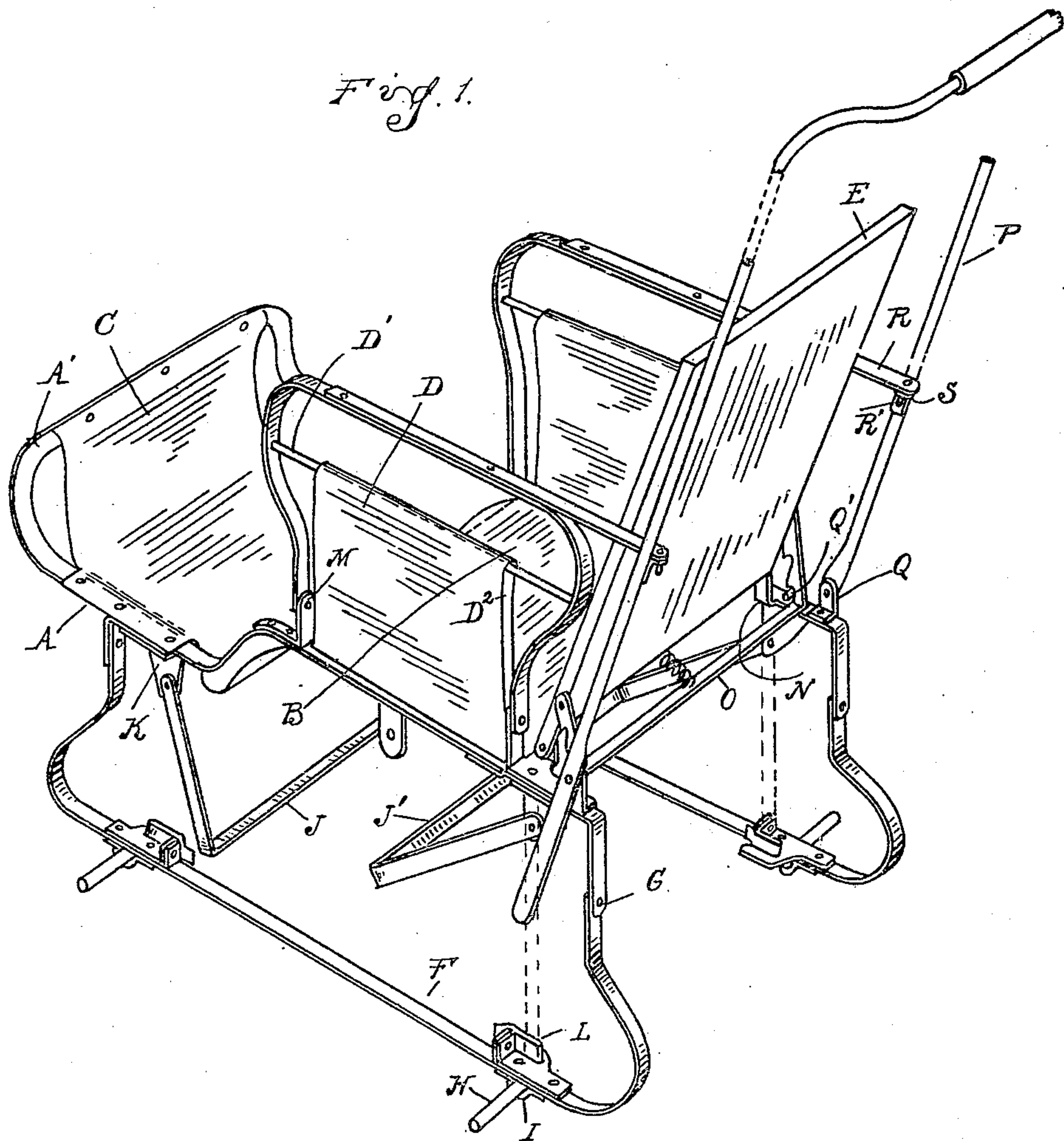


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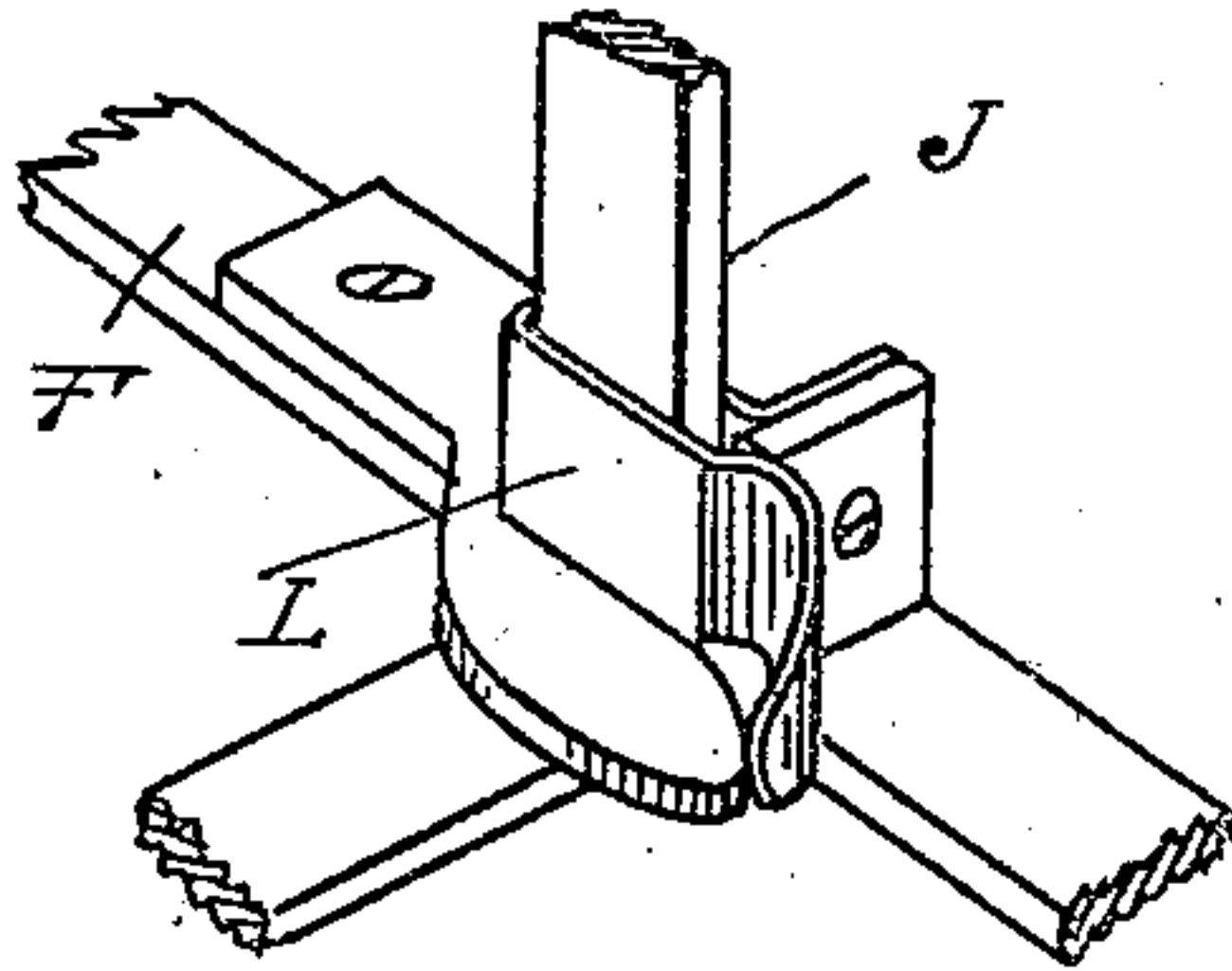
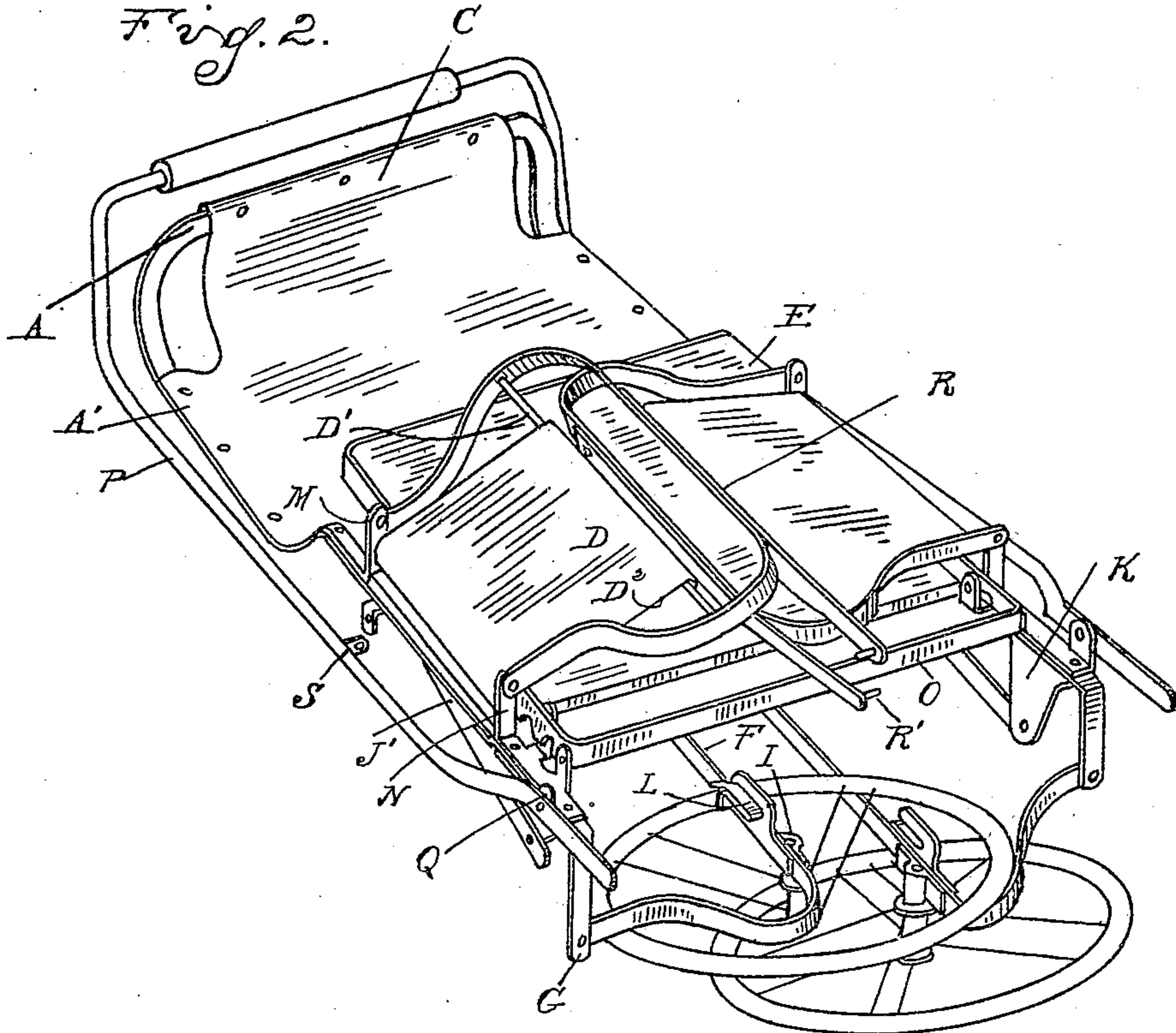


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK A. NAUTS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Perambulators, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

It is the object of the invention to obtain a simple and inexpensive construction of perambulator capable of being compactly folded, and more particularly designed for use as a toy, but capable of use for other purposes. To this end the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement and combination of parts as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the perambulator in open position; Fig. 2 is a similar view with the parts folded; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the keeper for locking the parts in normal position.

The frame of the vehicle is composed of a number of sections, all of which are formed principally from metallic bars bent into the desired form. The seat or body frame A is formed from a flat metallic bar, having parallel side portions connected together by a cross bar portion A' at the front.

B is a seat extending across between the rear portion of the parallel sides, and C is an apron of flexible material forming a loop between the portion A' and the seat, and constituting a foot rest.

To the frame A are secured a plurality of foldable frames comprising the side or arm rests D, the back E, and the wheel supporting frames F. These are all pivotally connected to the frame A, and are so arranged that the back may be folded into parallelism with the top of the seat, the arm rest frame folded above the back, and the wheel frames folded beneath the seat. Each of the wheel frames consists of a bail-shaped member pivoted at G to depending lugs or brackets on the frame A, and the axles H for the wheels are secured to the bails F by clips I. To secure the wheel frames in normal upright position, a pair of transversely extending bails J and J' are pivotally secured to depending ears K on the frame A and these bails J and J' are adapted to

swing into engagement with the slotted keepers L secured to the bails F.

L are springs for retaining the bails J and J' in engagement with their keepers. Thus, when the bails J and J' are engaged with their keepers, the bails F are locked into parallelism and in vertical relation to the seat frame.

The arm rest frames D are pivotally secured at M to outwardly extending lugs or ears on the frame A, and the back frame E is pivotally secured to the upwardly extending ears N on the frame A. This back frame is adjustable in inclination, and is supported in different positions of adjustment by a notched bail O, pivotally secured thereto and adjustably engaging lugs Q', secured to the frame A. The arm frames D are preferably provided with cross bars D' over which a loop of leather or other flexible material D<sup>2</sup> is passed, this constituting the side of the seat. P is a handle frame which is pivotally secured at Q to lugs upon the frame A. This handle frame is provided with means of engagement with the side frames D preferably consisting of rearwardly extending arms R on the frame D, which have pins R' adapted to be engaged by the springing of said arms with apertured lugs S on the handle bar P.

With the construction as described, to hold the parts in normal position, the bails J are engaged with the keepers L to lock the wheel supporting frames F in vertical parallel relation, and the arms R are engaged with the handle frame P. This will form a rigid connection between said handle frame and the seat or body frame. To collapse the structure, the arms R are first sprung to disengage the pins R' from the apertured lugs S, and the handle frame P is then folded into parallelism with the body frame A. The back frame E may then be folded parallel with the seat, and the arm rest frames D folded above the back. The bails J and J' are then disengaged from the keepers L and folded into parallelism with the body frame A, after which the wheel supporting frames F may be folded under said body frame.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A foldable perambulator comprising a body frame, a handle pivotally attached thereto and foldable into parallelism there-



with, arm rest frames pivoted to said body frame to fold transversely into parallelism therewith, and arms formed of spring metal secured to the top of said arm rest frames 5 and projecting rearwardly therefrom, and means carried by the outer end of said spring metal arms detachably engaging the handle frame.

2. A foldable perambulator comprising a 10 body frame, a handle frame pivotally attached thereto and foldable into parallelism therewith, arm rest frames pivotally connected with said body frame and foldable transversely into parallelism therewith, arms 15 formed of spring metal projecting rearwardly from said arm rest frames and having an interlocking engagement with said handle frame.

3. A foldable perambulator comprising a 20 body frame, a handle pivotally attached thereto and foldable into parallelism therewith, arm rest frames pivoted to said body frame to fold transversely into parallelism therewith, a socket carried by said handle, 25 and arms formed of spring metal secured to said arm rest frames, and projecting rear-

wardly therefrom, and pins carried by the outer end of said spring metal arms detachably engaging said sockets.

4. A foldable perambulator comprising a 30 body frame, wheel supporting frames pivotally connected to said body frame to fold into substantial parallelism therewith, a bail pivotally connected to said body frame and extending transversely thereof, spring keep- 35 ers on said wheel supporting frame for engaging said transversely extending bail, a handle frame pivotally attached to said body frame and foldable into parallelism therewith, arm rest frames pivotally connected 40 with said body frame and foldable transversely into parallelism therewith, and resilient arms projecting rearwardly from said arm rest frames and having an interlocking engagement with said handle frame. 45

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

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