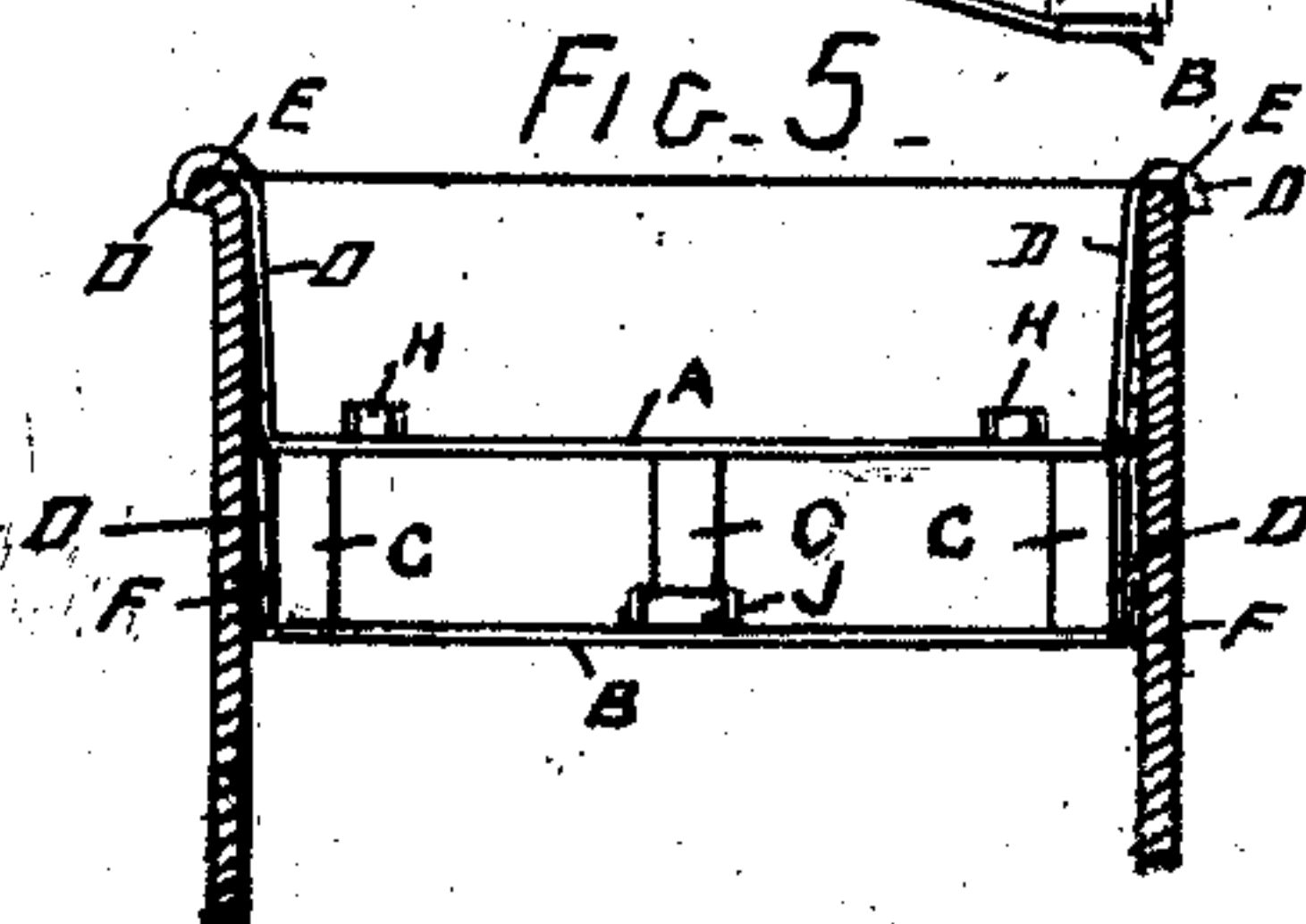
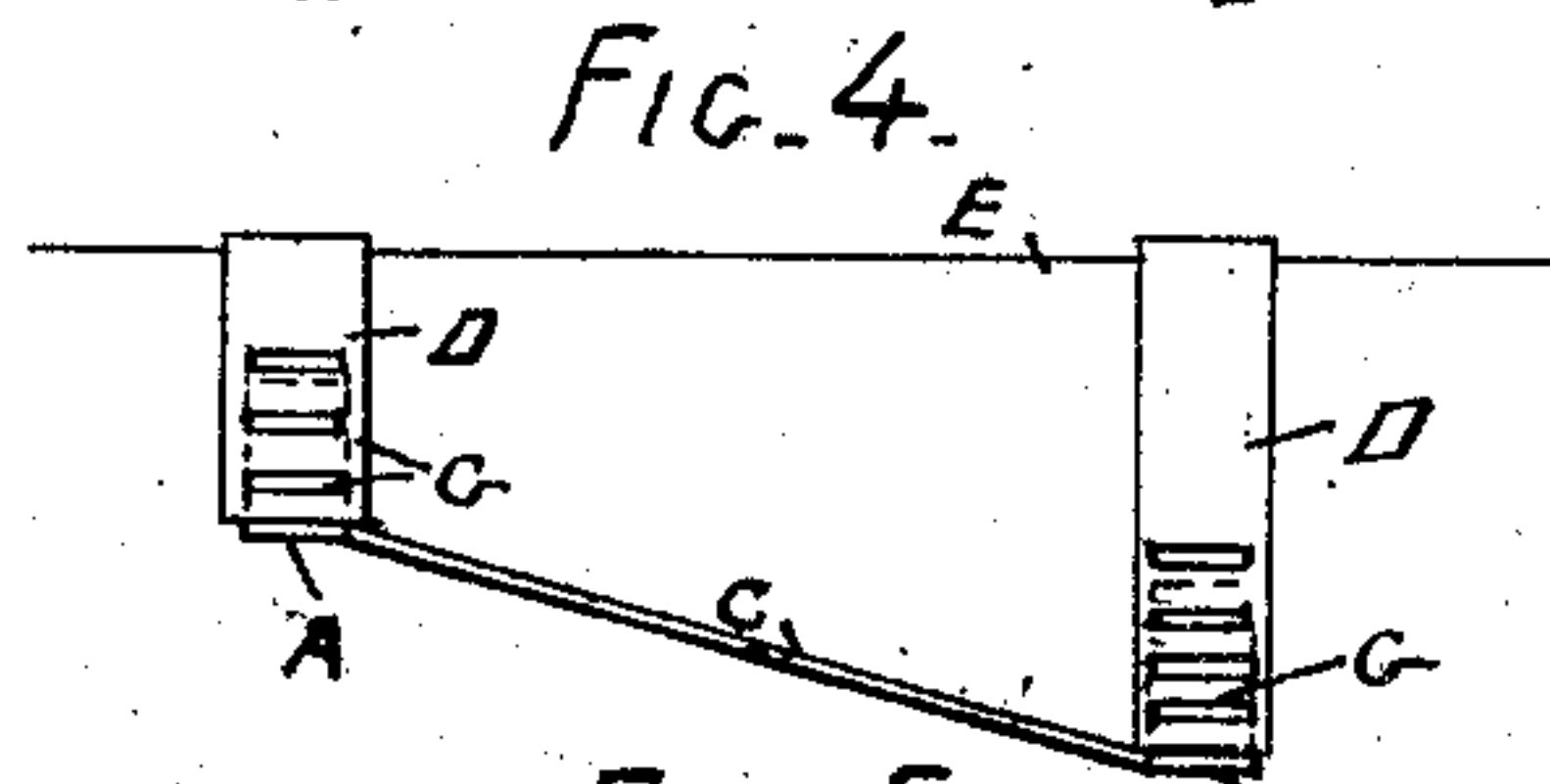
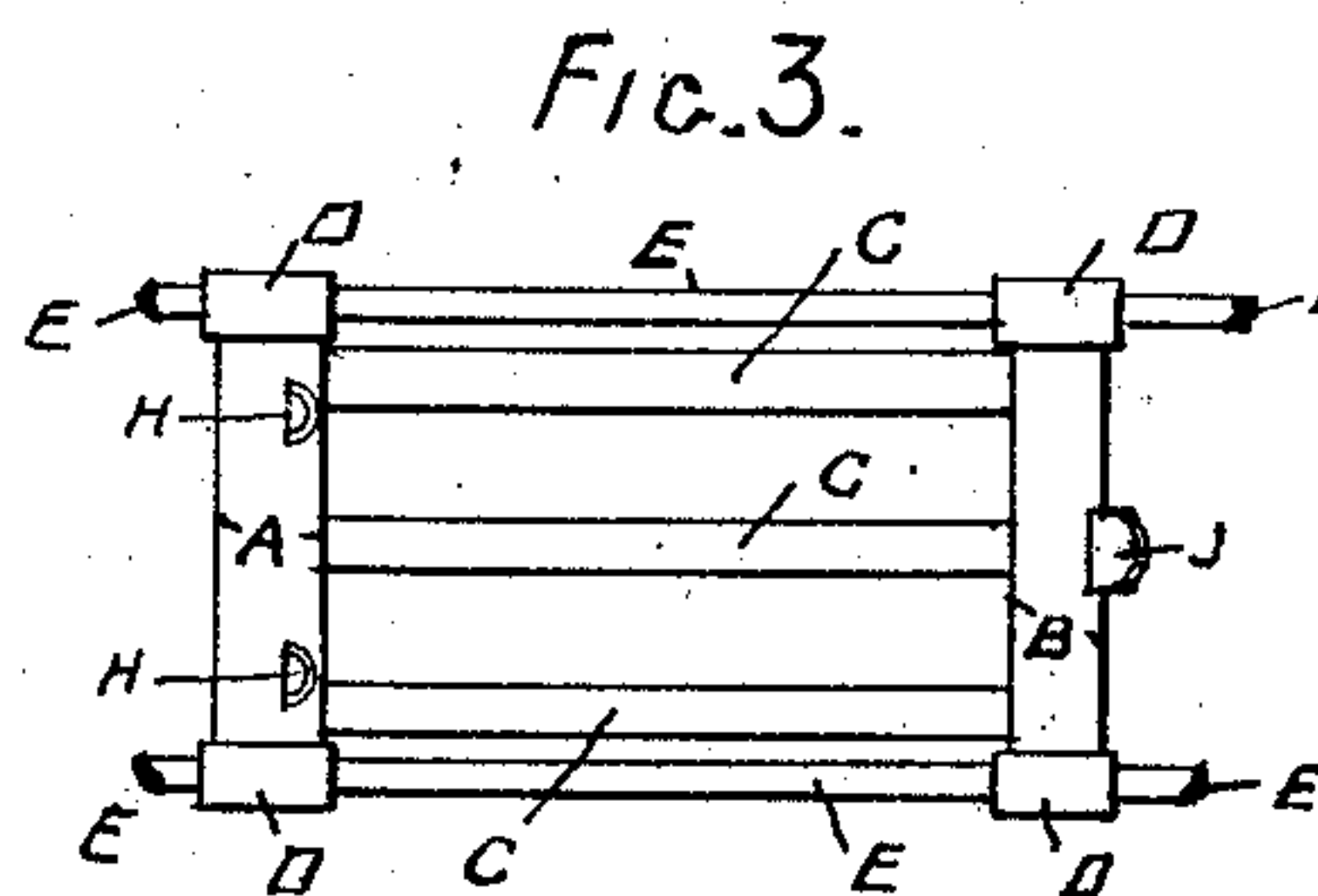
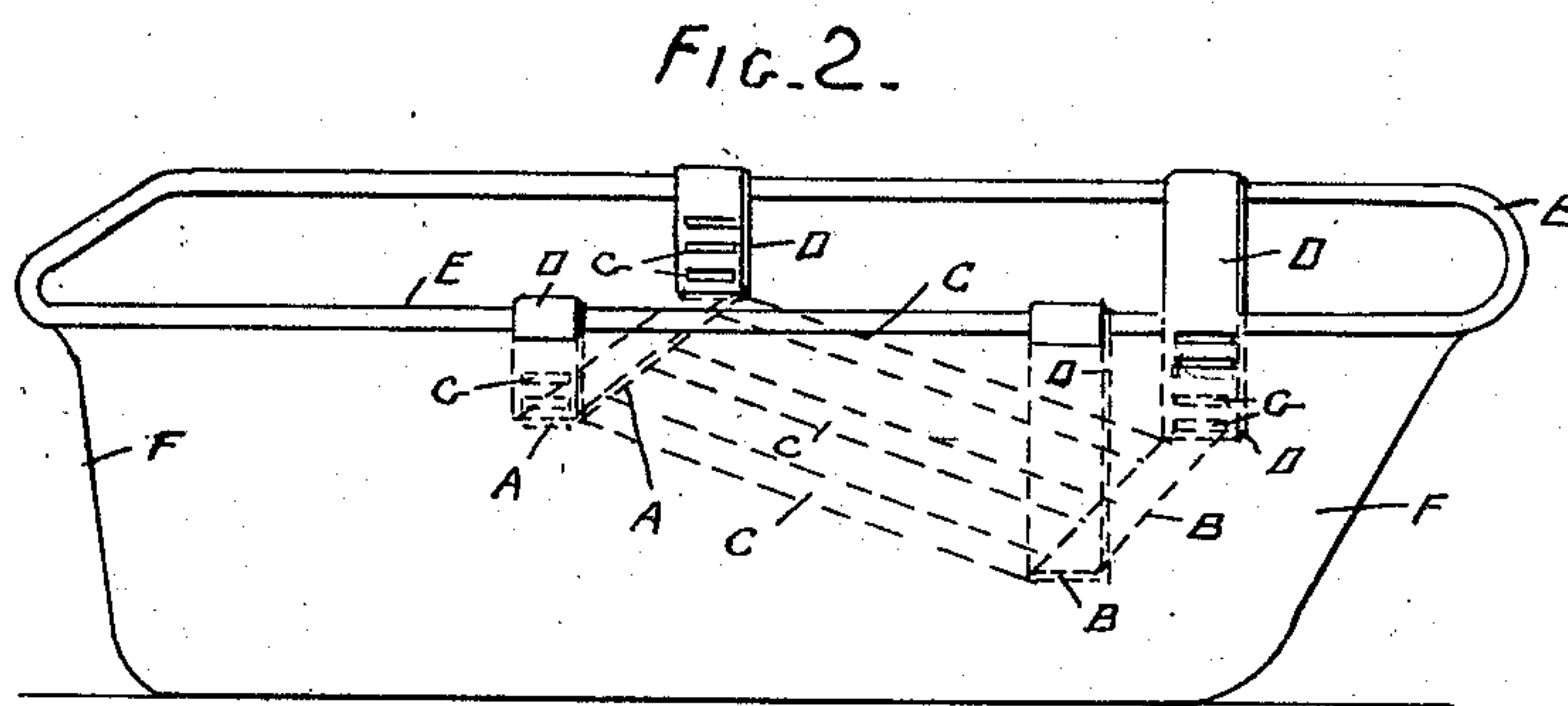
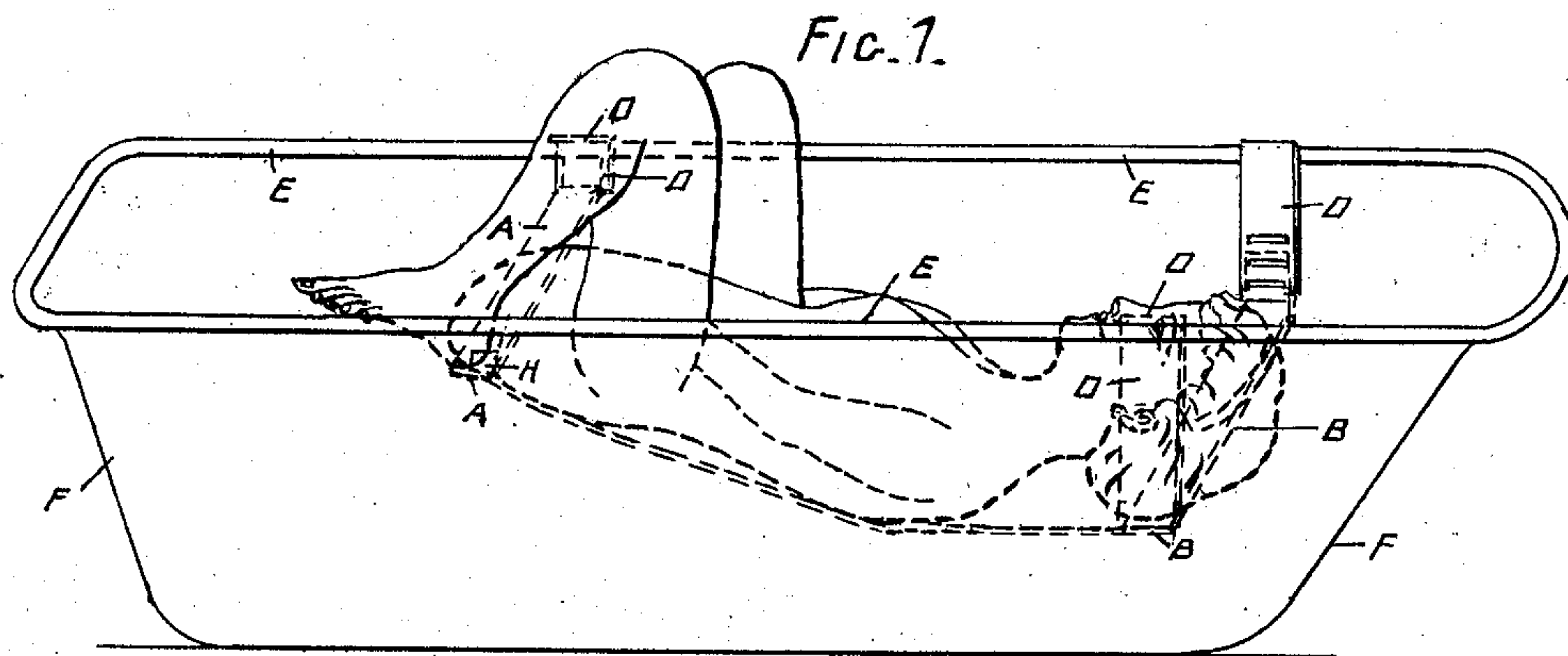


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFRIED L. HAGEN BÜRGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Hammock for Douche and Similar Baths, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hammocks for douche and similar baths.

The object of the invention is to provide means for so positioning and supporting the body, legs and head of a person that the body should be inclined with the head lowermost in order to enable the bath to be more readily and effectively taken.

With the above object in view the invention consists in the hammock hereinafter described and particularly defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bath tub showing the hammock supported therein and a person supported on the hammock. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the tub and hammock. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the hammock. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 5 is a sectional end elevation of the tub and hammock.

As shown in the drawings the hammock comprises two end bands or straps A and B made of webbing, or any other suitable flexible material and made water-proof if desired. These straps may be constructed to be lengthened or shortened by any well known means and are provided at each end with a hook D. These hooks are adapted to engage the upper edge E of the bath tub F or any other suitable support and each consists of a metal plate bent at one end to form a hook and provided at its other end with a plurality of parallel slots G through which the end bands are adapted to pass. The bands may be threaded in and out through the slots or secured to the hooks in any preferred manner, and by selecting the proper slots the relative heights of the bands A and B may be varied. The hooks of each pair are preferably of the same length and the end or crossing straps are so positioned that one shall be higher than the other so that when a person's body is in a recumbent position on the hammock the head will be lowermost and the legs uppermost.

The end bands A and B are connected by a series of longitudinally extending straps or bands C which are made of the same material as the bands A and B and arranged to be lengthened or shortened in any well known manner to retain the end bands the desired distance apart. The end band A, that is, the higher band, is provided with a pair of cap pieces H attached thereto and suitably spaced apart to serve as rests for the backs of the heels of the occupant of the hammock, and the end band B, that is, the lower band, is provided with a hood or cap piece J suitable to receive and serve as a rest for the back of the head of the occupant.

From the description above set forth it will be observed that the hammock may be adjusted laterally and longitudinally to suit various requirements and adapt the hammock for use in various locations. The body of the person is so inclined that the baths may be readily taken and the greatest benefit derived therefrom. It will also be observed from the above description that while the hammock is particularly adapted for use in douche baths or injections it may obviously be also used to great advantage for enema injections.

In the drawing accompanying this application I have illustrated a hammock of the class described which embodies the various features of my invention in their preferred form, but it is to be understood that except as defined in the claims my invention is not limited to the hammock illustrated nor any particular construction and arrangement of parts.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

1. In a device of the class described, the combination with end supporting straps, of a plurality of straps connected at their ends to the end supporting straps and forming a hammock structure, said hammock structure being of a length to extend from the shoulders to the buttocks of the person to be supported, the end supporting straps being of such a length as to support a person in a recumbent position with the head lowermost.
2. A hammock of the class described comprising opposite end supporting straps for a person in a recumbent position, said straps being arranged to be supported at different

heights relative to one another, and means on the higher of said end straps comprising a rest for the heels of the person occupying the hammock.

- 5 3. A hammock of the class described comprising opposite end supporting straps for a person in a recumbent position, said straps being arranged to be supported at different heights relative to one another, and means
10 on the lower of said end straps comprising

a rest for the head of the person occupying the hammock.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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