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QUILTING-FRAME.

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Fig. 1

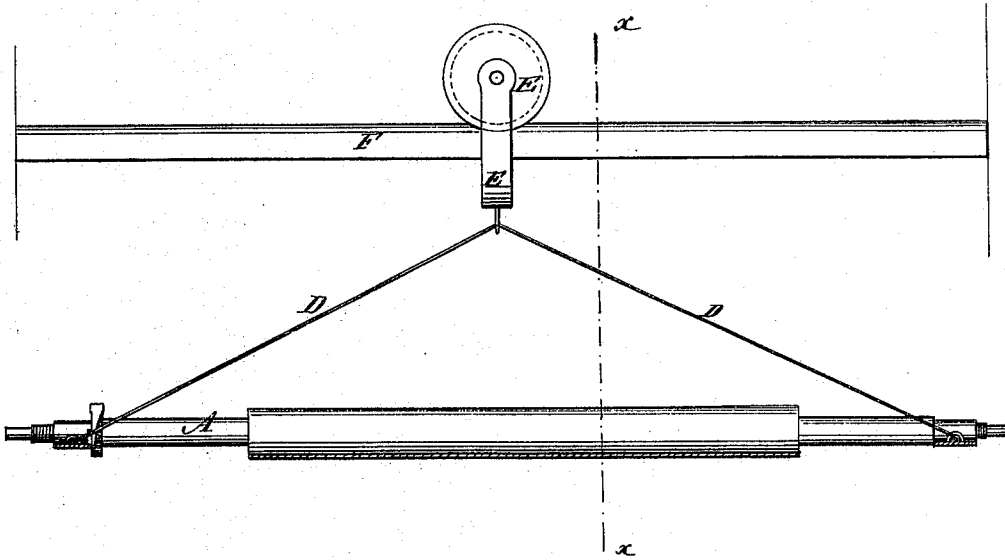
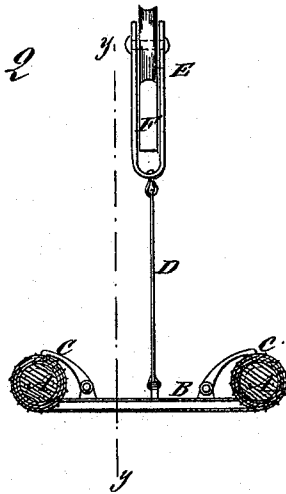


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN QUILTING-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOHN H. SHEETS, of Hartford, Todd county, Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Quilting Apparatus, of which the following is a specification :

My improved quilting apparatus consists of parallel rollers for holding and adjusting the quilt, together with their holding-ratchets, mounted on a couple of bars, one at each end of the rolls, which bars are suspended by cords from a traveler on an overhead rail, so that the quilt can be shifted along a sewing-machine, or by a hand-sewer, readily for stitching.

Figure 1 is a section of my improved apparatus, taken on line *yy*, Fig. 2; and Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken on line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the parallel rollers; B, the

cross-pieces on which they are mounted; C, the holding-ratchets; D, the suspending-cords; E, the traveler, and F the overhead rail whereon the traveler works.

The traveler consists in this example of a grooved wheel and a yoke suspended from it, but it may be contrived in any approved way.

By this apparatus a quilt may be easily fed through a sewing-machine, or shifted along by a hand-sewer, as the work progresses.

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

The combination of the parallel rollers A, supporting-bars B, suspending-cords D, traveler E, and overhead rail F, substantially as specified.

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