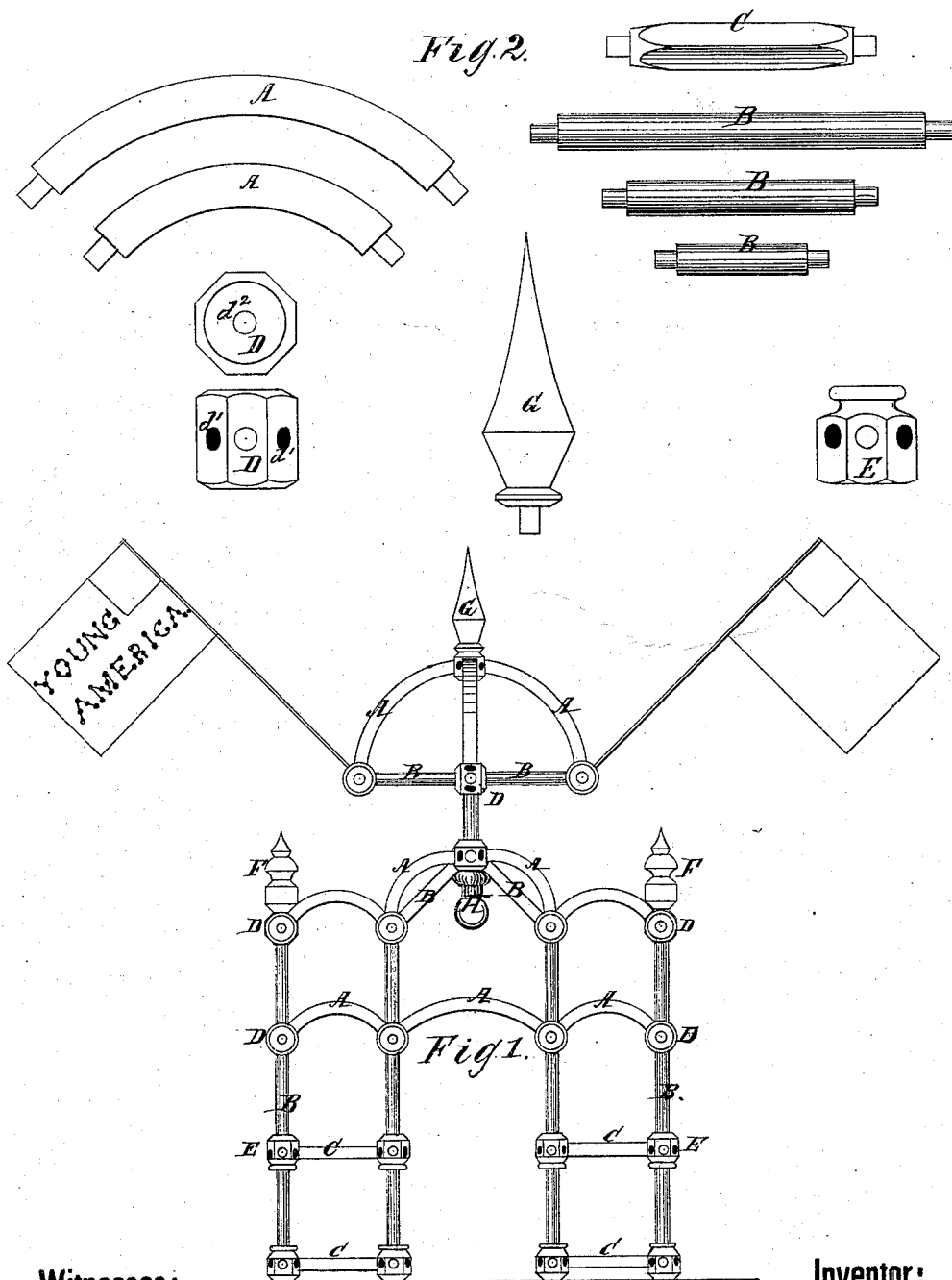


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Toy Building-Blocks.

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IMPROVEMENT IN TOY BUILDING-BLOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM OBERNDORF, Jr., of Baltimore city and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's Building-Blocks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a building; Fig. 2, details thereof.

The invention relates to blocks wherewith children may be amused and their minds instructed by the combination of said blocks so as to present the semblance of well-known objects. My invention consists in making these blocks of such relative shape that, although comparatively few in number, houses, bridges, arches, chairs, rockers, cupolas, tables, fences, windmills, the letters of the alphabet, chandeliers, and other articles of furniture and of architectural character may all be produced by their different combination.

A represents curved pieces; B, straight pieces, the former longer than the latter; and C, squared pieces, each of the forms being tenoned at both ends. D is a jointing-piece, provided with holes d^1 and a longitudinal central perforation, d^2 . These are the main pieces, whose combination forms any of the articles enumerated; but I preferably also use ornamental pieces E F G H.

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

1. The toy building-blocks and pieces A B D, herein described, when constructed in the manner and for the purpose specified.
2. The jointing-block D, provided with holes d^1 d^2 , in combination with end-tenoned connecting-pieces, as and for the purpose specified.

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