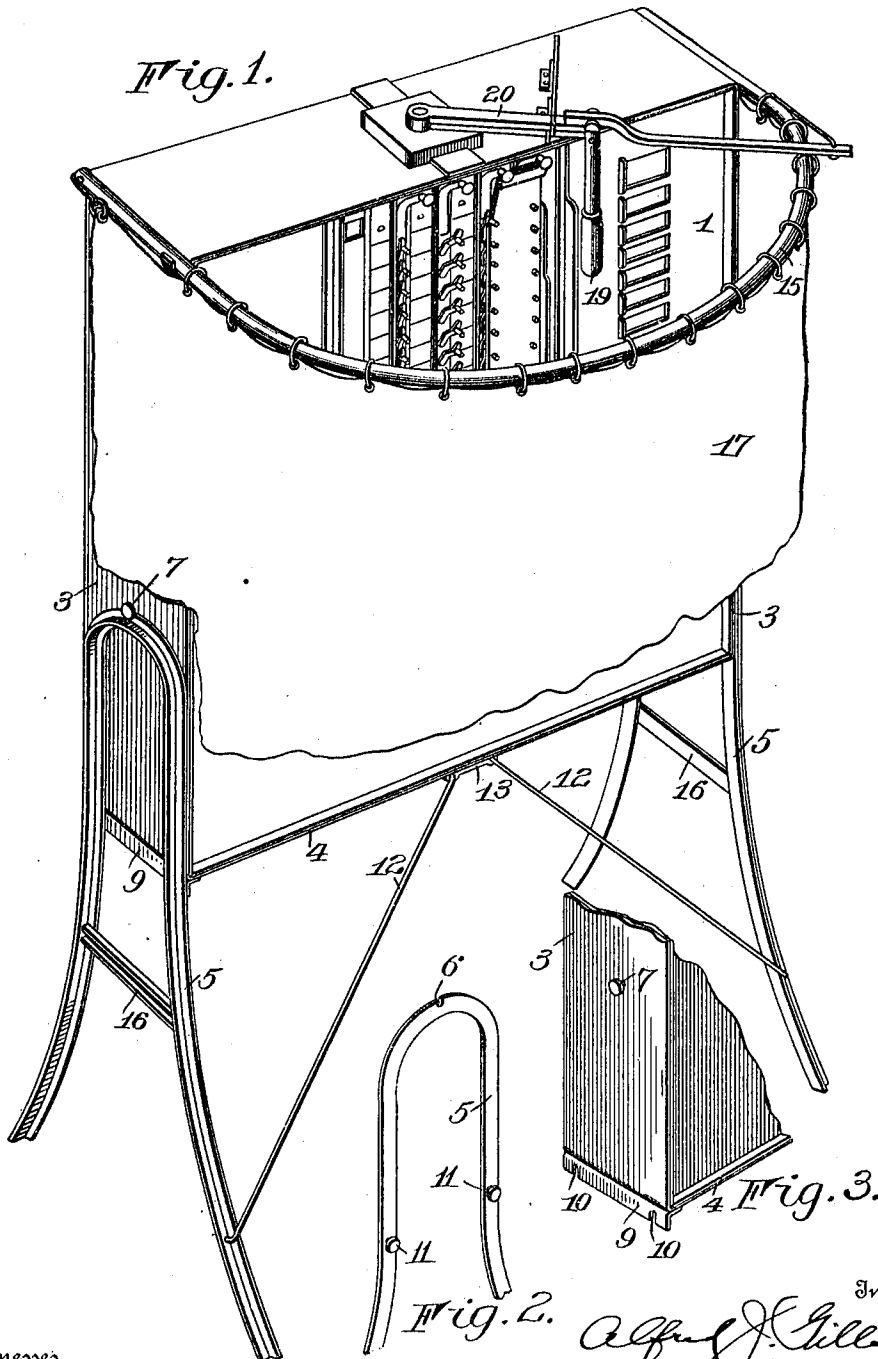


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED J. GILLESPIE, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Voting-Machines; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

My present invention relates to improvements in supports for voting machines of that class contained in my prior patents Nos. 628,792 and 628,905, dated July 11th, 1899, and has for its object to provide an improved supporting means in the form of legs for the machine, which are simple in construction, serve to support the machine, and are capable of being removed when the machine is shipped and readily applied, this application being a division of my prior application Serial No. 735,084, filed October 28th, 1899.

To these and other ends the invention consists in certain improvements and combination of parts, all as will be hereinafter fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claim at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a voting machine of the type shown in my prior patents with my improved supports applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the upper portion of one of the supporting legs, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a corner of the machine casing showing the means for attaching the leg.

Similar reference numerals in the several figures indicate similar parts.

The casing indicated by 1 is of any suitable construction, such for instance, as that shown in my prior patents, preferably provided at the top with a curtain guide or rod 15 upon which runs the curtain 17 for covering the front of the machine; said curtain being adapted to be manipulated by means of a handle 19 connected to a pivotal arm 20, the latter controlling the operation of the voting mechanism within the casing.

3 indicates the end plates of the casing, and 4 the bottom plate thereof and the rear

side of the casing thus formed may be closed by suitable doors.

5 indicates the supporting legs for the machine, each preferably composed of a single piece of angle iron bent to the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, having the upper end of the loop portion provided with a notch 6, adapted to cooperate with a headed pin 7 fastened on the end plates 3 of the casing, and at the lower edge of said end plates are provided flanges, preferably composed of angle bars or plates 9, having notches or recesses 10 in the lower edge and near the ends, with which are arranged to cooperate headed studs 11 fastened upon the inner sides of the legs, as shown, this construction cheapening the cost of the support of the casing, and permitting the ready attachment and detachment of the legs when it is desired to store or ship the machine. Between the lower diverging portions of the legs are arranged braces 16 for the purpose of stiffening the latter. Attached to or formed upon the central portion of the bottom of the casing and preferably near the front, is arranged a socket plate 13, having near its ends sockets or recesses for the reception of the bent upper ends of brace rods 12, the lower ends of said rods being also bent to enter apertures formed in the lower front portions of the legs 5. These lower ends are preferably connected to the legs so that while the rods are free to turn thereon, they are not usually removable, but are capable of being folded in line with the legs to facilitate packing the latter. By thus arranging the legs at the side of the casing, connecting them by slot and pin connections at the upper portions of the legs, and also at the bottom corners of the casing, not only are the upper portions of the legs given a broad bearing against the casing, serving to steady it, but the weight of the machine tends to hold the parts firmly together, and when it is desired to pack the machine, for transportation or storage, the legs may be readily detached by lifting the machine vertically.

The flanges 9 at the bottom of the casing, which is the construction that I prefer, serve not only as a convenient means for securing the legs in the manner shown, but also support for the casing when the legs are detached, operating to hold the bottom of the

machine above the floor to permit lifting it, and so that it may be readily slid into and out of a shipping case, if desired.

I claim as my invention:

- 5 In combination with a casing having downwardly extending flanges at the lower edges of the sides thereof, said flanges having downwardly opening notches therein, and headed projections on said sides above

said flanges, of legs or supports having upwardly opening notches at the top for engaging said projections, and headed projections on the sides of said supports for engaging the notches in the flanges.

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