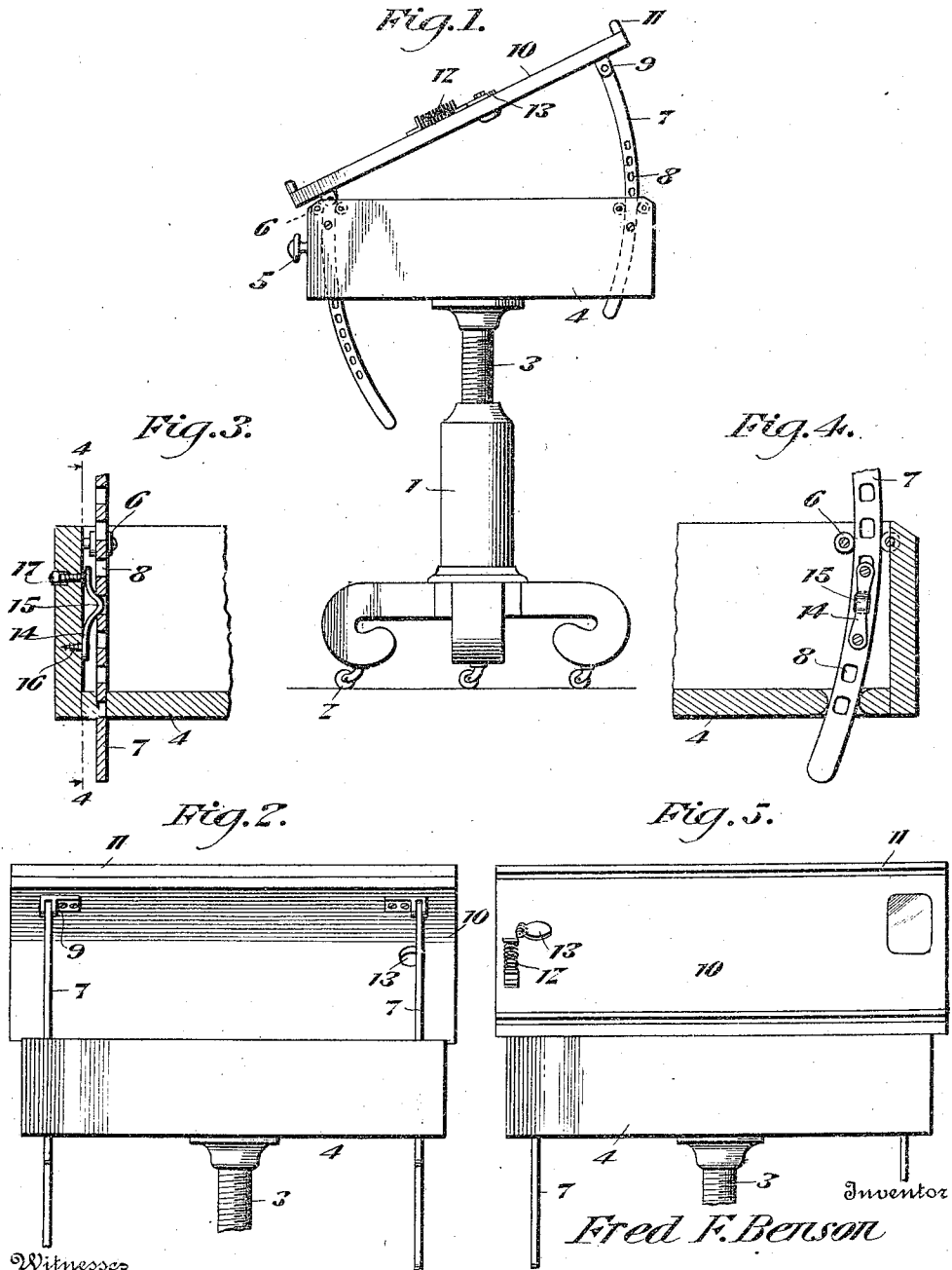


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED F. BENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chinook, in the county of Blaine and State of Montana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Writing-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to writing stands and it consists in the novel features herein-
10 after described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide a stand especially adapted to be used for holding writing materials in a convenient and efficient manner. The stand includes a
15 frame adapted to retain sliding drawers and having a top or board mounted thereon with means for supporting the said board in an inclined position. The board may be inclined downwardly toward either of two
20 ends of the frame and the board is provided at its opposite edges with upstanding ledges adapted to retain paper and other articles in position thereon. The board may support
25 an inkwell and may also support a pen holder or retainer. The frame is provided with a screw which is adapted to enter a pedestal and by rotating the frame the screw is turned in the pedestal thus providing
30 means for raising and lowering the frame with relation to the pedestal.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the writing stand.

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the upper portion
35 thereof.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of parts of the stand.

Fig. 4 is a similar view cut on the line
4-4 of Fig. 3.

40 Fig. 5 is a detailed view of a modification.

As illustrated in the accompanying drawings the writing stand comprises a pedestal 1 the feet of which are supported upon caster
5 rollers 2 in a usual manner. A standard 3 is screwed into the upper end of the pedestal and may be adjusted longitudinally in the pedestal by turning the same in a usual
10 manner. A frame or casing 4 is mounted upon the upper end of the standard 3 and may retain a number of sliding drawers one
15 of which is indicated at 5.

Rollers 6 are journaled at the opposite sides of the frame 4 in the vicinity of the upper edge thereof. Said rollers are arranged in pairs and the members of the
20 pairs of rollers 6 are spaced from each other.

Props 7 are received between the rollers 6 of the pairs of rollers and pass vertically through the frame 4. The props 7 are curved longitudinally and each prop is pro-
25 vided at points between its ends with a series of openings or depressions 8. The upper ends of the props 7 are pivotally connected with lugs 9 which in turn are attached to a board 10 in the vicinity of the edges
30 thereof. The board 10 is provided at its opposite edges with upstanding ledges 11 adapted to retain paper or other articles upon the said board when the board is in a horizontal position and when the board is
35 in an inclined position. A pen holder 12 of conventional form is mounted upon the upper surface of the board 10 and an ink well 13 is carried by the board in the vicinity of one edge thereof.
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Spring members 14 are attached to the sides of the frame 4 at the inner surfaces thereof and the said members are provided at points between their ends with humps 15
45 adapted to engage in the openings or depressions 8 of the props 7. The members 14 are secured at one end to the frame by means of screws 16 and adjusting screws 17 pass through the sides of the frame 4 and engage
50 against the free end portions of the members 14 whereby the tension of the said members may be regulated and the humps may be securely held in the openings or depressions 8.
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When sufficient force is applied in an up-
60 ward or downward direction to the edge of the board 10 the board may be lifted whereby the props 7 at one side of the frame 4 are moved along the resilient members 14 and between the rollers 6 while the lugs 9
65 remain in contact with the rollers 6 at the same side of the frame 4. Consequently the board may be moved from a horizontal position to an inclined position as illustrated in Fig. 1
70 of the drawing. It is obvious that the board may be tilted or inclined in an opposite direction by applying the lifting force or strain to the opposite edge thereof. There-
75 fore it will be seen that the board may be tilted and held in an inclined position and sloping toward one or the other side of the frame and when in an inclined position it may be conveniently used for writing, draw-
80 ing, or similar purposes. In view of the fact that the board is provided with a pen holder and an ink well the accessories may
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be retained ready at hand and used as desired or required.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:

- 5 1. A stand comprising a support, rollers journaled thereon, and arranged in pairs, props received between the members of the pairs of rollers and provided with openings, resilient members attached to the support,
10 said members having humps adapted to enter the openings, means for increasing or diminishing the resiliency of the members and a board carried by the props.

2. A stand comprising a support, rollers

journaled thereon and arranged in pairs, 15
longitudinally curved props located between the members of the pairs of rollers and provided with openings, spring members attached at one end to the support and provided at points between their ends with 20
humps adapted to engage in the openings of the props, screws passing through the supports and bearing against the free ends of the resilient members and a board attached to the props.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. 25

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