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VOTING BOOTH.

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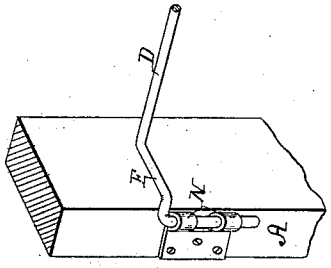
Fig. 4.



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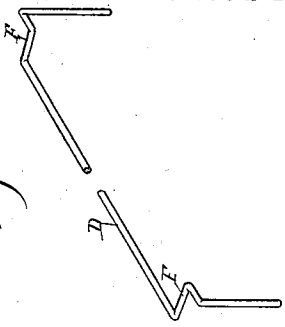

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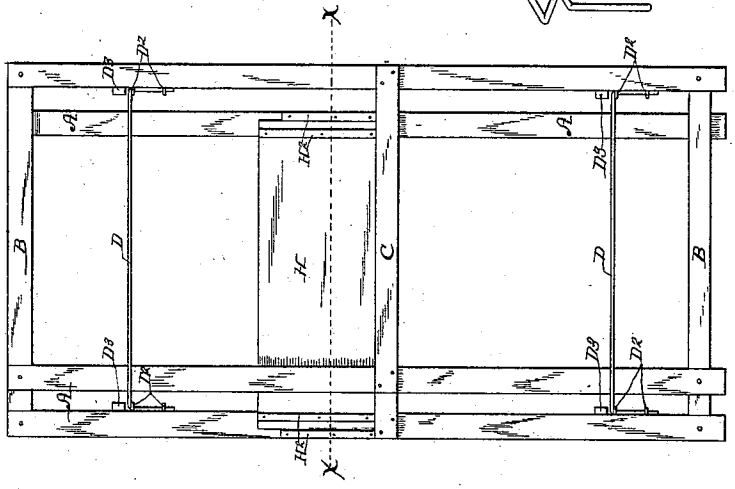

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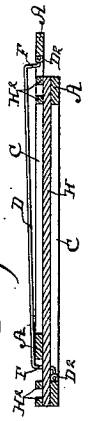
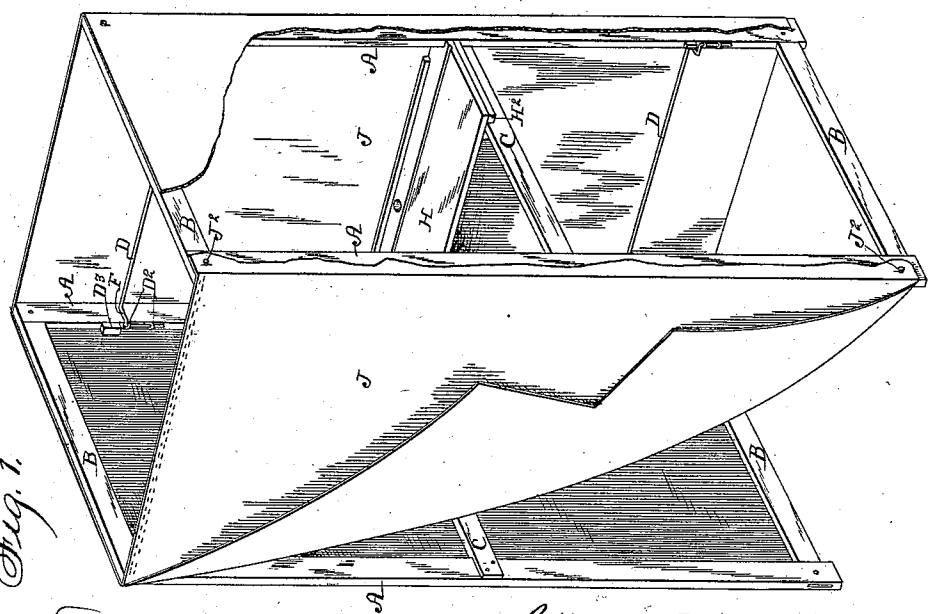


Fig. 1.



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VOTING-BOOTH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRED L. FAIRBANK and CHARLES B. LANGLEY, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented an Improved Voting-Booth, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and durable voting-booth, which may be readily and quickly set up without the use of nails, screws, &c., and which will occupy a minimum of space when packed for shipment, storage, &c., and which may be compactly folded without being taken apart.

To this end our invention consists in the construction of the rods for connecting the side pieces and in the arrangement and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in our claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete booth set up as required in practical use, part of the covering being removed to show the construction of hidden parts. Fig. 2 is a side view of the frame as folded for shipment or storage. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view along the line *x x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view of a detached portion of the frame, showing a modified form of attaching the braces thereto; and Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail perspective view of one of the braces.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the frame is seen to comprise the two side frames, each consisting of the two uprights A, the top and bottom cross-pieces B and the central cross-piece C, securely fixed together in any suitable common manner. At their rear edges these frames are held together in a parallel position by means of the two braces D D, which consist of iron bars pivotally secured to the inner edges of the rear uprights A by being bent downwardly and inserted in the screw-eyes D^2 to prevent them from being removed. We preferably secure a block D^3 to the said upright immediately above the bore. The rod is then bent to overlap the sides of the rear uprights. By this construction of the bars the forward edges of the side pieces are braced against outward movements, and further when the frame is folded the side pieces may be folded inwardly in a compact manner, which would not be possible with the use of straight bars. As a further support for the side pieces the table H is provided with cleats H^2 on the under surface adapted to admit the cross-pieces C between them.

We provide a cross-brace at the front and top of the frame to prevent lateral movements of the side pieces, as shown in Fig. 1.

J designates the covering for the booth, preferably made of canvas and fastened to the frame by means of the buttons J^2, which allow the cover to be readily detached.

When it is desired to fold the frame, the cover is first removed and the table detached from the cross-pieces and placed with its edge resting upon one of them. The sides are then folded inwardly so as to clasp the said table between them without removing any of the parts of the frame.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the part designated by the reference-letter N consists of a metal plate having its one edge extended beyond the edge of the upright and adapted to receive the end of the cross-bar, which is bent from thence at right angles parallel with the side of said upright. This part N corresponds in shape with one section of a hinge which may be used in its stead.

Having thus described the booth, what we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States therefor, is—

The combination in a voting-booth, of two side frames, one or more braces pivotally connected at each end with the forward edge of the rear upright of the side pieces to swing in a horizontal plane, and bent from thence inwardly then rearwardly in engagement with the inside faces of the side pieces, substantially as and for the purposes stated.

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