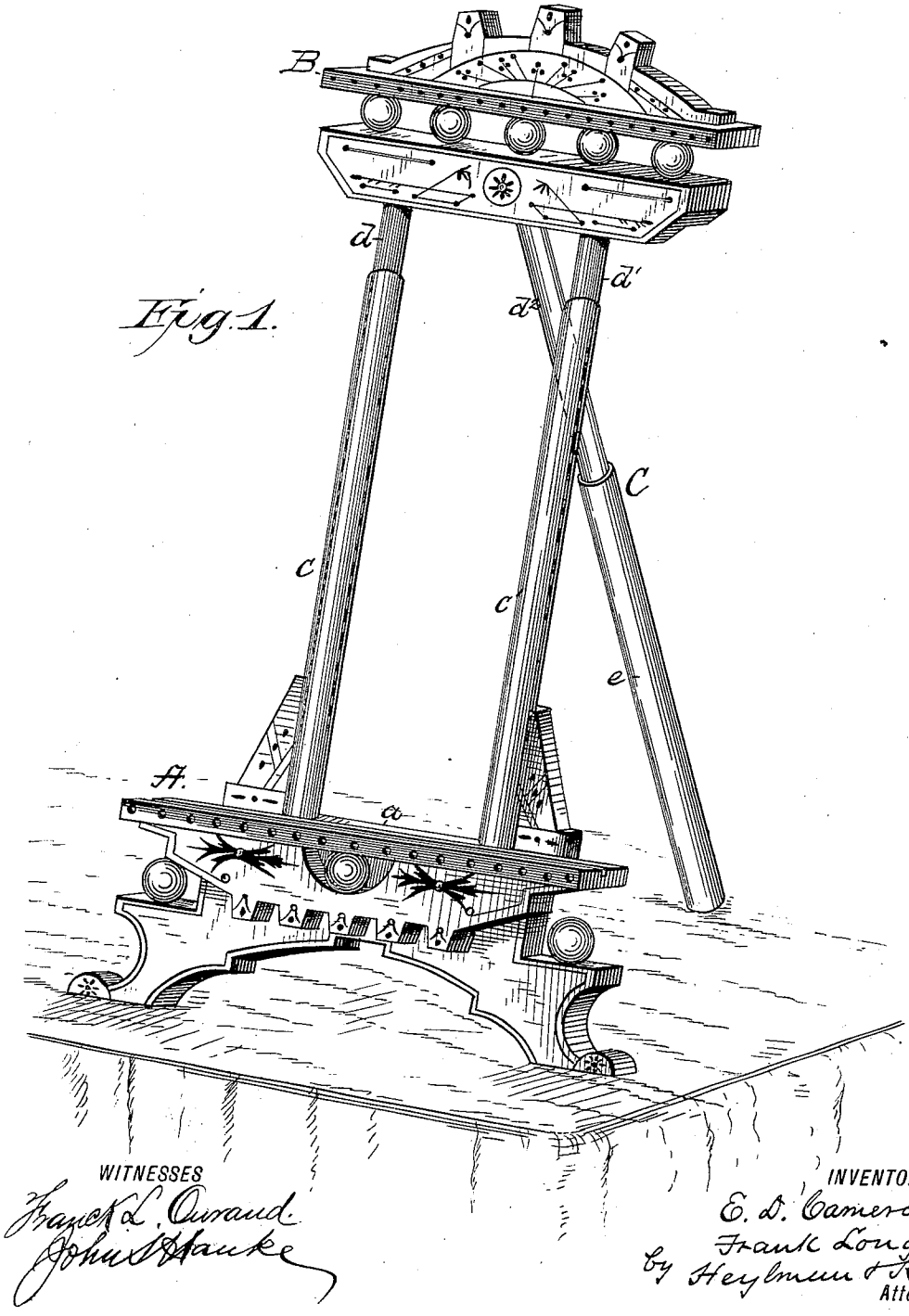
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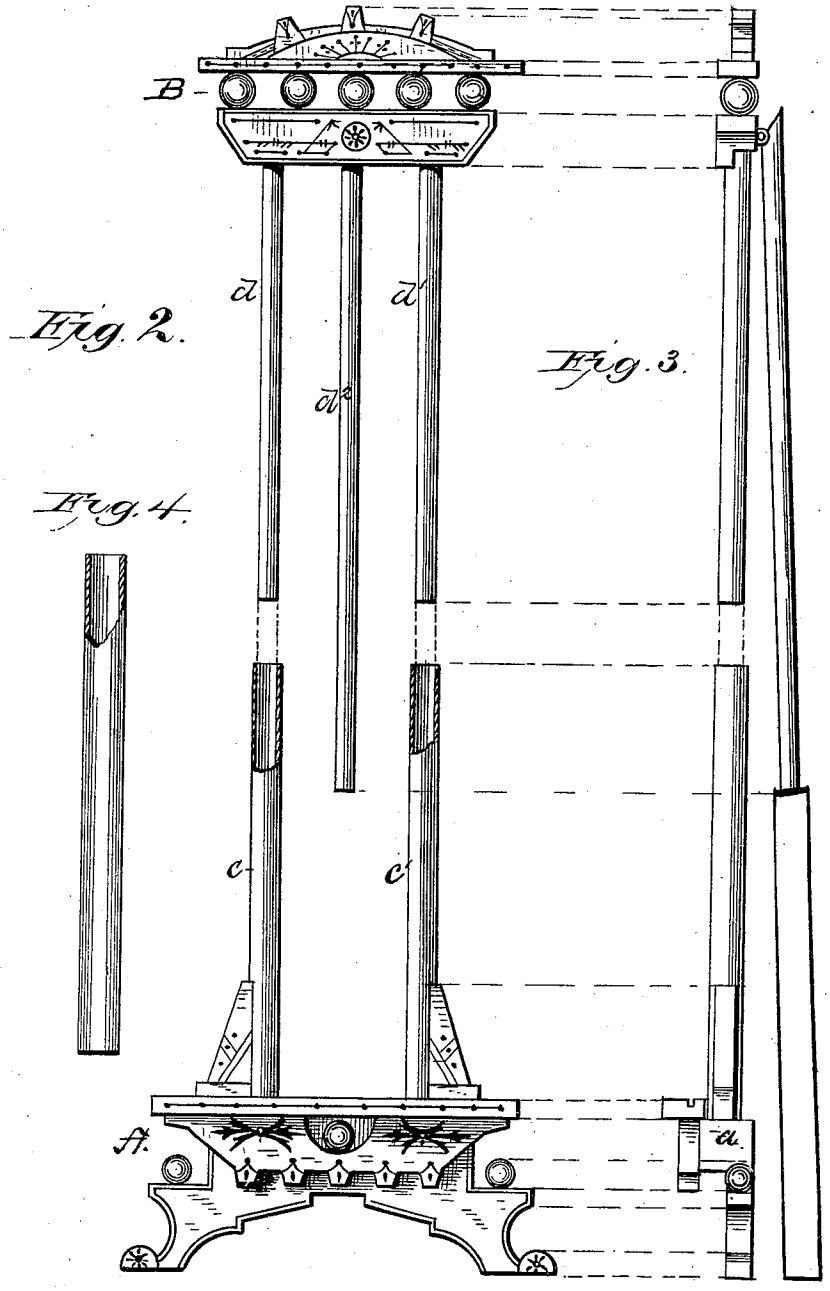


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDWARD D. CAMERON and FRANK LONG, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easels; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has relation to improvements in easels and back-rests; and the object is to provide an easel and back-rest which can be lengthened or shortened, so as to suit many different sizes of panels and like articles.

The advantages to the trade of an easel capable of being extended and contracted are, that retailers of the goods are not compelled to keep easels of many sizes to suit different-sized panels in their stock, the extensible quality of our improved easels making them applicable to panels of different sizes without destroying the symmetry of style, and persons possessing panels can suit their dimensions without actual measurement, or use the easels for different panels, when desired.

Our invention consists in the combination of tubes attached to a base bar or plate of the easel, and standards fixed to the top bar to register and adjust within the tubes in the base, said top bar or plate having an extensible back-rest pivotally attached.

Our invention further consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically set forth.

In the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved extensible easel. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same, showing the parts separated and the tubes partly in section. Fig. 3 is an end view, and Fig. 4 is a view of one of the tubes.

The letter A represents an ornamental base of a panel-easel, which may be of any desired size and design. In the cross plate or bar *a* the tubular standards or sleeves *c* and *c'* are secured by pins or any other suitable fastening means. These tubes are of such length and proportions as may maintain the desirableness of the style and suit the size of the easel.

The letter B represents the top cross-bar or ornament of the easel, in or to which are secured the round standards *d d'*, of such diameter as to fit snugly the tubes of the bottom section, and are so set that they exactly register with said tubes when the parts or sections are brought together.

The letter C represents the back-rest, or support, composed of the standard d^2 and the tubular sleeve *e*. This back-rest is pivotally attached to the back of the top section by any suitable means, preferably by a wire run through the top and held to the frame by staples. The standards and back-rest of the top section are made preferably of light wood, and the tubes are made of light sheet metal, bent into tubular forms, and the edges lapped without soldering together, so as to admit the standards and hold them in any desired point by frictional contact.

It is obvious that the design and ornamentation of the top and bottom sections of the easel may be varied to suit the taste and skill of the artist; and it will be observed that the order of construction and position of the tubes and standards herein described may be reversed. We therefore claim the right to vary the construction and combination of the parts without departing from the spirit of our invention.

We are aware that it is not new in parlor-easels to make a stand with extensible sliding frames resting therein, and sustained in an adjustable position by frictional contact; but this differs from our invention in structure and in having no provision for changing the inclination of the easel.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In an easel, the combination of two tubes attached to a base bar or plate of the easel, and standards fixed to the top bar or plate to register and adjust within the tubes in the base, said top section having a pivotally-attached extensible back-support, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an extensible and contractible easel, consisting of a lower section provided with tubes, an upper section with telescoping rods, and a pivotally-connected extensible and contractible back-support, substantially as described.

3. An easel composed of a base portion pro-

vided with vertical receiving means, a top section provided with descending means adapted to fit snugly within the receiving means and be adjusted and held at suitable heights by frictional contact alone, and a back-support pivoted or hinged for varying the inclination of the easel, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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