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Fig. 1.

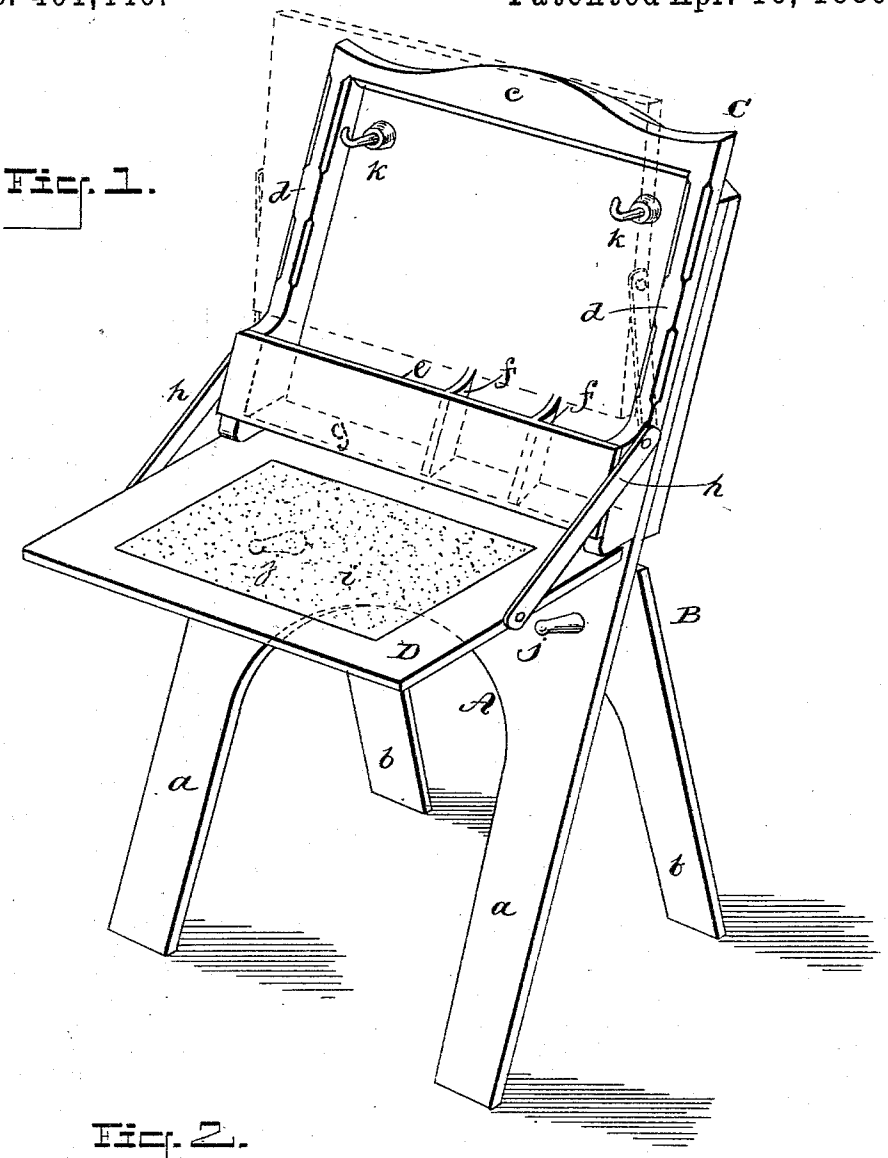
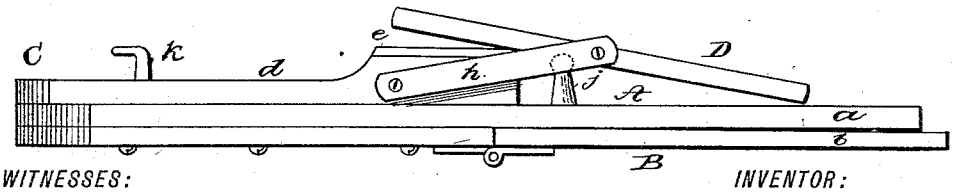


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. KEITH, of Stockton, in the county of San Joaquin and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Combined Writing-Desk, Drawing-Board, and Easel, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the combined writing-desk, drawing-board, and easel folded.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device that will serve as a writing-desk, drawing-board, and easel, and which will be capable of being readily adjusted for either of the uses for which it is designed.

My invention consists in the combination, with a flat board forming the body of the device, of folding legs for supporting it in an upright position, a reversible board connected with the body by a pair of straps, receptacles for receiving the writing and drawing materials and instruments, and a pair of pins for supporting a canvas or board.

The body A consists of a board having a portion removed from its lower end to form legs *a*. To the back of the body A, near the center thereof, is hinged a board, B, having a central portion removed to form legs *b*. To the face of the upper part of the body A is attached a frame, C, formed with a cross-piece, *c*, and the side pieces, *d*, which are enlarged at their lower ends to receive the board *e*, which, together with the partitions *f* and bottom board, *g*, (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1,) form compartments for receiving drawing or writing materials and instruments. To the side pieces, *d*, are pivoted straps *h*, the free ends of which are pivotally connected with the ends of the board D. The board D is provided on one side with a covering, *i*, of cloth or leather, and the opposite side of the said board is coated with a blackboard composition. The straps *h* are arranged relative to the board D, so that the rear edge of the board may catch under the lower ends of the side pieces, *d*, when it is desired to use the board for writing purposes. When the board is to be used as a blackboard, it is lifted into the position indicated by dotted lines; or it may be used as a blackboard while in a horizontal position. Pins *j* are inserted in the body A, below the ends of the side pieces, *d*, for supporting a canvas or board.

In the upper part of the body A, within the frame C, are inserted hooks *k* for supporting charts or maps.

When not in use, my combined writing-desk, drawing-board, and easel may be folded up, as shown in Fig. 2.

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

1. The combination of the body A, provided with board C, secured to its front face, the board B, hinged to the back of the body, and the board D, pivotally connected to the body by straps *h*, and having its rear edge, when lowered into a horizontal position, resting under the lower end of the board C, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the body A, provided with the legs *a*, of the hinged board B, having legs *b*, the cross-piece *c*, side pieces, *d*, the boards *e f g*, the straps *h*, and the board D, substantially as specified.

3. The combination, with the body A, provided with the legs *a*, of the hinged board B, having legs *b*, the cross-piece *c*, side pieces, *d*, the boards *e f g*, the straps *h*, the board D, and the pins *j*, inserted in the body A, substantially as specified.

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