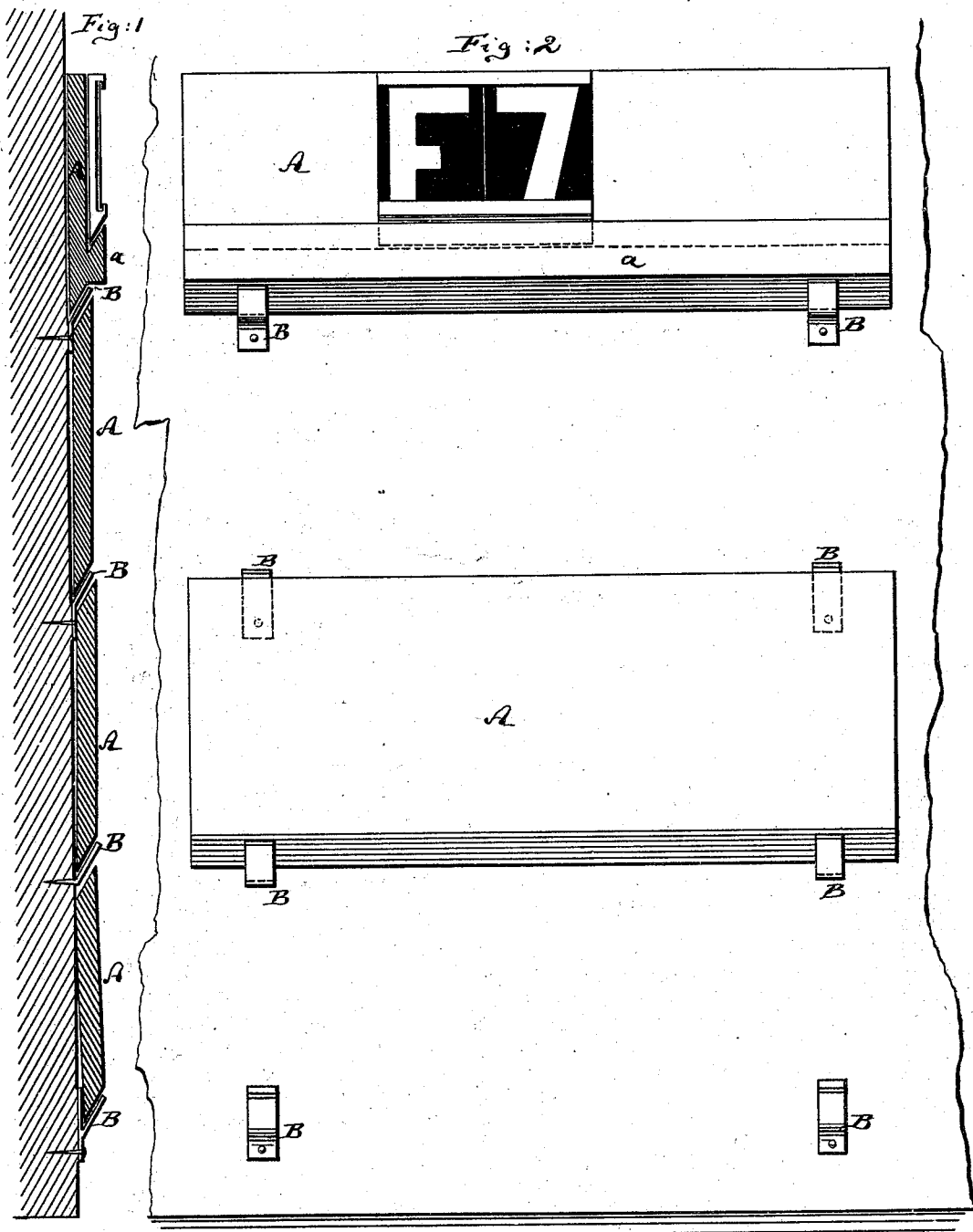


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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKBOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DE WITT C. TAYLOR, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Sectional Blackboard, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a vertical transverse section of my improved sectional blackboard. Fig. 2 is a face view of parts of the same, showing, however, the supports for the entire board.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention has for its object to produce a sectional blackboard which can be readily placed against a wall and readily dismembered and divided into a series of boards, which can be separately exhibited in different parts of the same room.

My invention consists, principally, in constructing the board of a series of horizontal sections, and combining each section with separate supporting devices that are fastened in the wall, all as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, the letters A A represent several sections of my improved blackboard. Each section measures the full length horizontally of the board, but only part of the height thereof, so that the complete board is only produced by superposing a series of such sections, A A, as in Fig. 1. The lower edge of each section is beveled, and for its support a series of sloping brackets, B B, are secured in the wall, as shown. When a section, A, is placed upon any two or more such brackets B B it is properly held in place on the wall.

I propose to secure such brackets in differ-

ent parts of the same school-room, so that the teacher may display the sections of the same board at different places, or unite them into a smaller or larger board, as occasion may require.

In order to produce a perfect match at the contiguous edges of two sections, A A, I have also beveled the upper edges of the sections, as shown, so that their cross-section will appear as an acute-angled parallelogram. The uppermost section, however, can be flat at the upper edge.

The face of each section may either be plain, to be written or drawn upon, or it may be provided with projecting ribs *a* or other supporting devices for letter-blocks.

It will be seen that by my improved arrangement each section of the board will be separately supported on the wall, and yet all the sections together constitute a perfect blackboard or bulletin.

I claim as my invention—

1. A blackboard composed of a series of horizontal sections, A A, placed vertically one above the other, and combined with a series of tiers of brackets, B B, in such manner that the several sections of the same board are separately supported by separate brackets, substantially as set forth.

2. The section A of a blackboard, beveled at the lower and also at the upper edge, substantially as specified, for the purpose set forth.

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