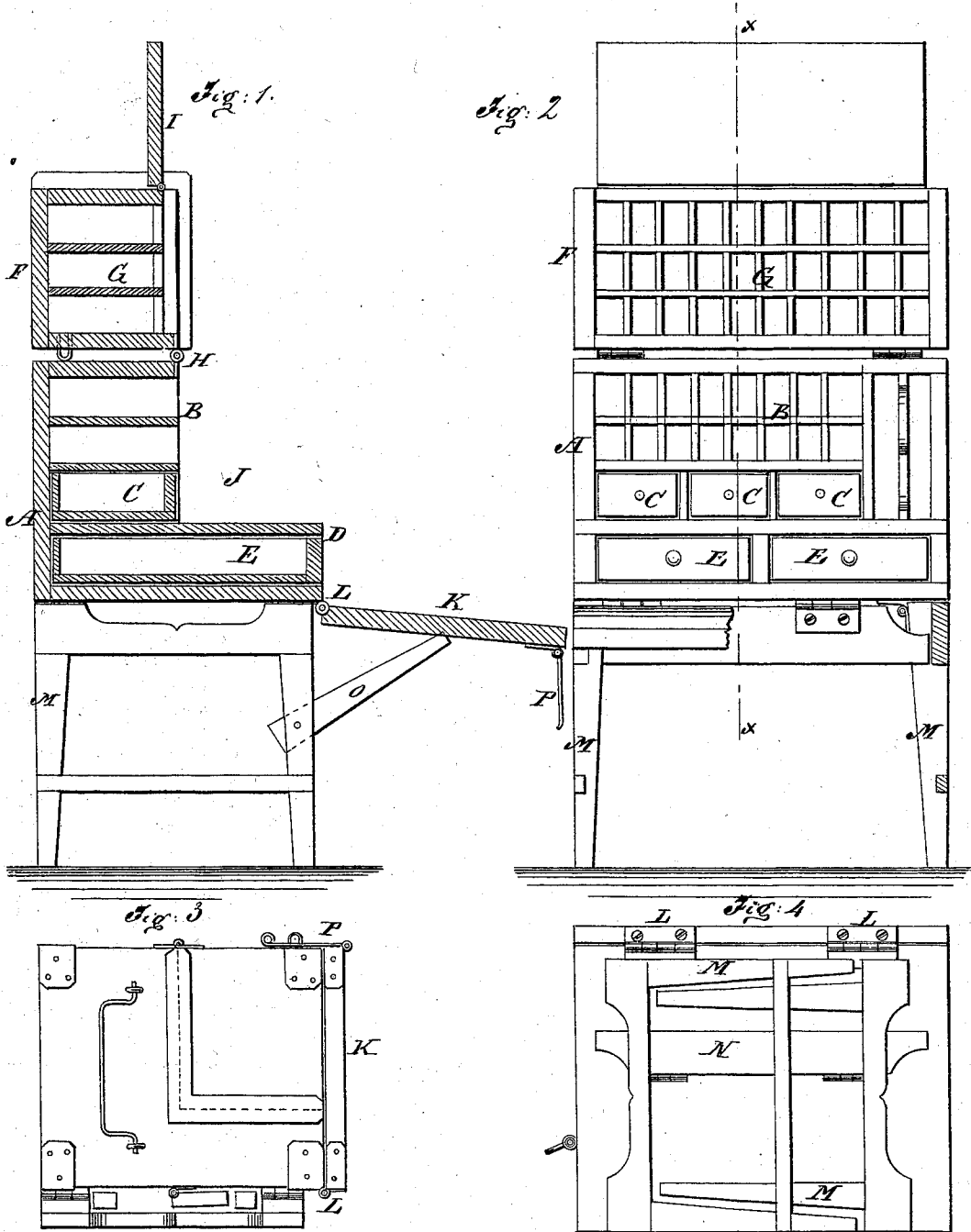


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING DESKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. PIERSON, of Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Field-Desk, of which the following is a specification:

The invention will first be fully described, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing, Figure 1 represents a vertical section of Fig. 2, taken on the line *x x*. Fig. 2 is a front view, showing the desk open as when ready for use. Fig. 3 is an end view as when the desk is folded. Fig. 4 is an under-side view as when folded.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This desk is made in sections, which are hinged together and so arranged that they fold together and form a compact body resembling in shape and proportion an ordinary field-desk. In this example of my invention I show it provided with folding legs, (see Figs. 1 and 2,) but the legs may be dispensed with if desired.

A represents the main section of the desk, which of itself is of the desk form, provided with pigeon-holes B and drawers C in back part. The projecting part D is also provided with one or more drawers, E. F is the second section, which is also provided with pigeon-holes G, and is hinged to the top piece of the section, as seen at H. I is a cover for the pigeon-holes G, which drops down, and is fastened by means of a metallic button-plate.

This section F turns down and fills the triangular space J, as seen in Fig. 3. K is the desk-leaf, which is hinged to the lower section A at L. It drops down, as seen in Fig. 1, when the desk is in use, and turns up, as seen in Fig. 3, when the desk is closed. M are the legs, which are made in pairs and hinged to the bottom. When extended, the legs are held in position by the hinged bar N. O represents braces for the support of the writing-leaf K. P is a hasp, by means of which the leaf K is fastened and locked to the top of the section F. (See Fig. 3.) This desk without legs may be placed upon a table or stand, and be used quite as conveniently as with legs. For service in the field or camp, or wherever it is an object to economize room and space in transportation, storage, or in quarters, this desk is admirably adapted for the purpose, and is quite as convenient for a proper arrangement of papers as the more elaborate and bulky desks in use.

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

The desk A B C E, combined with hinged section F G, cover I, and leaf K, as and for the purpose specified.

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