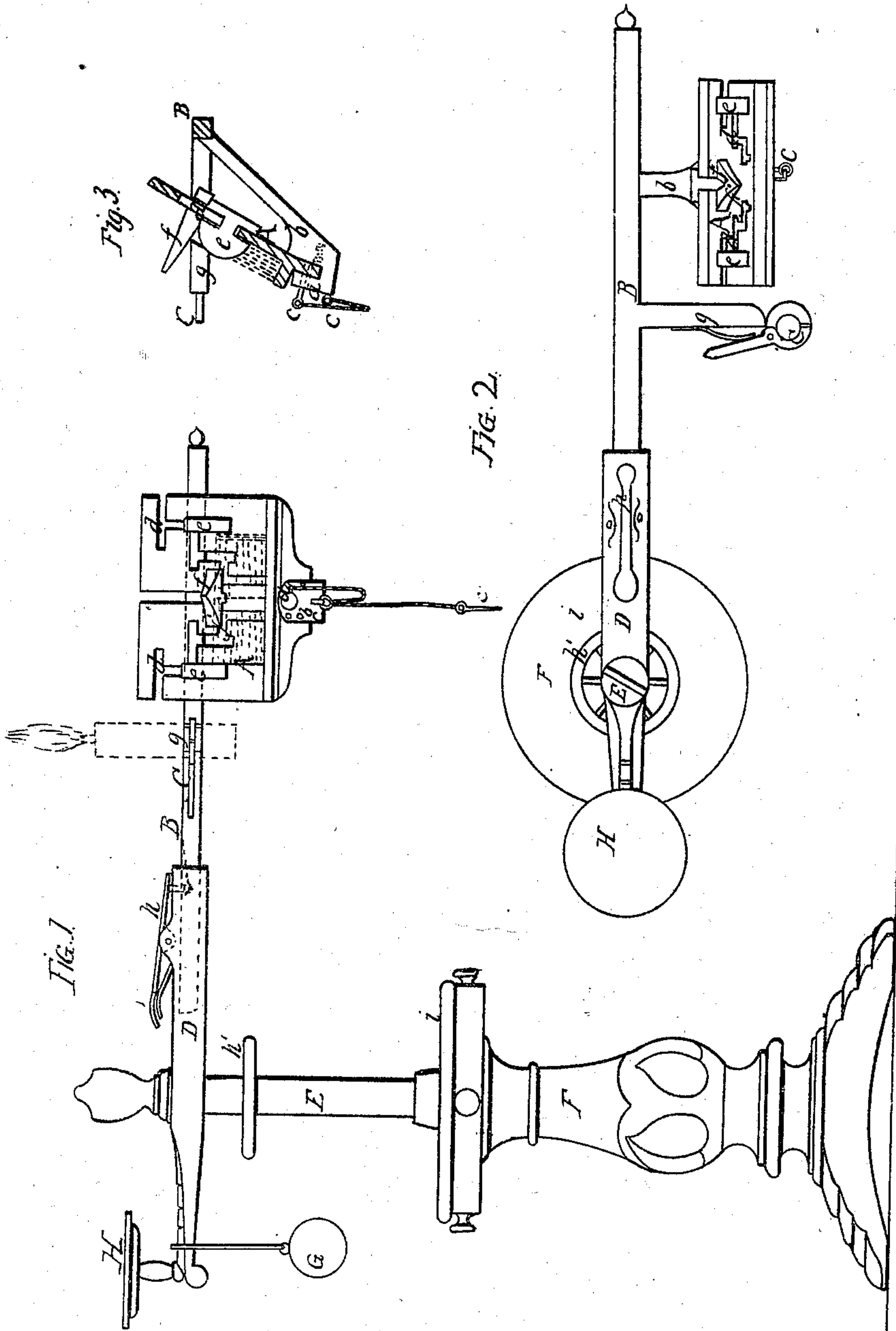


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NIGHT READING-DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ROGOWSKI, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Night
5 Reading-Desk; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

10 Figure 1, represents a side elevation of my invention. Fig. 2, is a plan or top view of the same. Fig. 3, is a transverse vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference in the three
15 views indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide a reading desk combined with a clamp to hold a gas burner or candle and attached to arms which are adjustable in a vertical and
20 lateral direction, said desk being furnished with adjustable stops to prevent the book from sliding down over the sides of the desk and with a sliding clasp overlapping the upper edge of the book and intended to hold
25 the pages down, the whole being attached to a suitable stand in such a manner that the desk can be readily and conveniently adjusted for a person wishing to read while lying in bed or on a couch.

30 To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention I will proceed to describe its construction and operation with reference to the drawing.

The desk A, is secured by means of a
35 pivot *a*, to an arm *b*, that extends in a downwardly inclined direction from the rod B. The pivot *a*, and the arm *b*, are so arranged that the desk can be slightly inclined toward either side, pins *c*, being provided for retain-
40 ing it in the desired position.

The desk is furnished with zig-zag slots *d*, which form the guide for the stops *e*, and for the clasp *f*. The stops *e*, are intended to retain the book and prevent it sliding
45 off sidewise over the sides of the desk. The clasp *f*, is provided with a lip *f'*, that catches over the upper edge of the book and it serves to hold the paper down.

An arm *g*, which extends in a horizontal

direction in close proximity to the desk from
50 the side of the rod B, carries the clamp C, which is intended to hold the gas burner or candle. The rod B, is inserted into a sleeve D, and it is made to slide in and out being retained in the desired position by a spring
55 catch *h*. The sleeve D, rotates on a pivot formed by the top end of a vertical rod E, which screws into the stand F, so that by turning it in one direction or in the other the desk is raised or lowered. A hand wheel
60 *h'*, serves for turning said rod. The top of the stand F, forms a table *i*, which may be used to place books or other articles on, and which may be provided with drawers when
65 desired.

In order to counterbalance the overweight created by the desk and the book upon it on one side of the stand, the sleeve D, extends beyond the vertical rod E, and a balance
70 weight G, is suspended from that end of the sleeve opposite the desk, or a small platform H, may be attached to that end to receive one or two books which in this case take the place of the counterpoise.

The stand F, may either be made high
75 enough to stand on the floor or it may be made of such a height, that the same, when it is to be used, must be placed on a table or chair.

In every case my device will be found to
80 be a very convenient contrivance for persons desiring to read while lying on a couch or bed.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-
85 ters Patent is:

The arrangement and combination of a reading desk A, with stops *e*, *e*, and clasp *f*, clamp C, horizontally adjustable rod B, ro-
90 tary sleeve D, and vertically adjustable rod E, all constructed and operating substantially in the manner and for the purpose shown and described.

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