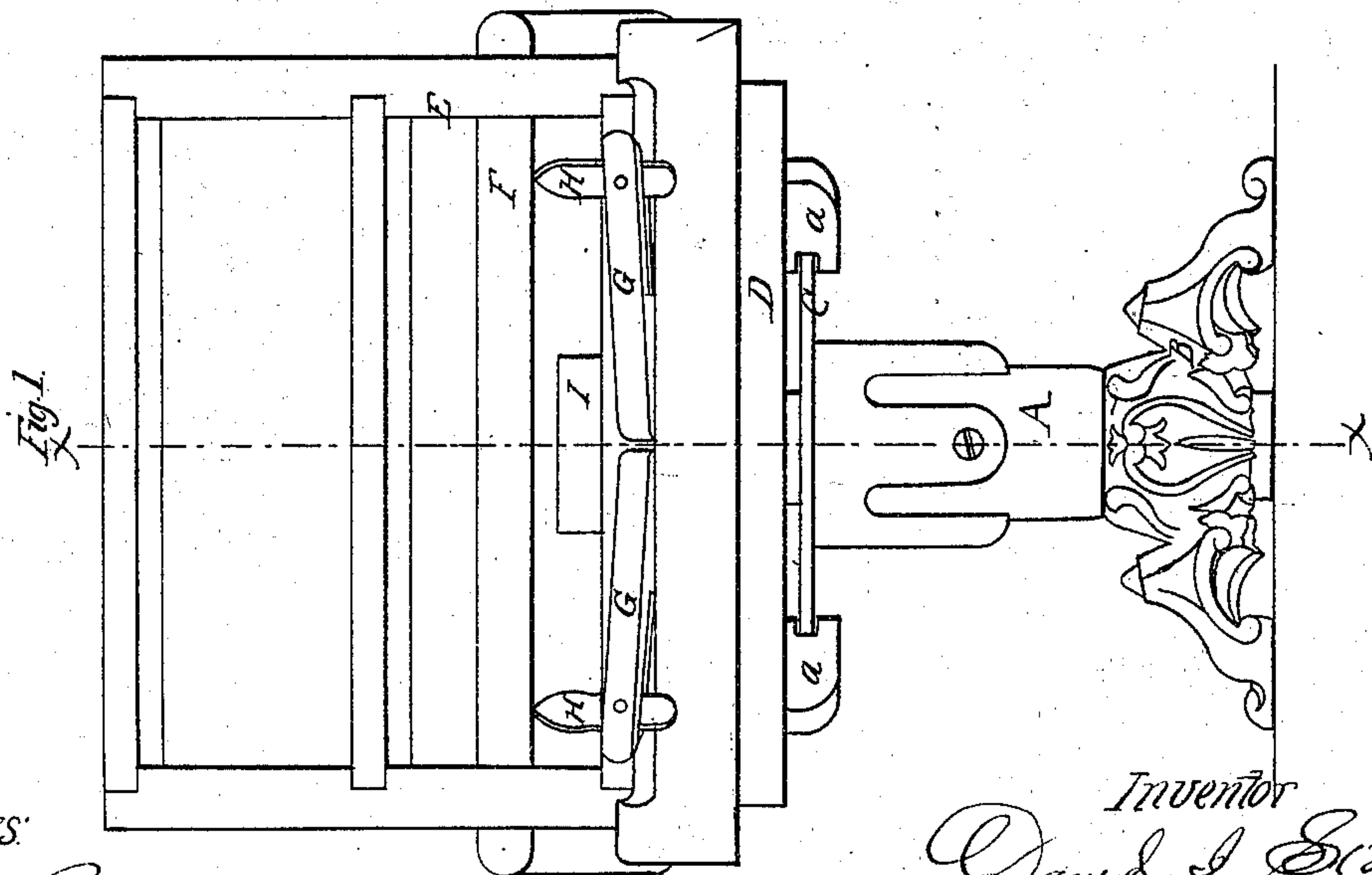
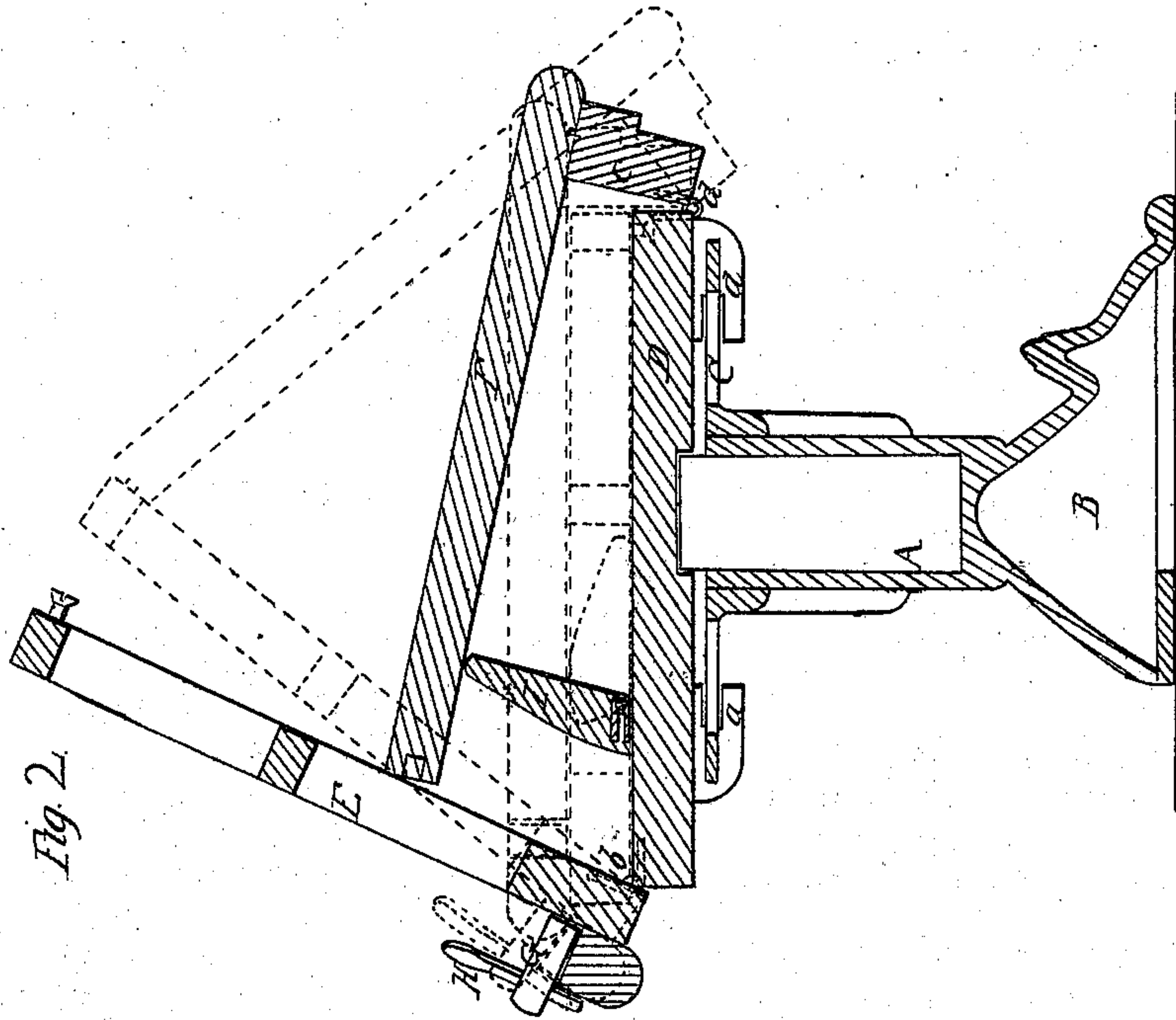


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## IMPROVED STAND, DESK, AND BOOK-HOLDER.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID I. STAGG, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Combination of Stand, Writing-Desk, and Book-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention adjusted as a writing-desk and book-holder; Fig. 2, side sectional view of the same, taken in the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention relates to a new and useful combination of a stand, writing-desk, and book-holder constructed as hereinafter fully shown and described, where the device may, with the greatest facility, be adjusted so as to be used for any of the purposes above specified, and still be simple in construction and economical to construct.

A represents an upright supported by a suitable base, B, and having a horizontal circular plate, C, on its upper end, the edges of which are fitted in cleats *a*, attached to the under side of a bed-piece, D, which may be of rectangular form and of any suitable dimensions, the upper end of the upright A fitting loosely in a hole or socket in the under side of the bed-piece. This mode of connecting the bed-piece to the upright admits of the former turning freely.

E represents a book-holder, which is a rectangular frame attached by hinges *b* to one edge of the bed-piece D in such a manner that it may be folded horizontally down on the bed-piece, as shown in blue outline in Fig. 2.

F represents a board, one edge of which has a cleat, *c*, attached to its under side at right angles, and the lower edge of this cleat is attached, by hinges, *d*, to the edge of the bed-piece opposite to that edge where the book-holder is hinged. The cleat *c* admits of the board F being folded horizontally down over the book-holder E, as also shown in blue in Fig. 2.

To the outer or lower edge of the book-holder there are attached by pivots two arms, G G, in which fingers H are pivoted. These arms serve to support the book, while the fin-

gers hold the book open, being adjusted against the leaves at each side thereof. In order to use the book-holder, the board F is raised and supported at a proper degree of elevation by a bar, I, which is hinged to the upper surface of the bed-piece D, and the raised edge of F serves as a support for the book-holder, holding it in a proper inclined position, while the inclination of the board F admits of its being used as a writing-desk, as shown in tint in Fig. 2. This will prove to be very convenient in many cases, as a person, for instance, in perusing a book on the holder, may, in case it is desired to make a minute of any passage, simply turn the device around and bring the desk before him and effect that object.

In case two book-holders are required, the board F may be still further raised, so that the top of the book-holder may rest against it, as shown in red outline, Fig. 2, and the lower edge of F may be provided with the arms and fingers like those of the book-holder, and two persons may read from two different books on the same device. To adjust the device as a stand, the book-holder E and support or bar I are turned down upon the bed-piece, and the board F turned or folded down upon them, the board F forming the top of the stand.

The construction and arrangement are extremely simple. It is not essential that the device be made to revolve, and in some cases revolving ones would not be required, the bed-piece D merely resting on a table, and in certain cases the device may be set in a table, or the bed-piece made of much larger dimensions than the book-holder, so as to afford space for books and other articles to rest upon.

I do not confine myself to any particular form of book-holder, as they may be modified and varied in various ways.

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

The stand, writing-desk, and book-holder consisting of the bed-piece D, hinged frame E, hinged board F, provided with the fingered arms G G, and hinged bar I, combined and operating in the manner and for the purpose herein specified.

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