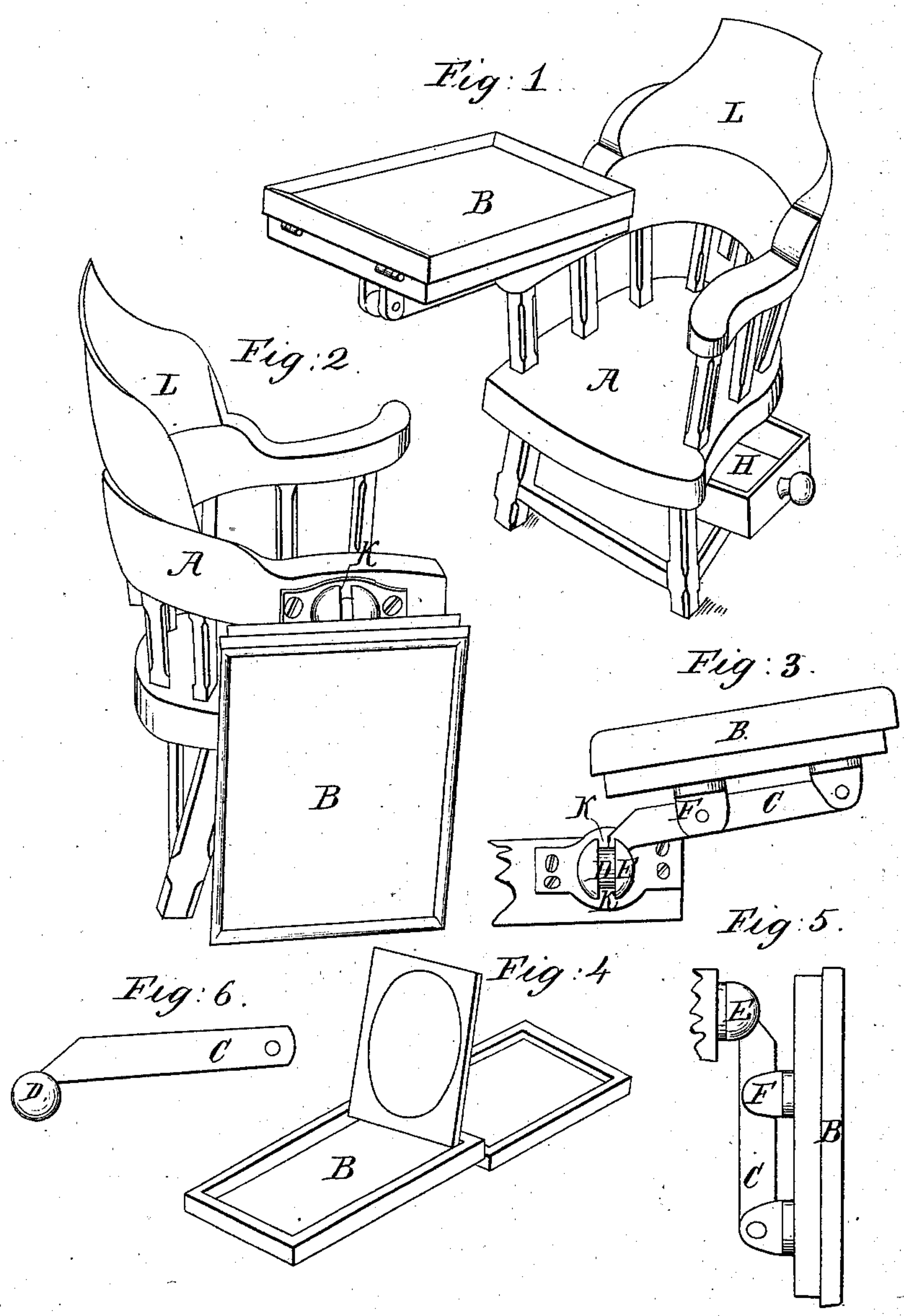


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Book Support and Chair,
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IMPROVED CHAIR AND DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHANCEY B. SHERMAN, of the city of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Chair and Desk Combined; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being hereby had to the accompanying drawings, which form and make a part of this specification.

Like letters represent and refer to like or corresponding parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair containing my invention and improvements, each more fully hereinafter described and set forth. Fig. 2 is also a perspective view of a chair, showing the desk or table B thrown down in a perpendicular position by the side of the chair A, as the same would be when not in use, substantially as hereinafter described and specified. Fig. 3 is a view showing the desk B, arm C, and also showing the ball-and-socket joint D E, by which the said desk B is fastened or attached to the chair A, substantially in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter described and set forth. Fig. 4 is a view of the desk or table B, showing the construction thereof, as hereinafter fully described and set forth. Fig. 5 is also a view of the desk B and arm C, showing the same as it would appear when dropped down by the side of the chair, as at Fig. 2, as hereinafter described and set forth. Fig. 6 is a view of the arm C, showing the ball D on the end thereof, which fits into the socket E, in the manner and for the purposes herein described and set forth.

The nature of my said invention and improvements consists in attaching a desk or table to a chair or other seat by means of the arm C, or its equivalent, which is connected to and with the said chair by means of the ball-and-socket joint D E, in such a manner that the said desk or table B may be shifted at pleasure from the position shown at Fig. 1 to that shown at Fig. 2, substantially in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter fully described and set forth.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention relates to make and use the same, I will here proceed to describe the construction and operation of the same, which is as follows, to wit:

A, Figs. 1 and 2, is a chair, such as is in ordinary use. B, same figures, is a desk or table, of any size, shape, and construction deemed best. To the under side of said desk I attach the arm C by any manner of flexible joint deemed best. At the other end of said arm C is a ball, D, which plays freely within the socket E, which is securely fastened to the side or arm of the chair A. The said arm C and ball and socket D and E may be made of any metal or material that may be required.

F, Figs. 3 and 5, is a projection on the under side of the desk B, having a slot or recess in the same, through which the arm C passes when the desk is in a position favorable for use, and is for the purpose of steadying and supporting the said desk B in such position.

The socket E is constructed with a slot, K, in the same, so that when the arm C projects outward from the chair A it will fall downward, thus bringing the desk in the position shown at Fig. 2.

H, Fig. 1, shows a drawer, which may be placed under the said chair A for convenience in keeping writing materials, books, &c. The said desk or table B, may, if desired, be fitted up as a toilet-table, having therein a looking-glass, &c., as shown at Fig. 4.

By these means I am enabled to construct a combined chair and desk that can be used for writing and other purposes when in the position shown at Fig. 1; or, when it is not desired to use the said desk B, it may be dropped down by the side of the chair, substantially as shown at Fig. 2, and fully hereinbefore described and set forth.

Having thus described the nature of my said invention and improvements, what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The combination of the chair A, desk or table B, with the arm C, and ball-and-socket joint D E, each being constructed, arranged, and combined substantially in the manner and for the purposes herein fully described and set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of May, 1867.

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