

A.H. Brown's Comb^d Seat & Desk

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Fig. 1.

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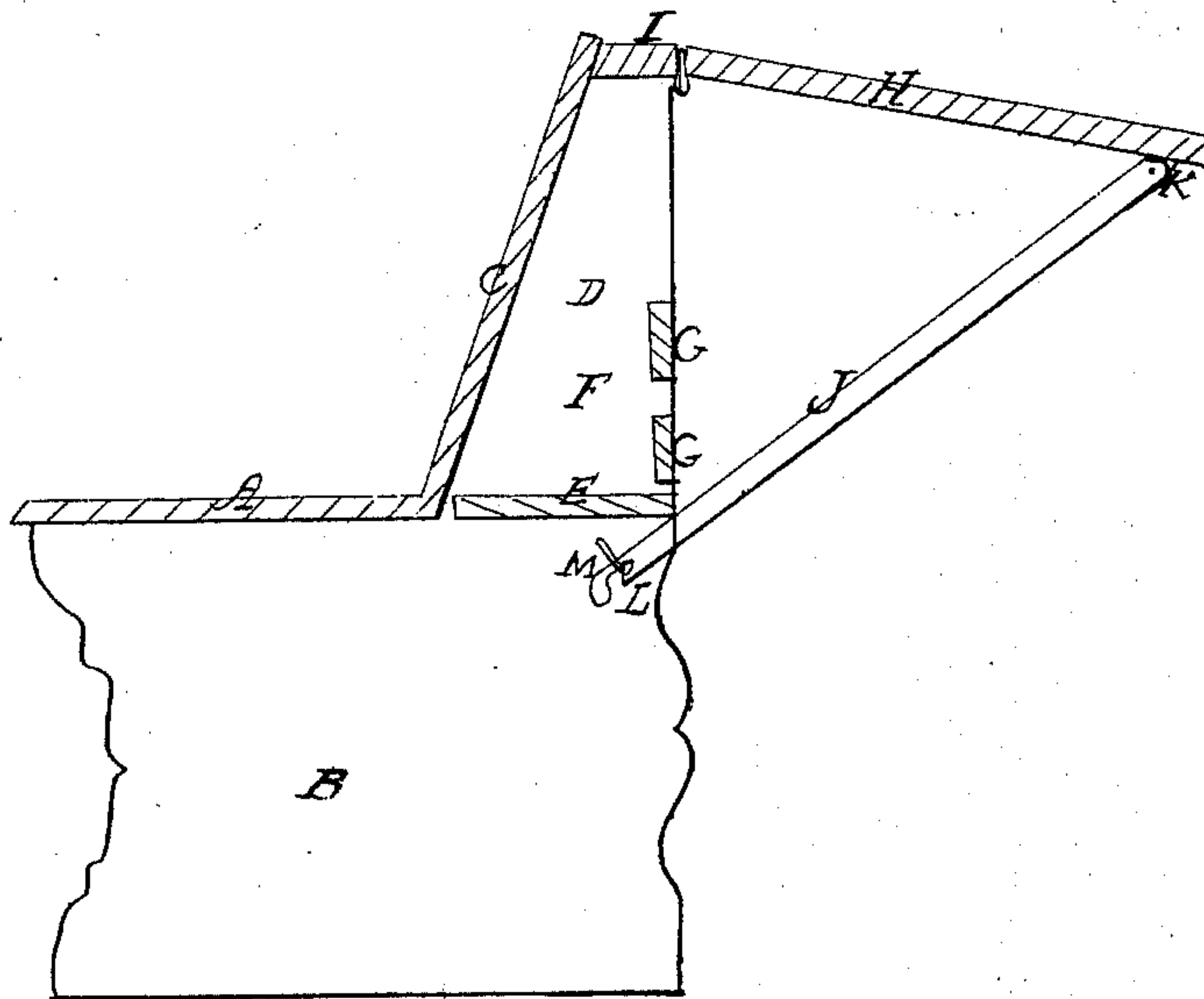
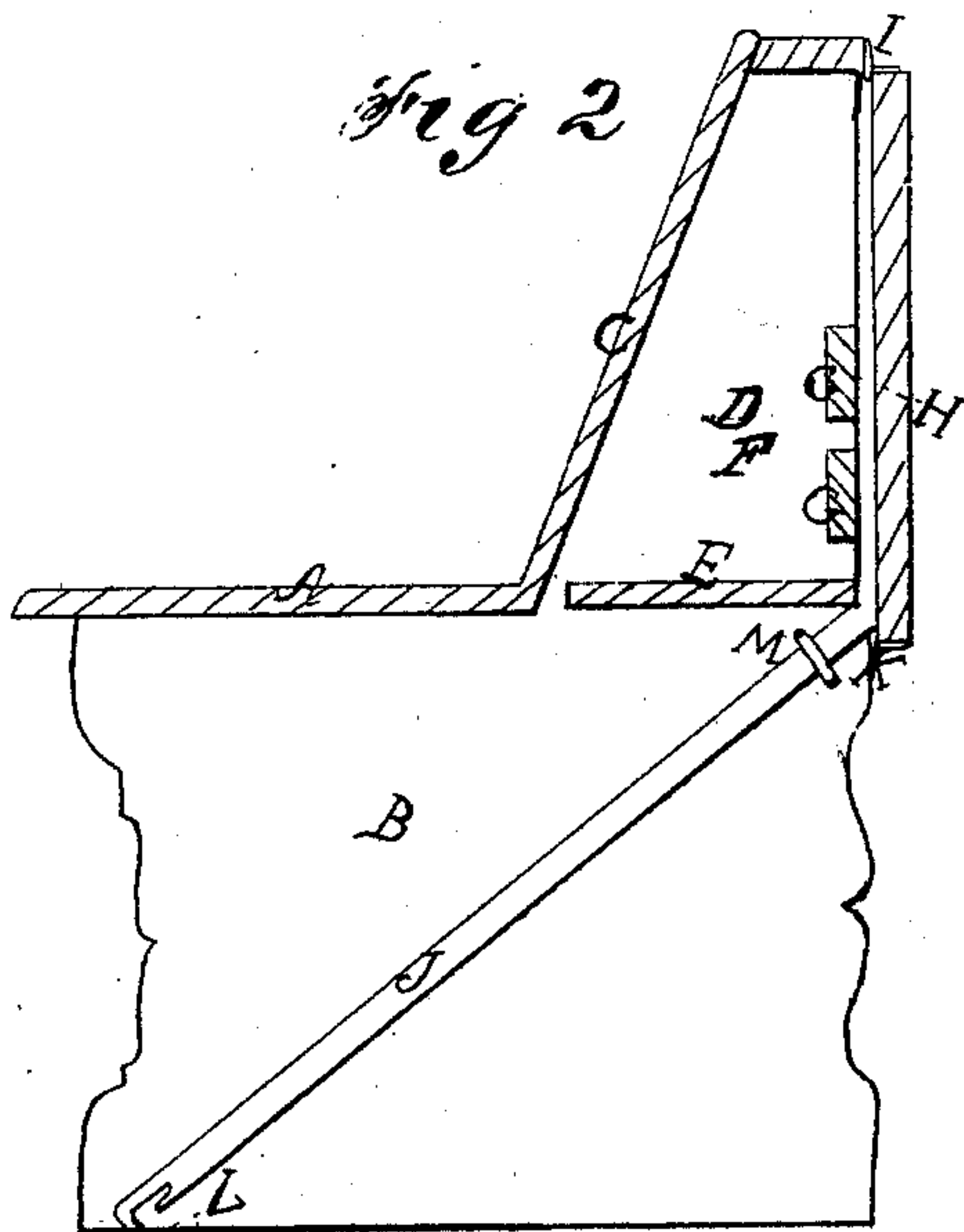


Fig 2



Witnesses

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IMPROVED SEAT AND DESK.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, Rev. ALLEN H. BROWN, of May's Landing, in the county of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Combined Seat and Desk; 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 a part of this specification.

The present invention relates to the combination of a desk or lid with a seat or bench, such lid or desk being hinged to the back of the seat in such a manner as to be raised or lowered at pleasure, and when raised supported in position by means of supporting-bars, properly applied thereto. In the accompanying drawings my improved combined seat and desk is illustrated—

Figures 1 and 2 being transverse vertical sections through the same, with the desk or lid raised in the one and swung down in the other against the back to the seat.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents the seat-board, supported at each end by uprights, B, that may be made of iron, wood, or any other suitable material; C, the back to the seat A; D, extensions to uprights B, beyond the ends of the back C, with a shelf, E, fixed between such extensions D, forming a book-rack, F, by means of the rails G, suitably applied to the said extensions, one above the other; H, the lid or desk-board, hinged to the rear side of the back C, along its upper edge I, so as to be swung there or into a horizontal position, or nearly so, or into a position down against the book-rack F; J, bars hung one at each end of the desk H, upon its under side, to staple pins K thereof. These bars, at their opposite ends, L, are made of a hook shape, and by such ends they extend under the seat along the inside or outside of the uprights B, through staples or loop M, suitably fixed therein, with which loops, by their hook ends, when the desk is raised, they are made to engage, and thus support the lid in position, such as is shown in fig. 1.

My improved combination of seat and desk is particularly applicable to chapels, schools, &c., and its construction and arrangement are most simple, compact, practical, and useful, and from the form of supporting-bars with their notches it is self-fastening when the desk-lid is raised.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The hinged brace J, passing through the guides M upon the inside of the ends B of the seat, and hinged to the outer edge of the folding desk H, all arranged as described, whereby the gravity of the brace J, as the desk is raised, causes the L-shaped notch L to fit and catch in the guide M to hold the said desk raised, for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this seventh day of August, 1867.

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