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Fig. 1.

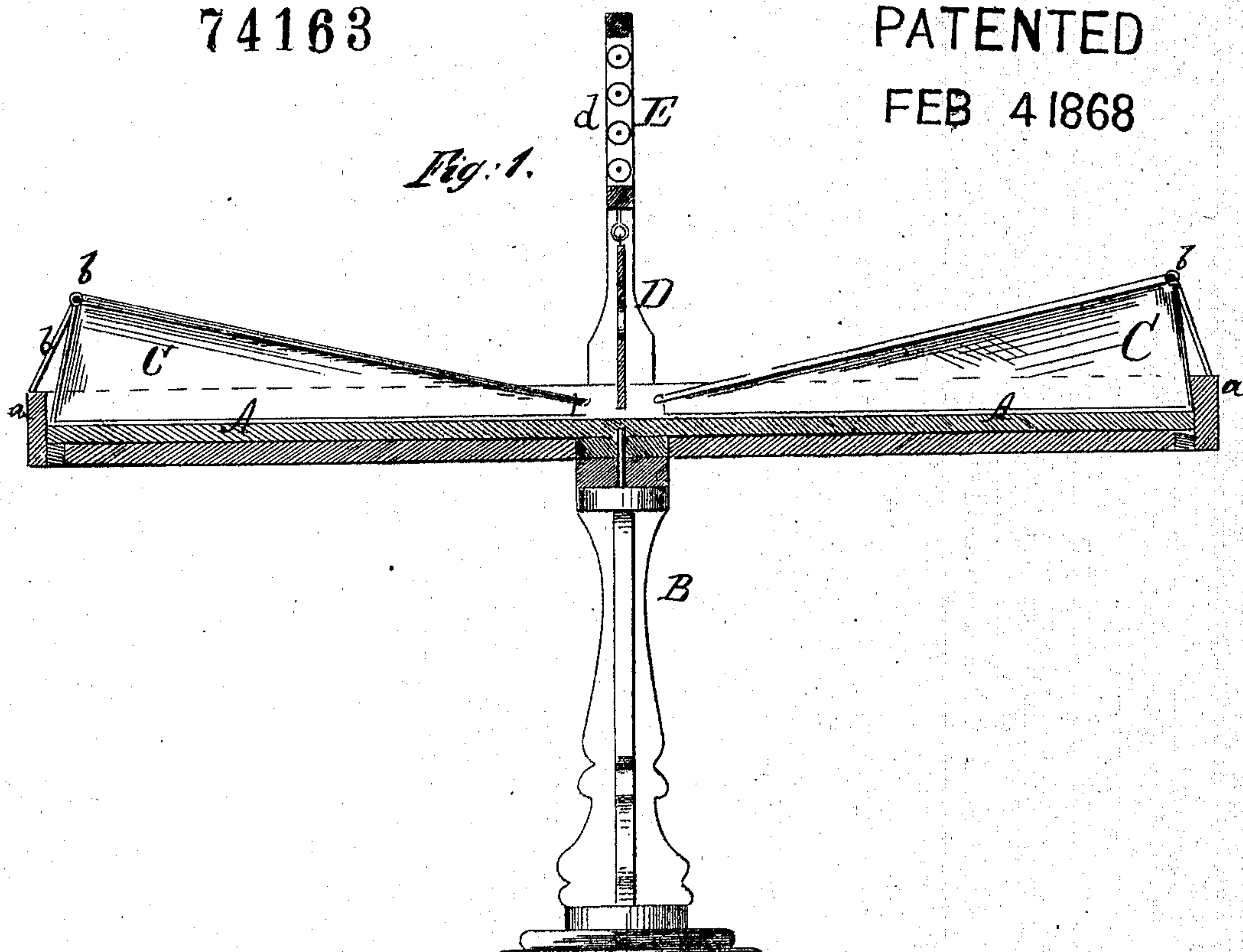
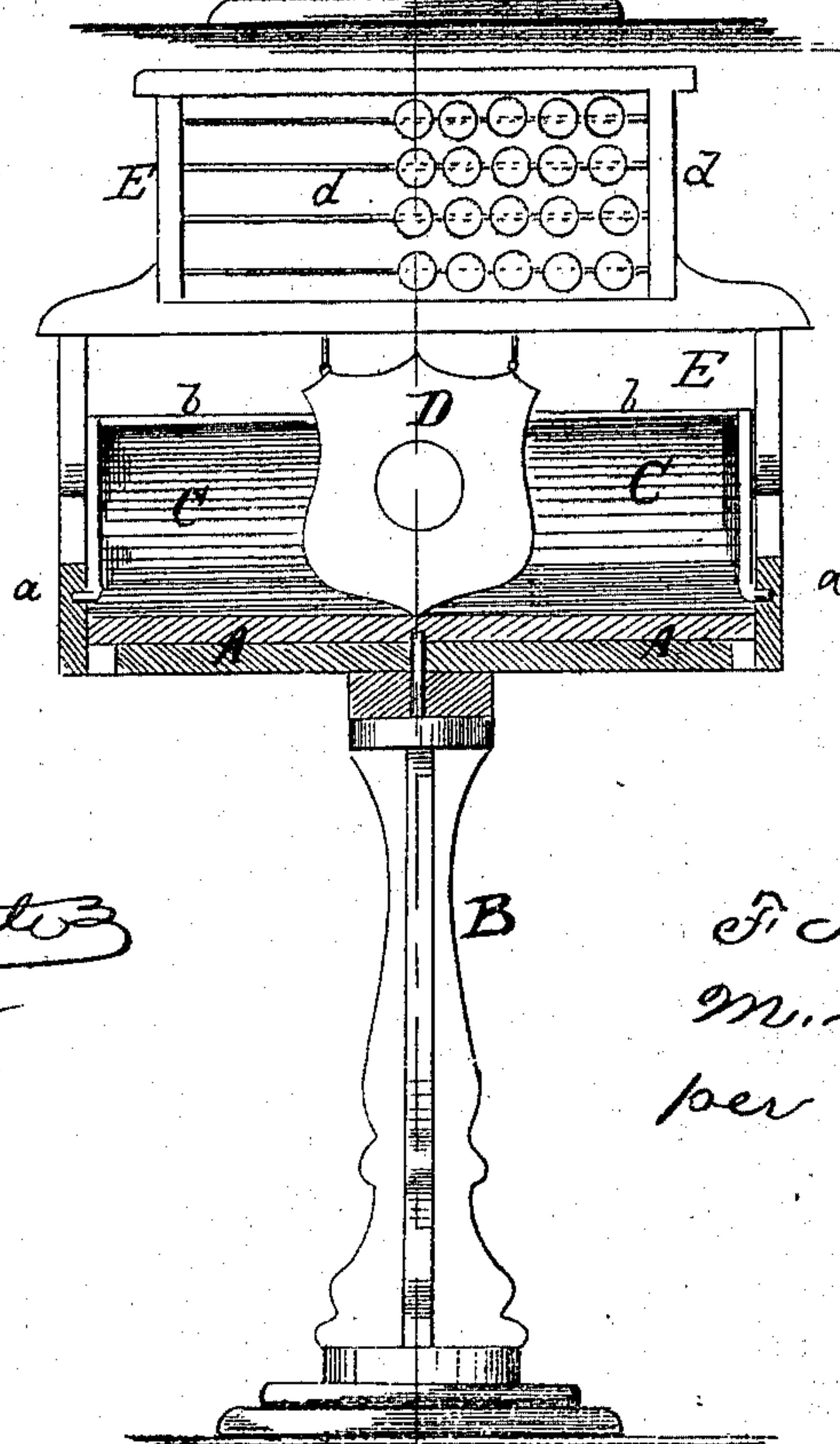


Fig. 2.



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PORTABLE PISTOL-GALLERY.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that that we, FISHER A. SPOFFORD and MATTHEW G. RAFFINGTON, of Columbus, in the county of Franklin, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved Portable Pistol-Gallery; and we 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 represents a longitudinal vertical section of our invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new device for supporting the aim, and for retaining the balls, marbles, or other articles thrown at the aim during target-exercise with toy guns. The object of this invention is to so arrange the platform upon which the target and the retaining-shields are arranged that the target may be shot at from opposite sides, and that the balls thrown from either side may be caught and retained. The invention consists in the use of a horizontal or nearly horizontal platform secured upon a suitable support, and having at each end folding elastic shields for catching and retaining the balls or marbles. The two shields may be raised at once, so as to allow shooting from two opposite sides, or any desired one of them may be raised at once, so as to allow the practitioner to stand on any desired side. The invention also consists in the use of a perforated plate secured upon or suspended above the platform. The hole in this plate takes the place of the bull's-eye of an ordinary target. The ball, when correctly aimed, is thrown through the hole against the opposite shield, while, if it strikes the target, it rebounds against the shield nearest the practitioner.

A represents a horizontal platform or table, of suitable size and material, mounted upon a suitable support, B. The platform is surrounded by a ledge, *a*, as shown. To each end of the platform is hinged a wire frame, *b*, to which a flexible shield, C, is secured, which can be expanded in the manner shown in fig. 1, and which may be folded together whenever desired. D is a target, perforated in the centre, as shown in figs. 1 and 2. This target is either secured upon the platform A or is suspended from a frame, E, which projects from the platform, as shown. The frame E may, if desired, be provided with an indicating-apparatus, *d d*, as shown.

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

1. Providing the platform A with two flexible folding shields C C on both ends, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

2. The platform A, when provided with a flexible folding shield, C, on each end, in combination with the perforated target D, all made and operating substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

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