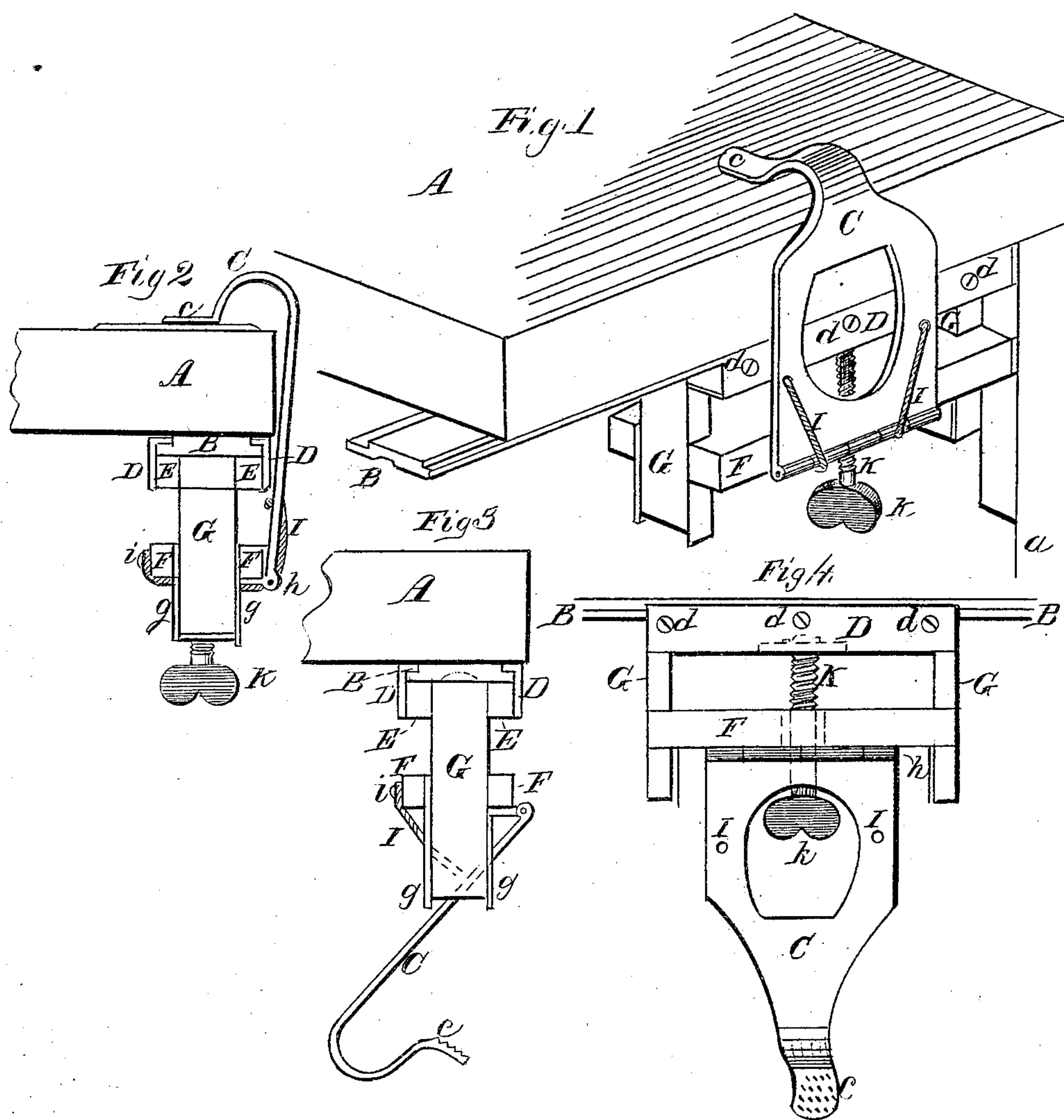


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN BATES, of Conestoga, in the county of Lancaster, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Adjustable Leather-Holder for Carriers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a clear and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, showing part of the ordinary table A a.

Figure 2, a side view, with the clamp or holder on the table.

Figure 3, the same, with the holder down out of the road.

Figure 4 is a front view, with the holder down.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a leather-holder that can be adjusted by sliding the same from one end of the table to the other, on a fixed ledge or guide-way, with which it is connected, and disengaged in a moment, and removed out of the way, in place of the loose clamp-hooks and screws heretofore in use, which always require time to slacken, and when left on the table, are in the road when not in use, and when laid aside, cause a waste of time in again screwing on the table.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, a brief description of the drawings will answer.

Beneath the working-table A, and near the front edge, along its length, is a board or iron strip, B, having a sunken ledge on both sides, or flange, on which the plates D, with their upper end bent inward at right angles, slide. (A tongue and groove might answer equally well.) These plates D are attached, by screws d, or otherwise, (or cast on,) to the top pieces or block E, connected with a central vertical piece, G, on each end.

The sliding block F has a female screw centrally, and guide-plates g on each end, to embrace the central vertical piece G. A stout thumb-screw, K k, from beneath, enters the female screw in the sliding block F, and extends and turns in a fixed plate on the

upper block E. A hinged clamp or holder, of sufficient strength, is centrally connected to the lower and outer edge of the sliding (vertically-sliding) block F. An elastic cord, I, or its equivalent, to act spring-fashion, is shown, and the straight edge c of the holder C is roughened, so as better to secure its hold on the leather.

This arrangement of the parts, secured by its lips or flanged plates D on the guide-ledges of the strip or plate B, can be slid or shifted horizontally from one end of the table to the other. It is only necessary to put the leather in place, and turn up the hinged clamp or holder C. The adjustment of the screw K will bind the end of the clamp down to hold the leather firmly. A slight relaxation will allow of sliding the same to some other point, or for turning it down, when the spring-cord I, which has the ends secured in the sides of the holder C, and centrally behind, by a headed pin, i, figs. 2 and 3, on the sliding block F, so as to draw the holder backward under the table, as shown by fig. 3, and out of the way, is ready to be attached to the leather on the top of the table in a moment.

Having experienced the inconvenience of the old-fashioned clamps and holders, after mature study, I have devised the foregoing arrangement as calculated to be of great utility.

I am aware that various kinds of leather-holders and clamps are in use; but I am not aware that anything substantially like this was ever before known or used for the purpose.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination and arrangement of a leather-holder, when constructed with a horizontal sliding block, E D, and vertically-sliding piece F, provided with a set-screw, K, guides g, and the hinged holder C c, together with the grooved support B, all operating substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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