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Writing Desk.

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Fig. 1

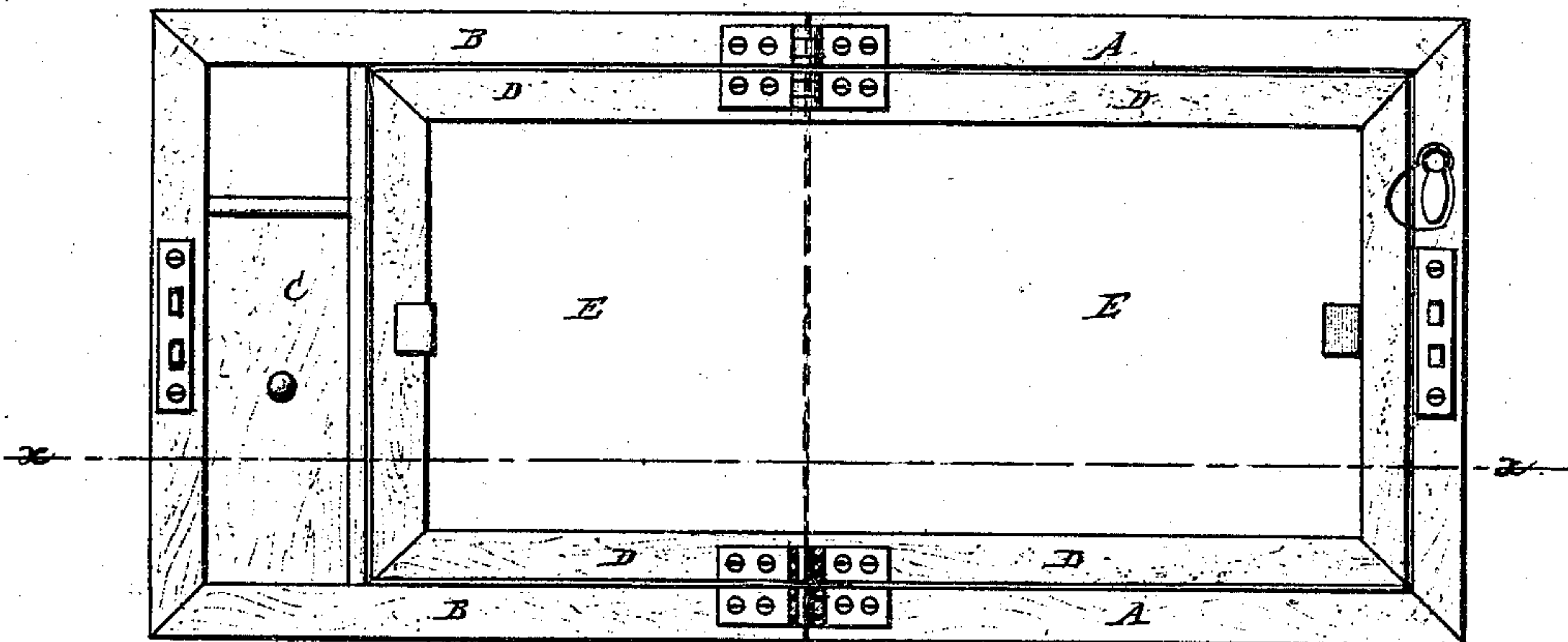


Fig. 2

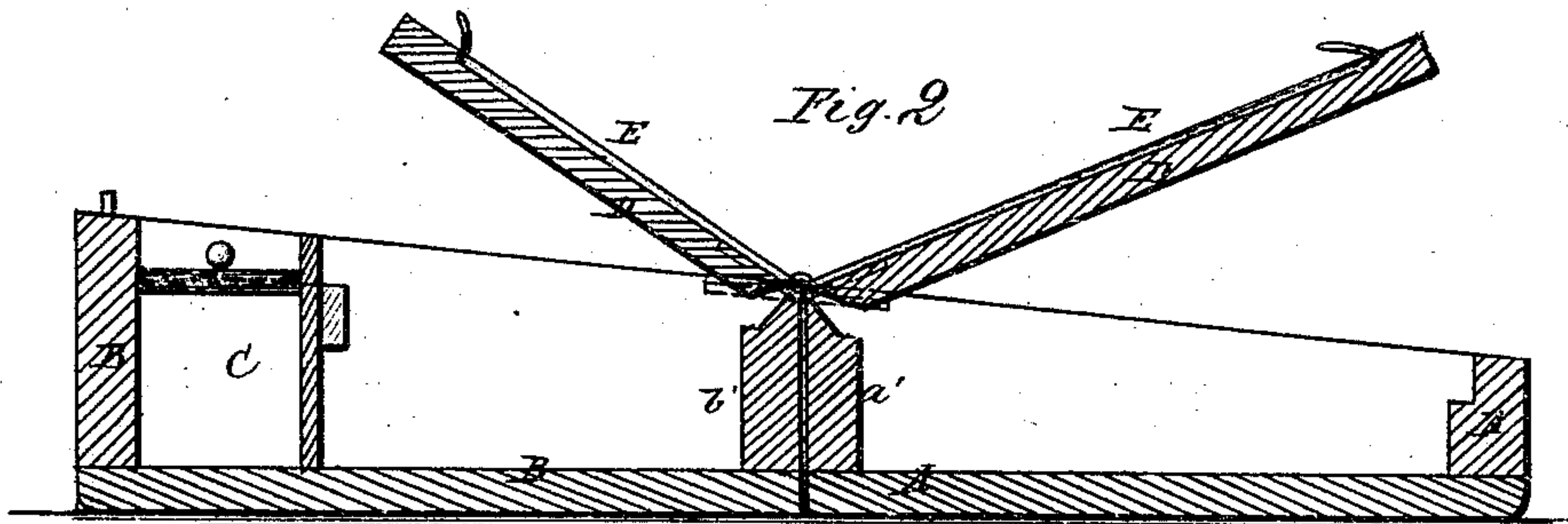
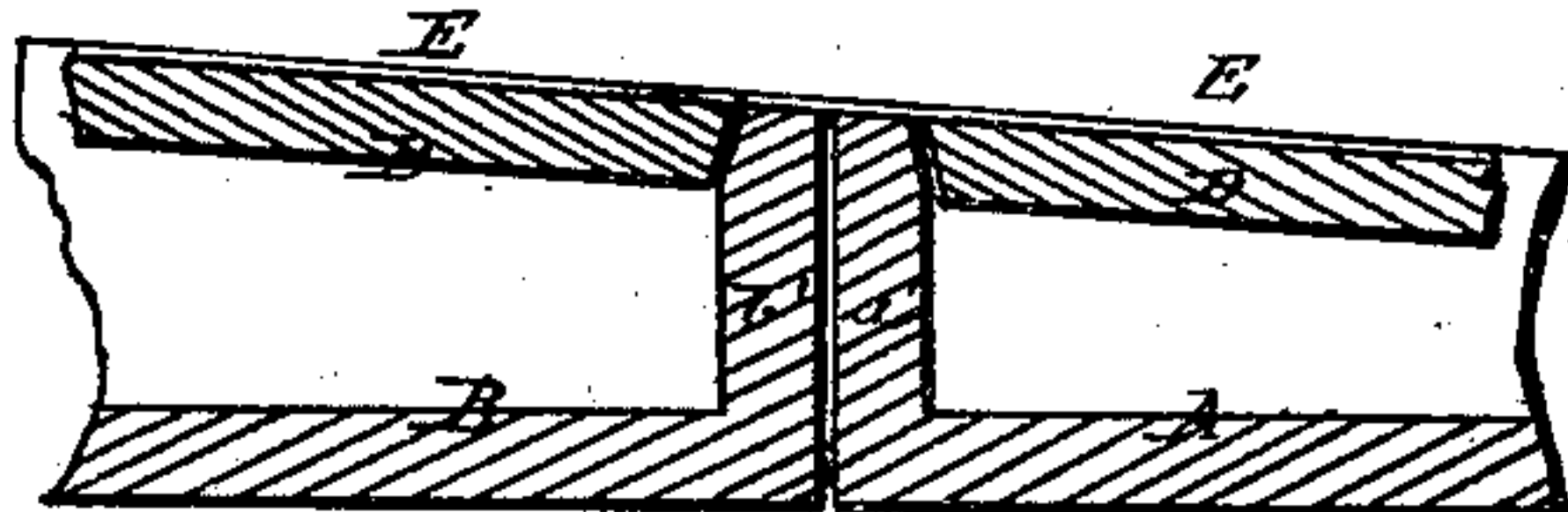


Fig. 3



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## IMPROVED PORTABLE WRITING-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, WILLIAM BOTHE, of Williamsburg, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Writing-Desks; 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 drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of my improved writing-desk, opened.

Figure 2 is a detail vertical section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, fig. 1, the flaps being partially raised.

Figure 3 is a detail view showing the present manner of hinging the flaps.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to improve the construction of portable writing-desks, so as to make them stronger, more durable, and less liable to get out of order; and

It consists in the construction of various parts of the desk, as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the upper part;

B is the lower part;

C is the till; and

D, are the flaps.

As heretofore constructed, the flaps D were hinged to the sides *a' b'* of the parts A B, of the desk by the velvet or other material E, with which the said flaps were covered. With this construction the covering E was constantly becoming loose, so that the flaps would not work properly. When thus constructed, the flaps D had to be supported by strips attached to the said sides *a' b'*, as shown in fig. 3.

In my improved writing-desk I hinge the flaps D

directly to each other, and to the parts A B of the desk by the metal hinges F.

To enable this to be done, I bevel off the lower corners of the adjacent edges of the flaps D, so that their upper edges may come close together, as shown in fig. 2.

I also cut out and bevel off the inner corners of the edges of the sides *a' b'* of the parts A B of the desk, to fit upon the beveled edges of the flaps D, and at the same time to support the said flaps, as shown in fig. 2.

The hinges F are made double, being made similar to two hinges connected together by a single pivoting pin, as shown in fig. 1. This construction of the hinges allows the two flaps D and the two parts A B of the desk to move together when opening and closing the desk, and at the same time enables the flaps D to be opened and closed independently of each other, and of the parts A B of the desk, as shown in fig. 2.

By this construction, neater, stronger, and more durable desks are produced, and which will be less liable to get out of repair than the desks constructed in the ordinary manner.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The improved desk, consisting of the parts A and B, beveled on the edges of the sides *b'*, and the flaps D D having their adjacent edges similarly beveled, said parts being connected by the double hinges F, as shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 4th day of May, 1870.

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