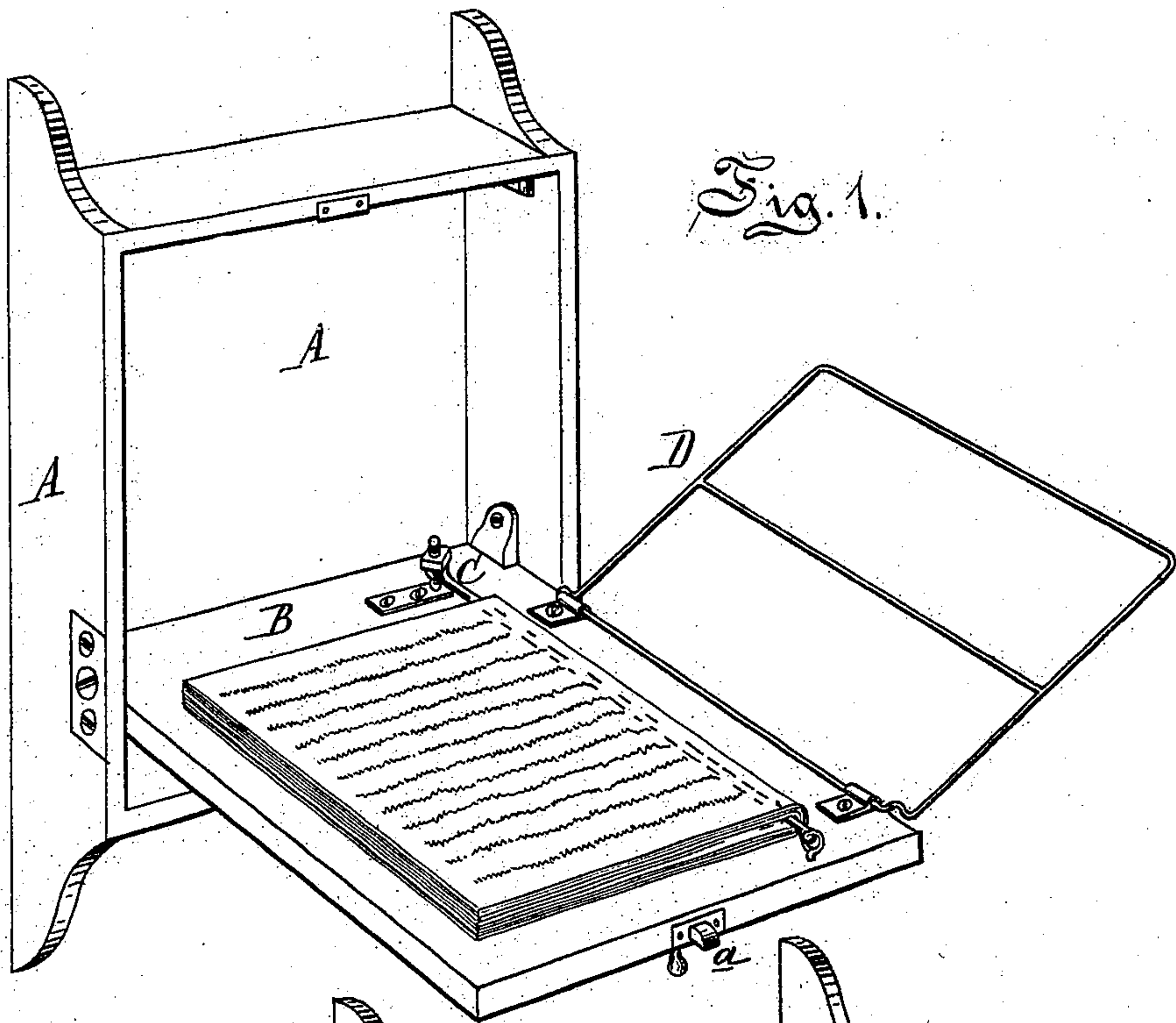


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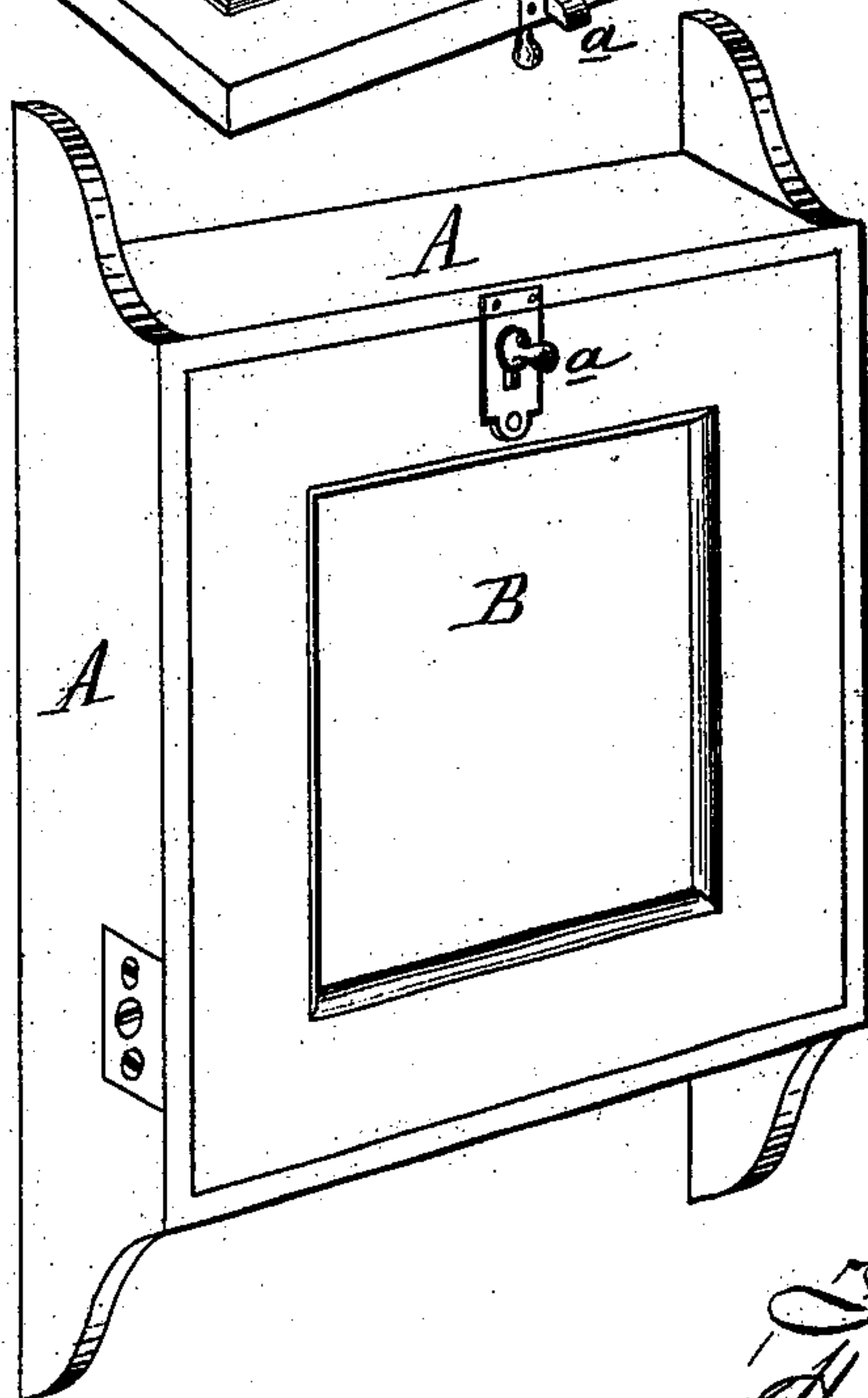
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*Fig. 1.*

*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN NEWSPAPER-FILES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, H. SHAW NOBLE, of Monroe, in the county of Monroe and State of Michigan, have invented an Improved File-Case for Newspapers, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a reading-file for newspapers and periodicals, which, when not in use, can be folded into a case permanently secured to the wall.

The invention consists in a reading-desk, hinged at its lower edge to the bottom of a wall-case, into which it may be folded. The desk is fitted with a paper-file for securing newspapers, and a folding or hinged frame of light metal at one side, for supporting the leaves of the periodicals on the file when opened out.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the reading-desk and file when opened out and ready for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the closed file-case.

In the drawing, A represents a shallow case, which is to be permanently secured to the wall of the room. It has pivoted in its lower part a desk, B, so arranged as to drop down to the proper angle for reading printed matter lying thereon, or it can be folded up to close

the front of the case, being secured by a spring-latch, *a*, as seen in Fig. 2. Along the right side of the desk there is secured a file, C, of any desired form or style, in which to secure newspapers or other periodical publications. Near the right edge there is hinged a light metallic frame, D, so arranged as to fold over the closed papers when the desk is to be folded up into the case; but, when opened, it is thrown over to the right, as shown, to form a support for the open leaves of the right portion of the opened volume.

This file-case costs no more than a stationary file-stand, takes up less room when not in use, and its contents are protected from dust when inclosed.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A newspaper-file combined with a reading-desk that is adapted to fold into and close a wall-case, substantially as described.

2. The frame D, in combination with the folding file-desk B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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