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SLATES.

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Fig: 1.

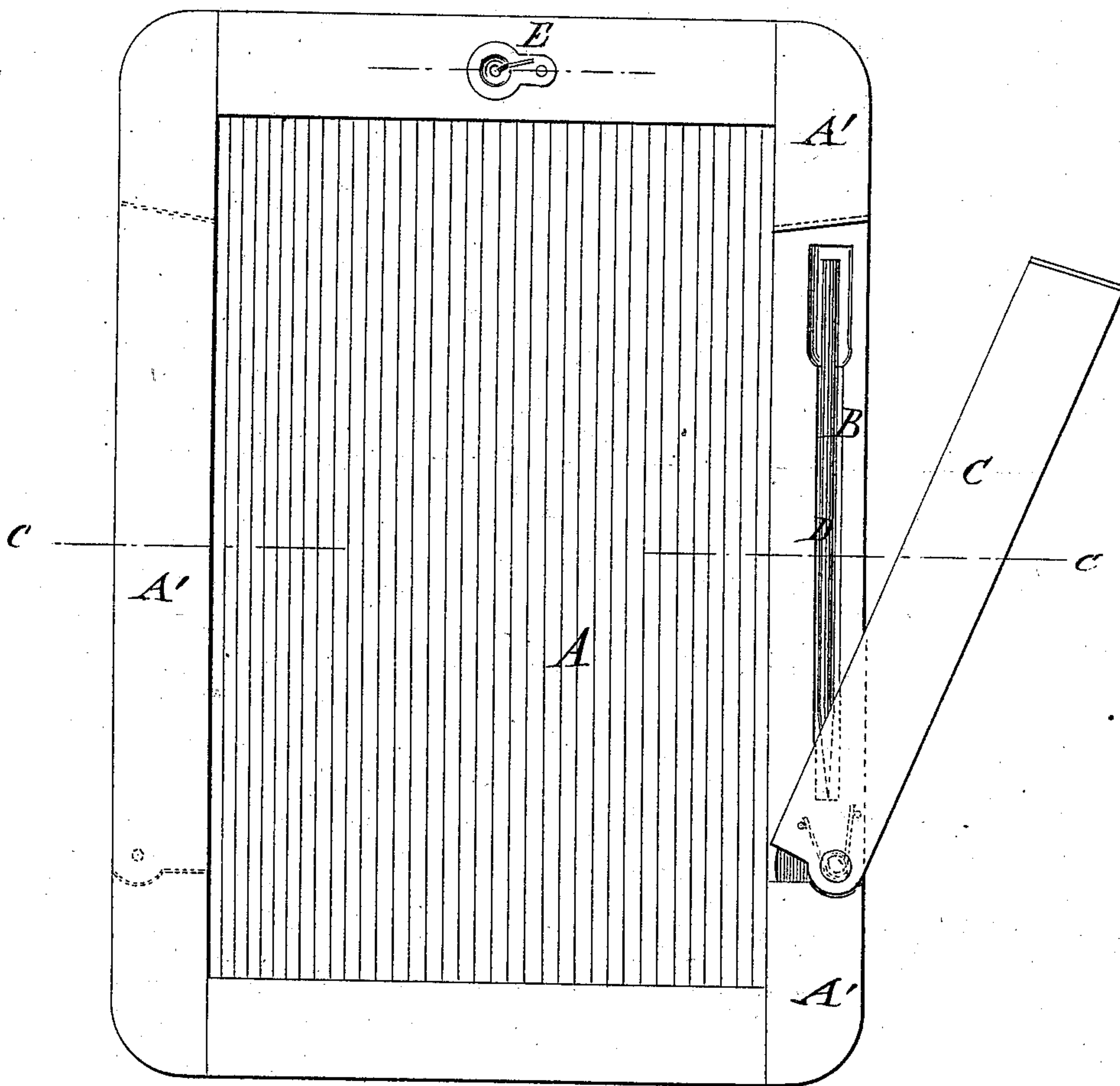
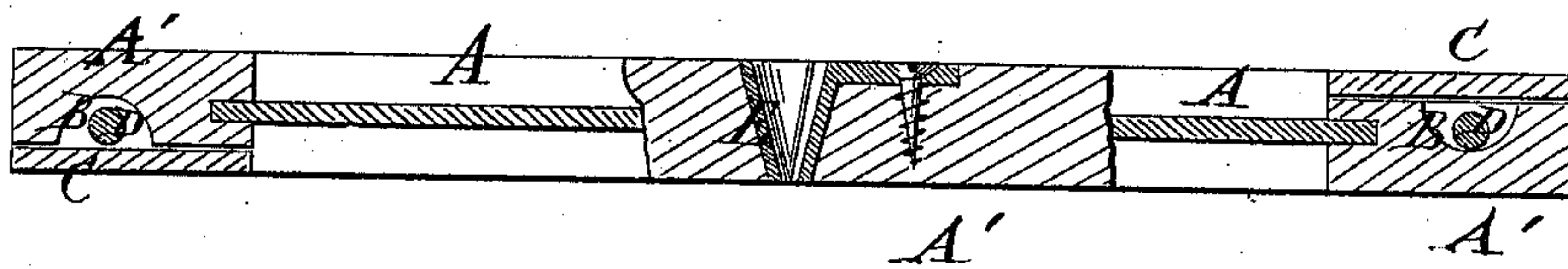


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SLATES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDIUS VERDIER, of Detroit, Wayne county, Michigan, have invented a new and Improved School-Slate, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved slate; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same on line *c c*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to an improved school-slate, in which the pencil is stored away in readily available and convenient manner, and also a means for sharpening the pencil supplied.

The invention consists of a school-slate whose frame is arranged with a pencil-receptacle at each side, closed by a door, and also with a pencil-sharpening device.

In the drawing, A represents a slate, whose frame A' is provided, preferably at the right-hand side, with a small pencil-receptacle, B, that is somewhat enlarged at the upper end, to admit the convenient taking out of the pen-

cil D. The receptacle B is closed by a pivoted and spring-acted door, C, that is readily opened and closed to get at the pencil, avoiding thereby the lodging of the pencil in the receptacle, and admitting the ready taking out of the same, when the slate is placed on either side on a table or bureau.

At one or both lateral ends of the frame may be arranged a conical pencil-sharpener, E, with a steel knife, by which the pencil-points are conveniently sharpened without a detached device for the purpose.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A slate having frame A', provided with a pencil-receptacle, B, enlarged at the upper end, and with the hinged spring-held door, as and for the purpose specified.

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