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Copy-Holder.

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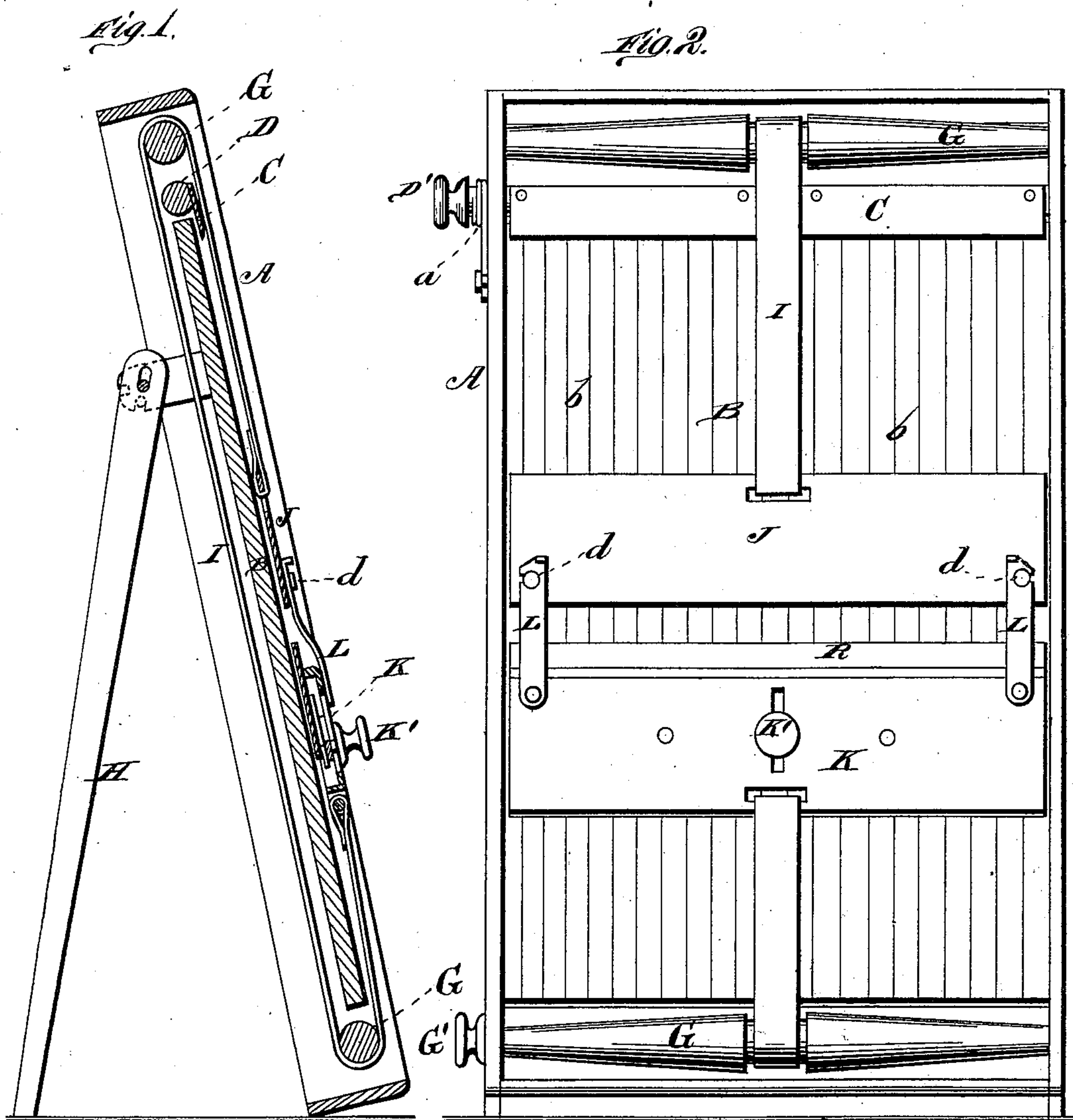
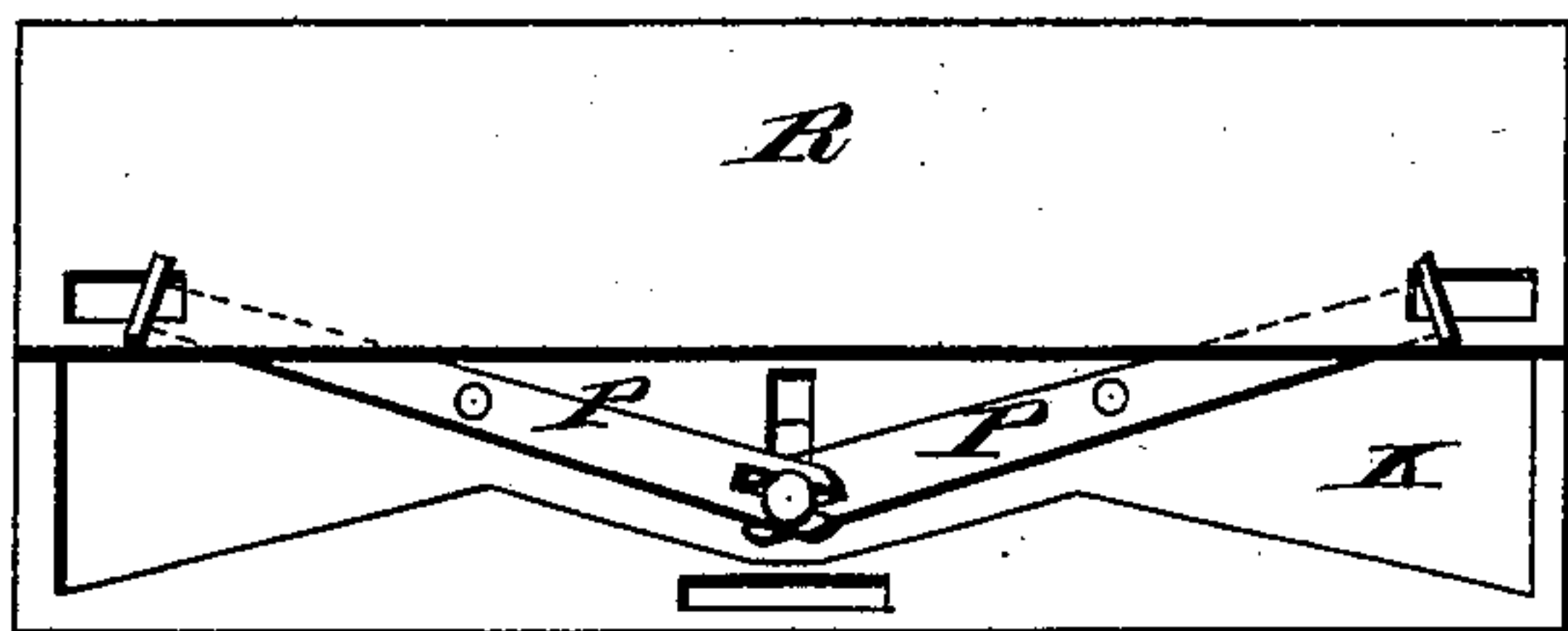


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COPY-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES D. MOORE, of Cambridge, in the county of Story and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Copy-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a transverse vertical section of my copy-holder. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, and Fig. 3 is a rear view, of the slide.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a copy-holder, designed for the use of copyists in copying any instrument of writing, as well as for type-setters in setting type, or any other purpose for which it may be applicable.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, fully illustrates my invention.

My copy-holder is constructed of a rectangular frame, A, of any suitable dimensions, provided with a bed, B, upon which the copy is laid.

The copy is held at the top of the bed B by means of a metal flange, C, secured to a shaft or roller, D, having on one end, outside the frame A, a knob, D', for turning said shaft so as to raise the metal flange C sufficiently to allow the copy to be taken out and put in.

A coiled-wire spring, a, is so arranged as to act upon the roller D, to press the flange C down upon the copy and hold the same by the pressure of the flange upon the bed B. The bed B is provided on its upper surface with a series of parallel lines, b b, which are intended to act as guides for the insertion of the copy, so that the same can easily and quickly be put perfectly square on the bed.

G G represent two rollers, journaled in the top and bottom of the frame A, each being provided at the center with a circumferential groove or shoulders, to form suitable guides for a band, I, passed around them. This band runs along the back of the bed B, one end passing over the top roller and down the front, while the other end passes around the bottom roller and up the front, as shown.

To the upper end of the band I is attached a metal slide, J, which fits between the side pieces of the frame A, and rests upon the

bed. The lower end of the band I is attached to a wooden slide, K, also fitting between the side pieces of the frame. This wooden slide is provided with pivoted hooks L L at its ends, which hook over pins d d on the slide J, thus connecting the same, and also completing, as it were, the endless band around the rollers G G.

The slide K has a knob, K', the shank or stem of which passes through a slot in the slide, and connects with two levers, P P, pivoted in a recess on the back of said slide K. The outer ends of these levers are connected to a metallic slide, R, which, by means of the knob K', can thus be raised or lowered, as desired, so as to increase or diminish the space between the slides J and R.

It will thus be seen that the slides can be so adjusted as to show only one line of the copy between them, whether the letters are large or small, and the copy above and below said line is completely hid from view, and hence all liability of mistakes is obviated.

The bottom roller G is provided with a knob, G', for turning the same, by which means the band and slides are turned, as required, to bring each succeeding line in view.

In changing copy the hooks L are released, and the slides moved out of place and easily replaced and connected again.

The copy-holder is, on the back, provided with a hinged leg, H, for supporting it at any desired angle.

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

1. In a copy-holder, the rollers G G, band I, slides J K, and hooks L L, constructed and combined substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, with the slide K, of the levers P P, slide R, and knob K', substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination of the frame A, bed B, spring-flange C, rollers G G, band I, slides J K, hooks L L, levers P P, and slide R, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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