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Satchel-Desk.

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Fig: 1.

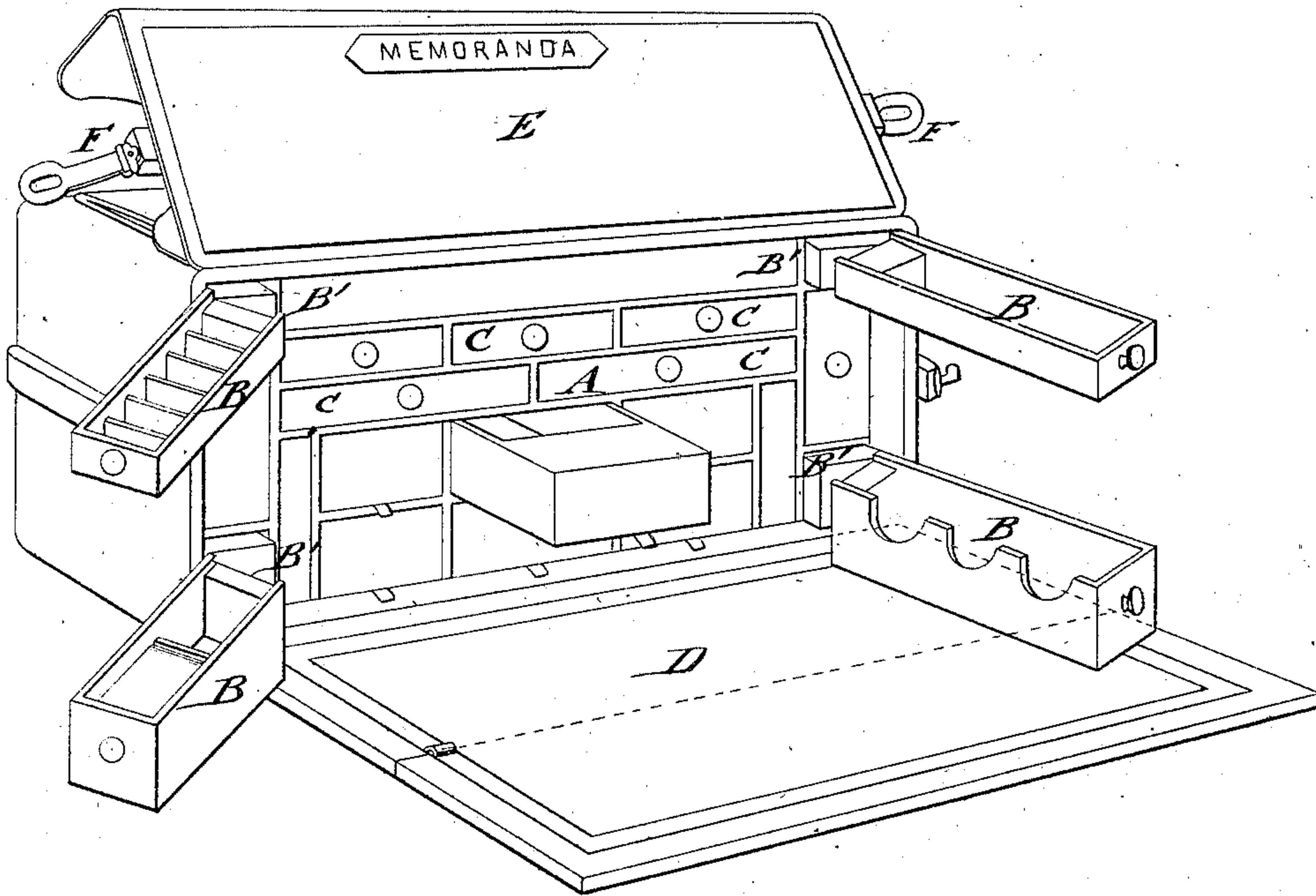


Fig: 2.

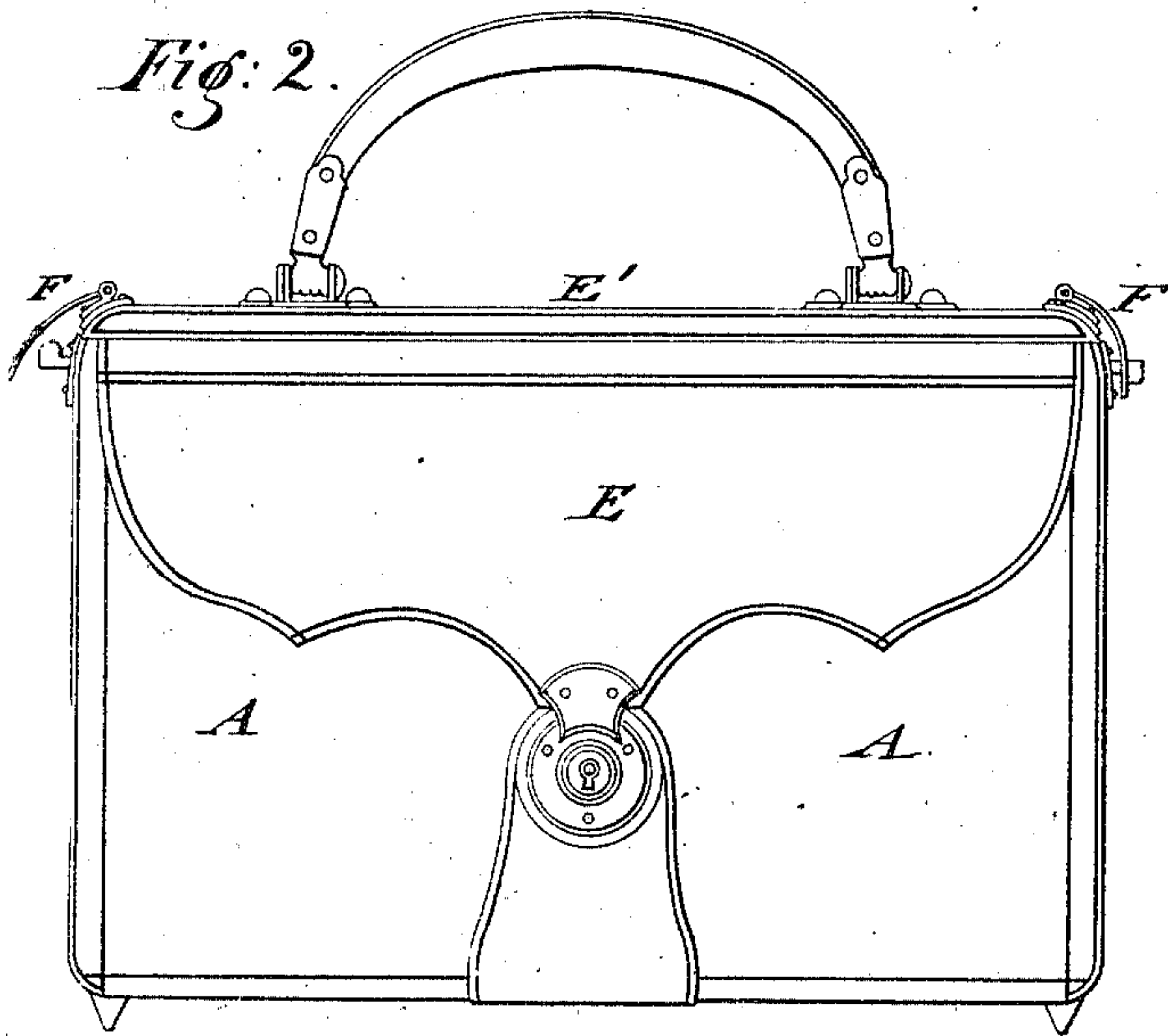
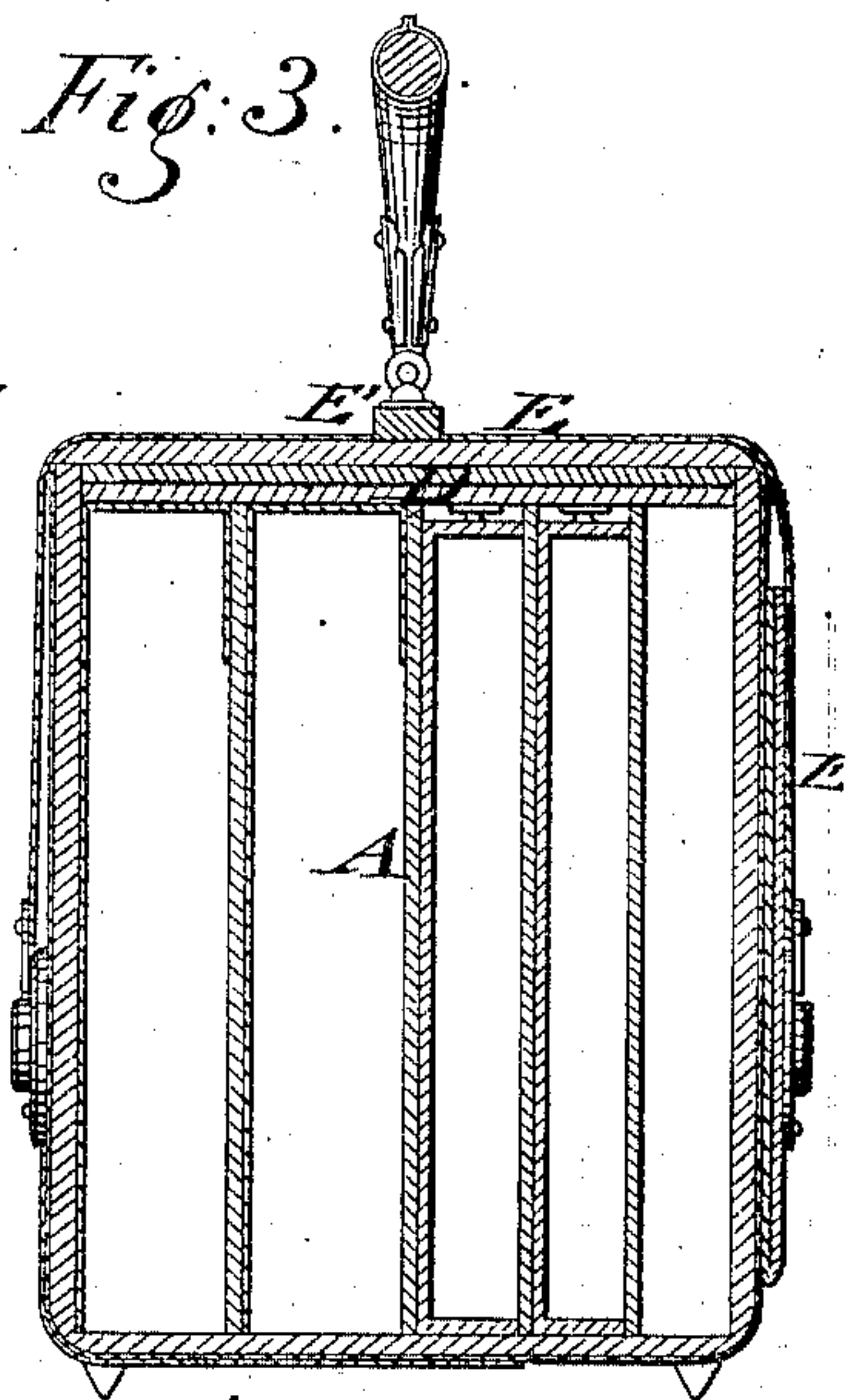


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SACHEL-DESKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABE O. KAPLAN, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Satchel-Desk, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved satchel-desk, shown in open position for use as a desk. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, and Fig. 3 a vertical transverse section of the same closed up for being carried as a satchel.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improved satchel-desk for traveling agents, professional men, and for other domestic and business purposes, in which all the necessities for writing are stored and furnished at a moment's notice, and the entire device carried and handled in convenient manner.

The invention consists of a satchel-desk made of an interior casing, that is subdivided in suitable manner, and provided with a hinged and folding desk portion, and with sliding and swinging corner-receptacles for inkstands and similar articles. The folding desk closes the casing, and is covered by the lid of the satchel, to the center-bar of which the handle is applied, the lid being locked at both sides and strapped to the body of the casing by suitable locking devices.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a casing that takes up the entire interior part of my improved satchel-desk. The casing A is provided with four corner-drawers, B, that are guided by means of solid blocks B', to which the drawers are hinged, so as to be drawn out as far as the blocks will admit, and then swung to the outside, as shown in Fig. 1. The sliding and hinged drawers are fitted up to hold inkstands, pen-holders, pens, and similar articles, while a number of drawers, C, between them are intended for articles of stationery of various kinds. The body of the casing is subdivided by any suitable arrangement, so as to furnish a number of pigeon-holes and drawers for filing away documents of all kinds, rolls of manuscript, memorandum and account books, writing and legal paper, &c. The uppermost space is designed

for the purpose of carrying a letter-copying book, water-cup, and brush. The vertical side spaces or drawers contain envelopes, cards, &c. To the front of the casing is hinged a folding desk, D, that forms, when folded up to the subdivided casing, the front or top of the same, over which the hinged lid E of the satchel-desk is placed.

The hinged outer lid E is stiffened by a longitudinal center bar, E', to which the handle for carrying the satchel-desk is attached in any approved manner. The ends of the center-bar E' are connected by suitable fastening or locking devices F to the stiffening side bars of the body of the satchel. The downward-lapping front end of the lid locks in suitable manner to a connecting-strap of the satchel-body. At the opposite side of the body is arranged a corresponding flap and pocket, by which a symmetrical appearance of the satchel-desk is obtained.

To open the satchel, the lid is unlocked, the satchel then turned down on its side, and the locking-strap pushed back out of the way. The fastening devices at the sides are then unfastened, and the lid swung up on the top of the satchel with handle and all. This exposes a parchment tablet at the under side of the lid, which is intended for pencil memoranda, that may be erased by a handkerchief or damp cloth. The folding desk or writing-table is then turned down, so that the pigeon-holes, drawers, &c., of the casing are fully exposed to view for convenient use.

The desk must always rest on some smooth and solid surface when used for writing, as it is not self-sustaining. Thus a satchel-desk possessing special advantages for journalists, literary men, insurance agents, traveling agents, lawyers, bankers, tourists, and other persons is obtained, which is also very convenient for domestic use, as a lady's secretary, and for other purposes. It is less expensive than an ordinary desk, takes up little room, can be set out of the way, and in case of fire can be carried off without the least trouble.

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

1. A satchel-desk consisting of the body or

casing A, having a series of compartments or divisions forming an open front, the folding desk or table D, hinged to the bottom of said open front, and the closing and locking lid E, hinged to the top thereof, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a satchel-desk, the combination, with the subdivided body or casing, of sliding blocks with hinged and outwardly-swinging corner-drawers, substantially as described.

3. The combination, in a satchel-desk, of the subdivided body or casing, having a hinged and folding desk portion, with a hinged and closing lid, having an exterior handle and side and end locking devices, substantially as specified.

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