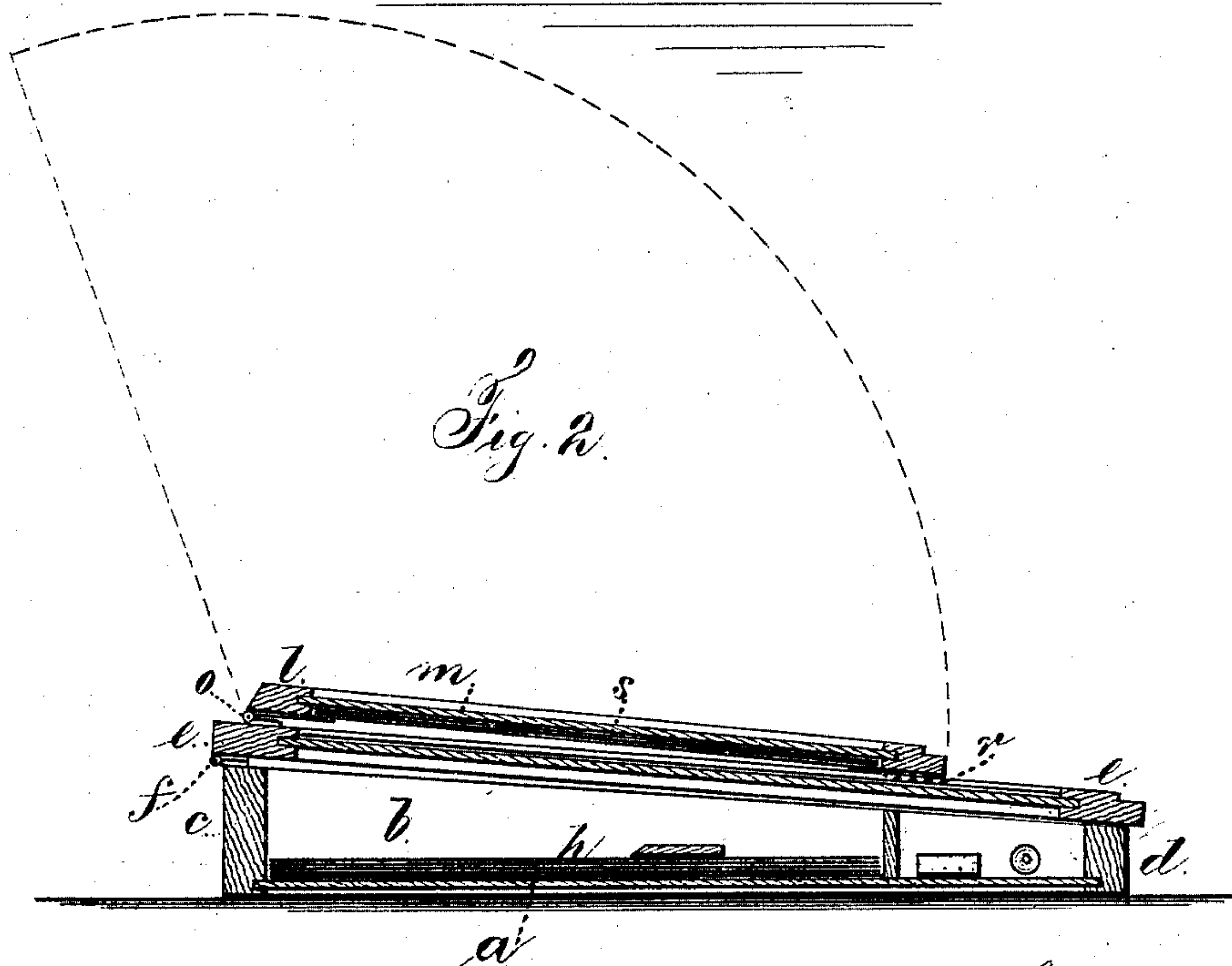
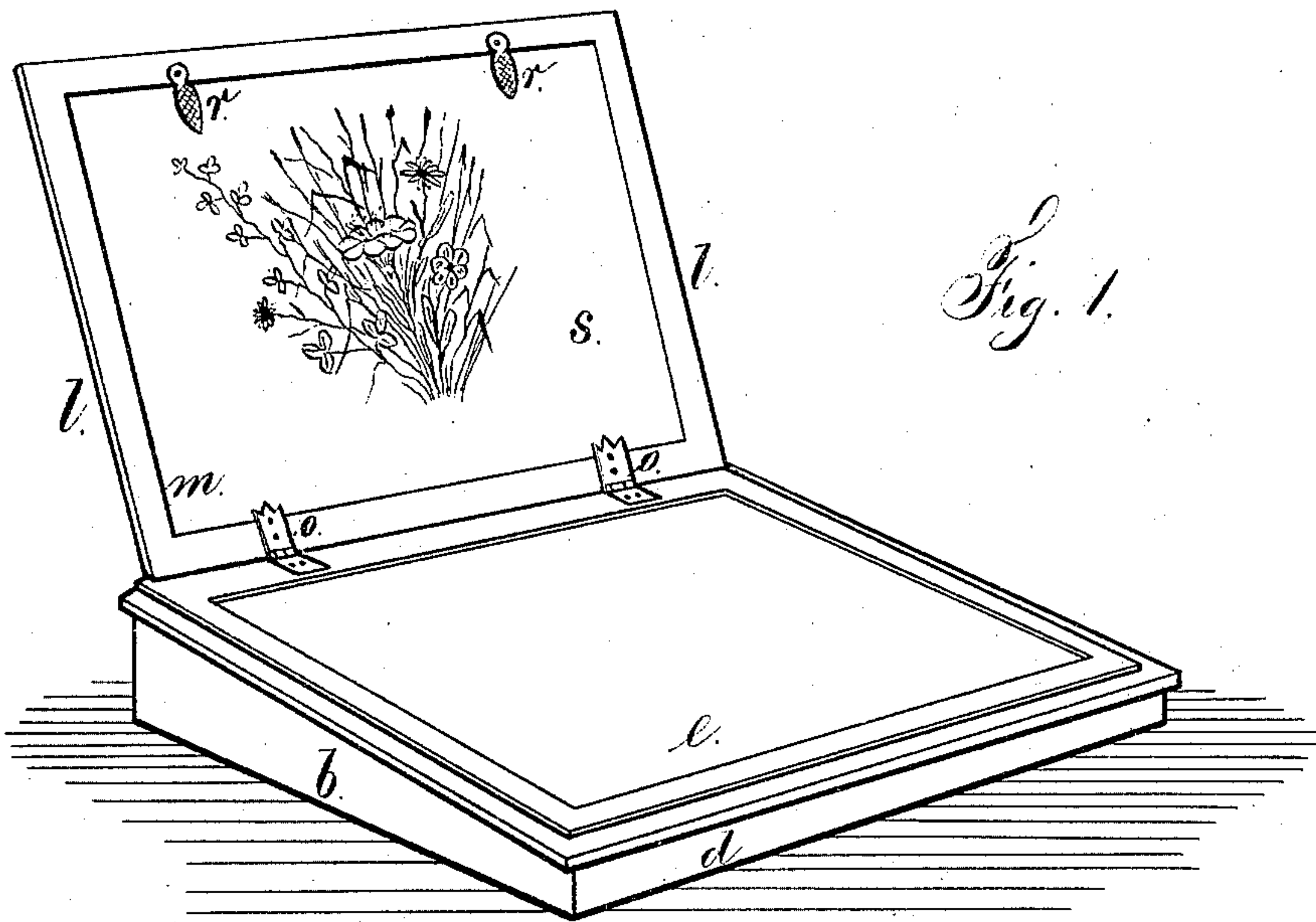


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IMPROVEMENT IN SKETCHING-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. SHEPHERD, of Passaic, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Sketching-Racks, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to furnish in a neat and convenient form the appliances required for sketching or drawing, so that a young person may be assisted and encouraged in the important art of drafting or pencil-sketching.

My sketching-rack is provided with a receptacle for paper, pencils, rule, &c.; and upon the outside of the desk a rack is hinged for holding the copy in an almost vertical position in front of the desk, so as to be in position for copying, and which hinged rack folds upon the desk-top when not in use, and keeps the copies clean, and also preserves from injury the desk-top and any incomplete drawing that there may be upon the same. The hinges that connect the rack and desk also serve to hold the bottom edges of the copy-sheets.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the sketching-rack in position for use, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

The desk is made of the bottom *a*, sides *b*, back *c*, front *d*, and flap or top *e*; and there are hinges *f*, that unite the back *c* and flap *e*, so that the same may be opened as usual, and within the desk the blank paper *h* is kept, and also pencils, rubber, and ruler.

The sketching-rack is made of a frame, *l*, with a panel, *m*; and the frame is hinged at *o* to the top of the desk, so as to be turned down upon the same when not in use, or swung up into an almost vertical position, as shown, when the desk is exposed for receiving the paper that is to be drawn upon.

The frame and panel form a recess or copy-holder in the under side of the swinging rack. The copy-sheets *s* are of a size to fit into the copy-holder. The hinges *o* are sufficiently long to project inside of the edge of the frame, and hold the bottom edges of the copy-sheets, and there are buttons *r* at the top of the frame to hold the upper parts of the copy-sheets.

When the desk is not in use, the frame will be turned down upon the top of the desk, and when the frame or rack is turned back the copy-sheets will be in a nearly vertical position, and the pupil can easily copy the same upon paper laid upon top of the desk.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with the desk and rack *l*, of hinges *o*, that are sufficiently long to project within the copy-holding frame or rack, and retain the lower edges of the copy-sheets in place, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 27th day of August, A. D. 1878.

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