

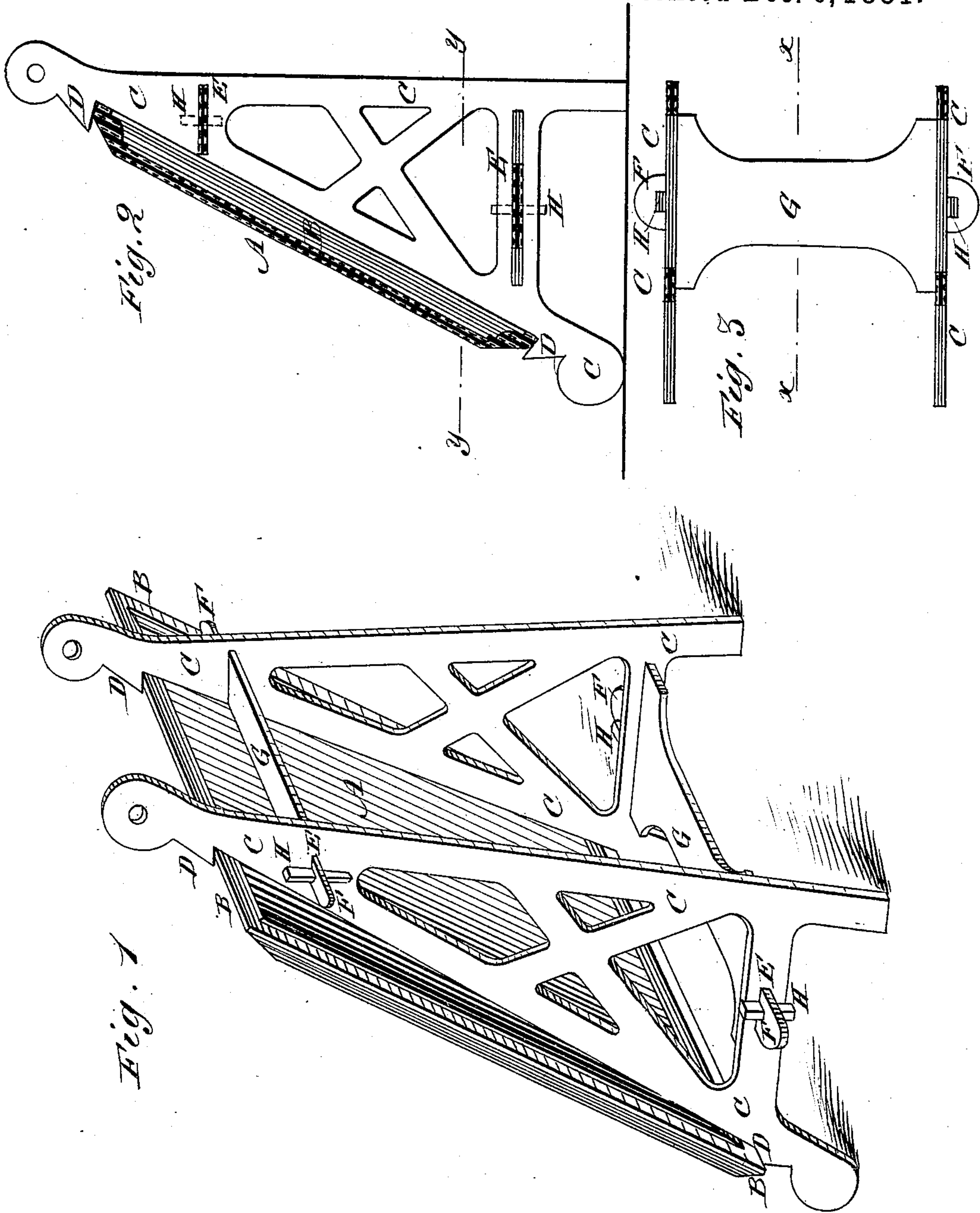
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ANDREW B. BANGHART and CHARLES H. TREAT, both of Frankford, in the county of Sussex and State of Delaware, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Tablet and Easel, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same, taken through the line *xx*, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view of the easel, taken through on line *yy*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to produce tablets to be painted or ornamented, and to combine therewith easels for supporting the tablets in such a manner that they can be readily taken apart and packed in small space for storage and transportation.

A represents the body of the tablet, which is made of two or more plies or veneers glued to each other with the grains of the wood crossed.

To one or both sides of the tablet A is glued a frame formed or built up of several plies or veneers. The veneers of the body A and frame B of the tablet are designed to be made of different kinds of wood, so that the contrast of color will increase the beauty of the said tablet. The edges of the body A and the outer edges of the frame B are designed to be beveled or otherwise shaped to adapt it to be held by an easel and to show the edges of the different kinds of wood. The inner edges of the frame B can be made of ogee shape, as shown in Fig. 2, or of any other ornamental shape that will display the different kinds of wood. This construction prevents the tablet from warping and splitting, and also enables the manufacturer to make one or both the faces of the tablet of hard wood, and the inner plies of

softer and cheaper wood or woods, so as to lessen the cost of manufacture.

The various parts of the easel are also made of two or more plies or veneers.

Each side frame, C, of the easel is made in the shape of a right-angled triangle, with an ornamental upper end, and with two feet, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The side frames, C, can be ornamented to any desired extent, and in the upper and lower parts of their forward edges are formed inclined shoulders D, at such a distance apart as to receive the tablet A B between them, to allow the tablet to be slipped into place laterally, and to hold the said tablet securely.

In the upper and lower parts of the side frames, C, are formed mortises or slots E, to receive the tenons F formed upon the ends of the cross or connecting plates G, which tenons F have holes formed through them to receive the keys H, by which the various parts of the easel are held together.

By making the various parts of the easel of two or more plies or veneers the easel can be made very light without being liable to warp or split.

With this construction the easel can be taken apart by taking out the keys H, so that it can be packed in small space for storage and transportation, and will be less liable to be broken than when shipped ready for use.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A tablet-easel consisting of the shouldered side pieces, D C, made of veneers and provided with the slots E, the cross-plates G, having apertured tenons F, and the keys H, all constructed and arranged substantially as described.

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