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Fig. 1.

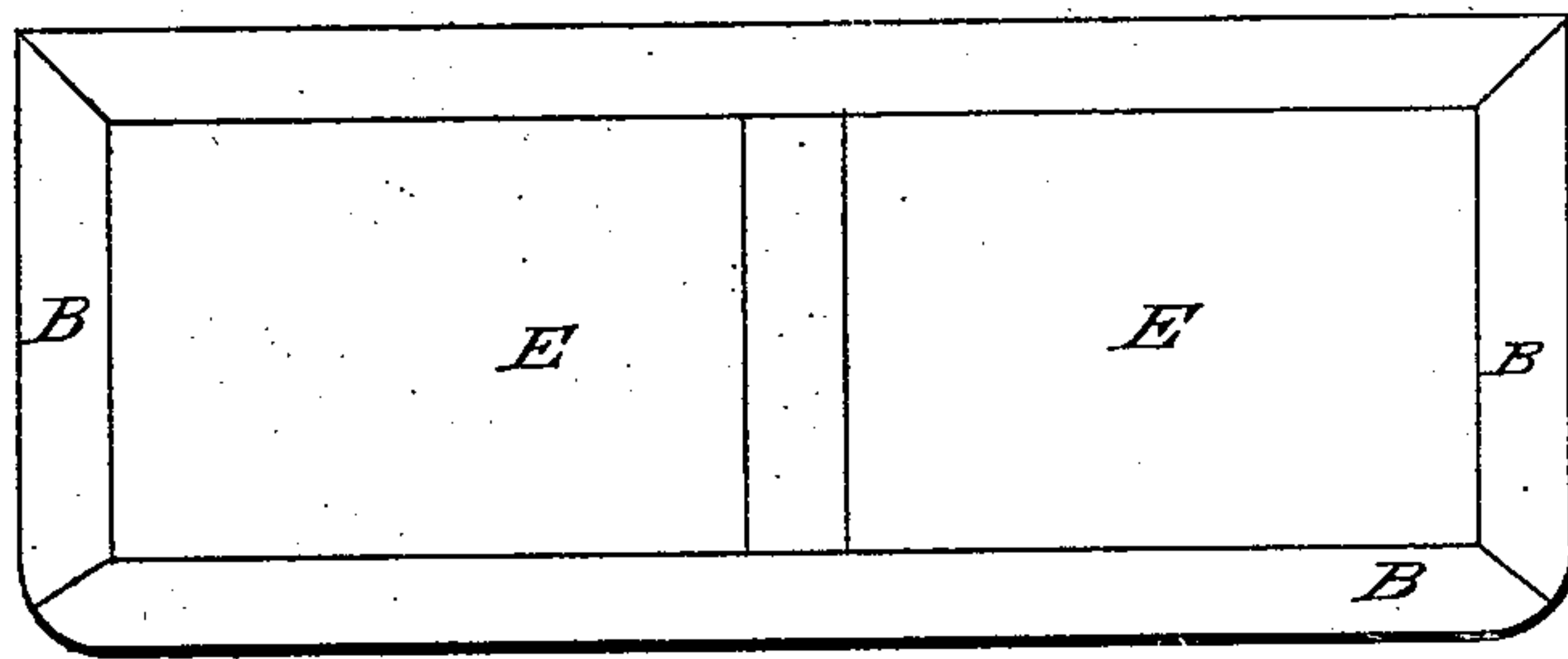


Fig. 2.

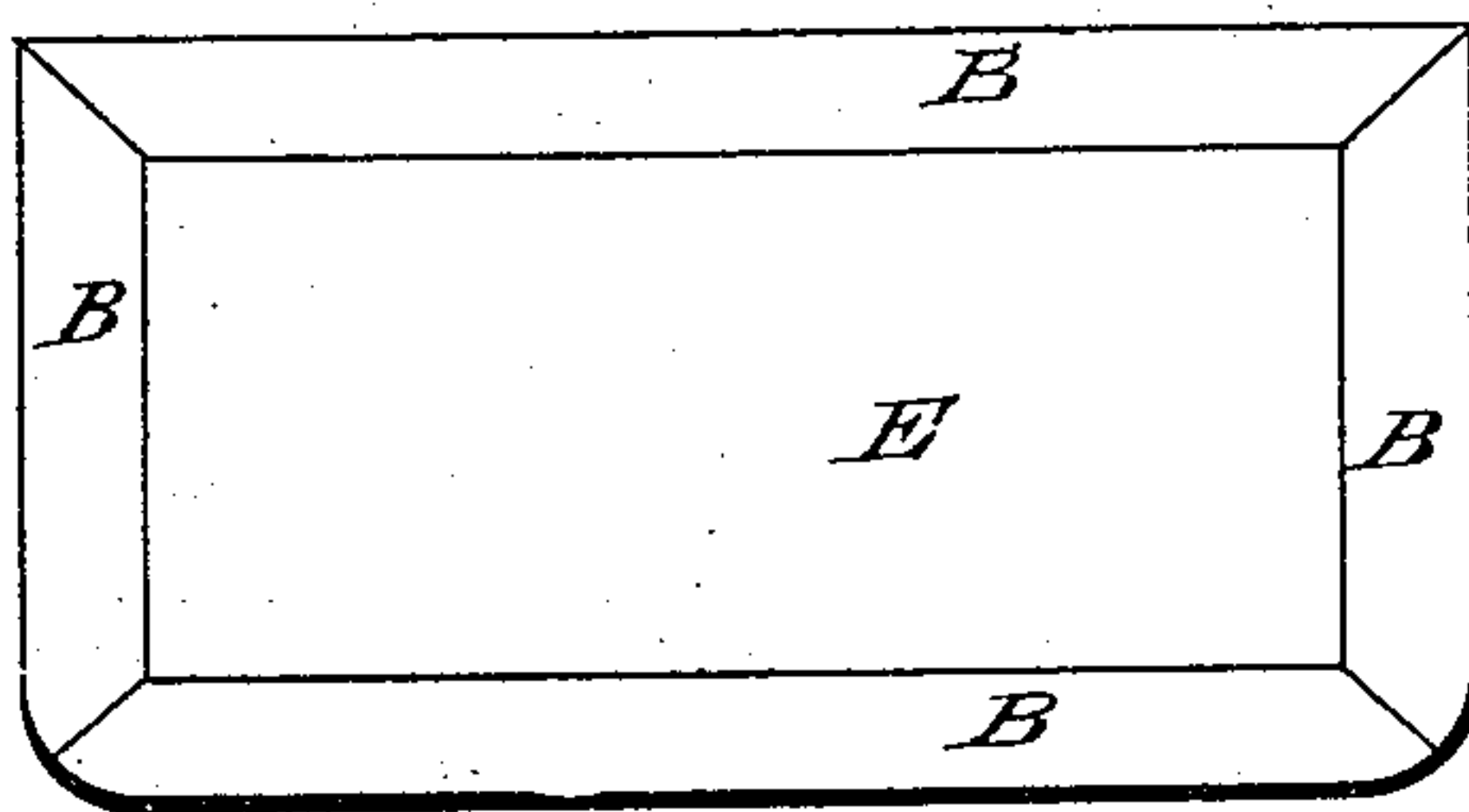
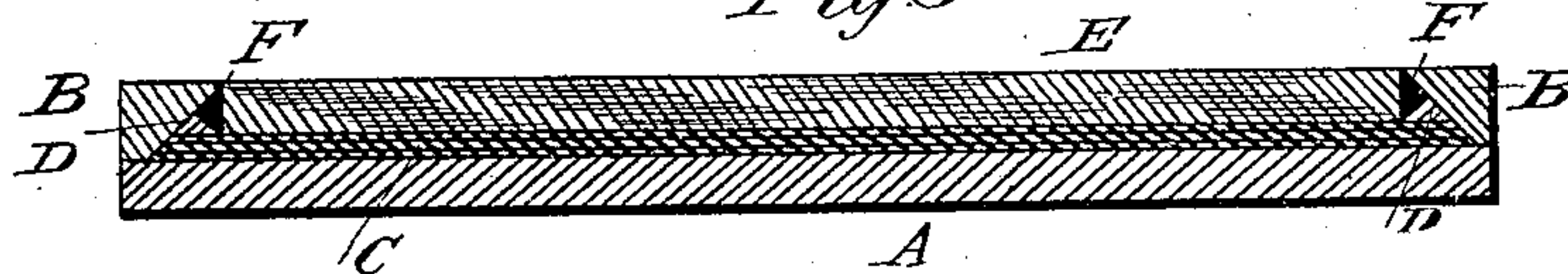


Fig. 3.



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DESK-TOP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA A. PAUL, of Madison, in the county of Dane and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Desk-Tops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertain to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of my improved desk-top constructed with two slate-
15 surfaces. Fig. 2 is a desk-top having one slate-surface only; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section of my improved desk-top, showing its construction and arrangement.

My invention has relation to desk-tops specially adapted to school-desks, or desks for chil-
20 dren's use, of that class in which the desk-top is provided with an inlaid surface of slate or similar material for drawing purposes; and it consists in the improved construction of the
25 desk-top, as hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A denotes an ordinary desk-top, of wood or any other suitable material. Around the edges of
30 this are fastened cleats or strips of wood B, which are beveled on their inner sides.

C is a pad, which may be made of felt, cloth, or of several thicknesses of blotting-paper, and this is held in place by triangular strips D,
35 which are fitted into the bevel of the outer cleats, B, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and fastened thereto by small nails or tacks driven transversely through them.

E is a slate, the edges of which are trimmed

off square, and which is placed upon the bot- 40
tom pad, C. To hold this slate firmly in its place I insert bands of rubber or other suitable packing between the edges of the slate and the strips B and D, as shown at F, the
triangular shape of the recess into which this 45
packing is inserted holding it in place and preventing it from being picked out by the school-children. In this manner I construct a slate-
surface flush with the top of the desk, which is to a certain degree yielding on account of 50
the elastic pad on which it rests, while at the same time it can be easily removed by taking off one of the outer cleats, B, without disturbing the bottom pad, which is fixed in its position by the triangular strips or cleats F. 55

I am aware that it is not new, broadly, to construct a desk-top with a pad or cushion underlying the slate-surface and with cleats for holding both the pad and slate in their proper places; but 60

What I claim as my improvement, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a desk-top of the described class, the combination, with the base or bed plate A, elastic 65
pad C, slate-surface E, and beveled cleats B, constructed as described, of the triangular wedge-strips D and elastic packing F, arranged substantially in the manner and for the purpose shown and set forth. 70

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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