

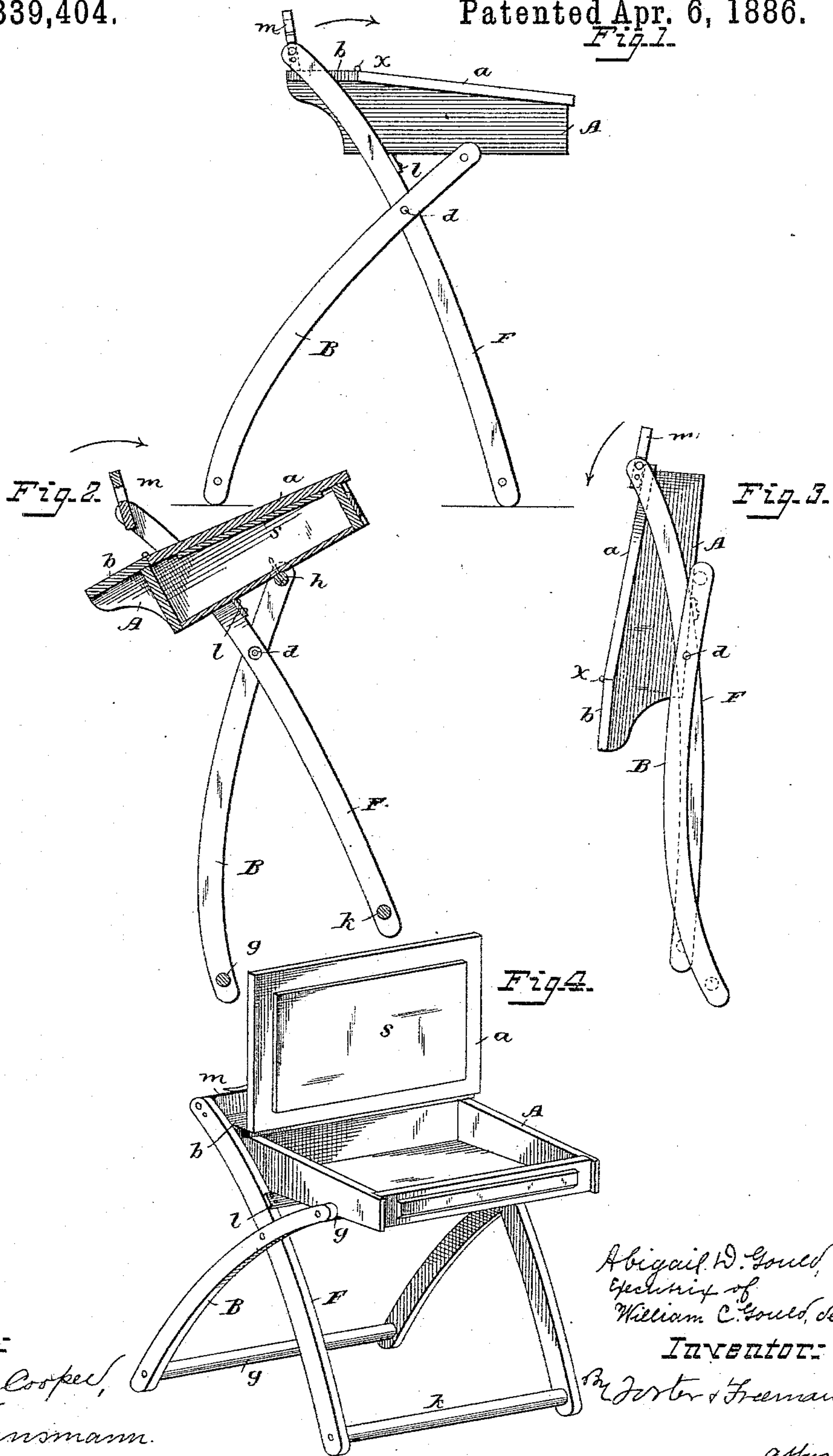
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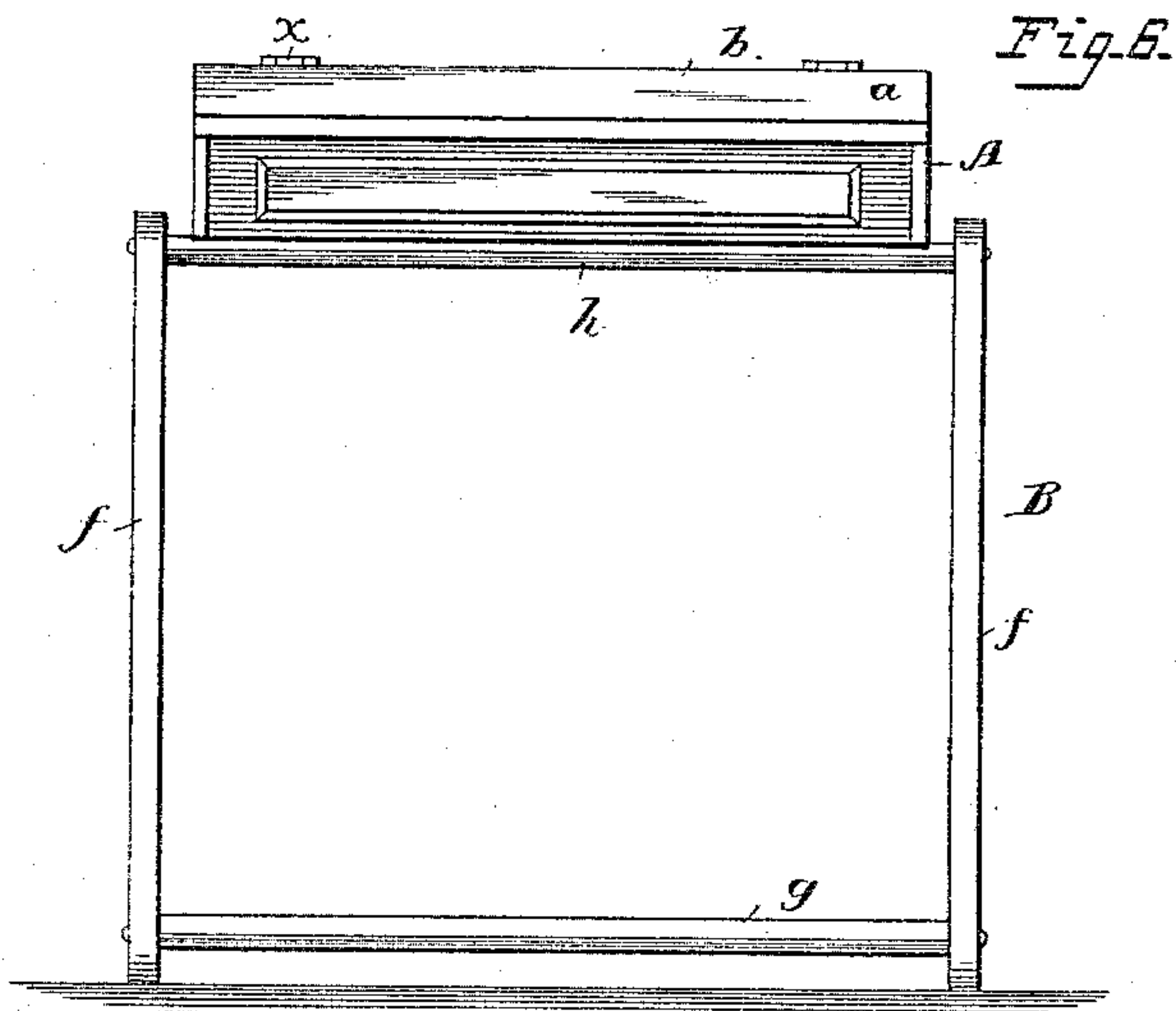
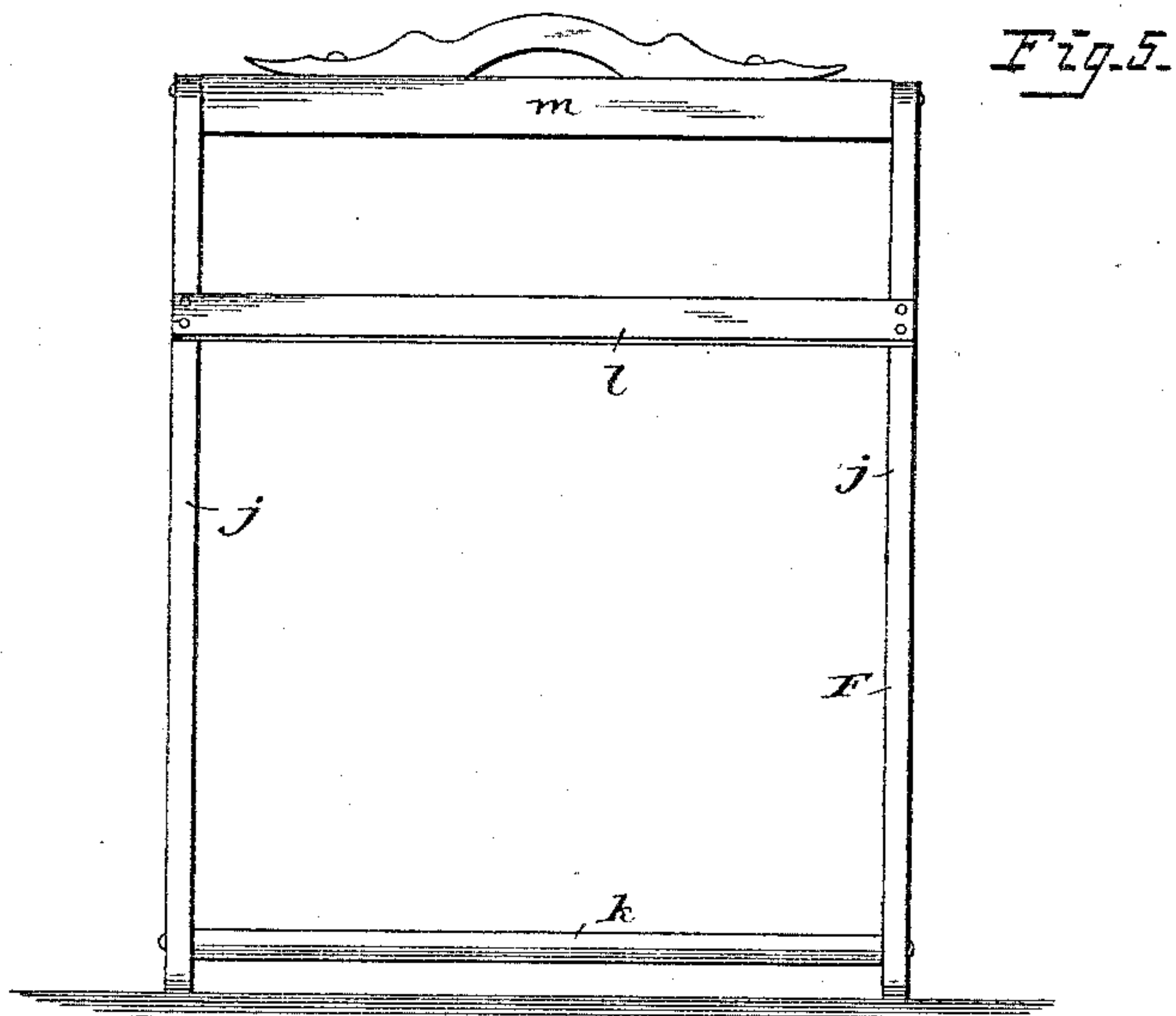
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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 339,404, dated April 6, 1886.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that WILLIAM C. GOULD, deceased, late of Walton, Delaware county, New York State, did invent certain Improvements in Folding Desks, of which the following is the specification.

This invention relates to desks adapted to be folded into a compact compass for transportation; and it consist of a desk-body connected to a frame and extending between cross-pieces of a second frame pivoted to the first, as fully set forth hereinafter, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved desk. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation showing the desk partly folded. Fig. 3 is a side view showing the desk folded for transportation or stowage. Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing a desk ready for use with the lid elevated, and Fig. 5 is an elevation of one of the frames detached. Fig. 6 is an elevation of the other frame with the desk-body.

The body of the desk consists of the usual box-like portion, A, having a lid, *a*, hinged at *x*, and a level top, *b*.

The legs consist of two cross-frames, B F, of different widths, pivoted one within the other, in the usual manner, by pivots *d*.

The frame B consists of the side pieces or legs, *f f*, the cross-piece *g*, and a transverse rod, *h*, turning in bearings in the ends of the legs *f f*, and serving as a support for the desk-body A, the bottom of which is secured to the said rod *h*, which turns in its bearings as the desk-body is tilted.

The frame F consists of the legs or side pieces, *j j*, the cross-pieces *k l*, and back piece, *m*.

The rear end of the desk-body extends between the cross-bar *l* and the back piece, *m*, and when the desk is arranged for use, as shown in Fig. 1, the body rests upon the cross-piece *l* at the rear, and the back piece, *m*, bears upon the top *b* of the body, so that the frame F is held in its position crossing the frame B, while the rear end of the desk is prevented from descending, and is gripped between the cross-piece and back plate and firmly secured in its place, so that it cannot be displaced

either by pressure at the back or at the front edge.

When the desk is to be collapsed for stowage or transportation, the upper portion of the frame F is drawn forward in the direction of the arrow, Fig. 2, when the box portion of the desk will descend at the rear end until the frames B F are folded compactly together, when all the parts will be in the position shown in Fig. 3. When the desk is again required for use, it is only necessary to swing the frame F back at the upper end in the direction of the arrow, Fig. 3, when the parts will be again brought to the position shown in Fig. 1.

To the under side of the lid *a* is secured a blackboard, *s*, and the back piece, *m*, is so arranged that when the lid is turned back to the position shown in Fig. 4 the blackboard will be supported in a nearly-upright position, so that it may be advantageously used in copying figures, designs, &c., from the main blackboard in the room or from charts, and when the lid of the desk is turned down the matter upon the blackboard will be held in position above the contents of the desk, so as not to be affected thereby.

The desk, instead of being secured to the cross-rod *h*, may be pivoted between the legs *f f* by pivots or pins extending from the upper ends of the said legs into the sides of the body, and the latter may be varied in shape and proportions, as will be found most desirable.

Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts shown, I claim—

1. A folding desk consisting of two frames, pivoted together as described, a desk-body pivoted between the sides of the outer frame, and two cross-pieces extending between the legs of the inner frame and receiving between them the rear end of the desk-body, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the frame F, provided with a cross-piece, *l*, and back piece, *m*, and the frame B, pivoted to the frame F, and the desk-body A, pivoted between the sides of the frame B, and extending between the

cross-piece *l* and the back piece, *m*, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the frame *F*, cross-piece *l*, and back piece, *m*, and the frame *B* 5 and pivotal rod *h*, supporting and connected to the desk-body, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name

to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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