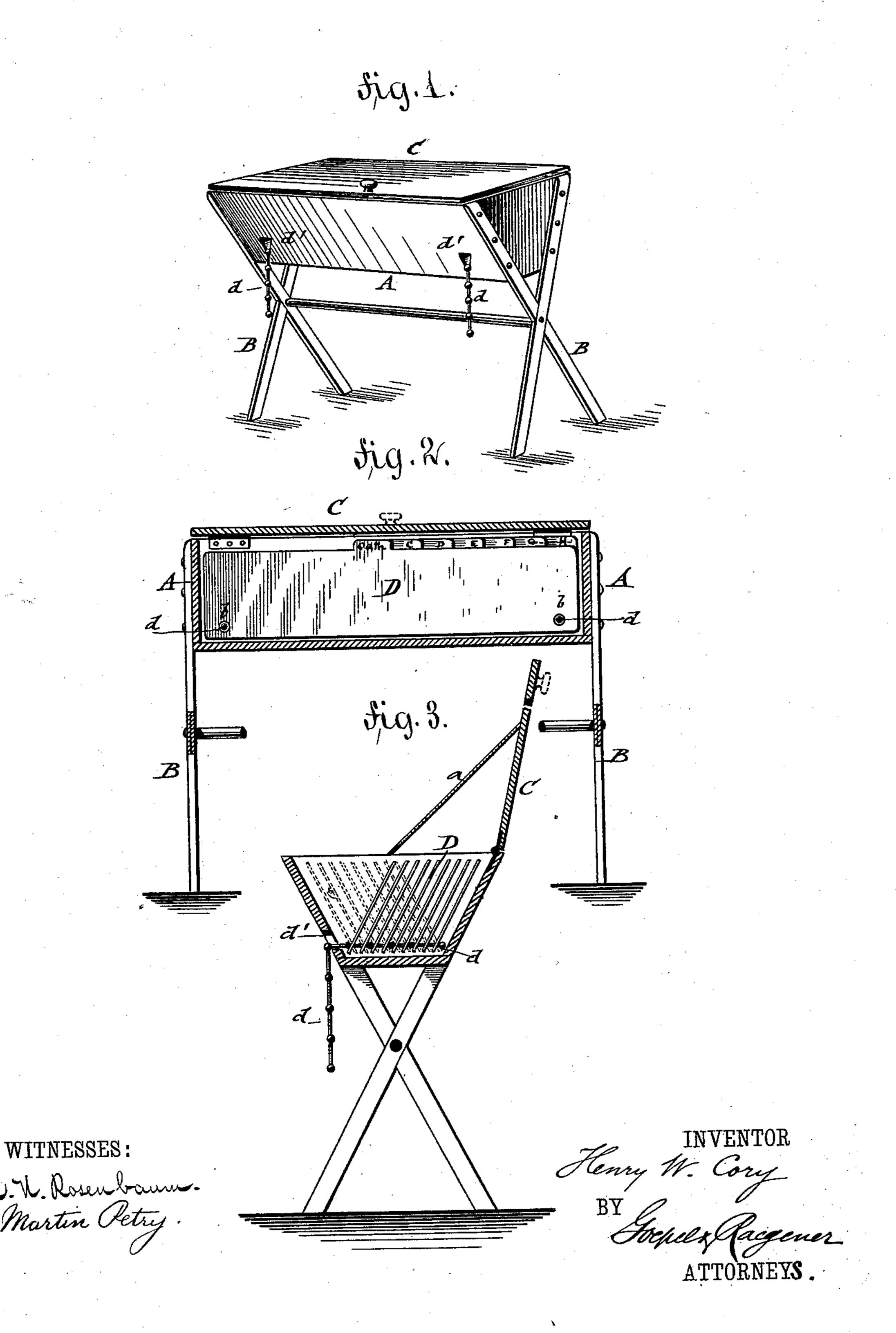
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Henry W. Cory, of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases for Law-Blanks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved case for holding law and other blanks, maps, plans, &c., in such a manner that any desired blank can be quickly selected from the

The invention consists of a blank-case the body of which is made open at the top and provided with converging front and rear walls, the front wall being provided with V-shaped openings near the bottom, and of a series of interior card-boards arranged in the body of the case and connected at the lower ends by knotted strings, which are attached to the rear card-board, passed through openings near the lower end of the remaining card-boards, and retained by the openings of the front wall of the case.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved blank-case, and Figs. 2 and 3 are respectively a vertical longitudinal and a vertical transverse section of the same.

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30 sponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of my improved case for law and other blank forms. The body A is supported on a suitable stand formed of cross-legs B B, which are attached to the body in any suitable manner.

The body A of the case is closed by a lid, C, that is hinged to the rear wall of the case, and retained by a cord or strap, a, in open posi-

40 tion, as shown in Fig. 3.

The body A of the case is made with fixed transverse side walls and converging front and rear walls, and provided at its interior with a series of indexed card-boards, D, which are provided with perforations or slits bb near their lower corners. Through the perforations or slits bb are passed knotted strings d, which are attached to the rearmost cardboard, D, while the knotted front ends are passed through the V-shaped recesses d' to the outside of the casing, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

The different blanks are arranged between

the indexed card-boards D, each set of blanks next to its corresponding card-board. The 55 blanks are retained in position in the case A by drawing the knotted strings tight and then wedging them into the lower narrower parts of the V-shaped holes d', which retain the strings d in position. When the blanks are 60 gradually used up, the card-boards are moved up close to each other by retightening the strings d, and fastening them again by allowing them to drop into the lower parts of the V-shaped holes d'.

When it is desired to take any one of the blanks from the case, the card-board indicating the desired blank is taken hold of and thrown, with all the card-boards in front of the same, forward toward the front wall, as 70 shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3, while the remaining card-boards and blanks remain in position parallel to the rear wall. Access is thereby given to the required set of blanks, so that one or more may be conveniently re- 75 moved

In this manner a cheap and convenient blank-case for lawyers and others is obtained, in which the blanks can be conveniently stored and removed for use. In place of the 80 strings for connecting the card-boards, any other means by which the card-boards are connected to the lower part of the case may be used, so that they cannot be removed from the case, and can be moved up close to the 85 blanks.

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

The combination of a case being open at the top, and having converging front and rear 90 walls, the front wall being provided with V-shaped openings near the bottom, interior card-boards for separating the blanks, having perforations at the lower corners, and knotted strings passing through the perforations of the 95 card-boards, said cords being attached to the rear card-board and retained by the openings of the front wall of the case, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my 100 invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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