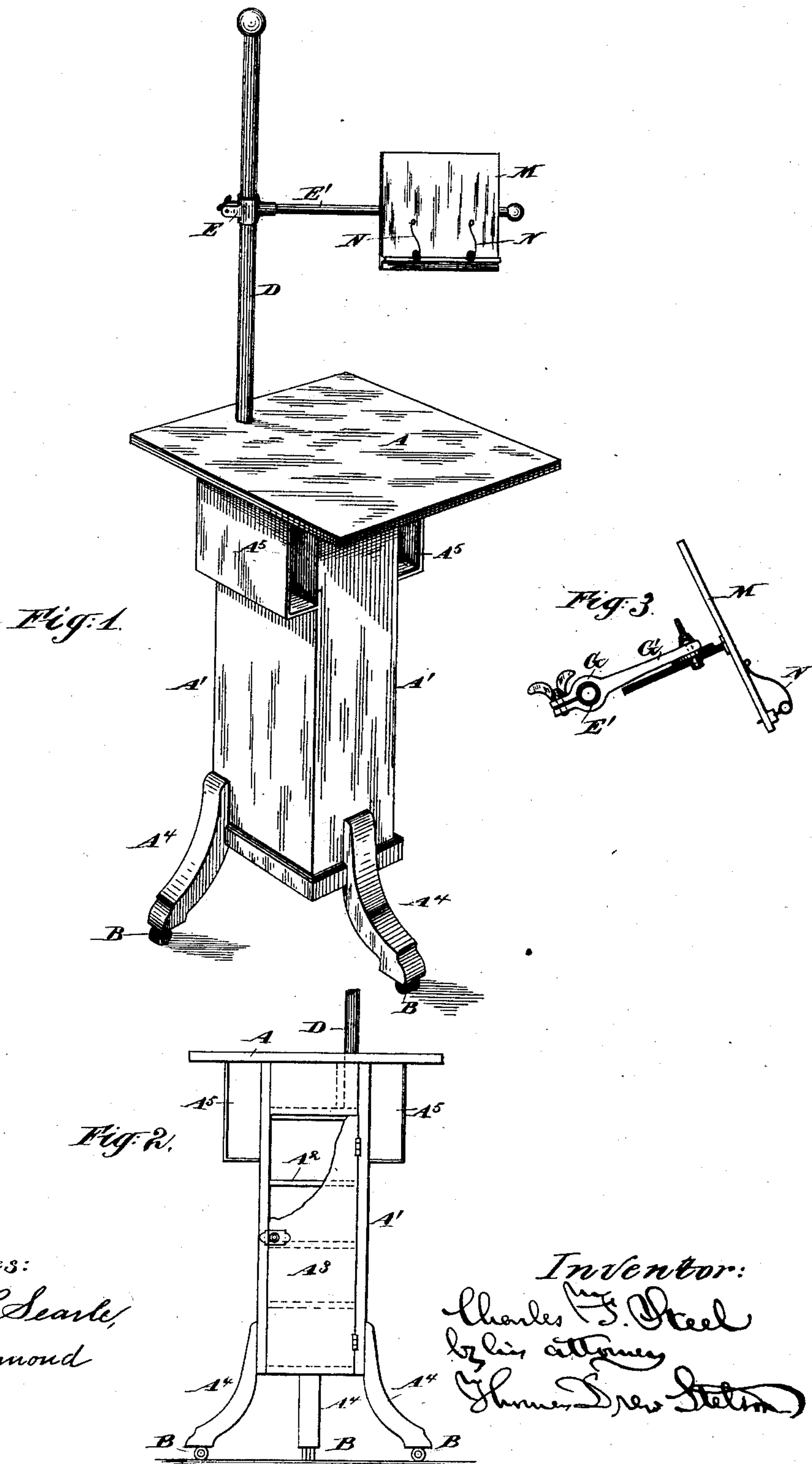


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. STEEL, of New York city, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables, of which the following is a specification.

The invention is designed more especially for a writing-table, and will be described as so used. I make a small table supported on a hollow casing, which latter is utilized to contain writing materials or other articles, and is mounted on casters for convenience of moving and adjusting. I provide a swiveling-post having an adjustable arm and connections for supporting a book or any paper from which it is desired to copy.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification, and represent what I consider the best means of carrying out the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in condition for use. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the main body, with certain portions removed. Fig. 3 is a view of a portion detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates the top of the table supported rigidly upon a hollow casing, A', having interior shelves, A², and a door, A³. The interior shelves, A², may be used to hold writing utensils, papers, or other articles. The hollow casing A' has legs A⁴, supported on casters B⁵. A cylindrical standard, preferably a hollow tube, D, is removably and vertically supported in the top of the structure, and is free to be revolved in its bearings therein.

E designates a clamp mounted adjustably on the rod or tube D, carrying an arm, E'. This arm carries a clamp, G, formed on an arm, G', which is provided with a device for supporting a book-holder, M, equipped with springs N for holding a book in an open condition. The clamps allow the adjustment of the arms and book-holder in a great variety of positions. The springs N hold a book or paper conveniently on the book-holder.

When not desired for use, the clamp E, on being sufficiently slacked, may be lifted entirely off the rod D; or the rod D, with its attachments, may be lifted out of its socket in the table. I prefer to keep the parts together, simply setting the clamp C and its attach-

ments so high as to be out of the way when not required for use.

The door A³ turns on hinges, and may have any suitable fastening.

I provide racks or pockets, for holding paper or, other material on each side of the casing A' at the top, as indicated by A⁵. These are of rectangular form, and consist of a horizontal side secured to the casing A', and lying parallel to the top A, and a vertical side secured to the top A, and arranged parallel to the casing, thus forming open-ended receptacles into which the paper and other material may be easily inserted. They also serve to stiffen and support the top A.

Modifications may be made in the forms and proportions without departing from the principle or sacrificing the advantages of the invention. I can make the top of the table with any degree of inclination desired, instead of making it level, as shown. Any ordinary or suitable means may be employed for retaining an inkstand in position on the table.

I am aware that book-holders with universal motions have been made and have been attached to invalid-chairs in connection with broad arms or small tablets for the purpose of writing; but nothing has been made which provides any of these conveniences in connection with the writing-desk.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the hollow casing A' and its supported top A, of the open-ended pockets A⁵, connecting and bracing said top and casing and serving as receptacles, as set forth.

2. The table herein described, consisting of the hollow casing A', having interior shelves, A², and a door, A³, the top A, supported on said casing, and the open-ended horizontal pockets A⁵, having their horizontal and vertical sides attached, respectively, to the casing and the top at points distant from the junction of top and casing, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at New York city, New York, this 21st day of June, 1886, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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