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Fig. 1.

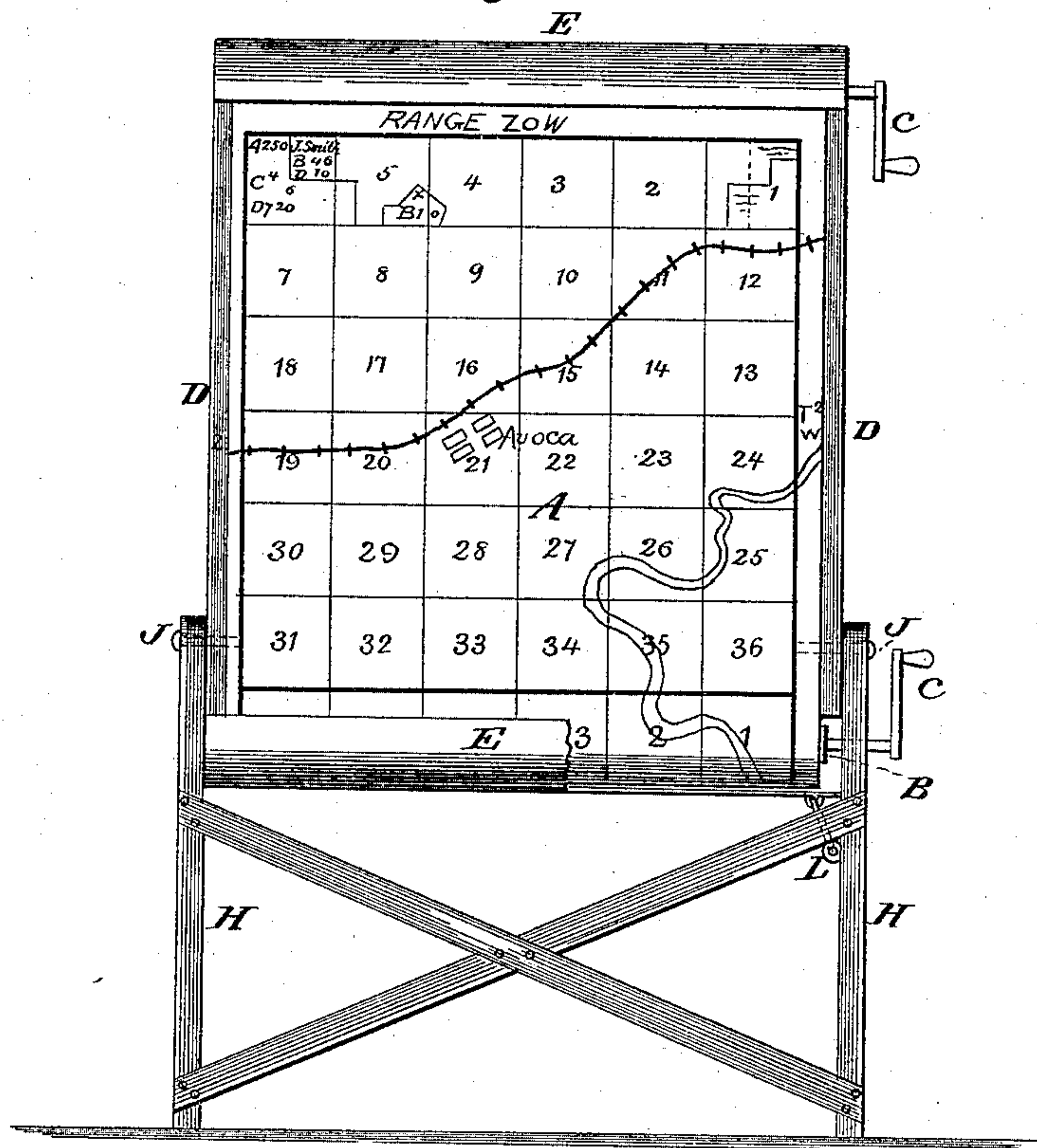
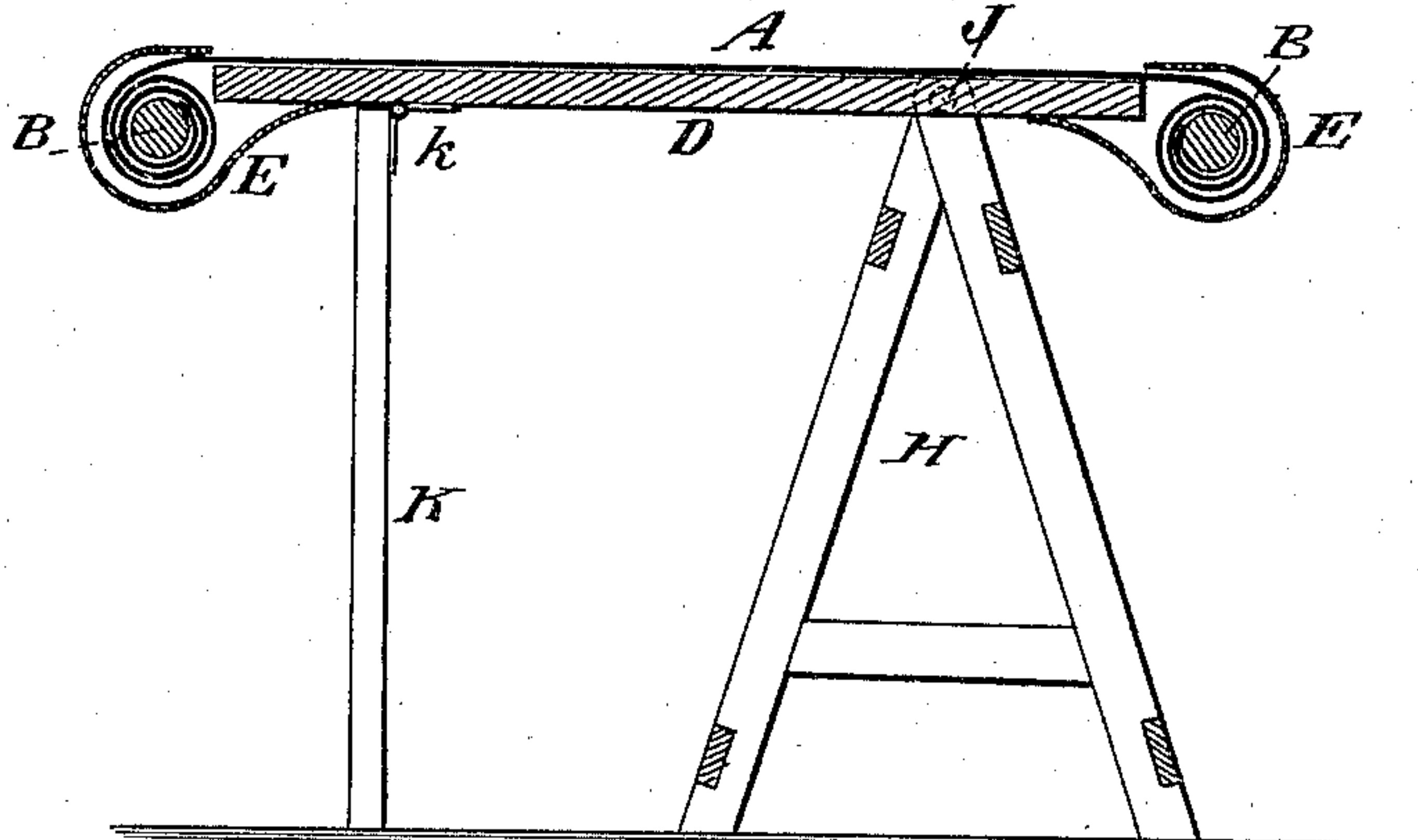


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIDNEY B. ROBERTSON, a citizen of Arkansas, residing at Bentonville, in the county of Benton and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mode of Keeping Abstracts of Titles; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The invention has for its purpose to provide some convenient means of keeping abstracts of titles of lands, so that one may see at a glance, and without possibility of mistake, the shape, size, and location of the tract without the usual puzzling descriptions in letters and figures, which are only intelligible to an expert.

My invention will also render unnecessary the usual books kept, which are unwieldy and heavy to handle.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a front elevation showing my apparatus with the map held perpendicularly. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section.

In the drawings, A represents a strip of vellum or analogous tough and flexible substance; D, the board or plate on which it is stretched; B B, the rolls, to each of which one end of the vellum strip is attached, and E E the incasements, which are fastened under the ends of board D and curved over so as nearly to touch the top thereof. These incasements are perforated at the sides to form bearings for the journals of the rolls B B. The vellum passes between the upper ends of the incasements to and around the rolls, the latter being provided with the hand-cranks c c, so that the vellum may be wound from one to the other.

H is a frame in which the board D is pivoted at J J, so that it may be turned up vertically and held by a bottom latch, L, or down hori-

zontally to rest upon a leg, K, hinged at k, said positions being respectively shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

On the vellum I draw the lots to be abstracted and the towns to comparative scales with heavy black top lines and lighter sectional lines, with the boundaries of each entry in green, and its date, the name of patentee, and the page-letter of the record-deed all in the same color. I make any irregular and private lines in red. All subsequent transfers and mortgages affecting the title are referred to by the letter and page of the record-book in black ink. Mortgages and tax forfeitures are indicated by any arbitrary sign which may be fixed on. All these references are on the face of what represents the tract, and when this face is substantially used up reference is made to a book kept for the purpose, and this may run indefinitely.

By my invention any part of a given territory may be brought into view by a few turns of the crank and an abstract of the title seen at a glance. This saves an immense amount of labor, and accomplishes the object in a most satisfactory manner.

What I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

A device for keeping abstracts of titles, which consists in a flexible map with lots marked thereon and notated with the titles thereto, said map being connected at each end with a roller and stretched on a board between said rolls, and the said rolls being provided with bearings in incasements fastened at one end under the board and curved over so as nearly to touch its top surface, whereby said device may be used, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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