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WRITING DESK.

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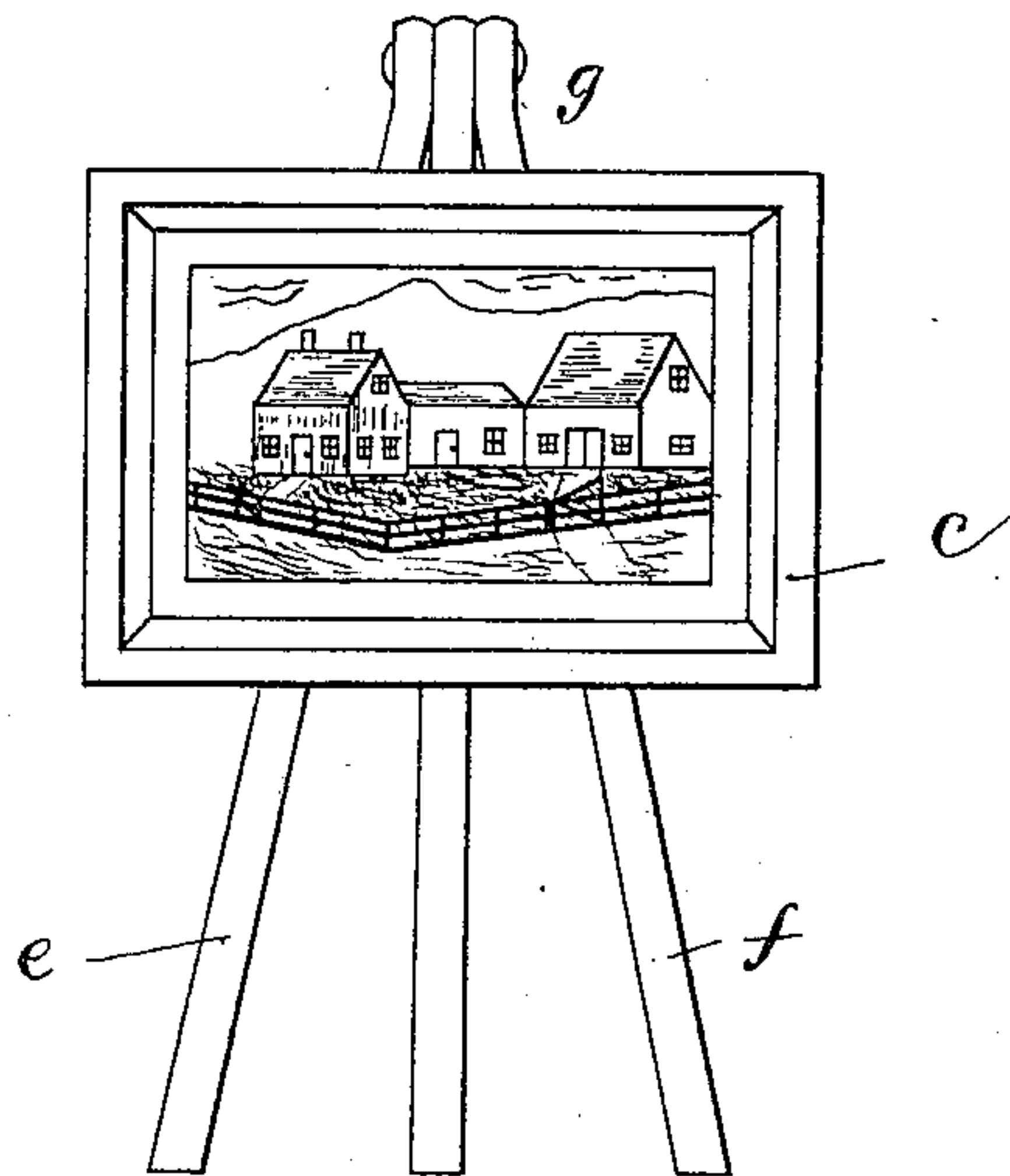


FIG. 3.

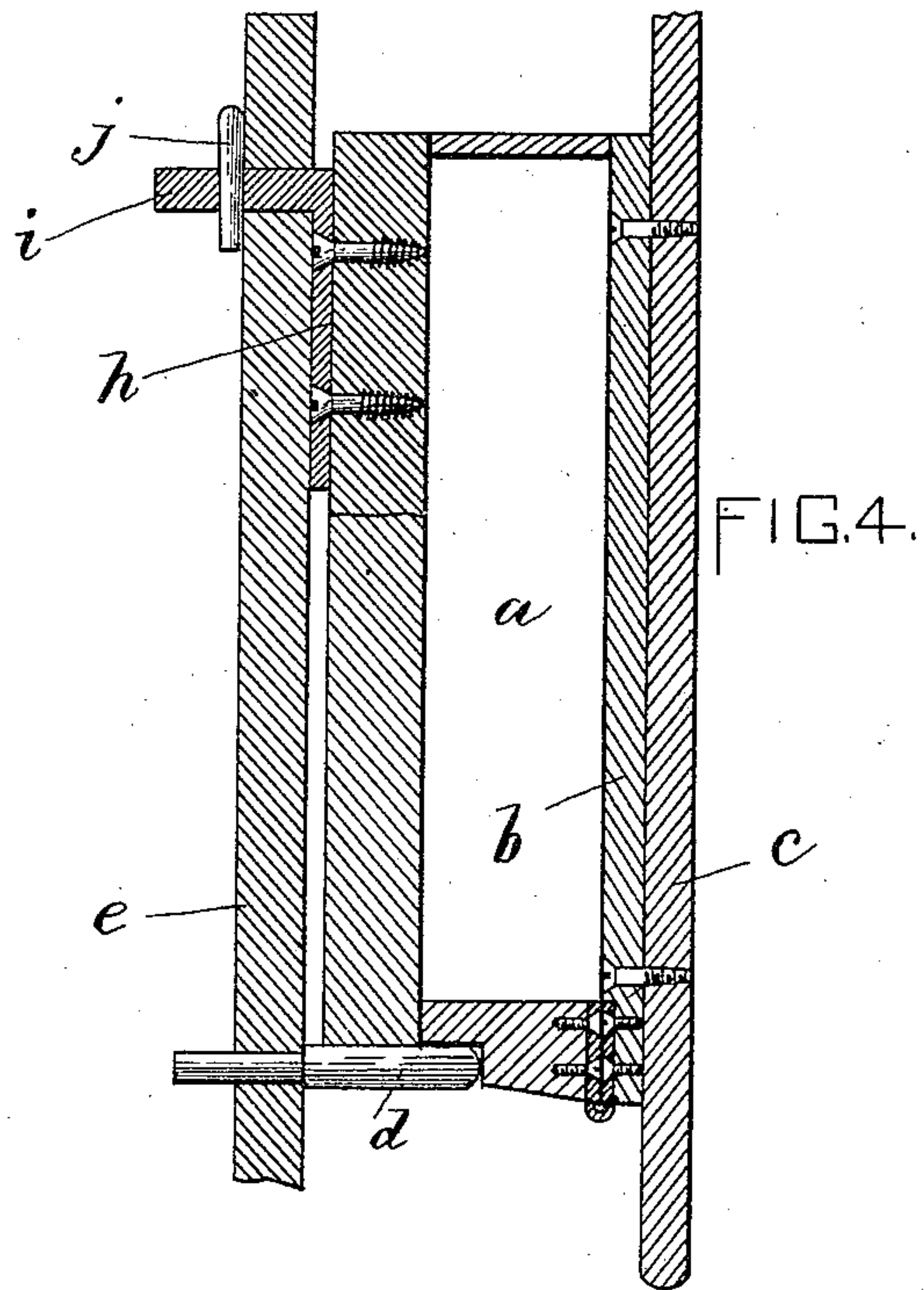


FIG. 4.

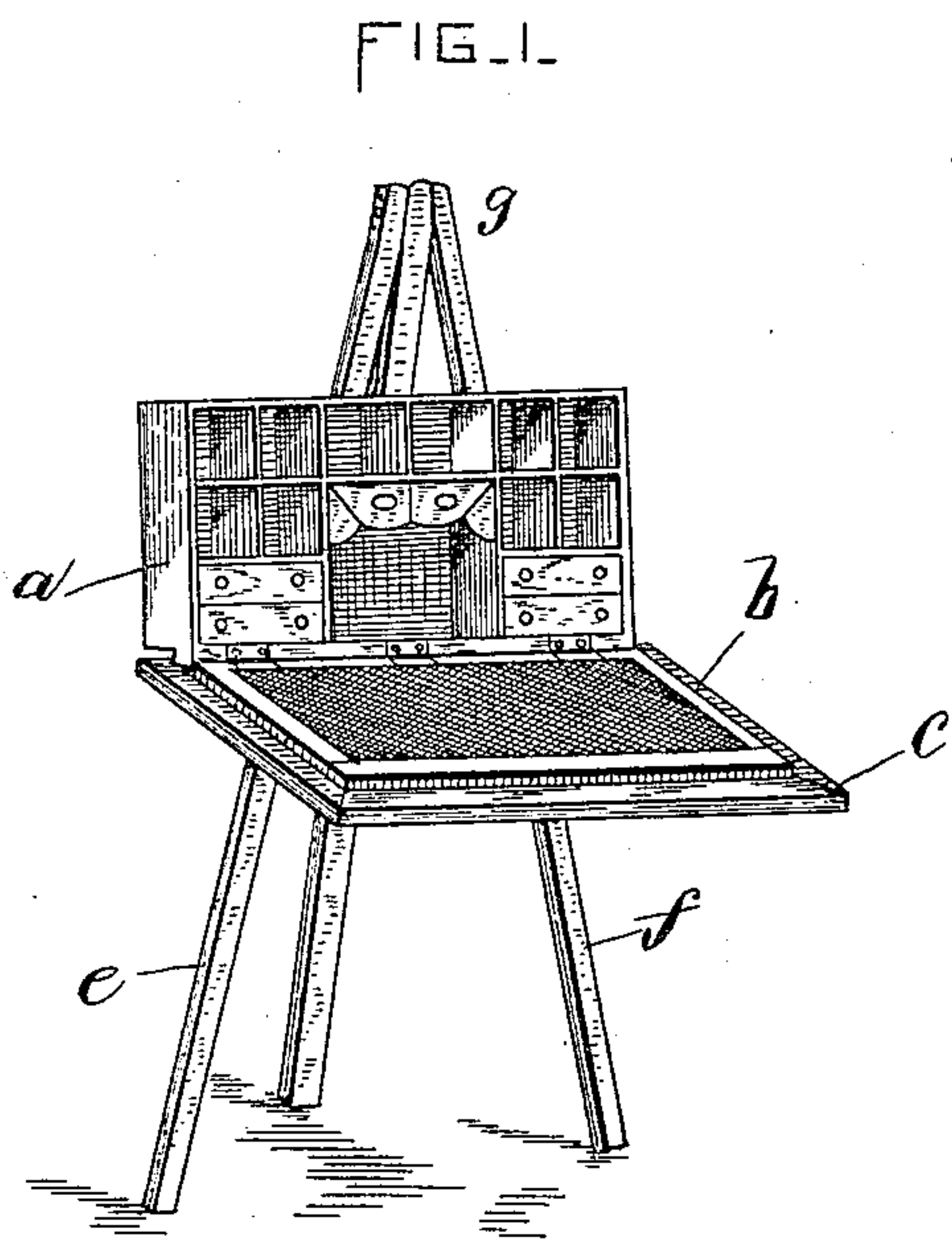


FIG. 1.

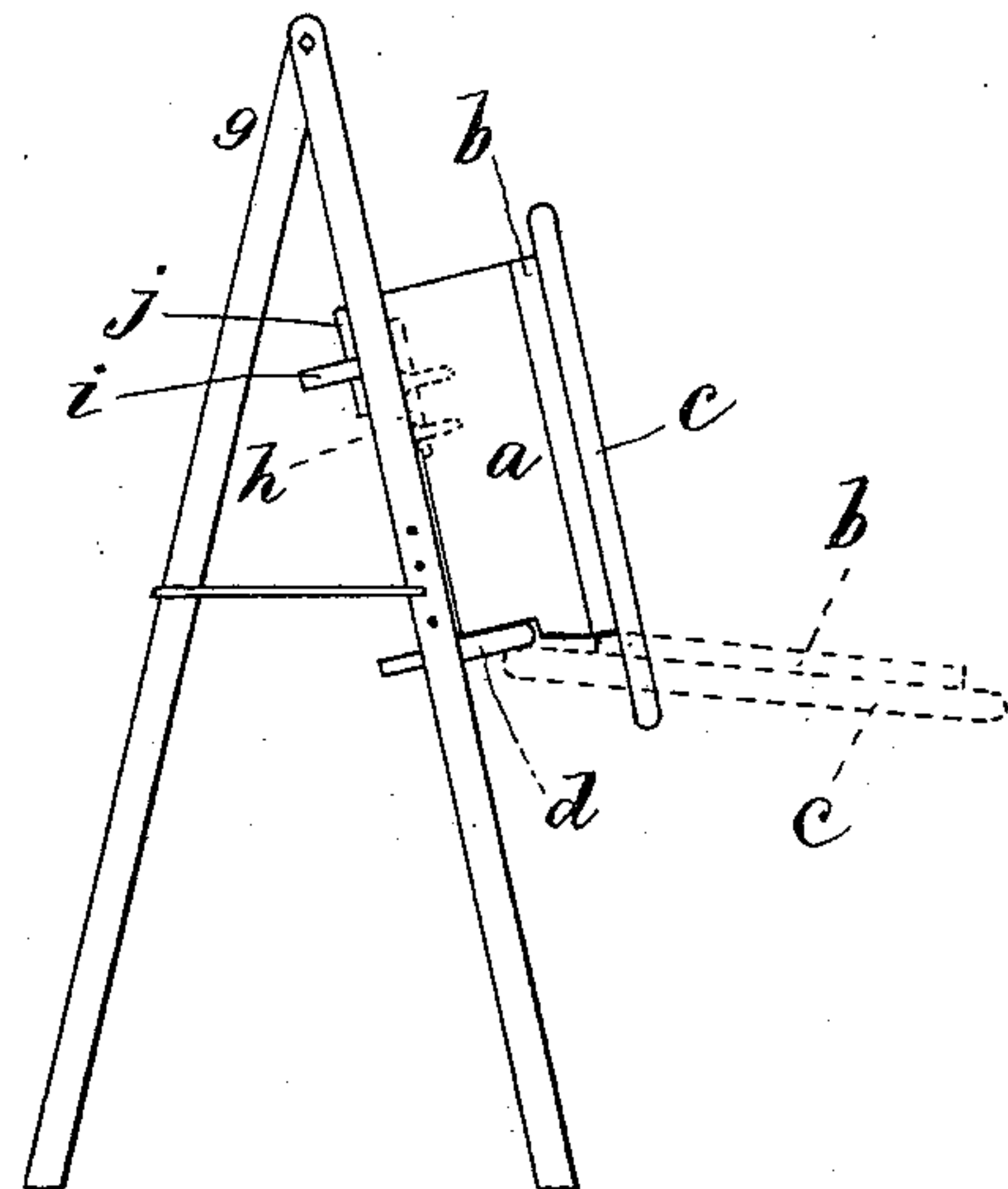


FIG. 2.

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WRITING-DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE L. GORHAM, of St. Johnsbury, in the county of Caledonia and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writing-Desks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to writing-desks and the manner of using the same in connection with a picture and easel; and it has for its object the provision of a writing-desk, the cover of which may be so connected with a picture-frame that when said frame containing a picture is secured to the cover of the desk and the latter placed in position on an easel the desk will not be visible, and the picture will appear to the observer as placed on the easel in the ordinary manner.

To these ends the invention consists in the improvements which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a writing-desk placed in position on an easel, the cover of the desk being shown as turned down or open and the picture-frame attached thereto. Fig. 2 represents a side view of the same and the manner of attaching the desk to the easel, the desk being shown as closed. Fig. 3 represents a front view showing the picture and frame in front of the desk. Fig. 4 represents an enlarged sectional detail view showing the manner of securing the frame to the cover, and also how the desk may be secured to the easel.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents a box provided with compartments, &c., after the manner of a writing-desk. Said box may be three or more inches in depth, and is provided with a cover *b*, hinged at the bottom and adapted to be opened to form a writing-table, as shown in Fig. 1. To the cover is rigidly attached a picture-frame *c*, containing a picture suf-

ficiently large to conceal the box or desk when the cover of the same is in the closed position, as-shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The box is supported on pegs *d*, passing through holes in the legs *e f* of an easel *g* of suitable form, in the usual manner, the only difference being that the box is substituted at the back of the frame instead of the back board usually placed behind framed pictures.

To prevent the desk from tipping forward when being used for writing, I have attached near the top of the same a metal plate *h*, Fig. 4, having a shank *i*, adapted to pass through the leg *e* of the easel and secured by a pin *j*, or in any other suitable manner.

It will be seen that by the described arrangement when the cover *b* is opened for use as a writing-desk the frame *c* will be on the under side of said cover, and when the cover is in the closed position the frame, with its inclosed picture, hides the box from view, showing only the picture, as seen in Fig. 3.

By the devices above described I am enabled to provide a writing-desk which will be both useful and ornamental, as will be readily understood.

What I claim is—

The combination, with an easel frame or support having projecting pegs, of a desk resting on said pegs and having a right-angled plate projected through an aperture of said frame or support, and a pin passed through said plate, substantially as set forth, the outer portion or face of the lid of said desk being constructed as a picture-frame containing a picture, as stated.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 3d day of September, A. D. 1888.

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