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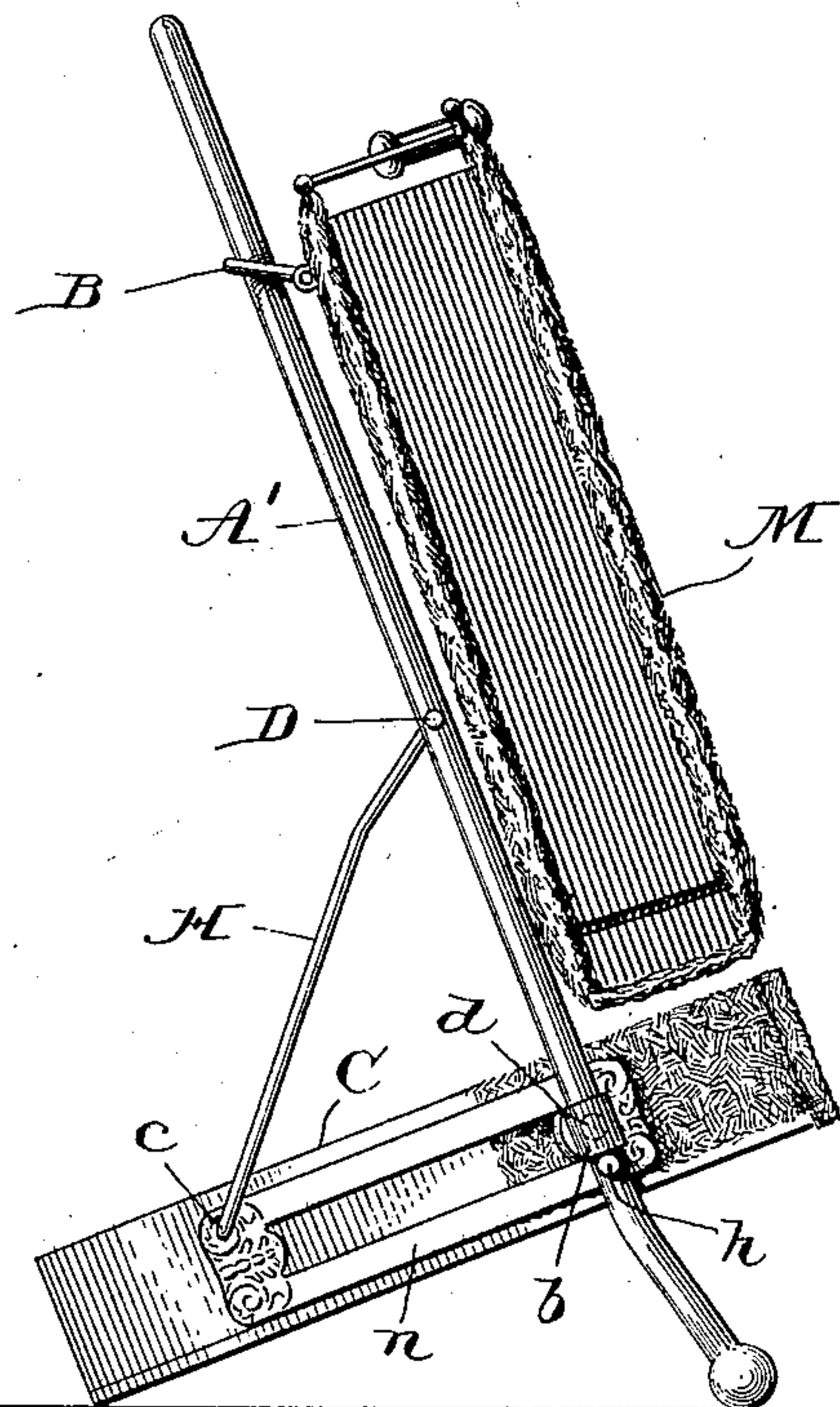
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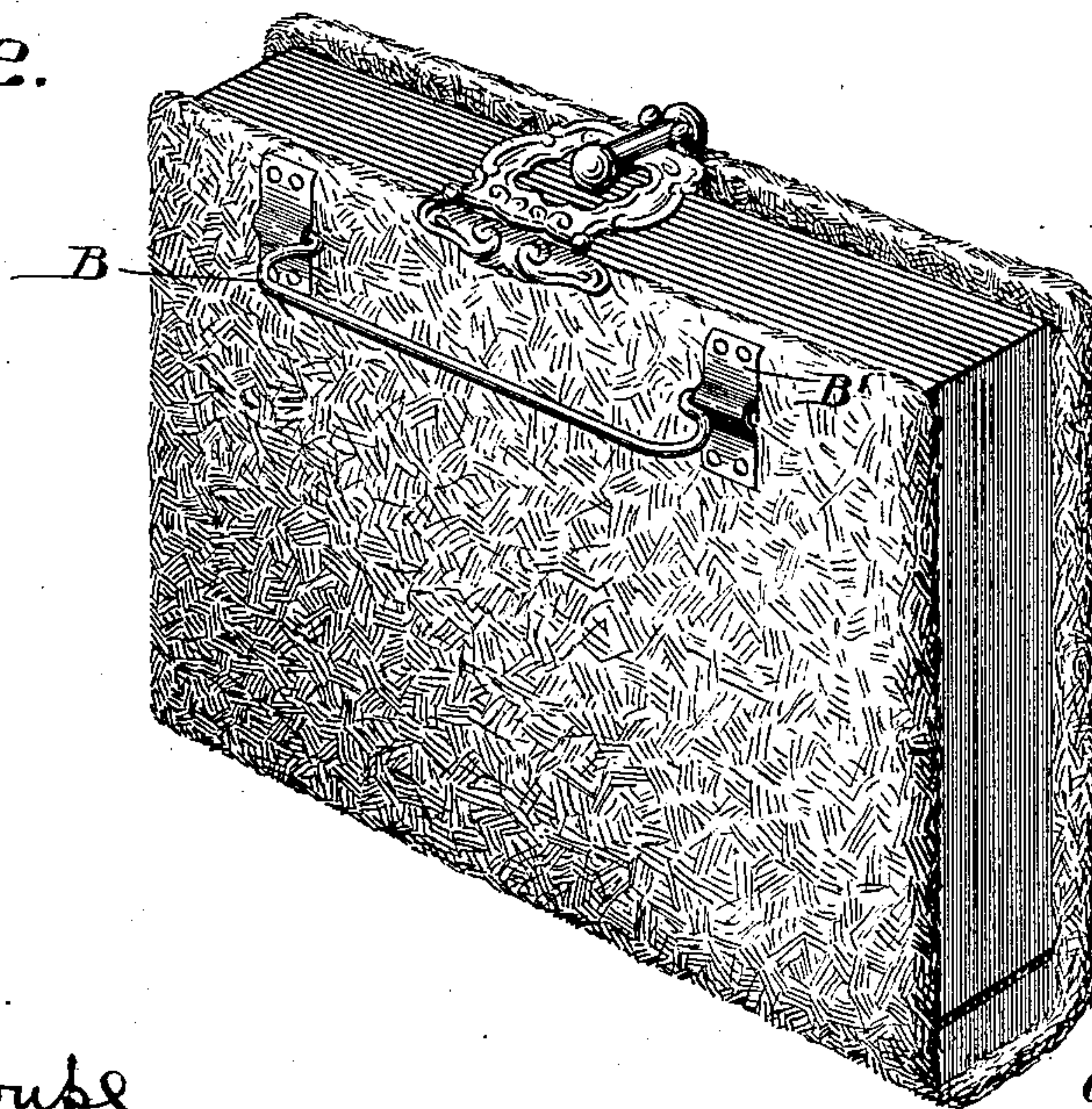
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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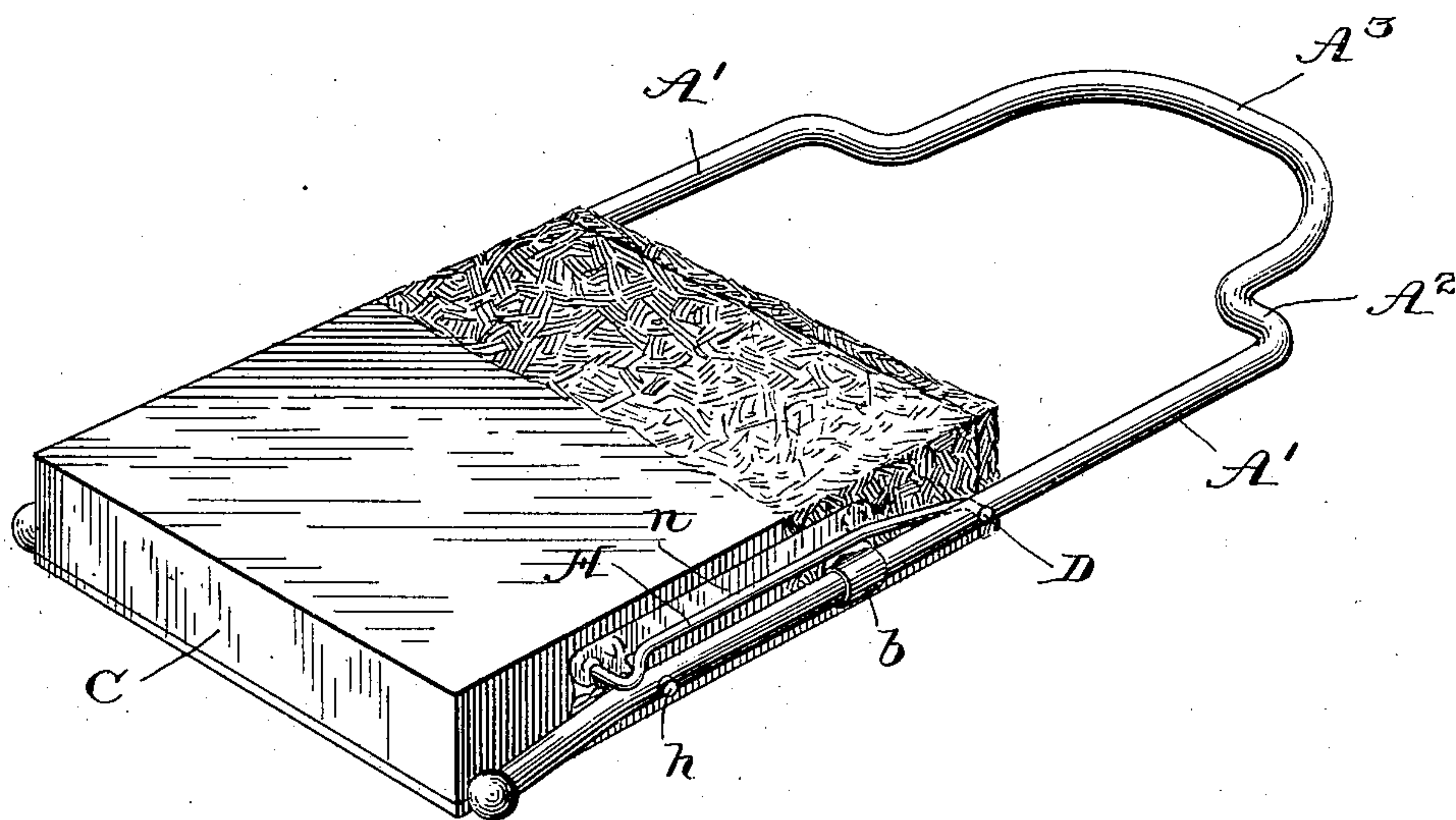
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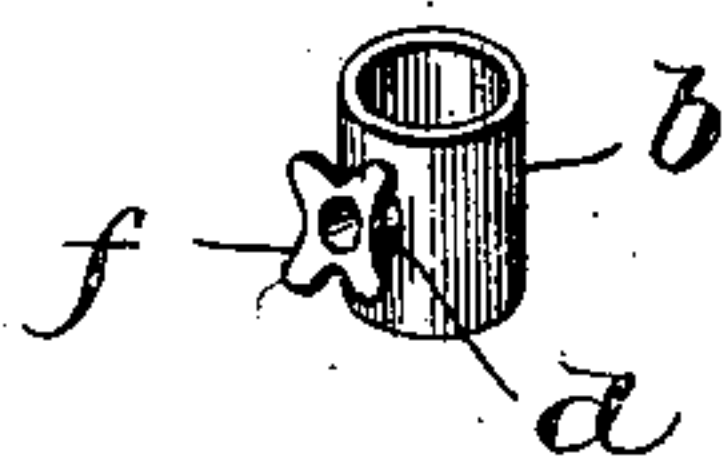
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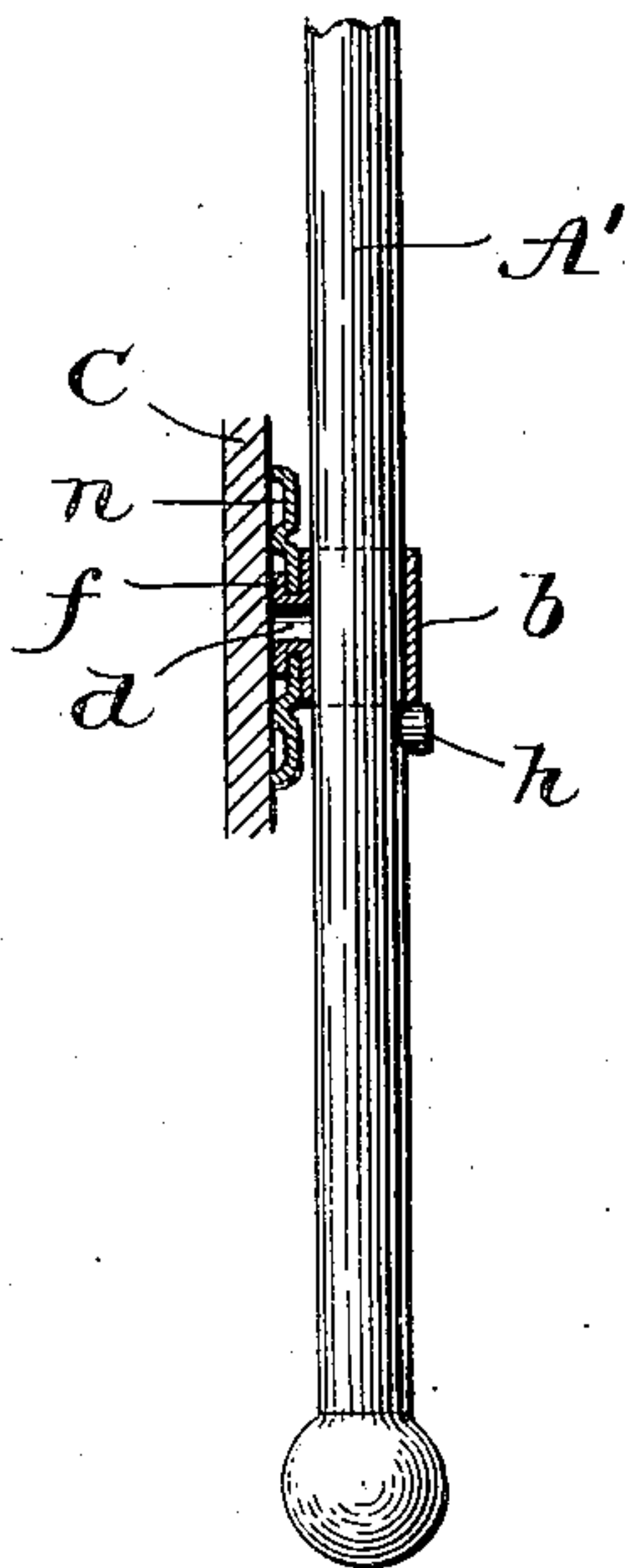
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## EASEL-SUPPORT FOR ALBUMS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. HOLMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easel-Supports for Albums and Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to easel-supports for albums, books, pictures, &c., and has for its object to provide such a support which is adapted to be closed up and lie flat when packed for transportation, while at the same time furnishing in the normal position of its parts an easel-rest, combined with a base-support adapted to contain a drawer for pictures and also with convenient means to hang a book or the like upon the upright cross-frame.

To these ends my invention consists of the combination, with a main member or upright frame, of a normally-inclined box or base-support, with means to hinge the box in the upright frame, such means consisting of a revoluble pivot-pin having its bearings in the side of the base-support and having a sleeve-like end through which the rods of the upright frame pass, and with means to limit the movement of the rod in the sleeve, and in several detail features hereinafter referred to.

In the drawings illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved easel-support with an album hung thereon. Fig. 2 is an elevation of an album, showing a pivoted handle or arm adapted to support the album upon the upright frame of the easel. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the easel-support with the several parts lying flat or closed up, illustrating the adaptability of the device to be packed closely for transportation. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the revoluble pivot-pin with sleeve attachment; and Fig. 5 is a view in elevation of one member of the upright frame and in section of the side of the base-support and the revoluble pivot-pin, showing the relative arrangement of the said parts.

The upright member A of the easel-support consists of a metal rod bent to form two legs A' A', connected integrally at top by the

bar A<sup>2</sup>. This connecting portion is bent inwardly, as at A<sup>3</sup>, to form a convenient and suitable means whereon to hang a picture by a cord or an album or book by a pivoted handle or arm B, (see Figs. 1 and 2,) secured to the back of the picture or the back cover of the book or album, near the upper edge thereof. At or near the lower end of the frame-legs A' A' and between the same is pivotally mounted a base-support, preferably in the form of a flat box C, to hold pictures. The normal position of this base-support is inclined, one end resting on the table or other support on which the easel is placed.

As the design of the structure is to enable it to be collapsed or folded up, it is essential that the base-support C should be pivotally mounted upon the frame-legs A' A' of the easel-support, so that the said parts may partially rotate relatively to each other, and also that means be provided for maintaining the proper or desired incline of the easel-frame.

My present improvements in devices of this character relate to the means for pivotally mounting the base-support or box in and between the easel-frame legs, these means consisting of a revoluble pin *d* having a sleeve *b*, adapted to embrace and move freely upon the frame-leg A', a neck and a base, by which the pin is secured to the base-support or box C or, preferably, to a metal plate *n*, riveted to the vertical side of the box or base-support. It is obvious that the revoluble pivot-pin *d* will allow the easel (shown in normal position in Fig. 1) to be collapsed or folded down into the position shown in Fig. 3. When, however, the parts are brought again into upright position, it is equally obvious that means must be provided to limit the movement of the sleeve *b* on the frame-leg A', and such means are shown as a pin or knob *h* on the frame-leg, at such point thereon that the knob will contact with the sleeve when the parts are brought to a properly-inclined position. In aid thereof and to further strengthen the parts a link H is provided, pivoted at each of its ends to the box or base-support at *c* and to the frame-leg at D, respectively.

The album, if it is desired to hang such a book on the easel-support, is provided, as before mentioned, with a hinged arm B, which



can be slipped over the narrow bent end A<sup>3</sup> of the upright frame, as shown in Fig. 1, and hence it is obvious that the book is readily removable therefrom when desired.

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

1. An easel-support comprising a main member or frame having supporting-legs and  
10 a normally-inclined base-support adapted to be pivotally swung between them, in combination with a revoluble pivot-pin mounted in each side of the base-support; said pins having a sleeve-like head adapted to encircle the  
15 leg of the main frame near the basal end thereof, with means to limit the movement thereof within the sleeve; substantially as described.

2. An easel-support comprising in combination a main member or frame having legs  
20 A' A', a normally-inclined base-support C; a revoluble pivot-pin *d*, mounted in each vertical side of the base-support and having a

sleeve-like head *b* adapted to encircle the frame-leg; and said legs A' being provided  
25 with stop-pins *h*; said parts being combined and operating substantially as described.

3. An easel-support comprising in combination a main frame provided with legs A' A',  
30 a normally-inclined box or base-support C, and a pair of revoluble pivot-pins *d d* mounted in the vertical sides of the base-support, and provided with sleeve-like heads, means to limit the upward movement of the leg within the sleeve, and a pair of rear link-arms H  
35 pivotally connecting the main frame at or about its center with the base-support at or near its rear end; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature this 5th day of June, A. D.  
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