

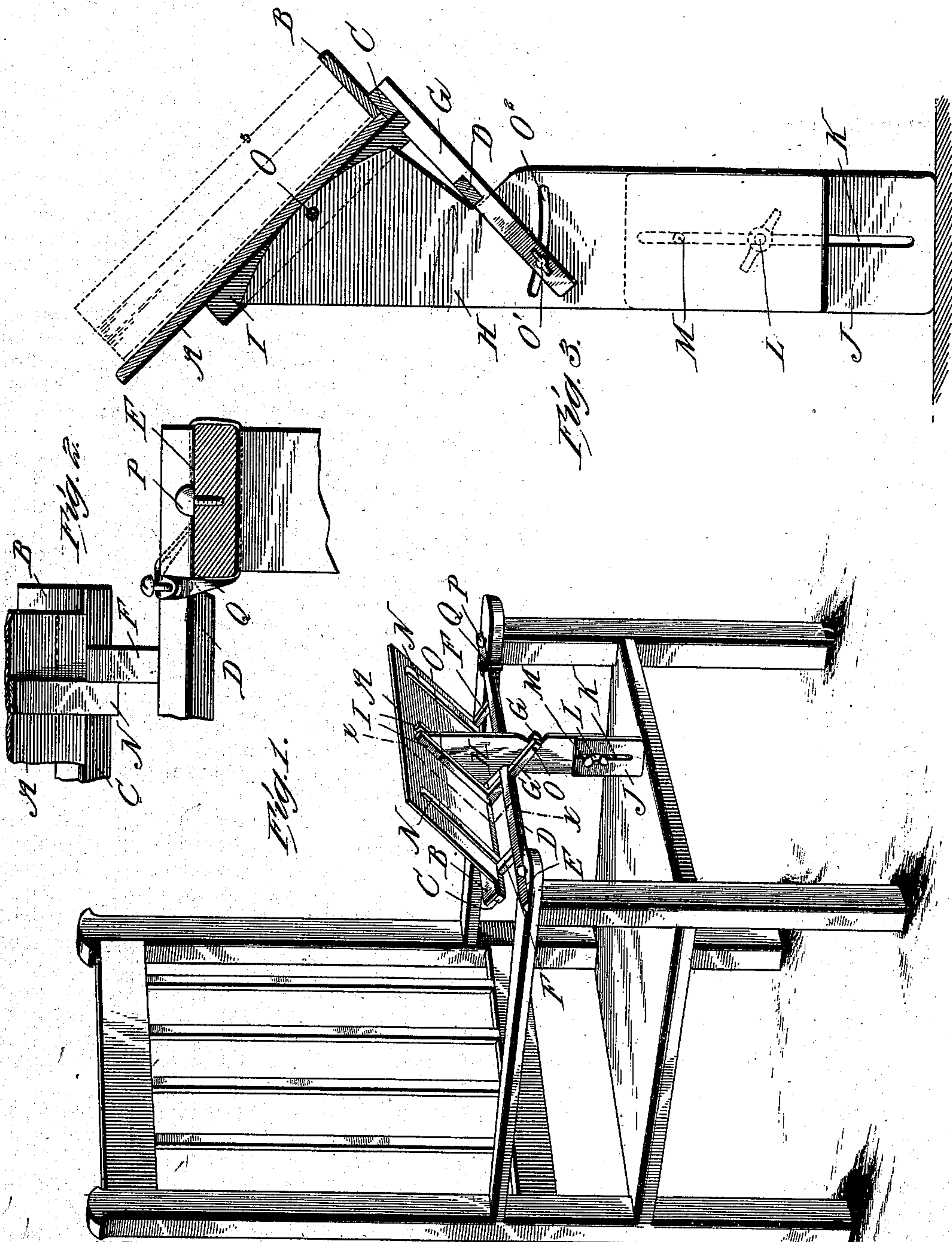
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THADDEUS DONOHUE, of Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Supports for Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to book-supports; and the invention consists in a peculiar support of the character stated designed to be used as an attachment to arm-chairs.

The invention involves special details of construction and combination of parts, all as will be hereinafter fully described, with the novel features pointed out in the claims.

In order to enable others to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and use, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my invention in use. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view showing means for securing my book-support to the chair-arms; and Fig. 3 is a modified and enlarged sectional view, the section being taken on lines *xx* of Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention I provide a table A, having a ledge B at its lower edge, as shown. The table A is supported by a peculiar frame consisting of a bar C a length substantially that of ledge B and a bar D, having flattened ends E, adapted to rest upon the chair-arms, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The bars C and D are connected by end cross-pieces F F and two centrally-located and elongated cross-pieces G G, spaced apart just far enough to receive the brace or leg H, extending from the chair-seat up to and between two cleats I on the under side of the table. The upper end of the leg H may be fashioned conforming to the angle of table and its lower end provided with an adjustable foot J, adapted in its adjustment to lengthen or shorten the said leg, as may be desired. The foot J is provided with an elongated slot through which projects a clamping-bolt L, fixed to the leg H, and the foot is guided by a pin M on the leg above the bolt L, (see Figs. 1 and 3,) which enters the upper part of the slot K. The cleats I and also cleats N on the under side of the table A are fixedly secured to the bar C and,

with the leg H, provide bracing for the table.

It is understood that the leg H should be secured to the cleats I and the projecting ends of the cross-pieces G and pins O, or other suitable means may be employed to that end.

In my drawings I have shown the chair-arms provided with pins or knobs P, serving to prevent forward sliding of the support, and as providing additional securing means show a strap Q, passing around the chair-arms and the ends of the bar D. Such means, however, the pin or knob P and the straps Q, may be dispensed with without affecting or detracting from the utility of my invention.

The leg H is designed to rest upon the chair-bottom, as shown in Fig. 1, and in addition to providing support for the table A it may be clamped between a person's legs, and thereby afford means for holding the book-support in place upon the chair-arms.

When it is desired to change the inclination of the table A, the same may be accomplished by adjusting the foot J, as hereinbefore described, which obviously lengthens or shortens the leg H.

The construction shown in Fig. 3 involves a slight modification whereby the inclination of the table A may be changed when it is desirable not to shorten or lengthen the leg H after being adjusted according to the height of the chair-arms. In the modified form the pin O' is movable in a slot O<sup>2</sup>, formed in the leg H, and the table A has pivotal movement on the pin O<sup>3</sup>. To permit the pivotal movement of the table just described, the upper end of the leg H is made rounding, as shown in Fig. 3.

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

1. A chair attachment of the character described having a table with means adapted for supporting it, the said supporting means consisting of a bar fixed to the table and having its ends adapted to rest upon the chair-arms, and a brace extending down from the under side of the table adapted to rest upon the upper side of the chair-bottom, the said brace being formed of two parts secured together and adapted to be adjusted lengthwise substantially as described.

2. A chair attachment of the character de-

scribed having a table with means for supporting it, the said supporting means consisting of a projecting bar fixed to the lower or inner edge of the table, a supporting-bar having its ends adapted to rest upon the chair-arms, cleats on the under side of the table, and a brace extending down from the under side of the table adapted to rest upon the chair-bottom, the said brace having lengthwise adjustment substantially as described.

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