

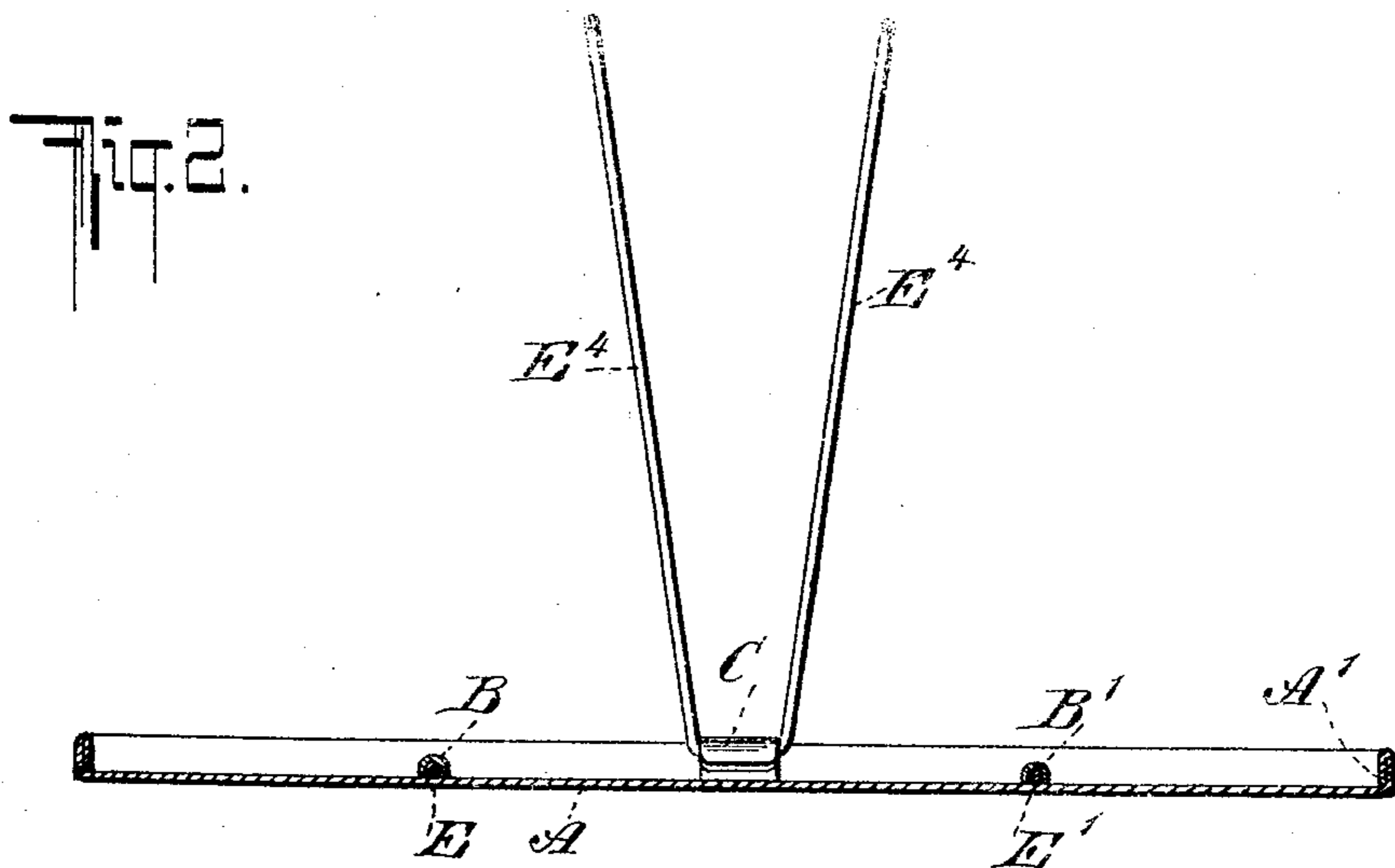
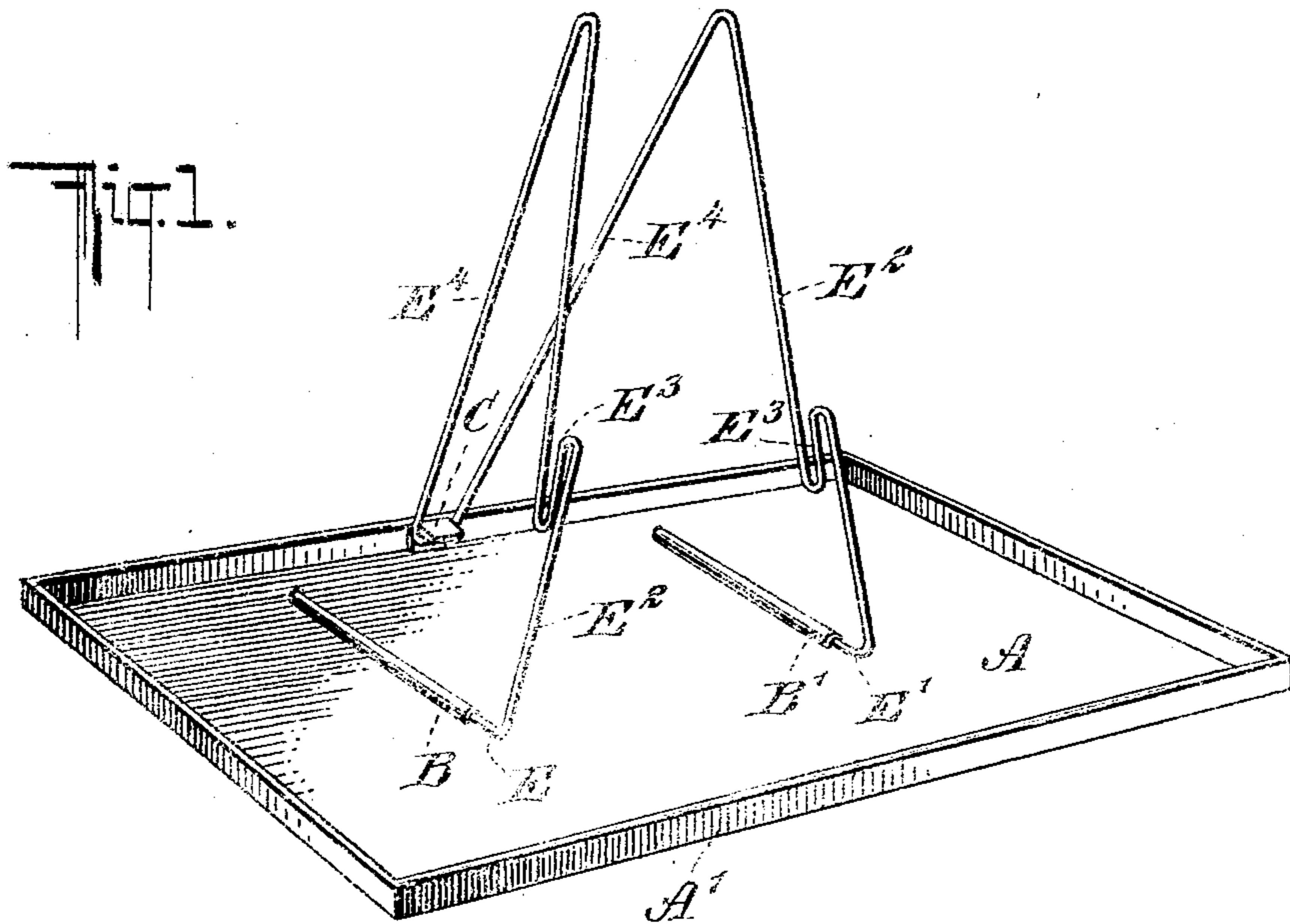
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EASEL-TRAY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND ECKART, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Rochelle, county of Westchester, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easel-Trays, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices in the nature of easels for supporting signs or cards, and has for its object to provide a firm supporting-base for such easels and at the same time to allow the easel to be readily disconnected from the base when desired.

Other features of the invention will appear from the description following hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section thereof.

The base consists of a tray A, preferably of a rectangular shape, having a flange A' extending upwardly at its edges, so that the said tray may receive any suitable articles which will be retained in place by the tray and which at the same time will serve to weight the tray so as to prevent its being shifted or upset. At about its central portion the base is provided with two sockets B B', extending and preferably slightly tapered from front to rear and preferably parallel with each other. At the rear and preferably at a point exactly between the two sockets B B' is arranged a holder C, generally in the nature of a hook of rectangular shape, one member of which is attached to the flange A'.

The sockets B B' and the hook C form means for connecting with the base A an easel, which, as shown, may be constructed of a single piece of wire. The easel has end members E E', adapted to enter the sockets B B', upright front members E², which preferably incline rearwardly and which are provided with loops E³, forming a support for the article to be held on the easel, and, finally, rear members E⁴, which converge downwardly and are inclined in the opposite direction to the mem-

bers E², the lower ends of the rear members E⁴ passing under the hook C. The easel, therefore, has at its bottom a substantially horizontally attaching device to engage the sockets B B' and then has a rearwardly-inclined front member having supports for the card or other article to be placed on the easel. The rear member of the easel engages the hook and inclines toward the top of the front member.

The construction above described is very strong, yet light and presents the additional advantage of being readily taken apart for shipment. At the same time the easel forms a handle by means of which the entire device may be carried from place to place.

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

1. The combination with a base having parallel sockets, and a hook arranged in a line between said sockets, of an easel comprising a horizontal attaching member adapted to fit into said sockets, a front member provided with supports for an article to be placed on said easel, and a rear member adapted for engagement with said hook and inclining toward the top of the front member.

2. The combination with a base having parallel sockets and a hook located in a line between said sockets, of an easel made of a single piece of wire, the ends of which are adapted to fit into said sockets, said wire being further formed into front members having loops to support an article and rear members adapted to engage said hook.

3. The combination with a base having parallel sockets, of an easel having an attaching member adapted to engage said sockets and an upright member provided with supports for holding an article placed on said easel.

4. The combination with a base having sockets, of an easel having attaching members adapted to engage said sockets, a front member provided with supports for an article, and a rear member extending downwardly from said front member to an engagement with said base.

5. The combination with a base having sockets, and a holding device in the rear of said sockets, of an easel having attaching members adapted to engage said sockets, a front member provided with supports for the article and a rear member adapted to engage said holding device.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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