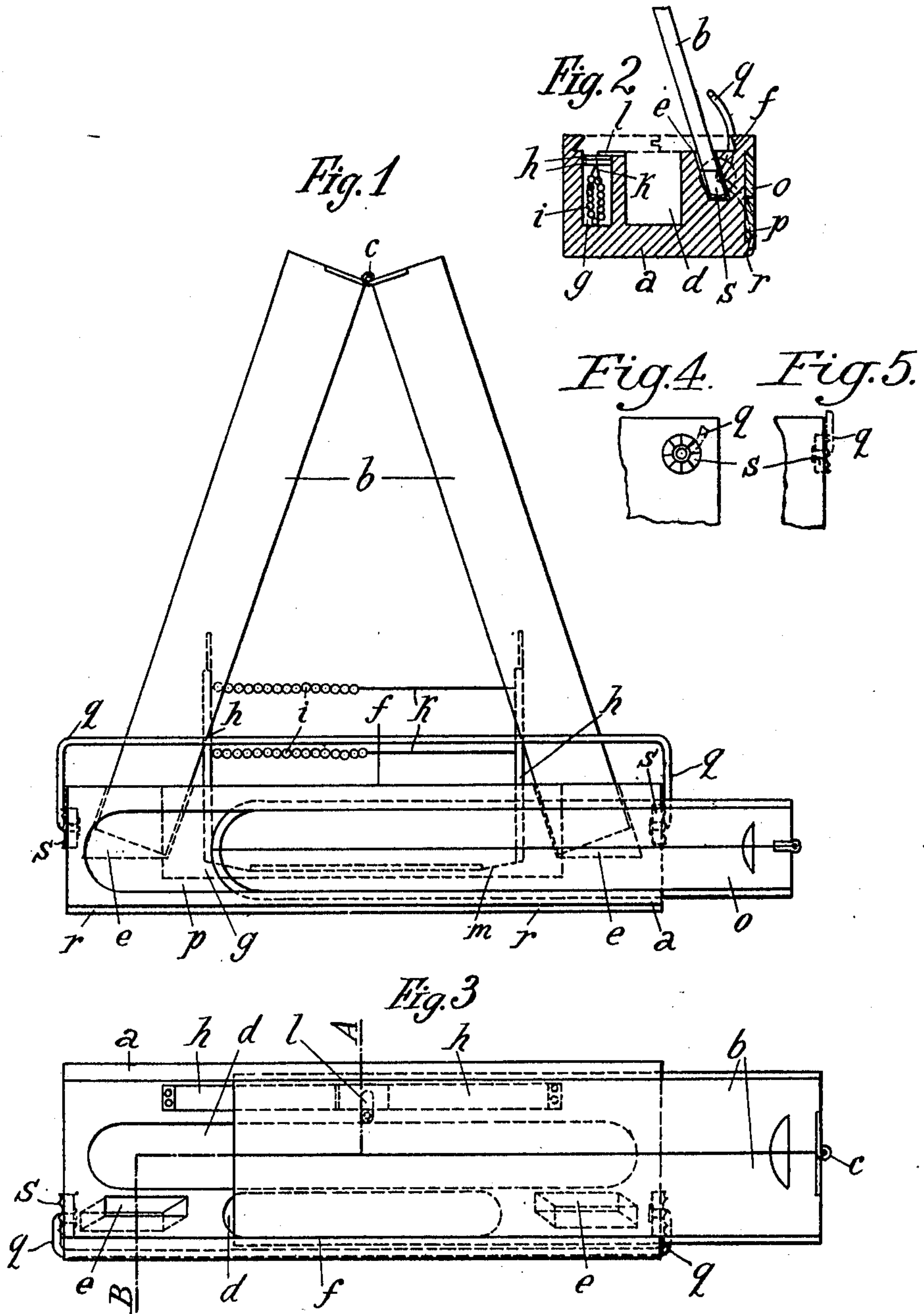


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRIEDRICH HASSELBERGER, citizen of Germany, residing at Munich, Bavaria, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen and Pencil Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention provides a pen and pencil box which can also be used as a book-rest and as such holds the book in a convenient position for reading. To this end the box is provided with one or more recesses into which the removable lid can be inserted said lid then serving as a rest for the erected book; the sides of the box will in this case act as a foot rest for the book and keep the same from slipping down. The lid may also be made of two parts hinged together and then partly opened when used as a book rest, thus affording a greater surface for the support of the book.

Reference being had to the accompanying drawing Figure 1 shows a side view of a box according to the present invention, Fig. 2 a section along the line A—B of Fig. 3 and Fig. 3 a plan-view. Fig. 4 is an elevational view and Fig. 5 an end view of a detail hereinafter referred to. In Figs. 1 and 2 the box is shown as used for supporting a book.

The pen and pencil box *a* is provided with a sliding lid *b* consisting of two parts hinged at *c*. As shown in Fig. 1, this lid *b* can be partly opened out and the ends inserted in suitable recesses *e* of the box, said lid then acting as the support or back of the book rest. The box also possesses a recess *d* for the pens and pencils. Said recesses *e* are slantingly arranged, so that the lid *b* when used as a book-rest will have a backward slant. Further, these recesses *e* are so arranged that the sides of the box *f* which also act as guides for the lid, will serve as a foot rest for the book and prevent its slipping down (see Fig. 2). In order to prevent the leaves of the book from turning over of their own accord, a rail *g* is pivotally attached to the box, said rail being shown in Figs. 1 and 2 in position for holding the

leaves of the book. When not in use this rail rests in a recess *r* of the box, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. It is of advantage to pivot the rail not in the ends of the box itself but in disks *s* arranged in or on said ends. These disks (Fig. 4) are provided with suitable notches which serve to hold the rail in any desired position.

If desired, the box may also be provided with a counting device consisting of beads arranged on a string, or the like. When not in use, this device rests in a recess *g* of the box. The beads or the like *i* of the counting device are arranged on strings *h* between the supports *h*, these latter folding down and serving as a lid for the recess *g* being then held down by a suitable fastener *l*. When this fastener *l* is opened the supports *h* spring up of their own accord and remain in a vertical position, as shown in Fig. 1. This automatic rising of the counting device may be attained by means of a coiled spring or india-rubber cord *m* arranged between the lower ends of the supports *h*, below the pivot points of said supports. Further, the box may be provided with a divided rule *o*, consisting of two parts hinged together and held open by a spring when in use, said rule being slidably arranged in a recess *p* when not in use.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with the box proper being provided with oppositely disposed inclined recesses, of a lid for said box comprising hinged sections adapted to be opened out and have their ends inserted into said recesses thereby to form an inclined book support.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with the box proper being provided with oppositely disposed inclined recesses, of a lid for said box comprising hinged sections adapted to be opened out and have their ends inserted into said recesses thereby to form an inclined book support, and a rail pivoted to the box and adapted to be swung toward and from the support.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination with the box proper being



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port, a notched disk secured to each end of  
the box, and a rail pivoted in said disks and  
adapted to be swung in the arc of a circle

and retained at various points of said arc  
by the notches in the disk. 10

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

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