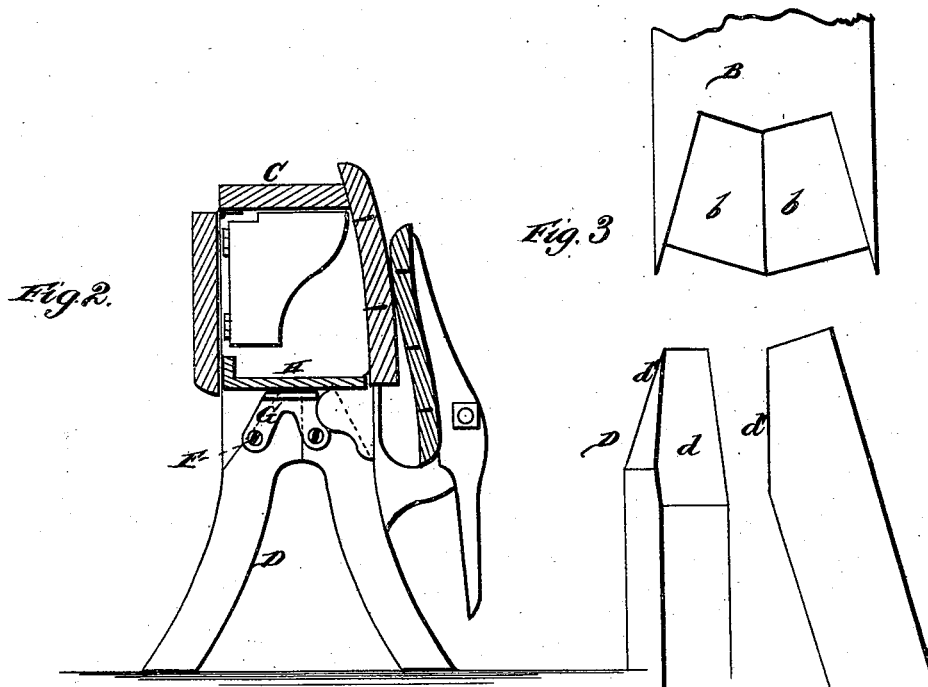
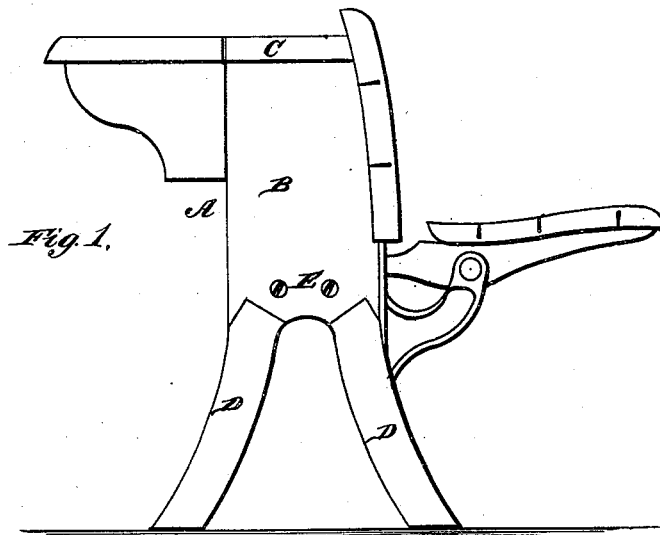


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUTLEDGE T. HOFFMAN, of Eaton, in the county of Preble and State of Ohio, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Desks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a side elevation of my desk. Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view.

This invention has relation to desks; and consists in the improvement in the construction of the same hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The letter A represents the body of the desk, which is composed of two end pieces, B B, secured in any suitable manner to the top C at each side of the same.

The letter D represents the legs or supports of the desk, constructed of wood, and beveled at their upper ends, from the outside in-

wardly, as shown at *d*, and from one edge in a similar manner, as indicated at *d'*.

The end pieces, B B, are provided with recesses *b* at their lower edges, of a shape corresponding to the beveled ends of the legs or supports, which are glued in said recesses, and further secured in the same by means of screws E on the outside, and by the screws F and brackets G on the inside, said brackets G serving, also, as a support for the bottom H of the desk.

I claim—

In combination with the end pieces of the body of a desk, the legs or supports beveled at their upper ends, as described, and secured in correspondingly-shaped recesses in the inner faces of the end pieces, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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