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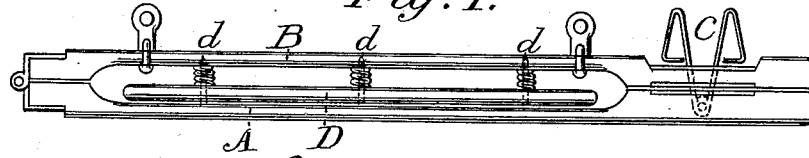
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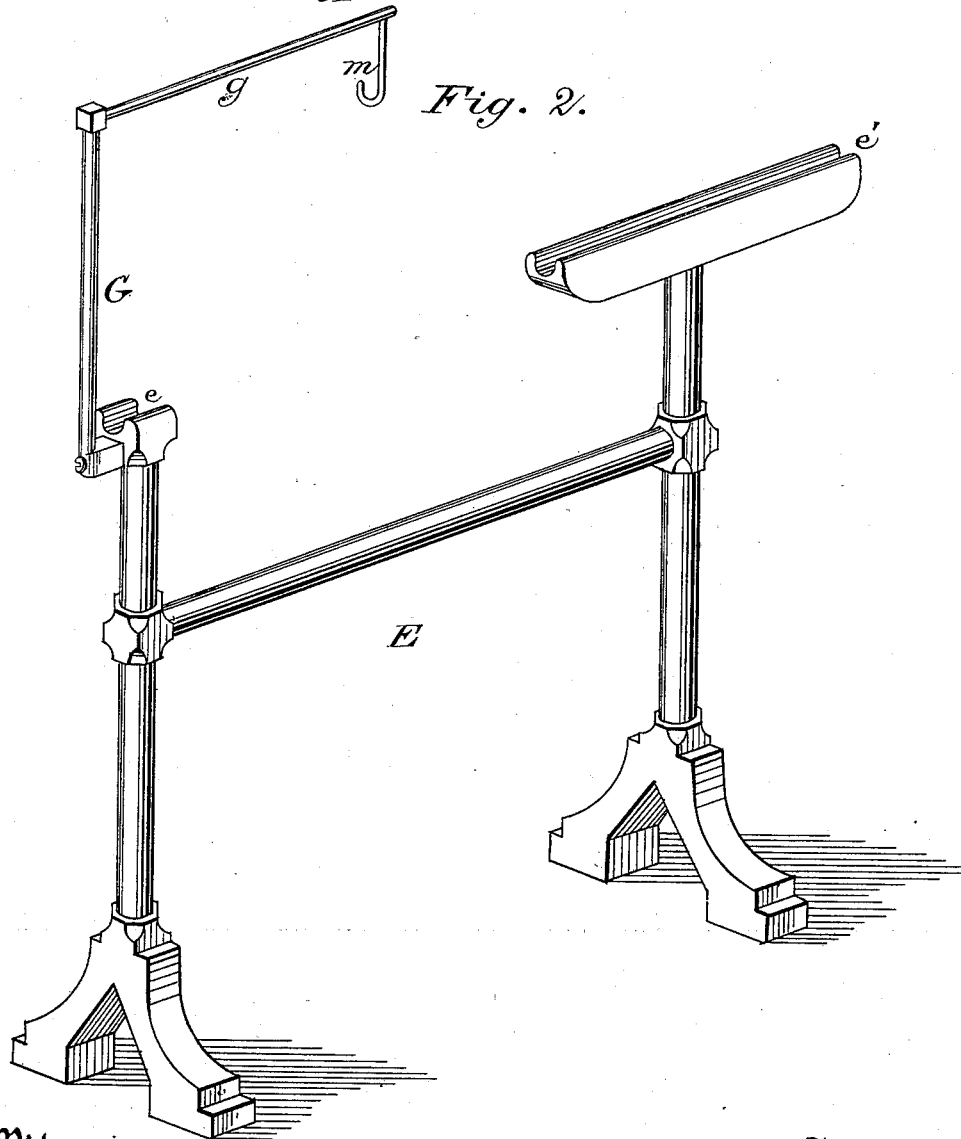
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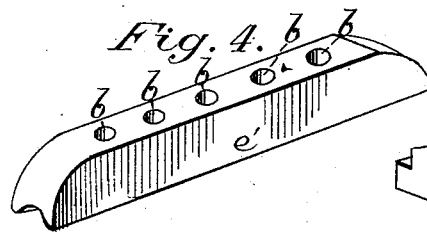
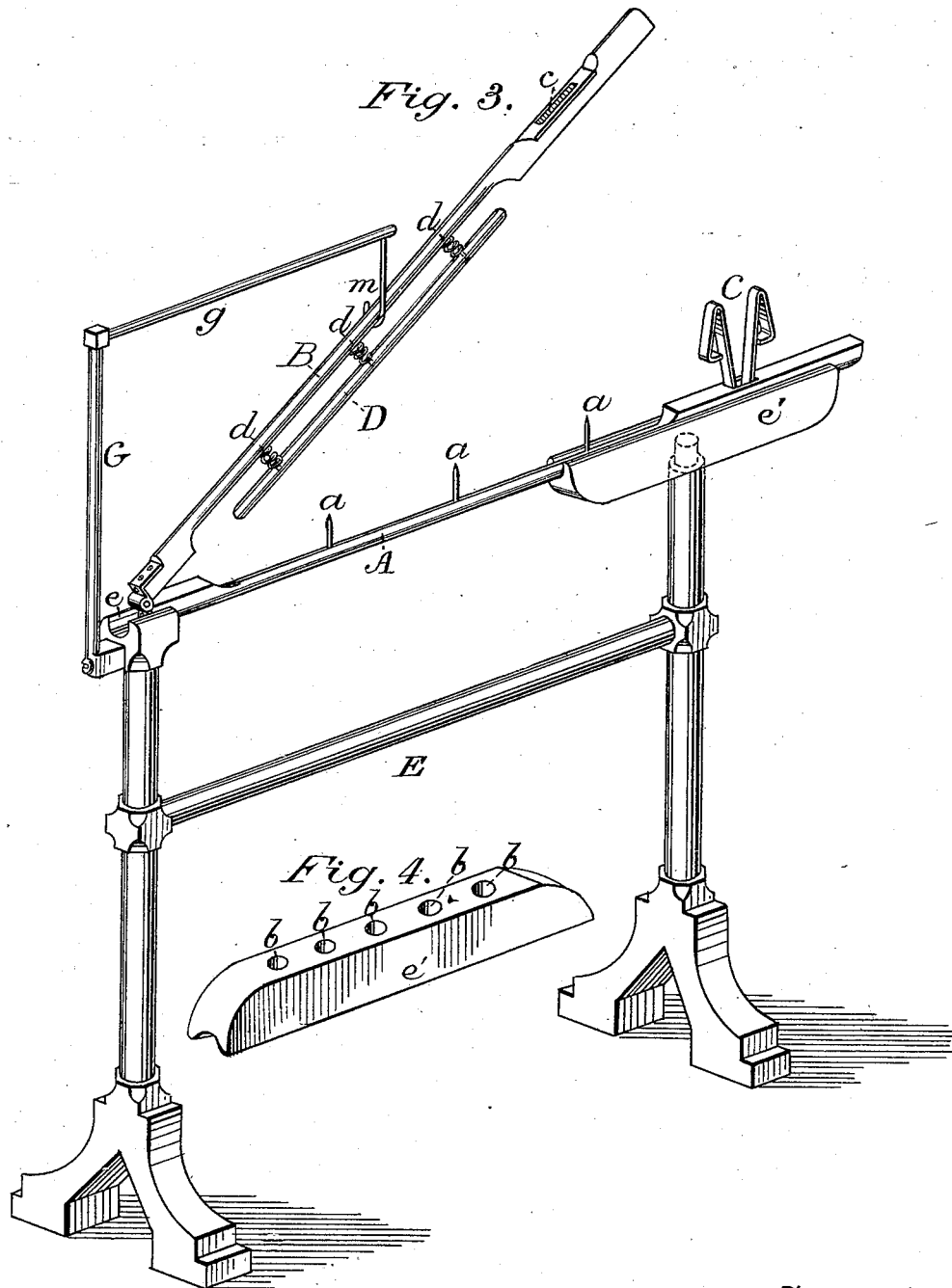
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. LINNEY, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Combined Paper-File and File-Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and useful combined paper-file and file-holder; and it consists in the employment of two peculiar clamping-rods hinged together at one end and secured by an automatic clasp at the other, and having an intervening spring-pad. These parts are adapted to rest in a grooved adjustable top of a stand, which is provided with an upright arm furnished with a hook for holding up the upper swinging rod for the convenient insertion of the paper, all of which will hereinafter fully appear, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the paper-file. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the file-holder. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the paper-file and file-holder, showing upper rod hooked up. Fig. 4 illustrates one of the supporting-blocks inverted.

The object of my invention is to provide an effective means for holding a file of papers, the device being simple in construction and easy of operation, and also to provide a convenient stand, wherein the holder shall rest while the papers are being inserted, to permit their ready filing without tearing or otherwise injuring them.

Let A represent the lower and B the upper clamping-rod. These are rounded out, except at their ends, which remain square and rest upon each other, whereby an open space of any suitable width is left between the rods when closed. The two rods are hinged together at one end. At the other end the lower one is provided with an upright spring-latch, C, over the expanding ends of which the end of the upper rod fits down, said rod being provided with an elongated slot, c, through which the said latch passes. This slot is long enough to catch the beveled ends of the latch and compress them while passing through. They spring apart when through the slot, and fit their heads beyond the ends of the slot, thus

securing the upper rod. The locking is automatic; but to open the rods the heads of the latch must be compressed. In the space between the rods, and lying parallel with them, but nearer the lower rod, is a rod, D. This is secured to the upper rod, and held therefrom to leave a space between the two, by means of spiral springs d. The lower rod is provided with upright pins a, which, when the upper rod is closed down, pass up through holes (shown in dotted lines) in the intervening rod, D, through springs d, and into holes in the upper rod B.

Let E represent a stand consisting of uprights with feet and suitable cross-pieces. The top of one of the uprights is grooved, as shown at e. The top of the other is rounded, and receives a horizontal grooved strip, e', which is provided upon its under side with a number of holes, b, (see Fig. 4,) for fitting the rounded top of the upright. This piece e' is thus rendered adjustable by fitting it to the upright in any of its holes. Thus the top of the stand may be shortened or lengthened to accommodate different lengths of rods.

To the top of one of the uprights of stand E is screwed an upright arm, G, from the top of which a rod, g, extends over the stand. The end of this rod is provided with a hook, m.

The use of my file holder and stand is as follows: The holder is to be hung upon the usual hooks against the wall, or in some other suitable place. When a paper is to be added to the file I take the holder down and lay the lower rod in the grooved top of the stand. I then unclasp the rods and swing the upper one up until I can catch the hook m under it in the space between it and the rod D. This sustains the upper rod and keeps it out of the way. I lay the paper over the lower rod, one sheet hanging down on each side of the rod and stand, and fit it down at its center margin over the pins a. Releasing the upper rod, I fit it down and latch it. The intervening spring-rod, D, presses against one side of the paper and provides for additions to the file. I then take the holder and hang it upon the hooks which pass through the space between the rods B and D.

This construction of holder secures the papers to the best advantage, allows it to be supported

conveniently in a stand, whereby the papers may be inserted without injury, and also provides a convenient space in which the hooks upon the wall may extend.

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

1. A paper-file consisting of two clamping-rods having a space between them, said rods  
10 being hinged together at one end and clasped at the other, and an intervening spring-rod lying parallel with the main rods in the space between them, substantially as herein described.

2. A paper-file consisting of the lower rod,  
15 A, with its pins *a*, the upper rod, B, hinged to the lower at one end and clasped at the other, and the intervening spring-rod, D, arranged and constructed substantially as herein described.

20 3. A paper-file consisting of the lower rod, A, with its pins *a* and expanding spring-clasp C, the upper rod, B, hinged at one end to the lower rod and fitting over clasp C at the other

end, and the rod D, with its springs *d* securing it to rod B in the space between rods A 25 and B, substantially as herein described.

4. The paper-file consisting of the lower stationary rod, A, and the upper swinging rod, B, with the intervening spring-rod, D, in combination with the stand E, having a grooved  
30 top, *e e'*, in which the lower rod rests, and the arm G, with its rod *g*, having a hook, *m*, to sustain the swinging upper rod when opened, substantially as herein described.

5. The paper-file consisting of the lower stationary rod, A, and upper swinging rod, B, 35 with the intervening spring-rod, D, in combination with the stand E, having a grooved top, *e*, and an adjustable grooved top strip, *e'*, arranged and constructed substantially as and 40 for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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