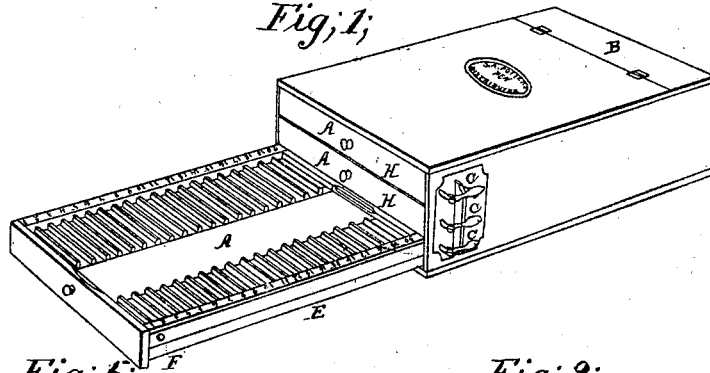
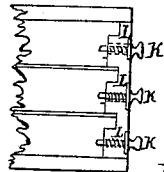


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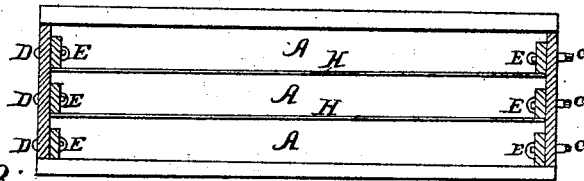
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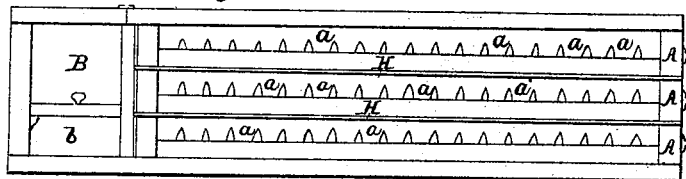
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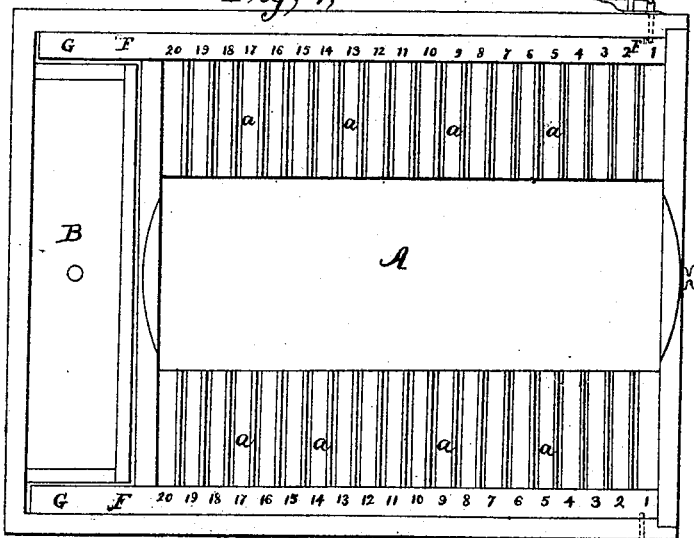
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## PEN-DISTRIBUTER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 48,717, dated July 11, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN A. POTTER, of the city of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented what may be termed a "Pen-Distributor," which may be made of wood, metal, or of any suitable material. It is designed (as the name indicates) for the use of schools in distributing and collecting the pens daily or at intervals required for the writing exercise; and I do declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof.

Figure 1 is the pen-distributor in perspective with one drawer drawn out. Fig. 2 is a cross-section showing the front of the drawers, the tongue and the groove, in which the drawer slides, also the groove for the spring and screw catch, which fastens the drawers by means of pins in the groove, to hold it when closed, also when drawn out. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section showing the interior and the partitions. Fig. 4 is a top view showing the interior with the drawer, partitions, and numbers. Fig. 5 is a modification of the spring-catch.

A, in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, indicates the drawers; B, in Figs. 1, 3, and 4, the pen-box to hold the spare pens and holders; C, in Figs. 1, 2, and 4, the spring-catch; D, in Figs. 2 and 4, the screws to hold the drawers; E, in Figs. 1 and 2, the grooves in the drawers for the catches;

F, in Figs. 1 and 4, the pins in the grooves, to strike against the spring and screw-catch; G, in Fig. 4, the extension of the slide of drawers to keep it steady when drawn out; H, in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the partitions to keep the pens in their place when any one of the drawers is drawn out; K, in Fig. 5, the modification of the spring-catch; L, in Fig. 5, the spiral spring.

The pen-distributor is a case of drawers, more or less in number, as different-sized schools may require, and so constructed as to allow the least possible waste room, thereby making it portable, convenient in size, and yet capable of holding any number of pens required, so as to save time and prevent confusion in giving to each writer his own pen at each writing exercise.

What I claim as new and original, and for which I desire to secure Letters Patent, is—

The peculiar construction and combination of a case of drawers so arranged with partitions H H, divisions A A, and spring-catches C C, or their equivalents, for the purpose and in the manner substantially as shown and described.

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