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Drawing Table,
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Fig. 2.

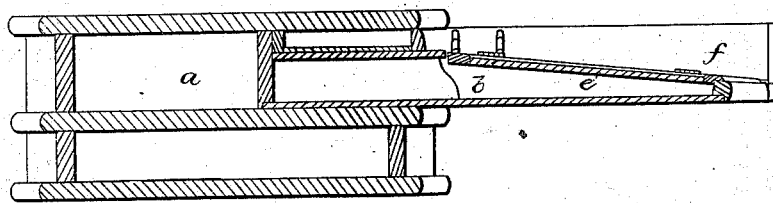
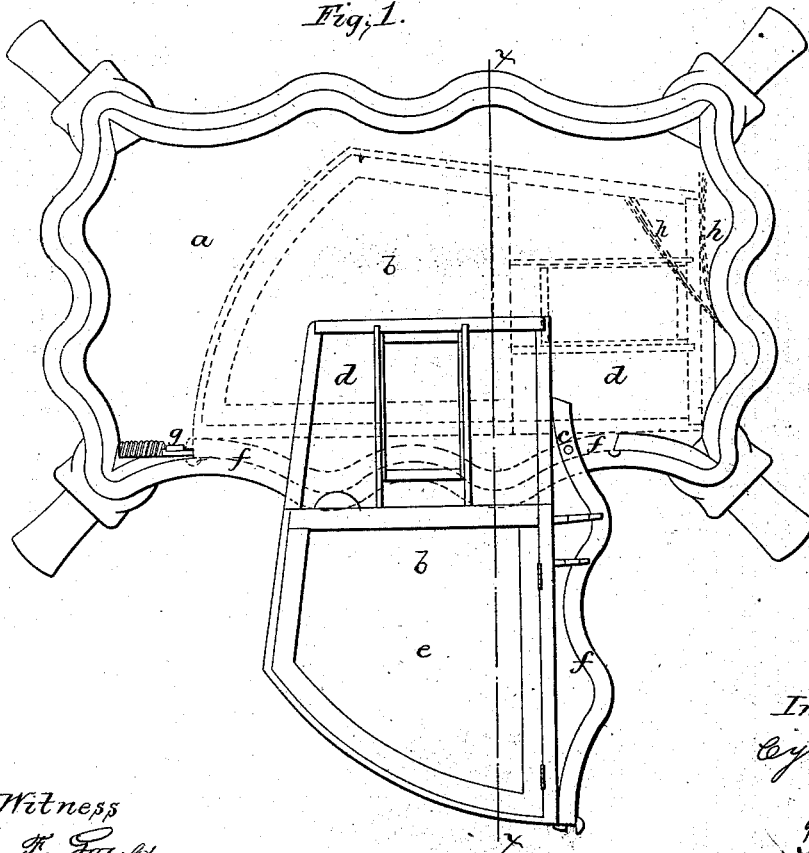


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED TABLE AND DESK.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 47,378, dated April 25, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS BALDWIN, of Manchester, in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, have invented an Improved Combined Table and Writing-Desk; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practice it.

This invention relates to a combination of a table and writing-desk, being an improved *ecritoire*, the improvement consisting in such application of a desk to or within the top of a table that it may swing from and within the same in a convenient and reliable manner, the construction having an important advantage over a combination of a table and desk in which the desk is or forms part of a common table drawer.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a plan of the desk and the compartment of the table containing it, the top of the table being removed. The desk is shown as projecting from the table in position for use, the red lines denoting its position when "shut up" or closed within the table. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the upper part of the table, taken on the line *xx*, showing the desk projected from the table.

a denotes the compartment or upper part of the table, within which the desk *b* is contained, as seen by red lines in Fig. 1. The desk is hung upon a hinge or joint pin, *c*, swinging horizontally upon said pin into the two positions within and in front of the table, as will be readily understood. When the desk

is in position for writing, the rear part, *d*, thereof remains within the table top, and serves to support the front of the desk, this rear part having divisions or compartments for stationery, while the lid *e* is so hinged that it can be raised to open the desk when in such position. It will be observed that through this arrangement of the desk the front edge of the same when the desk is in use is left unobstructed by the piece *f*, which forms the front or finished side of the table when the desk is within its compartment *a*. With a desk made as a drawer this piece always forms the part next to the writer, and interferes with the free and easy position and movement of the arm and hand in writing when it projects above the edge of the writing-surface and renders the position of the writer uncomfortable if it projects below the said edge; but by my construction this piece *f* is swung around, so as to be entirely out of the way of the writer when the desk is in use.

A spring-latch, *g*, may be employed to hold the desk in position in the table when not in use, and a spring, *h*, is or may be so applied as to start the desk from the table when the spring-latch is retracted. These details, however, are not essential to the invention.

I claim—

The combination of the table and writing-desk when arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 2d day of March, A. D. 1865.

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