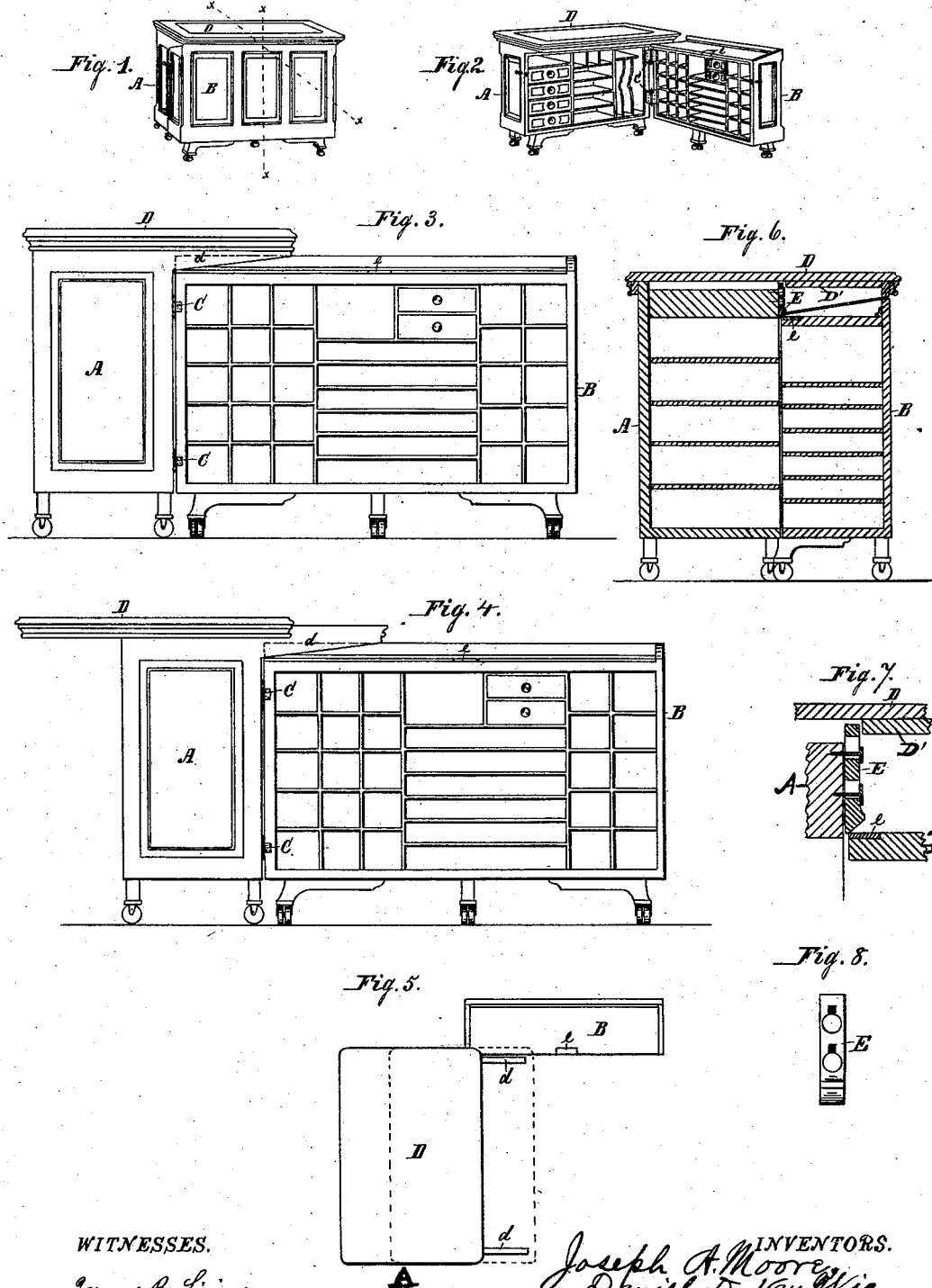


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOSEPH A. MOORE, DANIEL D. VAN WIE, and JOHN P. RECKER, all of the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our said invention is to produce a flat-topped desk which shall embody to a great degree the advantages of a cabinet-desk. This is accomplished by dividing the body of the desk into wings, after the manner of cabinet-desks, and placing thereon a sliding or movable top.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved desk when closed; Fig. 2, a similar view when the desk is open; Fig. 3, an end elevation when the desk is open and the top in the usual position, ready for use from the wing side of the desk; Fig. 4, an end elevation, with the desk in the same position, but with the top pushed over to allow the user to get at the compartments underneath or to permit of its use by a person on the opposite side of the desk; Fig. 5, a top or plan view of Fig. 4, showing also by dotted lines the position of the table in Fig. 3; Fig. 6, a transverse vertical section on the dotted lines *xx*, Fig. 1; Fig. 7, an enlarged detail on the same line, showing the locking attachment more clearly; and Fig. 8, a detail drawing, showing the lock or catch E in front elevation.

In said drawings, the portions marked A are the main or more permanent portion of the desk, and those marked B a swinging portion or wing; C, hinges to the wings; D, the top to desk, which is made sliding or movable, and E an automatic catch by which the top is locked in position when the wings are swung together, the strip D' on said top serving as a catch for said lock.

By the construction shown a small flat-topped desk is made, nearly as convenient in proportion to its size as the larger and more expensive cabinet-desks. The top, being movable, allows both sides to be used, as in the ordinary flat-top desk having an opening through underneath, while the body being divided into wings gives the advantage of a large number of small compartments, as does the cabinet-desk.

The lock E is operated to engage with the top D by being pushed up behind the strip D' thereon by the strike *e* on the edge of the wing B, which comes in contact therewith when said wing is swung around in contact with the wing A. When the wings are swung apart it drops down by the force of its own weight, and the top may then be moved at will.

It will be observed that the wing B, as well as the wing A, is entirely covered by the top D when the desk is closed together.

Having thus fully described our said invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A desk the main portion of which is divided into two parts, A and B, one of which is provided with the slides *d*, on which the top D rests, said top being of sufficient size to entirely cover said main portion and adapted to be moved back and forth on said slides, whereby it will either cover both the parts A and B or only the one to which it is attached, all substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes specified.

2. The combination, in a desk, of one wing having a movable top, a locking device for said top, and another wing hinged to the former and provided with a strike for operating said locking device when the wings are closed together, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the wing A, having the vertically-moving locking device or catch E, the sliding top D, mounted on said wing A and provided with a notch or piece with which said catch may engage, and the wing B, the edge of which is adapted to come in contact with said catch, and thus automatically force it into engagement as said wings come together, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1880.

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