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DESK.

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Fig. 1.

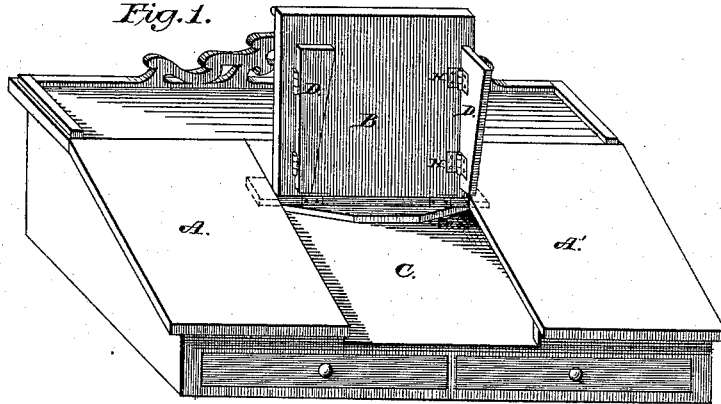


Fig. 2.

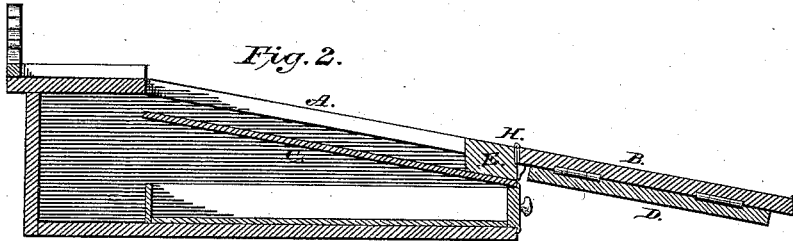
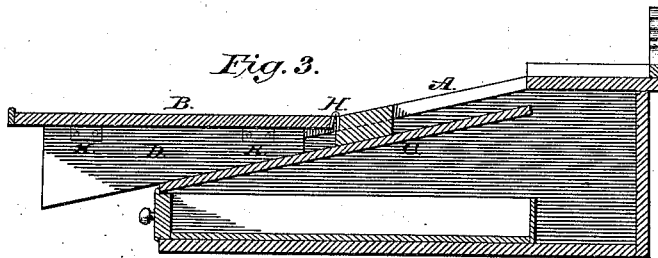


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN DESKS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH McCLURG, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desks, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to any desk or table used for writing or drawing; but more particularly to that class used in bookkeeping or correspondence; and the improvements which I have made therein consist in the arrangement of a portion of the cover or lid of the desk, so constructed as to be drawn out from the main portion of the cover, at the option of the operator, that he may with equal facility write at the top or bottom of a large page, while the work from which he is copying or posting remains upon the permanent portion of the desk; also, to the combination with such a movable lid of hinged wings or drops, so constructed and arranged that the movable lid may be elevated to such angle, other than the permanent angle of the desk-top, as may be easiest for the operative.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a desk embracing my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section, showing the movable lid drawn out at the same angle as the remainder of the desk-top. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section, showing the movable lid partially drawn out and elevated to a level.

In the lid of an ordinary desk, A A', I cut the piece B, or a space to be fitted with the piece B. The upper portion of this space is fitted with the piece E resting upon the incline C, and with the tenons extending under the edges of the lid A A', as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1. To the piece E I attach by the hinges H H the sliding lid B, to the under side of which I hinge the angular pieces D D, which, when the piece B is at the angle of A, remain folded up, but when dropped down raise the lid B to another angle or to a level. The pieces D are constructed of a form which will admit of their constant adjustment of the lid B to the angle best suited to the operative.

Having described my invention, I claim—  
The leaf B hinged to the slide E and provided with the drops D D, the whole constructed and operating in combination with the desk A A', substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 19th day of March, 1875.

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