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WRITING-DESK.

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Fig. 1

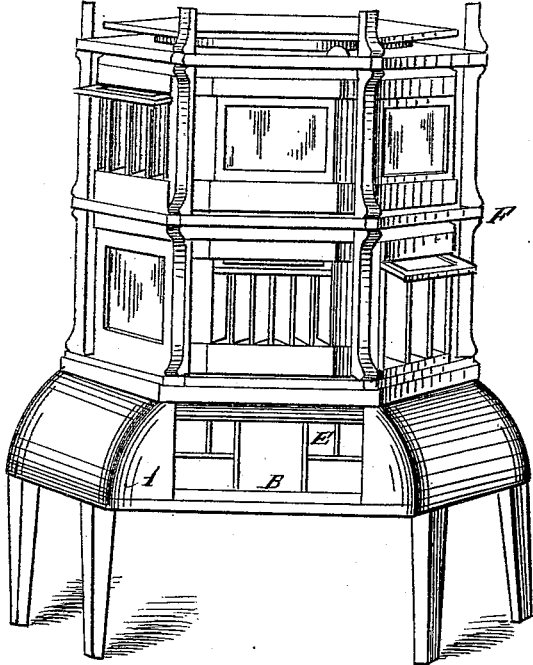


Fig. 2

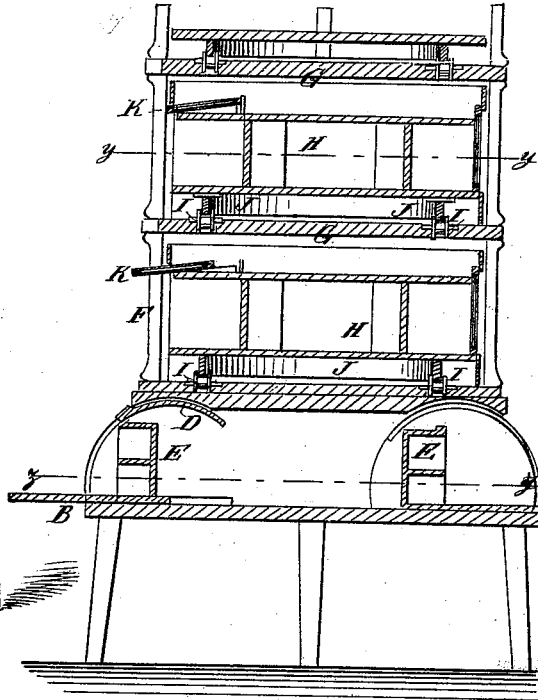


Fig. 3

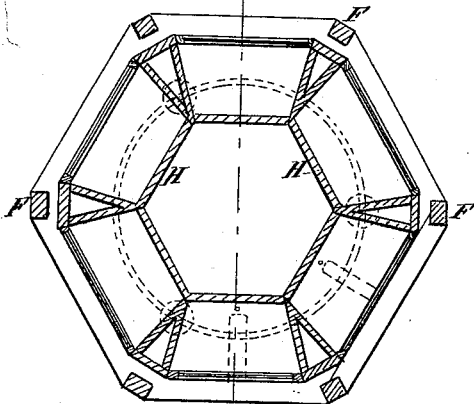
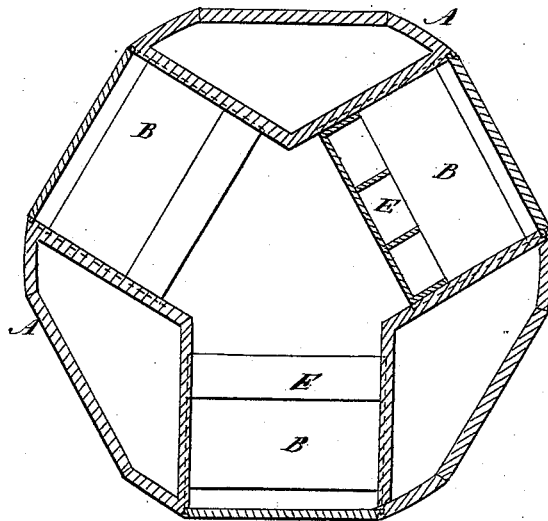


Fig. 4



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## IMPROVEMENT IN WRITING-DESKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JEROME M. KEYS and HOMER J. TAYLOR, of Tecumseh, in the county of Johnson and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and Improved Writing-Desk, of which the following is a specification:

The object of our invention is to provide a writing-desk for business purposes having greater capacity for the space occupied, and being more convenient for use than the desks as ordinarily made. It consists of a case of hexagonal form, or any equivalent form will do, with a writing-table in each alternate side, which slides out and in, and has pigeon-holes and other repositories on the back part to be brought forward for convenience when the table is pulled out for use, the said tables being closed in by circular covers. Above the case is a tower of similar form containing two or more revolving book-racks, one above another for convenience in taking down and putting away the books.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of our improved desk. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section, taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on line *y y*, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line *z z*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the hexagonal case containing a sliding table, B, in each alternate space, which is closed by the curved top D, and each table carries a set of pigeon-holes, book-racks, &c., E, on the back part to be drawn forward for convenience with the table, and also shoved back, so that things lying on the table will not have to be removed when it is shoved back,

as they would if the rack E was made stationary in the position for use, and the table made to slide under it. F represents the tower above the case, which is divided horizontally into two or more sections by floors G, and each section contains a revolving book-rack, H, turning on wheels I, so as to be easily worked, the wheels being mounted in the floors, and the racks being provided with a ring, J, running on the wheels between flanges thereof, which keep the rings in place. The cells of these racks have a door, K, which swings open and then slides in over the cell, as shown in Fig. 2, to be held open and to avoid obstructing the revolving of the case by contact with the posts of the tower, as they would do if they remained projecting when open.

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

1. The combination, with a desk, of the leaf B, sliding in and out, and having a rack, E, on the back part thereof, as and for the purpose described.

2. The case A, provided with a tower, F, divided horizontally by floors G into sections, each of which has a rack, flanged wheels, and a ring, as shown, and for the purpose specified.

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