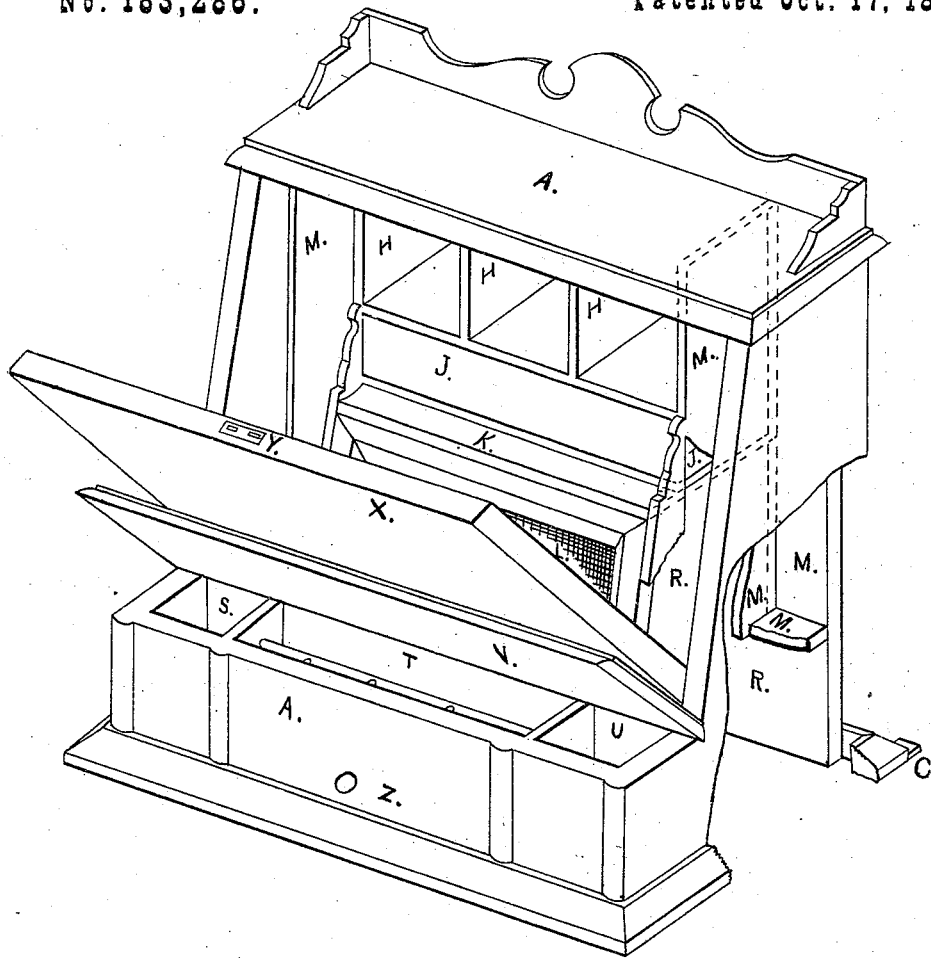


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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED DESK AND SEWING-MACHINE COVER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADAM CUNNINGHAM, of Billerica, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Writing-Desks, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

My invention consists in a writing-desk provided with a recess to receive that part of a sewing-machine which is above the sewing-machine table, as and for the purpose hereinafter described.

The accompanying drawing is an oblique view of a writing-desk, having a part of the end broken away to show the recess.

The desk A has the usual pigeon-holes H H H to receive bills, a drawer, J, to hold paper, a tray, K, for pen-holders and pencils, a mirror, L, slips M M for books of account, and boxes S T U for pens, ink, wafers, sealing-wax, &c. The cover V, hinged on the back edge, shuts down flat over the boxes S T U. The hinged writing-table X rests, when in use, upon the cover V, forming an inclined plane, and, when not in use, is locked by the lock Y, concealing the mirror, pigeon-holes, drawer, &c., all in the usual manner.

A recess, R, in the bottom of the desk A occupies the space below the shelf on which the drawer J slides between the wooden backing of the mirror L and the boxes S T U in front, and the back of the desk behind, between, and below the slips M M. This recess R is of such size and shape that the desk may be set out on the table of a sewing-machine, over said machine, like an ordinary sewing-machine cover, and in this position used for all the purposes of a writing-desk. The desk may be secured to the sewing-machine table by the bent lugs C on the back and the lock Z on the front of the same.

The writing-desk above described is especially useful for dress-makers, milliners, and other sewing-women, who are obliged to be economical in the matters of space, money, and furniture, as by its use the ordinary sewing-machine cover may be dispensed with.

I claim as my invention—

The writing-desk A, provided with the recess R, as and for the purpose described.

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