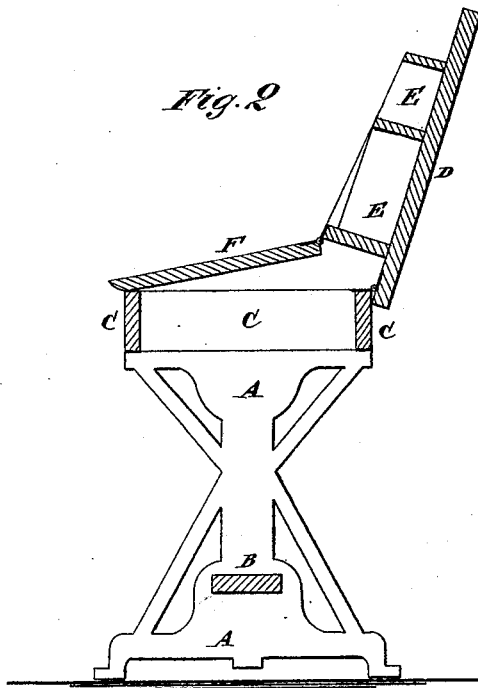
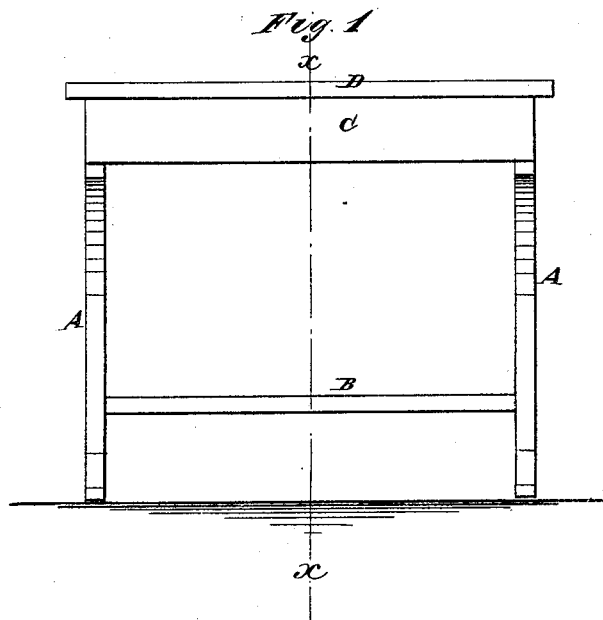


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IMPROVEMENT IN DESKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST N. DÖRING, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table-Desk, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of a table to which my improvement has been applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same opened up for use, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved desk attachment for the tops of tables, bureaus, and other articles of furniture, which shall be so constructed as to be very convenient for use when opened, and when closed shall give no indication of the presence of a desk.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

A represents the end frames of a table, the lower parts of which are connected by a bar, B, and the upper ends of which are attached to the top frame C. D is the top of the table, which is hinged to the rear side bar of the frame C. To the under side of the top D is attached a set of pigeon-holes, E, to receive bills, receipts, and other papers placed on file. To the lower rear edge of the set of pigeon-holes E is hinged the edge of a desk-leaf, F,

which, when the top D and its set of pigeon-holes E are turned up into position for use, rests upon the front bar of the table-frame C, so as to be in position for use, as shown in Fig. 2.

The free edge of the leaf F is designed to be secured to the front part of the set of pigeon-holes E by a lock or other convenient fastening, so as to keep the contents of said pigeon-holes E in place when the top is lowered, and when it is being lowered and raised. The top D is designed to be provided with a hinged brace or braces, in the manner of a trunk-lid to hold it in place when raised.

I have described the invention as being applied to a table-top; but it may also be applied to the top of a chest of drawers, or any other suitable article of furniture provided with a case, with equal facility and advantage.

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

The combination, with a lid, D, hinged to the rear of a frame, C, and provided with pigeon-holes E E upon its under surface, of the leaf F, hinged to the lowest pigeon-hole partition, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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