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ROLL TOP DESK.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 2.

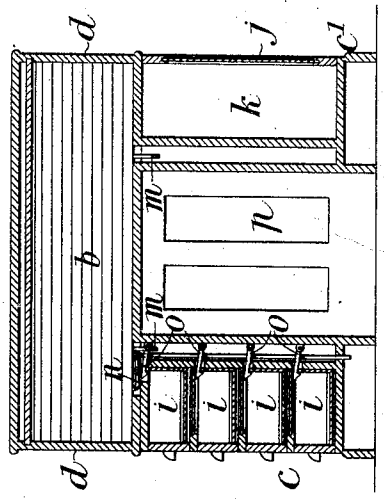


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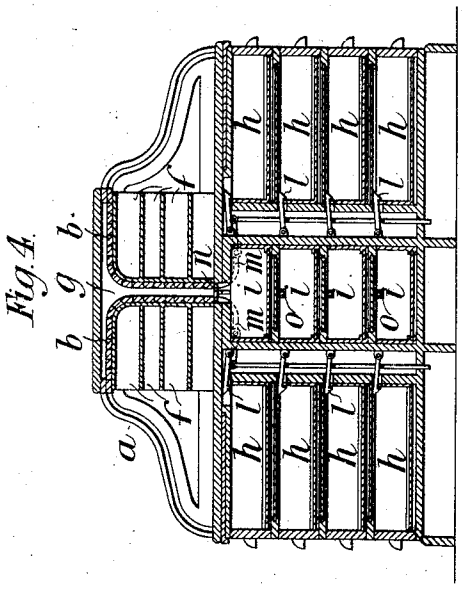


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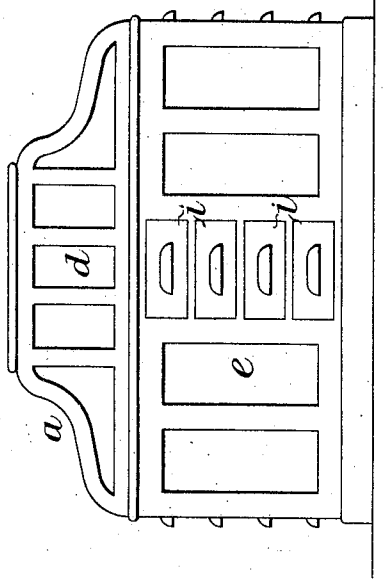
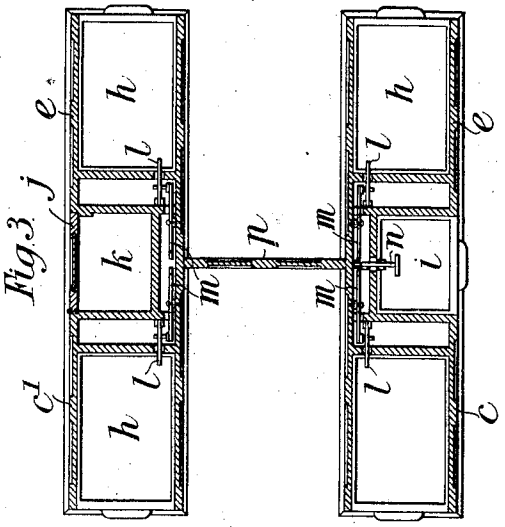


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ROLL-TOP DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYMAN ABRAHAMS, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 14 and 16 Whitecross street, London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Roll-Top Desks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a duplex roll-top desk designed to be used in lieu of two ordinary desks placed back to back and which will occupy less space than two separate desks.

According to my invention the side frames are each advantageously of a length corresponding to the depth of the duplex desk and the backs are dispensed with, a chamber being formed between the two sets of drawers or pigeonholes which is common to both desks and into which both roll tops can be pushed back. I prefer to make the drawers of less length than heretofore, so that a space is left between them at each end of the duplex desk, and in each of these spaces I propose to arrange a cupboard or a nest or a series of drawers.

To enable my invention to be fully understood, I will describe the same by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a duplex roll-top desk constructed according to my invention; and Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are respectively a sectional front view, a sectional plan, and a sectional side elevation of the same.

a is the upper part of the desks, provided with two roll tops *b b*, and *c c'* are the pedestals, the side frames *d d* being made continuous for the two desks. In the same way also the side frames *e e* of the pedestals are made continuous. *f f* are the pigeonholes or the drawer or file recesses with which each desk is provided, and *g* is the chamber between the said pigeonholes, into which both roll tops *b* are pushed when the desks are open. With this arrangement it will be understood how a duplex desk having the same capacity as two separate desks will occupy less room than such desks.

h h are the drawers, which open from the front of each desk. As hereinbefore stated, these drawers are made shorter than heretofore, so that space is left between the two sets of drawers in each pedestal, into which a third set of drawers, such as *i i*, can be inserted or which can be provided with a door *j*, as in Figs. 2 and 3, to form a cupboard *k* for the reception, for instance, of a safe or a lavatory-basin. This arrangement of a space for an extra set of drawers or a cupboard necessitates a modification of the arrangement of the catches *l l* for holding the drawers *h h*—that is to say, the levers *m m*, against which the roll tops *b b* impinge, are pivoted nearer the fronts of the desk and are elongated, so as to be acted upon by the roll tops.

The drawers *i i* and cupboard *k* can be provided with independent locks or locked automatically by the closing of the desk. As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the drawers *i i* have arranged in conjunction with them a lever *n*, which operates a series of catches *o o*, similar to the catches *l l*, and this lever may be arranged to operate by the contact of either or both of the roll tops.

p is a partition which is advantageously placed between the pedetsals for preventing draft through the leg-spaces and also for steadying the pedestals relatively with one another.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. A roll-top desk having two desk-spaces and having a chamber between the desks into which both roll tops can be pushed back, substantially as described.

2. In a roll-top desk, two desk-spaces with a common chamber into which both roll tops can be pushed, and pedestals, each provided with two sets of drawers and with an intermediate space for receiving another set of drawers or forming a cupboard, substantially as described.

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