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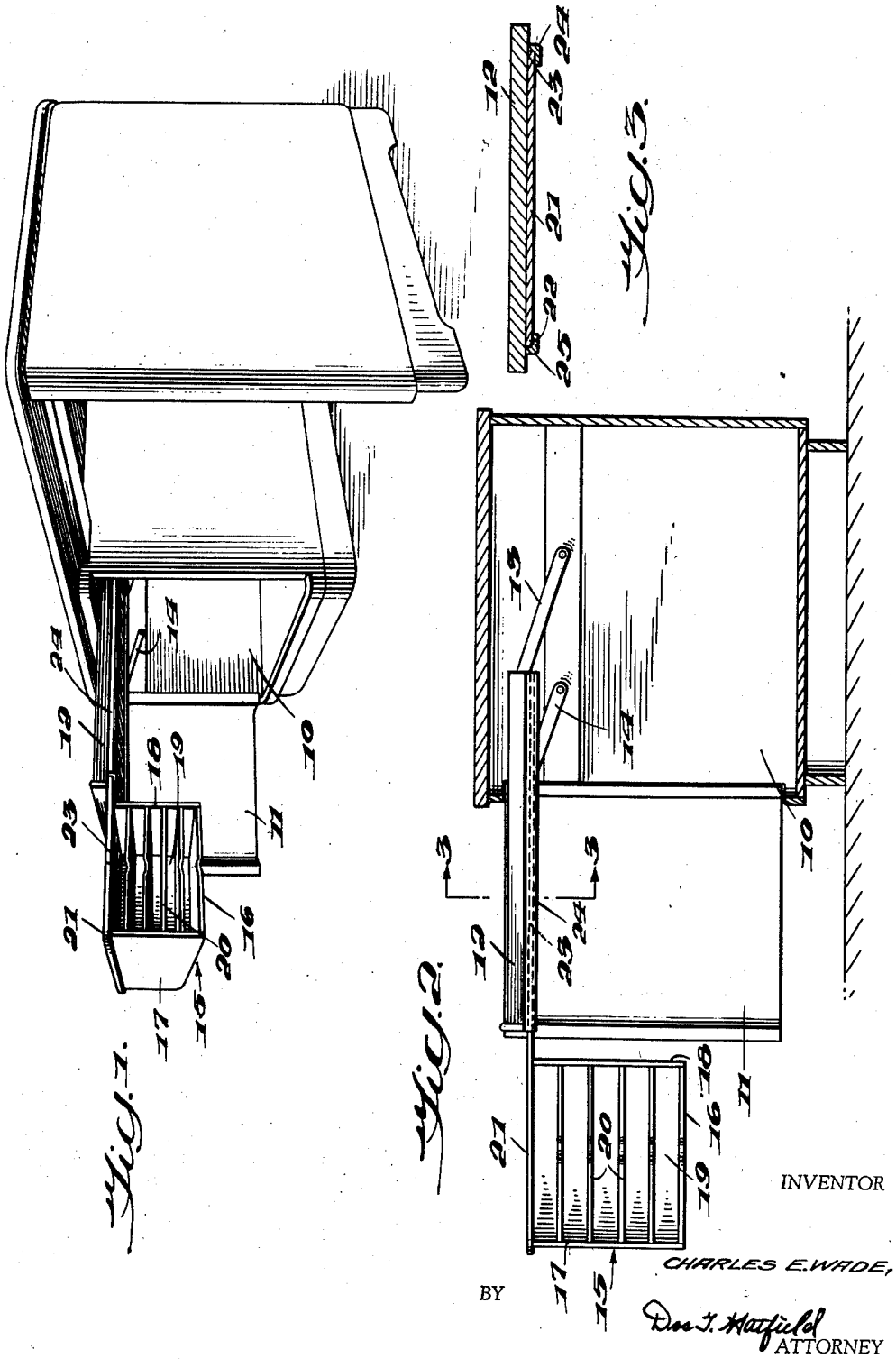
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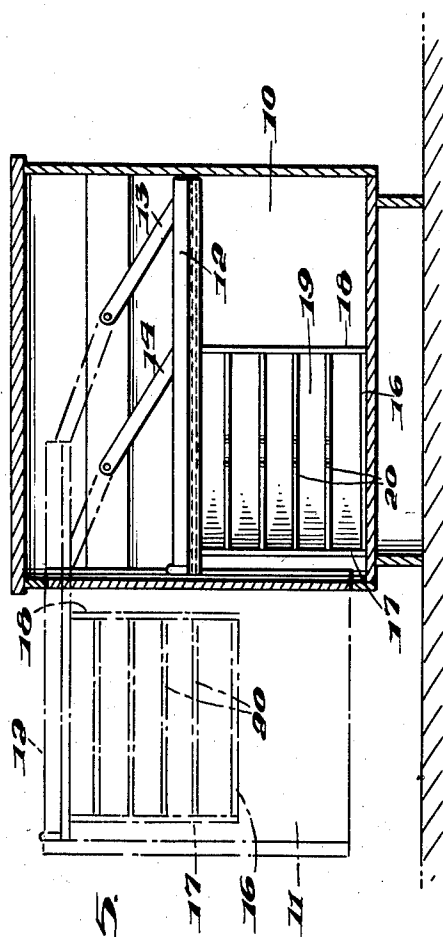
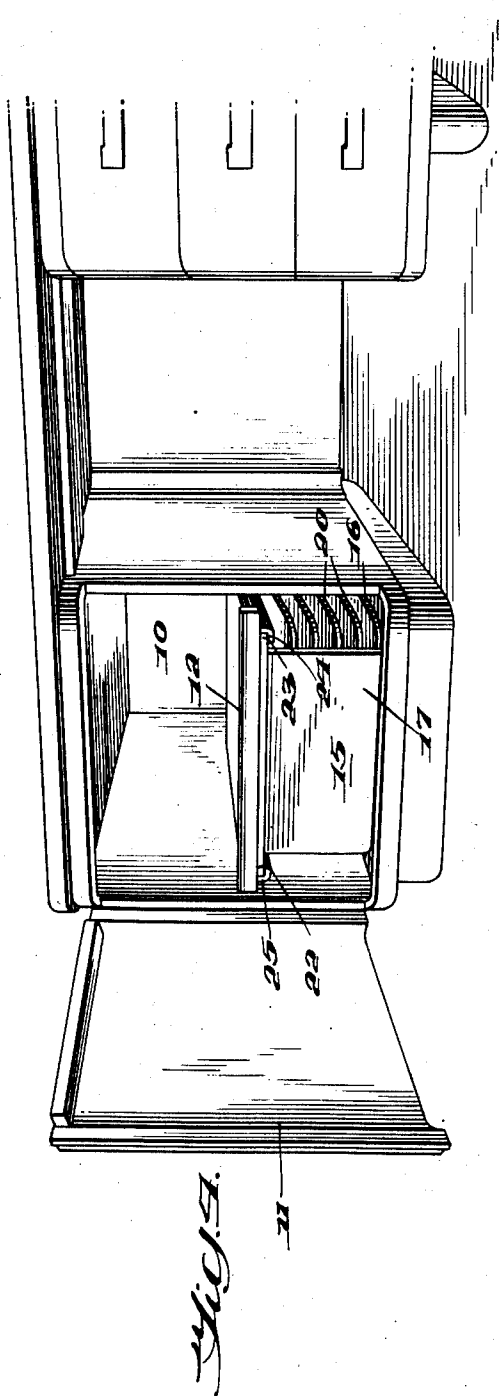
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The present invention relates to typewriter desks, particularly of the pedestal type.

At the present time there are many types of typewriter desks on the market which support a typewriter in a convenient position for use by a typist. Some of these desks are provided with a sunken well for supporting the machine at the desired height, and they have a pedestal on one or both sides of the well for storing stationery and other supplies. Other desks have a retractable typewriter platform, either centrally positioned within the desk, or housed within one of the pedestals. In each of the previously known types of typewriter desks, stationery supplies have been housed within the desk at a location remote from the machine, and hence in an inconvenient position for the typist. The present invention is directed primarily to a pedestal type of desk having an arrangement for supporting and housing a typewriter within the pedestal when in non-use and for extending the support, and hence the typewriter, to a convenient usable position, wherein a storage space for stationery is positioned in close proximity to the typewriter support or platform.

The principal object of this invention is to provide an improved form of typewriter desk having a combined arrangement which is adapted to be moved from a retracted stored position within a pedestal compartment of the desk to an extended operating position for supporting a typewriter and stationery supplies.

Another main object of the invention is to provide a combined typewriter desk having provisions for adequately supporting a typewriter in convenient operative position and for simultaneously supporting and housing stationery supplies in a convenient position for the typist.

Another important object of the invention is to provide an improved form of retractable typewriter platform for attachment to a typewriter desk, the platform having a combined extension table leaf and stationery compartment secured to the typewriter platform in such manner as to make full use of the storage space in the pedestal compartment of the desk when retracted and to allow adequate leg room beneath the typewriter platform when extended.

Still another important object of the invention is to provide a pedestal type of desk having a retractable typewriter platform and an auxiliary working table positioned in close proximity to the typewriter platform, and secured thereto.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide an improved typewriter desk of the type hav-

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ing a retractable typewriter platform, the typewriter platform being combined with a stationery compartment on its underside surface in such manner that, when the platform and stationery compartment are extended for use, a front and side enclosure of the "knee-line" of the typist in the typing position is provided to assure complete privacy.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent with reference to the following specification and drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a typewriter desk showing the typewriter platform and the stationery compartment extended for use;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the desk shown in Fig. 1 with a side view of the platform and stationery compartment in the extended or operating position;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the lines 3—3 of Fig. 2, showing the slide for the stationery compartment and auxiliary table;

Fig. 4 is another perspective view showing the platform and stationery compartment retracted in the pedestal storage compartment of a secretarial desk; and

Fig. 5 is a sectional view through the desk shown in Fig. 4 with a side view of the platform and stationery compartment in the retracted position.

Referring to the drawings, Figures 1 and 2 show the invention as applied to the pedestal storage compartment of a typewriter desk while Figures 4 and 5 show the invention as applied to the pedestal storage compartment of a secretarial desk and it should be apparent that the invention may be readily applied to any form of desk having a pedestal storage compartment in which a typewriter and supporting platform may be retracted for storage. In its broadest aspects, the invention may be used in combination with any type of typewriter platform.

In the preferred form of the invention, a pedestal storage compartment 10 is provided with a hinged door 11 which is adapted to be closed when the typewriter supporting platform 12 is retracted as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The platform 12 is secured to the desk end wall within the compartment 10 by a series of parallel levers 13 and 14 and spring pivot hinges, not shown in detail since they are not an essential part of the present invention and may take any of the well known forms of such devices.

The typewriter supporting platform 12 is provided with a stationery compartment 15 having a bottom wall 16, side walls 17 and 18 and a back

wall 19, together with a plurality of shelves such as shown at 20. The front or typist side of the compartment is uncovered for easy access thereto. The top wall 21 (which is substantially flat) of the stationery compartment 15 is longer than the bottom wall 16 so as to provide a sliding extension for the compartment 15, relative to the typewriter platform 12, and is also somewhat wider (as shown in Figs. 1 and 4) to provide ledges 22 and 23 (see Fig. 3) which engage slide rails 24 and 25, respectively. The slide rails 24 and 25 are secured to the underside of the typewriter platform 12 in any suitable manner, as shown particularly in Figs. 2 and 3. Thus the stationery compartment is slidably secured to the underside of the typewriter platform 12, and may be easily moved from a retracted position as shown in Fig. 4 to extended position as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

With the typewriter platform 12 extended to the operating position outside of the pedestal compartment 10 as shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, and with the slidable stationery compartment 15 also extended as shown, stationery supplies may be conveniently stored in close proximity to the typewriter. An additional extension or auxiliary table surface 21 is provided in close proximity to the typewriter, adequate leg room beneath the typewriter platform 12 is obtained, and the "knee-line" of the typist is enclosed from the front by the door 11 and from the sides by the side walls 17 and 18 of the stationery compartment 15 and the desk pedestal, thus assuring complete privacy. When the typewriter platform and the stationery compartment are retracted as shown in Figures 4 and 5, full use of the storage space in the pedestal compartment 10 is made since the space beneath the typewriter platform 12 is occupied by the retracted slidable stationery compartment 15 whose shelves 20 may contain stationery supplies, typist notes, etc. which are instantly available when the typewriter platform and stationery compartment are extended for use. It should be noted that while in normal operation, the typewriter platform is first moved from its retracted position within the storage compartment and thereafter the stationery compartment is moved outwardly from under the platform to the indicated position, it is possible to slide the stationery compartment outwardly from under the typewriter platform while the platform is in its retracted position, should the typist desire access thereto without access to the typewriter.

I claim:

1. In a typewriter desk having a pedestal storage compartment for storage of a typewriter, a hinged door for closing said storage compartment, the combination of a typewriter supporting platform, means for movably mounting said platform to the desk in a lowered retracted position within the compartment and to an extended elevated operating position without the compartment, with a stationery compartment movably secured to said supporting platform in a manner to be stored within the storage compartment and beneath said supporting platform when said supporting platform is retracted, and to be movable outwardly from said supporting platform when said supporting platform is extended, said stationery compartment having a substantially flat top wall, depending back and side walls, a bottom wall, shelves between said top and bottom walls

and an open front, whereby an extension table and an open compartment for stationery supplies are provided adjacent said supporting platform when said stationery compartment is extended from said supporting platform, and said depending side and back walls of said stationery compartment together with said hinged door cooperating to enclose the knee-line of a typist in the typing position.

2. In a typewriter desk having a pedestal storage compartment for storage of a typewriter, a hinged door for closing said storage compartment, the combination of a typewriter supporting platform, means for movably mounting said platform to the desk in a lowered retracted position within the compartment and to an extended elevated operating position without the compartment, with a stationery compartment movably secured to said supporting platform in a manner to be stored within said storage compartment and beneath said supporting platform when said supporting platform is retracted and to be movable outwardly from said supporting platform when said supporting platform is extended, said stationery compartment having depending side and back walls and a substantially flat top wall, the side and back walls of said stationery compartment when extended and said door cooperating with the desk to enclose the knee-line of a typist in the typing position.

3. In a typewriter desk having a pedestal storage compartment for storage of a typewriter, a hinged door for closing the storage compartment, the combination of a typewriter supporting platform, means for movably mounting said platform to the desk in a lowered retracted position within the compartment and to an extended operating position without the compartment, with a stationery compartment secured to said supporting platform in a manner to be stored within the storage compartment and beneath said supporting platform when said supporting platform is retracted and to be movable outwardly from said supporting platform when said supporting platform is extended, said stationery compartment comprising depending back and side walls, a bottom wall and a substantially flat top wall, said top wall being slidably secured to the underside of said supporting platform whereby when said stationery compartment and supporting platform are both extended, an extension table is obtained and the depending side and back walls of said stationery compartment together with said hinged door cooperate to enclose the knee-line of a typist in the typing position.

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