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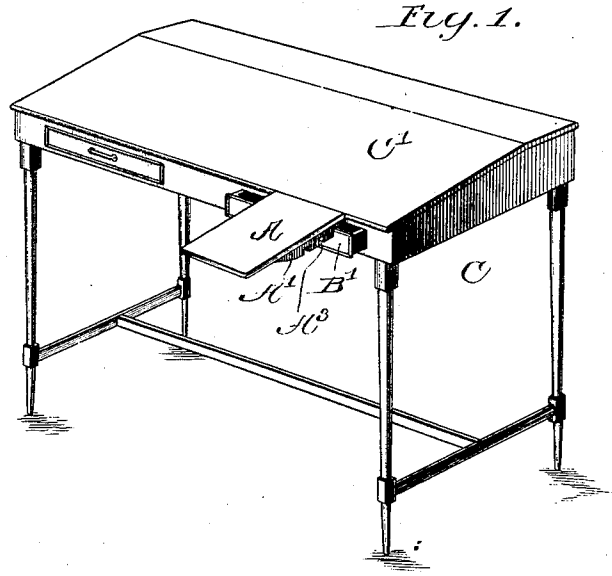


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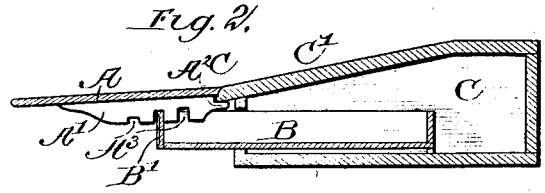
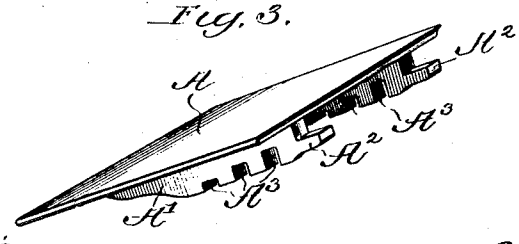


Fig. 3.



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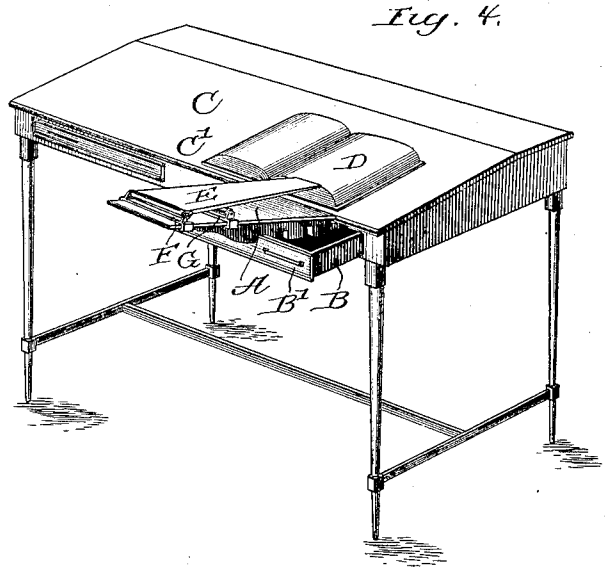
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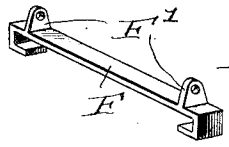
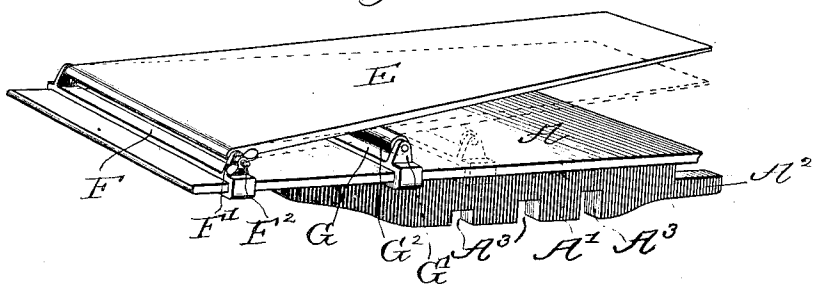


Fig. 5.

Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERLE S. HULL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Rests; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention is designed more particularly for use by persons whose work involves the use of large account and record books, my improved hand-rest being used to support the hand while writing on the lower portion of the pages.

The invention will be understood by the following description and an inspection of the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an accountant's table having one part of my improved hand-rest applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the rest detached from the table. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the entire rest applied to a table. Fig. 5 is a perspective of a bar used to support the top board of the rest. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the entire rest.

A is the bottom of the rest. This is adapted to rest upon the front B′ of the drawer B of the table C and engage at its front beneath the top C′ of the table C when the drawer is partially drawn out. Cleats A′ A′ may be applied lengthwise to the lower side of the bottom A, and provided at their rear ends with projections A^2 A^2, which latter extend beneath the front edge of the top C′, so that the rear of the bottom A may rest against the front edge of the top C′ of the table C. The bottom A thus virtually forms a continuation of the top C′ of the table C and constitutes a satisfactory rest to be used in connection with sheets and books when not too thick. The cleats A′ A′ may be provided with notches A^3 A^3 along their lower edges, which notches receive the front B′ of the drawer B, whereby said bottom A is held more firmly. Said notches may or may not be of different depths or distances from the bottom A. By setting the front B′ of the drawer B into different notches A^3 A^3 the elevation of the free or rear end of the bottom A may be varied.

When a thick book, D, is used, the bottom A may be supplemented by a top, E. The latter should be secured upon the bottom A, with the end thereof nearest the book arranged to be raised or lowered to a level with the bottom of the book. The opposite end may be raised or lowered by raising and lowering the corresponding end of the bottom A.

F is a yoke applied to the upper surface of the bottom A, and extending around the edges of the latter, so that it is held to said bottom, but may be slid to and fro on the same. Two ears, F′, rise from said yoke at a sufficient distance from each other to receive the end of the top E between them. A bolt, F^2, extends through said ears and top and secures the latter to the yoke, thus forming a hinge-joint.

G is a yoke similar to the yoke F, and has ears G′ similar to the ears F′. G^2 is a roller mounted between the ears G′. This yoke G is applied to the bottom A behind the yoke F and under the top E, so as to support the latter. This yoke may also be shifted to and fro, whereby the rear end of the top E is raised and lowered. Shifting the yoke F shifts the entire top E.

From the foregoing it will be understood that only the bottom A may be used, as in Figs. 1 and 2, it being applied upon the drawer. When so desired, the top E may be readily applied and adjusted to the proper height and inclination.

The supporting-roller G^2 may be omitted and the top E supported upon the lower edge of the book, or otherwise.

I claim as my invention—

1. A hand-rest, A, having at its rear end projections A^2 A^2, to extend beneath the front edge of the table-top, and having notches A^3 on its lower side to receive the front of the drawer of the table, substantially as described.

2. A hand-rest, A, having at its rear end projections to extend beneath the front edge of the table-top, and having notches on its lower side to receive the front of the drawer of the table, and a top, E, hinged by its front end upon the bottom A, and a shifting sup-

port for said top E, located between the latter and the bottom A, substantially as shown and described.

3. A hand-rest, A, having at its rear end projections to extend beneath the front edge of the table-top, and having notches on its lower side to receive the front of the drawer of the table, and a top, E, hinged by its front end upon the bottom A, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 21st day of November, in the year 1888.

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