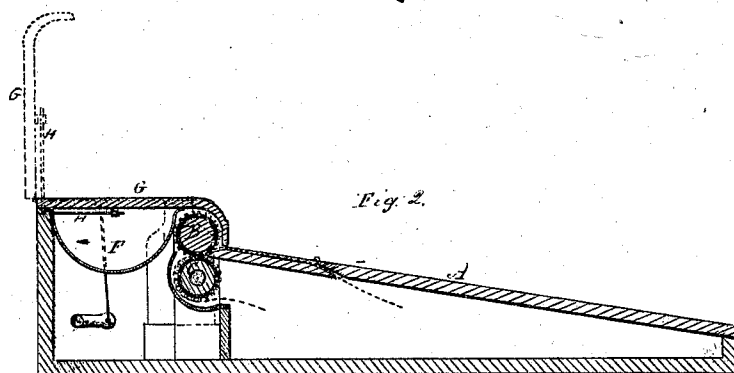
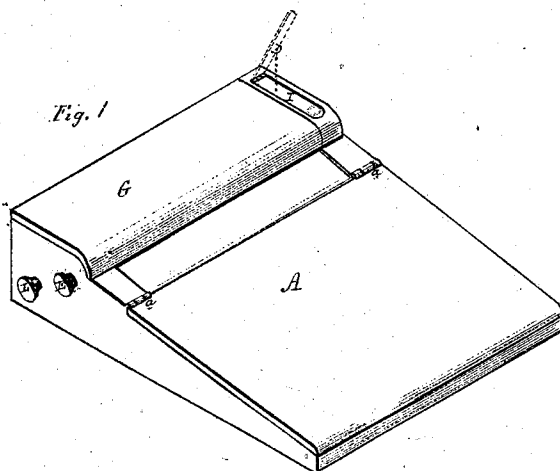


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IMPROVED WRITING-DESK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HOFER, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Writing-Desks; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view; and in Figure 2, a transverse section.

This invention relates to an improvement in writing-desks, more especially adapted to small or portable desks, but applicable to desks or writing-tables of other description, the object being to combine a blotter with the desk or table-top, so that as the paper is written upon it may be drawn under the blotter, and at the same time the paper may be held so that the writing can be done at the same place upon the table.

A is the desk-top, hinged at *a*.

B and C, the two blotting-rolls, geared together, so that by the turning of one the other revolves, and so that the paper lying upon the desk-top, and inserted between the rolls, may be drawn between the rolls by the turning of the rolls, by means of the knob E, or otherwise, the surface of the paper being written upon while on the table or desk-top, and drawn up as fast as written. The blotter absorbs the

surplus ink, while, at the same time, the paper is firmly held in position, and so that the writing may be done at the same part of the desk without moving the hand down the page.

The paper passes into the desk, as denoted in broken lines, Fig. 2, and when one page has been written, the paper may be taken from the desk, and another page written.

F is a receptacle for pens, &c., arranged with a cover, G, so as to be closed, and held down by means of a spring, H, this cover also inclosing the blotting-rolls, but so as to leave a space for the passage of the paper beneath the rolls.

I is the ink-well cover, connected by a crank and lever and shank through the desk to a knob, L, upon the outside, so as to be raised, as denoted in broken lines, Fig. 1, and so as to be closed or held down by a spring on the hinge, or otherwise.

I claim, as my invention—

1. The combination of the leaf or top of a table or desk, with the blotting-rolls B and C, receptacle F, and spring cover G, all constructed and arranged so as to operate as described.

2. In combination with the leaf or top of a table or desk, and the blotting-rolls B and C, the arrangement of the ink-well cover I, so as to be operated in the manner described.

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