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Drawing Table,

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Fig. 1.

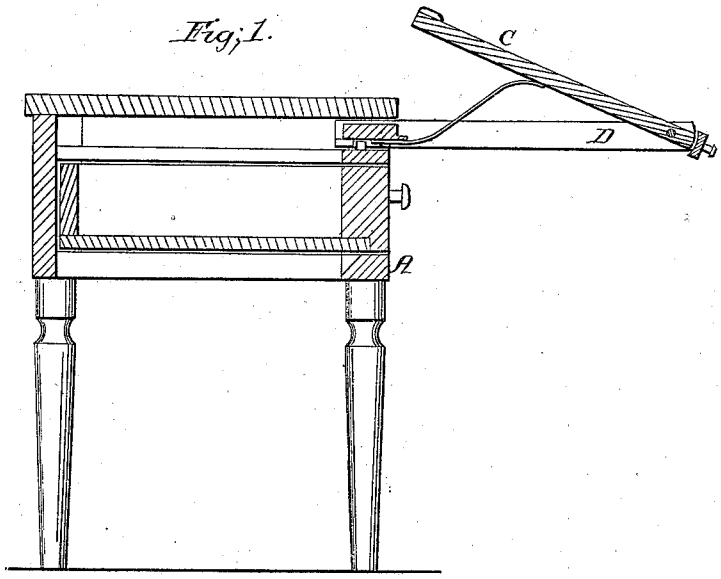
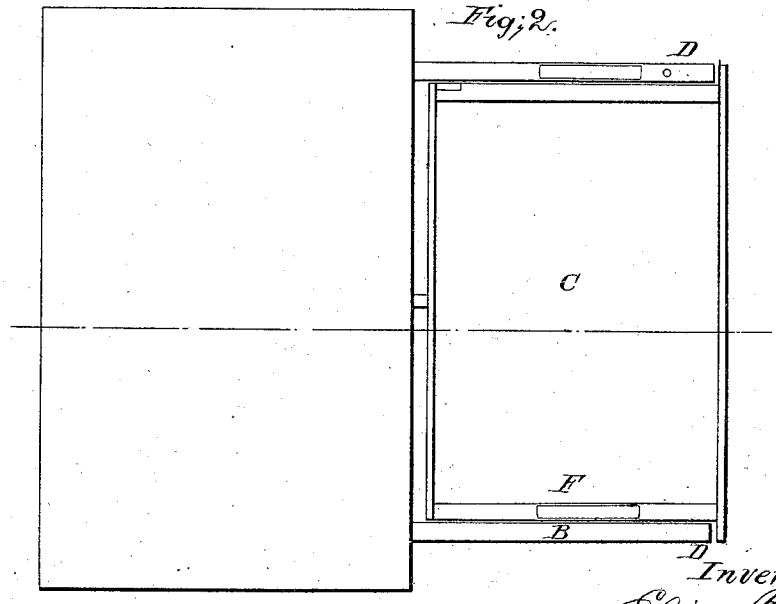


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED TABLE, DESK, &c.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ELIAS BECKER, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables, Desks, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a transverse vertical elevation, taken on the line *x x* of fig. 1.

Figure 2 represents a plan view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of this invention is to provide a writing-attachment for tables, desks, &c., of simple and cheap construction, and which may be readily adjusted to the position for writing, or be enclosed within the table by sliding into it when not wanted for use.

It consists of a frame, arranged to slide into the table or desk, near the top, which is provided with a writing-tablet, hinged to the front side of the frame, and having a spring connected to it at the back side, whereby it is thrown up in an inclined position as soon as it has been drawn out beyond the top of the table, and which being pushed back a little, will rest on the edge of the-table, thereby constituting a convenient writing-table, inclined at a suitable angle for the purpose.

A represents a table, provided with a sliding frame, B, arranged to slide into the table in a manner similar to drawers.

C represents a writing-tablet, which is pivoted to the sliding frame at D.

Under the said tablet a sliding spring, E, is arranged, which throws it up as soon as it is sufficiently withdrawn from the table to admit of it. The slide may then be moved back again sufficiently to allow the tablet to rest on the top of the table, thus affording a convenient writing-table. The inclination may be varied by adjusting the sliding frame to or from the table.

Depressions, F, may be made in the sliding frame for holding pens, inkstands, and other articles.

It will be readily perceived that my improvement may be equally applicable to counters and shelving as sample-boards, to wash-stands with looking-glasses, and to a great variety of similar articles.

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

The combination, with tables, desks, or other similar articles, of the sliding frame B, provided with the tablet C and spring E, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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