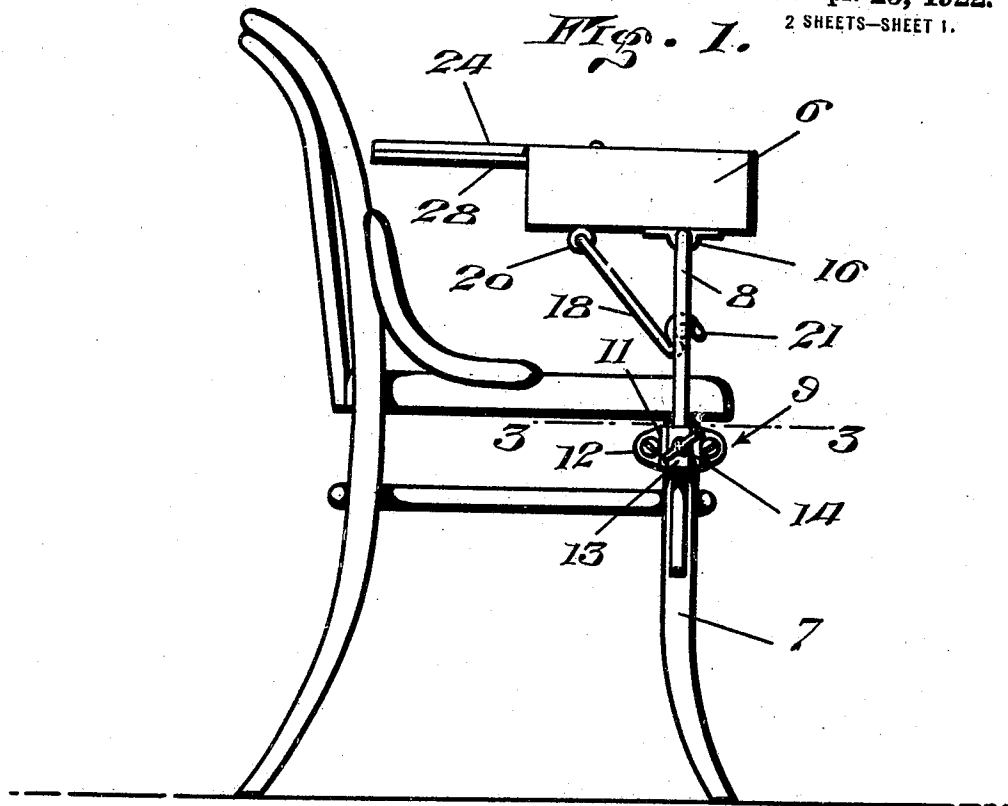
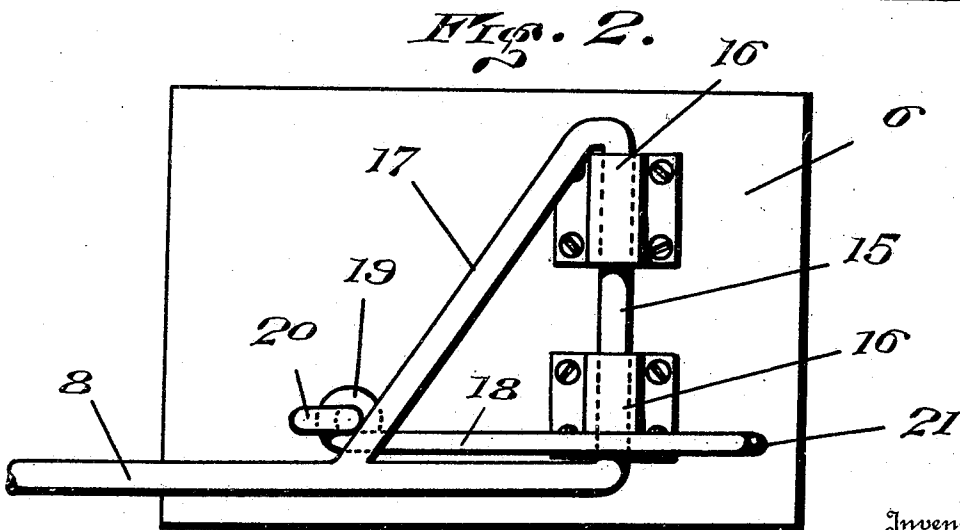


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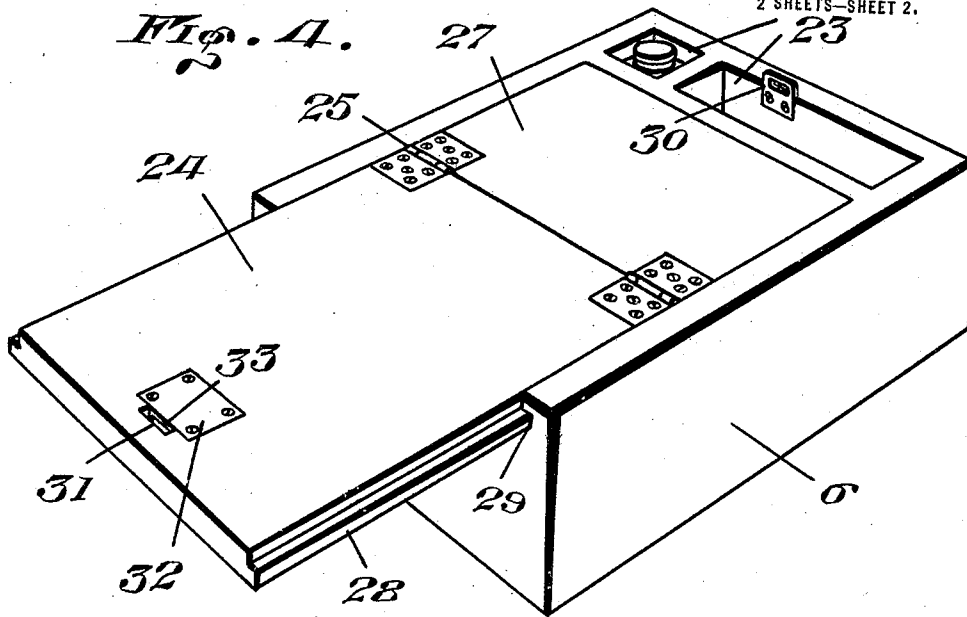
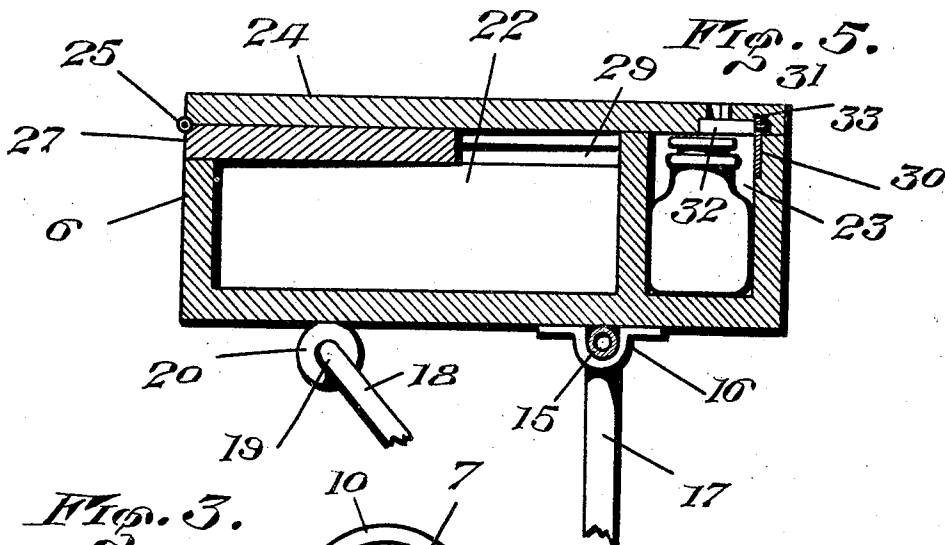
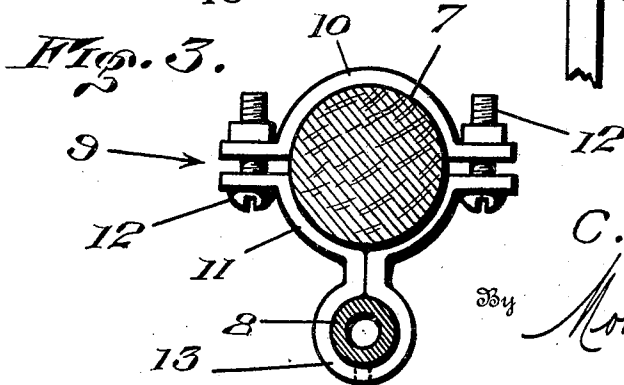
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CASWELL LEE LEONARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Corinth, in the county of Alcorn and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Writing Desks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

The present invention relates to a portable writing desk, and the primary object of the invention is the provision of a novel and improved writing desk which can be readily applied to a chair for convenience in writing at any convenient or desired position in or out-doors for the benefit and comfort of the user.

Another object is the provision of novel means for mounting the desk from the chair for purpose of adjustment and the ready removal and replacement of the desk. Another object is to construct the supporting means so that it can be folded against the body or box of the writing desk for storing or transporting the desk within small compass.

A still further object is the provision of novel closure means for the body or box of the desk, which can be opened up and positioned to provide an arm rest and extended writing surface.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the writing desk as applied to a chair.

Fig. 2 is a bottom view on an enlarged scale, showing the parts folded together.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 showing the clamp and bearing of the supporting means.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the desk in open position for use, the supporting means not being shown.

Fig. 5 is a longitudinal vertical section of the desk showing the top thereof in closed or folded position, and portions of the supporting means being broken away.

The desk comprises a body or box 6 of

rectangular or other suitable shape, and of convenient size, and in order to support same from the leg 7 of a chair, preferably the forward right hand leg for a right handed person, although the device can be supported from the forward left hand leg for a left handed writer, the body 6 is supported on a standard or post 8 which is in turn supported from the leg 7 by means of a clamp 9 embracing said leg. This clamp 9 comprises the sections 10 and 11 connected by the bolts 12, whereby said clamp can be readily applied to the chair leg, and the section 11 has a vertical bearing or sleeve 13 through which the standard 8 extends for vertical and angular adjustment about a vertical axis, whereby the desk can be positioned in the desired vertical and angular position, in which position the standard 8 is secured by means of a set screw 14 or other clamping means carried by the bearing 13. After the clamp 9 is applied to the chair leg, the standard 8 can be readily inserted downwardly into the bearing 13 and then raised or lowered and turned to properly position the body or box 6, and the set screw 14 can then be tightened. By loosening the set screw, the standard 8 can be withdrawn from the bearing 13 to remove the desk from the chair, and it can be readily reapplied to the chair, or the clamp can be applied to another chair with which it is desired to use the desk.

The body 6 and standard 8 are connected together so as to fold into a small space, for convenience in storing or transporting the device.

The body 6 and standard 8 are thus hingedly connected, to fold together, and, for this purpose, the standard 8 has a horizontal hinge portion 15 extending at an angle from its upper end, and arranged to turn in bearings 16 secured to the bottom of the body 6 transversely thereof. An inclined brace 17 connects the standard 8 and opposite end of the portion 15, to brace the body 6 transversely thereof when supported from the standard in a horizontal position.

In order to support the body 6 in a substantially horizontal position, a second brace 18 is loosely connected to the bottom of the body at a point spaced longitudinally from the hinge connection between the standard and body, the upper end of the brace 18 having an eye 19 engaging an eye 20 carried by the bottom of the body, and the lower free

end of the brace having a notched portion 21 to engage over the brace 17 in the crotch between said brace 17 and standard 8. Thus, when the body is swung to a substantially horizontal position, the brace 18 can be engaged with the brace 17, to support said body in place, and in folding the device, the brace 18 can be readily swung against the body 6 with the standard 8, as seen in Fig. 5.

The body or box 6 has a main compartment 22 for holding writing paper, envelopes, and the like, and the forward end portion of the body has compartments 23 holding a bottle of ink, pens, pencils, etc. Said compartments are closed by a top or leaf 24 which is of a size to cover the body and conceal the material in said compartments. The top or leaf 24 also provides an arm rest and extended writing surface, when said leaf is opened and, to accomplish said result, a shorter leaf 27 is slidable in the body over the compartment 22, and the rear ends of the leaves are hingedly connected, as at 25. The side edges of the leaves have tongues 28 to fit slidably in longitudinal grooves 29 in the side walls of the body near the upper edges thereof, and the leaf 27 is shorter than the compartment 22 to be movable longitudinally thereover. When the leaf 27 is slid rearwardly in the body to bring its rear end substantially flush with the rear end of the body, the leaf 24 can be swung forwardly and downwardly to cover the compartments, as seen in Fig. 5. When the leaf 24 is swung upwardly, rearwardly and downwardly, into the plane of the leaf 27 substantially flush therewith, the leaves can be slid forwardly in the body, whereby the hinged end portion of the leaf 24 is moved into the slots 29 and the leaf 27 brought against the forward end of the compartment 22, thereby providing an extended writing surface and the leaf 24 projecting beyond the rear end of the body will provide an arm rest for convenience in writing. Said leaf 24 is firmly supported when slid into the slots, and by withdrawing said leaf from the slots, it can be again swung to closed position. The compartment 22 can be opened by sliding the leaves rearwardly.

In order to lock the leaf 24 in closed or folded position, a keeper 30 extends upwardly from the forward end of the body to enter a recess 31 in the forward end portion of the leaf 24, when said leaf is swung downwardly over the compartments, thereby pre-

venting the leaves from sliding longitudinally, and a lock 33 is mortised in the leaf 24, as shown, to be operated by a key and its bolt 34 can be projected through the aperture or slot of the keeper 30, thereby preventing the leaf 24 from being swung upwardly or open without the aid of a proper key.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A writing desk comprising a body, a leaf slidable in the body, the body having portions slidably receiving the edges of said leaf, and a second leaf longer than and hinged to the firstnamed leaf to swing over the body to cover it and to swing substantially flush with the firstnamed leaf, the side edges of the second leaf being formed to move into engagement with said portions of the body, when the second leaf is swung flush with the firstnamed leaf, to maintain the leaves flush, so that the second leaf forms an extended writing surface and arm rest.

2. A writing desk comprising a body having a compartment and grooves at the upper edges thereof, a leaf having its side edges slidable in said grooves over said compartment, a second leaf longer than and hinged to the aforesaid leaf to swing over said compartment for closing the body and to swing substantially flush with the aforesaid leaf, the side edges of the second leaf being movable into said grooves when the leaves are substantially flush, so that the second leaf forms an extended writing surface and arm rest, and means for securing the second leaf to the body when swung over said compartment.

3. A writing desk comprising a body, a leaf slidable in said body, a second leaf longer than and hinged to said leaf to swing over the body and to swing substantially flush with the aforesaid leaf and slide into engagement with the body to form an extended writing surface and arm rest, a keeper carried by the body over which the second leaf is engageable when swung over the body and preventing sliding movement of the leaves, and a lock for preventing the second leaf from being swung upwardly from the body when engaged with said keeper.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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