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Fig. 1.

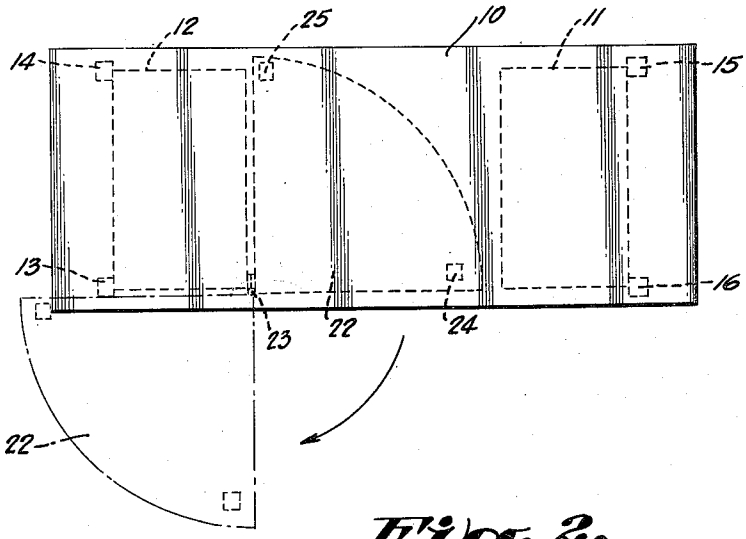
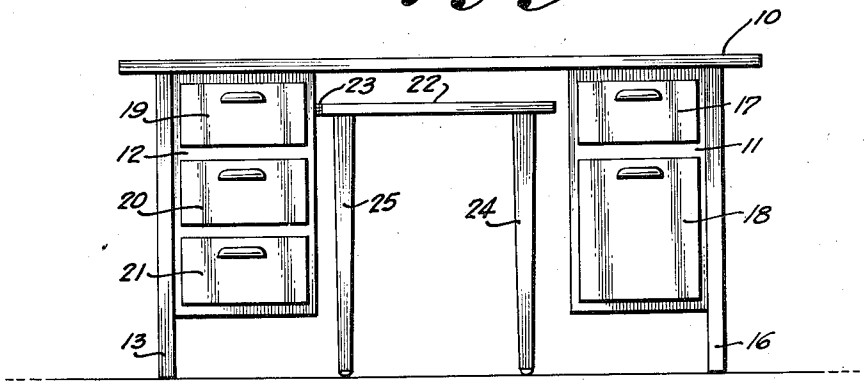


Fig. 2.



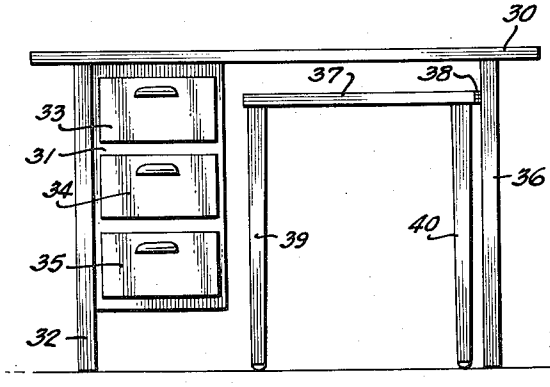


Fig. 3.

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My invention relates to improvements in desks, and may be used with a desk for an office or for the home. By means of my invention, a conventional desk may be improved so that additional surface area may be available when desired, to the end that a typewriter, papers, books, etc. may be placed thereon. When the additional surface is not needed, it may be stowed away in such a manner that it is out of the way of a user of the desk, not interfering with the use of either the normal writing surface, the drawers, or the leg room thereof.

My invention further contemplates an improvement in desks which provides an auxiliary work supporting surface or shelf which is sturdy, which may be placed in position of use or storage with facility, and which harmonizes with the general design and appearance of the desk proper.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a desk embodying my invention, showing my auxiliary shelf in two positions.

Figure 2 is an elevation of my improved desk, the shelf being in the stowed position, and

Figure 3 is an elevation of a modification embodying my invention.

In the drawings, a substantially horizontal work supporting surface or desk top **10** is supported by spaced substantially vertically extending support means or pedestals **11** and **12** and legs **13**, **14**, **15** and **16**. Pedestal **11** contains drawers **17** and **18** and pedestal **12** contains drawers **19**, **20** and **21**. These drawers may be arranged in any conventional manner.

In the space between the pedestals **11** and **12**, generally designated the knee-hole, I provide an auxiliary work supporting means or shelf **22** which is pivotally attached to the desk closely beneath top **10** by vertically extending pivot means, as at front inside corner **23**. The auxiliary shelf is additionally supported by legs **24** and **25**. When in the stowed position, the auxiliary shelf **22** substantially underlies the desk top **10**. The leg **24** thereof is spaced a sufficient distance from the inner edge of pedestal **12** that a person may use the desk without restriction or discomfort. The leg **25**, being to the rear, does not in any way interfere with the use of the desk. It is to be noted additionally that the auxiliary shelf **22**, when in the stowed position, harmonizes with the general appearance of the desk. Obviously, when the auxiliary

shelf **22** is in the stowed position, no extra floor space is used.

Auxiliary shelf **22** is, for convenience, sector shaped; this shape being chosen as that which provides the maximum area and still permits ease of movement. However, any other shape which may be moved into and out of the stowed position may be used.

When additional working surface is desired, the auxiliary shelf **22** may be facilely moved to the alternate or use position, as is clearly shown in Figure 1. This movement is accomplished by rotating the shelf **22** about its pivotal support at front inside corner **23**. In this position, it presents a sturdily supported, relatively large auxiliary work surface, which may be used to support heavy and/or large objects. A typewriter may be placed upon it, the typist's legs being readily accommodated between the leg **25** and the front of pedestal **12**.

Fig. 3 is an elevation of a modification of my invention wherein **30** represents the top of a desk which is supported by a pedestal **31** having a leg **32** and drawers **33**, **34** and **35**. The top **30** is also supported by leg **36**. An auxiliary shelf **37** is pivotally attached to leg **36** at front inside corner **38**, and is additionally supported by a front leg **39** and rear leg **40**. This form of the invention has the same advantages as specified above for the other form.

Changes may be made from the specific forms disclosed herein, my invention being limited only by the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

An attachment for a desk having a substantially horizontal work surface and means defining a kneehole beneath said surface, said attachment comprising a sector-shaped shelf, vertically extending pivot means for securing said shelf at approximately the center point thereof to the means defining said kneehole at a front inside corner thereof and closely beneath said work surface, said attachment further comprising legs extending downwardly from said shelf and being adjacent the means defining said kneehole when said shelf is in said kneehole, said shelf being swingable on said pivot means to a position outwardly of said desk.

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