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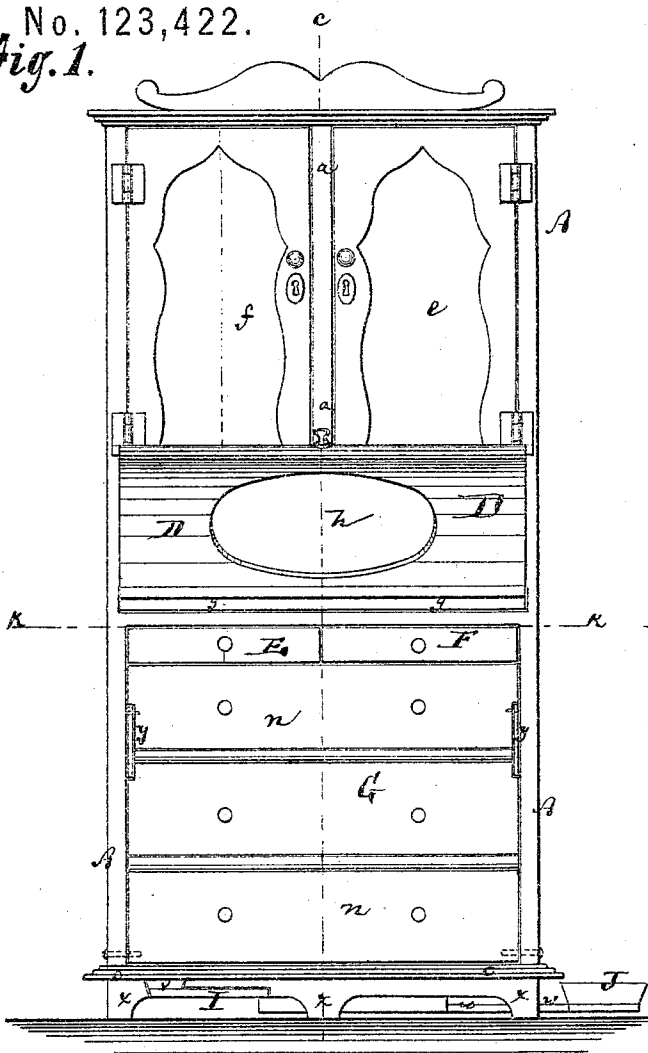


Fig. 2.

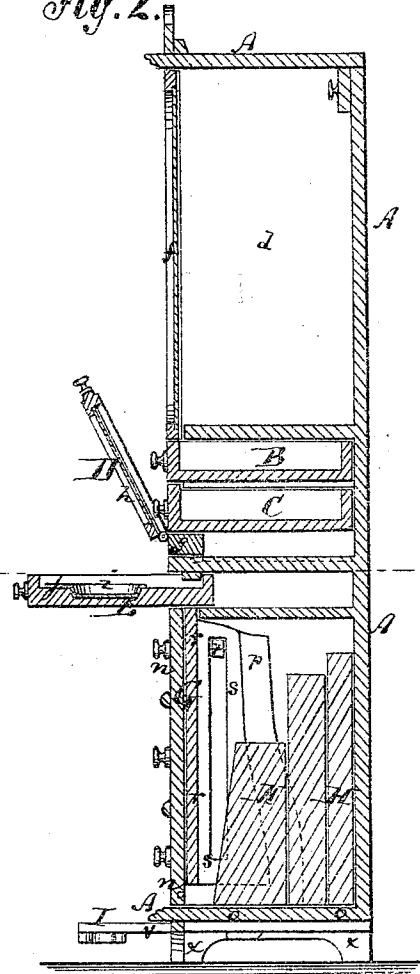
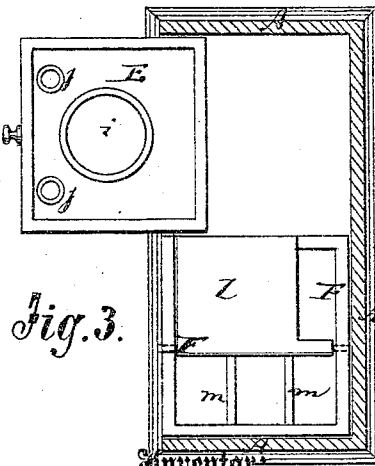
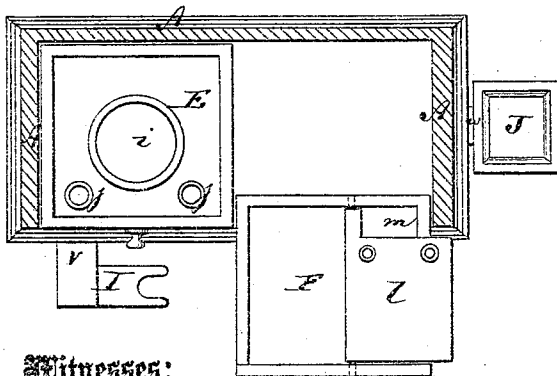


Fig. 4.



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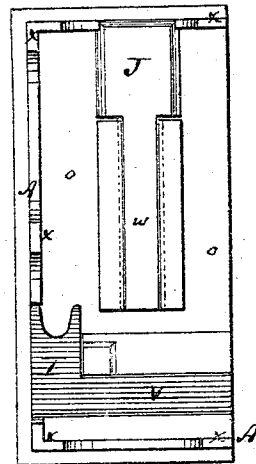
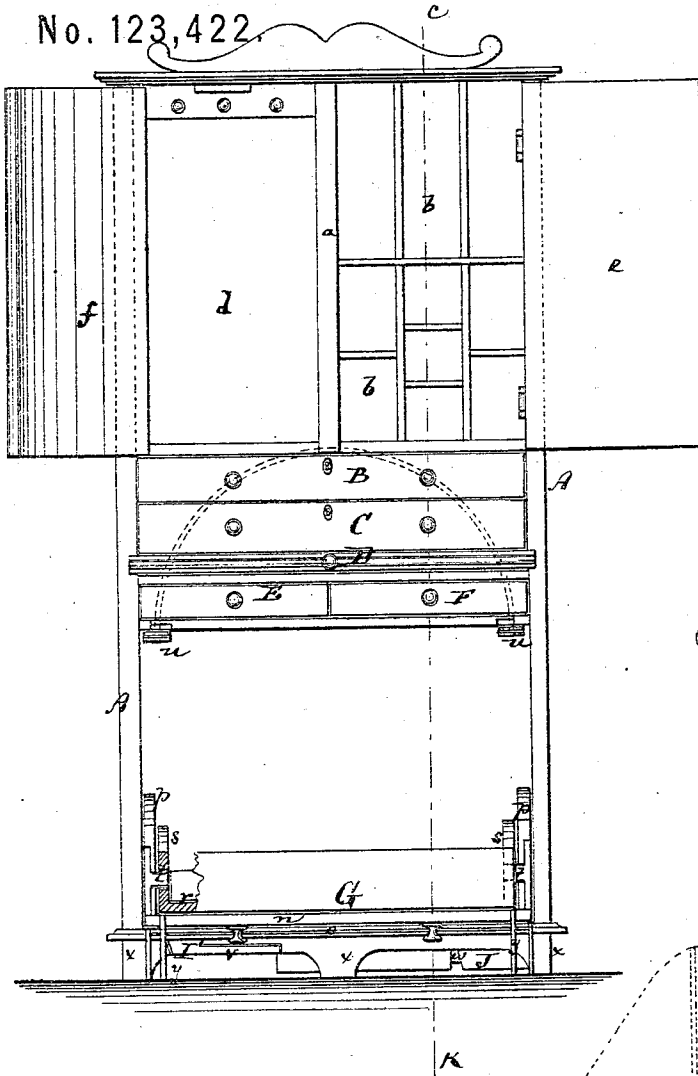


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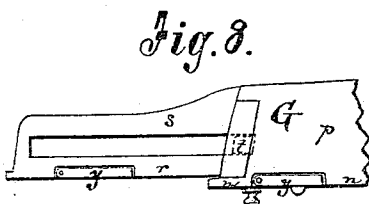
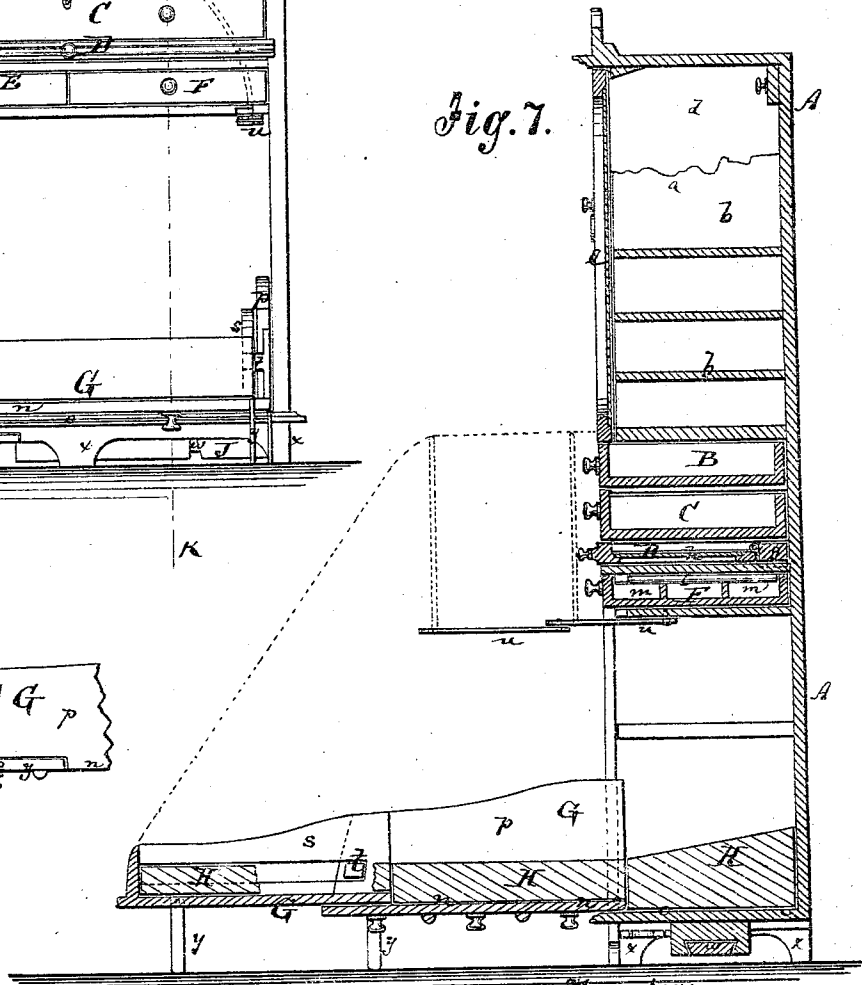


Fig. 8.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUREAUS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 123,422, dated February 6, 1872.

Specification describing a new and Improved Bureau, invented by HERMAN ROCKE, of the city, county, and State of New York.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of my improved bureau. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *c c*, Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 are horizontal sections of the same on the line *k k*, Fig. 1, showing the parts in different positions. Fig. 5 is a front elevation, partly in section, of the bureau. Fig. 6 is a bottom view of the same. Fig. 7 is a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *c k*, Fig. 5. Fig. 8 is a detail side view of part of the extension bedstead.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new combination piece of furniture, which embodies within a reduced compass nearly all the requisites of a sleeping and dressing apartment and of a study, since it contains a bedstead, mosquito-net frame, wash-stand, toilet-case, mirror, table, drawers, wardrobe, spittoon, boot-jack, writing-case, writing-table, and book-case.

A in the drawing represents the rectangular outer case of the improved universal bureau. It is entirely closed at the sides, back, top, and bottom, while its front displays the several doors, drawers, and folding-plates, which must be opened in order to reach the contents or parts of the apparatus. The uppermost part of the case is by a transverse partition, *a*, divided into two compartments, *b* and *d*, of which the one, *b*, contains shelves, &c., to constitute a book-case and receptacle for papers, while the other, *d*, contains hooks or pins to serve as a wardrobe for the reception of suspended clothing. The compartments *b* and *d* are respectively closed by means of doors *e* and *f*, which are provided with suitable locks, knobs, handles, &c. Immediately below the compartments *b d* are two, more or less, drawers, B and C, which extend across the entire case A, as shown in Fig. 5, and constitute receptacles for linen goods, &c. These drawers are or may also be provided with suitable locks, handles, &c. Below the drawers B C there is, in the case, a sliding table, D, which can be drawn out at will. When not drawn out its front edge is flush with the front of the case, drawers, &c., and shows a knob whereby

it can be moved. When more or less drawn out, the table can be used as a support for suitable articles. The back of the table is hinged to a sliding strip, *g*. When the table is entirely drawn out so that only the strip *g* remains in the case the table can be swung up, as in Fig. 2, to form the back for the wash-stand, and to display a mirror, *h*, which it contains on the lower face. When thus turned up the table protects the front of the drawers from injury by water that may be spattered about from the wash-stand. Below the table D are two drawers, E and F, side by side, each occupying about half the width of the case A. The drawer E contains a wash-bowl, *i*, soap and sponge cups *j j*, and serves thus when drawn out as a wash-stand. The drawer F has in it a pivoted writing-table, *l*, which, when swung inwardly, as in Fig. 3, leaves part of the drawer uncovered. Such uncovered part *m* constitutes the toilet-case, for reception of brushes, tooth-powders, &c., and will, when the two drawers E and F are both drawn out, be convenient to a person using the wash-stand. When the pivoted writing-table *l* is swung outward, as in Fig. 4, it covers and conceals the toilet-case, and displays the writing-case that was formerly covered by it. The toilet-case supports the writing-table sufficiently firm to let it be conveniently used for writing purposes. Below the drawers E F is the folding bedstead G, which, when folded up, as in Fig. 2, is entirely concealed within the lower part of the case A, the portion occupied by it being closed by a plate, *n*, whose face may be prepared in imitation of drawers, as shown, or otherwise. The plate *n* is, at its lower end, hinged to the bottom of the case. When swung down it forms the bottom of the middle part of the bedstead, the bottom *o* of A being under the head end of the bedstead. From the hinged bottom *n* projects sides *p p*, which form the sides of the bedstead as far as *n* extends. *r* is an extension bottom, with slotted side pieces *s s*, which are guided on projecting pins *t*, of the sides *p*. The bottom *r* when drawn out, as in Fig. 7, constitutes the foot end of the bedstead. Legs *y y* for the support of the bedstead are pivoted to its several sections and folded out when the bedstead is to be used. The bedding H can all be concealed within

the case A when the bedstead is folded together, as indicated in Fig. 2. Above the bedstead are pivoted to the case A extension rods *u u*, which serve as supports for mosquito-bars, should any be used, as indicated by the dotted arch in Fig. 5, and also in Fig. 7. I is a boot-jack, whose shank, *v*, slides in bearings formed under the bottom *o* of the case A. J is a spittoon, also on a shank, *w*, which slides under the bottom *o*. Both the boot-jack and spittoon can be entirely concealed under the case A, when not used; conveniently drawn out when used. The case A stands on legs *x x*, of sufficient length to admit the spittoon and boot-jack under the bottom *o*.

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

1. The sliding table D, hinged to the strip

*g*, and provided with the mirror *h*, to be used substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The drawer F, containing the pivoted writing-table *l*, and the toilet and writing-case, as set forth.

3. In combination with the case A, constructed as described, the sliding boot-jack and spittoon, applied to the under side of said case A, as herein shown and described.

4. The universal bureau, containing the wardrobe, book-case, drawers, sliding table, mirror, sliding wash-stand, toilet-case, writing-case, writing-table, folding bedstead, mosquito-net frame, sliding boot-jack, and spittoon, substantially as herein shown and described.

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