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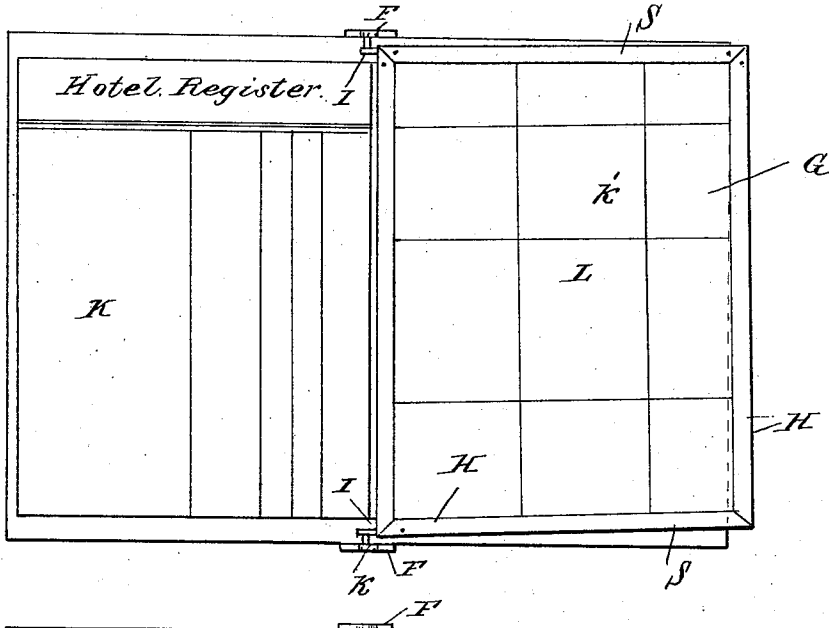
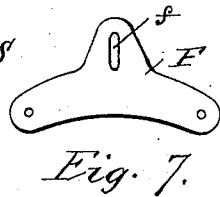
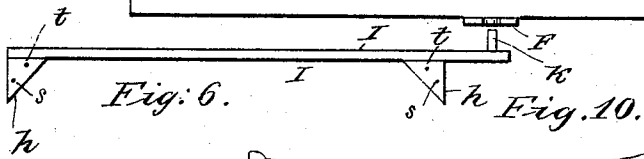
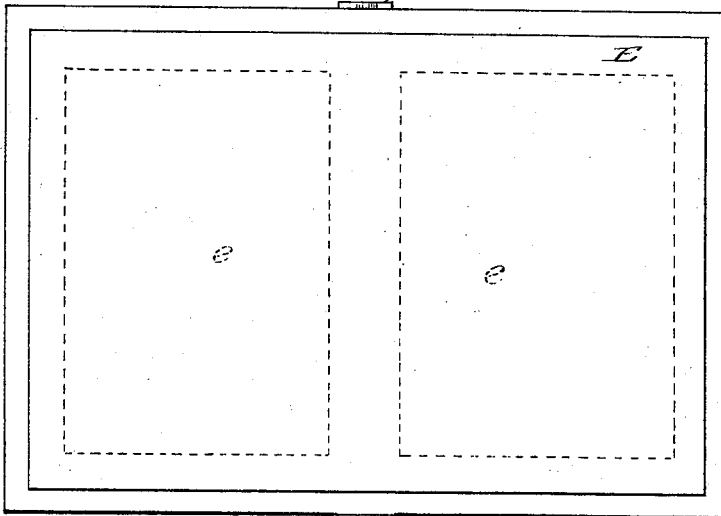
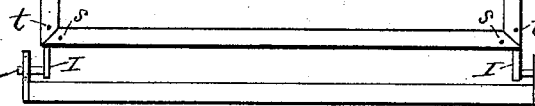


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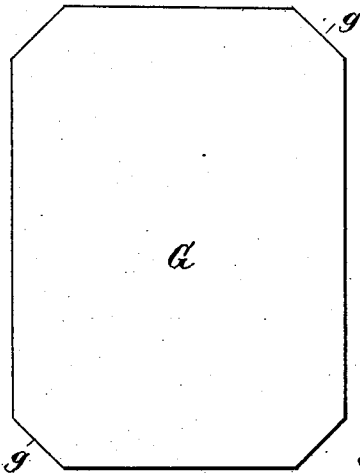


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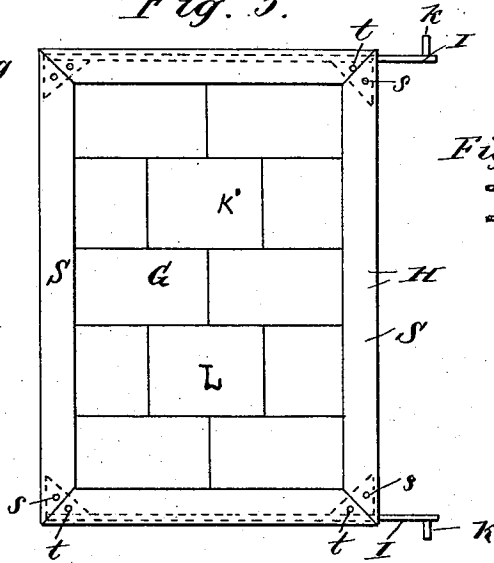


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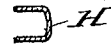


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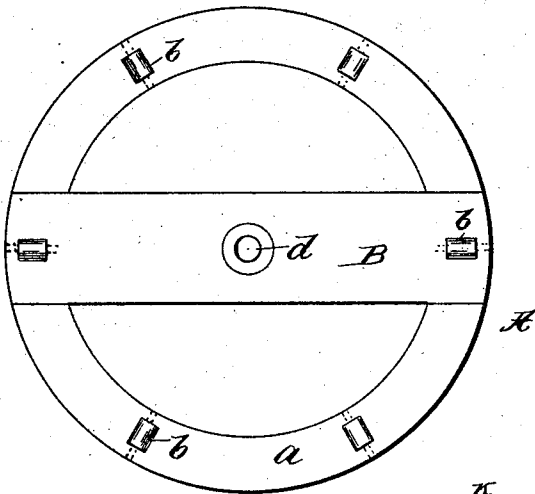
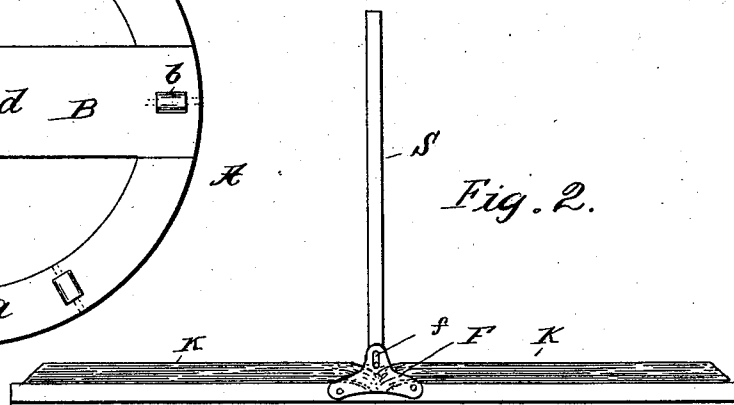


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. METS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Revoluble Desks for Hotel-Registers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to combine a revoluble desk for holding a hotel-register and a show-case for displaying advertisements; and it consists in a turn-table to which is pivoted a desk which supports the register.

It further consists in hinging at or near the center of the desk a show-case surrounded by a frame and within which are placed sheets of paper on one side of which is printed one or more advertisements.

These, with other minor objects, will be fully set out and described in the following specification and accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the desk with the register and show-case thereon. Fig. 2 is an end view of the desk and register thereon with show-case in a vertical position. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the desk with the show-case and register removed. Fig. 4 is a plan view of one of the glasses of the show-case. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the show-case. Fig. 6 is a plan view of a part of the hinge of the show-case which is to be attached to the end of the show-case. Fig. 7 is a plan view of another part of the hinge to be attached to the end of the desk. Fig. 8 is a cross-section of the frame of the show-case. Fig. 9 is a plan view of the turn-table, showing the rollers on which the desk revolves; and Fig. 10 is a side view of the desk with show-case in a vertical position and resting on its hinges.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the turn-table, which consists of a circular frame *a* and a rigid stay or cross-plate B. In the frame *a* are set a number of rollers *b*, on which the desk, presently to be described, revolves. In the center of the cross-stay B is a socket *d*, into which the said desk is pivoted.

The desk is preferably of an oblong square and of about the size of an ordinary hotel-register when open. Upon each half of the upper surface of the desk is fastened a pad *e*, (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3,) for the purpose presently to appear. Over nearly all of the upper surface of the desk is secured a cloth E, covering the pads *e*. To each end of the desk is fastened one butt F of a hinge, which hinge is provided with a slot *f*, for the purpose presently to appear.

The show-case shown in Fig. 5 is constructed of two plates of glass G, beveled at their corners *g* and surrounded by a metal frame H, a cross-section of which is shown in Fig. 8. Within each end of the frame H is secured an arm I of the hinge, having the triangular projections *h*, with which the glass comes in contact. The frame is constructed of metal channel-bars S, beveled at their ends in such a manner that when they are put together they form a right angle at each of the four corners of the frame. The side bars are fastened to the triangular projections *h* by screws *s*. The end bars are placed over the arms I and are also fastened to the projections *h* by screws *t*. (Shown in Fig. 5.) The object of this mode of construction is for the purpose of adapting the arms to be removed for the inserting of the advertising-sheets between the glasses. Near the inner end of the arm I is a pin *k*, which engages with the slot *f* in the butt F of the hinge. The arm I projects a short distance from the frame to permit the sheets of the register to be slid beneath the frame, and the slot *f* is of sufficient length to allow the show-case to be raised and lowered to adapt it to registers of different thicknesses.

Between the two glasses of the show-case is inserted two sheets of paper (shown in Figs. 1 and 5) having on one side of each advertisements in the various spaces L. The sheets *k'* are placed back to back in the show-case, so as to be readily read through the glasses G.

The register to be used upon this desk may be the ordinary hotel-register, but I prefer that there be only a few leaves stitched together at their centers, and these are placed upon the desk under the show-case, as shown in Fig. 2.

The manner of using my device is as follows: The desk is pivoted into the socket *d* of the turn-table. Then one of the arms *I* is removed and the advertising-sheets *k'* are placed between the glasses *G*, and the show-case is then hinged to the desk, as before described. The register *K* is then placed beneath the show-case on the desk, and as the slot *f* is of considerable length the case may be raised sufficiently to accommodate it to registers of different number of pages. The show-case is then turned down and rests on one half of the register, leaving the other half free to be written on and the advertisements on the sheet in one side of the show-case in full view, and as the sheets *k'*, having the advertisements on, are inserted in the show-case they will be kept free from ink-stains and always in a condition to be read. When the opposite page of the register is to be used, the show-case is turned over like the leaf of a book, exposing the advertisements on the other sheet and the opposite page of the register free to be used. When one register is filled, it is replaced by another, and at the end of the year all of the different registers may be cheaply bound and laid away for future reference. The advertising-sheets *k'* may be replaced at will.

It will be seen that the turn-table, desk, and show-case will last indefinitely, as there is little or no wear on the desk, and the pads *e* will prevent the glass from breaking, and as an additional protection there is placed a pad between the advertising-sheets *k'*, and thus prevent the injury to the glasses.

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

1. A device of the character described, consisting of a desk, a register thereon, and a show-case hinged to the desk and adapted to be turned to rest on either page of the open register, for the purposes shown.

2. A device of the character described, a desk, a show-case consisting of two plates of glass removably set in a frame with a space between said glass and means for adjustably hinging the show-case upon the desk, for the purposes shown.

3. A device of the character described, a turn-table, a revoluble desk pivoted to said turn-table, and a show-case hinged to the desk, the said case having two opposite transparent sides, with space between the sides for receiving one or more advertising-sheets, adapted to be read from either side of the case, for the purposes shown.

4. In a device of the character described, a show-case consisting of two plates of glass

having beveled corners, means for hinging said case to a desk consisting of the arms *I*, plates *h* and projections *k*, all combined to operate, as and for the purposes shown.

5. A turn-table with rollers therein, a desk pivoted upon said turn-table and adapted to travel upon said rollers, a register upon said desk and a show-case adjustably hinged to said desk and consisting of two plates of glass removably secured within a frame with space between the glasses, and one or more advertising-sheets between the glass, adapted to be read from either side of the show-case, as and for the purposes shown.

6. A device of the character described, a turn-table *A*, with socket *d*, and rollers *b*, a desk pivoted upon said turn-table, and having the pads *e*, cover *E*, butts *F*, a register *K*, and show-case *S*, consisting of frame *H*, glass *G*, advertising-sheets *k'* and arms *I* projections *k*, and plates *h*, all combined as and for the purposes shown.

7. In a device of the character described, a turn-table, a desk pivoted to the turn-table with padding upon its upper surface and butt *F*, of hinge attached to opposite ends of the desk and a show-case consisting of two plates of glass removably set in the frame, with space between the glass and provided with arms *I*, and projections *k*, to engage with the butts *F*, of the desk, all combined to operate substantially as described and shown.

8. In a device of the character described, a revoluble desk and a show-case hinged thereto having glasses *G*, with beveled corners *g*, removably set within a frame, arms *I* provided with plate *h*, and projections *k*, said arms removably secured within said frame, all combined to operate substantially as described and shown.

9. In a device of the character described, a turn-table provided with rollers set within said table, a desk pivoted upon said turn-table and provided at its opposite ends with half of a hinge and a register in combination with a show-case having two plates of glass removably set in the frame with a space between said glasses and with means attached to said show-case for engaging with the half of the hinge upon the desk, whereby the said show-case is removably hinged to the revoluble desk, all combined to operate substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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