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Fig. 1.

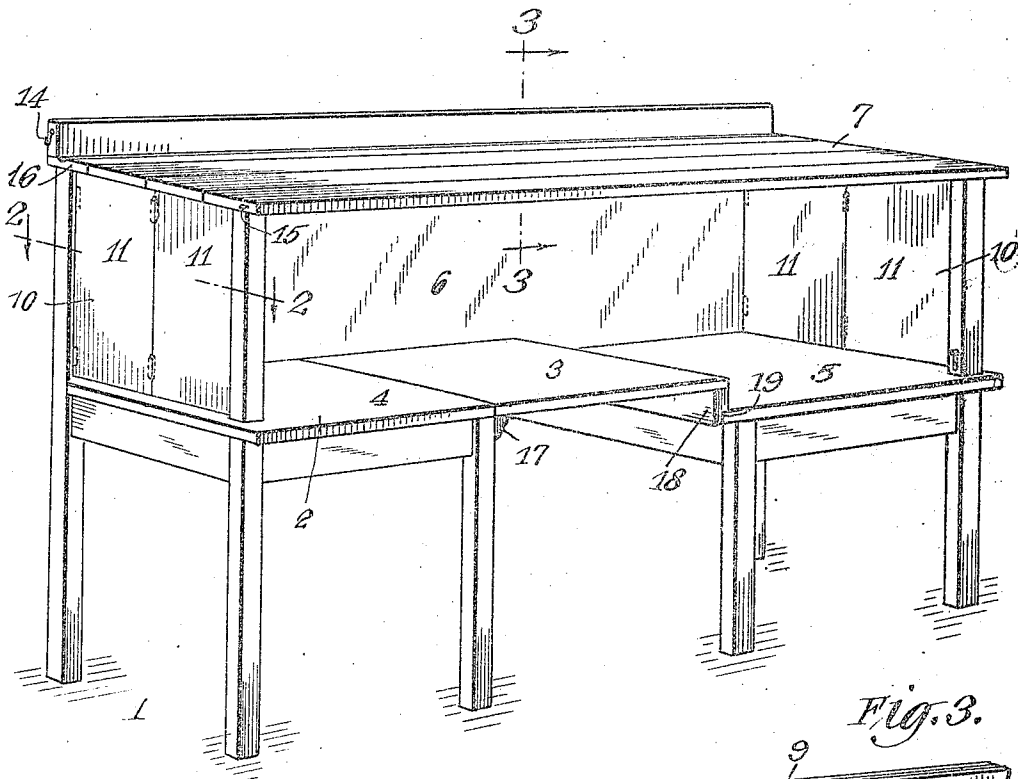


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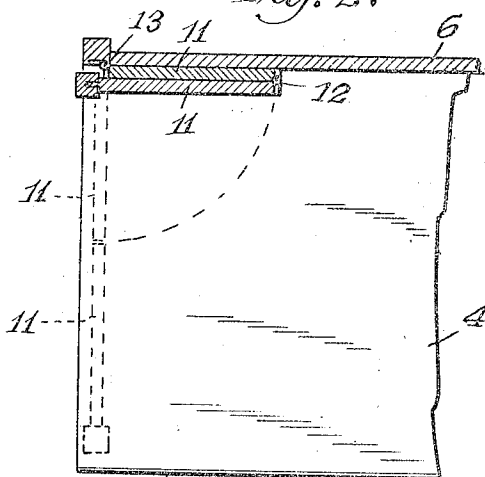
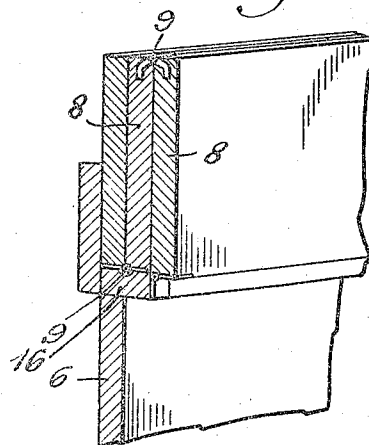


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS ORMOND HUSSEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Desk, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to desks, and more particularly to a combined typewriting, filing, adding machine, and bookkeeping desk.

My invention further relates to the details of construction which will be more fully hereinafter described and set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing the same reference numerals refer to the similar parts in the several figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved desk;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary, horizontal sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 looking down in the direction of the arrows, the sides being shown in this figure folded back.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary vertical section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrows, the foldable desk in this figure being shown folded.

In commercial institutions the question of floor space is a very serious one. In banking and other similar institutions the rents are based on floor space and are usually very high. The amount of floor space required for each clerk, in the aggregate, amounts to a considerable sum. Usually in such institutions a stenographer not only has to work a typewriter but has to arrange, sort, and index cards or carbon copies of her work to be filed away in the records of the bank. This requires an ordinary typewriting desk and in addition a table or other desk for sorting, filing or indexing, or bookkeeping.

Desks have been provided with disappearing typewriters so that the top of the desk could be used for ordinary purposes. In banks and similar institutions this has not been found completely satisfactory as all the papers on the desk have to be removed before the sorting or filing is proceeded with for fear of including some of the wrong papers in the filing system. Such desks also permit drafts to disturb the papers, and furthermore, the typewriter being dropped back is at a different angle

from the position in which it is used. This often results in oil working into locations where it will later, when the typewriter is brought back to a horizontal position, come in contact with the paper in the machine and ruin it.

By my invention I form a combined typewriting filing adding machine and bookkeeping desk wherein the typewriter is partially inclosed and protected as well as the papers that may be upon the main desk. One of the inclosing members is hinged to a shelf on the back of the desk and when drawn forward into its operative position forms a temporary raised filing, sorting, or bookkeeping desk, at a different level from the main desk. This permits the desk to perform the functions of two desks, that of a typewriting or adding machine desk and also of a table or sorting desk. My desk not only reduces by half the floor space needed for each clerk, but also serves to rest the clerk as she is permitted to sit while typewriting or adding and can stand while using the auxiliary foldable filing and bookkeeping desk.

I have shown in the drawing my invention embodied in one form of desk 1 having a main desk portion 2 comprising the side members 4 and 5, and intermediate removable support 3 provided with the guide block 18 which is rabbeted at 19; This support 3 slides into position resting upon the cleat 17 and the side member 5 which fits into the block 18. The back of the desk 6 extends up above the level of the main desk and is provided with a shelf 16 to which I pivotally mount the auxiliary temporary filing or bookkeeping desk 7. This filing or bookkeeping desk is preferably formed of a plurality of sections 8, 8 pivoted together by the hinges 9, 9.

On the back 6 I also pivotally mount the sides 10, 10 which are preferably formed of sections 11, 11 pivoted together by the hinges 12, one section being pivoted to the back by the hinges 13.

I have shown in Fig. 1 my complete desk with the sides and temporary auxiliary filing or bookkeeping desk extended, the typewriting or adding machine being omitted for purposes of clearer illustration. In this position the operator can stand and use the raised auxiliary filing or bookkeeping desk 7 either for sorting papers, for book-

keeping, or for any other purpose, without disarranging any papers that may be upon the main desk. When she has accomplished this task she can with a slight manipulation, 5 fold back the auxiliary bookkeeping or filing desk 7 and fold in the sides 10, 10. The folded sections 8, 8 rest upon the shelf 16. In some cases, though not necessarily, I may use a hook 14 and pin 15 to hold the 10 sections in their inoperative position. When the sections 8, 8 are folded back the main desk 2 is free. It will be further noted that the typewriter and papers on the main desk will be protected by the sides 10 and 15 the top 7.

By having the support 3 removable it can be temporarily removed to permit an adding machine on the ordinary wheeled iron stand (not shown) to be rolled into 20 the desk to be operated by the clerk.

If the desk is in a department where the clerk would also operate a typewriter, the typewriter may be temporarily placed in either side member 4 or 5, while operating 25 the adding machine.

A further advantage of my invention is that the same desk may be used, without change, in different departments where the clerks operate typewriters or adding machines, or in departments where they have 30 to operate both typewriters and adding machines.

Having thus described my invention to the details of which I do not desire to be 35 limited, what is claimed as new and what it is desired to secure by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

40 1. A combined typewriting, filing and bookkeeping desk comprising a main desk

having a support for a typewriter, a back, and a foldable desk adapted to fold over the main desk into substantially horizontal position and form a temporary raised 45 filing or bookkeeping desk and foldable sides hinged to the back and adapted to support the foldable desk at an elevation above the main desk.

2. A combined typewriting, filing and 50 bookkeeping desk comprising a main desk having a support for a typewriter and horizontal portions on either side of the typewriter support, a back, a foldable desk hinged to the back and adapted to be folded 55 out to form a temporary raised filing or bookkeeping desk, and foldable sides hinged to the back and adapted to be brought out on top of the main desk and act as a support for the foldable desk and with the 60 back form a partially closed chamber to protect the typewriter and papers that may be upon the main desk.

3. A combined typewriter, filing, book- 65 keeping and adding machine desk, comprising a main desk, having a removable support to support a typewriter, a foldable desk adapted to fold over the main desk into substantially horizontal position and form a temporary raised filing or bookkeep- 70 ing desk, foldable sides adapted to support the foldable desk at an elevation above the main desk, said removable typewriter support being adapted to be removed to permit an adding machine to be rolled into the 75 desk to be temporarily used in place of the typewriter.

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