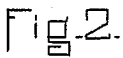
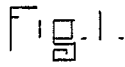
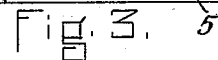


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. FRENCH, of Nashua, in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bureaus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a bureau with a folding table which is capable of being extended to form a substantial table at one end of the bureau and of being folded, so that the bureau with the table will not exceed the usual dimensions of a bureau as ordinarily made.

The invention also has for its object to provide a combined bureau and wash-stand or commode with or without a folding table.

To these ends my invention consists in the improved construction, which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a combined bureau, table, and commode, the table being extended and in condition for use. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section of the bureau and table, the latter being in the position shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a similar section showing the table folded. Fig. 4 represents a section on line *x x*, Fig. 3.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, A represents a bureau having the usual drawers, *a*. To one of the ends of the bureau is connected by a hinge or hinges a table, C, which is enabled by its hinge-connection to be placed horizontally to serve as a table, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or to hang vertically out of the way, as shown in Fig. 3.

The end of the bureau to which the table is hinged is made with a projecting shoulder, *c*, below which said end is recessed, so that when the table is not in use its outer side will be flush with the end of the bureau above it, as shown. The table is made of such thickness that when it is folded a space will be left between its inner side and the bureau end to receive the support S, whereby the table may be kept in a horizontal position, and the front edge of the table is provided with a lip or

flange, *d*, which, when the table is folded, extends across said space and conceals the support, as shown in Fig. 4.

The support may be of any suitable construction. I have here shown it as a frame comprising two legs or uprights, 2 2, and top and bottom cross-bars, 3 4. A horizontal guide-bar, 5, is attached to the lower cross-bar, and is adapted to slide in a slot, 6, formed for it in the end of the bureau below the lowest drawer. The bar 5 and slot 6 keep the supporting-frame in a vertical position and permit it to be moved toward and from the end of the bureau. When the table is extended or swung to a horizontal position for use, the supporting-frame is drawn outwardly to position to support the outer end of the table. When it is desired to fold the table, the support is pushed in against the end of the bureau, and the table, being unsupported, swings to a vertical position, covering the support.

I prefer to make the table of such length that when it is dropped or folded its lower end will be just above the cross-bar 4, the latter being made thicker than the table and suitably molded or ornamented, so as to constitute an ornamental base or finish below the table, as shown in Fig. 3.

I do not limit myself to the specific construction of the table-support herein described, but may variously modify the same, and, in fact, may use any kind of support which, when the table is folded, will lie snugly between the table and the end of the bureau and be covered by the flange *d* of the table.

It will be seen that the folding-table attachment enables the bureau to serve both as a bureau and as a table without occupying more space when the table is folded than an ordinary bureau; hence this improvement is particularly advantageous in the smaller rooms of hotels and boarding-houses.

B represents a commode built onto the end of the bureau opposite the end having the table, said commode comprising a top, *b*, to support a wash-bowl and other toilet articles, and a closet, *i*, below said top. The top of the commode is made lower than the top of the bureau, to reduce the liability of water being splattered from the commode to the bu-

reau-top. As an additional safeguard, a partition, *g*, is provided on the end of the bureau-top next to the commode.

By thus combining three articles—viz., a
5 bureau, table, and commode—in one I very materially economize space, as will be readily seen.

I claim—

1. The combination of a bureau having one
10 of its ends recessed, a table hinged to the upper end of the recess with its outer side flush with the end of the bureau above said recess and provided with a lip or flange, *d*, at its forward
15 edge, and a movable support for the table adapted to lie between the table and bureau end when the table is folded, the flange of the table covering the support-containing space between the table and bureau end, as set forth.

2. The combination of a bureau having a 20 recessed end, a table hinged at the upper end of the recess with its outer side flush with the end of the bureau above the recess, and the vertical supporting-frame having the horizontal guide-bar adapted to slide horizontally in a 25 guide in the bureau, all arranged and operating substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 2d day of May, A. D. 30 1888.

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