

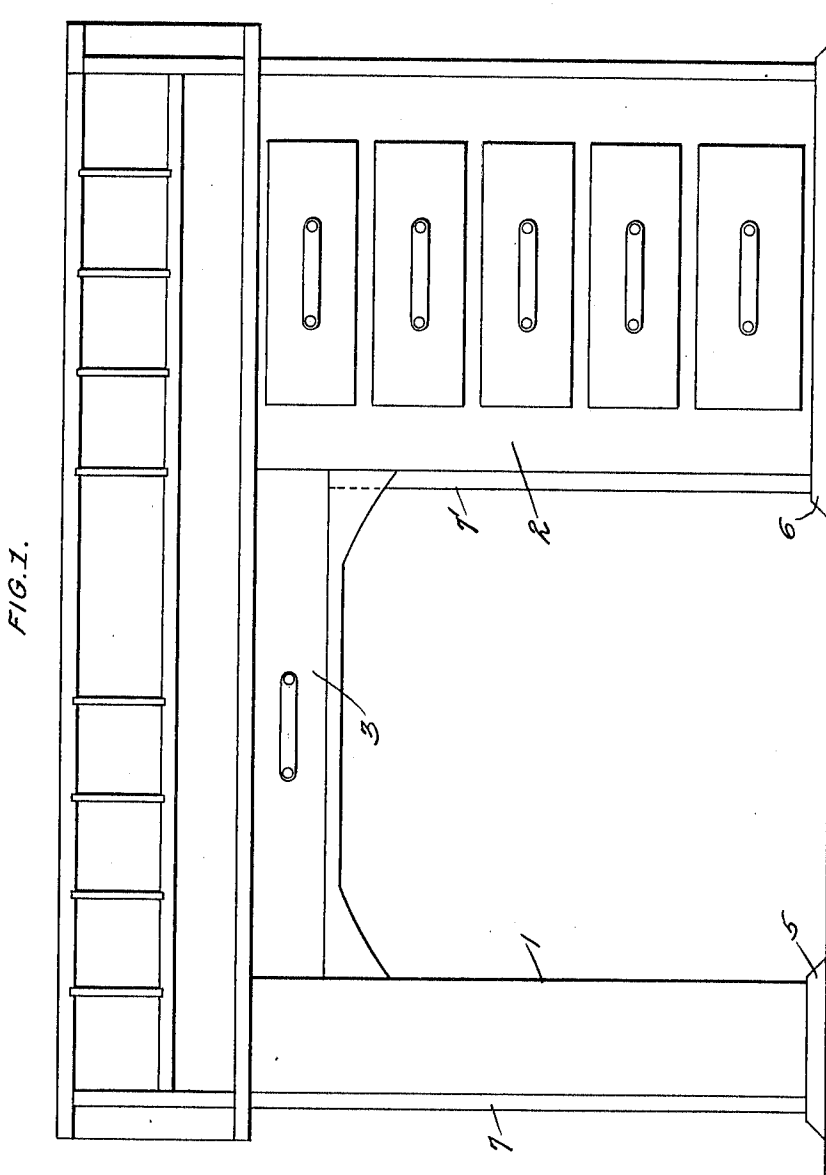
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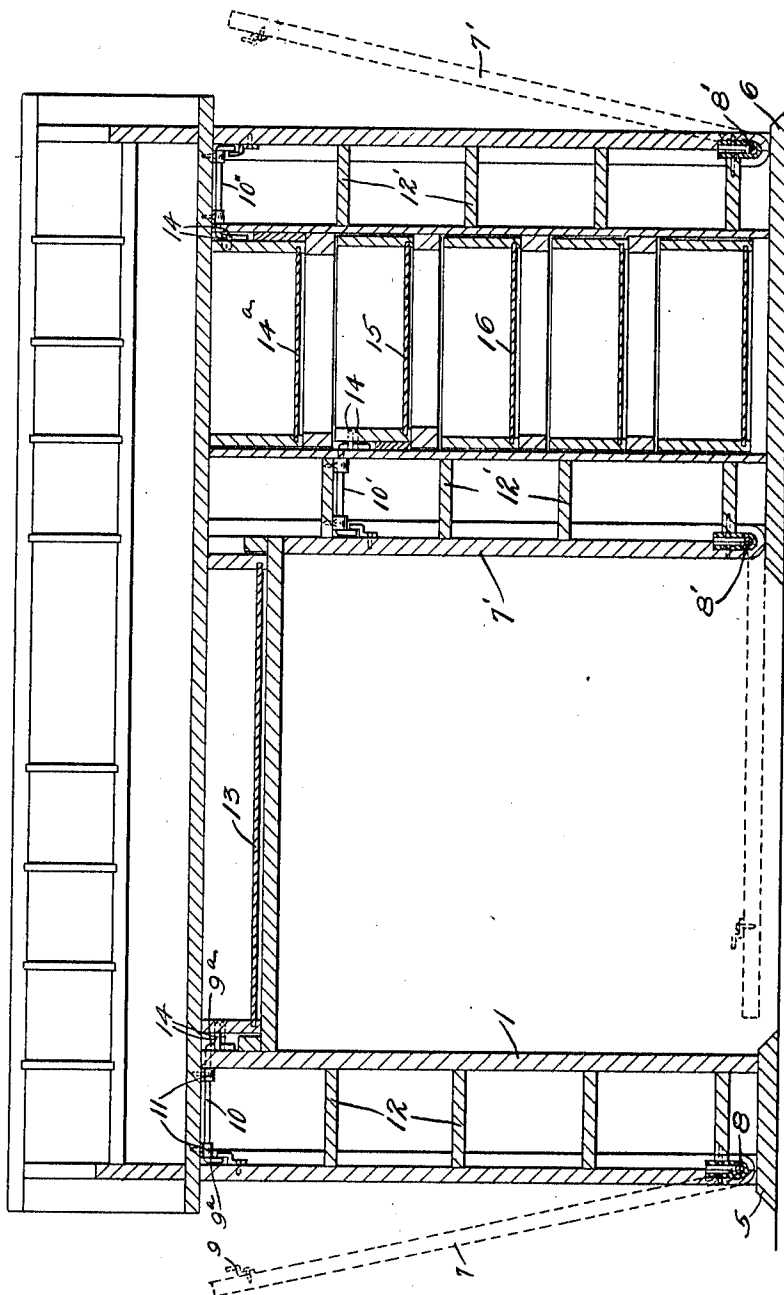
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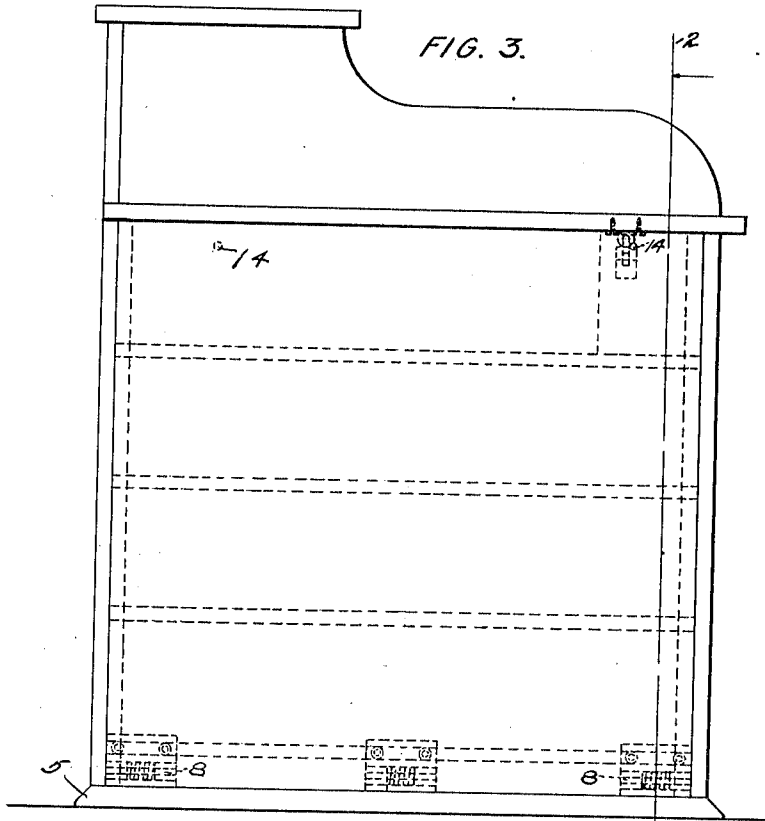


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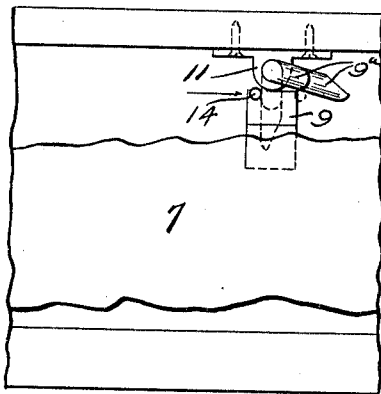


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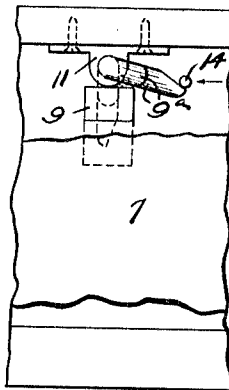
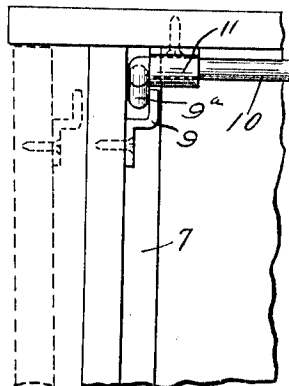


FIG. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN VARGA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in desks and its object is to provide a desk having secret compartments that are so disposed within the body of the desk as to be unobserved by an ordinary examination of the desk; such compartments are particularly useful as filing places for valuable papers, documents, etc., which it is desired to keep in secret and to avoid possible theft of the same.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter fully described in the following specification, pointed out in the claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawings which form a part of said specification and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved desk. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a side elevation. Fig. 4 is a detail of a portion of the desk with the locking pin in open position. Fig. 5 is a similar view showing the locking pin about to be moved into closed position. Fig. 6 is a side view of Fig. 5 with the locking pin in closed position.

Like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

My desk comprises the legs 1, 2 between which the center drawer 3 is located. In the leg 2 the regular drawers 4 are disposed. The legs 1, 2 are disposed, respectively, upon the bases 5, 6 and to one side of the leg 1 adjacent the base 5 a door 7 is secured by a spring pressed hinge as at 8 to a shelf 12, said hinge being so positioned as to be entirely hidden when the door 7 is in normal position or disposed against the leg 1. The appearance of the door 7 in its closed or normal position is merely as a wall of the leg 1 and it would not be recognized as having any other function upon the closest inspection. To the top or free end of the door 7 a catch 9 is secured adapted for releasable

locking engagement with one of the angular ends 9^a of a latch-pin 10 extending transversely through the top of the leg 1 and retained in operative position by sleeves 11, 11 secured to the desk. The leg 1 is hollow and open adjacent the door 7 and within the leg a plurality of shelves or transverse partitions 12 are disposed which are normally hidden from view by the door 7 and upon which shelves valuables may be kept secret from parties having access to the desk who may be unacquainted with its secret compartments.

13 is a central drawer disposed between the legs 1, 2 and it is provided with front and rear release-pins 14, 14 the former being disposed in a plane above the latter and as said drawer is drawn entirely out of its chamber the latter pin comes in contact with the latch-pin 10 through the medium of its angular ends 9^{a'} and moves the same so that the angular termination 9^a in engagement with the catch 9 is moved out of contact with that catch permitting the spring-hinge 8 to oscillate the door 7 away from the leg 1 opening said door and revealing the hidden compartments 12. Re-inserting the drawer 13, after the door 7 has been manually moved back into normal position, will again through front pin 14 throw the latch-pin 10 into locking engagement with the catch 9 retaining said door in closed position.

The leg 2 is preferably formed with the usual drawers 14^a, 15, 16, etc., and to either side of said drawers said leg is provided with secret compartments in every way similar to the compartments of the leg 1. The doors 7' of the leg 2 are built and operated similar to the door 7 of leg 1 and are hinged as at 8' and said doors secrete the compartments 12'. Transverse pins 10', 10'' are secured, respectively, to one of the partitions 12' and the desk top and are operated respectively, by release-pins 14', 14'', carried by the drawers 15, 14^a.

What is claimed is:—

In a desk provided with a central drawer, a leg provided with compartments, a door hinged to said leg opening into said compartments, a catch carried by said door, a latch-pin transversely disposed in said leg normally in engagement with said catch, rear and front pins carried by said central drawer and disposed, respectively, in planes

one below the other; said rear pin being adapted for engagement with said latch-pin as the said drawer is withdrawn from the desk and said front pin being adapted for
5 engagement therewith as said drawer is re-inserted.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing

as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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