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Fig. 1.

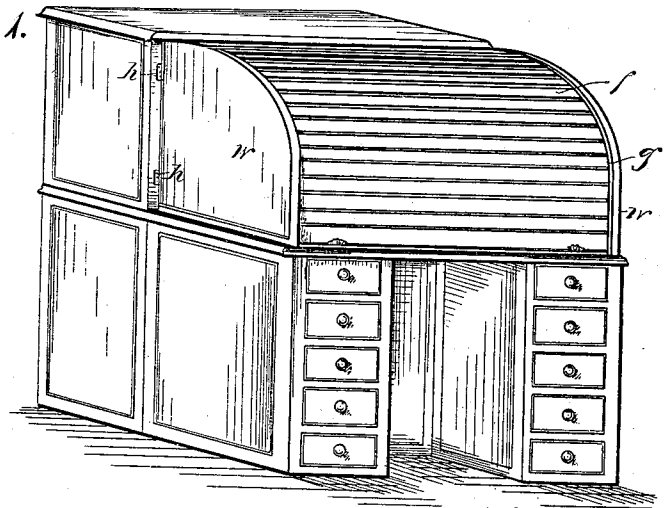


Fig. 2.

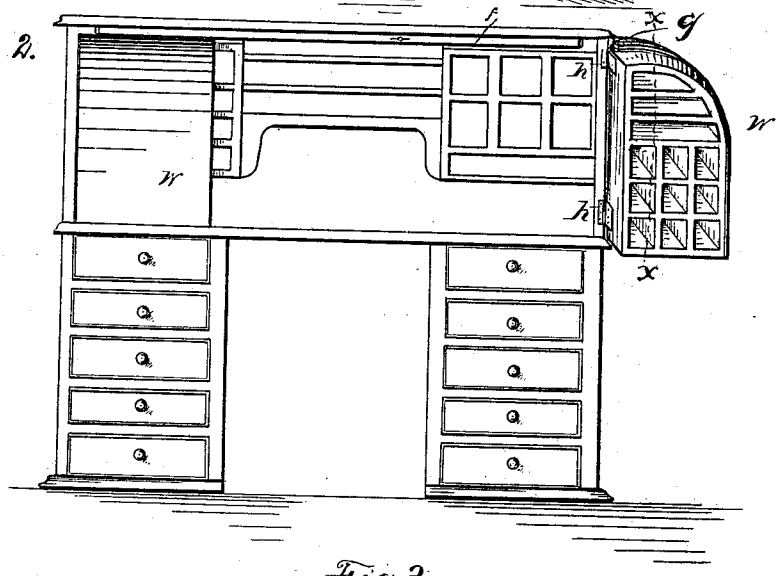
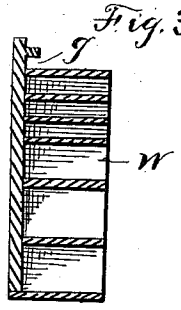


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS A. COFFIN, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinet-Desks, a description of which is set forth in the following specification, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in the several figure of which like letters indicate like parts.

My invention relates to an improvement in cabinet-desks; and it consists in providing wings hinged to the top on each side, adapted to be opened right and left, and to be closed by means of a flexible curtain coming down over the face of both wings, and will be understood from the following description.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the desk closed, and Fig. 2 is a front view of the same with the flexible curtain thrown back under the top, and one of the wings opened, revealing the interior arrangement of the desk. Fig. 3 represents a section through the wing *w*, showing the groove *g*.

The table portion of the desk is constructed in the usual manner, and is provided with a top having compartments formed therein for drawers or boxes, and on either side of this top are hinged wings *w*, by half-stop hinges *h*, as shown in Fig. 2. A flexible curtain, *f*, comes down over the ends of these wings when shut, as shown in Fig. 1, and is slid back under the top when the wings are to be opened, as shown in Fig. 2. The flexible curtain *f*, as will be seen, is formed of the full width of the desk, coming down over the front faces of the wings *w*, when they are folded in against the top of the desk, the grooves *g*, in which the flexible curtain slides, being formed in the inside of the end boards of the wings, around the upper, and following the curved outline of the top and side thereof, these ends boards being allowed to project a slight distance above the flexible curtain, to allow the latter to run in these grooves.

When the wings are folded and the flexible curtain shut down, as shown in Fig. 1, it may be fastened to the table-top by an ordinary lock, or in any other suitable manner, and when unlocked the flexible curtain may be thrown back, and the wings, one or both, swung around, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the contents of the boxes or compartments in these wings, as well as in the top, are readily accessible to the person sitting at the desk. Fig. 3 is a section of the wing *w*.

I am aware that cabinet-desks with flexible curtains are not new, and do not herein broadly claim the same as my invention; but I am not aware that any such desk provided with wings hinged on each side of the top, adapted to be opened outward, and arranged to be closed by means of a flexible curtain coming down over the ends of these wings, as shown, has ever been known or used prior to my invention.

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

1. A cabinet-desk having a top provided with interior compartments, wings *w*, hinged on either side of said top, adapted to be opened outward or closed inward, as desired, the flexible curtain *f*, arranged to slide in grooves formed in the sides of said wings and covering the ends thereof when closed, all combined substantially as described.

2. A cabinet-desk having a top to which are hinged wings *w* on each side, the flexible curtain *f*, arranged to slide in grooves *g*, formed on the inside of the ends of the wings, as shown, in combination with means for locking the parts together when closed, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of July, 1885.

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