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DESK TABLE

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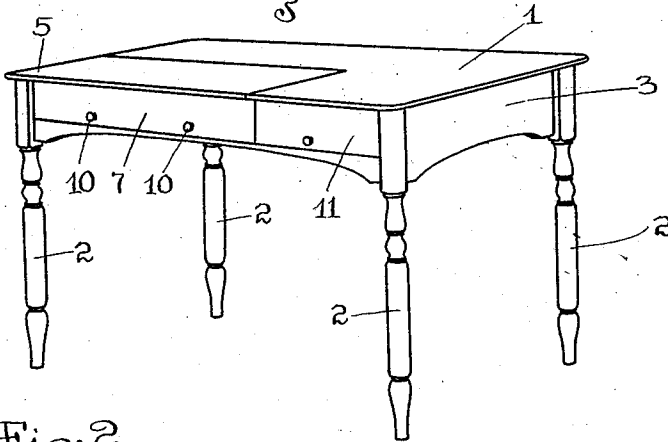


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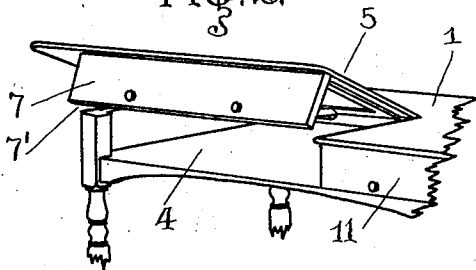


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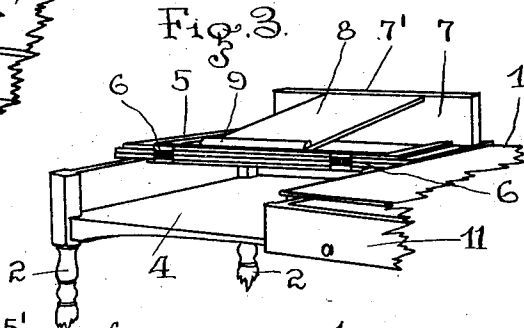
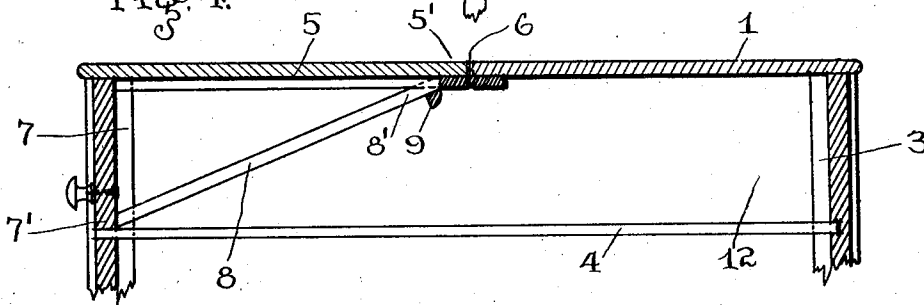


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My invention relates to improvements in desk-tables.

An object of my invention is to provide a new and useful device of the character described which may be used interchangeably as a desk or table.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described in which the bed may be conveniently positioned horizontally or at an inclined angle, as desired.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described having convenient storage space.

A further object of my invention is to provide a simple, convenient and strong device of the character described.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent in the course of the following description.

A preferred form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device closed,

Figure 2 is a detail showing the device partly open.

Figure 3 is a detail showing the inclined bed exposed for use, and

Figure 4 is a section of the device.

Similar characters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My improved device preferably includes a hollow box top or bed structure having an open front and supported by legs 2.

The box top or bed structure preferably included a top 1, sides 3 and bottom 4.

A leaf 5 of the top 1 of the bed structure, preferably adjacent one of the front corners thereof, is cut out to form a lid and is attached to the top 1 of the bed structure by means of hinges 6.

A skirt 7, adjacent the front edge of the cut out leaf section 5, depends therefrom and forms a front closure for the box top, and carries on its inner face a tablet 8 which extends from the lower marginal edge 7¹ of the skirt 7 to the rear marginal edge 5¹ of the cut out leaf section 5 of the top 1 of the bed structure.

The cut out leaf 5, skirt 7 and tablet 8 thus form a triangular body which when folded back on the hinges 6 against the surface of the top 1 of the bed structure, presents a sloping bed or desk surface.

A bead 9 may be provided adjacent the inner marginal edge 8¹ of the tablet 8 to form a retaining means for books or other articles which may be carried thereby.

If desired knobs 10 may be provided on the outer front of the skirt whereby the triangular body may be conveniently raised.

A drawer 11 may be provided in the bed structure, if desired.

The rear portion 12 of the bed structure is preferably open and hollow and is adapted for use as a storage space.

I preferably construct the storage space 12 of suitable size to receive and contain a typewriting machine, but this storage space 12 may be conveniently used for the storage of books and the like.

When it is desired to use a horizontal bed for writing and the like, the leaf 5 is closed and the device presents the appearance of a flat top table or desk and is adapted for use as such.

When it is desired to use the device as a typewriter desk or for the support of reading matter or other material in an inclined or sloping plane, the leaf 5 is raised and folded over upon the top 1, whereby the tablet 8 will be exposed and carried in an inclined or sloping position for use as a bed therefor and at the same time the floor 4 of the bed structure will be exposed and cleared for use as a typewriter table being peculiarly adapted for that purpose by reason of the fact that its elevation is lower than that of the normal bed of the table as is desirable in typewriter tables, and where a typewriter is stored in the compartment 12, it may be conveniently drawn forward for use.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In a device of the character described the combination of a hollow bed structure having a horizontal bed, a cut out leaf hinged to said bed, a skirt on said leaf and a tablet extending between the lower marginal edge

of said skirt and the cut out leaf to form a sloping bed when the leaf is raised.

2. A desk-table including in combination, a hollow bed section having a top and bottom and an open front, a cut out leaf hinged to the top, a tablet on the underside of the cut out leaf and positioned in inclined relation thereto and adapted to form an inclined bed when the leaf is raised and a skirt carried by said leaf and tablet and adapted to close the open front of the bed section.

3. A desk-table including in combination a hollow box-top comprising a bottom, a top and an open front, a cut out section of the top hinged at its rear edge to the said top, a skirt carried by the front edge of the said cut out section and depending therefrom and adapted to form a closure for said open front of the box-top, a tablet extending from the lower edge of said skirt to the rear of the said cut out section, said top, skirt and tablet forming a triangular body adapted to support a book.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, this 24th day of January, 1927.

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