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STAND OR TABLE.

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Fig. 1

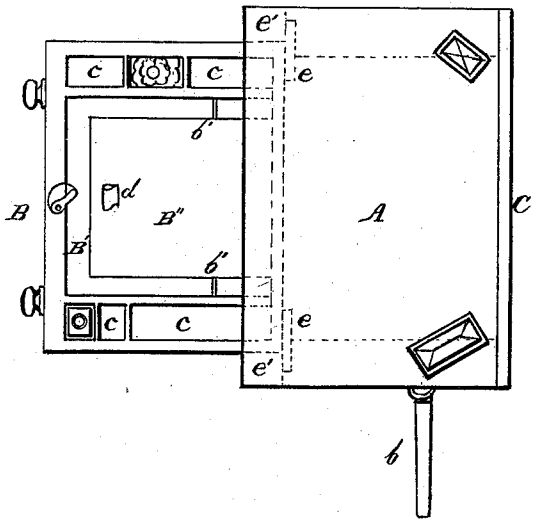
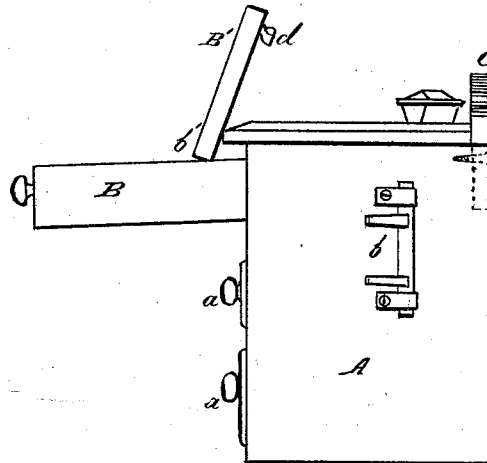


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN STANDS OR TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD PHILLIPS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new, useful, and Improved Stand, Table, or Desk, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use my improvements, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top or plan view of a combined stand, table, or desk embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a side elevation thereof.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts.

My object is to make an article of furniture which may be used with convenience as a writing-desk, and also for various other purposes; and to that end my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing, A represents an ordinary stand. B is a drawer arranged in the upper part of the stand. This drawer is divided into compartments *c c*, adapted to contain ink-stands, pens, pencils, and other writing utensils. In the central part of the drawer is a large compartment adapted to contain writing-paper, envelopes, and other writing materials. This compartment is covered by means of a lid, B', flush with the upper part of the drawer, and hinged thereto near the rear end thereof, as shown at *b'*. This lid may be covered, as shown at B'', with velvet or other suitable material, and this material may constitute the hinge on which the lid swings when raised and lowered. A small finger-piece, *d*, sufficiently large to be grasped with convenience, should be fastened to the lid to facilitate the operation of raising and lowering it. When the lid is raised to its fullest extent it will be supported by the top of the stand, as shown in Fig. 2.

In order to prevent the writing-desk thus

constructed and arranged from being wholly and accidentally drawn from the stand, I attach to the rear end of the drawer B two cleats or stops, *e e*, projecting laterally from the sides thereof, so as to strike the vertical and forward posts *e' e'* of the frame of the stand, as represented by the broken lines in Fig. 1, and the back of the stand should be provided with a removable piece, C, so that access to the stops may be had for the purpose of removing them to enable the drawer or desk B to be drawn out either at the front or rear of the stand.

It will be perceived that when the desk is drawn out for use, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, it will be firmly supported without being otherwise braced, for the reason that it is then partly within the stand. The height of the desk is convenient, and there is sufficient room underneath it to enable a person to sit by it in an easy position while writing.

When the desk is not being used it may be pushed into the stand out of the way, and the stand and desk together then occupy no more space in the room than an ordinary stand alone.

This combination makes a cheap, compact, and useful article of furniture, which may be used with great advantage in small rooms, and when the expense of a separate stand and desk would be more than those desiring both would be willing to pay.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a stand or table, the drawer B, provided with the hinged lid B' and with the rear stops *e e*, in combination with the removable back-piece C, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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