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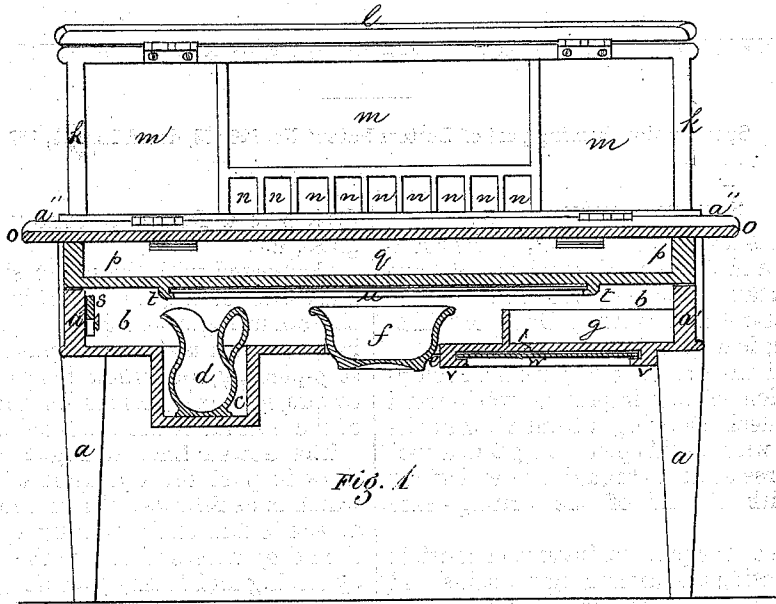


Fig. 1

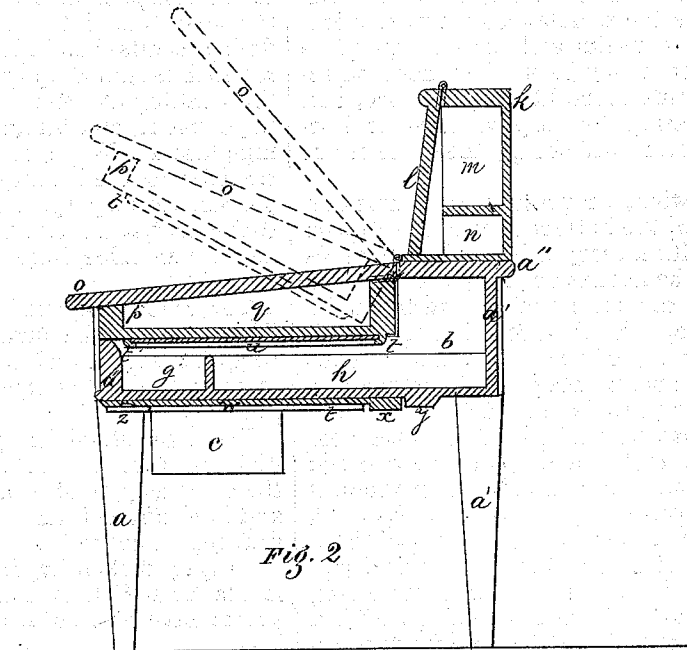


Fig. 2

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SPECIFICATION.

I, JOHN J. ARNAUD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Combination Wash-Stand and Writing-Desk, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of the drawing is a vertical longitudinal section of my improved wash-stand and writing-desk, showing a front view of the writing-case with its lid open. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section through one end of my invention with the lid of the writing-case closed.

The nature of the present invention consists in so constructing and arranging a wash-stand in combination with a writing-case and desk as to disguise the semblance of a wash-stand and produce a useful and ornamental piece of furniture that may be used without objection in a sitting-room, library, or office, and though answering the purposes of several articles of furniture will occupy the space of but one.

In the drawing, *a* represents the frame of a wash-stand, *b*, the bottom of which is formed at one end with a receptacle, *c*, which extends below it for the admission of a pitcher, *d*. In the center of the bottom of the wash-stand *b* is an aperture, *e*, for the reception of a bowl, *f*. The other end of the wash-stand *b* is arranged in compartments *g* and *h*, for the purpose of holding towels and such other toilet articles as may be desired. The frame *a* extends upward at the back and at the rear end of the sides, and forms a top, *a''*, on which is affixed the bottom of a writing-case, *k*, which is provided on the front with a hinged lid, *l*, and is divided into compartments *m* and pigeon-holes *n*, for the reception of accounts, books, bills, &c. Hinged to the top *a''* is a sloping lid, *o*, that forms the top of a writing-desk, *p*, which is arranged to form a compartment, *q*, for the holding of paper and other stationery, &c., and which is hinged at the back to the bottom of the lid *o*, so as, when locked, to open with the lid *o* and give access to the compartments containing the washing-utensils, &c. The desk *p* is held upright, when the wash-stand is in use, by means of a pivoted brace, *s*, rabbeted on the front, which connects with the back and under side of it. Attached to the bottom of the

desk *p* is a frame, *t*, containing a looking-glass, *u*.

Connected with the under side of the frame *a* are rabbeted supports *v*, in which slides a chess or draught board, *w*, supplied with a stop-bar, *x*, which abuts when pushed in against a stop-piece, *y*, and when drawn out is arrested by projections *z*, formed on the forward part of the bottom of the rabbeted supports *v*.

The dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawing show in part the operation of my invention, which is as follows: When the lid *o* is closed a desk is formed for writing upon, by opening the lid *o*; access is had to the compartment *q* by closing and locking the lid *o*; it is fastened to the desk *p*, so that when it is desired to use the washstand *b* the lid *o*, together with the desk *p*, is raised and held upright by the brace *s*, which is turned up against it, thus allowing the washing utensils to be employed without impediment, and bringing into view the looking-glass *u*. When the wash-stand is not desired for use the lid may be closed and all appearance of its purpose obliterated, and a neat, convenient, and useful article of furniture, suitable for an office, library, &c., is presented to view.

The case *k* is opened by merely lifting the lid *l*, and may be arranged as shown, with compartments *m* and *n*, or may be divided in any way to suit the objects which it is desired to receive.

The wash-stand *b* may also be arranged in different compartments, and the utensils of the same may be arranged in other positions, and in a different manner than shown in the drawing, if desired.

Having thus fully described my improvements, what I claim as my invention, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the wash-stand *b*, writing-desk *p*, and writing-case *k*, arranged to form one piece of furniture, substantially as herein described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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