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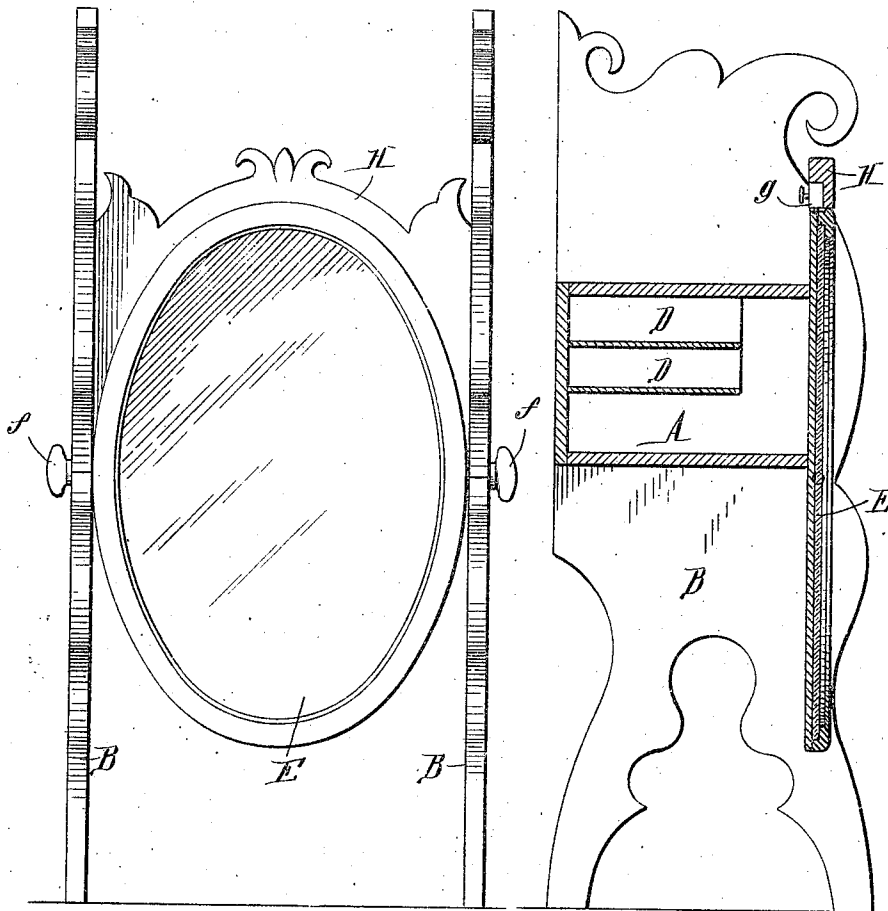
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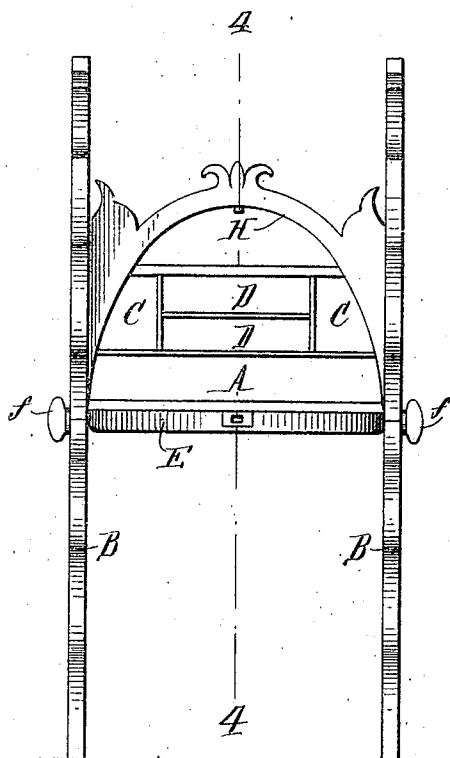
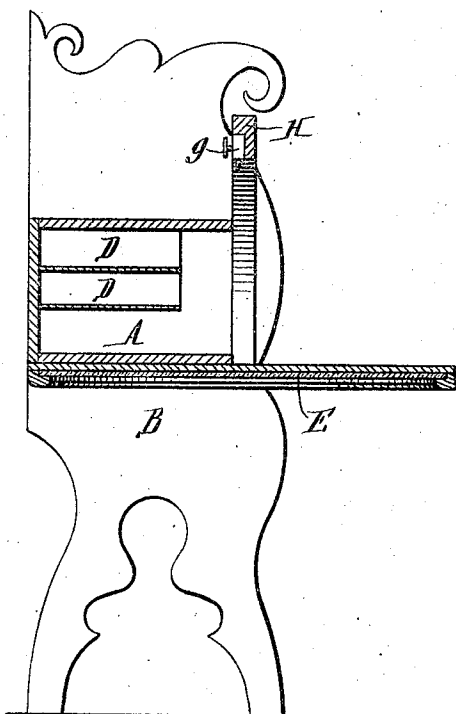


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LA HODNY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combination Cheval-Glasses and Desks or the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combination desk, secretary, or similar article of furniture and a cheval-glass or full-length mirror.

The object of the invention is to provide a neat and attractive piece of furniture in the nature of a desk, secretary, or the like, in which a mirror is pivoted at the front of the desk, secretary, or the like in such manner that when it is in an upright position for use as a mirror it constitutes the front or cover of the desk and hides the box or body thereof and when turned down to a horizontal or approximately horizontal position it exposes the interior of the desk, secretary, or the like and forms a projecting writing shelf or surface therefor.

In the accompanying drawings, consisting of two sheets, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combination desk and mirror embodying the invention, showing the mirror in upright or closed position. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a front elevation thereof, on a reduced scale, showing the mirror turned down to form the writing-shelf. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation thereof in line 4 4, Fig. 3.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

The desk, secretary, or the like comprises a box or body A, arranged between and supported by side frames, legs, or standards B. The side frames may be of any suitable construction adapted to support the box or body at a suitable height above the floor, and they are suitably shaped and ornamented to lend an attractive decorative appearance to the article of furniture. The box or body is divided into pigeonholes or compartments C and is provided with drawers or receptacles D of any desired form, size, and arrangement suitable for the purpose for which the article is intended to be used. The body or box in the article shown is of a construction suitable for a lady's writing-desk; but manifestly the body could be in the nature of a case or cabinet for any desired purpose or could consist of shelves suitable for books or other articles.

E represents the mirror or cheval-glass, which is of such size and so located that when in an upright or substantially upright position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, it extends from near the floor or from a considerable distance below the body or box of the desk or secretary upwardly in front of the body or box to or above the top of the body or box, so as to completely hide the same and provide a full-length mirror in which the whole or nearly the whole image of a person can be reflected.

The mirror is pivoted about midway between its ends to the front portion of the desk or secretary, being preferably located between and pivoted to the side standards or frames B by thumb-screws *f* and is adapted to swing on its pivots from the upright position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 to the horizontal position shown in Figs. 3 and 4, in which its back forms a writing shelf or surface. The pivots are preferably located slightly below the center of gravity of the mirror, so that when turned down the predominating weight of the front part will hold the rear part up against the bottom of the box. As the mirror bears against the bottom of the body for some distance in rear of the pivots, the shelf or forward portion of the mirror will withstand considerable pressure or weight, thus rendering brace-chains or other supporting means unnecessary.

Some suitable device, such as a lock or latch *g*, is preferably provided for fastening the mirror in upright position. By tightening up the thumb-screws *f* in the usual manner the mirror can be secured at any desired inclination.

An oval mirror in an oval frame is shown in the article illustrated in the drawings, and an arched ornamental front piece H connects the upper portion of the sides or standards to assist the mirror in hiding the box and improving the appearance of the article; but a differently-shaped mirror could be used, and the mirror could be so shaped as to render the ornamental piece H unnecessary.

The article constructed as described provides a cheval glass or mirror of a length adapted to reflect nearly the full-length image of the person and which is capable of exactly the same uses as the ordinary cheval glass. When the mirror is in upright position and the article is viewed from the front, the desk is completely hidden and the ap-

pearance of the article is virtually the same as that of a cheval glass of similar size. The combination desk or secretary and cheval glass is therefore a practical, desirable, and ornamental article of furniture.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of a desk or the like having a body, and standards upon which the body is supported, and a mirror which is pivoted between its ends at or near the bottom of said body to swing from a substantially upright position in front of said body to a substantially horizontal position, said mirror when in the upright position hiding said body and extending for a considerable part of its length below said body, and when in the horizontal position extending beneath and projecting in front of said body, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of a desk or the like

having a body, and side standards upon which the body is supported, and a mirror which is pivoted between its ends at or near the bottom of said body to swing from a substantially upright position in front of said body to a substantially horizontal position between said supporting-standards, said mirror when in the upright position hiding said body and extending for a considerable part of its length below said body, and when in the horizontal position extending beneath and projecting in front of said body, substantially as set forth.

Witness my hand this 2d day of January, 1906.

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