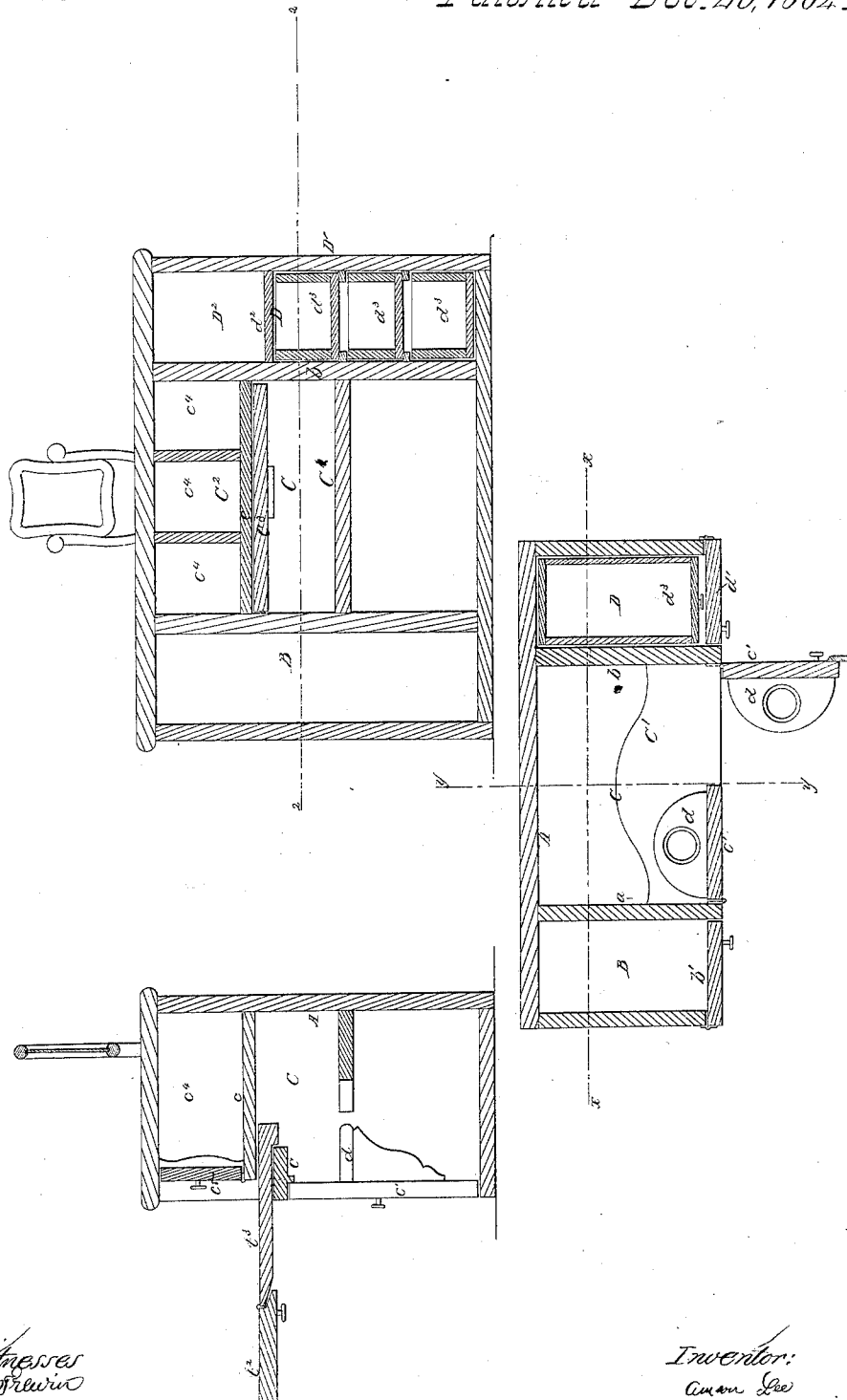


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IMPROVED WASH-STAND, BUREAU, DESK, AND WARDROBE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANSON LEE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a Combined Wash-Stand, Bureau, Writing-Desk, and Wardrobe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a transverse vertical section of this invention, taken in the plane indicated by the line *yy*, Fig. 3. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, the line *xx*, Fig. 3, indicating the plane of section. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the same, the line *zz*, Fig. 2, indicating the plane of section.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to combine a wash-stand, a bureau, a writing-desk, and a wardrobe all in one piece of furniture, thereby producing an article of the greatest convenience, particularly for people living in cities, where a saving of space is a great desideratum.

The nature of my invention and its peculiar advantages will be readily understood from the following description:

A represents a case made of wood or any other suitable material, square or oblong, as may be desired. The interior of this case is divided by two vertical partitions, *a b*, in three compartments, B C D, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. The compartment B is provided with a door, *b'*, and it is intended to serve as a wardrobe, the height of the case being such that coats, dresses, pantaloons, or other wearing-apparel can be conveniently hung up therein on nails, hooks, or racks, secured on its top or sides, or both, as may be convenient. The middle compartment, C, is subdivided in two compartments, C' C², by a horizontal partition, *c*, and that part below said partition forms the wash-stand, which is closed by two doors, *c'*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Each of these doors has secured to its inner surface a bracket, *d*, with a hole to receive a wash-basin, and

when the doors are thrown open said basins can be used conveniently by two persons at the same time. If desired, a shelf may be applied to the interior of the wash-stand to receive combs, soap, or other articles requisite for the toilet. The compartment C² above the horizontal partition *c* forms the writing-desk. It is closed by a lid, *c²*, which is hinged to a board, *c³*, sliding in and out under the partition *c*, and it is divided in three (more or less) pigeon-holes, *c⁴*, by suitable vertical partitions, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The pigeon-holes may be closed, if desired, by a separate lid, *c⁵*, and the slide *c³* is provided with a projection on its inner edge to prevent its being drawn out any farther than desirable. (See Fig. 1.) When the lid *c²* is turned down, it is held in a horizontal position by a lip on its under edge striking against the under surface of the slide *c³*, as shown in Fig. 1, and when the slide is drawn out it forms a convenient table for writing or other purposes. The compartment D is subdivided by a horizontal partition, *d²*, in two compartments, D' D², the upper one of which is intended to receive bed-clothes, table clothes, and other large pieces used by housekeepers, and the lower compartment, D', is occupied by a series of drawers, *d³*, intended to receive shirts, under-clothes, drawers, and other small articles of wearing-apparel or for other purposes. A door, *d'*, serves to close the compartment D, as shown in Fig. 3.

It is obvious that this piece of furniture may be made plain and simple or in an ornamental style to suit customers. In its simplest style its price will not exceed that of an ordinary bureau, and its convenience is so apparent that it requires no further explanation.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A combined wash-stand, bureau, writing-desk, and wardrobe, constructed as herein set forth, as a new article of manufacture.

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