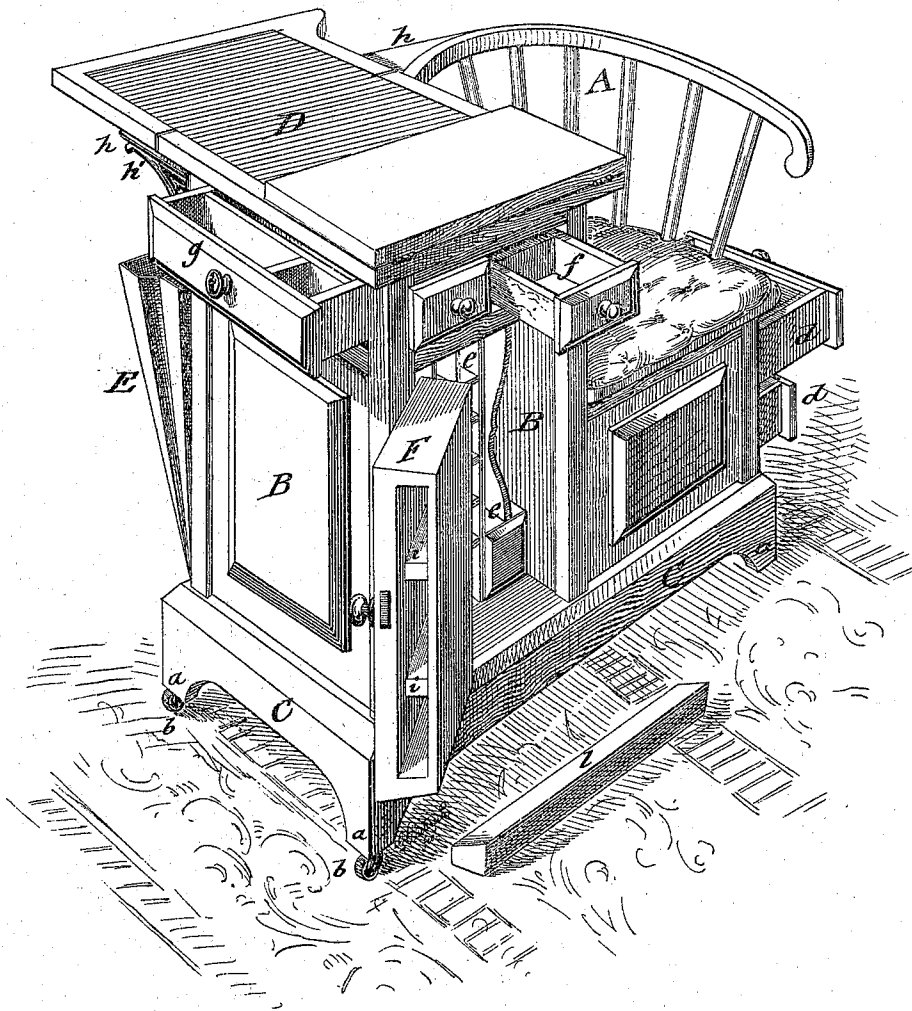


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. TAYLOR, of Thibodeaux, in the parish of La Fourche and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and Improved Combined Chair and Secretary, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of my improved combined chair and secretary, showing arrangement of different parts.

The object of my invention is to furnish a convenient piece of furniture for family or business use, which combines the advantages of an arm-chair, secretary, writing-table, drawers, &c., if used by a business man or invalid, with those of a work-receptacle, scrap-bag, needle and thread repository, &c., if used by a lady. The whole is portable, and may be easily moved to any desired place.

My invention consists mainly in combining an arm-chair with a case or secretary having movable pigeon-hole arrangement, drawers, and folding leaves, with drawers under the seat of the chair, and casters on one side under the secretary to be lifted by the arms of the chair and rolled about.

In the drawing, A represents the arm-chair, which, together with the case or secretary B, rests on a rectangular base-frame, C, of suitable strength, with legs *d*, of which those under the case B are supplied with casters *b*, while those of the chair rest directly on the floor, giving thereby steadiness to the whole when the chair is occupied. By lifting the chair end the whole piece of furniture may be easily rolled about, even when the secretary is heavily loaded with books, &c., as the main weight is at that end. Drawers *d* are placed under the seat of the chair, which open sidewise, and may be arranged for miscellaneous purposes. The inside of the secretary

is arranged with movable pigeon-holes *e* for books, papers, &c., which may be taken out, so that this space can be used also as a lady's work-receptacle. The front drawer *f* serves, when open, as a support for a front folding leaf, the side drawer *g* for pen and ink. An extension, *h*, of the top of the secretary B, which connects with the back of the arm-chair and strengthens the same, is bracketed at *h'*, and supports the rear folding leaf of table D, arranged in any desirable manner on the top of secretary B. An extension bellows-shaped portfolio, E, is suitably attached below extension *h* at the rear of case B, and serves for exchange papers, lady's scrap-bag, or other purposes. The arrangement of the folding leaves of table D may be optional, and may be hinged at the front, back, or end edge of the top, and may be used for various purposes, according to the intention of the owner. The door F of case B is made double, and divided by horizontal strips into secret compartments for greenbacks or other valuable papers, to be closed by vertical piece *l*, which fits closely, and is locked securely into the side of door F.

The whole piece of furniture forms a compact and convenient article, and can be appropriately finished to present an attractive and ornamental appearance.

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

The combined chair and secretary, consisting of arm-chair A, case B, table D, portfolio E, and drawers *d*, *f*, and *g*, arranged and constructed substantially as and for the purpose described.

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