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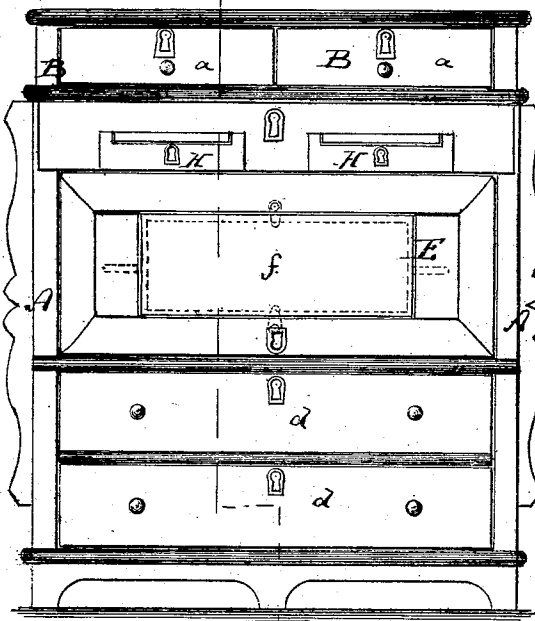


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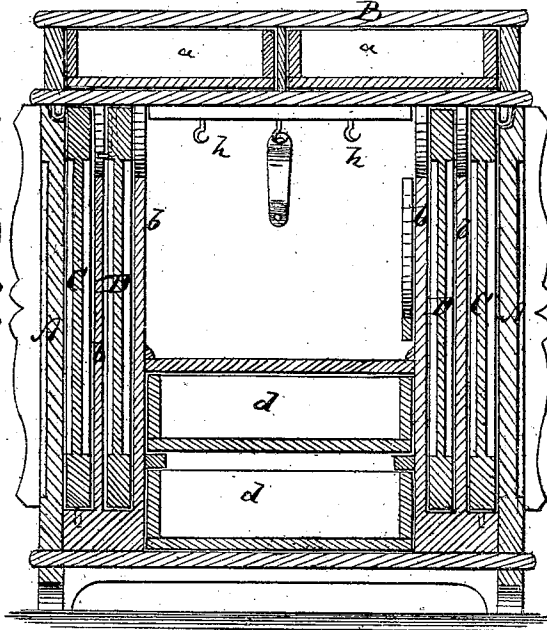


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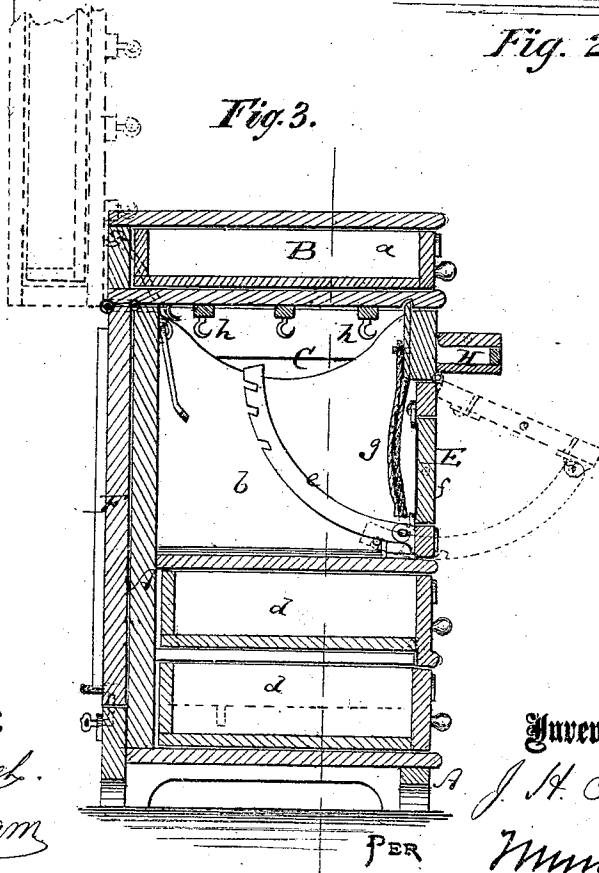


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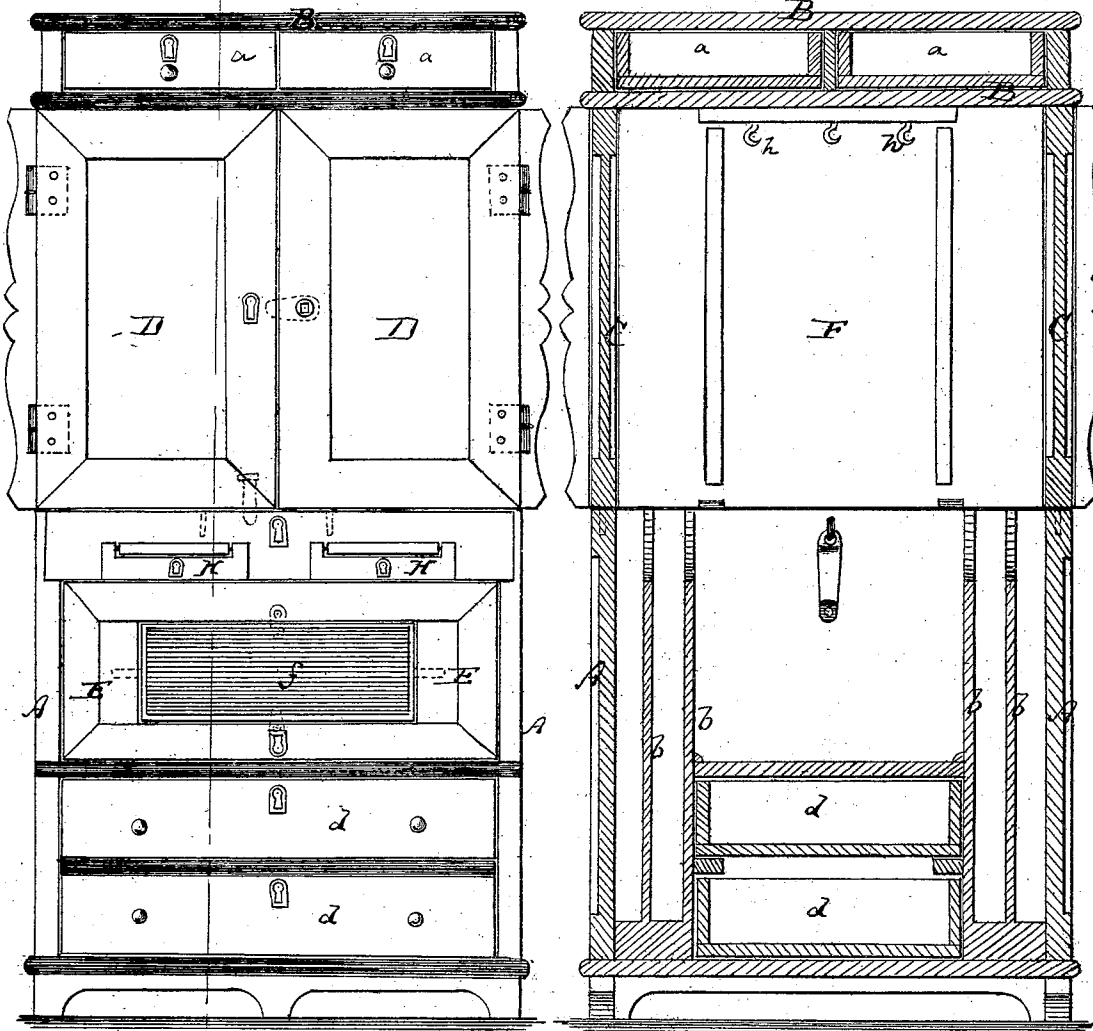
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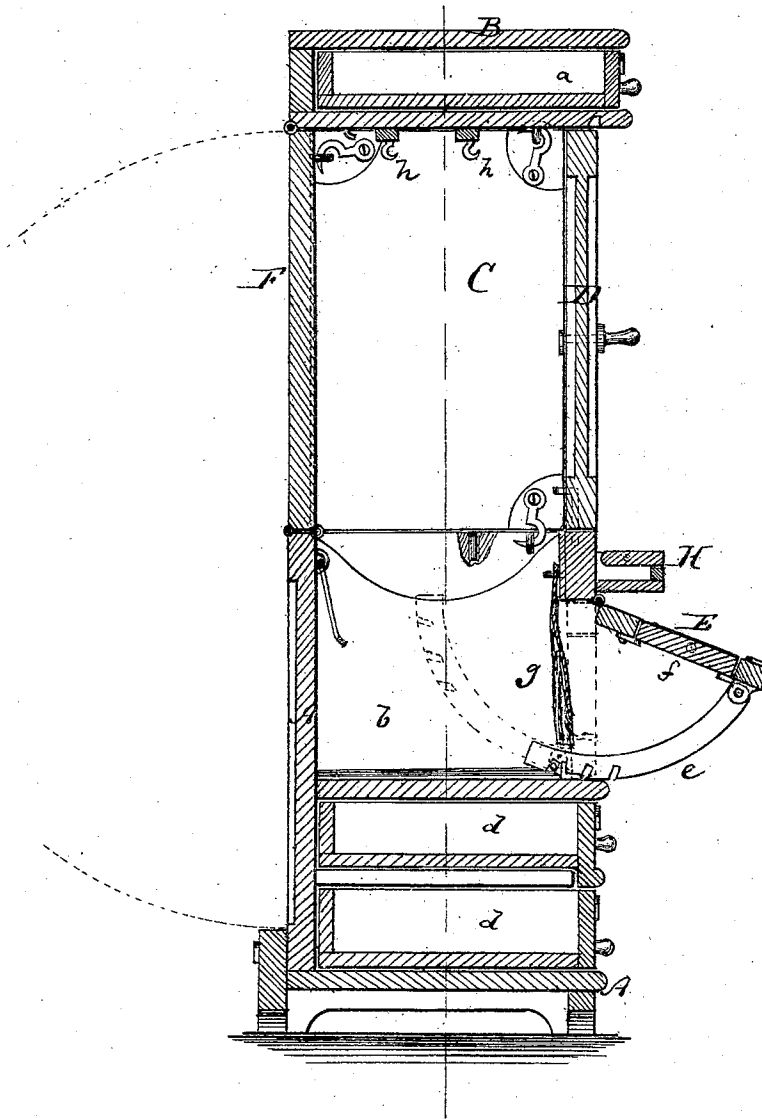
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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE-BUREAUS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 127,778, dated June 11, 1872.

Specification describing a new and Improved Wardrobe-Bureau, invented by JOHN H. F. LEHMANN, of the city, county, and State of New York.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of my invention, showing it contracted into a bureau. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal, and Fig. 3 a vertical transverse, section of the same. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the invention extended to form a wardrobe. Fig. 5 is a vertical longitudinal, and Fig. 6 a vertical transverse, section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new construction of bureaus, which can, if desired, be extended to form a wardrobe, and on which provision for use as a writing-desk is also made. The invention consists in such a general new arrangement of parts that the requisite changes can be easily performed.

A in the drawing represents the rectangular box or case of the bureau, being of the size and form of ordinary bureaus. The top of the bureau is formed by a box, B, which is hinged at the back, and which contains drawers *a a*, as shown. Within the bureau are, near each end, partitions *b b*, which separate from the interior of the case, throughout the entire height of the same, narrow spaces for the reception of the extension side and front sections C and D. The lower drawers *d d* of the bureau are consequently so much reduced in length as to fit between the partitions *b*. The space above the drawers *d* and below the cover B is closed in front by a hinged plate, E, and can be used for the reception of articles of clothing or other things. The plate E is hinged on top and can be swung forward and held in an inclined position by means of a projecting brace, *e*, with which it is provided. In this position it constitutes a convenient writing-desk. Its inner panel *f* I prefer to swivel at the ends, so that it can be reversed, one side being covered with cloth or otherwise prepared to be convenient for writing. The other side is finished in the same manner as the remain-

ing part of the bureau, and is turned outward when the plate E is closed against the front of the bureau. A curtain, *g*, may be suspended across the opening when the plate E is swung up as a desk, in order to conceal the interior of the bureau.

When the device is to be converted into a wardrobe, the top B is first unhinged at the back, which can be easily done, as the hinges are made to draw apart. A plate, F, hinged to the back of the bureau and suspended against the same, while a bureau (see Fig. 3) is then swung up and forms the back of the upper half of the wardrobe. The plates C and D are drawn out from their receptacles, and the side sections C placed on the ends of the bureau and locked to the back F, and also to the top B, which is applied to the upper end of F by hinge or other connection. The front sections D are then hinged to the sections C and constitute front doors. The necessary hooks *h h* are secured in the lower side of the top B.

H H are small boxes projecting from the front of the bureau and provided with hinged lids. They serve as receptacles for the pens and ink and other writing material.

The detachable sections C D are provided with suitable dowel-pins to be fitted and held to the bureau when set upon the same.

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

1. A bureau provided with hinged back plate F, side sections C, front sections D, partitions *b b*, and movable top B, as described.

2. The combination of case A, box B, sections C D, plate E, back F, and boxes H when provided with subsidiary parts, and connected together so as to adapt the whole to be used in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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