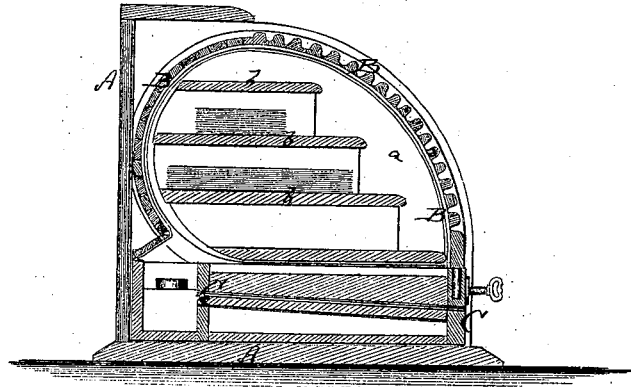
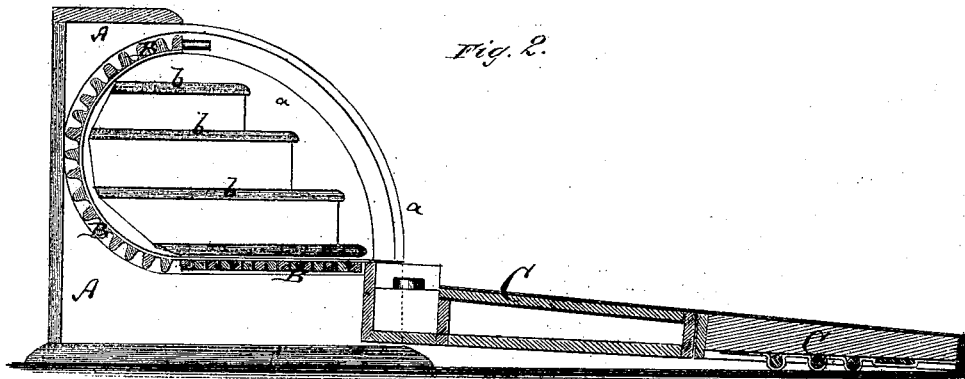


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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN WRITING-DESKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, ERNEST SCHEEL, of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Writing-Case or Desk; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a vertical transverse section of my improved writing-case, showing it closed.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the same, showing it opened.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new writing-case, which is provided with a flexible slat-cover that is moved into the case, for opening the same.

The invention consists in connecting the said cover with a drawer in such manner that, by opening the said drawer, the cover will be concealed, thereby a very convenient case or desk is produced.

A, in the drawing, represents a writing case or desk, constructed of wood, pasteboard, or other suitable material.

It has its end boards, *a a*, rounded in front.

The end boards are grooved to receive the ends of a flexible cover, B. This cover is composed of slats which are united by leather or other flexible material.

It can be rolled over to cover the front of the desk,

as in fig. 1, or it is rolled back into the desk behind the shelves *b* of the same, as in fig. 2. In the latter case the desk is opened.

The back end of the flexible cover is, by means of straps, or by a continuation of the slats, connected with the back end of a drawer, C, which is arranged in the desk.

The front end of the cover B is, when the desk is closed, locked to the front of the drawer C by means of suitable fastening devices. When this front connection is interrupted the drawer can be pulled out, and will thereby draw the cover B into the desk, to open the same, as is clearly shown in fig. 2. When the drawer is pushed back it will force the cover forward again and close the desk.

The drawer may be made jointed, so that it can be folded apart, as in fig. 2, to constitute the writing surface of the desk.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The flexible cover B, of a writing-case or desk, connected with the drawer C, so that its position will be controlled by the said drawer, in combination with shelves *b*, as shown and described.

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