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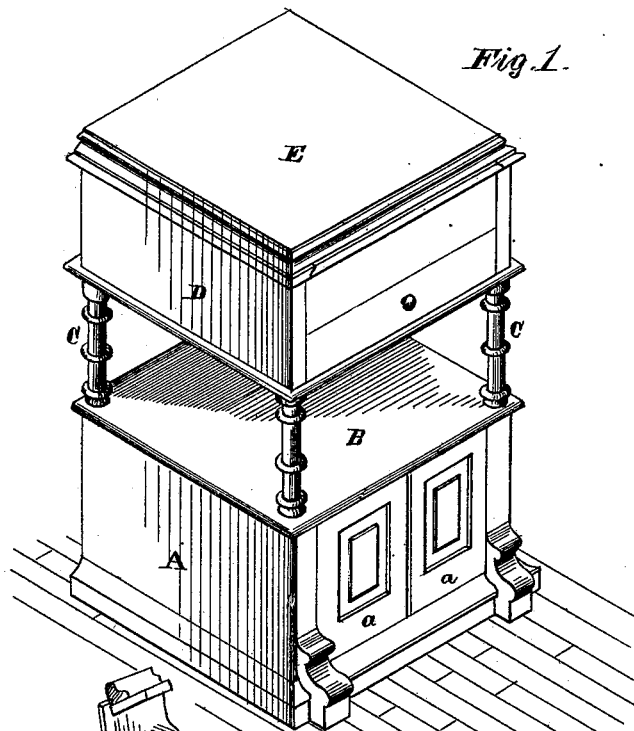


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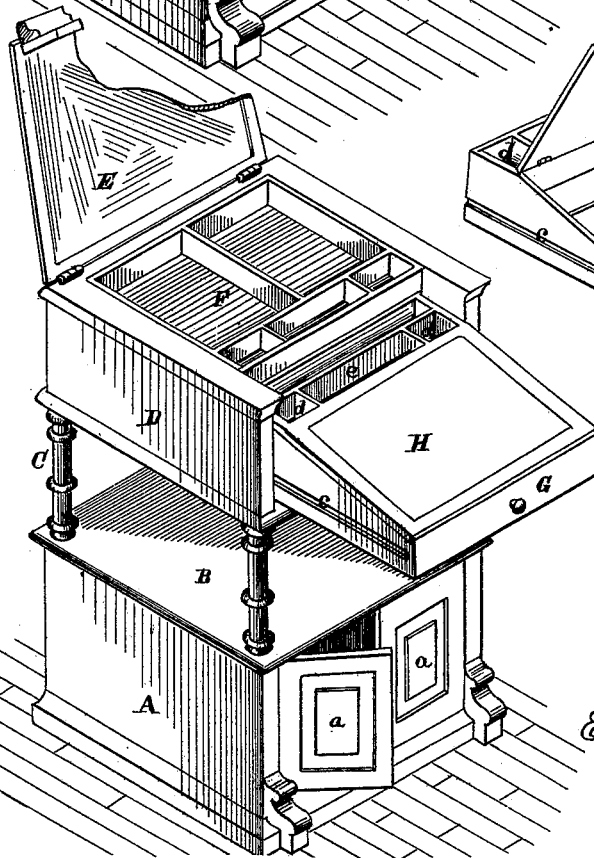
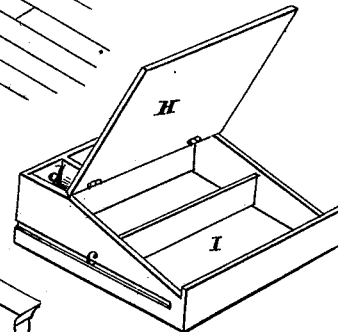


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED WRITING-DESK AND WORK-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMANUEL EMANUEL, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented a Combined Writing-Desk and Work-Table; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an article of furniture for household use, consisting of a combined writing-desk and work-table; and my improvements consist in certain details of construction by means of which the separate articles are united in one, as is more fully shown and described in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are views of my device. Fig. 2 shows the device opened.

The cupboard A forms the base for the piece of furniture, and is provided with doors *a*, as usual, so that its contents may be concealed. This cupboard is made of about one-third the height of the whole stand, but is sufficiently large to answer the purpose for which such articles of furniture are usually intended. The top B is made flat, and may be used for holding books, music, work-basket, unfinished garments momentarily laid aside, &c.

At each corner of the top of case A is an ornamental post or support, C, on which is mounted the case D, which contains the writing-desk and sewing-tray, as hereinafter described.

This case D is provided with a hinged cover, E, which, when closed, answers the purpose of a table or stand, as does the top of an ordinary work-stand or desk. The upper half of the front of the case D forms part of the hinged cover, as shown, and shuts down upon the front edge of the sliding desk or drawer, so that the desk and cover may be locked together by one lock and key, and the contents of the case D be secured.

At the back edge of the case D is a lug, which prevents the cover going too far back and holds it in an upright position, as shown. A looking-glass may be placed on the inside of this cover, to make it more ornamental and better adapted for ladies' use.

Occupying the upper part of the space in the case D is a sewing-tray, F, having various-sized compartments, as shown, which are intended as receptacles for pins, thimbles, thread, scissors, tape, and similar articles used by ladies in sewing or fancy work. The space in the case D under this tray is occupied by the writing-desk G when its cover is closed.

The desk, however, is made to slide out when in use, grooves *c* in the sides of the desk engaging with tongues on the inner sides of the case to steady the desk in position.

As the sewing-tray may be permanently fixed in the case, when the desk is drawn out its rear end is held under the front edge of the tray. The tongues and grooves, however, will be ordinarily sufficient to insure firmness to the desk.

The top H of the desk G is hinged at its upper or back end, and may be lifted up, so as to show a drawer or receptacle, I, which may be divided into compartments to hold paper, envelopes, and similar articles.

The sides of the desk are beveled off, so that the top slopes properly for convenience in writing.

At the back of the desk are compartments *d* for pens, stamps, &c., and the central compartment, *e*, will hold pencils, pen-holders, &c., a lid being provided, with which the central compartment is closed.

When the cupboard, desk, and work-table are combined in the manner set forth, the piece of furniture occupies no more space than an ordinary work-stand, and is of similar height.

By drawing the desk out it is rendered convenient for writing, as it is in a position so that the feet and limbs may come under it, as at an ordinary desk or table.

This article of furniture is a remarkably convenient one, combining as it does three usually separate pieces in one. Ladies may sit down and write a note in their room without having to go to the library or sitting-room for pens, ink, and paper. Writing materials are thus kept easily accessible, together with the sewing and other conveniences which form the accessories in many rooms of a dwelling.

As a whole, this article makes a neat and

ornamental piece of furniture of great utility and convenience in the various parts of which it is formed.

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

The case D, mounted on the pillars C, and having the hinged cover E, and provided with the compartment-tray F, with the sliding desk

G, beneath it, the said desk having the hinged lid H and compartments, all constructed to operate substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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