

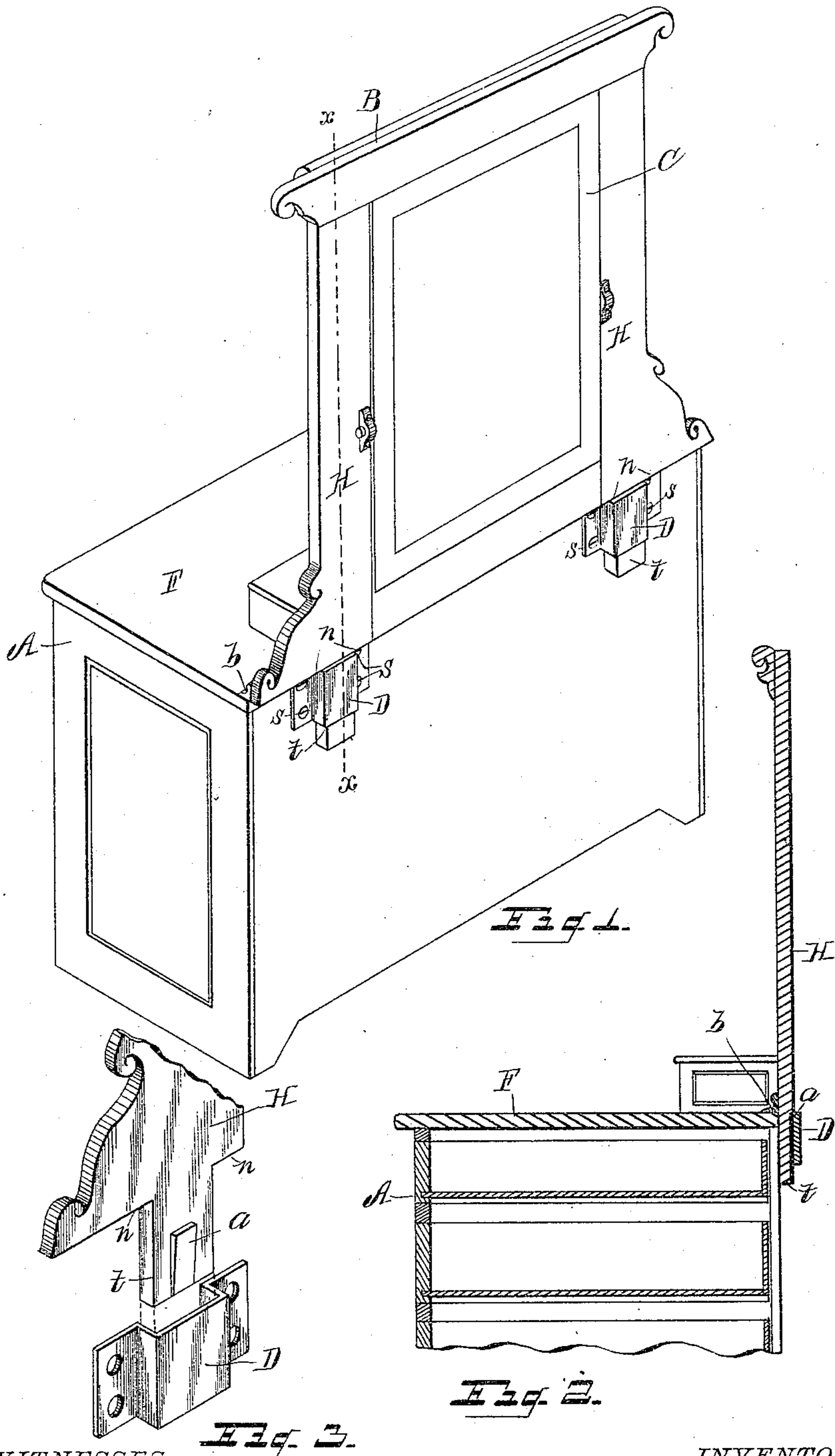
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Romeo, in the county of Macomb and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Dressing-Cases or Bureaus; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to attachments for dressing-cases and bureaus; and it consists in a certain construction and arrangement of parts, whereby the upright stationary frame of a bureau, in which the swinging mirror thereof is mounted, may be readily and securely attached to the body of the bureau and quickly and easily removed therefrom, and without withdrawing any screws or nails from the parts, affording a simple, cheap, and effective means for attaching said stationary frame to the body of the bureau, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and the essential features of the device pointed out particularly in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the back of a bureau, showing my improved device in operative position. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on dotted line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail of the interlocking members drawn apart.

Referring to the letters of reference, A indicates the body of a bureau or dressing-case and F the top thereof.

B indicates the upright stationary frame of the bureau, in which is mounted the swinging mirror-frame C. The lower ends of the side pieces H H of said stationary frame are provided, respectively, with the reduced end portions *t*, that are formed integral therewith and extend below the bottom cross-rail of said frame B. The outer face of the reduced end portions or tenons *t* are provided with a flexible wedge or bearing-strip *a*, composed

of felt or rubber and let into a groove in the face thereof, the point of the wedge being down and the body of the wedge projecting out from the back face of the reduced ends *t*, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

b indicates a strip of molding secured to the base of the front face of the stationary frame and on a line with the bottom edge thereof, forming a support for said frame.

DD indicate socket-plates, which are made preferably of metal and are adapted to receive the reduced lower ends *t* of the side pieces or rails H of the stationary frame. Said plates are secured to the back of the bureau by means of screws *s*, as shown in Fig. 1, and at such distance apart as to register with the reduced ends *t* of the rails H of the frame B, their upper ends standing on a horizontal plane flush with the top F of the bureau.

To secure the stationary frame B to the body of the bureau, the reduced ends *t* of the rails H thereof are entered in the socket-plates and forced downward therein until the molding *b*, secured to the front face of said frame B and at the base thereof, rests on the rear edge of the upper face of the top F of the bureau, and the shoulders *n* of the rails H rest on the upper edge of the socket-plates D, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The reduced ends *t* snugly fill the sockets of the plates D, and when said ends are forced therein the flexible wedge *a* is tightly compressed against the inner face of the plate D, as shown in Fig. 3, thereby securely binding the ends *t* in the sockets and holding the frame B in place.

The stationary frame may be removed from the bureau by raising said frame until the ends *t* thereof are withdrawn from the socket-plates D, which will be readily understood, and which is a very important feature, as the removal of said frame may be quickly and easily accomplished, and its repeated operation does not tend to impair the efficiency of the parts for retaining said frame securely in place, while in the employment of the cleats attached by screws, which are commonly used to secure the frame to the body of the bureau or dressing-case, to remove a frame so attached from the bureau requires the

withdrawing of the screws, which in a few operations wears away the screw-hole, when the cleats cannot be drawn tightly to the frame, allowing said frame to become loose.
5 My invention overcomes this difficulty, as by its use the frame is always securely held in place.

Having thus fully set forth my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by
10 Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with the body of a bureau having the socket-plates attached to the back face thereof, the upright frame having the reduced end portions, with flexible pro-

jections made fast to the back faces of said 15 end portions, substantially as specified.

2. In combination with the bureau having the metal plates attached to the back thereof, the upright frame having the tenons *t*, formed integral therewith, said tenons having the 20 rubber strips *a* secured to the back faces thereof, and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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