

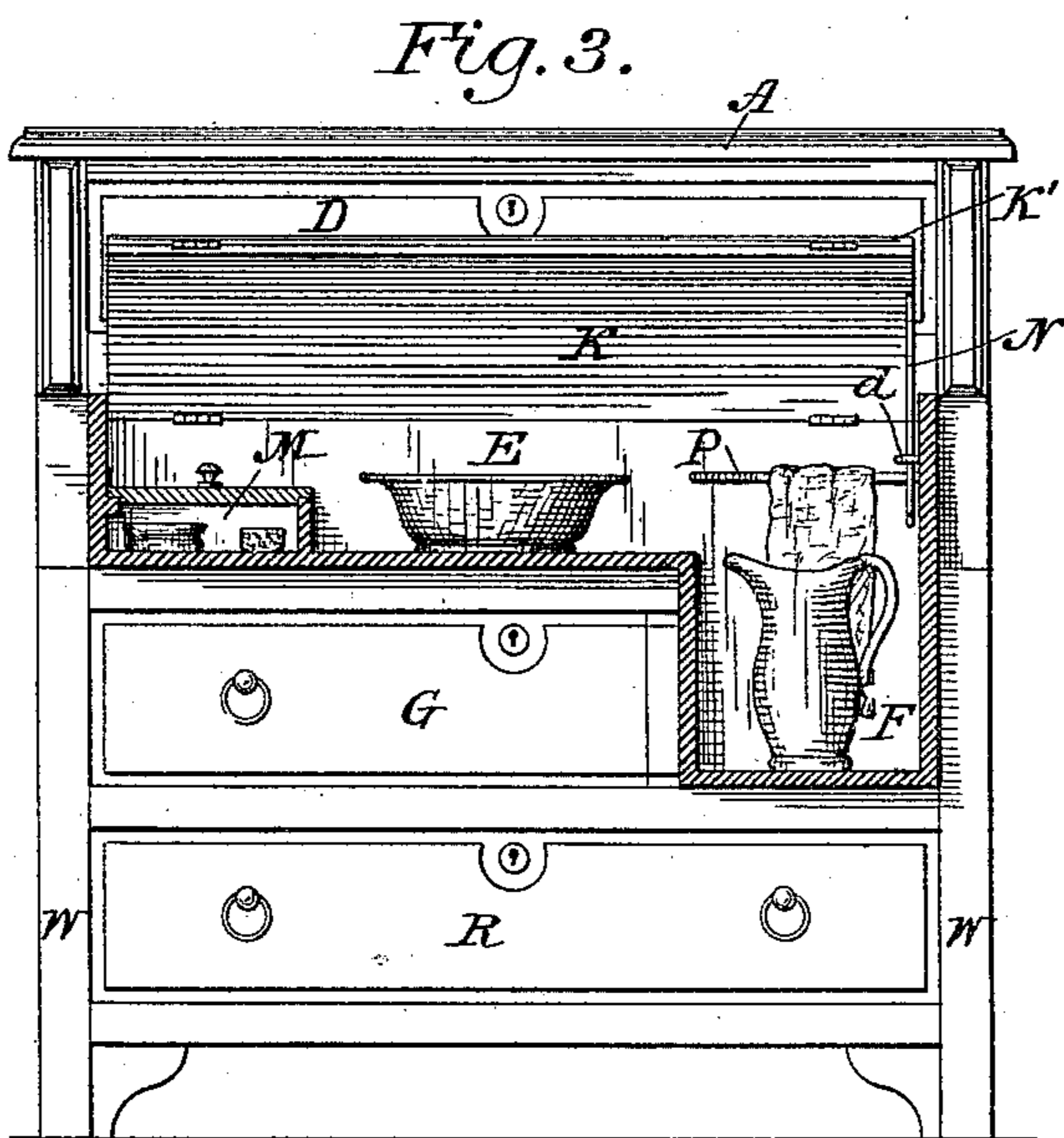
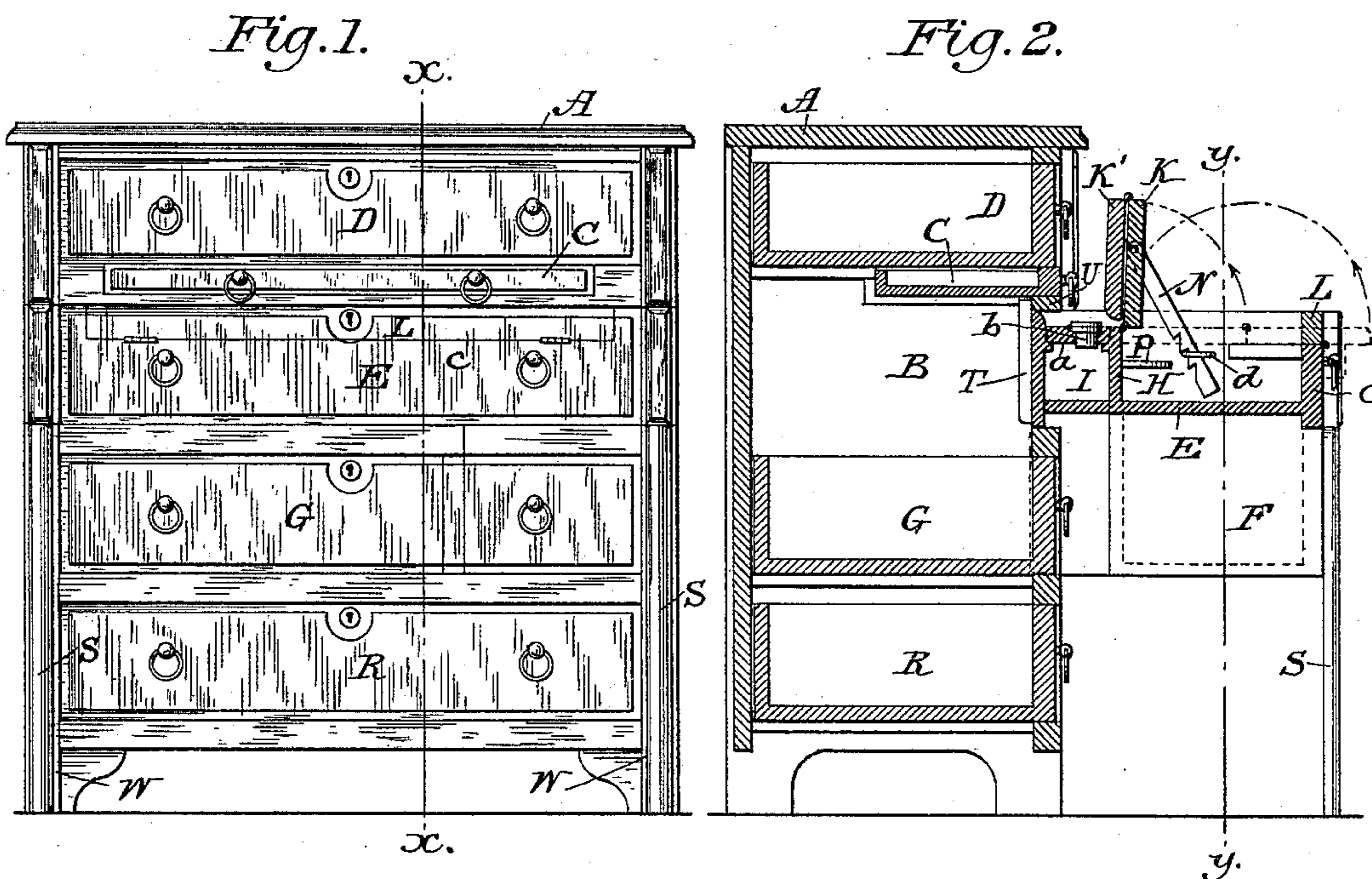
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WIPPLER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Combination Bureau, Wash-Stand, and Writing-Desk; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to the combination in one structure of a bureau or chest of drawers, a writing-desk, and a wash-stand, the whole when closed having the appearance of a bureau.

It has for its object to economize space and to present in a single, neat, compact piece of furniture the conveniences not only of a bureau, but also, as occasion may require, of a writing-desk and of a wash-stand, each without interfering or detracting from the useful purposes of the other.

It consists in the novel arrangement and combination of the several parts of the device, substantially as is hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the combined bureau, writing-desk, and wash-stand when closed. Fig. 2 is a vertical section in line xx of Fig. 1, with the wash-stand drawn out and opened, the position of the cover when closed to serve as a writing-desk being illustrated in dotted lines; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section in line yy of Fig. 2.

Similar letters indicate like parts in all of the figures.

The bureau (represented by the letter A in the drawings) may be of any desired style and finish, with or without a mirror above it, and with such ornamental decoration thereto as may be found suitable, and it is so constructed and proportioned as that the top of one of the front drawer-spaces B (see Fig. 2) shall be at a level above the floor to correspond with the proper height for a writing desk or table.

A small drawer C for papers and a larger drawer D for clothing, may be fitted above the space B to bring the top of the bureau to the customary height for such a piece of fur-

niture, these drawers being made to pull out at the front in the usual manner.

A special drawer E is fitted in the space B in place of an ordinary drawer. This special drawer E is made with a compartment F at one end thereof of a depth which brings its bottom upon a level with that of the underlying drawer G, (see Fig. 3,) said underlying drawer being shortened in length to make room alongside of it for the depressed compartment of the special drawer, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The rear end of the special drawer E is divided longitudinally by a partition H, the upper edge of which is lower than the top edges of the drawer, and the inner compartment I thus partitioned off is closed by a covering a , a portion of which is made to be lifted off, so as to permit of placing articles within said compartment. The space between this cover a for the compartment I and the top of the drawer E permits an inkstand b , a pen-rack, &c., to be fitted or placed upon the cover in manner to be conveniently accessible when the drawer is used as a writing-desk. To adapt it for such use, a lid formed in two longitudinal sections K K', which are hinged together, as shown in Fig. 2, is hinged to the upper front edge of the partition H, so as to open out upon a level with the top of said partition and overlap and rest upon the front piece c of the drawer, which is cut away for the purpose.

The space between the inner section K of the lid and the top of the drawer E permits the outer section K' to be folded back and rest upon the section K when the drawer is closed. The space between the top of the front piece c of the drawer E and the level of the top thereof as defined by its ends is filled up by a strip L, (see Figs. 1 and 2,) hinged to the front piece c to drop forward when the desk-lid is opened out, as shown in Fig. 2, and which, when turned up, forms a continuation of the front piece of the drawer E.

The deep compartment F at one end of the drawer E is adapted to receive a pitcher and slop-jar, while the remainder of the drawer is adapted to hold the wash-basin and a receptacle M for soap, &c. (See Fig. 3.) When the drawer is pulled out and the desk-lid K K' opened up and folded back, as shown in

Figs. 2 and 3, these conveniences for washing and the toilet are brought into a ready and convenient position for use.

The lid K is fitted with a swinging notched bar N, adapted to engage when the lid is swung up a pin or staple *d* (see Figs. 2 and 3) on the inner side of the drawer E, so as to furnish a brace or support for the lid. Stop-cleats T on the rear end of the drawer E (see Fig. 2) engage at their upper ends the front strip U on the face of the bureau when the drawer is pulled out to prevent it from being drawn entirely away from the bureau.

A rod P may be fitted in the corner in the rear of the compartment F to serve as a towel-rack.

The front pieces of the special drawer E and of the underlying short drawer G are designed to be so finished as to present to the eye when they are closed the appearance of two regular drawers uniform with the upper and lower drawers D R, so that the entire front shall resemble an ordinary bureau, as shown in Fig. 1.

Molding strips S S are fitted against the front edges of the end pieces W W of the drawers, (see Fig. 3,) and are made fast at their upper ends to the front of the drawer E, so as to be carried with said drawer when it is drawn out, as shown in Fig. 2, and these molding strips are made heavy enough to serve as supporting-legs for the drawer E in its use as a desk or wash-stand.

In the use of this novel piece of furniture, which ordinarily presents the appearance and occupies the space of an ordinary bureau, the drawers D, G, and R may be used as bureau-drawers for putting away clothing, &c.

When a writing-desk is needed, it is provided by pulling out the drawer E, which will bring with it the front supporting-legs S S, and then turning down the front edge strip L and opening out the front section K' of the lid, so that the lid will rest upon and project out beyond the front edges of the drawer.

The lid K K', forming the top of the desk, will be at a suitable level to enable a person to sit thereat comfortably for writing, room being afforded in front of the drawer G for the legs and feet of the person seated at the desk, and the inkstand *b* and the drawer C, for papers, &c., are within convenient reach.

When the wash-stand is required, the lid K

K' is folded and swung up to cover and protect the inkstand and articles of stationery at the rear of the desk, and is secured by the brace-bar N, as shown in Fig. 3, and by opening said lid the wash-basin, pitcher, and toilet articles in the drawer beneath are exposed in readiness for use, as shown in Fig. 3.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, in a bureau or cabinet of drawers, of a special drawer E, deepened at one end to form a compartment occupying the vertical space of two drawers, and an underlying shorter drawer G, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. The combination, in a bureau or cabinet of drawers, of a special drawer E, enlarged in depth at one end to occupy the vertical space of two drawers, in combination with a double lid hinged at the upper inner end of the drawer to open out and cover the top of the drawers as a desk-top, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

3. The combination, in a bureau or cabinet of drawers, of a special drawer E, enlarged in depth at one end to occupy the vertical space of two drawers, in combination with a folding lid K K' and with legs S S, secured to its front corners to register with and cover the front edges of the ends of the bureau when the drawer is closed, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

4. The combined bureau, writing-desk, and wash-stand constructed of the case of drawers A, the special drawer E, enlarged at one end to occupy the vertical space of two drawers, the shorter drawer G, underlying the drawer E alongside of its enlarged end, the hinged lid K K', made to cover the top of the drawer E and to fold upon itself within it, the covering-plate *a* back of said lid, adapted to support an inkstand, and a device for bracing the hinged lid K K' when lifted, all substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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