

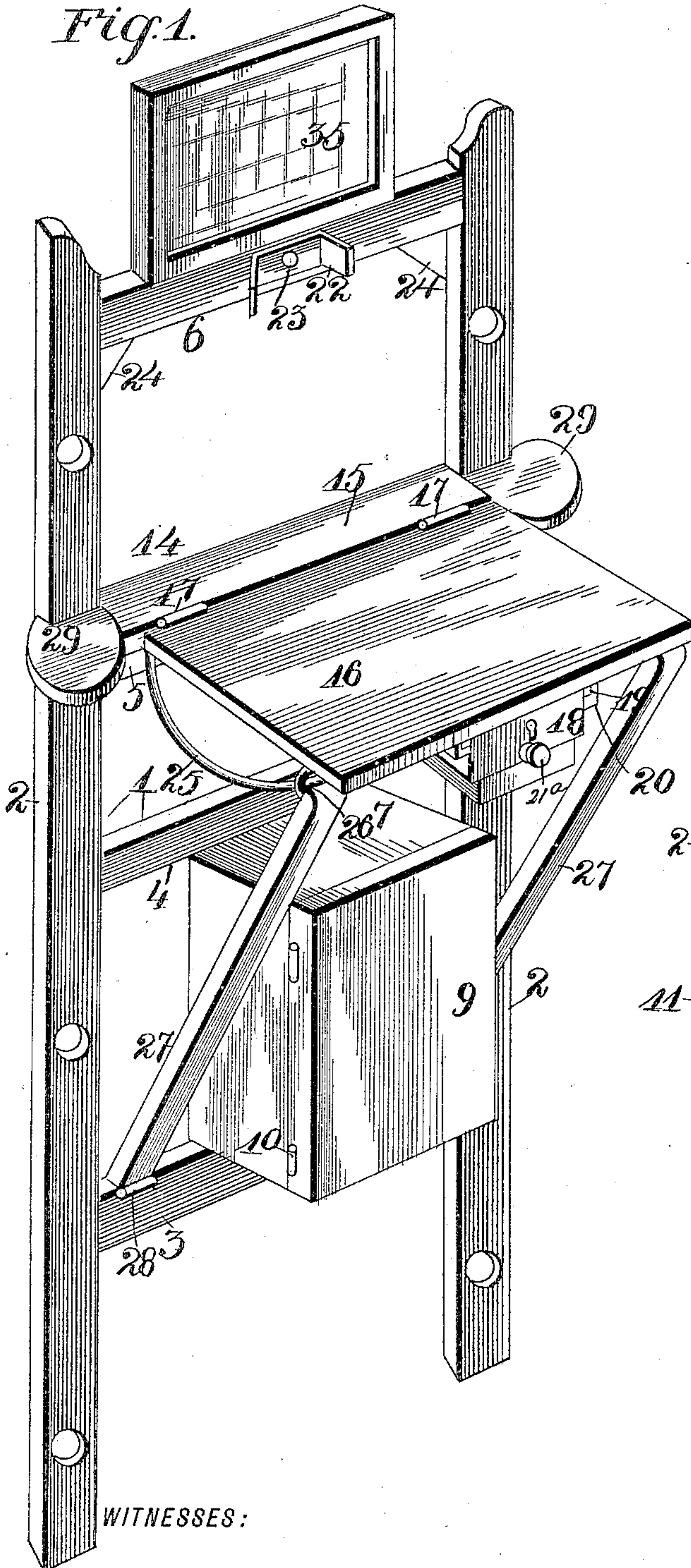
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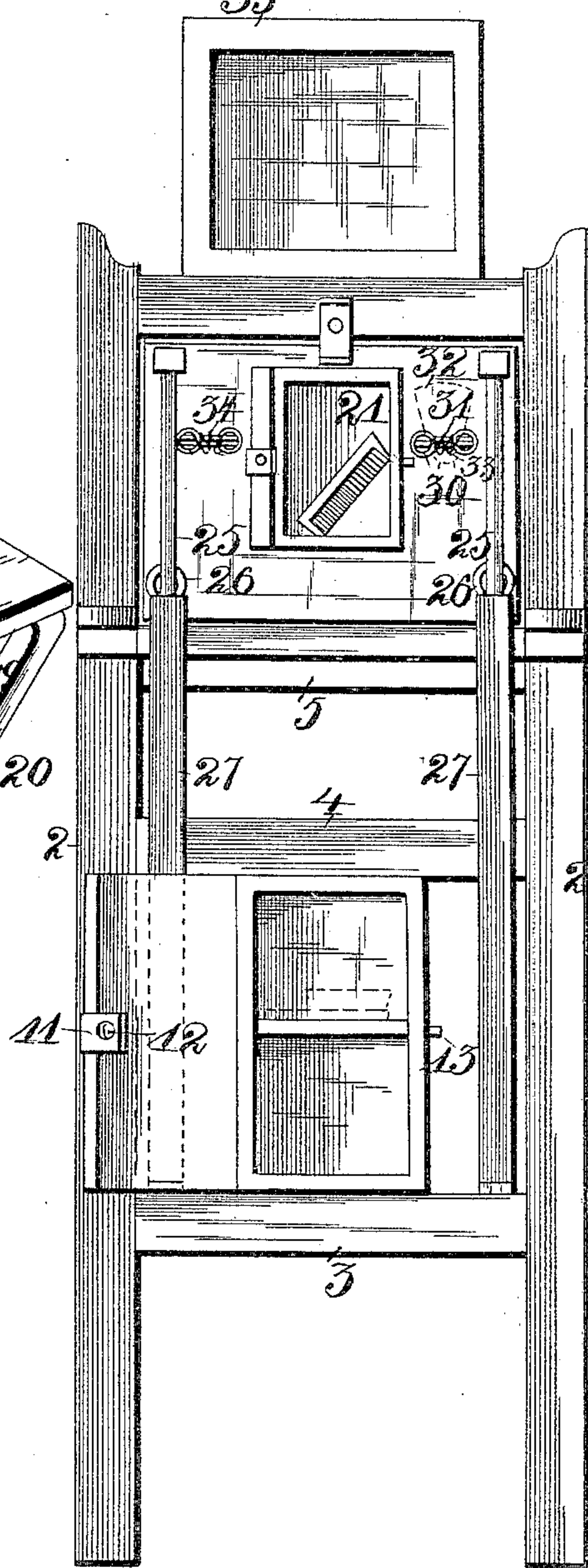
Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. BENTLEY, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Dresser and Writing-Desk, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to an improvement in a combined dresser and writing-desk; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and designated in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, showing it as attached to the wall.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the frame having upright pieces 2 and horizontal cross-pieces 3, 4, 5, and 6, connecting said upright pieces. The frame is put together by dovetailing the cross-pieces in said upright pieces or in any other suitable manner. Secured to cross-pieces 3 and 4 is a receptacle 7, which is provided with any number of suitable compartments to hold toilet articles, such as towels, shaving-mug, powder, &c. Said receptacle is also provided with a door 9, mounted on hinges 10, and a spring-catch 11, secured to said door. The perforation 12 of said spring-catch passes over a pin or screw 13, driven in the side of the receptacle, whereby said door is held in a closed position. Secured to cross-piece 5 and to upright pieces 2 is a strip 14, which strip is arranged at right angles to said pieces, and the plane of the upper surface of said strip 14 coincides with the plane of the upper surface of cross-piece 5, thereby forming a shelf 15.

16 represents a writing-desk, which is secured to strip 14 by means of hinges 17. Said desk has secured on its lower surface a receptacle 18. The sides of said receptacle 18 are provided with outwardly-formed grooves 19, which are adapted to slide freely in flanged strips 20, (which strips are secured to the lower surface of said desk by means of tacks or screws,) whereby said receptacle is held to said writing-desk and can be moved freely inwardly and outwardly, as desired. 21^a indi-

cates a button secured to the front end of said receptacle, by which said receptacle is operated.

The bottom of receptacle 18 is provided with an additional compartment 21 for a comb or other similar toilet article. This compartment is meant to be used only when the desk is in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 2. The lid and fastening device of said receptacle are similar to those of receptacle 7 and require no additional explanation.

The desk is held in an upright position by a semi-elliptic button 22, secured to cross-piece 6 by means of a pin or screw 23. The curved and extended portions of said button form thumb-grips by which it is operated. Said desk is prevented from falling backward through the frame 1 by triangular plates 24, secured diagonally across the corners of said frame. These plates are only convenient and necessary when the frame is not attached to the wall. When so attached the wall answers the purposes. Secured across the opposite ends of the desk by any suitable means are semi-elliptic guiding-wires 25, which are adapted to move freely in screw-eyes 26. Said screw-eyes are fastened in the ends of supporting-strips 27. Said supporting-strips 27 are hinged at their lower extremities to cross-piece 3 by means of hinges 28. When the desk is in a lowered position for use, the screw-eyes 26 engage the point of intersection between the semi-elliptic guiding-wires and the desk, whereby a permanent support for the desk is obtained.

29 indicates a tabular projection for lamp, shaving-mug, or other similar article, secured to the projecting end of cross-piece 5, upright piece 2, and strip 14.

30 represents a retaining device for a whisk broom. The projecting and unattached ends of said device are connected by a spiral spring 31, and the complete device is secured to the lower surface of the desk by means of staples 33. 32 indicates a whisk broom secured in said device in its normal position. The broom is inserted from above, and when desired to be used the operator should grasp the handle, and the elasticity of the spring 31 permits it to pass through the device downwardly. On the opposite end of the desk and on the

opposite end of receptacle 18 is a similar retaining device 34 for a clothes-brush.

35 indicates an ordinary mirror, which is secured to the upper surface of cross-piece 5, or said mirror may be secured in frame 1 by the extension of upright pieces 2, whereby suitable fastenings are provided.

The completed device is supported on the washboards of the room and secured to the wall by means of nails or screws.

It will be evident that by the use of semi-elliptical guides 25 the initial travel of the eye 26 thereon when the leaf is thrown up will be so reduced as to be caused to be approximately uniform with its travel when the leaf is in other positions, whereas if a straight guide were used the initial travel of the eye would be very rapid, the speed of its movement being lessened as the leaf approached the vertical, the rapid initial movement being

disadvantageous, inasmuch as it requires a greater power to start the leaf.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination, with a supporting-frame, of a leaf hinged thereto and adapted to swing upward into a vertical position and downward into a horizontal position, semi-elliptical wire guides upon the bottom of the said leaf, and supporting-strips hinged to the said frame below the said leaf and having eyes upon their upper ends sliding upon the said guides, as described.

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

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