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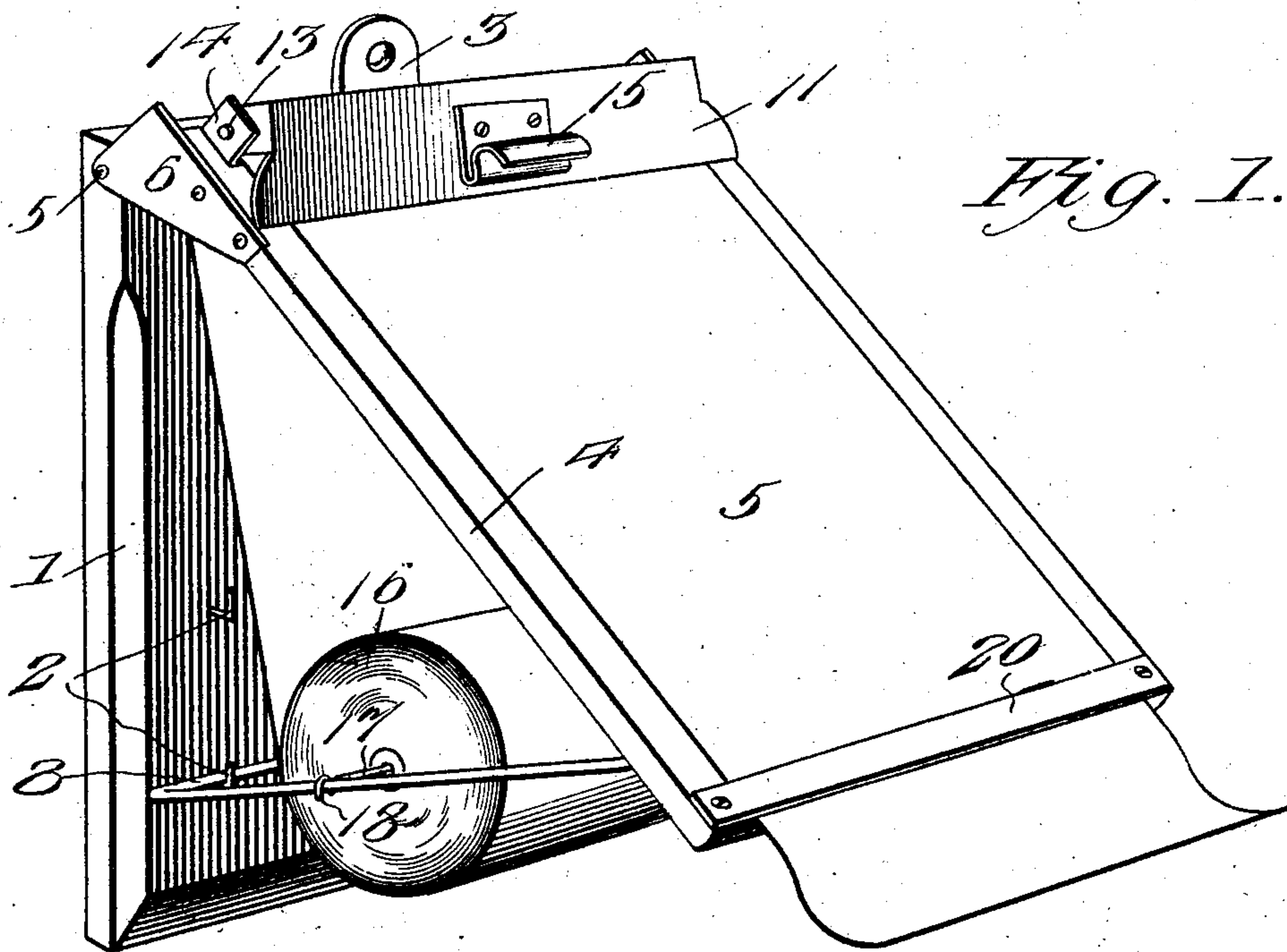


Fig. 1.

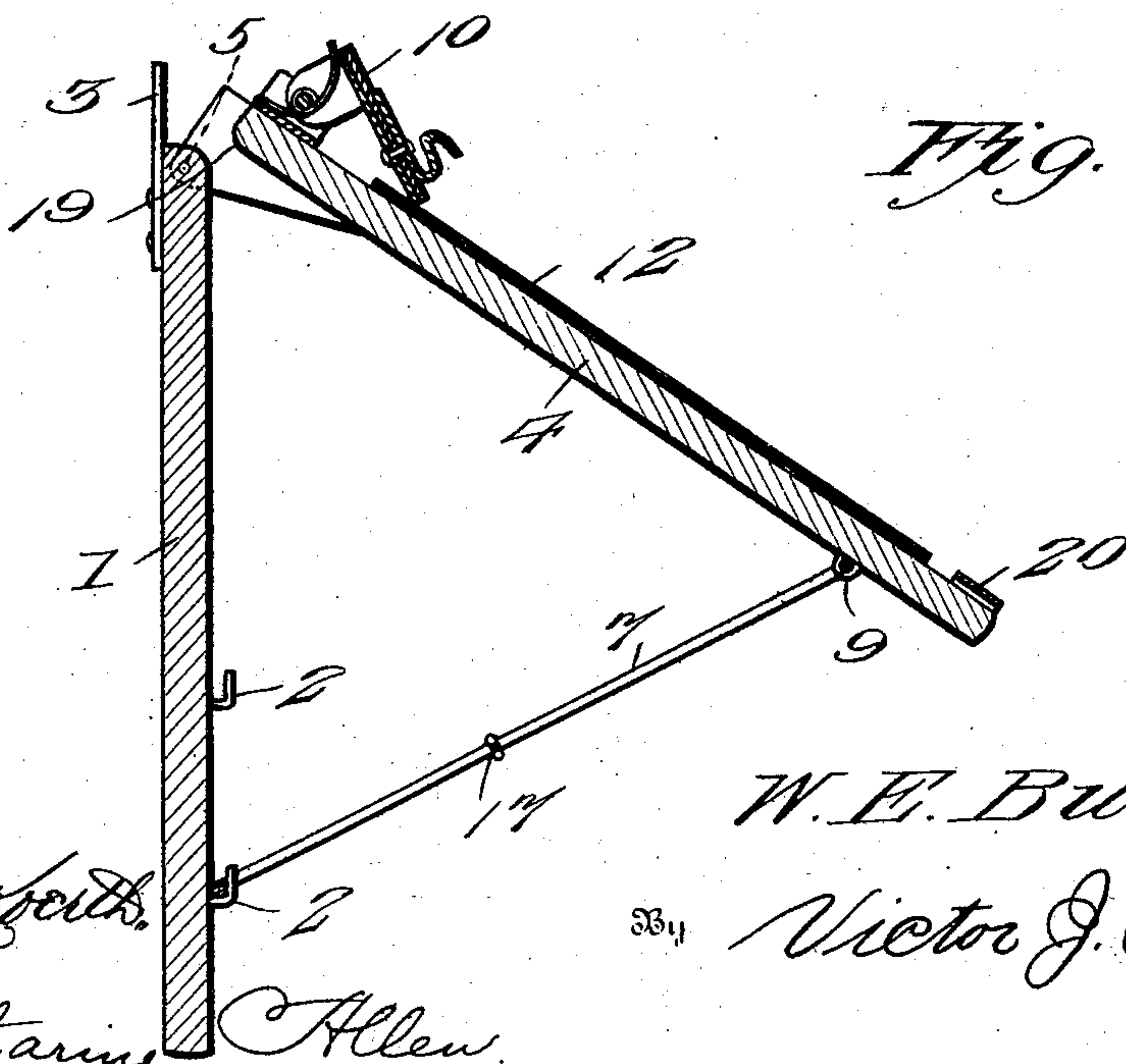


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. BURKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ashland, in the county of Boyd and State of Kentucky, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wall-Desks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wall-desks, the object of the invention being to provide a simple, cheap, efficient, and convenient desk adapted to be hung upon a wall or other vertical support, and while specially designed to be arranged in proximity to telephones for convenience in taking messages and transcribing the same it will be apparent as the description proceeds that the wall-desk may be used at any place or point where convenience and requirements dictate.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the wall-desk that the writing leaf or bed may be disposed at different angles to suit the user and the device as a whole may be folded compactly when not in use and also to facilitate storage or shipment.

With the above and other objects in view, the nature of which will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wall-desk embodying the present invention, illustrating the use of a roll of paper in connection therewith. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the desk, showing the use of a pad or separate sheets in lieu of a roll of paper.

Like reference-numerals designate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

The wall-desk contemplated in this invention comprises, essentially, a back or base 1, having attached to and projecting from its forward face a series of keepers or hooks 2, the purpose of which will hereinafter appear. The base or back 1 is also provided with an upwardly - extending supporting - eye 3, by means of which the device as a whole is adapted to be hung upon a nail, hook, or other device projecting from the wall or other support.

4 designates a hinged leaf or writing-bed

the upper surface of which is adapted to receive the paper 5 for writing purposes. The leaf or bed 4 is hinged at its upper edge to the back or base 1, as shown at 5, the hinges consisting, for convenience, of plates 6, secured rigidly to the side edges of the leaf 4 and connected by screws or other pivots to the upper portion of the back 1.

The leaf or writing-bed 4 is held at a suitable angle by means of a combined brace and roll-supporting frame, which by preference consists of parallel side bars 7 and inturned ends 8, which may be continued so as to connect and form a cross-bar which lies in contact with the back 1 and is received and supported by the hook-shaped keepers 2, hereinabove referred to. The outer portion of the frame 7 is pivotally connected to the leaf 4, as shown at 9, so as to enable the inner end of the cross-bar portion 8 to be moved up and down, so as to engage one of several sets of keepers 2, as shown in both figures of the drawings. The arrangement just described enables the angle of the hinged leaf or writing-bed to be adjusted to suit the user.

A writing-pad or a number of sheets of paper may be held upon the hinged leaf or writing-bed 4, as shown in Fig. 2, by means of a spring-clip 10, fastened to the upper surface of the leaf 4, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, said clip comprising the metallic body or strip 11, the lower binding edge of which also constitutes a paper-cutter, so that the sheets connected at 12 may be successively torn off. The body of the spring-clasp is pivotally connected, as shown at 13, to lugs or brackets 14, fixedly connected to the leaf 4, and said body 11 is also provided with a thumb-piece 15, by means of which it may be lifted in order to insert a pad or separate sheets of writing-paper beneath the same.

The wall-desk is also adapted for the use of a roll of paper, (indicated at 16,) in which case the roll will be supported and adapted to turn upon a roll-supporting shaft 17, having hook-shaped extremities 18 adapted to embrace and engage the side bars 7 of the combined brace and roll-supporting frame hereinabove described, the said construction enabling the roll to be readily placed in position and removed therefrom. Where a roll of paper is

employed, the paper as it is unwound from the roll is carried upward over the upper edge of the leaf or writing-bed 4, which is rounded at 19, and thence downwardly along the upper surface of the writing-pad and beneath a stationary ledger-blade 20, extending across the lower portion of the leaf 4 and separated therefrom sufficiently to enable the paper to pass beneath it. As the writing is continued the paper may be drawn off the roll and beneath the ledger-blade 20 and torn off as occasion requires.

It will thus be seen that the wall-desk is adapted either for a pad or for separate sheets of the same material or for a roll of paper. It will also be seen that the inclination of the hinged leaf or writing-bed may be changed to suit the user and that said leaf may be folded against the back when not in use, the combined brace and roll-supporting frame acting as a support for the roll of paper when the desk is folded in the manner described. The compact folding of the desk also facilitates transportation, storage, or shipping.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A wall-desk having a back or base, a leaf or writing-bed hinged thereto, and means for carrying a roll of paper adjustably attached to the back or base and arranged to engage the free extremity of the writing-bed to vary the angle of the latter.

2. A wall-desk comprising a base, a hinged leaf or writing-bed connected thereto, and a combined brace and paper-roll-supporting frame interposed between the base and writing-bed and adjustable for varying the angle of the writing-bed.

3. A wall-desk comprising a base, a hinged leaf or writing-bed connected thereto, a combined brace and paper-roll-supporting frame pivotally connected to one part and detachably connected with the other part, and means for detachably mounting a roll of paper thereon, substantially as described.

4. A wall-desk comprising a base, a hinged writing-bed connected thereto, a combined brace and paper-roll-supporting frame hinged to the writing-bed and detachably connected to the base, and a paper-roll-supporting shaft mounted upon said supporting-frame.

5. A wall-desk comprising a base, a writing-bed hinged thereto at one end, a brace interposed between the base and the writing-bed and adapted to vary the distance between the free edge of the writing-bed and the base, a paper-roll-supporting shaft detachably connected with said base and supported thereby, and a stationary ledger-blade extending across the writing-bed and adapted to have the paper pass beneath the same, substantially as described.

6. A wall-desk comprising a base, a writing-bed hinged thereto, a combined brace and paper-roll-supporting frame hinged to the writing-bed, keepers on the base for supporting the adjacent end of said frame at different elevations, and a paper-roll-supporting shaft connected and movable with said supporting-frame, substantially as described.

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

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