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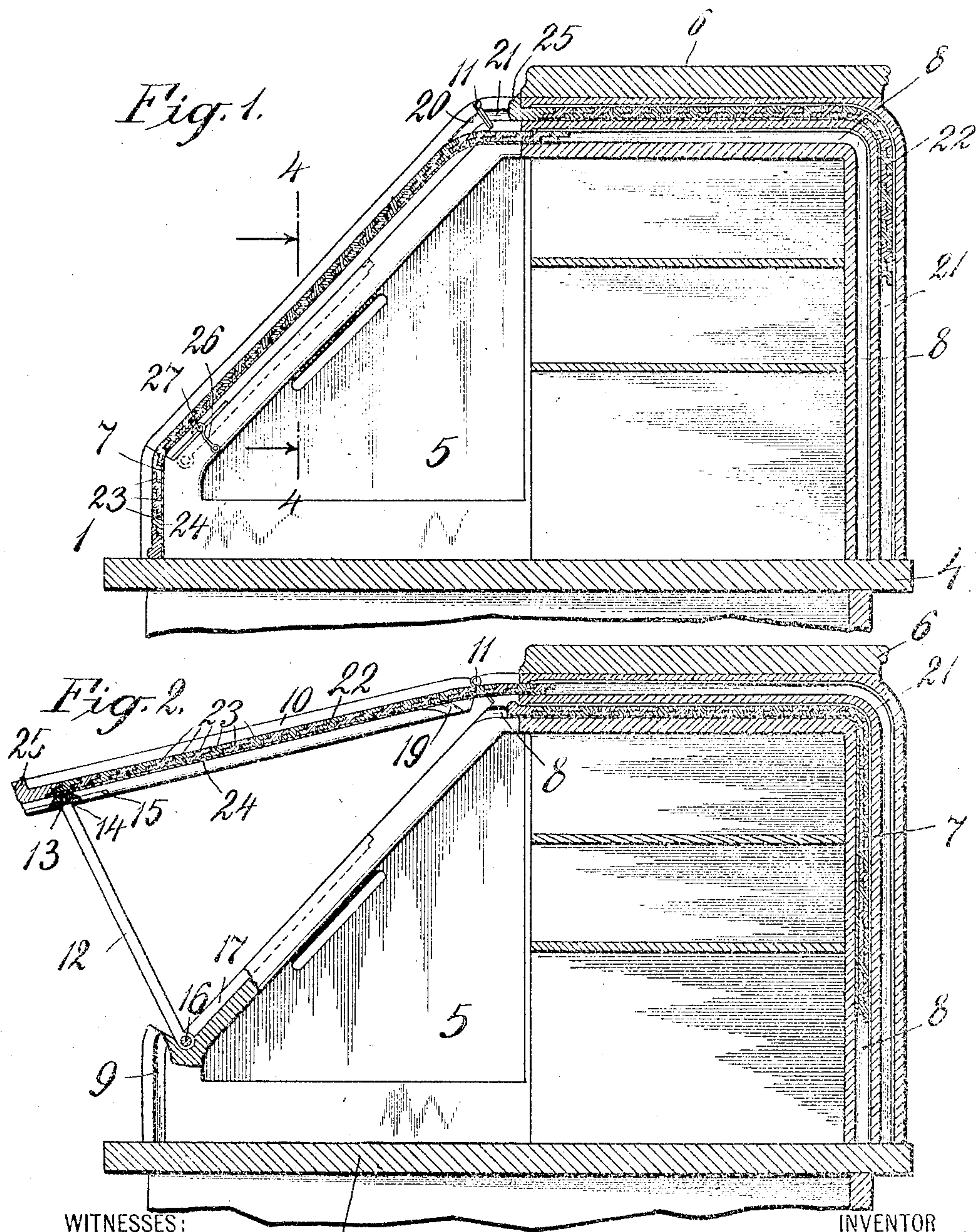
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNINGS SCOTT McCOMB, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Dobbs Ferry, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the drawings accompanying and forming a part of the same.

This invention relates to desks and attachments therefor, especially to the roll-top office desks, by which a special table is provided of suitable height for use when a person is standing, such table being adapted for bookkeeping and other purposes, and adapted to be readily brought into and out of operative position. This special table may be either built directly into the desk and form a permanent part thereof, or it may be contained in an attachment which is adapted to be removed from the desk.

In the accompanying drawings showing illustrative forms of this invention, and in which the same reference numeral refers to similar parts in the several figures, Figure 1 is a transverse vertical section taken through an ordinary roll-top desk, showing my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section similar to Fig. 1 showing the supplemental table in operative position. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a desk equipped with my invention, the table being shown in operative position the same as in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1 showing details of the construction. Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section of a modified form, wherein the supplemental table is contained in a removable casing. Fig. 6 is a transverse vertical section taken through the desk showing a modified form of pivoting the supports. Fig. 7 is a side elevation of a detail.

In the illustrative embodiment of this invention shown in the drawings, 1 is an ordinary roll top desk having drawers 2—2, pigeon holes 3—3, top 4, side pieces 5, cap 6, flexible cover 7 and curved passages 8 for the flexible cover when in its inoperative position, and guideways 19, 18 and 9 in the side pieces 5 for the reception of the ends of the flexible cover 7 when drawn out from the curved passages 8, to close and lock the desk. I make a portion 10 (hereafter termed "support") of each of my side pieces 5 movable by means of a suitable hinge 11, the

other end being adapted to be held out from the side piece 5 by means of a pivoted leg 12 having a reduced portion 13 taking into a hole 14 in a plate 15, mounted on the end of the support 10. The other end of the leg 12 is pivoted at 16 within a rabbeted portion 17 of the side piece 5, the arrangement being such that when the support 10 is in its inoperative position the leg 12 will lie snugly within the rabbeted portion 17, and its top be flush with the upper surface of the side piece 5, permitting the support 10 to fit snugly to the side piece 5. This support 10 has a guideway or grooved guide 18 (see Figs. 4—6) which at its upper end is forked forming a guideway 19 (Fig. 2) and 20 (Fig. 1), the branches of which register respectively with the housing 8 of the desk, within which is mounted the flexible cover 7, and with the housing 21, within which is mounted the flexible table 22. Both the flexible cover 7 and the flexible table 22 are formed of a series of interlocking members 23 mounted upon a flexible backing 24 of fabric or other material, (see Figs. 1 and 2). At the extreme end of the flexible table is preferably mounted a rigid ledge 25 which in its operative position is adapted to prevent books or other objects slipping from the table, and in its inoperative position is adapted to fit up snugly against the cap 6 of the desk (see Figs. 1 and 2).

When it is desired to close the desk the supplemental table being in its inoperative position, it is merely necessary to withdraw the flexible cover 7 from its housing 8 in the desk, permitting its ends to pass into the registering guideways 19—18 and 9, (Fig. 2), when the desk is closed and locked in the ordinary manner, (see Fig. 1).

If after opening the desk by pushing the cover 7 back into its housing 8 in the desk it should be desired to convert the desk into a book-keepers desk, it is merely necessary to raise each support 10 causing it to move upon its hinge 11, and support it at the proper elevation by withdrawing the leg 12 from its seat 17 permitting its reduced end 13 to seat in the hole 14 of the plate 15, and then withdraw the flexible supplemental table 22 from its housing 21 causing the ends of its flexible members 23 to pass into the registering guideways 20 and 18. The supplemental table is moved to its inoperative position by forcing it back into its housing 21, and unseating the legs 12 per-

mitting the supports 10 to be moved back to the side pieces 5 where they are preferably held against accidental displacement by means of pivoted hooks 26 mounted on the side pieces 5 cooperating with pins 27 carried by the supports 10, (Fig. 1).

If desired, I may mount the support 10 by means of a link 28 pivoted at one end at 29 to the desk and its other end 30 fastened by means of screws or other suitable means 31 to the support 10 as shown in Figs. 6 and 7. I may also, instead of building the housing 21 directly into the desk make it in the form of a separate detachable casing 32 which may be removed from the cap 6 of the top of the desk, (see Fig. 5).

Having thus described this invention in connection with the illustrative embodiments thereof, to the details of which I do not desire to be limited, what is claimed as new and what is desired to be secured by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

1. A roll-top desk having a flexible cover, side pieces each formed with a guide groove having a substantially straight portion, each of said side pieces comprising a movably mounted support containing the straight portion of said guide groove, each of said supports being pivoted to the corresponding side piece and the upper end of said support and cooperating face of said side piece having curved faces to remain in cooperation as said support is swung about its pivot, a pivoted leg mounted in a rabbet in each side piece to hold the corresponding support in raised position, said desk having a regular flexible cover mounted in a guide to cooperate with the guides in said supports in closing the desk when said supports are lowered into closed position against the side pieces and said desk having a supplemental flexible cover provided with an enlarged front ledge and operating in a guide which cooperates with the guides in said supports when in raised operative position.

2. A roll-top desk having side pieces each formed with a guide having a substantially straight portion, each of said side pieces comprising a movably mounted support carrying the straight portion of said guide, each of said supports being pivoted to the corresponding side piece and the upper end of said support and cooperating portion of said side piece having curved faces to remain in cooperation as said support is swung about its pivot, means to hold said supports in raised position, a regular flexible cover mounted in a guide in said desk to cooperate with the

guides on said supports in closing the desk when said supports are lowered into closed position and said desk having a supplemental flexible cover mounted in a guide which cooperates with the guides on said supports when in raised operative position.

3. A roll-top desk having side pieces each formed with a guide having a substantially straight portion, each of said side pieces comprising a pivoted support carrying the straight portion of said guide, a movable leg mounted in each side piece to hold the corresponding support in raised position, a regular flexible cover mounted in a guide in said desk to cooperate with the guides in said supports in closing the desk when said supports are lowered into closed position, and a supplemental flexible cover mounted in a guide in said desk which cooperates with the guides of said supports when in raised operative position.

4. A roll-top desk having side pieces each formed with a guide having a substantially straight portion, each of said side pieces comprising a movably mounted support carrying the straight portion of said guide, a flexible cover mounted in a guide in said desk to cooperate with the guides in said supports in closing the desk when said supports are lowered into regular closed position, and a supplemental cover mounted in a guide in said desk which cooperates with the guides of said supports when raised into operative position.

5. A roll-top desk having side pieces each formed with a guide, each of said side pieces comprising a movably mounted support carrying a portion of said guide, means to hold said supports in raised operative position, a cover mounted in a guide in said desk to cooperate with the guides in said supports in closing the desk when said supports are in lowered position and a supplemental flexible cover mounted in a guide in said desk to cooperate with the guides of said supports when in raised operative position.

6. A roll-top desk having side pieces each formed with a guide each of said side pieces comprising a movably mounted support carrying a portion of said guide, means to hold said supports in raised position, a cover to cooperate with the guides of said supports in closing the desk and a supplemental cover to cooperate with the guides of said supports when in raised position.

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