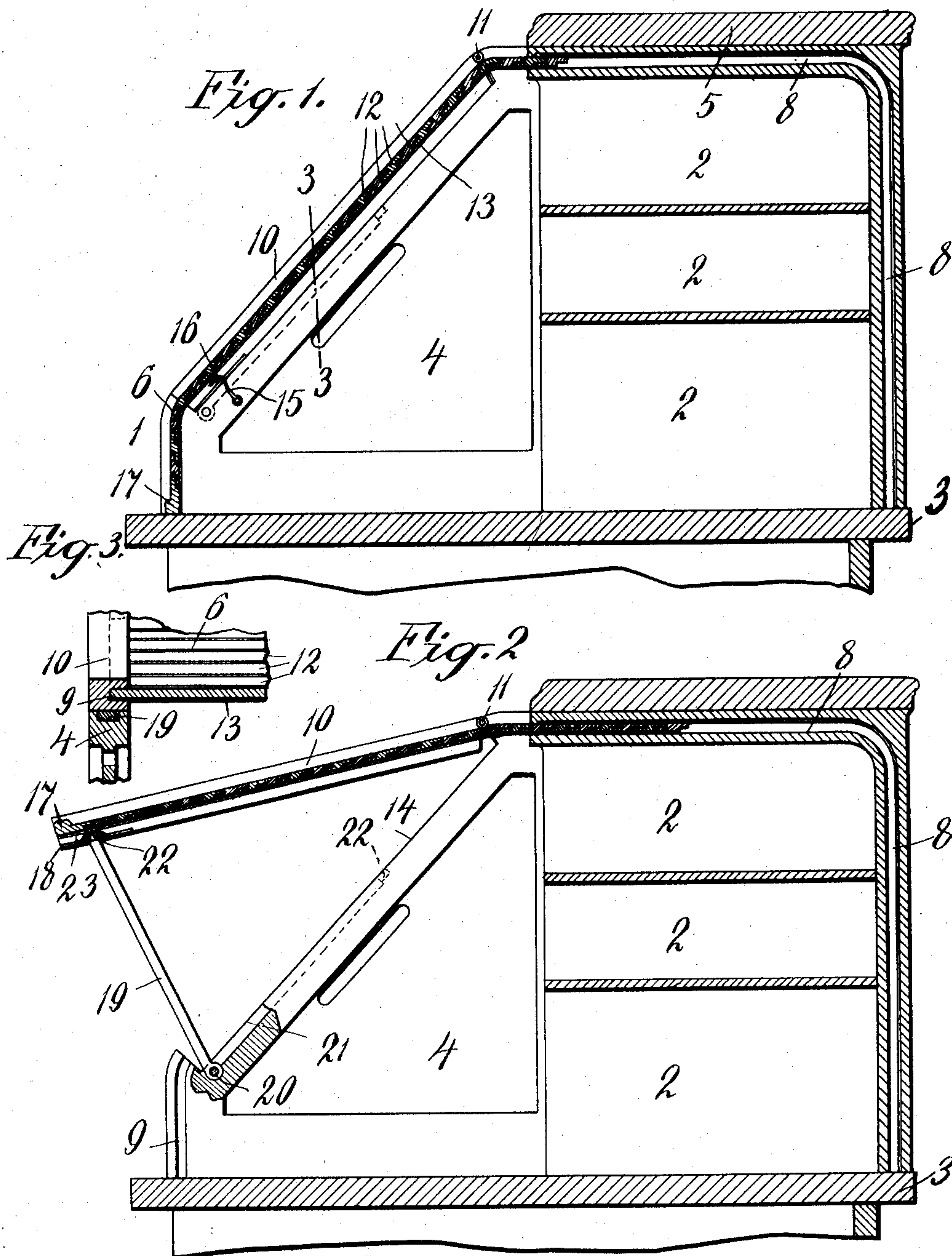


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To all whom it may concern:

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 accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to desks and especially to roll-top office desks which I adapt for book-keeping purposes by supporting the flexible cover of the desk at the proper elevation to form a supplemental book-keepers's table.

15 In the accompanying drawings showing illustrative forms of this invention, 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 flexible cover of the desk elevated to form a supplemental table. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

20 In the illustrative embodiment of this invention shown in the drawings, 1 is an ordinary roll-top desk having pigeon holes 2, 2, 2, a top 3, side pieces 4, 4, cap 5, flexible cover 6, and curved passages 8, 8 for the flexible cover 6 when in its rearward or inoperative position. Though I have only shown one side piece 4, it is to be understood, of course, that each desk has two such side pieces and therefore only one will be described, the other being a counterpart of it.

25 Each side piece has the ordinary groove or guide 9, Figs. 2 and 3, within which slide the ends of the slats forming the flexible cover 6. I preferably form each side piece 4 into two parts and make one portion or support 10 movable, with relation to the main portion of the side piece 4, by hinging it at 11. Within the support 10 lies a considerable portion of the guide 9 within which slide the ends of the slats 12 which are preferably mounted upon the fabric or other backing 13 to form the flexible cover 6.

30 When the desk is to be used in the ordinary manner, the cover 6 merely acting to close the desk, the support 10 lies in the cut-out portion 14 of the side 4 and is preferably locked in this position by means of the hook 15 mounted upon the side piece 4 cooperating with the pin 16 carried by the movable

member or support 10, all as shown in Fig. 1. When, however, it is desired to have an elevated table or desk for book-keeping purposes, it is merely necessary to unfasten the hook and pin 15, and 16, and to withdraw the support 10 from the recess 14, causing it to swing upon the hinge 11, it being, of course, understood that the cover 6 is either in the curved passages 8, 8 before the supports 10, 10 are elevated, or that the cover 6 has at least been elevated sufficiently to permit its end 17 to be flush with the surface 18 at the extreme end of the support 10.

35 The table or support 10 is held in its elevated position by means of a leg 19 pivoted at one end at 20 within the rabbeted portion 21 of the side 4, its other end having a reduced portion 22 adapted to fit in an opening in the plate 23 carried at the lower end of the support 10.

40 To permit of the flexible cover performing its ordinary function of closing the desk it is merely necessary to reverse the operation of the parts by withdrawing the end 22 of the leg 19 from the hole in the plate 23 and fold it into its rabbeted seat 21, permitting the support 10 to move upon its hinge 11, bringing the different portions of the groove 9 into alinement when the flexible cover 6 can be either pushed back into the curved passages 8, 8 or further extended to close the desk in the ordinary manner.

45 By my invention I am enabled to convert an ordinary roll-top desk into a book-keeper's desk in a few seconds. My invention furthermore is inexpensive and can be applied to any roll-top desk now in use.

50 Having thus described this invention in connection with the several illustrative embodiments thereof, to the details of which it is not of course 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 the ordinary flexible cover and curved guides, side pieces each formed of a plurality of parts, one of which is adapted to move relatively to the other to support the flexible cover of the desk in an elevated position, and means for holding the movable part of the side piece in such elevated position.

2. A roll-top desk having the ordinary flexible cover and curved guides, side pieces each having a groove to cooperate with the ends of the flexible cover, said side pieces

each being formed in two parts, one part being movable relatively to the other, and a leg to support the movable part in its elevated position.

- 5 3. A roll-top desk having the ordinary flexible cover and curved guides, side pieces each formed in two parts and pivotally connected together, one portion of each side piece having a rabbeted seat for the recep-
10 tion of a pivoted leg to be concealed therein, a leg pivoted to said side piece and mounted within said seat and adapted to support the movable part of the side piece in elevated position.
- 15 4. A roll-top desk having the ordinary flexible cover and curved guides, side pieces each formed in two parts and pivotally connected together, one portion of each side piece having a rabbeted seat for the recep-
20 tion of a pivoted leg to be concealed therein, a leg pivoted to said side piece and mounted within said seat and adapted to support the movable part of the side piece in elevated

position, and means to lock the parts of the two side pieces together.

- 25 5. A roll-top desk having a flexible cover, side-pieces each having a guiding groove having a substantially straight portion to cooperate with the ends of the flexible cover in closing the desk, each of said side pieces 30 having a movably mounted part comprising the straight portion of said guiding groove, and a leg to support the movable part in elevated position.

- 35 6. A roll-top desk having a flexible cover, side-pieces each having a guiding groove to cooperate with the ends of the flexible cover in regularly closing the desk, each of said side-pieces having a movable part comprising a portion of said guiding groove, and 40 means to support the movable part in elevated position.

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