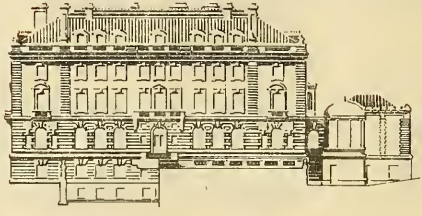


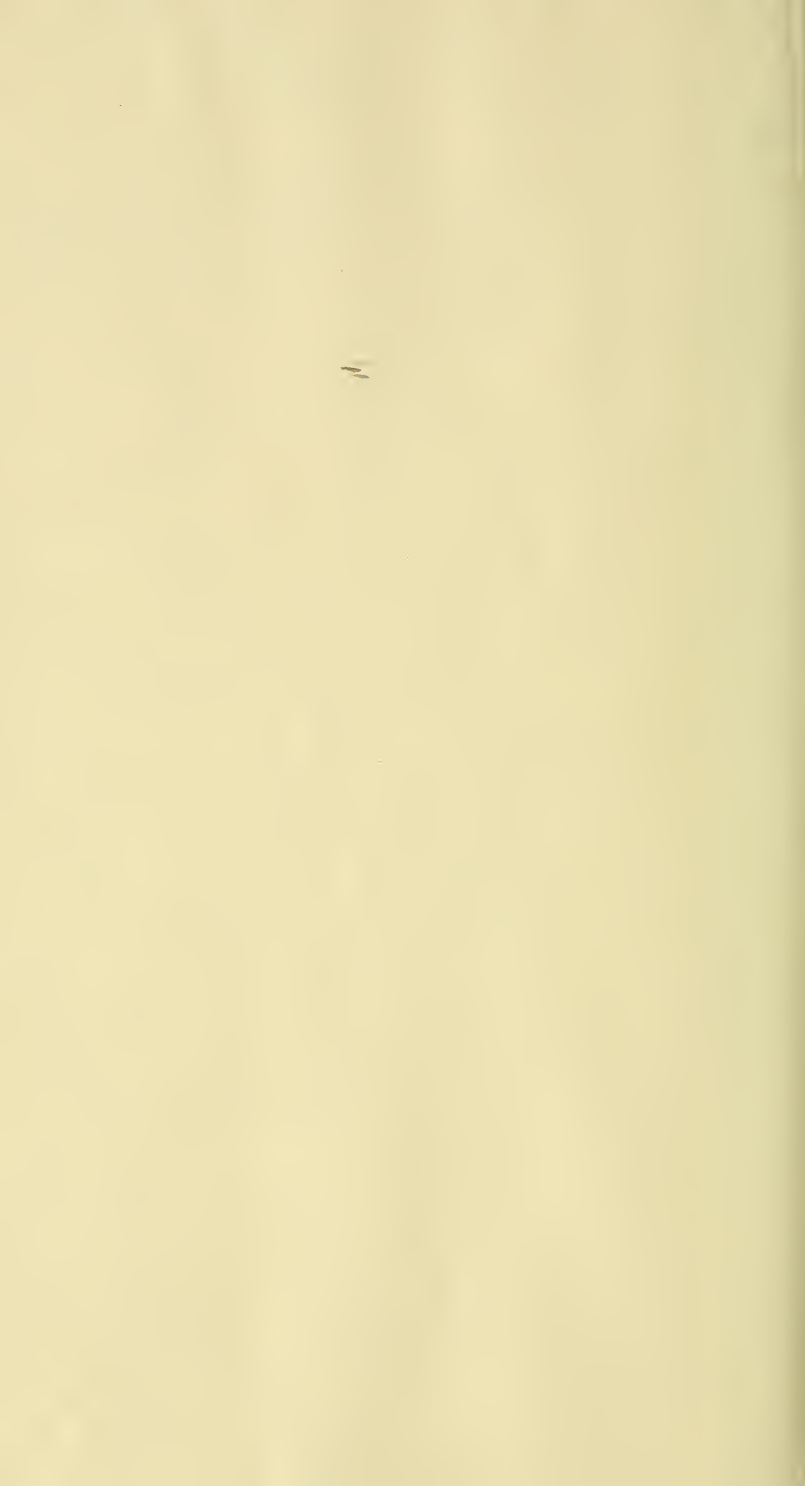


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## WOOTON'S PATENT

# Cabinet Secretaries

AND

## Rotary Office Desks,



DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED

BY

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# Introduction.

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**I**N presenting this, our Annual Catalogue, we take pleasure in calling attention to two remarkable inventions by Mr. W. S. Wooton, viz: The Cabinet Secretary and Rotary Office Desk, which are represented by the following illustrations. They are novel, complete, convenient and durable, and possess superior merit and advantages over all other desks.

For the past fifty years office furniture, and especially desks, have been constructed after old models, without any seeming study for improvement. These, however, are of entirely new designs—attracting much attention, rendering complete satisfaction, and rapidly coming into general use.

The unprecedented sale of these celebrated Desks in this and other countries, leads us to believe that they will produce a complete revolution in Office Desks.

Agencies have been established for their sale in the principal cities of the United States, and many of the leading countries of the world, making them conveniently accessible for examination by all desiring to inspect or purchase.

The accompanying engravings are correct and reliable, having been executed from photographs taken from standard sizes of the desks.

Price lists and further information furnished, on application. Address,

**The Wooton Desk Co.,**

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N. B. The undersigned CAUTION all persons against infringing upon the above named PATENTS, as all who may use the same without license from us are liable for damages, and will be prosecuted.

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## The Cabinet Secretary.

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**T**HE Secretary is entirely different from anything ever constructed before. It consists of three sections, the main case and wings or doors, which contain pigeon-holes, shelving, drawers, etc., convenient in arrangement and uniform in appearance. We manufacture four grades, the *Ordinary*, *Standard*, *Extra* and *Superior*, and three sizes of each grade. Its capacity is more than double that of any other desk manufactured, occupying the same floor space. Every division is within easy reach of the writer; the Secretary can be opened and closed in a moment, and when closed, the contents are secure from dust and intrusion. The lock which fastens the wings is the only one required.

The exterior cases are constructed of black walnut, polished French veneers and rich carvings, contrasted with black and gold, according to the grade.

The interior cases are of clear and beautiful woods, such as pine, poplar, maple, holly, satin wood, etc. with fine marquetry and inlaid borders. The hardware is made expressly to suit the requirements of each part, and is of ornamental Berlin bronze real solid bronze or gold enameled.

The writing leaf is supported by an ingenious automatic device, making it a perfectly solid table when in position for use. The letter-box is a convenience which has only to be used to be appreciated. The filing boxes in the wings are another convenience, and are furnished with a uniform set of labels in the grades named in the description.


These are a few of the many advantages of the Secretary. We will mail a large descriptive catalogue with full information, to parties interested, and shall continue to add any and all real improvements as they suggest themselves.

The demand in this country and Europe is steadily increasing. It is our aim to stand at the head in our line, and make our work a synonym of utility, durability and elegance.

# DESCRIPTION.

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**T**HE Secretaries are built of clear black walnut lumber, selected with great care, seasoned thoroughly, and constructed by the most thorough mechanics, in a substantial manner. All work guaranteed as represented, and first class in every respect.

 Cased, marked and delivered at the depot where manufactured, free of charge, at prices named.

## THE ORDINARY GRADE

Is the cheapest and plainest desk we manufacture of this design; it is made, however, of good material, and possesses most of the advantages of the other grades; is furnished with Berlin bronze hardware, double spring four tumbler lock.

Prices—No. 1, \$100 · No. 2, \$110; No. 3, \$120

## THE STANDARD GRADE

Is handsomely constructed throughout. The interior is composed of light and dark wood, nicely shaded and in fine contrast with the exterior, which has raised panels laid in veneers, finished in French polish, furnished with Berlin bronze hardware, NEW PATENT BANK LOCK, spring letter plate and box, sliding brace, and a full set of improved filing boxes in right hand door.

Prices—No. 1, \$135; No. 2, \$150; No. 3, \$165.

## THE EXTRA GRADE

Is an elegant piece of furniture. The exterior is handsomely paneled and finished with French veneers in beautiful style. The interior is of maple, Spanish cedar, or similar wood, in full harmony with the exterior. Furnished with full bronze hardware, NEW PATENT BANK LOCK, spring letter plate and box, and a full set of improved filing boxes in right hand door.

Prices—No. 1, \$200; No. 2, \$225; No. 3, \$250.

## THE SUPERIOR GRADE

Is an elaborate cabinet, elegantly decorated externally with appropriate designs and carvings, and ornamented with marquetry in splendid style. The interior finish is of holly or satin wood trimmed with ebony. Furnished with gold enameled hardware, NEW PATENT BANK LOCK, spring letter plate and box, and a full set of improved filing boxes in right hand door.

Prices—No. 1, \$500; No. 2, \$600; No. 3, \$750.



## DIMENSIONS.

### INSIDE MEASUREMENTS.

| No. | Depth of Body.   | Depth of Wings   | Size of Pigeon Holes.             | Size of Upper Book Space. | Height of Lower Book Space. | Size of Lower Drawers. | Size of Upper Drawers              |
|-----|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|     | IN.              | IN.              | IN.                               | IN.                       | IN.                         | IN.                    | IN.                                |
| 1   | 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ | 13                        | 19 $\frac{1}{4}$            | 14 x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$   | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 $\frac{3}{8}$  |
| 2   | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10               | 4 x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$               | 15 $\frac{1}{4}$          | 19 $\frac{1}{4}$            | 15 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ |
| 3   | 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ | 17 $\frac{3}{4}$          | 19 $\frac{1}{4}$            | 16 x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$   | 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ |

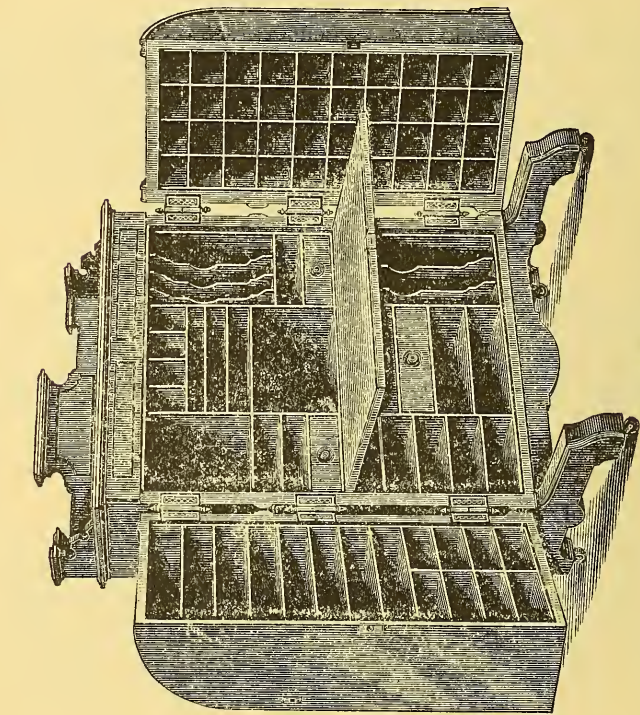
### OUTSIDE MEASUREMENTS.

| No. | Height.                    | Width.                    | Depth.                    | Height of Guard      |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | 4 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.  | 3 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. | 2 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. |
| 2   | 4 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | 3 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | 2 ft. 7 in.               | 14 in.               |
| 3   | 5 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.  | 3 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | 2 ft. 8 in.               | 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. |

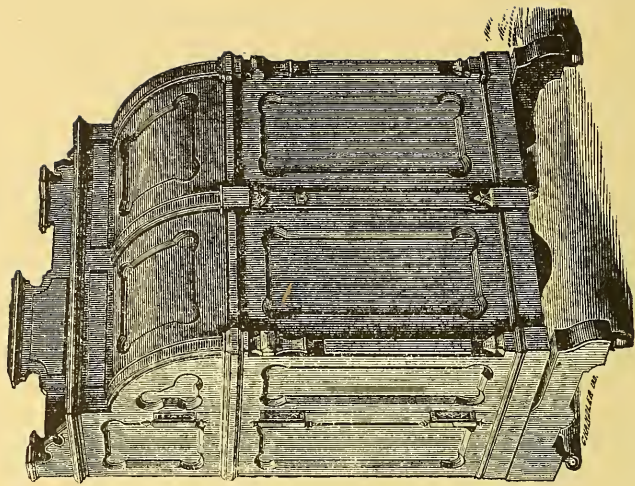
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 B. C. BROWN, San Francisco, Cal., Rotunda Merchants' Exchange.  
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 F. T. GILLET, Rio de Janeiro.  
 J. F. HAYDEN, Boston, Mass., 74 Devonshire street.  
 C. C. CHADWICK, Columbus, Ohio, 109 North High street.  
 B. H. BAYLES, Denver, Colorado, 351 Larimer street.  
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 GEO. P. DAVIS, New Orleans, La., 35 Carondelet street.  
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 MATTHEWS BROS. & CO., Milwaukee, Wis., 413 Broadway street.  
 SOULE, THOMAS & WENTWORTH, St. Louis, Mo., 208 S. Fourth st.  
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Ordinary Grade, (Three Sizes.)



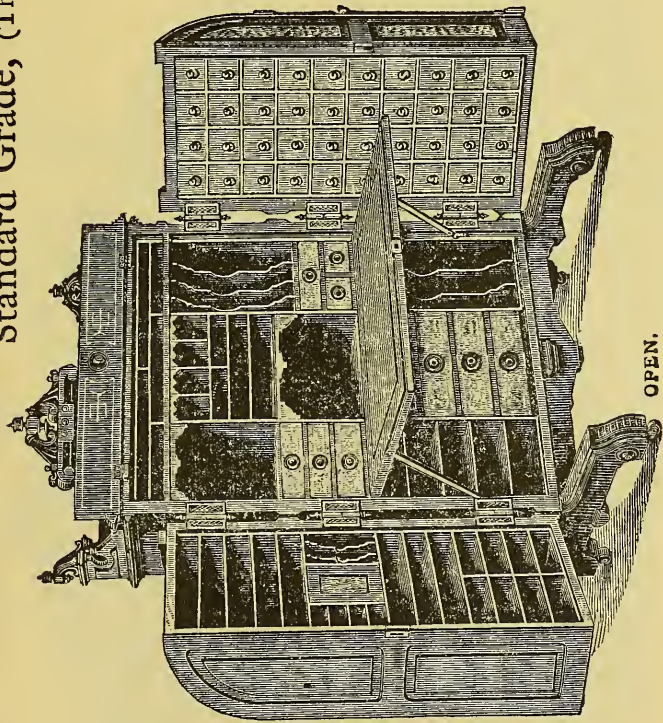
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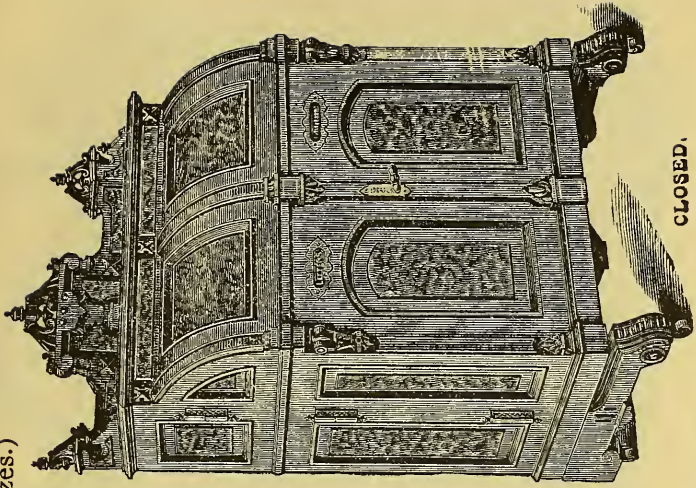
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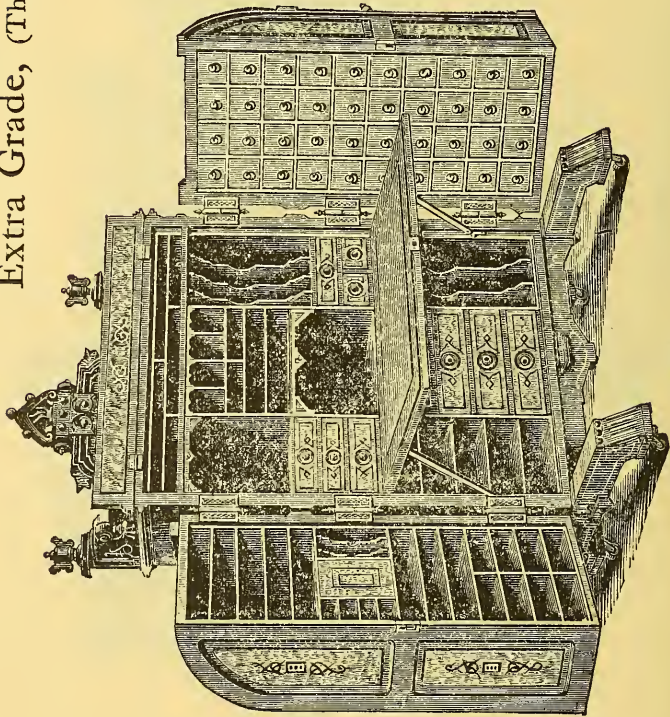


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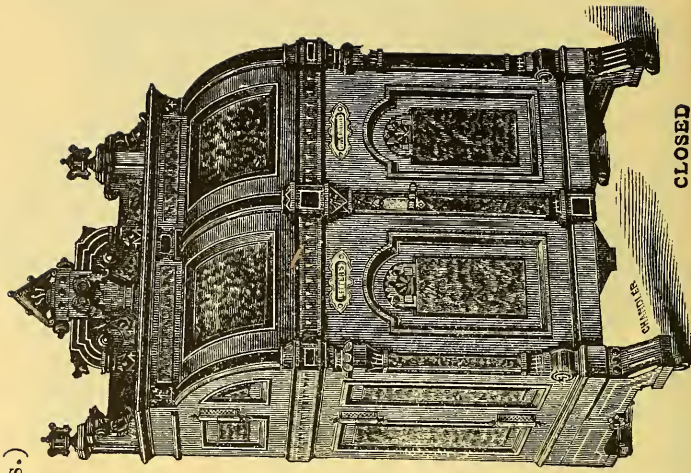
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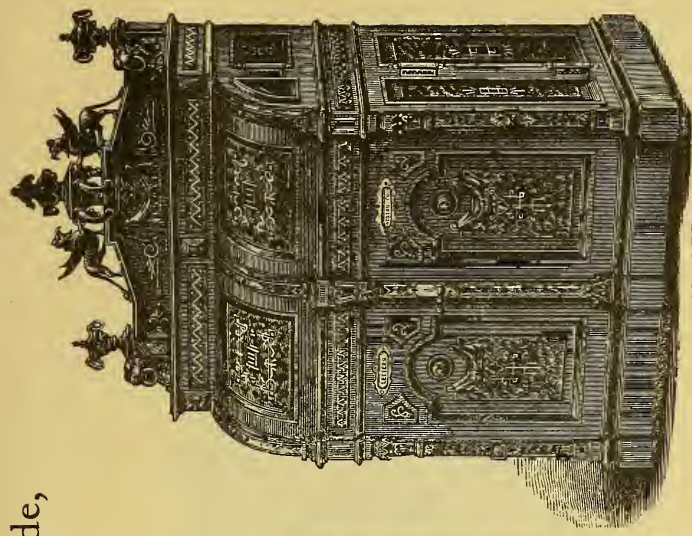
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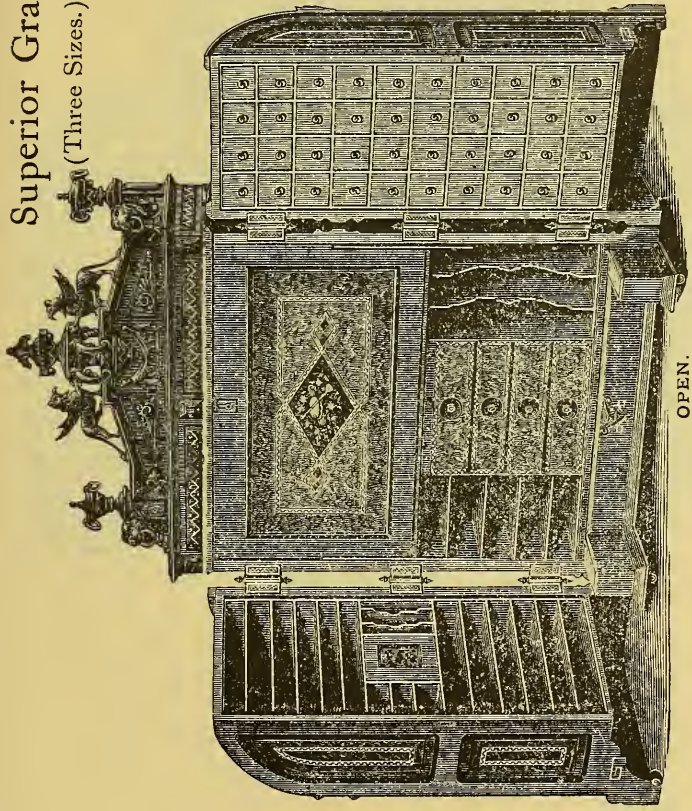
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Superior Grade,  
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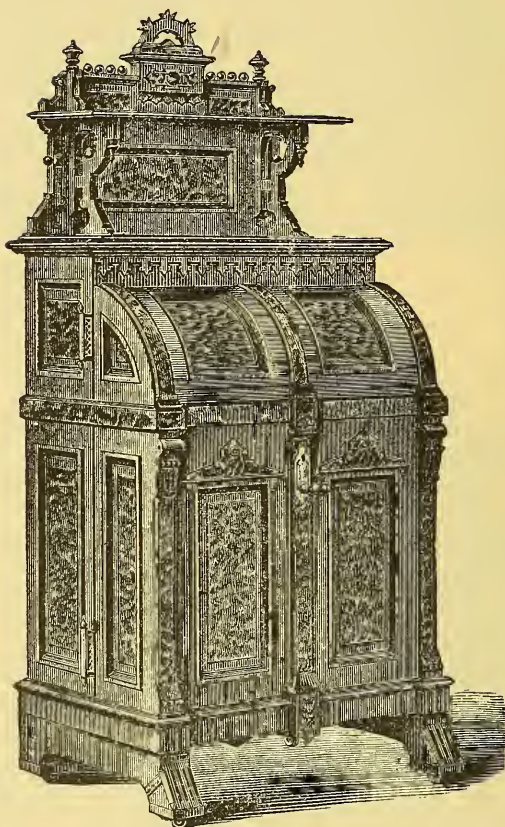


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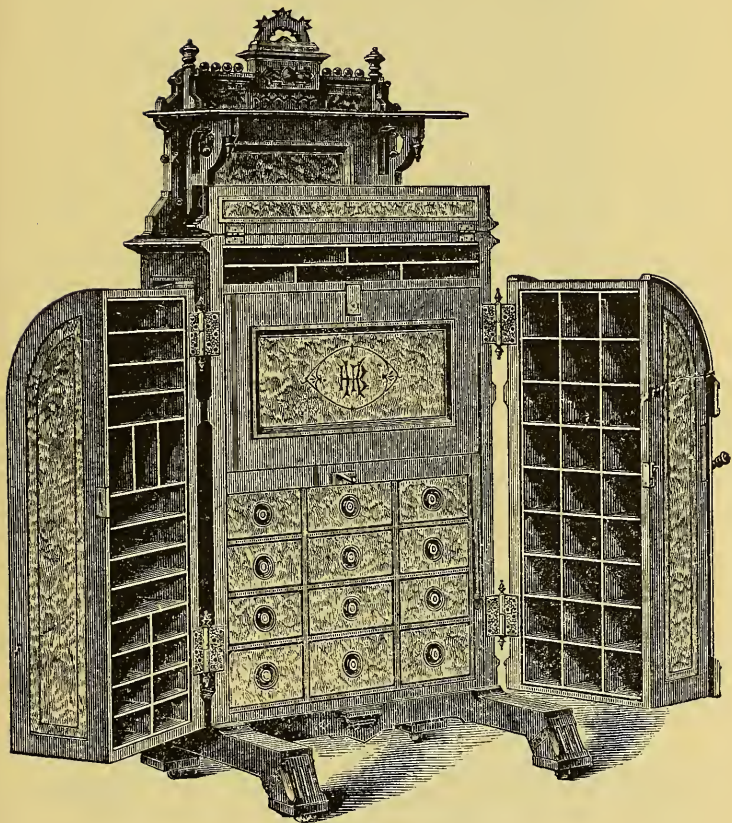
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# The Rotary Desk.

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**T**HIS is an ingenious device, a perfect model of convenience, the main features of which may be attached to all grades of desks constructed with piers. By reference to the accompanying engravings, it will be seen that the space of the lower part is brought forward to the operator by rotating cases, pivoted substantially, so as to revolve with perfect freedom.

In the old style desk, fully one-half of this space is entirely lost, or only partially accessible by means of doors at the ends: this improvement at once transforms it into a model office desk. Nearly all of the so-called improvements in office desks are merely an addition of complicated slides, levers, etc., liable to get out of order and finally cast aside as worthless; on the other hand, the *Secretaries* and *Rotary Desks* are simple and durable. Their operation is as simple as the opening and closing of a door, and there is nothing that can possibly become impaired with anything like fair usage.

These desks are well adapted to the wants of those whose business does not require the capacity of the Cabinet, and being sold at as favorable prices as the old, inconvenient styles, brings them within the reach of all, and offers a rare opportunity for every one to secure an article much needed and sought for, *an appropriate, convenient desk.*

## DESCRIPTION.

The Rotary Desks are made of first class material, the lumber being carefully selected, thoroughly seasoned, and are constructed by competent mechanics only. They are finished in two grades, which correspond with the Standard and Extra Grades of the Cabinet Secretary. Dimensions as follows

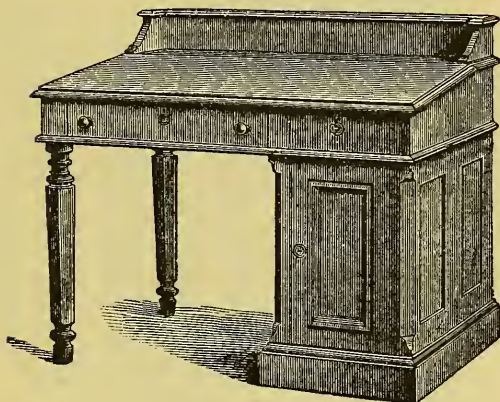
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| No. 5, length, closed, 3 feet 6 inches.  | No. 5, length, open, 4 feet 6 inches.  |
| No. 6, length, closed, 4 feet 6 inches.  | No. 6, length, open, 6 feet 6 inches.  |
| No. 7, length, closed, 5 feet.           | No. 7, length, open, 7 feet.           |
| No. 8, length, closed, 4 feet 8 inches.  | No. 8, length, open, 6 feet 8 inches.  |
| No. 9, length, closed, 3 feet 8 inches.  | No. 9, length, open, 4 feet 8 inches.  |
| No. 10, length, closed, 4 feet 8 inches. | No. 10, length, open, 6 feet 8 inches. |

Pigeon-holes are uniformly twelve (12) inches in depth.

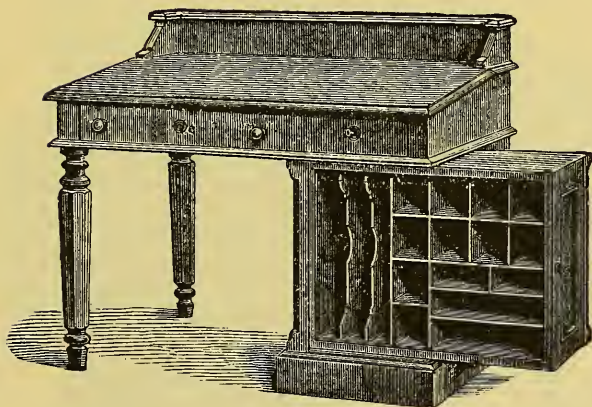
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# No. 5 Rotary Desk.

SINGLE PIER—OFFICE—STANDARD GRADE.



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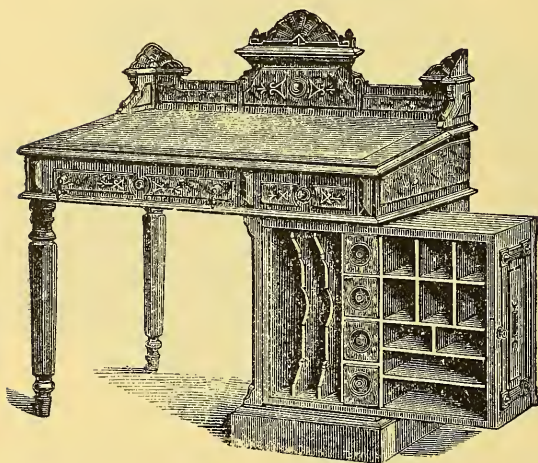


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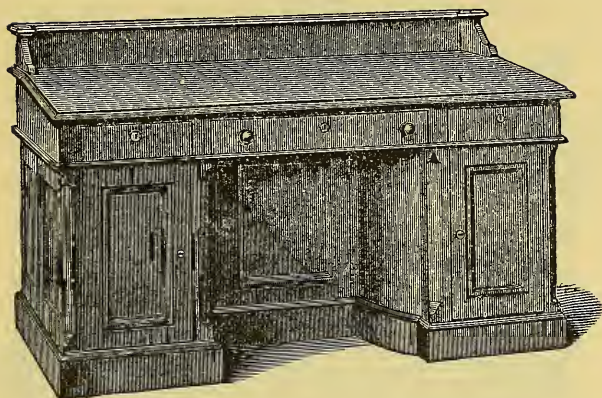
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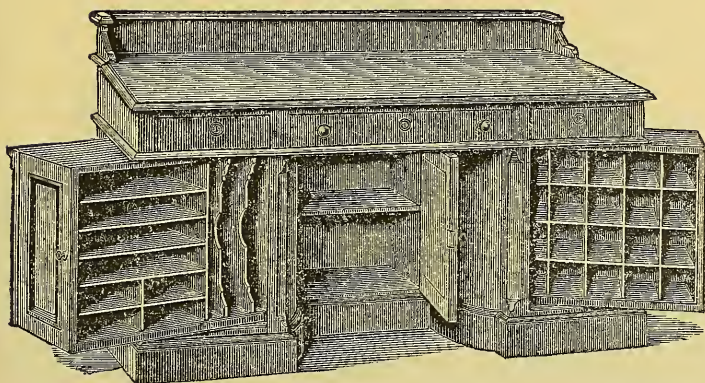


# No. 6 Rotary Desk.

DOUBLE PIER—OFFICE—STANDARD GRADE.



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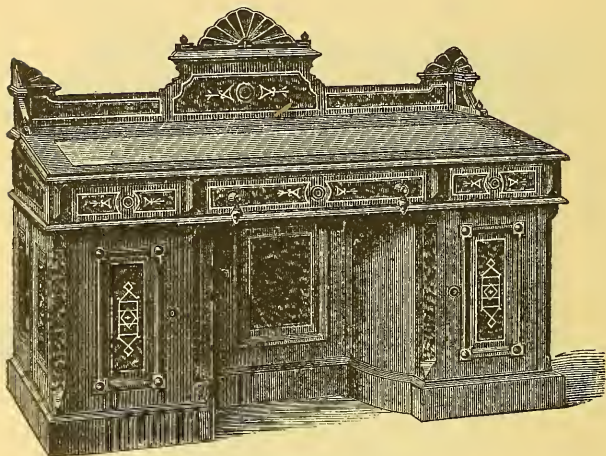


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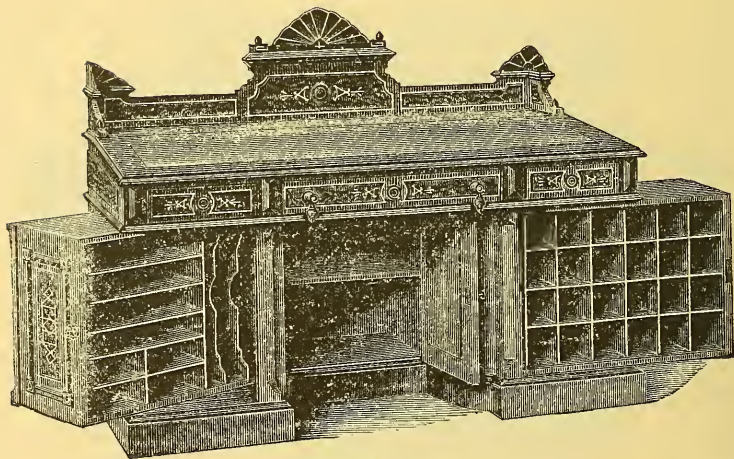
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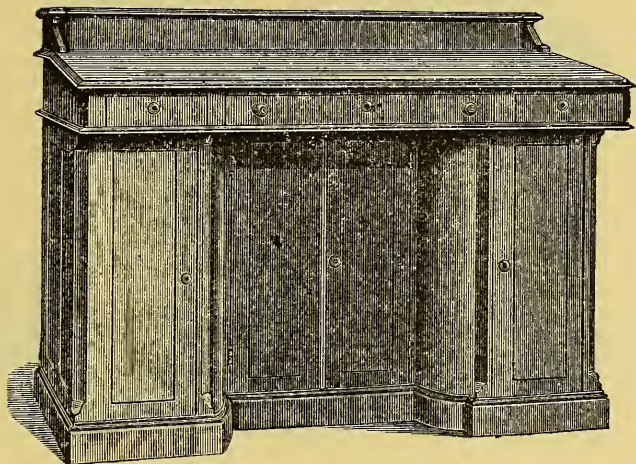


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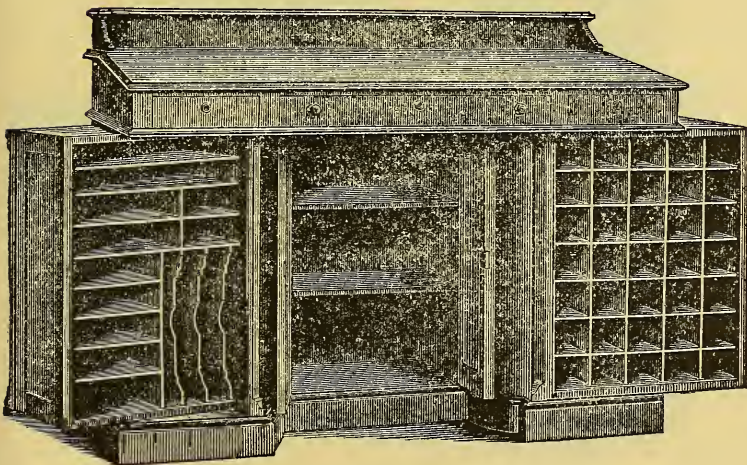
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# No. 7 Rotary Desk.

DOUBLE PIER—CASHIER'S—STANDARD GRADE.



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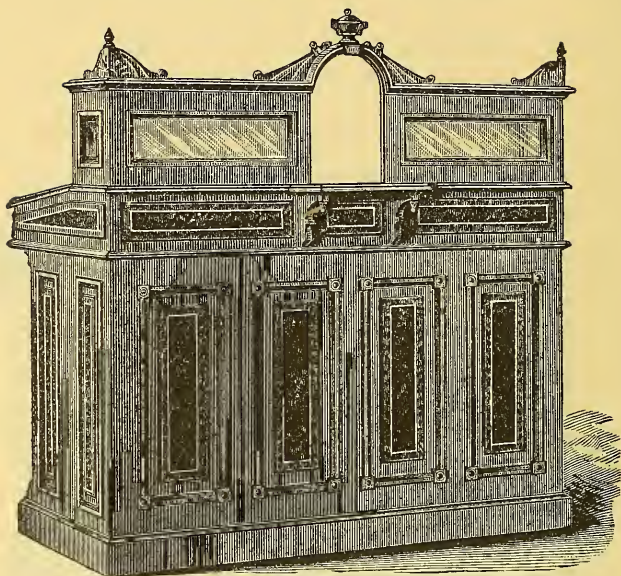
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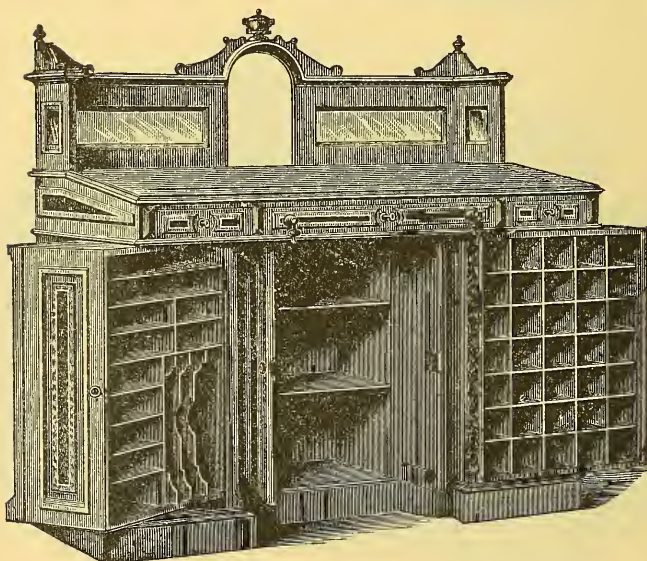


# No. 7 Rotary Desk.

DOUBLE PIER—CASHIER'S—EXTRA GRADE.



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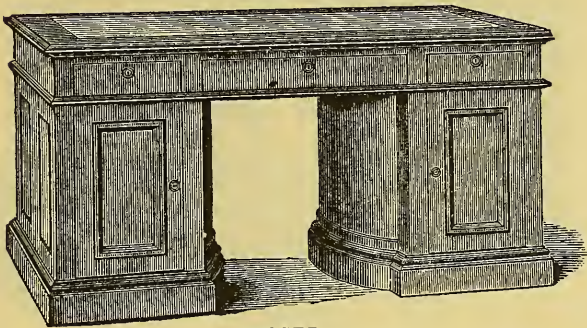


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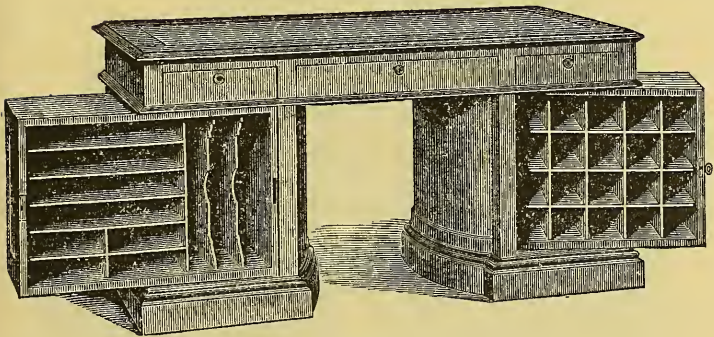
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DOUBLE PIER—COUNTING-HOUSE—STANDARD GRADE.



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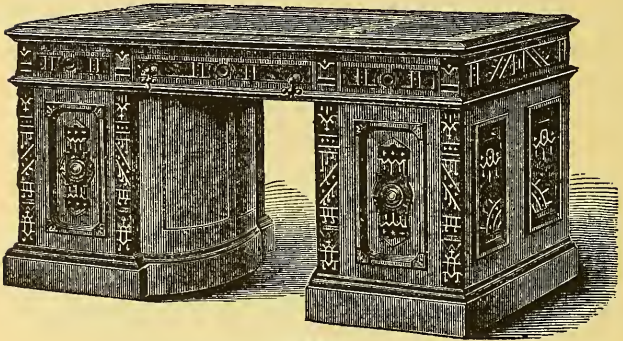
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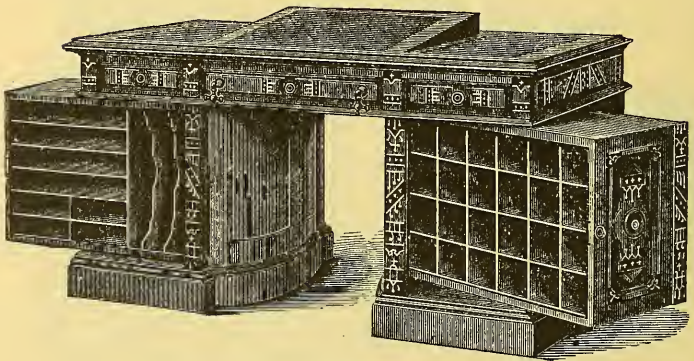


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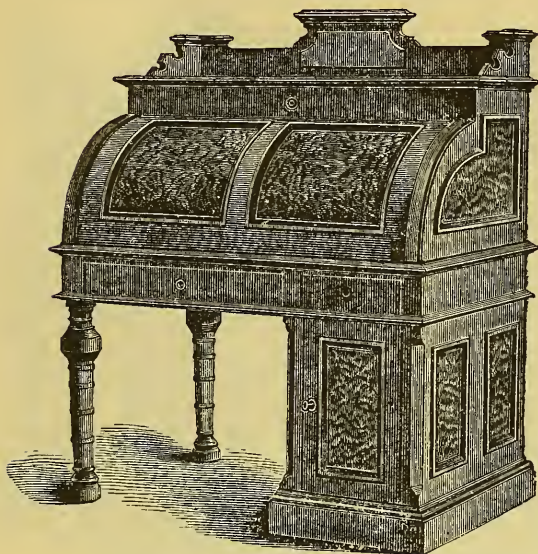


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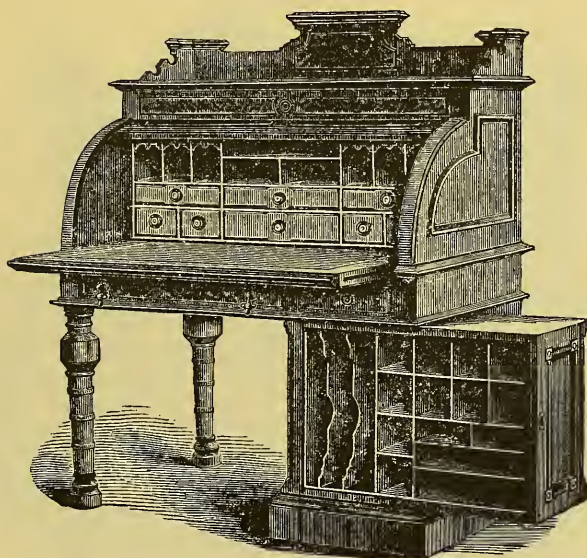
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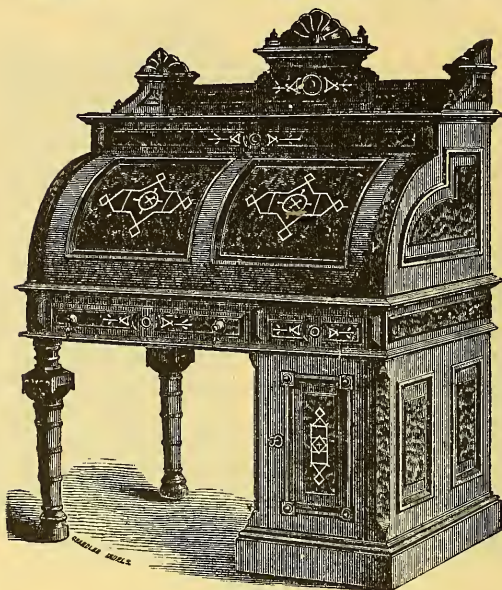


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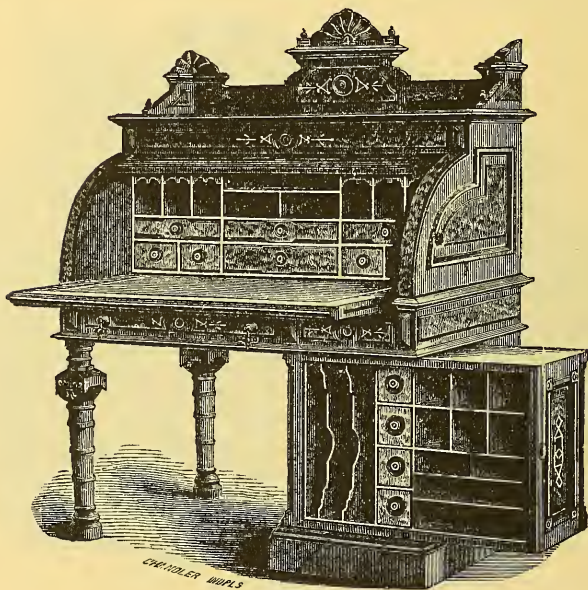
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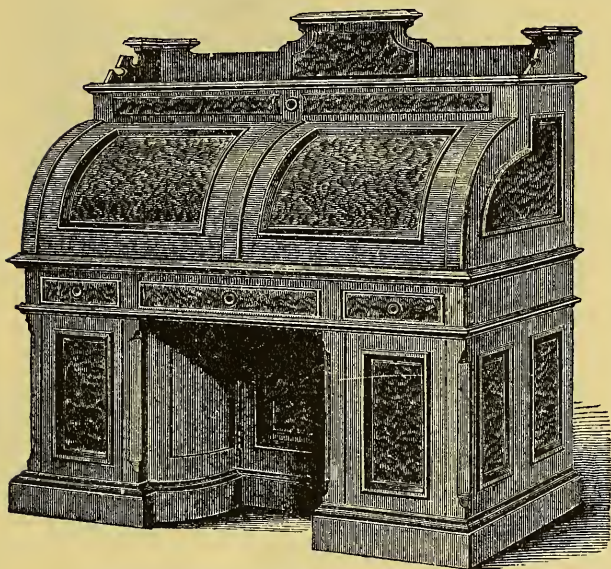
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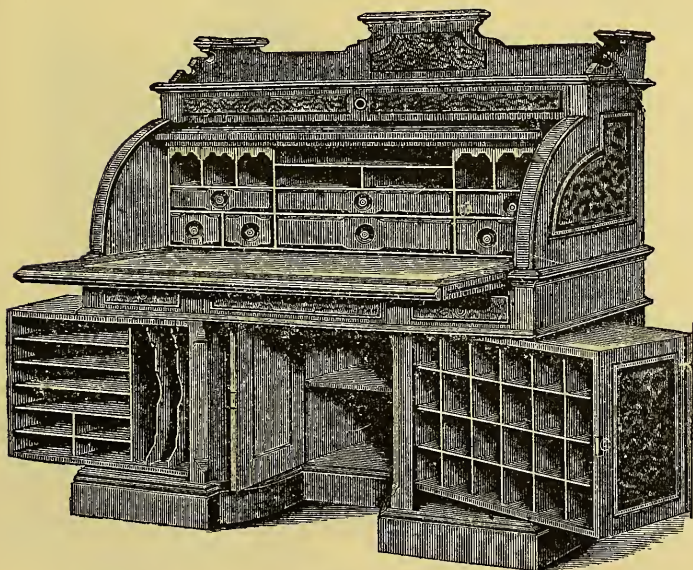


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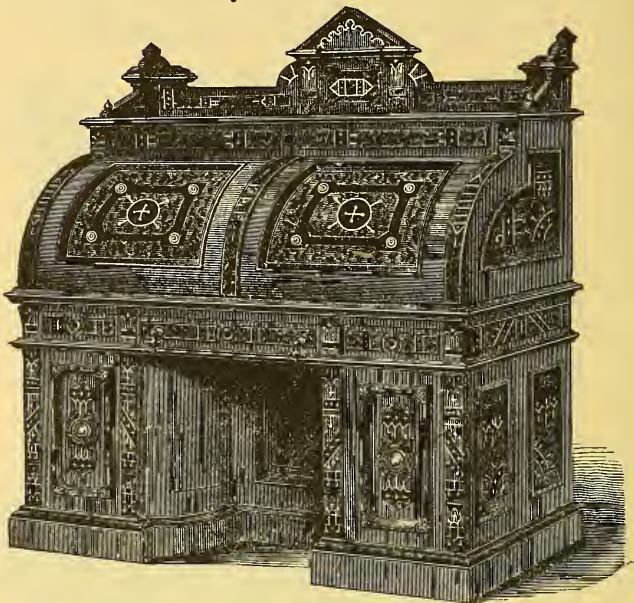
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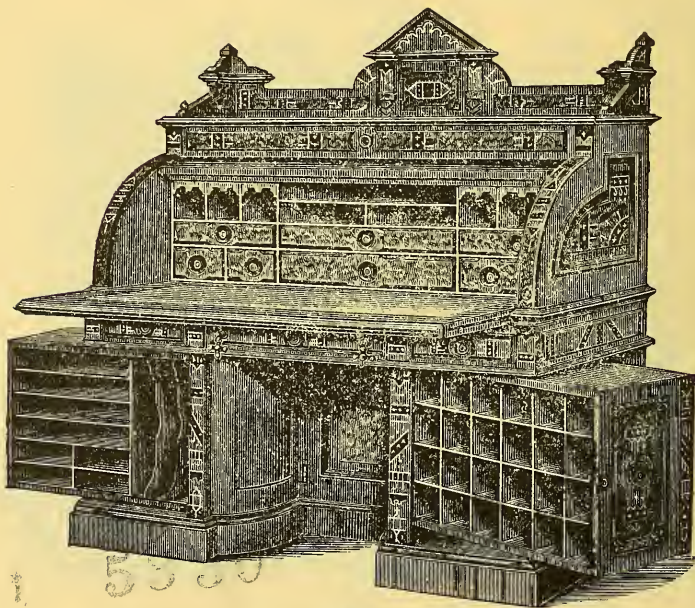
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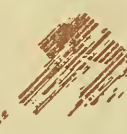
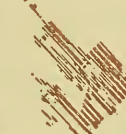
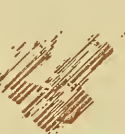
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