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(54) **A piece of office furniture**

(57) The invention relates to a piece of office furniture comprising a tabletop (10) and legs (2) supporting the tabletop. The individual elongated legs are connected to separate tubes (9) interconnecting the legs and supporting the tabletop. The tabletop is detachably secured to the tubes by means of quick-acting fasteners (90). The elongated legs may be built up of parts which are telescopically movable and adjustable relative to each other. Two legs may thereby be connected to a tube (8) extending between the legs, which tube is coupled to said two legs by means of corner pieces (5), which have ends that fit in the legs and in the tube.

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1. claims 1 to 6:

A piece of office furniture, comprising a frame made of legs united by corner pieces and tubes supporting the tabletop. The tabletop is secured to the tubes by quick-acting fasteners.

2. claims 7 to 10:

Clamping piece for interconnecting two tubes crossing each other perpendicularly.

3. claims 11 to 14:

Flexible straps for connecting the tabletop to a tube.

4. claims 15 to 19:

Making of the legs.

5. claim 20:

Legs with corner support.

6. claims 21-23:

Tabletop provided with a cable duct.

7. claims 24 to 28:

Cable guide made of a plurality of interconnected links.

8. claims 29 to 32:

Tabletop with attached pivoting shelf.

9. claims 33 to 36:

Coupling means to be secured to a flange of a leg.