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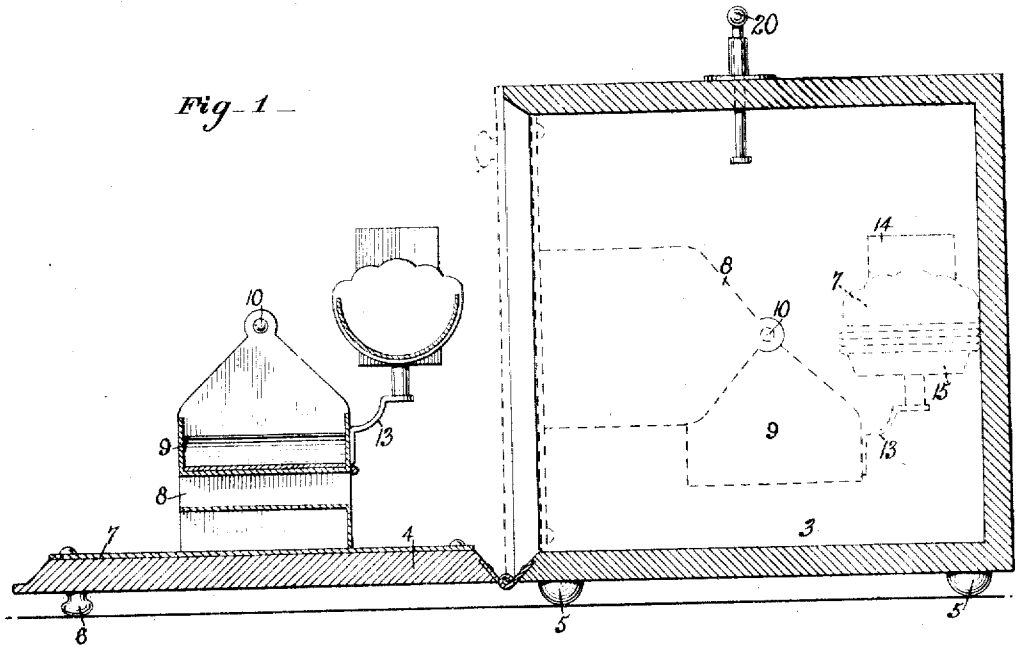
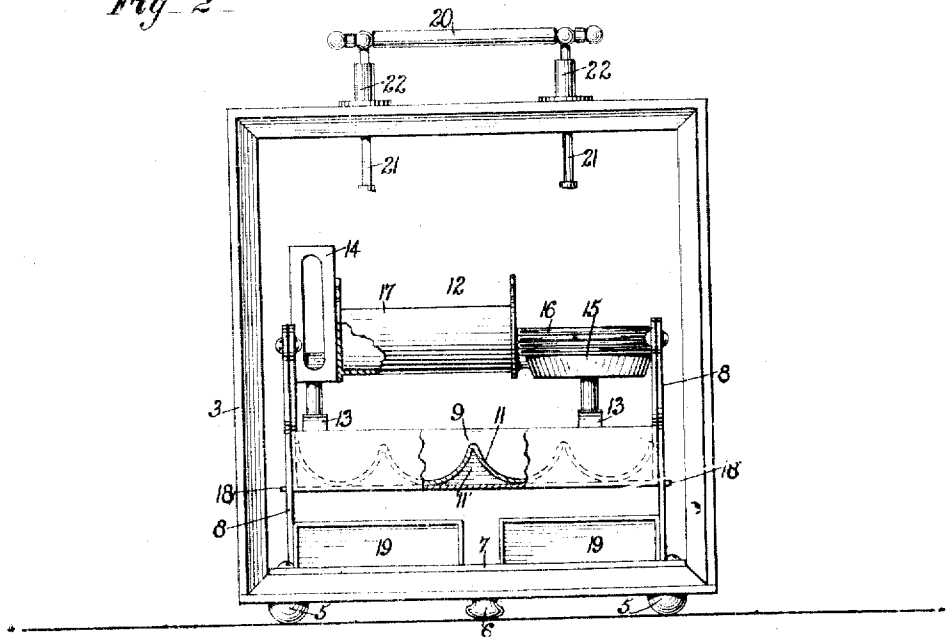


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY H. TURCHIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a cabinet which forms a smoker and poker outfit.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, convenient and inexpensive cabinet which is characterized by a card carrier secured to the door, and which carrier has a swinging basket for chips, the basket carrying a smoker's outfit, and the whole being balanced so that the basket and smoker's outfit are maintained always in a vertical position when the door is moved to close or open the cabinet.

Other characteristics of the invention will appear as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of the application, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a section through the cabinet embodying my invention, the same being shown in a position where the outfit is exposed by the open door, the dotted line in said figure showing the position of the outfit when the cabinet is closed; and

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the cabinet when the same is open, certain parts of the structure being broken away to show the details of construction.

Referring to the drawings, 3 is the cabinet one side 4 of which is hinged at the bottom and serves as a door for the cabinet. The bottom of the cabinet is preferably provided with lugs 5 the height of which is substantially equal to the height of a knob 6 at the top of the door, so that the door when open is on a level with the bottom of the cabinet. A plate 7 is preferably secured to the inside of the door. Standards 8 rise from the plate 7 substantially in the central transverse plane of the door and far enough to the edge to easily enter into the cabinet 3. A basket 9 is suspended by pivots 10 from the top of the standards to swing therebetween. The basket has an undulated bottom which forms a series of compartments having rounded bottoms into which chips may be placed. As shown, there are four compartments for

chips. The space between the false bottom 11 and the bottom is filled with some heavy material 11' which balances the smoker's outfit 12 secured to one side of the basket by arms 13.

The outfit has at one end a match-box housing 14, at the other end, an ash-tray support 15 on which ash trays 16 are carried to be distributed to the smokers who play cards. Between the housing 14 and the ash-tray support 15 a receptacle 17 is provided, the shape of which depends on whether it is to accommodate cigarettes, tobacco or cigars. To prevent oscillation of the basket 9 when matches, cigarettes or trays are handled on the outfit, projections 18 are provided near the bottom of the basket which engage the rear edges of the standards. The engagement of these projections with the standards also prevent oscillation of the basket when opening the door.

The basket is so mounted on the standards that the same clears card pockets 19 provided on the plate 7 between the standards. These card pockets 19 preferably open toward the upper edge of the door 4. This facilitates the removal of the cards from the pockets when the cabinet is open and also prevents the cards from falling out of the pockets when the cabinet is closed.

It will be noted that when the cabinet is closed the weight of the basket and the smoker outfit is disposed below the pivot 10 which is in the central transverse plane of the door and, in consequence, the tendency of the weight is to maintain the door closed, thereby eliminating the necessity for closing means on the door. To open the door an effort is required to overcome the resistance caused by the peculiar position of the basket when the cabinet is closed.

To facilitate the handling of the cabinet a handle 20 is provided which is mounted to slide in and out of the top of the cabinet. For this purpose sliding bars 21 are connected to the handle which pass through bearings 22 provided on the top of the cabinet. Normally the handle proper is moved against the bearings 22 so as to reduce the bulkiness of the handle above the cabinet. On the other hand, the sliding bars permit sufficient clearance for the hand when the handle is gripped to carry the cabinet.

The excess weight in the bottom of the

basket maintains the basket and the smoker's outfit always in a vertical position and thereby prevents the spilling of the cigarettes, matches or trays during the displacement of the door.

I claim:

1. A cabinet having a door hinged near the bottom of the cabinet, standards near the side edges of the door on the inner surface of the same, and a basket pivotally connected to said standards, said basket being weighted near the bottom so that the center of gravity of same is comparatively low, whereby when the cover is moved to the closed position it

is retained thereat by the weight of the basket swung from the standards.

2. A cabinet having a door hinged at the bottom edge, standards on the inner face of the door near the side edges, a basket pivotally suspended from said standards to swing therebetween when the door is moved to the open or the closed position, and means on the basket for engaging the standards so as to prevent the displacement of the basket on its pivots when pressure is applied to the inner edge of the basket when the door is open.

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