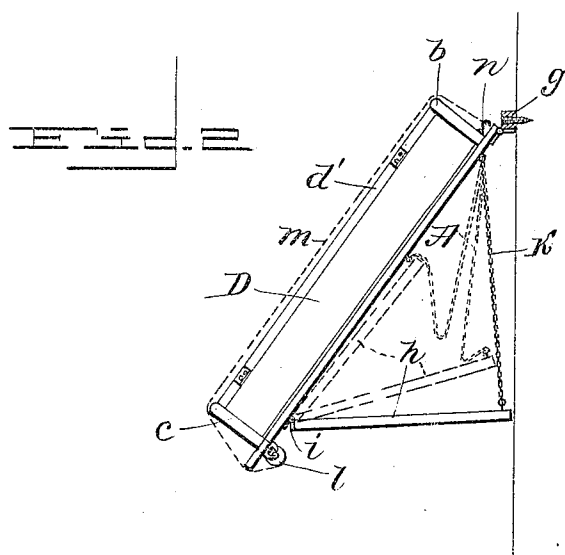
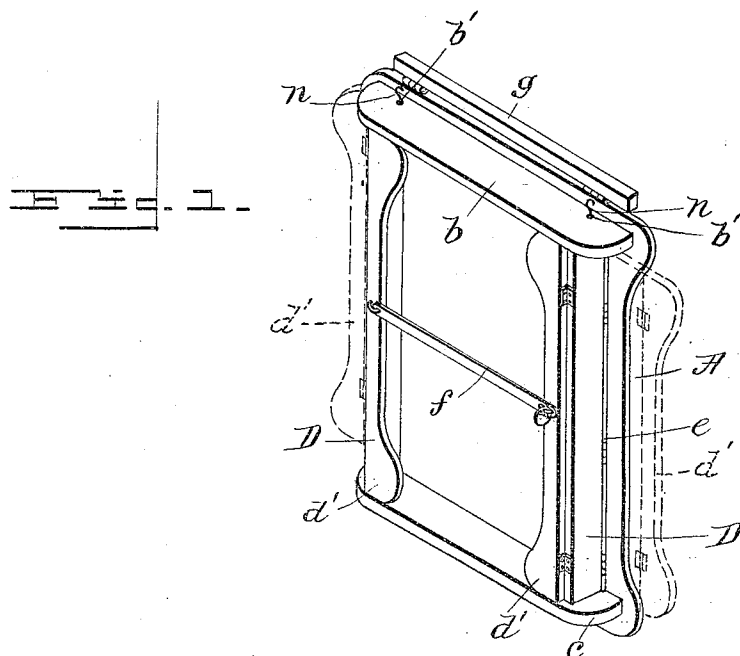


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY A. OWEN, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Portland, Multnomah county, and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a cabinet which may be affixed to the wall as found convenient, and which is adapted to contain an album, register, art work or other book used only occasionally, and in which such book or album may be securely kept when not in use. In this respect my invention will furnish special advantages for societies and lodges that meet at intervals only. Nearly all of these have either a visitor's register or album of members' photos, and the difficulty always presents itself to have these accessible on meeting nights. The same room being as a general rule used by several societies or lodges it is necessary that the property of each lodge or society be removed from the room and stowed away in its property closet until the next meeting night. The lodge's register or more particularly its album, if an expensive one, is frequently packed away with great care; and if it happens that the janitor is somewhat late at a subsequent meeting he will probably not have time to unpack such register or album and the same will not be used for that night; and the next meeting night something else may prevent the janitor from getting out the book, and so on until finally the same is not taken out at all except for special purposes, and the majority of members forget all about that which they may once have prized. And even if the register or album is regularly taken out the question arises where to find a convenient place on which to lay the same.

My invention is, therefore, designed to furnish a cabinet in which the book may be kept at all times when in use or not, thus combining a locker and desk in one, and further to adapt my cabinet to be enlarged in respect to the width thereof as may become necessary.

The features of my invention are shown in the accompanying drawings, referred to as a part hereof.

Figure 1 in this shows a perspective view of my cabinet, and Fig. 2 a side elevation illus-

trating the manner of attaching and using the same.

Referring now to the drawings A represents a board to which are secured by means of screws or otherwise two small boards *b*, *c*, constituting the top and bottom of my cabinet and two side pieces D all of which parts unite in forming the box of my cabinet. The side pieces D are attached to the board A by means of some suitable hinges *e*. I prefer to use a hinge of the style as patented to Eli Glover on November 25, 1879, under No. 222,033, the features of which are double hinge-stubs admitting of several hinges being readily attached to each other. The object of using a hinge of this style is to enable me to adapt my cabinet to a book of any thickness, and especially to that class of albums in which further leaves may be inserted from time to time to contain a greater number of photos. In order to enlarge my cabinet for the purposes specified I have but to pull out the pin fastening the hinge-stubs *e* together and to cut the lining, if the cabinet is lined, and then interpose one or several additional hinge plates of the class mentioned between the interior edge of said side pieces D and the board A. And in case the sides of my cabinet have thus been considerably enlarged the end pieces *b* *80* and *c* could be easily detached and substituted by others conforming to the width of such sides. Thus the same cabinet that has been purchased for an album adapted to be enlarged will contain such album no matter how much it may be subsequently enlarged. *b'* are holes bored through the board *b* to facilitate the withdrawal of the hinge pin of an adjustable hinge. Attached to the side-pieces D by suitable hinges are leaves *d'*, and *f* is a bar pivotally secured to one of such leaves and adapted to be locked to the other. The interior of all parts of my cabinet may be lined with some soft ornamental material such as plush, &c., and such lining adapted to cover the several hinge joints, so as to exclude dust. The leaves *d'* may also be made solid or integral with the side pieces D, if preferred, and such modification may even be found more practicable in the manufacture of my invention and will cause no inconvenience, for the leaves *d'* being but very narrow they

will not be in the way when the cabinet and the book contained therein is opened.

When the cabinet is closed it will appear as shown in Fig. 1, thus exposing the title of the book contained therein. When the book therein contained is to be used the bar *f* is unlocked and the side-pieces and leaves, *D*, *d'*, folded back, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 1, to serve as rests for the book when opened.

My cabinet is hinged at the top to a slat *g* affixed to the wall as convenient, so that such cabinet may be adjusted at any desirable incline by means of a rest or leg *h* hinged at *i* to the board *A*, and the loose end of which leg is suspended by a chain *k*.

To the lower part of my cabinet, on the back of the board *A*, I also affix a spring roller with curtain, *l*, which may be drawn over the open face of my cabinet, as indicated by the broken line *m*, and secured to hooks *n* when the cabinet is not in use, or while the room in which the same is contained is being swept, to protect the book contained therein from dust. When not in use the leg *h* is raised and the cabinet permitted to hang suspended against the wall, and it will consume but so little space that in lodge rooms several of them may be hung alongside of each other.

Now, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A cabinet consisting of a back-board *A*, hinged to a slat or other contrivance whereby said cabinet may be suspended, upper and lower end-pieces *b*, *c*, side-pieces *D* which are hinged to said back-board and which have leaves *d'* hinged to them, means for locking said side-pieces and their said leaves when

the cabinet is closed, and a contrivance by which such cabinet may be supported at a desirable incline, substantially as set forth.

2. A cabinet consisting of a back-board *A*, hinged to a slat or other contrivance whereby said cabinet may be suspended, upper and lower end pieces *b*, *c*, side-pieces *D* having leaves *d'* hinged to them and which said side-pieces *D* are hinged to the said back-board by hinges adapted to be enlarged so as to increase the depth of the cabinet as specified, means for locking said side-pieces and their said leaves when the cabinet is closed, and a contrivance by which such cabinet may be supported at a desirable incline, substantially as set forth.

3. A cabinet consisting of a back-board *A*, hinged to a slat or other contrivance whereby said cabinet may be suspended, upper and lower end-pieces *b*, *c*, side-pieces *D* which are hinged to said back-board and which have leaves *d'* hinged to them, means for locking said side-pieces and their said leaves when the cabinet is closed, a contrivance by which such cabinet may be supported at a desirable incline, and a suitable spring-roller curtain affixed to one end of such cabinet and adapted to be drawn over the face and secured to the opposite end thereof for the purposes specified, all in combination, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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