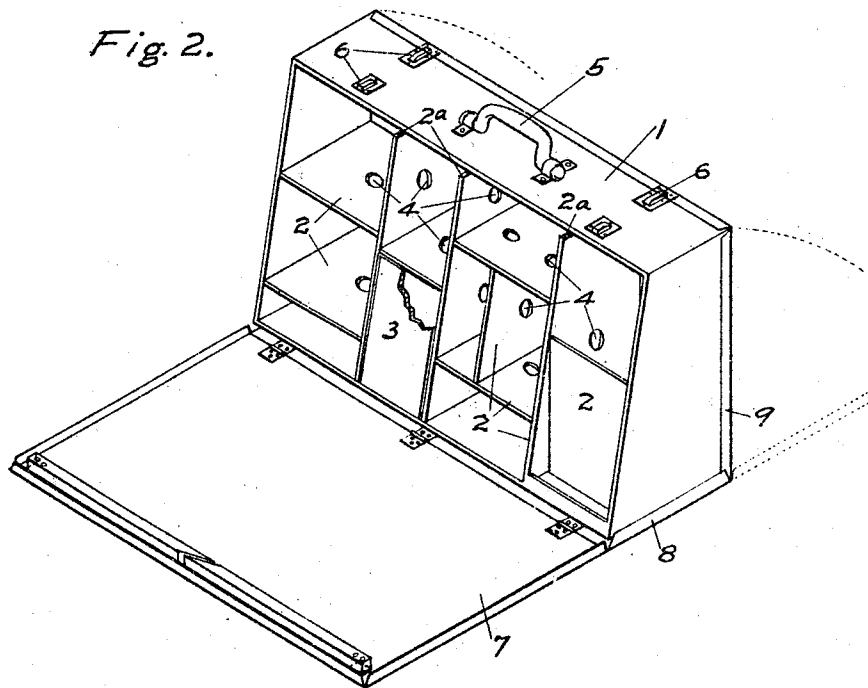
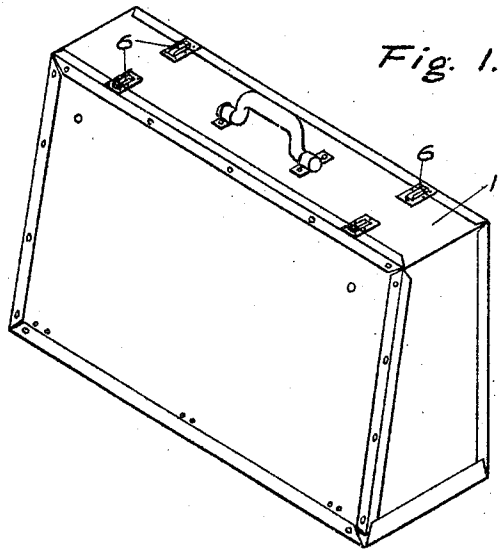


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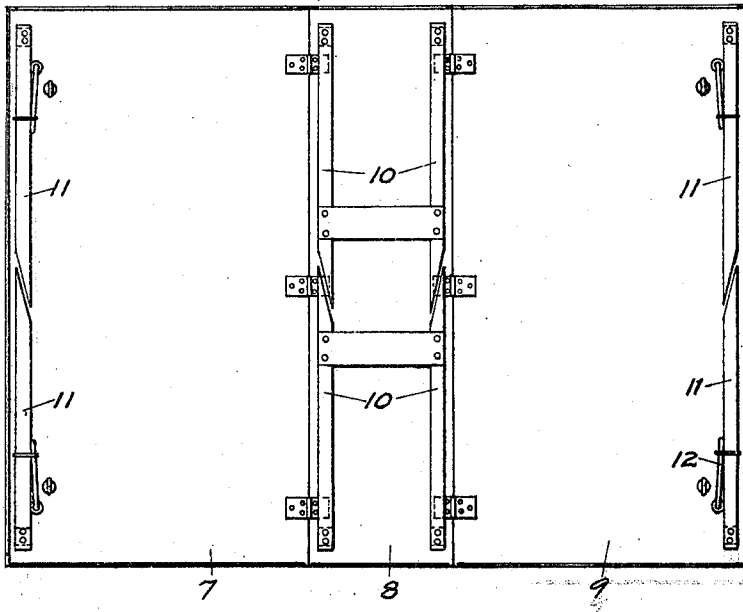


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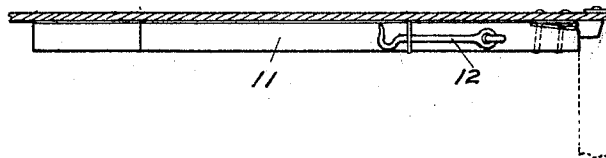
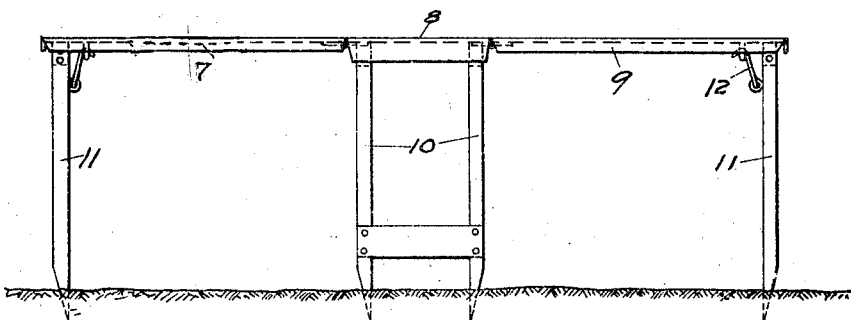


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST P. HOPWOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Cupboards and Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a combination cupboard and table especially designed and adapted for use by automobilists, and has among its salient objects,—to provide a portable combination cupboard and table adapted to be folded into such a compact and special form that it will fit closely up against the back of the front seat of an automobile without taking up too much of the room for the feet of the people occupying the back seat thereof; to provide in such a device a self-contained cupboard structure detachable bodily from the table structure, whereby it can be kept always in upright position and readily moved from place to place about the table for convenient access to the provisions stored therein; to provide in a device of the character referred to, a table structure adapted to be folded about said cupboard structure in such a way as to inclose the same and protect the food stuffs placed therein, and also capable of being opened out for use upon the ground as a table; to provide in combination with such a table, means for anchoring it in the ground when opened up for use, whereby it can be made comparatively rigid and readily set in a level position, and, in general, to provide a simple, practical, and portable combination structure of the character referred to.

In order that others may clearly understand my invention I have shown one practical embodiment thereof in the accompanying sheets of drawings, which I will now describe.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention in folded, portable condition;

Fig. 2 is a similar view with one side of the table structure opened down to expose the interior of the cupboard structure, and also showing a dotted line indication of how the opposite side of the table can be lowered;

Fig. 3 is a flat, underside view of the table structure after the cupboard structure has been lifted therefrom;

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the table structure in set-up condition; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary, sectional view showing one of the table legs in folded position in full lines and in open position in dotted lines.

Referring now more in detail to the drawings, my invention comprises two main structures, a cupboard structure and a table structure. The table structure is adapted to receive the cupboard structure, and to be folded at opposite sides about said cupboard structure in such a way as to inclose the same and make the whole device portable, with the cupboard structure in upright position at all times.

The cupboard structure comprises a rectangular box-like frame 1, of tapering form, as shown, open at its opposite sides, and provided with a series of partition members 2—2, dividing it into spaces or compartments of different sizes to receive the different articles to be placed therein. Provision is also made for a metal container 3, into which ice may be placed, or which can be used for other things, if it is not desired to use ice on any particular trip. The partition members 2—2, are provided with openings 4, whereby to permit a free circulation of the cold air from the ice through the interior of the cupboard structure. Said cupboard structure is also provided on its top with a handle 5, by means of which it can be lifted from place to place in upright position, and by means of which the whole device is carried. Latch members 6—6, are also provided upon said cupboard structure for a purpose hereinafter referred to.

The table structure is composed of three sections 7, 8 and 9, a middle section 8, being of a width corresponding with the depth of the bottom of the cupboard structure so that the cupboard structure may be set thereupon in the manner indicated in Fig. 2.

The side sections 7 and 9, are adapted to be folded up over the opposite sides of the cupboard structure in the manner clearly indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, and are adapted to be secured in their closed position by the latches 6—6, upon the top of the cupboard structure, as indicated. The middle portion of the table is provided at its opposite ends with leg structures 10—10, the ends of which are sharpened, as clearly indicated in Fig. 3, so that they will fold together, as indicated. Space is therefore provided directly upon the middle section 8, of the table and

underneath or between the parts of the leg structures, for table cloth and napkins.

The cupboard structure is set down upon the folded legs and over the table cloth and napkins placed therein. The side members of the table are also provided with table legs 11—11, also sharpened so as to be folded in overlapping condition, as clearly indicated. The legs may be provided with any suitable brace members, as hook and eye structures, 12—12. The legs 11—11, when folded, are positioned to fold into the cupboard structure in convenient form, and to this end the partition members 2, are notched at their upper ends, as indicated at 2^a, Fig. 2, for this purpose.

The cupboard structure is more tapered on one side than on the other, as is indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. This is in order that the tapered side may fit closely up against the back of the front seat of an automobile, and thus also give depth to the lower part of the cupboard structure sufficient to receive, flat-wise, ordinary plates.

By making the legs of the table sharp, it is possible, not only to quickly level the table upon the ground by forcing the legs into the ground until the table occupies a level position, but also to anchor the table in this way so that it will be rigid for use. The table is intended for use by persons sitting upon automobile seats placed upon the ground, and, therefore, the table legs are made short.

The structure when folded is preferably about 15 inches high and 30 inches long. By making it somewhat shorter than the inside width of an automobile, room can be left at its opposite ends for the feet of the people sitting in the back seat, and by making it of tapering form, as described, it projects only a short distance from the back of the front seat toward the rear seat, and, therefore, leaves room between the cupboard and the back seat for the people sitting therein.

I am aware that numerous changes can be made in the structure here shown for purposes of illustration without departing from the spirit thereof and I do not, therefore, limit the invention to this particular

form, except as I may be limited by the hereto appended claims.

I claim:

1. A combination cupboard and table of the character shown and described comprising a vertical cupboard structure having bottom, top and end walls secured together and provided with partition members dividing said cupboard structure into compartments, said cupboard structure being provided with carrying means, whereby it can be lifted bodily, a table composed of three sections hinged together, the middle section corresponding to the bottom of said cupboard structure and adapted to receive the same thereupon, and two side sections adapted to be folded upwardly over the opposite sides of said cupboard structure, whereby to close the same, and means for securing said side sections to said cupboard structure, substantially as shown and described.

2. A combination cupboard and table of the character referred to adapted to fit against the back of the front seat of an automobile, comprising a vertical cupboard structure having bottom, top and end walls and tapering from the bottom to the top and provided with partition members dividing said cupboard into receiving compartments for food stuffs, and a table composed of middle and side sections hinged together, said middle section corresponding in breadth to the bottom of said cupboard structure and adapted to receive the same in upright position thereupon, and said side sections being adapted to fold upwardly over the opposite sides of said cupboard structure, whereby to close the same, securing means for securing said table to said cupboard structure when folded thereabout, and carrying means upon said cupboard structure, whereby the same can be conveniently carried, substantially as shown and described.

Signed at Portland, Oregon, this 27th day of August, 1915.

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