

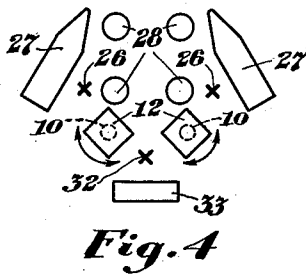
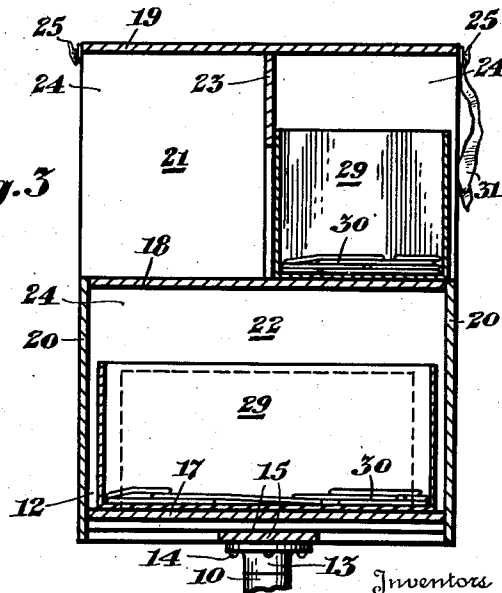
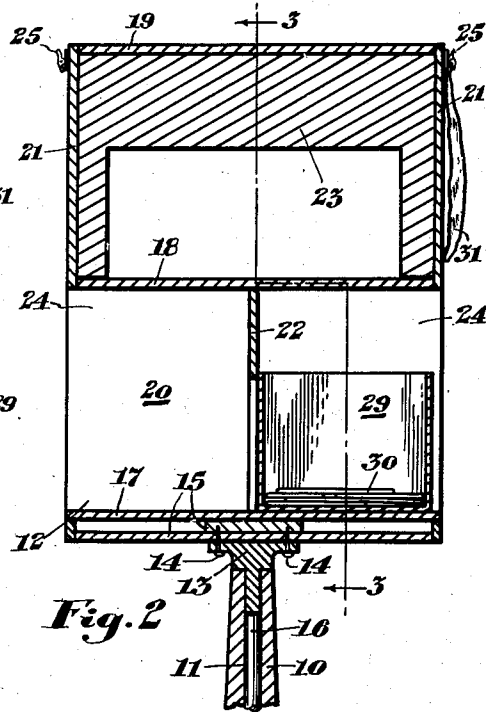
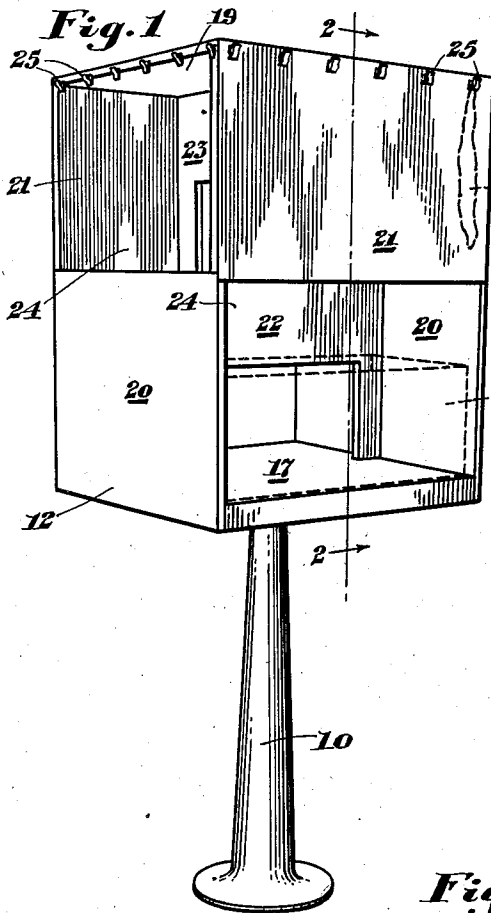
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The present invention relates to receptacles and more particularly to a supported revolving, multi-compartment receptacle especially adapted for use in expediting pressing and packaging operations in laundries or the like.

The primary objects of the instant invention are to provide a revolving, multi-compartment receptacle into the compartments of which an operator may place laundry boxes and machine pressed articles; to provide such a receptacle having means associated with each compartment for the retention of articles to be hand pressed by another operator; and, to provide such a receptacle which is rugged in construction, efficient in use and economical in manufacture.

An illustrative embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the supported receptacle;

Figure 2 is a sectional view thereof on line 2-2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a sectional view thereof on line 3-3 of Figure 2; and

Figure 4 is a diagram illustrating a convenient arrangement whereby the receptacle may be efficiently utilized in a laundry.

Referring to the drawing wherein like parts are designated by the same numerals in the several views, the structure shown comprises a tubular pedestal 10 having a central vertical bearing 11. A receptacle generally designated 12 is revolvably supported on said pedestal by means of a bearing member 13 secured as by screws 14 to cross braces 15 on the bottom of the receptacle, the bearing member 13 having a depending shaft 16 rotatably disposed in the central bearing 11 of the pedestal 10.

The receptacle comprises a bottom shelf 17, a middle shelf 18, and a top shelf 19, said shelves being of rectangular and preferably square configuration and vertically spaced and parallel to each other. A pair of side walls 20 are secured by any suitable means such as glue, nails or screws (not shown) to opposite side edges of the bottom shelf 17 and the middle shelf 18 and a similar pair of side walls 21 likewise connect the middle shelf 18 and the top shelf 19 along the opposite sides of the receptacle 12.

A vertical partition 22 is secured by any suitable means (not shown) to the side walls 20 at right angles to said walls and medially of the receptacle and a second vertical partition 23 is similarly secured to the side walls 21.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the receptacle comprises four compartments

24, each of said compartments being accessible through an opening in one of the four exterior faces of the receptacle.

Spring clips 25 are preferably secured to each face of the receptacle for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

Operation

The finishing of laundry requires an operator to handle machine pressing and a second operator to complete the finishing by hand ironing. In transferring the work from the machine presser to the hand ironer, it is highly desirable that the work be handled as little as possible, and especially in instances wherein one article of wearing apparel must be worked on by both the machine presser and the hand ironer. In such instances, excessive handling during the transfer would spoil the work of the machine presser. Furthermore, it is essential that all the articles in one customer's order be kept together during the transfer. The receptacle of the present invention is an aid to these ends, and it eliminates the necessity of transfer carts and reduces the amount of work required in effecting the transfer.

As illustrated diagrammatically in Figure 4, there are two machine press operators 26, each of whom operates a standard press 27 and two presses 28 of the mushroom type. Upon commencing work on a given customer's order, an operator 26 revolves the receptacle 12 to a position in which an empty compartment 24 is available in which compartment a laundry box 29 is placed and into which box the machine work 30 is placed as it is completed.

Spring clips 25 are secured adjacent the four upper edges of the receptacle and articles 31 of a given customer's order which require hand ironing are hung from these clips along the face of the compartment containing the box 29 within which the machine pressed articles of the same customer's order have been previously placed. Thus when the machine pressing operation has been completed, the receptacle is revolved so that the various faces thereof present themselves to the hand ironer 32 who irons the articles 31 suspended from the spring clips 25 and places these hand ironed articles in the box 29, thereby completing the order.

It may be found desirable to place the hand ironer's work table 33 between the two receptacles 10 to eliminate all possibility of mixing the articles in one customer's order with those of another order. The arrangement illustrated in Figure 4 is merely illustrative inasmuch as the

receptacle may be used where most convenient in any arrangement of presses.

Empty laundry boxes may conveniently be kept on the top shelf 19 of the receptacle 12 where they are readily accessible to a machine press operator 26.

It will thus be seen that the receptacle structure herein shown and described is simple yet rugged in construction, efficient in its intended use and economical in manufacture and while but one specific embodiment of the invention has been herein shown and described, it will be understood that certain details of the construction shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of this invention as the same is defined by the following claims.

We claim:

1. A receptacle adapted for use in expediting pressing and packaging operations in laundries and comprising vertically spaced parallel bottom, middle and top shelves of rectangular configuration, a pair of side walls connecting the bottom and middle shelves at opposite sides of the receptacle, a second pair of side walls connecting the middle and top shelves at the intervening opposite sides of the receptacle, partitions arranged at right angles to each other and at right angles to the said side walls and located respectively above and below the middle shelf and cooperating with the said shelves and side walls to form compartments opening outwardly alternately at the upper and lower portions of the four sides of the receptacle and adapted to receive laundry boxes for the reception of completely laundered pieces, each open compartment being separated

from each adjacent compartment by a closed wall and the open end of only one compartment being exposed at each of the four sides of the receptacle, hangers secured to the exterior of the receptacle and located above each of the compartments and adapted to receive pieces requiring completely or partially hand pressing, and a pedestal connected with the bottom shelf and revolubly supporting the receptacle.

2. A receptacle adapted for use in expediting pressing and packaging operations in laundries and comprising vertically spaced parallel bottom, middle and top shelves of rectangular configuration, a pair of side walls connecting the bottom and middle shelves at opposite sides of the receptacle, a second pair of side walls connecting the middle and top shelves at the intervening opposite sides of the receptacle, partitions arranged at right angles to each other and at right angles to the said side walls and located respectively above and below the middle shelf and cooperating with the said shelves and side walls to form compartments opening outwardly alternately at the upper and lower portions of the four sides of the receptacle and adapted to receive laundry boxes for the reception of completely laundered pieces, each open compartment being separated from each adjacent compartment by a closed wall and the open end of only one compartment being exposed at each of the four sides of the receptacle, and a pedestal connected with the bottom shelf and revolubly supporting the receptacle.

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