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COMBINATION OF TELEPHONE STAND, CHAIR, AND SCREEN

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FIG. 1.

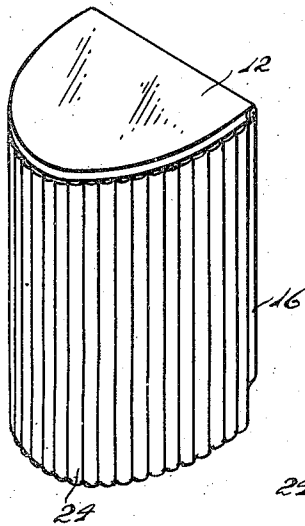


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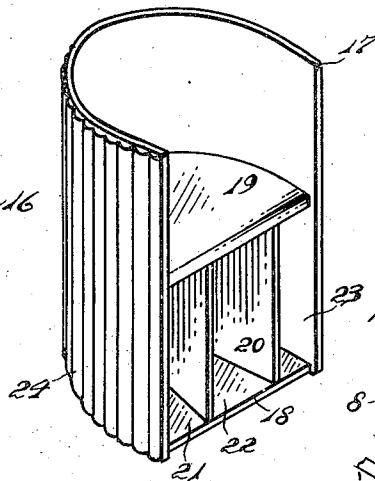


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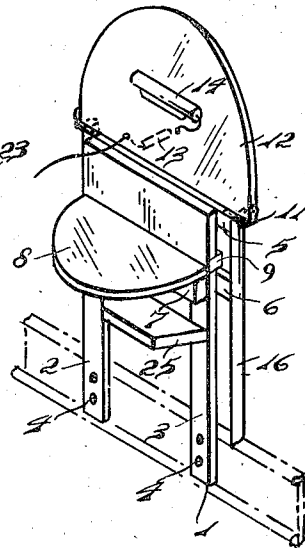


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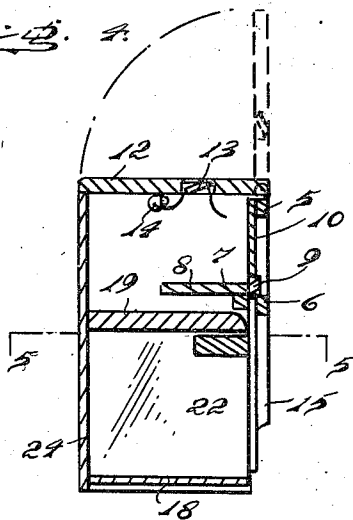
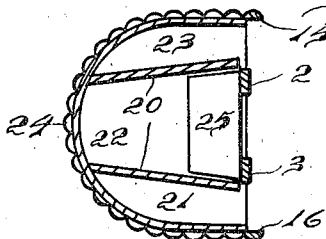


FIG. 5.



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The object of this invention is to devise a novel hide-away constructed and arranged to conceal from view and to maintain in a sanitary condition any desired article, such as for example a telephone, a typewriter, a radio or any other household appliance, and which, when opened to provide access to the article, will provide a seat for the person intending to use the article.

A further object of the invention is to devise a novel frame adapted to be connected to a wall, having a shelf to support the article to be concealed and provided with a cover having a light which automatically lights when the cover is raised and which is automatically extinguished when the cover is closed.

A further object of the invention is to provide novel means to align and secure a seat with respect to the frame so that when the parts are in closed position the cover will cover the top of the seat.

With the foregoing and other objects in view as will hereinafter clearly appear, my invention comprehends a novel hide-away having a part adapted to be secured to a wall and a part forming a removable seat for the person using the article concealed within the hide-away.

It further comprehends a novel frame having a shelf and a cover with an automatic light carried by the cover, and a novel seat with means to align it with the frame.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention, I have shown in the accompanying drawings a preferred embodiment thereof which I have found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results. It is, however, to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and the invention is not limited to the exact arrangement and organization of these instrumentalities as herein set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hide-away embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the chair in detached position.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the frame and its adjuncts in detached position relatively to the chair.

Figure 4 is a vertical section of the hide-away.

Figure 5 is a section on lines 5-5 of Figure 4. Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings:

The back of the hide-away comprises a frame 1 having two upright strips 2 and 3 adapted to be connected to the base board of a room by fasten-

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ing devices 4 such as for example screws. The strips are connected by an upper cross bar 5 and a lower cross bar 6 which extend outwardly beyond the strips. In line with the cross bar 6 is a cross bar 7 secured to the strips and forming a support for a shelf 8 which carries the article to be concealed in the hide-away. A bar 9 fastened to the bar 6 spaces the two uprights and serves as a support for an upright board 10 which is also fixed to the upper cross bar.

The upper cross bar carries one part of a friction hinge 11, the other part of which is fixed to opposite sides of a cover 12. Concealed within the cover is the cable for a mercury switch 13 connected with an electric light 14 mounted on the under side of the cover, and the cable is adapted to be connected with a source of electric supply in the conventional manner.

The upper and lower cross bars are connected at their ends with finishing, upright strips 15 and 16 respectively which are cut away at their lower ends at an angle to form a joint with the moulding of the base board of the room.

The cover is adapted to rest on the top of a chair 17 having a bottom board 18 and a seat 19 which are connected and reinforced by inwardly converging partitions 20 which form compartments 21, 22 and 23 to receive books or other material. The chair has an outer wall 24 fixed to the seat and the bottom board. This wall may be of any desired material and as illustrated is made of a wall on which half round strips are mounted.

In order to retain the frame and seat in aligned and closed position, I preferably employ an aligning member 25 fixed to the frame and provided with forwardly converging sides to frictionally engage the partitions 20.

When the article concealed within the hide-away is to be used, the cover is raised and the chair drawn out away from the frame, thereby providing a seat for the user of the article concealed. As the cover is raised the light automatically lights due to the action of the mercury switch. When a person is finished with the article on the shelf, for example a telephone, the chair is moved forwardly against the frame and the cover closed. The sides of the chair contact the finishing strips so that the hide-away presents an attractive appearance against the wall of the room. I prefer to have the cover and the chair semi-circular in contour but they may have any desired contour.

The shelf, the seat and the back of the seat as

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well as the upright board 10 may be covered or upholstered to improve their appearance.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a hide-away, a frame having upright members to be secured to the base board of a room, an upper and a lower cross bar connected with said members and extending outwardly beyond them, vertical finishing strips secured to the outer ends of said cross bars, an article support fixed to said frame, a cover hinged on a horizontal axis to said frame above said support so as to be disposed horizontally in its closed position, and a chair having its sides and rear portion closed by walls and its side walls merging with said finishing strips when the chair is in position to be covered by the cover resting on its top.

2. In a hide-away, a frame adapted to be connected with the wall of a room, a cover hinged on a horizontal axis to the frame to be disposed horizontally when closed and vertically when open, a chair comprising a vertical wall forming a back and side portions and having a horizontal seat

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member fixed thereto within and intermediate the upper and lower edges of said wall, and a shelf secured to the frame below the cover and above the level of the seat member, and the upper end of the chair being closed by the cover when the chair is moved into position under the cover.

3. The construction specified in claim 2 wherein the chair has vertical partitions diverging forwardly and outwardly of said wall and the frame has end edges diverging in the same directions and of such length as to fit between said partitions.

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