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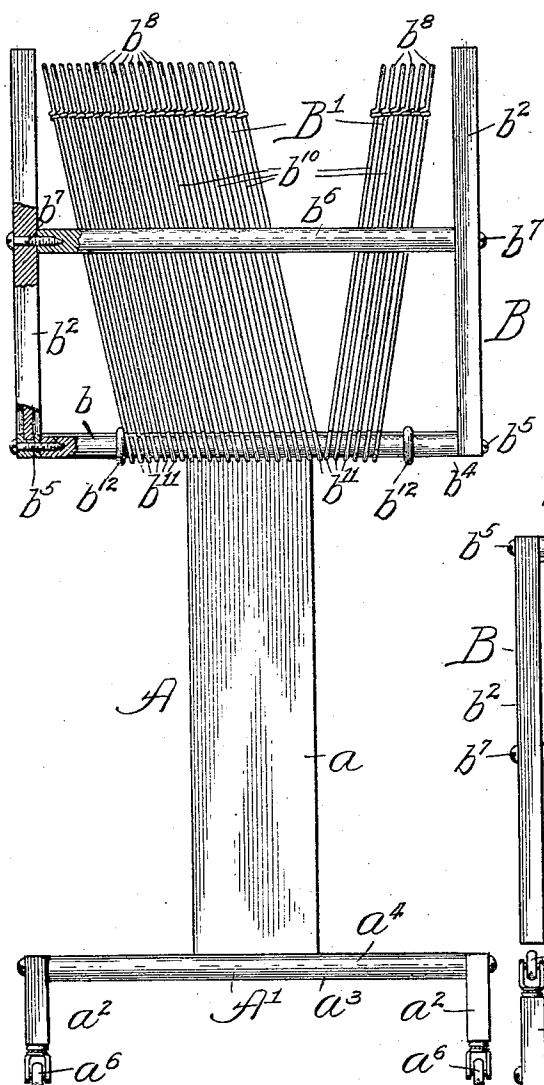
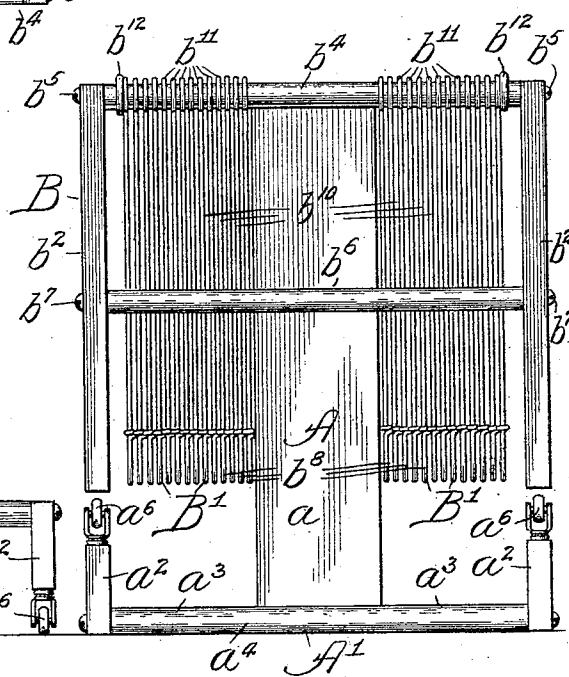


Fig. 2.



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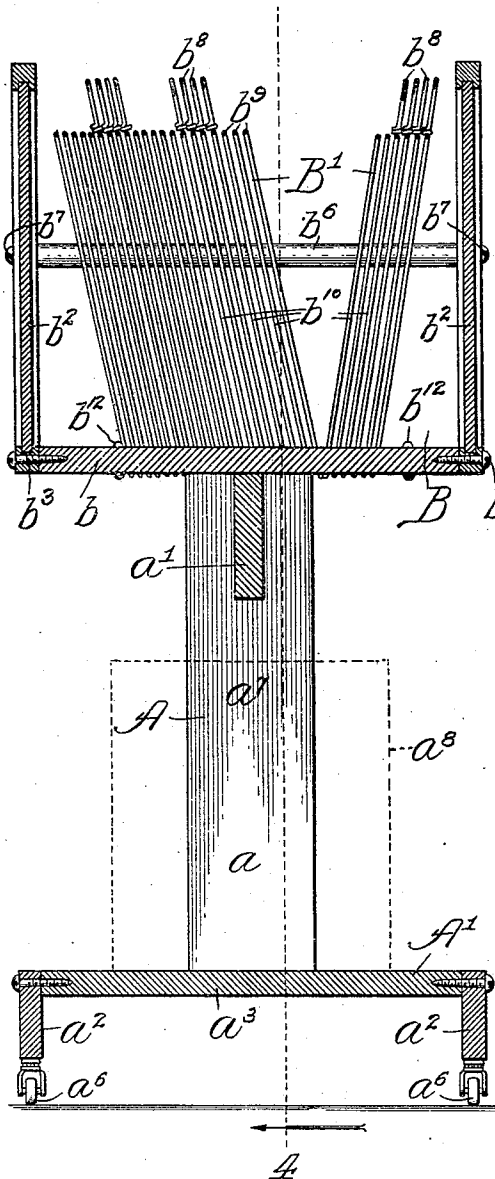
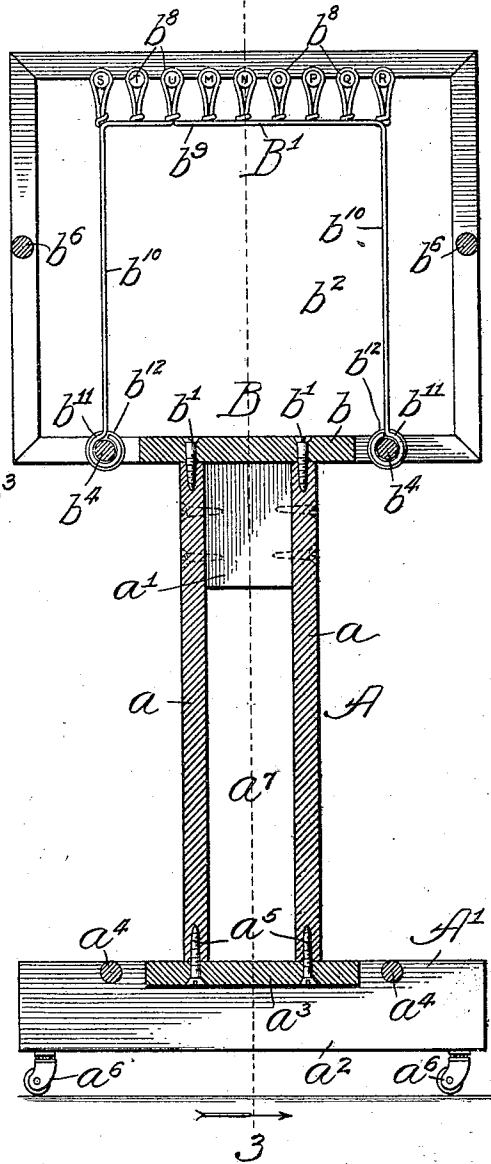


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OZELLO R. HUNT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kenosha, in the county of Kenosha and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to improvements in cabinets for sheet-music and the like; and my primary object is to provide an improved cabinet of simple and cheap construction, which may be folded into compact form for shipment, and which is peculiarly adapted to the purpose for which it was designed.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevational view of my improved cabinet, in condition for use; Fig. 2, a side elevational view of the same as it is assembled for shipment; Fig. 3, a vertical sectional view taken as indicated at line 3 of Fig. 4; and Fig. 4, a vertical sectional view taken as indicated at line 4 of Fig. 3.

The cabinet comprises, in its preferred construction, a pedestal A having a removable, invertible base A¹; and a removable, invertible music-chamber B surmounting the pedestal and equipped with a series of shiftable separating devices, or index-elements, B¹.

The pedestal A preferably comprises two vertically disposed boards *a* joined at their upper ends by a spacing block *a*¹. The base A¹ preferably comprises two parallel vertical boards *a*² firmly connected together at or near their upper edges by a horizontal board *a*³ and by wooden rods *a*⁴ flanking the board *a*³. The pedestal is firmly joined to the board or plate *a*³ by screws *a*⁵. The base is equipped with casters *a*⁶. As thus described, there remains a space *a*⁷ between the vertical boards or panels *a*, which may be utilized for the reception of music-books arranged on edge longitudinally of the plate *a*³, which serves to support them. The dotted lines *a*⁸ indicate the outline of books arranged in the chamber, or space, *a*⁷.

The chamber B is formed by a base board or shelf, *b* detachably connected with the upper end of the pedestal by screws *b*¹; and panels *b*² joined to the ends of the plate *b* by means of screws *b*³; wooden rods *b*⁴ arranged between the lower margins of the panels *b*² and flanking the shelf-board *b*, said rods being connected with the end panels by means of

screws *b*⁵; and a pair of wooden rods *b*⁶ arranged between the end panels at the lateral vertical margins thereof midway between the top and bottom edges of the panels, said rods being connected to the panels by screws *b*⁷. The upper surfaces of the rods *b*⁴ are flush with the upper surface of the plate *b*, so that the rods form virtually a continuation of the shelf at the sides of the pedestal. The rods *b*⁴ also afford guides for the index-elements B¹. Each of said index-elements comprises a wire, which is bent between its ends to form a loop *b*⁸, the wire being then twisted upon itself and extended laterally to form a cross-member *b*⁹, the members of the wire then being bent downwardly to form side-members *b*¹⁰, the extremities of the members being formed into rings *b*¹¹ adapted to slide on the rods *b*⁴. The loops *b*⁸ of the index-members receive the index characters, in the present instance indicated as letters of the alphabet. It will be understood that the loops which receive the index characters are located in varying positions on the top members *b*⁹ of the index-elements to enable the characters to be readily viewed.

Upon the rods *b*³ are close fitting rubber rings *b*¹² of round cross-section to enable them to be rolled readily upon the rods. The guide portions, or eyes *b*¹¹ of the index-members are confined between the elastic rings *b*¹², so that when the rings are forced against the base portions of the index-elements, the elements will be maintained in a vertical position. When the elastic rings are separated, as shown in Fig. 1, the index-elements are permitted to fall apart somewhat, until maintained in an inclined position by the ring portions *b*¹¹, which fit somewhat loosely upon the rods *b*⁴ to enable this purpose to be accomplished. As described, the chamber B is open at its top and partially open at its lateral sides, the lateral openings being obstructed as indicated by the rods *b*⁶. If desired, a throw, or scarf, may be thrown over the cabinet to protect the contents; or any suitable cover adapted to be lifted may be fitted to the cabinet. It is evident that the construction enables free access to be gained to the music-compartment from above. The whole device may be constructed of wood, with the exception of the screws, casters and index-elements, which may be advantageously formed wholly or partly of metal. Any material may be employed, of course, in the construction of the cabinet,

but a very pleasing effect is obtained by employing a wood construction designed on the lines of mission furniture.

For the purpose of shipment the index-elements may be separated and the chamber B inverted so that the upper surface of its bottom *b* will rest upon the pedestal, the screws being reinserted to secure the parts together. Also the base may be inverted and the screws thereof reinserted to connect the base to the pedestal. When thus arranged the cabinet is in compact form, as shown in Fig. 2, with the index-elements flanking the pedestal A. In some instances, the pedestal is built in solid square column form, but the form herein shown gives about the same effect in appearance besides providing the space *a'* for music-books.

The cabinet may be put to any desired use.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only, and no undue limitation is to be understood therefrom.

What I regard as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A cabinet of the character set forth, comprising a pedestal, and an open-top rigid reversible chamber supported thereon and equipped with shiftable partition elements, said chamber, upon reversal, receiving therein the upper portion of the pedestal for the purpose set forth.

2. A cabinet comprising a pedestal

equipped with a reversible base, and a reversible chamber supported on the pedestal and equipped with shiftable partition elements.

3. A cabinet comprising supporting means, a surmounting chamber equipped at its base with guide-rods, index-elements having eyes loosely receiving said rods to permit tilting of the index-elements, and resilient rings encircling said rods and confining said index-elements between them.

4. A cabinet comprising a pedestal, a surmounting chamber comprising a shelf-board supported on the pedestal, end panels connected with said shelf-board, a pair of rods flanking the shelf-board and connected with said end panels, a pair of rods connecting the lateral edges of the end panels at a distance above the base of the chamber, and shiftable index-elements mounted on said first-named rods.

5. A cabinet of the character set forth comprising a pedestal having a base and an opening through the pedestal for receiving books, a surmounting chamber accessible from above and equipped at its base with guides, and shiftable index-elements connected with said guides, for the purpose set forth.

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