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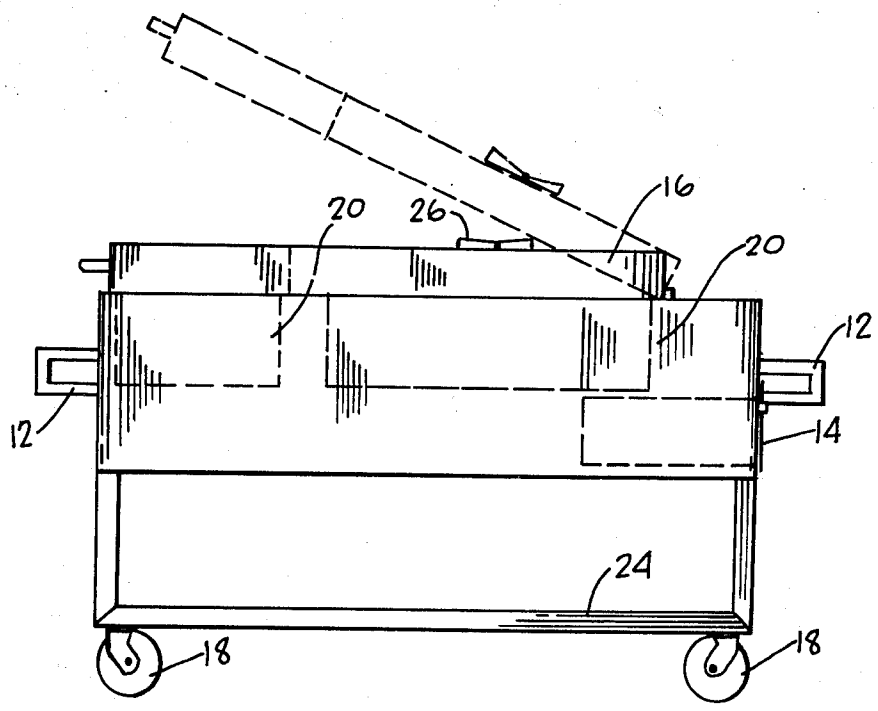
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A serving cart employs a wheeled frame having horizontal drawers disposed in opposite vertical ends of the frame. The top of the frame carries two wells disposed side by side. A top cover having a manually operable vent is hinged to an end and extends over the wells. Hinged drop leaf table tops are secured to opposite sides of the frame adjacent the cover.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Figures



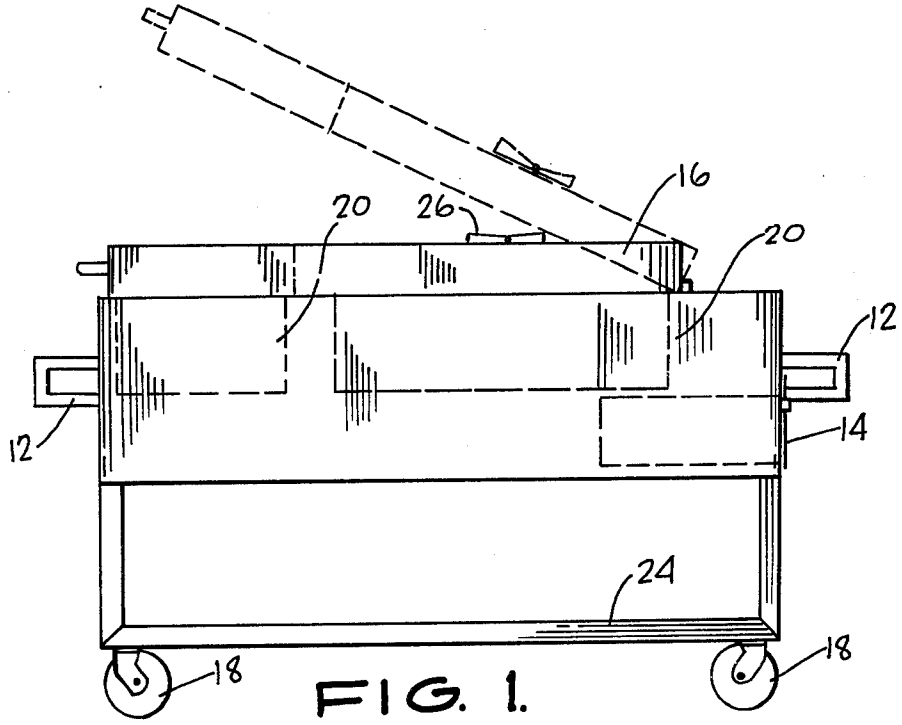


FIG. 1.

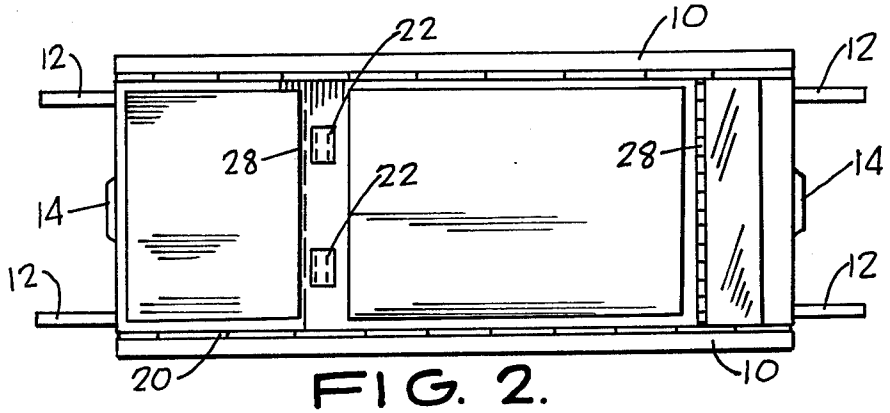


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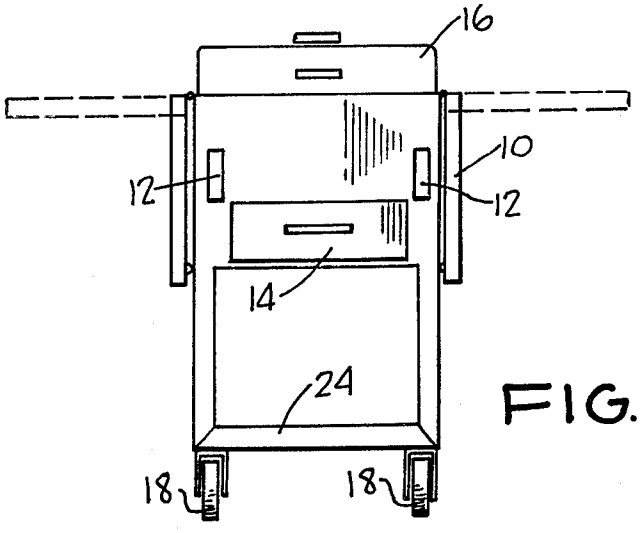


FIG. 3.

PATIO SERVING CART

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed toward a serving cart particularly useful in storing and in serving hot or cold food and drink on a patio or the like.

A wheeled frame has horizontal drawers disposed in opposite vertical ends of the frame. Silverware, plates, napkins and the like can be stored in the drawers.

The frame has two wells disposed in the top in side by side position and covered by a top cover with an adjustable vent hingedly secured to one of the frame. The food and drink can be stored in the wells and held at temperature.

The opposite sides of the frame adjacent the top can each support a separate drop leaf table top hingedly secured thereto. These tops, folded out of the way when not in use, can be extended to provide additional space for preparing and serving food.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. **1** is a side view of the invention;

FIG. **2** is a top view thereof; and

FIG. **3** is an end view thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to FIGS. **1–3,** there is shown a patio serving cart which can be used to keep food warm or cold. The cart holds solid and or liquid food and tableware under cover from bugs, dust and pets. Typically the table height is about twenty eight inches or less; the width is about sixteen inches when the hinged drop leaf table tops **10** on each side are disposed vertically. These tops typically are about sixteen inches wide by forty two inches long. The overall length is about forty two inches, augmented by short horizontal handles **12** secured to opposite ends and extending in opposite directions.

Each end can carry one or more horizontal drawers **14** for storing silverware, plates and napkins. A hinged

cover **16** is secured to the top and is hinged at an end. The cover which can be about 6 inches high or higher can be removable for indoor use. A manually operable vent **26** is disposed in this cover.

Wheels **18** secured to the bottom enable the unit to be moved easily.

The top of the unit has two wells **20** which are about 6 inches deep. One well typically about 24 inches by 15 inches, can contain bottles and glasses. The well fillers **28** can be of plastic and are removable for easy cleaning.

The unit carries electric outlets **22** connectable by a cord to a source of power and enabling coffee pots and other items to be electrically connected. The unit is open at the bottom with exposed bottom shelf **24.**

While the invention has been described with detailed reference to the drawings, the protection sought is to be limited only by the terms of the claims which follow.

I claim:

1. A serving cart comprising:

a rectangular shaped unit having a horizontal top with first and second vertical wells disposed side by side and extending downward therein, said unit having parallel vertical ends and parallel vertical sides extending at right angles to the ends, said unit having a horizontal bottom supported on wheels;

first and second pairs of horizontally spaced handles extending at right angles to said ends, each pair being secured to and extending outwardly from a corresponding end;

horizontal drawers disposed slidably in said ends;

a single horizontal cover hingedly secured at one end to the top of the unit adjacent to but inward from one of the unit ends, said cover extending over the top of the unit to cover the wells and having a horizontally disposed manually operable vent; and

first and second drop leaf table tops, each table top being hingedly secured to a corresponding side of the unit adjacent the cover, each table top, when horizontally extended being level with the top of the unit.

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