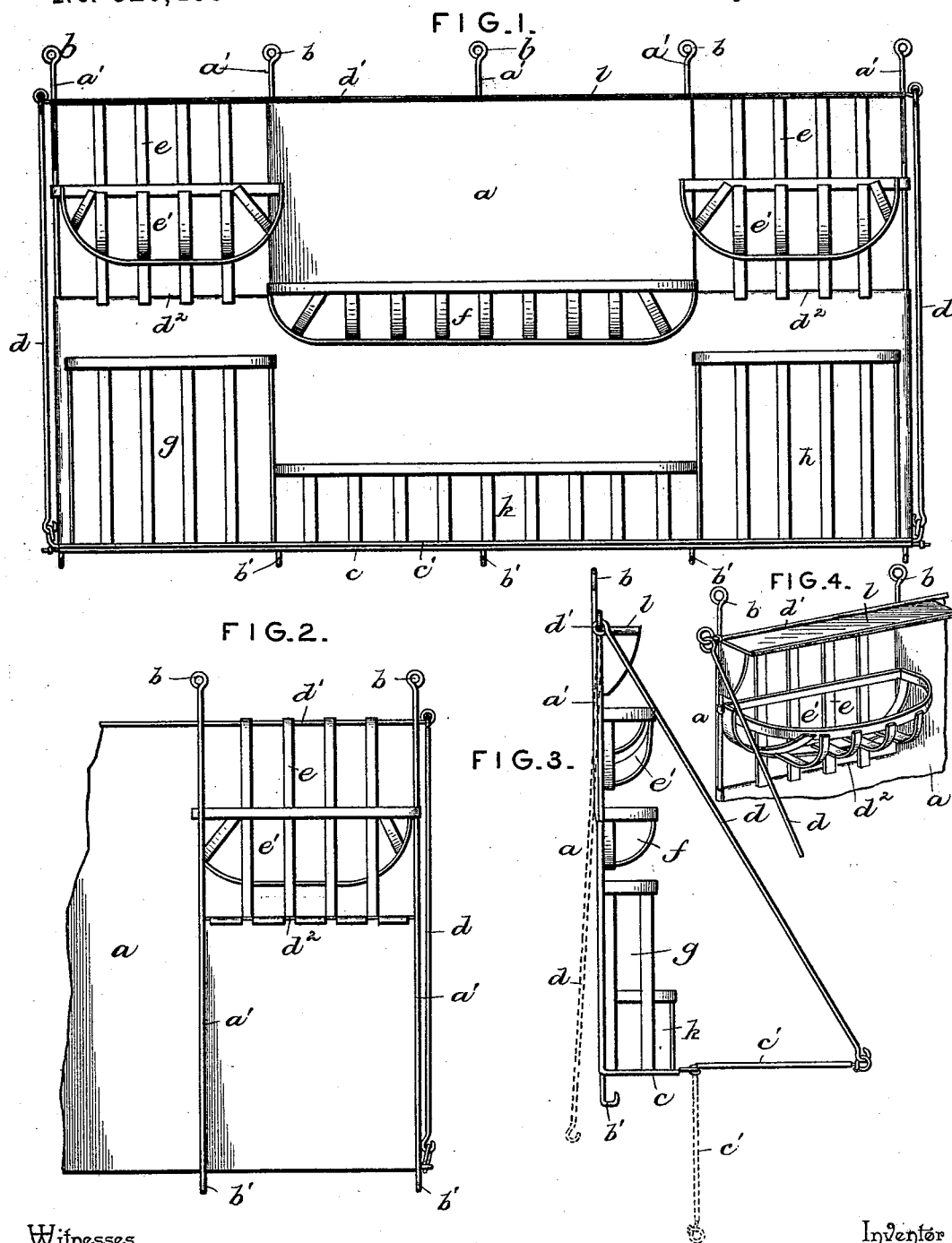


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE S. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterville, in the county of Douglas and State of Washington, have invented a new and useful Kitchen-Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is particularly related to those kitchen cabinets which are adapted to hang from the wall of the room, as distinguished from those which rest on the floor; and my primary object is to improve the construction of these devices so that a more convenient and generally desirable device will be provided.

To these ends my invention consists of certain improved features of construction and arrangement of parts all of which will fully appear hereinafter and be finally embodied in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a cabinet constructed after the manner of my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view of a portion of the cabinet. Fig. 3 is a side elevation. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the baskets.

The reference letter *a*, indicates the main or body portion of my device which consists of a sheet of metal, provided at its back with the vertical rods *a'*. These rods are rigidly secured to the body portion, and extend from top to the bottom thereof, each having their upper ends formed into the eyes *b*, and their lower ends into hooks *b'*. The eyes *b* serve to furnish means for supporting the cabinet, while the hooks may be used to support various cooking utensils.

Formed integral with the body *a*, and at its lower end is a flange *c*, which is of a width sufficient to permit its use as a shelf, and which has the swinging shelf *c'*, hinged thereto. This shelf is supported in a horizontal position by the stay rods *d*, which are pivoted to the upper edge of the body and at each side thereof. By this construction it is possible to support the shelf *c'*, in a horizontal position when in use, and when not in use, to drop it as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3, thus getting it out of the way. The upper corners of the body *a*, are formed with the square indentations *d²*, therein, and these are made to ap-

pear as openings by the outside rods *a'*, and the horizontal rod *d'*, which latter rod is secured rigidly to the upper edge of the body and the rods *a'* and *d'* are joined to each other at their ends.

Secured to the rod *d'*, and extending down to the horizontal edge of the indentations *d*, are the metallic slats *e*, which serve to form a support for the baskets *e'*. These baskets are two in number and are also formed of metallic slats, which give the cabinet a finished appearance and which make it possible for one to see what their contents are from below. *f* indicates another basket, which extends from one of the indentations *d²*, to the other, and is also, as indeed all of the baskets are, formed of slats. Three other baskets, *g*, *h* and *k*, are provided and these are arranged so that baskets *g* and *h*, will be one at each side of the body *a*, and at the lower edge thereof, while the basket *k* is arranged between the other two, *g* and *h*, and directly upon the flange *c*. The purpose of these baskets is to form a receptacle for various cooking utensils and other kitchen articles. Thus the baskets *e'*, may be used, and are best adapted, for holding chopping knives and biscuit cutters, while the basket *f*, is adapted for plates, trays and similar articles. Basket *k* is best adapted for a knife receptacle and *g* and *h*, for tin ware, such as pie plates, covers, &c. Secured to the upper edge of the body *a* is a shelf *l*, which extends from one end of the body to the other. Upon this shelf it is convenient to put condiments, spices, &c. The shelf *c'* is adapted particularly for holding hot dishes when cooling. It will, of course, be understood that the use of these shelves and baskets are not limited to those just mentioned, but I consider them best adapted for the reception of these particular articles.

From the foregoing it will be seen an exceedingly convenient device is provided and one which will prove of great value to housekeepers. If so desired the baskets may be furnished with labels to denote their contents, but this is not deemed necessary since their construction makes it easy to ascertain at a glance what they contain.

I have shown and described the baskets as constructed of metallic slats, but desire it un-

derstood that I am not limited to the use of this material, since twisted or plaited wire could be used with equally good results.

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

1. A kitchen cabinet comprising a body portion, provided with means for hanging it to the wall, a series of baskets secured to the body and adapted for the reception of cooking utensils, a shelf hinged to the lower end of the body and stay rods pivoted to the body and having a detachable connection with the shelf, whereby the shelf may be held horizontally or allowed to hang vertically, substantially as described.

2. A kitchen cabinet comprising a body portion, a series of rods secured thereto and ex-

tending its entire depth, the upper end of the rods being formed into eyes for supporting the cabinet and the lower ends formed into hooks for holding cooking utensils, baskets secured to the body and adapted for the reception of kitchen utensils, a shelf hinged to the body, and stay rods pivoted to the cabinet and provided with a detachable connection with the shelf whereby the shelf may be held horizontally or allowed to hang vertically, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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