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Provision Safe.

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Fig. 2.

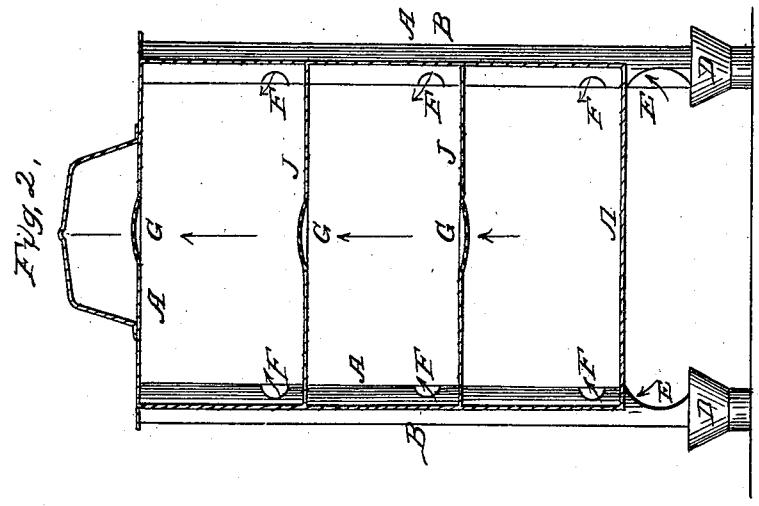
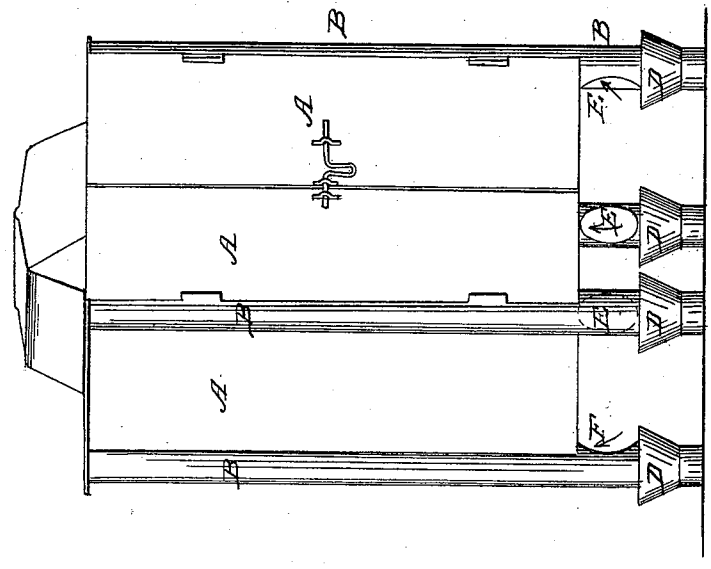


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED KITCHEN-SAFE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM McELWEE, of Shelbyville, in the county of Shelby and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Kitchen-Safes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 represents a vertical elevation of the safe, showing the exterior of the same. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken through the center of the safe.

The nature of my invention consists in mounting the body of the safe upon the hollow posts extending from the floor to the top of the same, provided with water-cups near the bottom of each leg and perforated so as to form a communication of the external air with each compartment of the safe, and conducting this air off through the perforated shelves and out at the top of the safe, thereby enabling me to make the sides of the safe close, dispensing with the labor of perforating the sides, as is commonly the case in the present mode of making safes.

The sides and doors A A, constituting the body of the safe, are made of sheet-iron, tin, or other suitable material and secured to hollow posts B B B B, which proceed down from each corner of the body and form legs, so that the safe may be elevated the proper distance above the floor. Upon each of these legs are fixed cups D, surrounding the same for holding water, so as to prevent ants and other insects getting into the safe through the holes E E E E, which are inlet-passages for the fresh air to pass up the hollow posts B and into each compartment and through openings F F, as indicated by the arrows of Fig. 2. The air from each compartment passes up through wire-net openings G in the shelves J and out at top of the safe, as shown by the arrows. With these hollow posts the safe can be manufactured at a much less cost than when the ventilation is obtained by perforating the sides.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination and arrangement of hollow posts B, with water-cups D, arranged in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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