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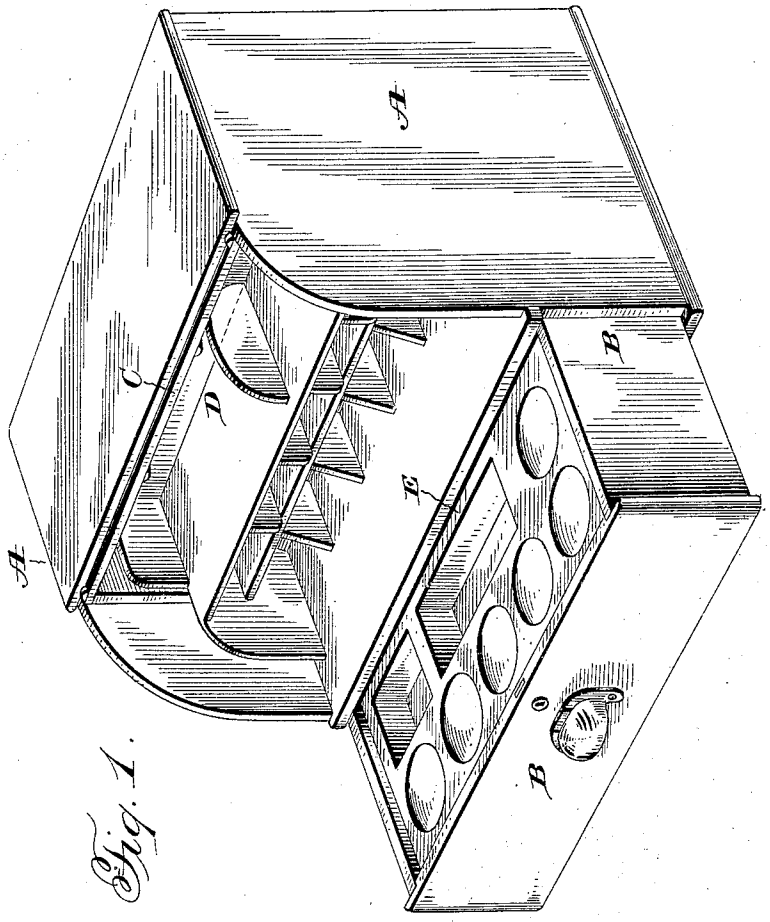


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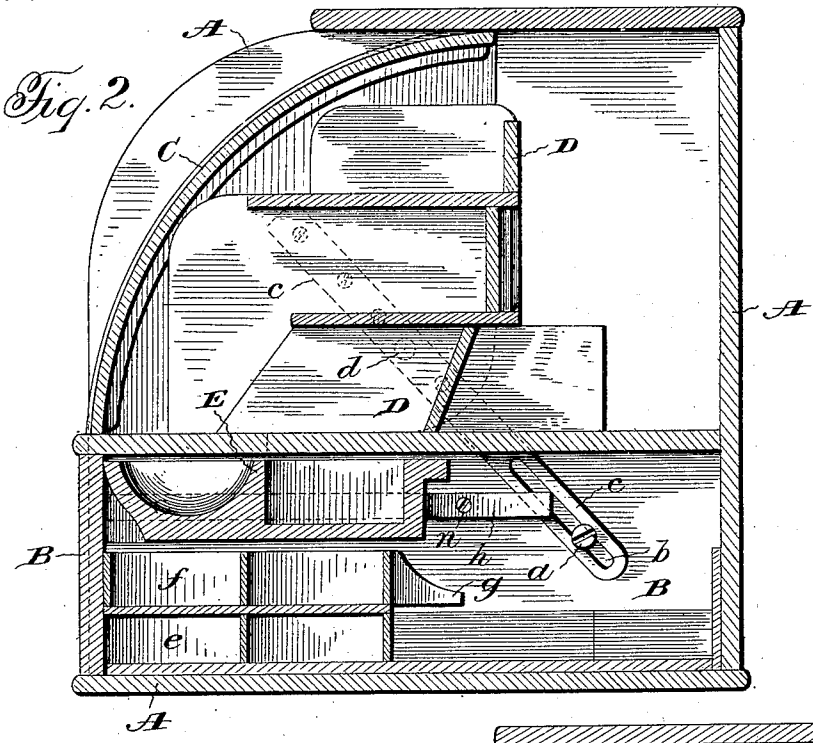
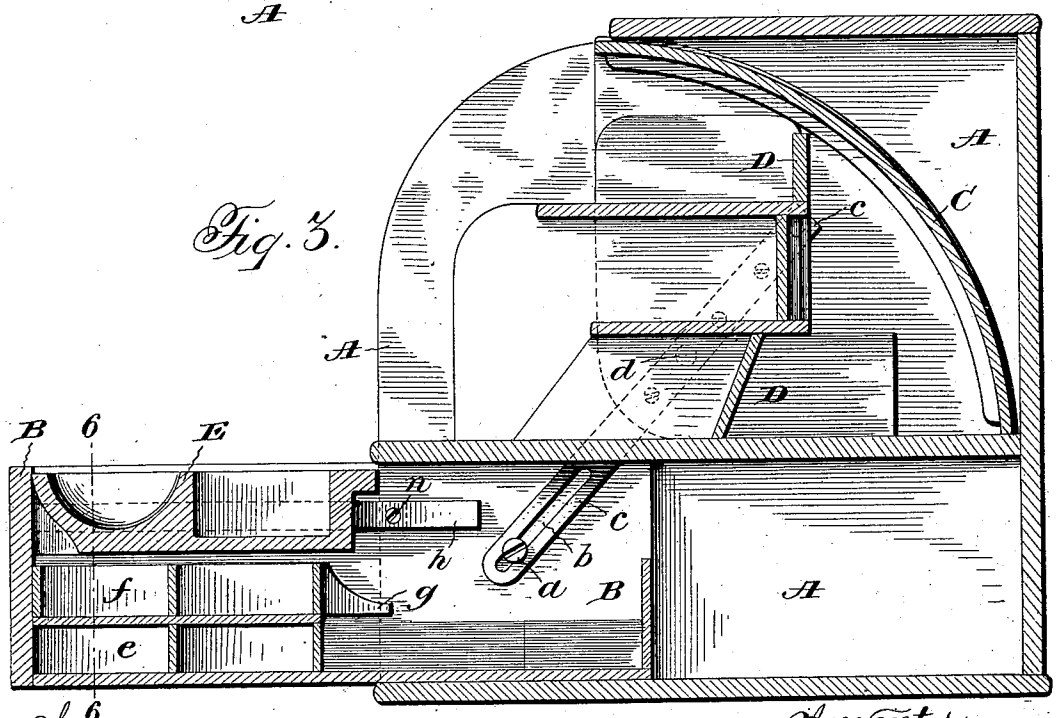


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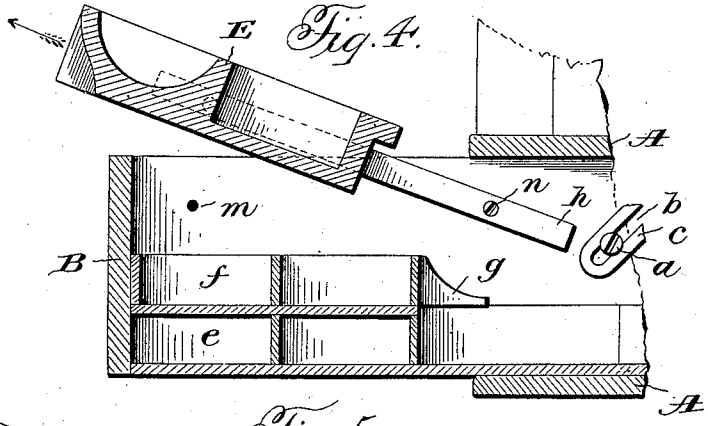


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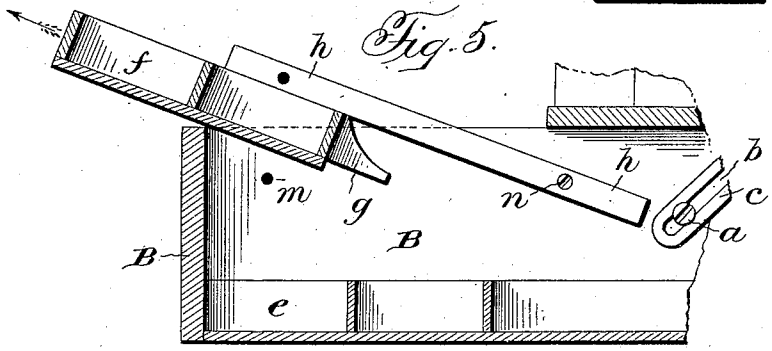


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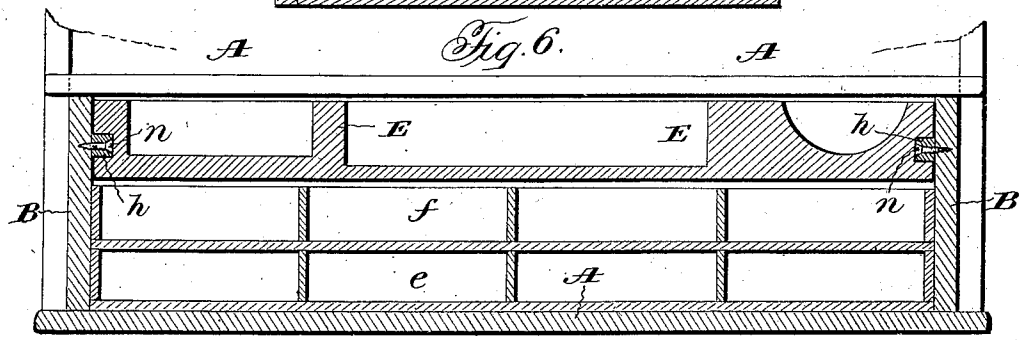
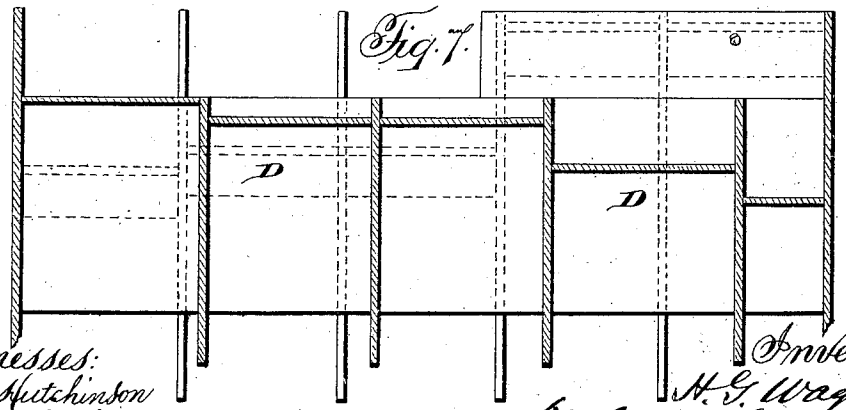


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY G. WAGNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sidney, county of Shelby, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Post-Office Cabinets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a combination case or cabinet and drawer particularly adapted for use in post-offices for the sale of stamps, stamped envelops, and the like.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a post-office cabinet embodying my invention with the drawer open and cover raised. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical cross-section with the drawer and cover closed. Fig. 3 represents a like view with the drawer open and cover raised. Figs. 4 and 5 represent fragmentary views illustrating the manner in which the till-slide and upper stamp-slide are inserted in the drawer or removed therefrom. Fig. 6 represents a longitudinal section on the line 6 6 of Fig. 3 through the drawer and its slides. Fig. 7 represents a horizontal section through one of the tiers of envelop-receiving cells.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, A indicates the outer frame or casing of the cabinet, which is provided with the drawer B, cover C, and insertible and removable pigeonhole receptacle D.

The main function or purpose of the structure is to establish such a relationship between the drawer and cover that the cover will rise when the drawer is opened and will descend when the drawer is closed, in which latter adjustment they may both be secured by a single lock. To this end the drawer is provided on its inner sides with the screw-pins or studs *a*, which engage within the slots *b* of swinging links *c*, secured to the side panels of the cover C and turning upon fulcrum-pins *d*. The positive connection thus provided between the drawer and swinging cover assures their simultaneous movement in either direction and permits the entire device to be secured against access by merely locking the drawer.

The drawer B is provided with a series of stamp-compartments, the lower ones *e* of which are preferably stationary. The like series *f*, next above, are slidable, as shown, and are provided with tailpieces *g*, whose purpose is to prevent the removal of the slide by any one unfamiliar with the manner of removing it. Above the slide of pockets or compartments *f* is arranged the till-slide E, having a suitable recess of any convenient configuration for the reception of coins, bills, or the like. The till-slide E works upon guide-strips *h*, attachable to the inner sides of the drawer by screws *m n*, so that by temporarily removing the screws *m* and tilting the guides upon the screws *n* as a center, as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, the till-slide E and the slide of pockets *f* may be successively removed, so as to gain access to the drawer for the purpose of dusting it, inserting substitute slides, or the like, and without disassembling the drawer from the cover.

The series of pockets *e* and *f* are mainly intended for the reception of postage-stamps of various kinds and denominations, and may be of any suitable depth, width, or contour.

Behind the cover C is located the removable pigeonhole structure D, designed to receive and exhibit to the sales-clerk the outer ends of the postal cards, paper-wrappers, and envelops which he has for sale. The pigeonholes are preferably made of different depths, as exhibited in Fig. 7, so calculated that although of different lengths the envelops will project the same distance from their respective openings, thereby presenting a neat and uniform effect. Moreover, as shown in Fig. 3, the lower series of pigeonholes may have a forwardly-inclined back panel, which will have the effect of ranging the envelops contained therein in an inclined pile, which will be found to facilitate their handling. If it is desired at any time to change the pigeonhole system, it may be readily substituted by another without otherwise interfering with the cabinet.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A cabinet for post-office and similar uses,

comprising a casing, a pigeonhole structure within the casing, a swinging cover, a drawer, and a slot-and-pin connection between the drawer and cover; substantially as described.

2. A cabinet for post-office and similar uses, comprising a casing, a pigeonhole structure within the casing, a swinging cover, a drawer, and a slot-and-pin connection between the drawer and cover, the drawer being provided with a lower series of pockets, an intermediate sliding series of pockets, and an upper till-slide, substantially as described.

3. A cabinet for post-office and similar uses, comprising a casing, a pigeonhole structure within the casing, a swinging cover, a drawer, and a slot-and-pin connection between the drawer and cover, the drawer being provided with a lower series of pockets, an intermediate sliding series of pockets, and an upper till-slide, and tiltable guides for the till-slide; substantially as described.

4. A cabinet for post-office and similar uses, comprising a casing, a pigeonhole structure within the casing having individual compartments of different depths, a swinging cover, a drawer, and a slot-and-pin connection between the drawer and cover; substantially as described.

5. A cabinet for post-office and similar uses, comprising a casing, a pigeonhole structure within the casing, having individual compartments provided with forwardly-inclined rear panels, a swinging cover, a drawer, and a slot-and-pin connection between the drawer and cover; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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