

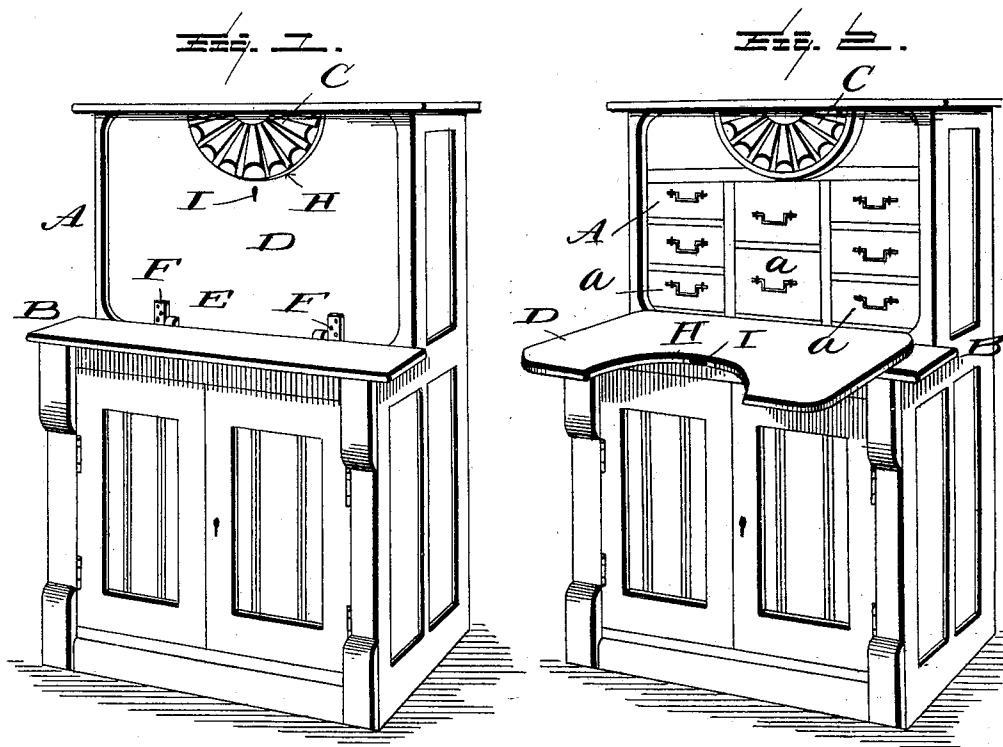
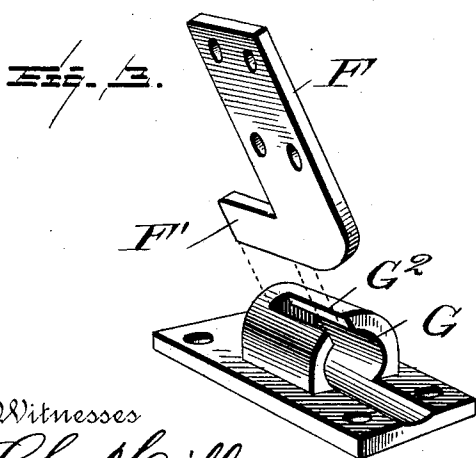
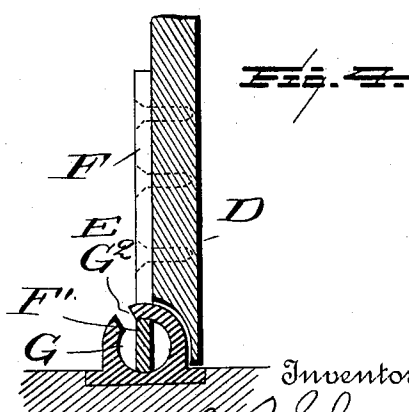
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN PEIRCE SHANK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meridian, in the county of Lauderdale and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Sewing-Cabinets; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in ladies' work or sewing cabinets; and it has for its object the provision of a cabinet of this character in which provision is had whereby the hinged front of the cabinet will serve as a hinged front to the cabinet, a table, or shelf, or, when removed from the cabinet, to serve as a lap-board for use in cutting or making garments, &c., provision being had for readily removing the board or front from the cabinet and for replacing the same.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists in the novel features of construction and in the peculiar arrangement, combination, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the cabinet complete, with the hinged front shown as closed. Fig. 2 is a like view with the front lowered, so as to have it serve as a shelf or table. Fig. 3 is a like view of the front removed from the cabinet; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail in perspective of one of the hinges with the parts separated, but in their relative positions.

Reference now being had to the details of the invention by letter, A designates the cabinet, the interior of which in the present instance I have shown as divided into a number of compartments, each of which is pro-

vided with a drawer *a*, immediately below which drawers is provided a ledge or shelf B, and directly above the shelves I provide a semicircular outwardly-extending ornamental portion C.

D is a front which is hinged to the inner edge of the shelf B by means of hinges E, each of which hinges is composed of a plate F, secured to the lower edge of the front D, said plate having integral therewith an extension F' and a socket portion G, secured to the upper face of the shelf B and adapted to receive the pintle F' of the plate F. The socket G is cylindrical, and at a point slightly to one side of a line drawn through its vertical center a slot G² is provided for the admission of the pintle, as clearly shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

It will be noted that the front B is made of thin material and is provided at the longitudinal center of its upper edge with a semicircular cut-away portion H, which cut-away portion when the front is folded upward embraces the projecting ornamentation C, thus forming a complete closure to the cabinet.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that the front B of the cabinet serves primarily as a front proper to the cabinet. It will also be seen that when lowered, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, it serves admirably as a table or shelf. When it is designed to use the said front B as a lap-board for use in cutting garments or other work for which the lap-board is designed, the front may be readily removed by lowering the same upon its hinges until a point is reached at which the pintles of the hinges will register with the slots G² in the sockets G, when the pintles may be lifted out of the sockets and the board removed, and it will also be seen that the board may be readily reattached to the cabinet when desired.

It will be observed that the cut-away portion of the front is provided with a lock I, which engages a socket upon the lower edge of the semicircular ornamental portion.

While I have shown the cabinet as provided with a series of drawers, it is at once evident that the particular arrangement of the drawers or of the interior compartments of the cabinet may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention, which

consists in the peculiar form of the cabinet-front and means of detachably hinging the same to the cabinet.

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

A kitchen-cabinet, comprising in combination with the body portion the stationary hinged plate therein, its upper surface having a cylindrical and slotted recessed socket, a groove leading into said socket, said groove being continuous with the lowest portion of

the recessed part of the socket, and the swinging board D having secured thereto the right-angled arms F which have their angled ends F' rounded on opposite edges and adapted to fit snugly in said recessed socket and turn therein, as shown and described.

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

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