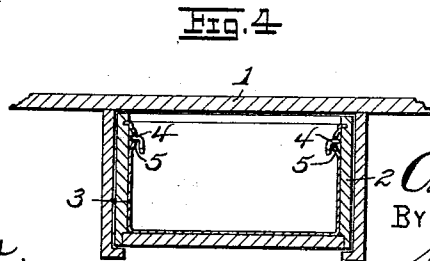
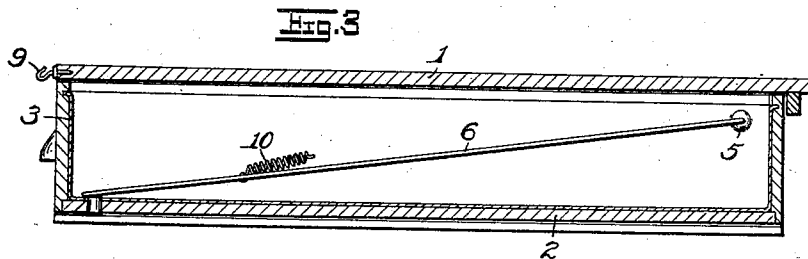
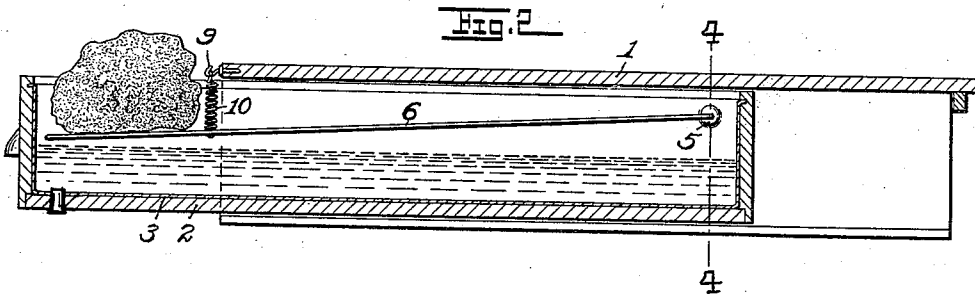
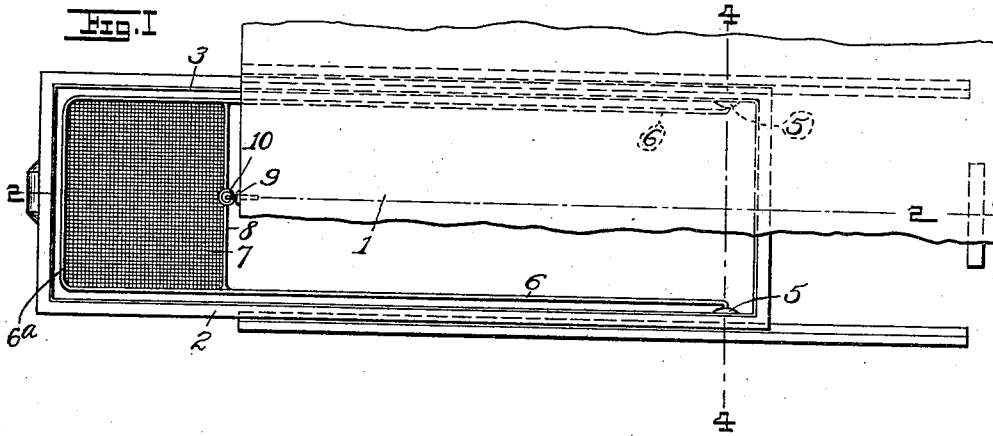


C. J. WHITMORE.
SPONGE DRAWER.
APPLICATION FILED APR. 6, 1911.

1,016,119.

Patented Jan. 30, 1912.



WITNESSES:
F. E. Arthur
Bruce Morris

INVENTOR—
Charles J. Whitmore
BY
A. E. Dunlap
ATTORNEY.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CHARLES J. WHITMORE, OF BELLAIRE, OHIO, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-FOURTH TO E. P. PIEPER AND ONE-FOURTH TO J. W. PIEPER, OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

SPONGE-DRAWER.

1,016,119.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Jan. 30, 1912.

Application filed April 6, 1911. Serial No. 619,376.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. WHITMORE, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Bellaire, county of Belmont, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sponge-Drawers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates broadly to sponge drawers for pressing tables, and specifically to a water receptacle and sponge support adapted to be embodied in or carried by a pressing table of the character employed by tailors and dressmakers in sponging and pressing cloth or clothing.

The primary object of the invention is to provide, in connection with a stand or table, a water receptacle of table-drawer form, which, while it occupies, when in use, a position within convenient reach of the operator, yet is remote from the top or pressing surface of said stand or table, with no possibility of its being overturned; and, when not in use, may be moved to a position where it is concealed from view.

A further important object is to provide in said receptacle a yieldable sponge support whereby the moisture-applying sponge is normally maintained above the level of the water contained in said receptacle, and which readily yields to pressure for allowing the sponge to be immersed in the water when desired.

With these and other objects in view, the invention finally consists in the particular construction, arrangement and combination of parts which will hereinafter be fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a partial top plan view of the invention, a portion of the table-top being shown broken away; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same on the line 2—2, Fig. 1, showing a sponge mounted on the support; Fig. 3 is a similar view, showing the drawer closed; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the lines 4—4, Figs. 1 and 2.

Referring to said drawing, in which like designating characters distinguish like parts throughout the several views—1 indicates the top, or pressing surface, of a pressing stand or table, and 2 a rectangular water-receptacle of table-drawer form which is slidably mounted beneath said top in the

usual, or any appropriate, manner. An interior lining 3 of sheet-metal is preferably provided in said drawer for rendering the receptacle water-tight. Having their outwardly directed terminals 4 pivotally mounted in suitable bearings, as small dished disks 5, soldered, or otherwise secured, to the lining 3 adjacent to the upper edges of, and near the rear end of, the receptacle, are longitudinal rod-like members 6 which support upon their front ends a foraminous plate or wire netting 7. Said members 6 are preferably the opposite lateral members of a substantially U-shaped rod or wire, the cross-member 6^a of which forms one side of the mounting on which said plate or netting 7 is mounted, as by soldering. A separate cross-member 8 has its opposite ends fixed to the members 6, as shown, and constitutes the fourth side of the substantially rectangular mounting for said plate or netting.

Fixed in the front edge of the table top at a central point over the drawer 2 is a hook 9 to which is detachably connected the upper end of a coil spring 10 whose lower end is attached to the cross-member 8 at a point midway between the ends of the latter, said spring being adapted to yieldably support, above the level of the water in the receptacle, the sponge support constituted by the U-shaped rod and fixed netting. The sponge mounted upon the netting is normally maintained above the level of the water. When it is desired to immerse the sponge, slight hand-pressure applied thereto will serve to depress the sponge support against the tension of spring 10. Upon removal of the applied pressure, the support immediately resumes its normal position. When it is desired to close the drawer, the spring has only to be detached from hook 9, when it may be closed in the usual way, assuming the position shown in Fig. 3.

It will be apparent that various slight mechanical changes within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to without departing from the general spirit and scope of the invention.

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

1. The combination with a table, of a drawer-like water receptacle slidably mounted beneath the table top, a sponge support

mounted within said receptacle, and a spring interposed between the support and the table top for normally maintaining said support in elevated position.

5 2. The combination with a table, of a drawer-like water receptacle slidably mounted beneath the table top, a sponge support mounted within said receptacle, a hook fixed in the edge of the table top, and a coil spring
10 connected at one end to said support and attached at its opposite end to said hook.

3. A drawer-like receptacle, a U-shaped member located within said receptacle and having its terminal ends pivoted to the op-
15 posite sides of the latter, a foraminous plate carried by the end of said member opposite

to the pivotal mounting, and means for normally holding said end elevated.

4. The combination with a table, of a drawer-like receptacle carried by said table, 20 a U-shaped member disposed within said receptacle and having its terminal ends pivotally mounted adjacent to the sides thereof, a wire netting mounted on the free end of said member, and a spring normally 25 maintaining said free end elevated.

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

CHARLES J. WHITMORE.

Witnesses:

H. E. DUNLAP,
J. WM. PIEPER.

Copies of this patent may be obtained for five cents each, by addressing the "Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C."