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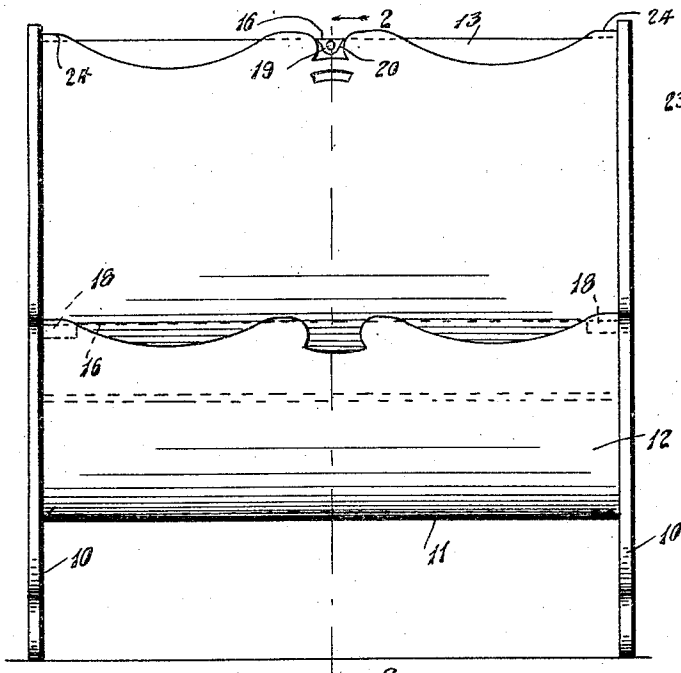


Fig. 1.

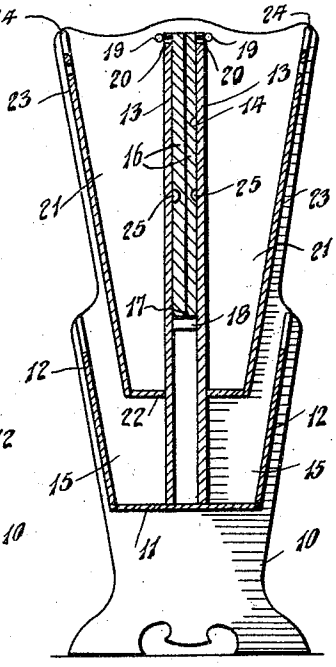


Fig. 2.

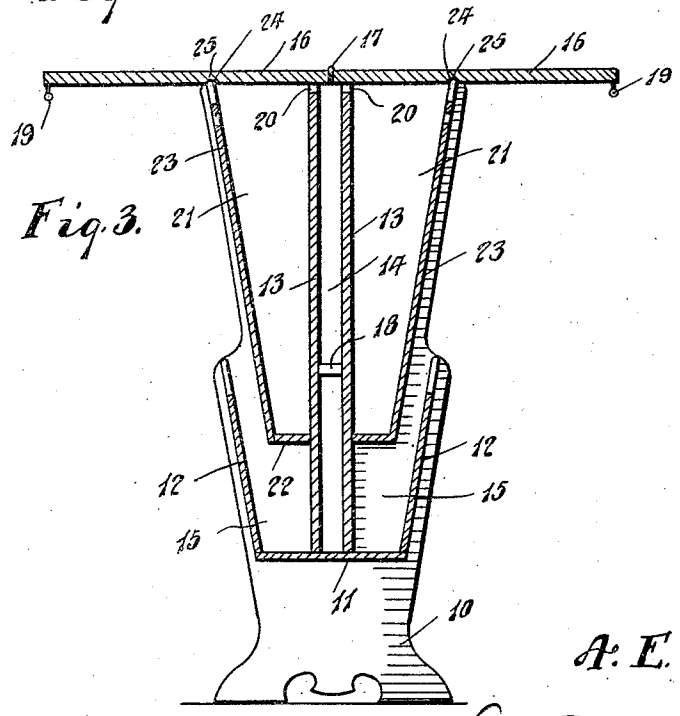


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This invention relates to an article of furniture and it generally aims to provide a combined rack for books, magazines or the like and a utility table.

It is further aimed to provide such an article as will normally have the appearance of a rack and which will contain a folded table top adapted for unfolding and support by the rack when desired, for various purposes, such as playing of games thereon, support of a typewriter, luncheon purposes and the like.

The invention especially aims to provide an exceedingly compact article having great utility in apartments or place where space is restricted.

The more specific objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the description following taken in connection with accompanying drawing illustrating an operative embodiment.

In said drawing:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device in normal condition forming a rack,

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, and

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2 but showing the parts in position constituting a table.

Referring specifically to the drawing, the article of furniture has upright end members 10, a bottom 11 connecting the same and side panels 12 extending upwardly and outwardly therefrom. Central panels 13 rise from the bottom 11 and are in spaced relation to provide a pocket 14 between the same. The walls or panels 11, 12 and 13 coact to form pockets or racks or spaces at 15 for books, magazines or any desired purpose.

Said panel 13 extends above the panel 12 so as to accommodate table leaves 16 which are hinged together at 17, within the space 14, when in folded condition, the same resting on a false bottom 18 therein. Said leaves 16 have manipulating lugs or pins 19 thereon. Such pins when the leaves 16 are in folded and concealed position as shown in Figure 2 extending above or in openings 20 of the panel 13.

Rack spaces 21 are provided above the rack spaces or pockets 15 by reason of bottom panels 22 and inclined side panels 23, connected to the end members 10. In the unfolded condition of the leaves 16, they are supported partly on top of the panels 13 and also on the top of the panel 23, the latter having projections at 24 which extend into slots 25 in the under surfaces of the leaves. Such leaves are also located between the upper ends of the end members 10 to further aid in maintaining the leaves in place.

It is obvious that the rack spaces 15 and 21 may be used for any desired purposes and that a single rack may be employed as well as a plurality.

Various changes may be resorted to provided they fall within the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A device of the class described having a rack including a plurality of spaced panels providing pockets, and a table top provided with means to interfit with said panels so as to be supported and secured against accidental displacement thereon.

2. A device of the class described having a rack including a plurality of spaced panels providing pockets, a table top provided with means to interfit with said panels so as to be supported and secured against accidental displacement thereon, means adjacent one of said panels providing a space for reception of the top when not in use.

3. A device of the class described having panels providing a space therebetween, a foldable table top disposable in said space, means on opposite sides of said panels including second panels, said first and second panels serving to support the top when extended, and said top and one of said panels being in interfitted relation in the latter position.

4. A device of the class described comprising end members, panels between the same having a space therebetween, panels on opposite sides of the first mentioned panel and coacting therewith to form racks, a table top comprising flexibly connected sections, said top being normally disposed in said space, said top being disposable in extended

condition across the top of said panels for support thereon, and the second mentioned panel having interfitting engagement at the upper end thereon with said top, and said end members extending above the lower edge of the table top in its extended position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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