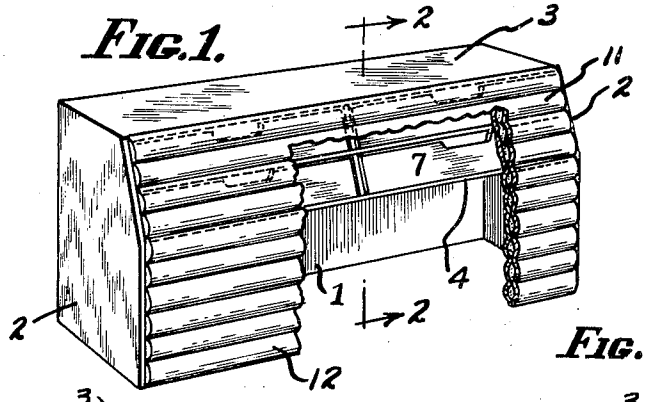
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FIG. 1.



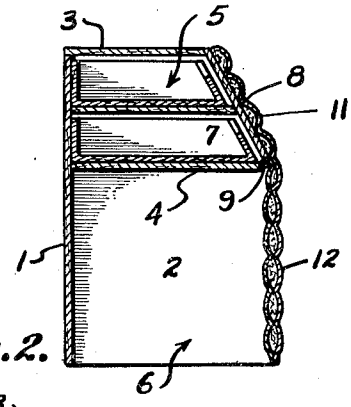




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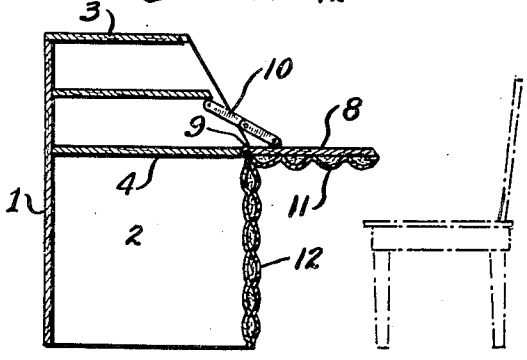



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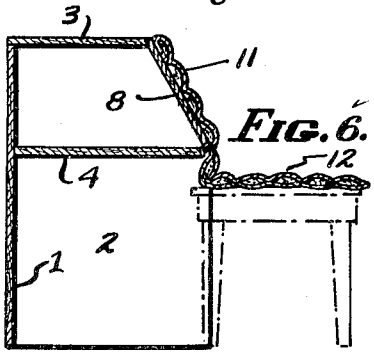



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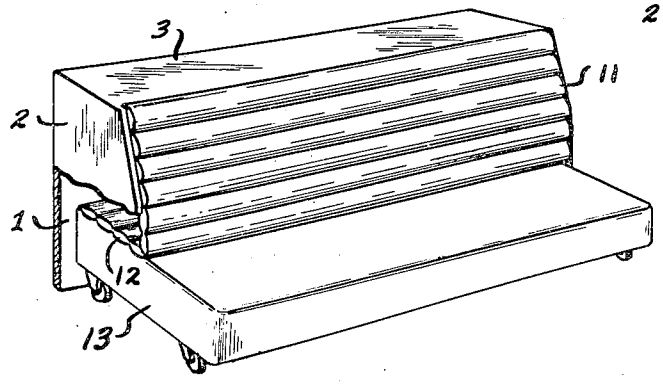



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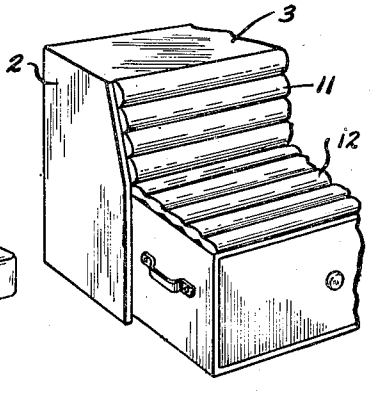



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My invention relates to cabinets of the utility type which contains a storage compartment as well as a hollow space for the storing of miscellaneous articles behind a pleasing and sightly front. My invention relates to a combination cabinet wherein a storage space such as drawers etc. surmounts a relatively large hollow space which has no floor, but which permits the storing of stools, chests, and the like, and which is covered by a front portion which completely hides the contents.

It is an object of my invention to provide a cabinet which has all of the above characteristics and which has a front portion which presents a continuous and uninterrupted surface.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a cabinet so arranged and configured that a bed may be partially slid into the hollow space of the cabinet and the front portion of the cabinet together with the bed forming a divan.

The combination of bed and cabinet to form a divan when combined which are now on the market, have a tendency to be unsightly when used as a divan since the give of the mattress of the bed when it is sat upon pulls it away from the surmounting back structure and presents an aperture or a crack between the back and the surface of the bed. It is a further object of my invention to provide a combination wherein no crack between the back and the surface of the bed is ever visible no matter how resilient or low the bed mattress may be.

These and other objects of my invention which will be set forth hereinafter or will be apparent to one skilled in the art upon reading this specification I accomplish by that certain construction and arrangement of parts of which I shall now describe an exemplary embodiment. Reference is now made to the drawing which forms a part hereof and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my novel cabinet with portions cut away to show the interior.

Fig. 2 is a cross section of my cabinet taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a cross section of my novel cabinet with the storage compartment cover in its open position to form a desk.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of my novel cabinet with a bed inserted therein to form a couch. Portions are cut away to show the interior.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of my novel cabinet in combination with a chest to form a divan.

Fig. 6 is a cross section similar to Fig. 3 of my novel cabinet in combination with a stool to form a divan.

Briefly in the practice of my invention, I provide a substantially rectangular cabinet comprising a storage compartment spaced over an open floorless space. Covering the storage compartment is a hinged cover and covering the open space is a flexible curtain depending from and contiguous with the cover. Both the cover and the curtain are similar in appearance so that when they are in the closed position they present a continuous uninterrupted surface with a pleasing appearance. I preferably pad and quilt the cover as well as the curtain so as to give a padded back when it is used as the back of a divan, and also to enhance its appearance.

Referring to the drawing, I provide a cabinet having a back wall 1 and two end walls 2. There is a top 3 which surmounts the back and end walls.

Horizontally positioned within the cabinet is a shelf 4 which divides the cabinet into an upper storage compartment 5 and lower space 6.

I prefer to place drawers 7 within the compartment space 5 in any convenient manner.

I provide a cover 8 which is hinged at 9 to the forward edge of the shelf 4. I provide a limit strap 10 which limits the outward swing of the cover 8. I prefer to make the strap 10 of just sufficient length so that the cover 8 when swung out and held in position by the strap will be horizontal and on a plane with the shelf 4 as indicated in Fig. 3.

I preferably upholster the cover 8 with quilted padding.

Depending from the forward edge 9 of the shelf 4 I provide a vertical flexible curtain 12. The curtain 12 is padded and quilted so as to give the same appearance as the upholstering 11 on the cover 8. In my preferred embodiment it will be noted that I have made the curtain 12 sufficiently long to contact the floor upon which any cabinet rests. However, under certain conditions it may be advisable to make the curtain 12 shorter.

From the above it is apparent that I have provided a cabinet containing a storage compartment which may contain drawers surmounting an open space covered by a flexible curtain. The covering for the storage compartment and the curtain is of similar design so that when the cabinet is completely closed, as in Figs. 1 and 2, the whole front of the cabinet gives a uniform continuous, uninterrupted pleasing surface, and any material placed either in the storage compartment or in the space underlying the same, is completely hidden.

My cabinet may be used as a convenient desk,

as is clearly illustrated in Fig. 3, by opening the cover 8 to its greatest extent and placing a chair in front of the same.

My cabinet may be used as a seat wherein the padded cover 8 forms a back and the flexible curtain 12 forms a padded seat portion by placing the curtain over a stool as in Fig. 6 or a chest as in Fig. 5. Under these circumstances the stool or the chest may be conveniently slid into the space 6 with the curtain 12 concealing the same when it is not in use.

Another specific use for my cabinet is in combination with a bed as shown in Fig. 4. In this case the bed is slid into the space 6 so that the cabinet only partially covers the same with the forward portion 13 of the bed projecting. It will be noted that in this position the curtain 12 rests upon the surface of the bed 13 and fills up the space between the underside of the shelf 4 and the surface of the bed. By this arrangement a bed of any height may be placed within my cabinet to form a divan and there will be no back break between the back of the divan formed by the cover 8 and the surface of the bed. It is also apparent that if the mattress of the bed 13 is extremely resilient and gives appreciably when sat upon, the flexible curtain 12 will ride down with the surface of the bed and at all times remain in contact with it so as to present a continuous uninterrupted surface between the back 11 and the surface of the bed. In this form my cabinet is extremely useful since the bed may be completely withdrawn at night while it may be inserted in the cabinet as in Fig. 4 in the daytime, and provides a comfortable and attractive divan.

It is to be understood that different forms of my preferred form may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A cabinet comprising a storage compartment spaced vertically from the floor, a hinged closure substantially vertically closing said compartment, a flexible curtain depending from and contiguous with said closure, said closure and said curtain being similarly quilted to present a continuous uninterrupted surface.

2. A cabinet comprising a back wall, two side walls and a top, a horizontal shelf within the cabinet and dividing the same into an upper storage compartment and a lower space, a closure hinged to said shelf and closing said upper compartment, a flexible curtain depending from said shelf and continguous with said closure closing said lower space, said closure and said curtain being covered with a single piece of material to present a continuous uninterrupted surface.

3. A cabinet comprising a back wall, two side walls and a top, a horizontal shelf within the cabinet and dividing the same into an upper storage compartment and a lower space, a closure hinged to said shelf and closing said upper compartment, a flexible curtain depending from said shelf and continguous with said closure closing said lower space, said closure and said curtain being similar in appearance to present a continuous uninterrupted surface, said closure and said curtain being padded and quilted.

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