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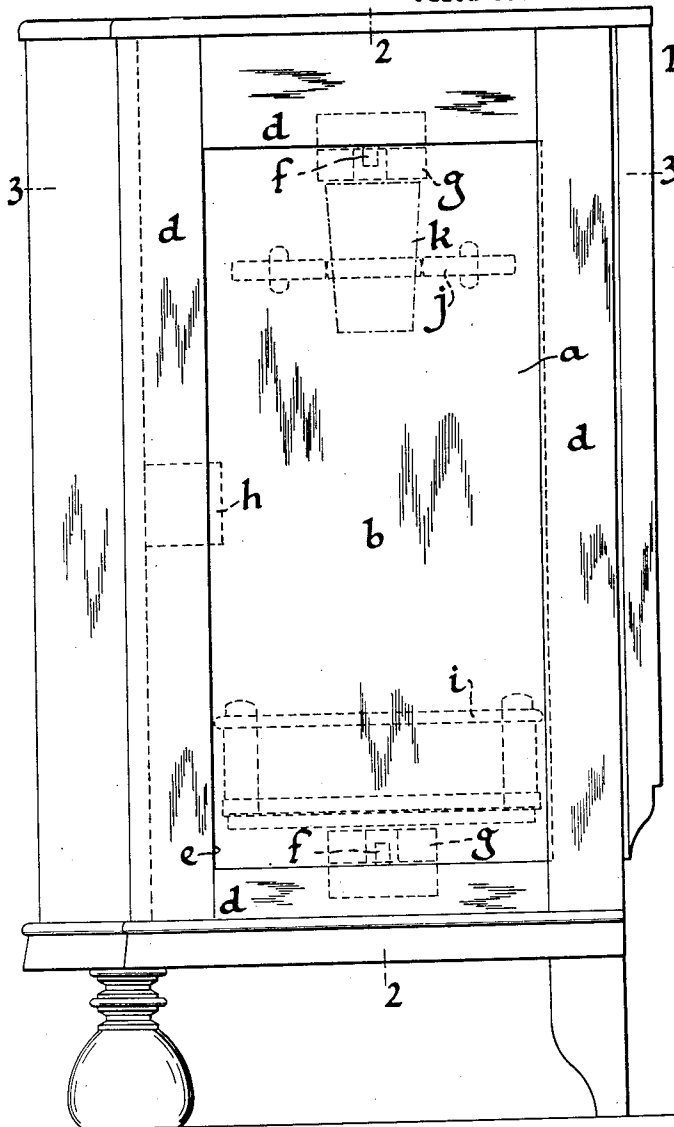


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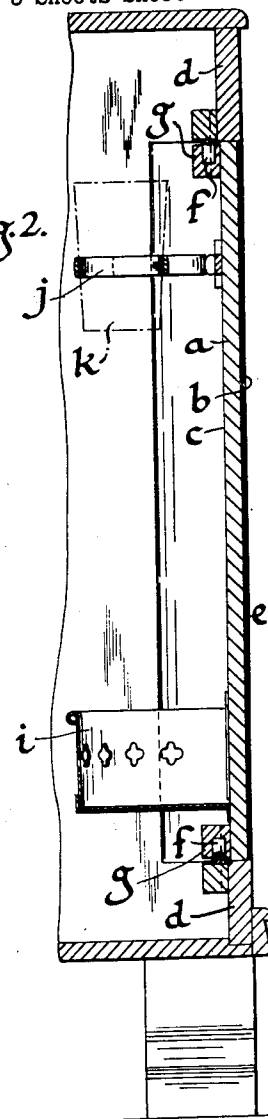
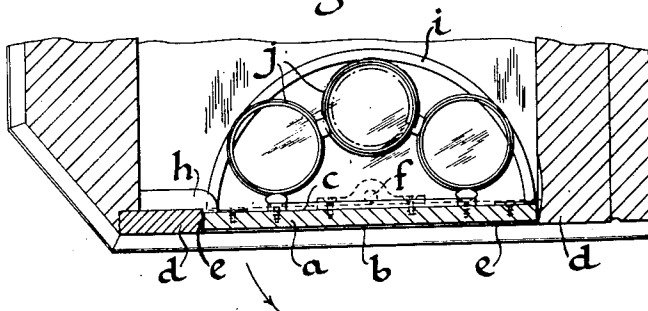


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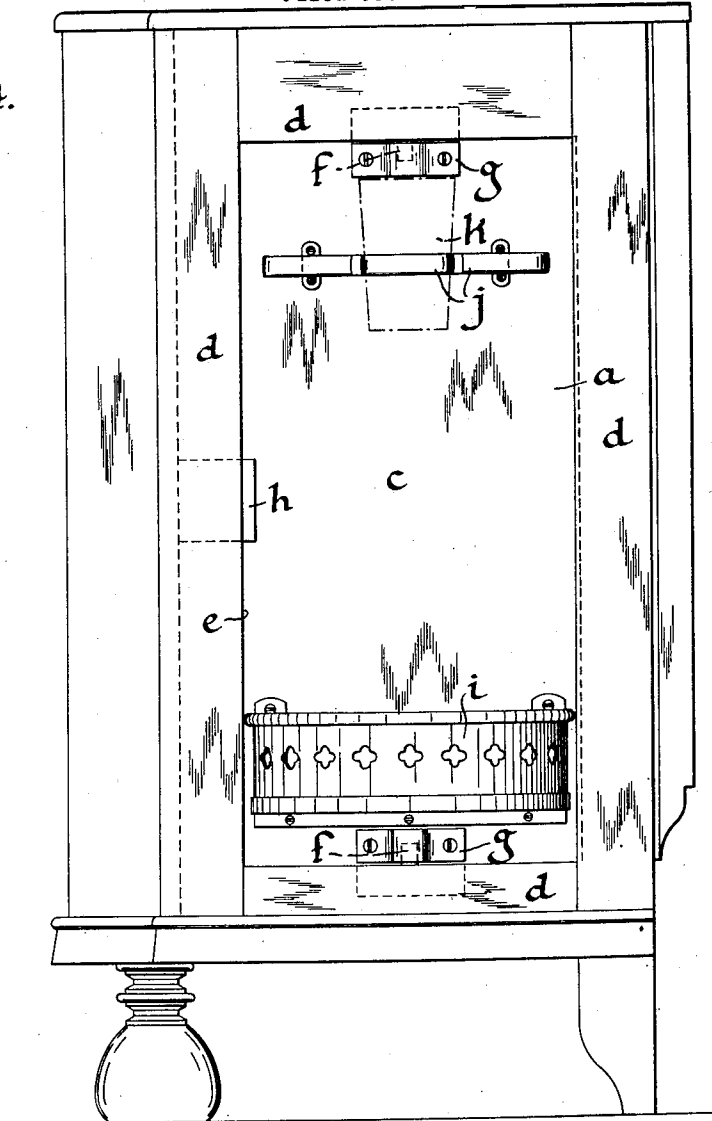
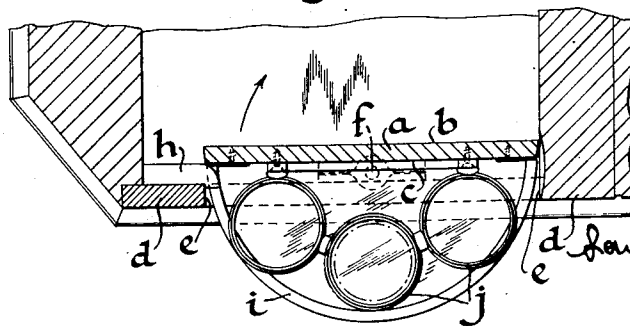


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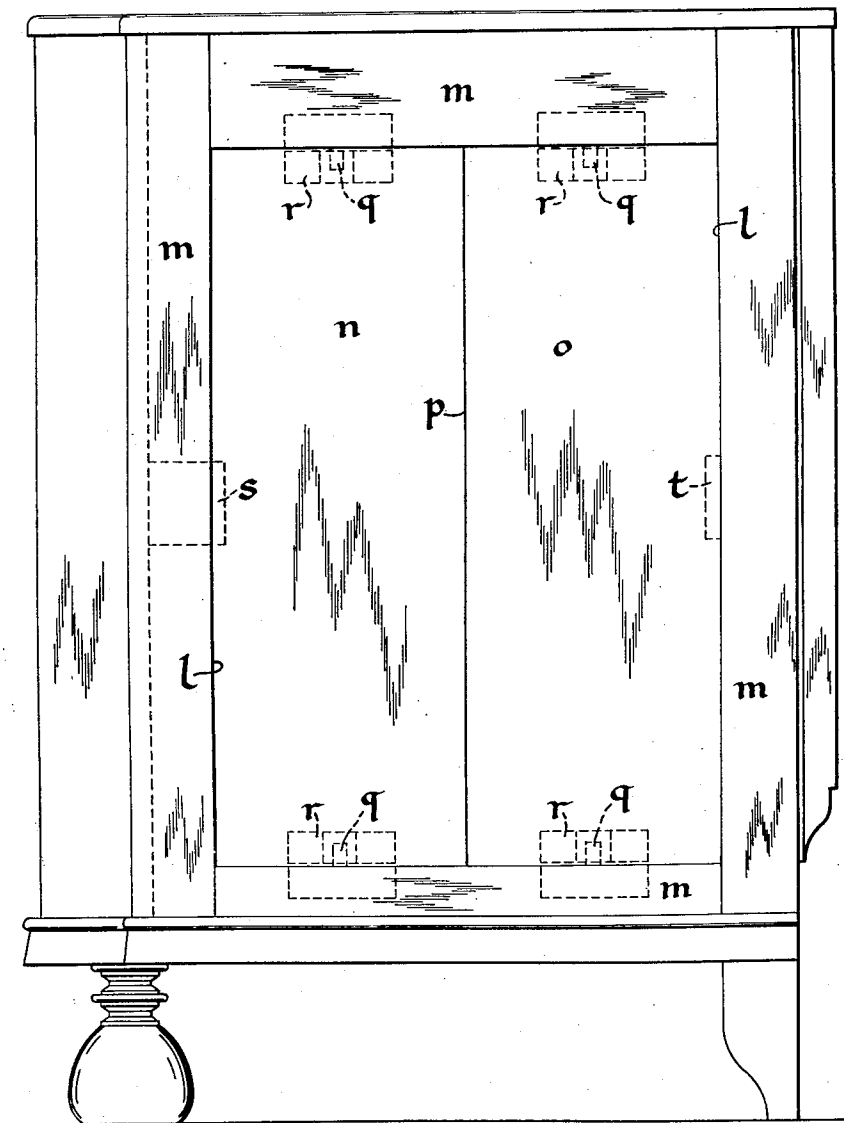
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Fig. 6.



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This invention relates to an improved furniture fitment and has for its object to provide a secret receptacle for valuables and the like.

5 According to the invention, I provide in any piece of furniture, such as a sideboard, dinner-wagon or generally in any woodwork framing comprising uprights, stiles or legs, cross rails and a panel, means whereby the
10 panel or abutting sections thereof may be swivelled or revolved in a vertical plane so that either the front or back of the said panel or sections can be made to face out-
15 wards and so be visible. The back of the panel or of each of the sections thereof is fitted with a holder or receptacle for valuables or other articles which thus can either
20 be concealed from view or brought to the front and so become accessible.

In a suitable construction according to the invention the panel or each of the sections thereof is provided at both its top and bottom with a central pin which engages a slot or socket in the cross rail of the piece of
25 furniture, or vice versa, or the pins and sockets may be arranged at the sides of the panel when not in sections. Whilst to outward appearance an ordinary or jointed panel is presented, this arrangement allows
30 the said panel or each of the sections thereof to be revolved on the centre axis provided by the said pins, so that the back of the panel, of each section, to which is attached a holder for valuables or other articles, can
35 show to the front.

It is obvious that a door hinged at one side and acting as a panel might serve as a carrier, but the hinges and handles necessary for the opening and closing thereof,
40 cannot be concealed, and thus prevent the secrecy and consequent security obtainable with the above described arrangement, in which neither hinges nor handles are required.

45 To enable the invention to be fully understood I will describe it by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is an end elevation of a sideboard provided with a panel in accordance
50 with the invention.

Figures 2 and 3 are, respectively, sections on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 Figure 1.

Figures 4 and 5 are views similar to Figures 1 and 3 respectively, showing the panel

rotated to reverse the positions of its front 55 and rear surfaces.

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 1 but showing the panel in two abutting parts or sections arranged to swivel independently.

60 *a* is the panel having the front and rear faces *b* and *c*, respectively, and *d* is the woodwork or framing around the opening *e* filled by the said panel. *f, f* are the pins centrally arranged at the top and bottom
65 of the panel *a* and shown as being attached to the framing *d* and entering sockets *g, g* on the panel; or the positions of the said pins and sockets may be reversed, that is to say, they may be arranged, respectively, on
70 the panel and the framing.

By this arrangement it will be seen that the panel *a* can be rotated within the opening *e*, around the common central vertical axis of the pins *f, f* so as to present either its front face *b*, or its rear face *c* outwardly.
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h is a stop on the frame *d* which I employ to limit the rotative movement of the panel through an angle of 180°, so that when it is rotated in one direction or the other it will be arrested with either its back or front
80 surface substantially in the plane of the frame *d* or parallel with the said plane.

In the arrangement illustrated I have shown the rear face *c* of the panel as fitted with a support or holder *i*, for a bottle, decanter, or the like, and a holder or support *j* for drinking glasses or tumblers one of which is indicated by dot and dash lines at
85 *k*, Figures 1, 2 and 4, so that by rotating the panel within the opening *e* from the position indicated in Figures 1 to 3, in the direction of the arrow Figure 3, it will bring the bottle or decanter and the drinking glass into the position for use, indicated in
90 Figures 4 and 5. After use, by rotating the panel *a* in the direction of the arrow, Figure 5, it will be caused to reassume the normal position indicated in Figures 1 to 3.
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It will be understood that devices other than the devices *i* and *j* can be attached to the back of the panel *a*, for instance, a holder or receptacle for valuables.
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In the arrangement illustrated in Figure 6 the panel fitting within the opening *l* in the framing *m* is divided into two independent parts or sections *n, o* normally abutting together at the joint *p* and each capable of swivelling on a vertical central axis by
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means of pins *q* engaging sockets *r*, stops *s*, *t* on the said framing limiting the swiveling movement of the said parts, *n*, *o*, respectively, similarly to the stop *h* in the arrangement illustrated in Figures 1 to 5.

I claim:

A cabinet having a concealed compartment defined on one side by a vertical panel enclosing rectangular frame, a panel supported in and substantially fitting said frame, and mounted in vertical position by vertically disposed co-axial pivots at the top and bottom of said panel having their common axes located substantially centrally between

the side portions of said frame and inside of the plane of the inner face of said panel, a stop projecting from one side of said frame for engaging the rear face of the panel at one side thereof to hold it in position to represent a solid panel, glass racks secured to the rear face of said panel and a guarded decanter rack also secured to the rear face of said panel, said stop also adapted to engage the rear face of the panel at the other side to hold said panel in position with the racks exposed to view.

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