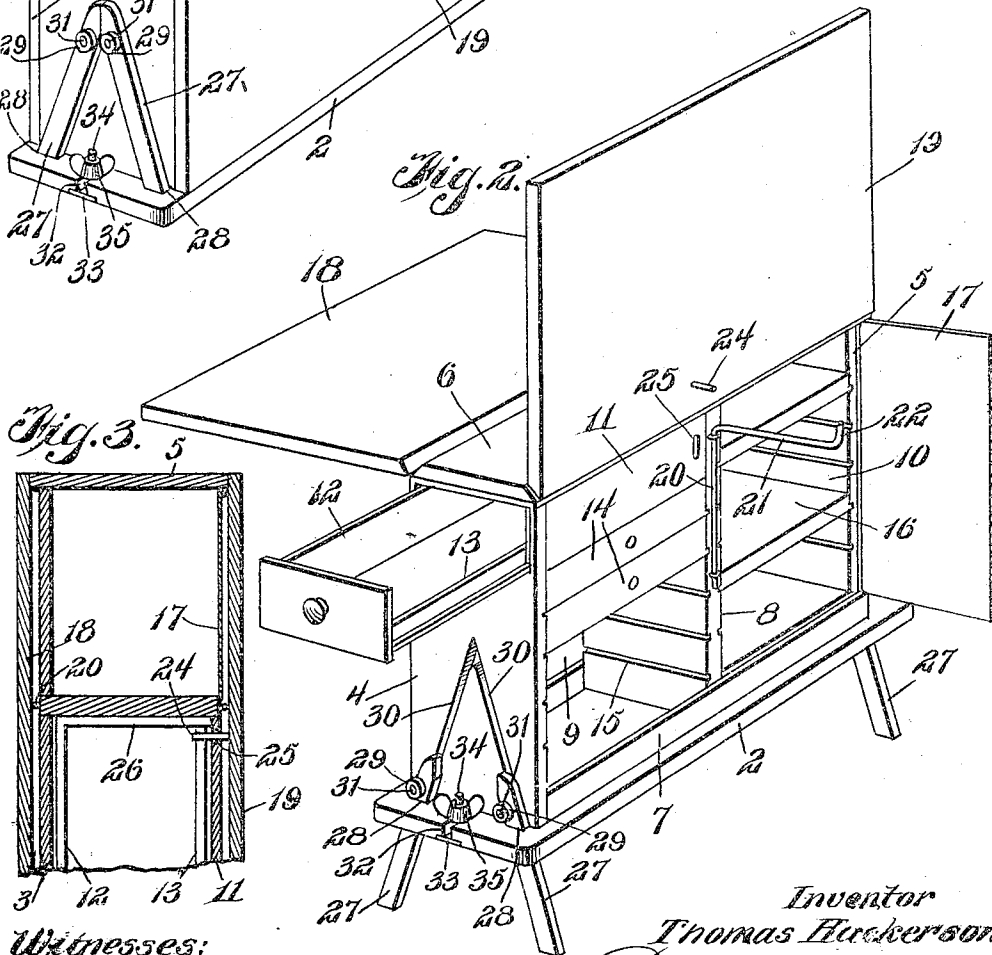
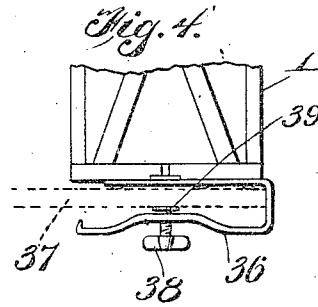
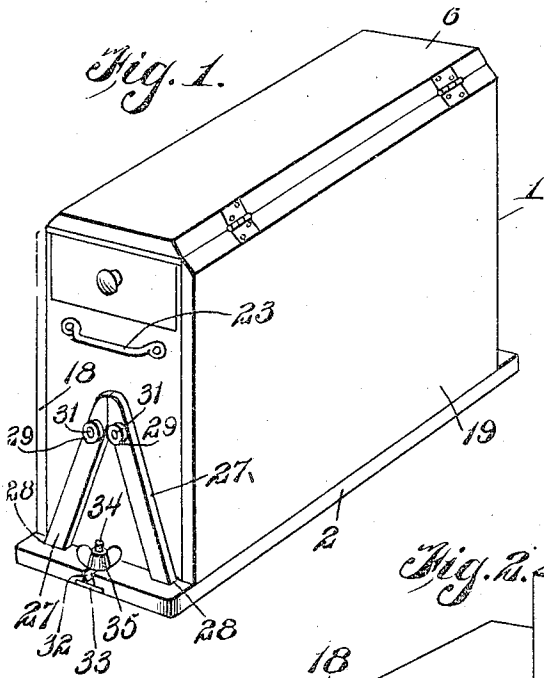


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS HACKERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark in the county of Kendall and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Auto-Kitchenettes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to a kitchenette or commissary device designed particularly for the use of automobilists and others, for convenience in carrying food stuffs and other articles, and also adapted to be set up for use as a table, whereby an article of general utility to campers, picnickers, outing parties and tourists is afforded.

15 The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is simple of construction, compact in form, adapted to be readily carried upon the vehicle, and capable of being conveniently removed for use as occasion requires.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will serve the purpose of a refrigerator, as a receptacle for a portable stove and cooking utensils, and as a table which can be properly leveled and set up on uneven ground.

25 A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be manufactured and sold at a comparatively low cost, which may be made as ornamental as desired, and which embodies other advantages and conveniences as hereinafter set forth.

30 With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

35 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in closed condition and as adapted to be applied to the running board, fender or trunk rack of an automobile.

40 Fig. 2 is a view of the device as set up for use as a table, and with the drawer and refrigerator door open and one of the leaves swung upwardly to admit of access to the drawer and compartments of the casing.

45 Fig. 3 is a horizontal transverse section through the casing taken on the line of the

sliding drawer and upper portion of the refrigerator compartment.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary end view of the device, showing a modified form of attaching means.

50 In carrying my invention into practice I provide a kitchenette or commissary device comprising a preferably oblong rectangular box or casing 1 embodying a base or bottom wall 2, a rear wall 3, end walls 4 and 5, a top wall 6, and a short front wall 7. The interior of the box or casing thus constructed is divided by a central transverse partition 8 into compartments 9 and 10, which compartments are or may be closed at the rear of the casing by the wall 3 and are open at the front of the casing to substantially the full depth of the casing, the short wall 7 being employed at the front solely for the purpose of forming shallow chambers at the bases of the compartments 9 and 10, to retain and hold articles from displacement.

55 The upper portion of the compartment 9 is provided with a short front upper wall 11 forming with the wall 3, end wall 4 and the partition 8 a chamber to receive a sliding drawer 12. This drawer 12 is designed to receive a small oil stove or other suitable cooking stove, together with kitchen and table articles, and has its front wall partially cut away, as indicated at 13, for convenience in inserting and removing the articles from the front of the casing and in securing access to the stove in cooking and other similar operations. Below this drawer receiving chamber the compartment 9 is provided with one or more removably sliding trays or drawers 14 slidably mounted in guide grooves 15 formed in the inner faces of the walls 4 and 8. These trays or grooves 14 may be arranged in the upper part of the compartment 9 immediately below the drawer receiving chamber, leaving a base chamber for the reception of suitable articles of food, folding camp chairs or the like.

60 The compartment 10 is provided with one or more shelves or trays 16 which may be of any suitable construction, and the walls of this compartment may be metal lined, if desired, to render it water proof. In the upper portion of this compartment, upon one of the trays or shelves 16, ice or other cooling media may be placed to keep

the contents of the compartment cool, thus providing a refrigerator which will be found of convenience in preserving perishable articles. Perishable food stuffs of any kind may be placed upon the lower shelf and in the lower chamber of the compartment 10, so that a comparatively large amount of food stuffs may be carried, sufficient for a number of meals or to accommodate a comparatively large number of people.

The compartment 10 is provided with a door 17 whereby it may be kept closed at all times in an air tight manner to keep the temperature therein at a low degree, and this door 17 is arranged to swing so as to rest at its free edge against the front of the central partition 8 and close snugly against the base of the compartment 10 and the front wall or strip 7. Any suitable means for securing the door 17 in closed position may be employed if desired.

Leaves 18 and 19 are hinged at their upper or relatively inner edges to the side edges of the top wall 6 and are adapted to be swung downwardly upon the sides of the casing to fold the device in compact form, as shown in Fig. 1, the leaf 19 when swung downward also serving to close the compartment 9 and to form an outer closure or cover for the compartment 10. Brackets 20 are hinged to the wall 3 and front edge of the partition 8 and have horizontal arms 21 terminating in upturned portions 22, whereby when said brackets are swung outwardly to the position shown in Fig. 2 they will form supports for the leaves 18 and 19, such leaves acting in conjunction with the top 6 to form a dining or other table. The brackets 20 are adapted to be swung inwardly against the walls 3 and 11 to permit of the leaves being swung downwardly into closed position, as will be readily understood.

Handles 23 are provided upon the end walls 4 and 5 to permit of the device being conveniently lifted and carried, and a locking means is provided for securing the drawer 12 in closed position when the device is folded up for storage or transportation. To this end the leaf 19 is provided with a locking pin 24 which is adapted, when said leaf is swung downward, to pass through a slot or opening 25 in the wall 11 and lie in the path of the rear wall 26 of the drawer 13, thus holding said drawer from outward movement. It will be observed that when the pin 24 is in locking position it projects through the cut away space 13, whereby this space is made to serve a dual function.

A pair of legs 27 are provided at each end of the casing, and these legs are adapted to support the device in an elevated position when set up for use. As shown, the legs are movable through slots 28 in end extensions of the bottom wall 2 and are provided with

clamping screws 31 having headed ends which fit within under cut portions or slots 30 formed in the end walls 4 and 5, said screws being provided with nuts 29 whereby the heads of the screws may be drawn into clamping position to hold the legs fixed and against movement when adjusted. The grooves or slots 30 converge in an upward direction, thus providing for the contraction or drawing together of the legs when retracted or drawn upwardly and the extension or spreading of the legs, to form a firm support, when moved downwardly for use.

Each end extension of the bottom 2 is provided with a slot 32 and fitted in a groove on the underside of said base 2 is a head or plate 33 carrying a swinging bolt 34 provided with a wing nut 35, whereby the bolt may be swung upwardly to the inoperative position shown in Fig. 2 and clamped against the upper surface of the base. Upon releasing the nuts, the bolts may also be swung downwardly so that they may be passed through openings in a fender, running board or trunk rack of a vehicle and clamped by means of the nut in a manner readily understood.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modified form of fastening means embodying a U-shaped clasp 36 adapted to embrace a running board 37 and to be secured in position by a clamp nut 38 having a swiveled head 39, thus adapting the device for application to running boards under conditions where the bolts 34 and nuts 35 can not be conveniently used.

It will be seen from the foregoing that my invention provides a kitchenette or commissary article which is simple of construction, compact and adapted to be easily and conveniently lifted and transported and carried upon a vehicle, and which serves as a refrigerator and receptacle for a cooking stove and also various other commissary articles, in addition to a store of food supplies. It will also be seen that the device is adapted to form a convenient dining or other table, and thus affords manifold conveniences to autoists and others in obvious ways. While the construction defined is preferred, it will, of course, be understood that changes falling within the scope of the appended claims may be made, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A device of the character described comprising a receptacle having a drawer receiving chamber opening through one end thereof, a drawer slidable in said chamber and having one of its walls cut away, the wall of said chamber adjacent said cut away portion having an opening therein for alignment with said cut away portion, leaves hinged to the top of the receptacle and ver-

5 tically adjustable to form a table top and also engage the sides of the receptacle, and a locking projection carried by one of said leaves and movable through said opening and cut away portion, when the leaf is ad-
 10 justed into engagement with the adjacent side of the receptacle, to lie in the path of the inner wall of said drawer and prevent opening thereof.

10 2. A device of the character described comprising a receptacle having compart-
 15 ments and an opening, leaves hinged to the top of said receptacle to swing upwardly into the plane of the top thereof and down-
 20 wardly upon the sides of said receptacle, folding brackets for supporting said leaves in a horizontal position, a sliding drawer at one end of the receptacle and having an opening which alines with the opening in
 25 said receptacle, and a pin carried by one of the leaves and adjustable through said openings and into the path of the rear wall of said drawer, when the leaf is swung down-
 30 wardly for locking said drawer in closed position.

3. A device of the character described comprising a receptacle provided with compartments open at one side thereof, a door for closing one of the compartments to the

exclusion of the other, the receptacle being 30 provided with a drawer receiving chamber at the top of the other compartment and open through one end of said receptacle, a drawer slidably mounted in said chamber and having its front wall cut away on the 35 side facing the other wall of the chamber, the latter having an opening therein for alinement with said cut away portion of the drawer, leaves hinged to the top of the re-
 40 ceptacle so as to be swung upwardly to form therewith a table top and so as to be swung downwardly upon the sides of said recep-
 45 tacle, hinged brackets for supporting the leaf in a horizontal position and adapted to be swung against the sides of the receptacle to permit the leaves to be folded down-
 50 wardly, and a locking pin carried by one of the leaves for movement through the said opening and cut away portion of the drawer to lie in the path of the rear wall of the
 55 drawer and hold said drawer from opening movement.

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

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