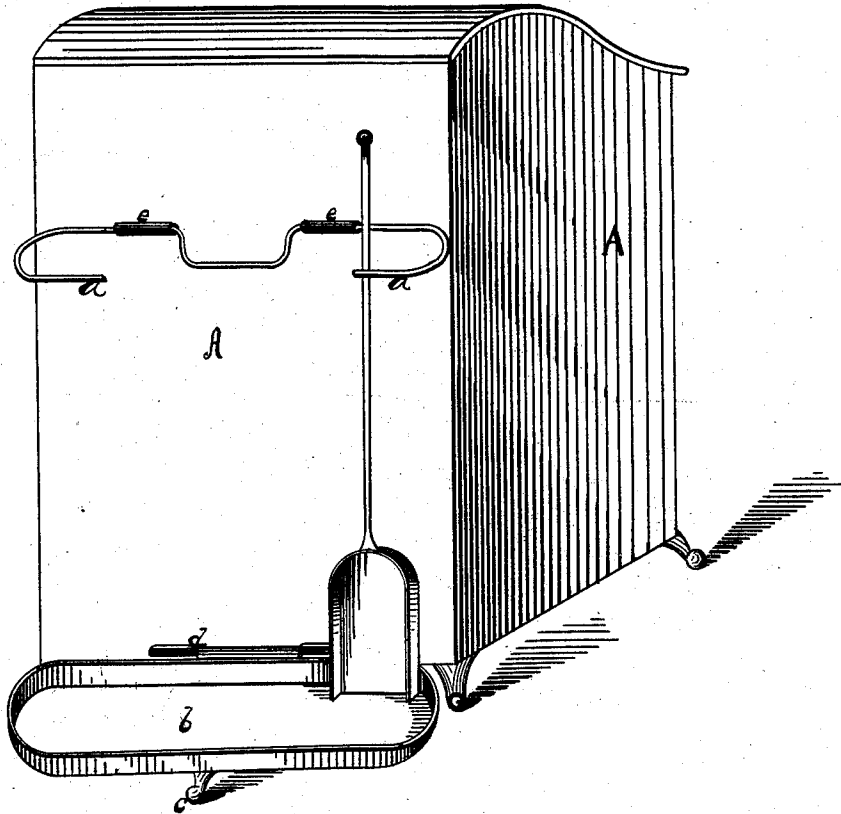


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IMPROVEMENT IN COAL-VASES AND FIRE-IRON STANDARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE JOHN MUNSCHAUER, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in a Combined Coal-Vase and Fire-Iron Standard, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to that class of coal-scuttles in which curved arms are attached to the same for supporting the fire-irons, the latter resting upon a fixed ledge or shelf at the base of the scuttle. My invention consists in providing the back of the vase or scuttle with double-curved pivoted arms, and a dish or plate hinged at the base of the scuttle, in such manner that the said arms may be turned on their pivots down upon the wall of the scuttle, and the dish or plate at the base of the latter may be turned up against the wall of the scuttle, the object and construction of which will be fully hereinafter described.

The drawing represents a perspective view of a coal-vase, showing the arms and dish hinged thereto.

A represents the usual metal box or coal-vase for parlor use, the case made either double or single, and ornamented according to taste. To the back of this vase is attached by hinges *e e*, at a suitable height, curved arms *a a*, made in one piece, the ends bent around so as to hold or inclose any fire-iron set therein. To the bottom of this back part, and beneath these arms, is a dish, *b*, or plate, having a single central leg, *c*. The back of this dish is hinged at *d* to the back of the

vase A, so that it will fold up, when not wanted, as a rest to the bottoms of the fire-irons. The arms *a a* also fold up when not in use, and the box can thus be set close to the wall or other place.

A great advantage of placing these holders at the back is that they are out of sight, and take up but little extra space, besides adding but little to the cost of the box. In packing for shipment this arrangement of the arms and bottom is very advantageous, as, not being removable, they cannot become lost or displaced, but simply fold up or down, as before stated.

I am aware that a combined vase and fire-iron holder has been made which has a detachable bottom and a single arm at the side of the vase; but I believe the arrangement and construction of my device are a great improvement on others.

I do not claim, broadly, a combined coal-box and fire-iron holder; but

I claim—

The combination, with a coal-scuttle, of the curved pivoted arms *a a* near the top of the scuttle, and the dish or plate *b* hinged near the base of the scuttle, all substantially as and for the object specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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