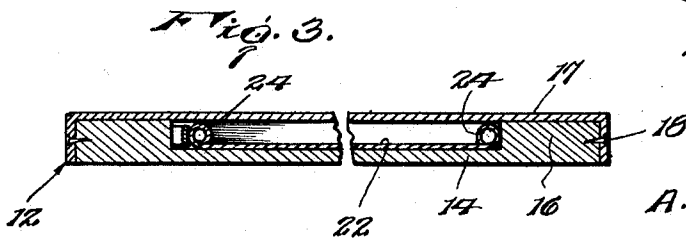
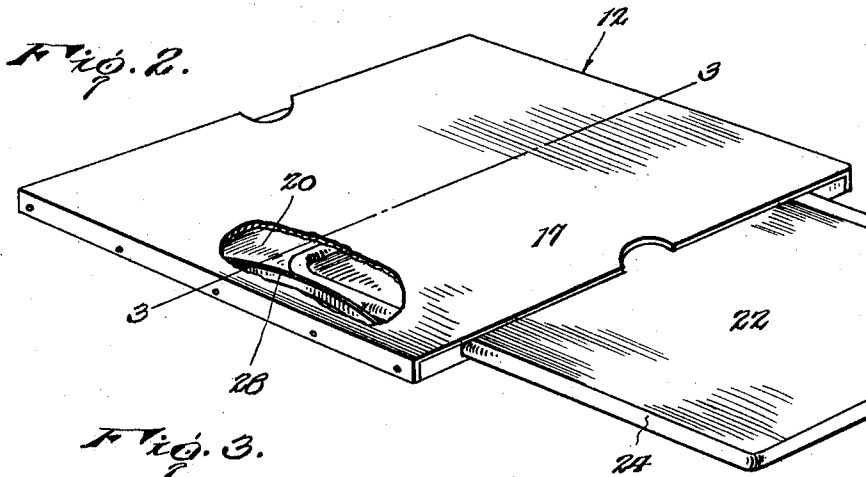
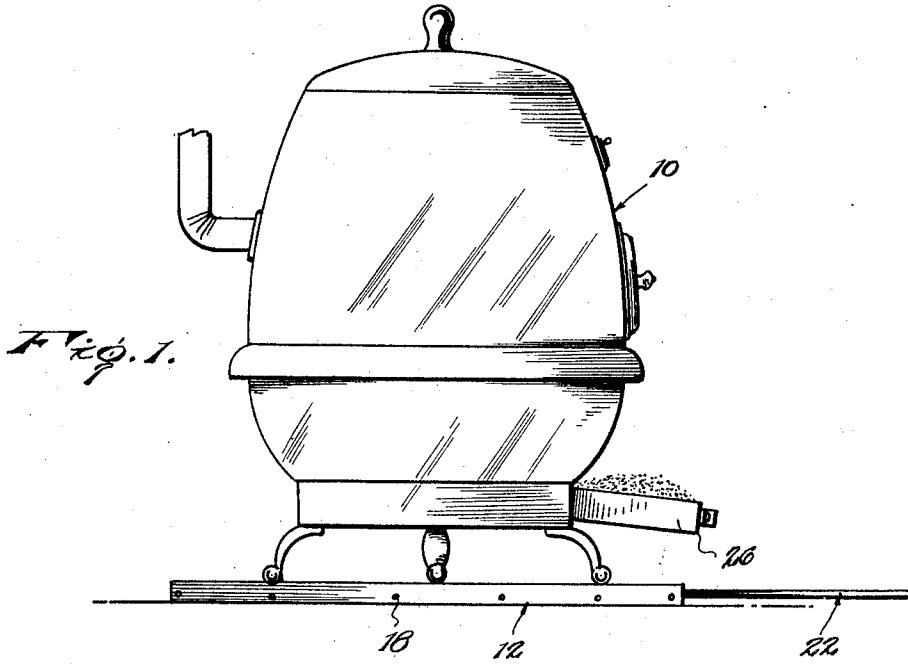


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST HUTCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stove-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in base boards especially adapted for use in connection with heat stoves and the like.

Briefly stated, this invention aims to provide a base or stove board having a slidable tray which may be readily and conveniently moved to its extended position in front of the stove so as to collect hot ashes and the like which drop from the ash pit of the stove when the latter is being cleaned.

A further object of the invention is to provide a stove board having an ash collecting tray which when not in use is entirely concealed from view so as not to mar the appearance of the room within which the stove is located.

A further object of the invention is to provide a stove board which is of highly simplified construction, efficient in use and cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved stove board, the tray of the same being shown extended;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective of the improved stove board, parts being broken away.

Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 generally designates a heat stove which is adapted to be arranged within a room for the purpose of heating the same. The stove 10 which in itself forms no part of this invention, is mounted upon a stove or base board generally designated by the numeral 12. The stove board comprises a base board 14 having its longitudinal edge portions formed with spaced parallel upstanding sides 16 to which a metallic cover plate 17

is secured by means of fastening elements 18. The metallic cover plate 17 extends over the edges of the upstanding sides 16 so that the cover plate will be securely connected to the base member 14 and so as to provide a neat structure.

The cover plate 17 and the upstanding side walls 16 form a compartment 20 within which a tray designated by the numeral 22 is slidably arranged. The tray 22 is preferably formed of metal and has its edge portions rolled or beaded to form upstanding flanges 24 which contact with the adjacent edges of the upstanding sides 16. The flanges 24 therefore constitute guides which engage the upstanding sides 16 so as to prevent the tray 22 from binding when the same is withdrawn or moved into the compartment.

When in an extended position, as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the tray 22 is adapted to receive the hot ashes and the like dropped from the ash pit when the stove is being cleaned. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the drawer 26 of the stove extends to a point adjacent the outer side of the stove board and frequently the ashes are caused to drop from the drawer 26 onto the carpet surrounding the stove.

This frequently results in damage to the carpet or rug and in some cases causes fire. The tray 22 collects the ashes which drop from the drawer 26 so that the ashes will be prevented from dropping onto the carpet or floor. The upstanding guide flanges 24 of the tray constitute a retaining means for the ashes. The tray may be removed from the stove board so that the ashes dropped upon the same may be conveniently conveyed to a suitable point of disposal.

As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, a longitudinally curved leaf spring 28 is anchored to one upstanding side wall 16 of the base member and has frictional contact with the adjacent flange 24 so as to secure the tray in a set position. In this manner the tray is securely held within the compartment 20 or may be held in an extended position.

With reference to the foregoing, it will be apparent that a stove board constructed in accordance with this invention will effectively prevent the ashes dropped from the stove or the drawer of the same from falling onto the rugs and floor and probably injuring the same.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A stove board having upstanding sides and a cover plate secured to said sides thereby forming a compartment, a tray slidable within said compartment, and yieldable means within the compartment and engaging the tray to hold the same in a set position.
2. A stove board comprising a base board having upstanding sides at its longitudinal edge portions and a cover plate secured to and bridging said sides thereby forming a compartment, and a tray slidable within said compartment and having its edge portions formed with upstanding guides contacting with the upstanding sides of the base board, the upstanding sides of said tray forming a retaining means for ashes and the up-

standing sides of the base board constituting a support for a stove.

3. A stove board comprising a base member having spaced parallel upstanding side walls, a cover plate secured to said side walls and forming a compartment, a tray slidable in said compartment and having its edge portions formed with upstanding flanges constituting retaining means for the ashes dropped upon the tray and forming guides for the tray, and a leaf spring within the base member between the adjacent opposed sides of the compartment and a flange on the tray and in contact with said flange to retain the tray in a set position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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