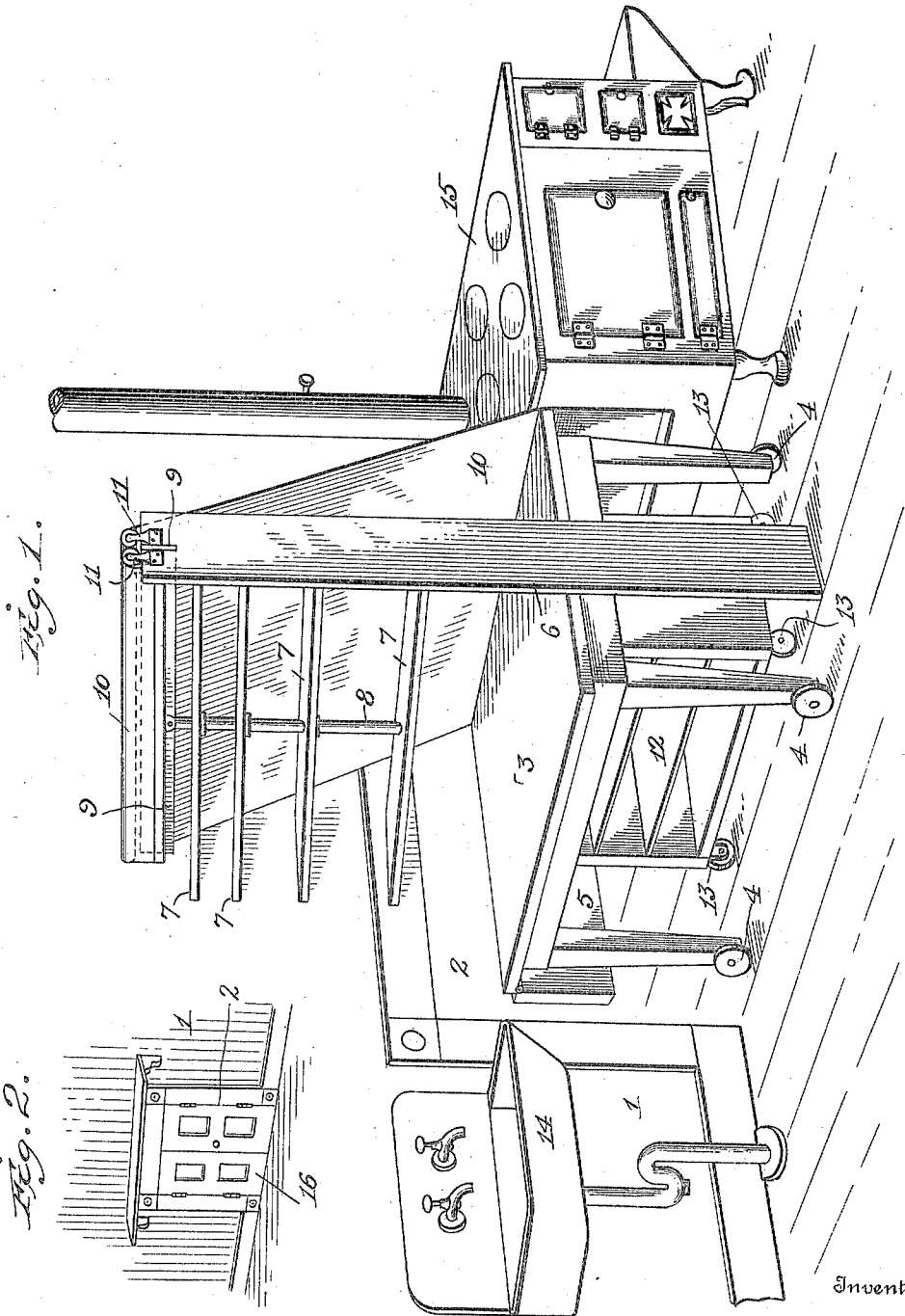


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYMAN P. ARMSTRONG, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Jose, in the county of Santa Clara and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Combined Cupboard and Table-Closet, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for lightening the labor of housework.

The objects I have in view are to end all carrying of dishes, and to save the need of a separate dining room, and yet avoid the necessity on the one hand of serving meals in the kitchen and on the other hand of having the living room cumbered with a dining table and cupboard. I accomplish this by means of the improved cupboard and dining table arrangement hereinafter set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention taken in the kitchen, and Fig. 2 is a view from the living room.

In the partition wall 1 between the living room and the kitchen there is cut a low doorway 2 just large enough to permit the table 3 to pass through it after it has been set for a meal. The legs of the table are provided with casters 4, which are not swiveled, but move in one direction only, that is, from the kitchen through the door into the living room and back again. The table may have one or more drop leaves 5 to enable it to be enlarged when necessary.

In the kitchen and in front of the door 2 is erected a standard 6, located far enough from the wall 1 to permit the table to be moved entirely through the door into the kitchen. Between this standard and the wall are fastened shelves 7, which may, if desired, be supported at the middle by a rod 8 depending from a board 9 at the top of the standard, placed on edge to give it rigidity. Curtains 10 are mounted on rollers in suitable bearings 11 at the top of the standard and on the wall opposite, and these curtains when drawn down inclose the shelves and the table on both sides, thereby forming a cupboard in the kitchen in which the dishes and supplies of food may be stored. As the shelves are open, they are accessible from each side of the cupboard by raising the curtain on that side.

Further storage space for dishes and for

stove-ware is provided by a small movable cupboard 12 which is adapted to roll on casters 13 under the table 3. The casters are so set that the cupboard can be drawn out sideways into the kitchen to bring it nearer the sink 14 or the stove 15 either when the table is in the kitchen or after it has been pushed into the living room. By means of this arrangement the living room can be utilized as a dining room at mealtime, but the dining table can be shoved out into the kitchen at other times. The meal can be prepared and the table set in the kitchen with a minimum of labor and running about, and when ready the doors 16 which close the doorway 2 can be opened and the table with its repast can be moved bodily into the living room. When it is brought back to the kitchen, it is close to the sink, so that the work of dish-washing is assisted.

The dimensions of the various elements shown may be varied at will, as may also the number of shelves and the space between the table and the stove and sink.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. Means for lightening the labor of housekeeping comprising a kitchen, a living room adjoining the same, a partition between them containing a low doorway, a table provided with casters and adapted to pass back and forth through said doorway, a closet in the kitchen into which said doorway opens, removable sides for said closet, and a sink and stove in said kitchen adjacent to said doorway.

2. Means for lightening the labor of housekeeping, comprising a kitchen, a living room adjoining the same, a partition between them containing a low doorway, a table provided with casters and adapted to pass back and forth through said doorway, a standard in the kitchen opposite said doorway, a board running from said standard to the wall above said doorway, curtains supported on the standard and on the wall and adapted to be drawn down on opposite sides of said table, and a sink and stove in said kitchen adjacent to said doorway.

3. Means for lightening the labor of housekeeping, comprising a kitchen, a living room adjoining the same, a partition between them containing a low doorway, a table provided with casters and adapted to pass back and forth through said doorway, a standard in the kitchen opposite said doorway, shelves running from said standard to the wall

above said doorway, curtains supported
above said shelves and adapted to be drawn
down over them and the table, and a sink
and stove in the kitchen adjacent to said
5 doorway.

4. Means for lightening the labor of
housekeeping, comprising a kitchen, a liv-
ing room adjoining the same, a partition
between them containing a low doorway, a
10 table provided with casters and adapted to
pass back and forth through said doorway,
a standard in the kitchen opposite said door-
way, shelves running from said standard to
the wall above said doorway, curtains sup-

ported above said shelves and adapted to be 15
drawn down over them and the table, and a
sink and stove in the kitchen adjacent to
said doorway, and a low cupboard on cast-
ers adapted to run in under the table in a
direction parallel with the partition. 20

In testimony whereof I have signed my
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