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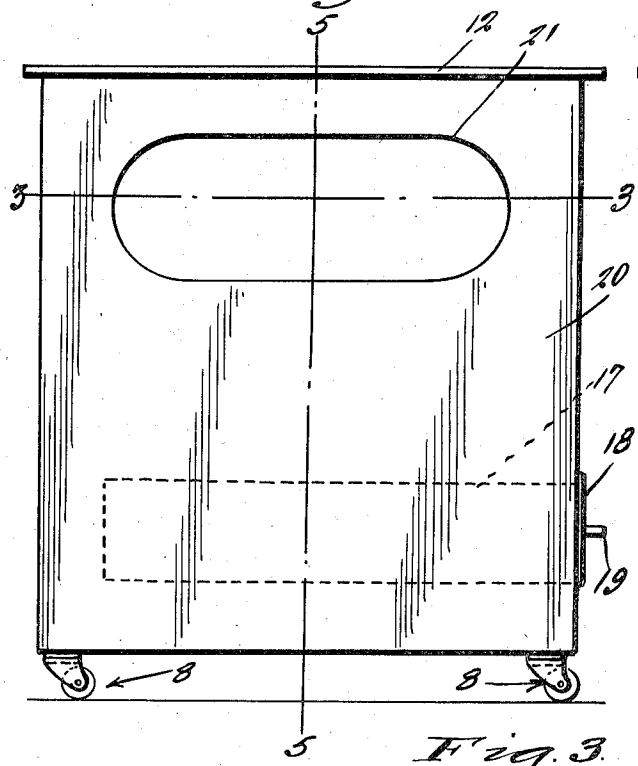


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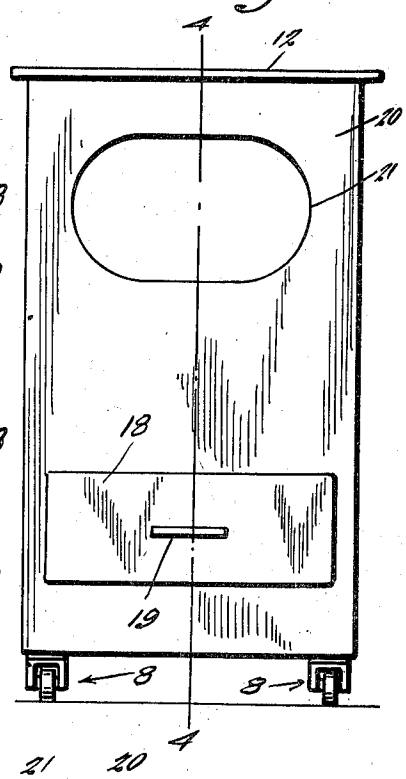
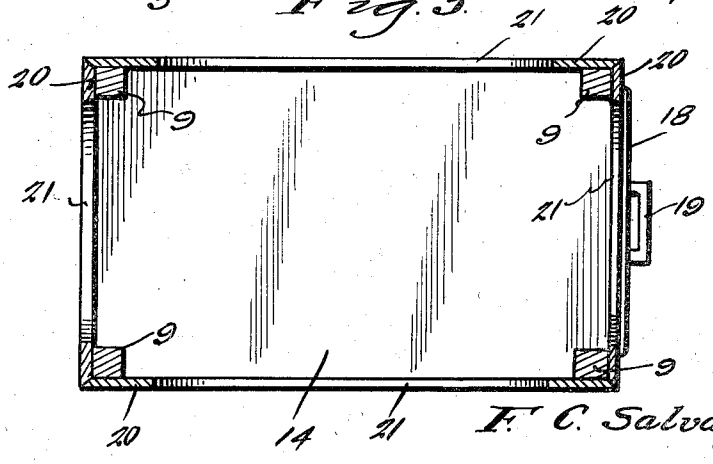


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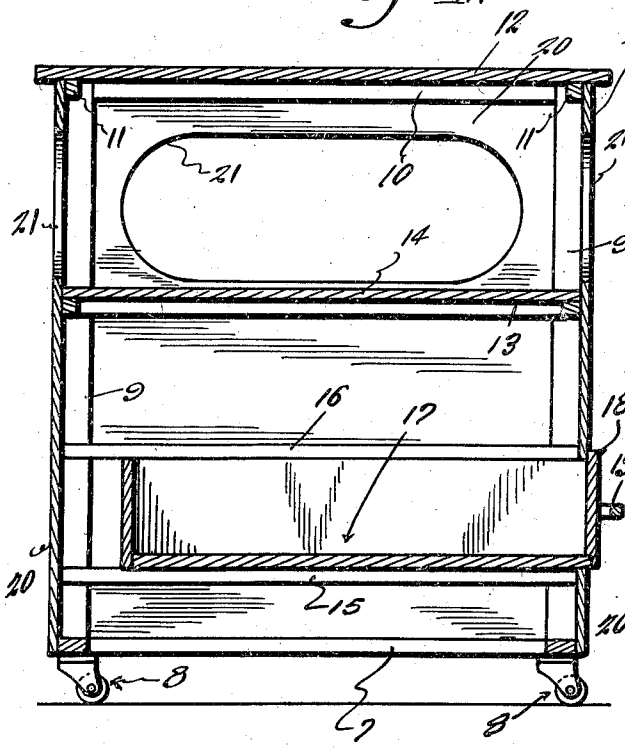


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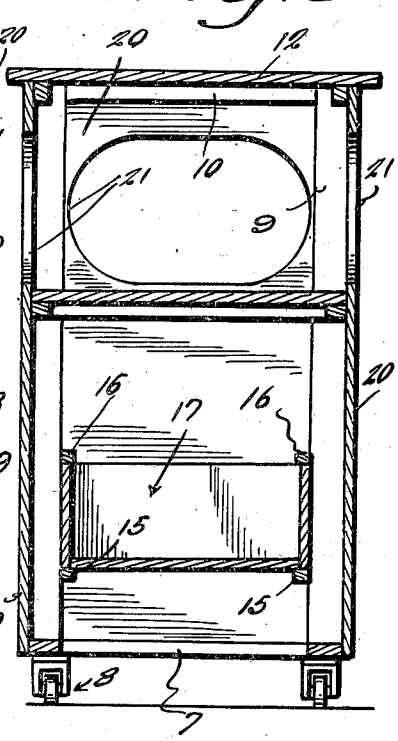
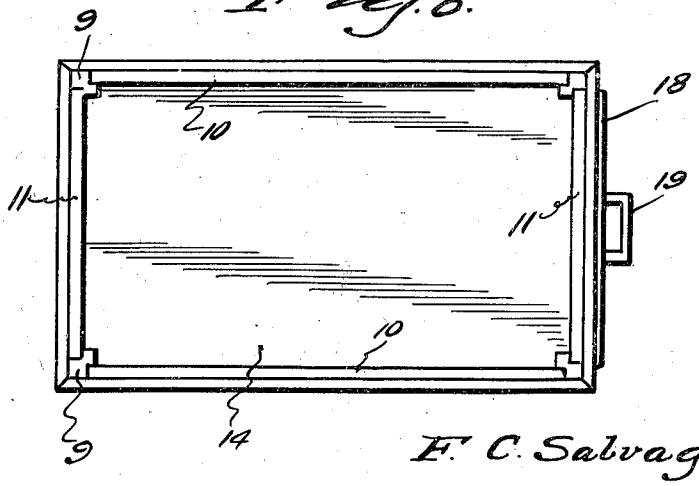


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This invention relates to a multiple purpose utility cabinet such as may be classified as pertaining to office furniture, and the purpose of the invention is to provide a simple, economical and highly useful device for file clerks and office attendants in general.

It has been my experience to observe that considerable confusion and lack of efficiency attend the performance of clerical daily routine service in large offices and the like. I have therefore discovered the need for the provision of the aforementioned multiple purpose utility cabinet. In reducing to practice the preferred embodiment of the conception, I have found it expedient and practicable to construct and use a unitary caster supported cabinet aptly fitted for the purposes intended in that it includes a desk or table top, a miscellaneous article containing drawer, and an appropriately housed and readily accessible shelf.

Stated otherwise, an outstanding objective of the invention is to provide each clerk with a light weight, easily maneuvered structure having the combined facilities of a cabinet, a racking shelf, a table, and desk, whereby to promote systematic handling and transportation of books, files, and other office paraphernalia.

Other features and advantages may become apparent from the following description and drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the views:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the general utility office service cabinet as constructed in accordance with my ideas.

Figure 2 is an end view, that is, a view of Figure 1, observing it in a direction from right to left.

Figure 3 is a horizontal section on the plane of the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a central vertical section on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a transverse vertical section on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a top plan view with the top removed to show the underlying structure.

In one sense of the word, the structure, as a unit, is characterized at its base or bottom with a caster equipped truck. Specifically, this comprises a rectangular frame 7 having at its corners appropriate casters 8. Attached to and rising from the corners of the frame 7 are vertical uprights 9. These are of appropriate height and between the upper ends of said uprights are longitudinal and transverse assembling rails 10 and 11. This provides an adequate frame structure to accommodate the top 12. This is preferably of wood and of general rectangular form and provides a table as well as a desk, thus facilitating carrying articles and writing notes, etc.

I next call attention to an auxiliary frame 13 attached to the intermediate portions of the uprights 9 in any suitable manner and constituting a suitable mounting for a shelf or deck 14. This part 14 is in the nature of a panel nailed or otherwise secured to the frame 13 and at its marginal limits terminating within the outer limits of the uprights 9.

Coming now to the numerals 15 and 16 seen in Figures 4 and 5, these respresent upper and lower pairs of rails forming convenient supporting tracks for a drawer 17, the outer wall 18 of which is provided with a suitable handle 19. It is to be noted that the drawer works between the respective sets of uprights 9 and the rails 15 and 16 are attached to the inner vertical edges of said uprights 9. This permits the uprights 9 to satisfactorily accommodate the light weight veneer inclosing panels or boards 20. These parts 20, when properly nailed or otherwise secured in place, inclose what would otherwise be an open rack and convert it from a rack into a cabinet. For sake of convenience of description, the panels or boards 20 are called cabinet walls, and the upper end portions thereof are provided with substantially oval handholes or windows 21. There are four of these handholes and they all register with the upper compartment, that is, the space between the top 12 and shelf 14. The handholes have their lower edges disposed on a plane above the top of the shelf to facilitate maintenance of the various books, files, or other articles placed on the shelf during collection and delivery service.

One can readily appreciate how a structure of the type herein shown and described aptly constitutes a novel contribution to that class of invention broadly called office furniture. The simplicity and evident value of the structure is such, it is believed, as to obviate the necessity of a further discussion of its intended uses and adequately performed results.

It is thought that the description taken in connection with the drawings will enable a clear understanding of the invention to be had. Therefore, a more lengthy description is thought unnecessary.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is to be understood that minor changes coming within

the field of invention claimed may be resorted to if desired.

I claim:

1. In a cabinet structure of the class described, a wheel supported horizontal frame, uprights attached to and rising vertically from said frame, connecting rails secured between the upper ends of said uprights, a second frame attached to the intermediate portions of said uprights, a shelf mounted on said second frame, and inclosing walls attached vertically to said uprights, the upper portions of said walls being provided with window openings permitting convenient access to be had to said shelf and also providing hand grips for maneuvering the cabinet, and a top secured to the upper ends of said uprights and underlying rails.

2. In a cabinet structure of the class described, a horizontal wheel supported truck frame, a plurality of uprights secured to the corner portions of said frame and rising therefrom, a horizontal top board secured to the upper ends of said uprights, a second frame secured to the intermediate portions of the uprights, a shelf attached to said second frame confined within the limits of said uprights, and walls attached to the uprights and completely surrounding the shelf and frame, said walls having horizontally extending elongated openings communicating with said shelf, and providing access to the shelf and also providing hand grips for moving the cabinet.

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