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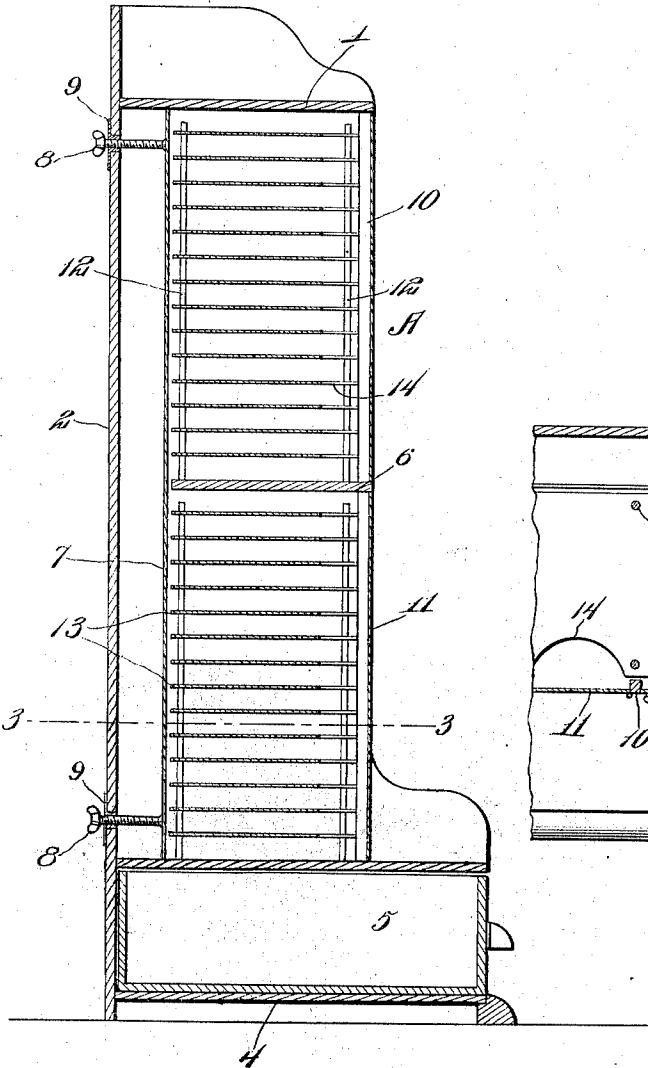
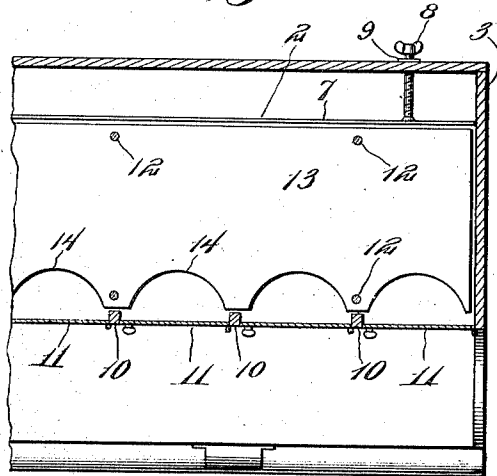


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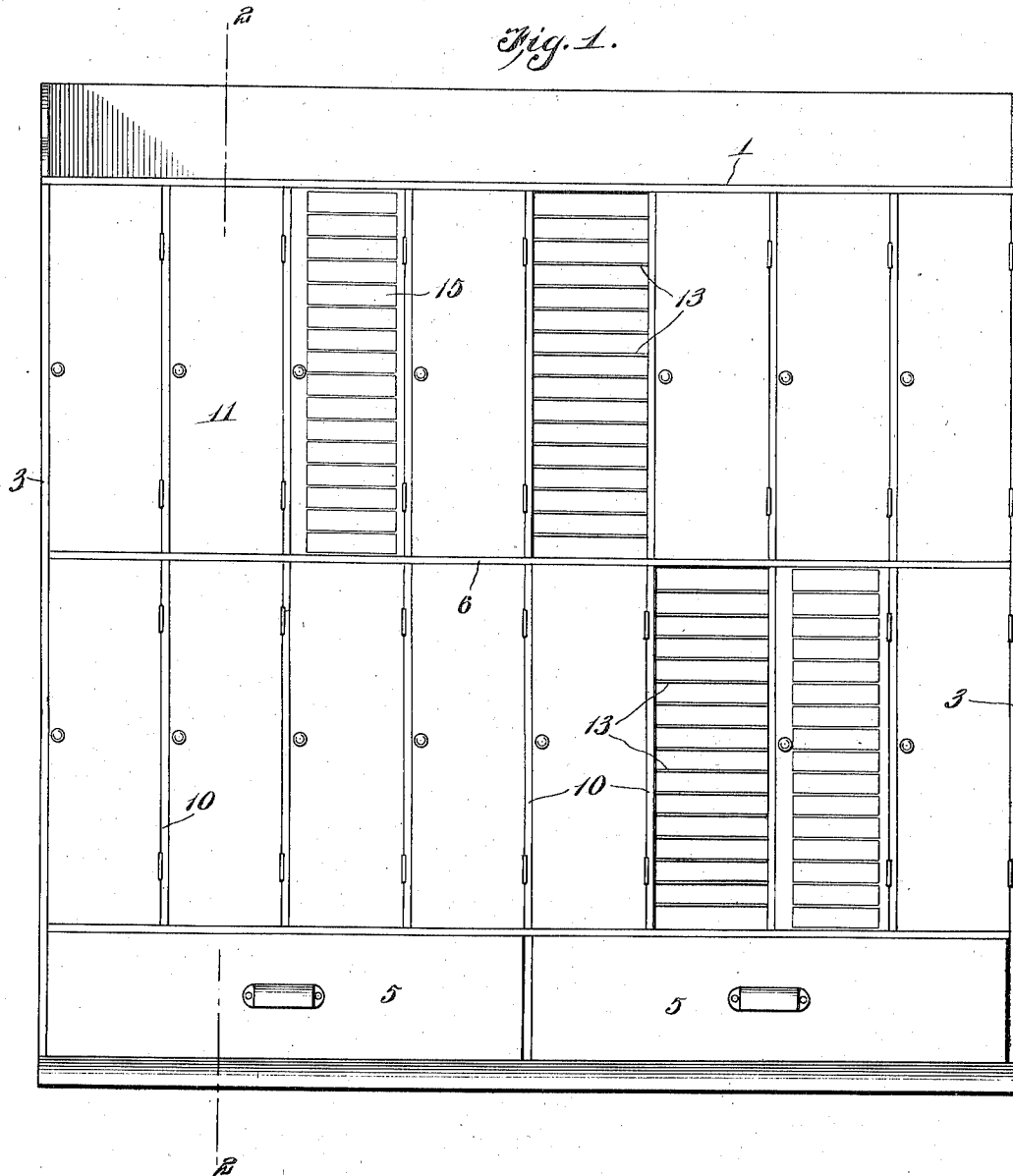
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT S. MACHEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Account-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

The purpose of the present invention is the provision of a cabinet designed most especially for the storage of account books and embodying loosely mounted shelves and an adjustable back, the parts being combined and arranged so as to economize space and admit of the books presenting a uniform appearance, the cabinet being constructed with reference to despatch in obtaining any desired book containing a special account for ready inspection.

The invention contemplates a casing or inclosing frame having drawers in its lower portion for the reception of sundry articles and having its upper portion provided with a plurality of loosely mounted shelves and a back, the latter being adjustable according to the width of the books or other articles to be placed upon the shelves so that the backs of the books may approach to a given line or plane and thereby present a uniform and neat appearance.

The invention consists of the novel features, details of construction and combinations of parts which hereinafter will be more particularly set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of the specification: Figure 1 is a front view of an account cabinet embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of an end portion of the cabinet on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The casing or cabinet A may be of any construction, capacity and finish according to the particular design or purpose for which intended and comprises inclosing walls for protecting the account books or other kindred articles placed therein. As shown, the casing or cabinet comprises a top 1, a back 2, sides 3 and a hollow base 4 in which is fitted a series of drawers 5. A horizontal partition 6 subdivides the casing or cabinet

into upper and lower compartments or spaces in each of which a series of shelves are placed. A false back 7 is located in the rear of the horizontal partition 6 and the upper and lower series of shelves and is adjustable by means of set screws 8 which are threaded into plates 9, set into openings formed in the main back 2, each of said plates 9 having an internally threaded boss in which the cooperating set screw 8 is fitted. The inner ends of the set screws 8 are connected with the false back 7 by means of a swivel joint whereby the false back may be positively moved in or out to the required position. A series of vertical bars 10 make connection with the horizontal partition 6 and with the top 1 and the upper portion of the hollow base 4. The spaces formed at the front of the casing, inclosing the frame or cabinet are closed by means of doors 11 which are hinged at one vertical edge to the uprights 10 and are adapted to swing open and shut at the opposite edge.

A series of rods or bars 12 are mounted upon the horizontal partition 6 and the hollow base and receive the shelves 13 which are slipped thereon, said shelves having openings in position and number corresponding with the rods or bars 12 so as to receive the same. Notches 14 are formed in the front edges of the shelves 13 opposite the spaces between adjacent uprights 10 so as to enable the books or the like placed upon the shelves to be conveniently and firmly grasped when it is required to remove the same from the shelves for use. The shelves 13 extend the entire length of the casing or cabinet and are supported in practice in spaced position by means of the books or other articles placed between them. It is to be understood that a number of books are placed upon each shelf, hence, when one or more of the books are withdrawn from a shelf, the shelves and books above are supported by the remaining books. The books act as spacing means for the shelves to hold the same apart the required distance, however, it is to be understood that spacing devices of any kind or nature may be employed for holding the shelves apart the required distance.

In practice it is proposed to arrange the books alphabetically or according to a plan or system capable of indexing or admitting of ready reference to any particular book. In order that the required book may be lo-

cated, it is proposed to provide the front of the doors 11 with indicating slips, tags or cards 15 upon which designating matter of any nature may be provided. It is proposed to arrange the parts so that upon opening any one of the doors, a series of books will be exposed and accessible.

From the foregoing it will be understood that the book containing a particular account or other matter to be inspected may be ascertained on reference to the indicating slips or tabs provided upon the doors and after the particular space has been found, the book may be had by opening the door leading thereto. By adjusting the false back 7 the depth or the distance from the front of the casing may be determined to suit the length or width of the books to be placed within the cabinet.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages of the construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative, and that such changes may be made when desired as are within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. An account cabinet comprising a casing or inclosing frame, a vertical series of shelves having their rear edges spaced from the back of the casing, a false back located

within the casing in the space formed between the back thereof and the shelves, and means for adjusting the false back toward or from the rear edges of the shelves and holding the same in an adjusted position.

2. An account cabinet comprising a casing or inclosing frame, a horizontal partition sub-dividing the space into upper and lower compartments, and having its rear edge spaced from the back, upper and lower series of shelves having their rear edges spaced from the back of the casing, a false back located in the rear of the horizontal partition and the series of shelves and between them and the back of the casing, and means for adjusting said false back and holding the same in an adjusted position.

3. In a cabinet of the character described, the combination of a casing or inclosing frame, a horizontal partition subdividing the casing into upper and lower compartments, uprights subdividing the front of the casing, doors hinged to the uprights and adapted to close the front of the casing, vertical supports, a series of shelves loosely mounted upon the supports and having notches in their front edges corresponding to the spaces closed by said doors, a false back located in the rear of the horizontal partition and series of shelves, and means for adjusting the false back and holding the same in an adjusted position.

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

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