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Fig. 1.

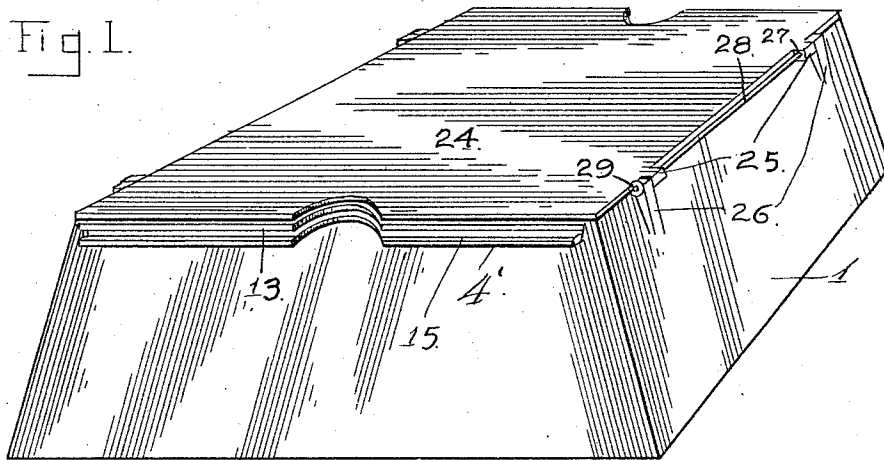


Fig. 2.

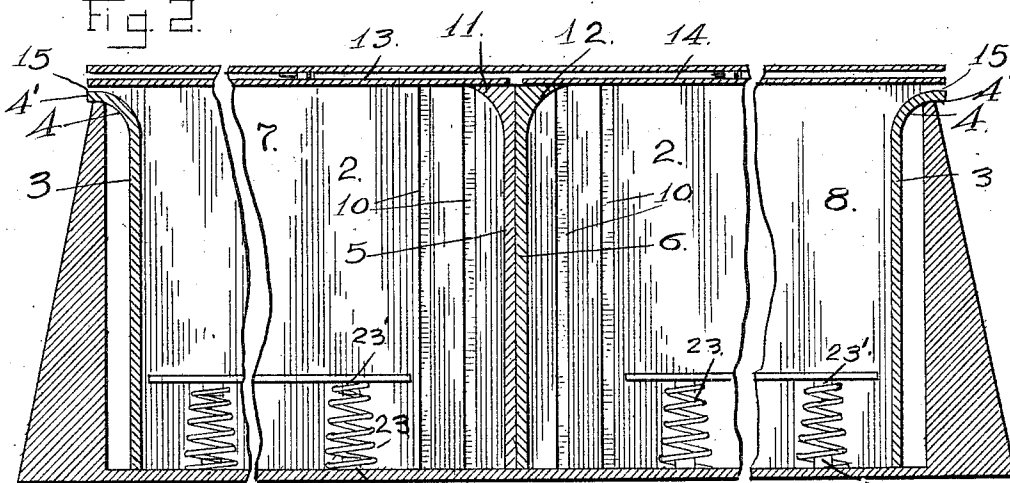
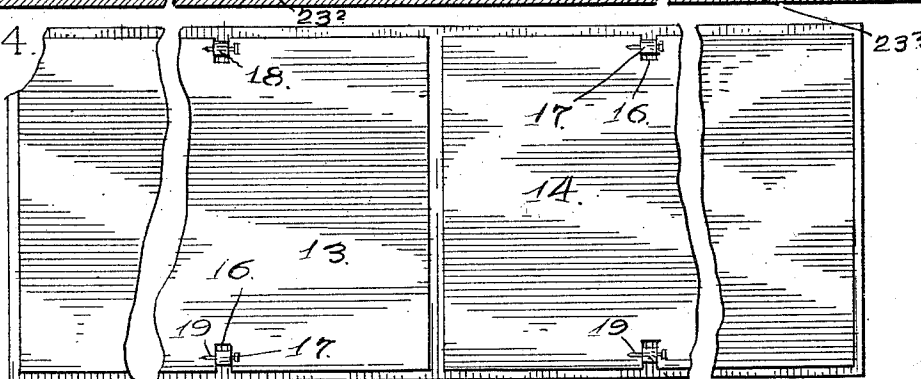
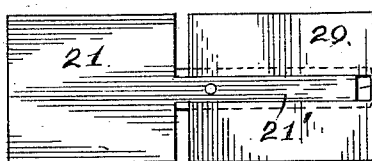


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FELIX B. MULGREW, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Advertising Devices and Stationery-Dispensing Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

The hereinafter described invention relates to a new and useful advertising device and dispensing cabinet for stationery and envelopes, and one which is particularly adapted for placing on the counter or in other convenient places in hotels or the like, where stationery is provided free to guests, thus relieving the clerk of the unnecessary trouble of giving stationery to each guest, and at the same time reducing to a minimum the expense caused by the waste of stationery, when it is dispensed in great quantities to guests.

The invention has for its principal object to provide a cabinet divided into adjustable compartments for respectively containing writing paper and envelopes, each compartment having an independent automatic feed device for presenting the envelopes and sheets of writing paper for withdrawal from the respective compartments one at a time.

The improved device comprises a suitable cabinet having a flat top and downwardly beveled side walls adapted to display suitable advertising matter, the interior of said cabinet being divided into paper and envelop compartments adjustable in size and having openings at the ends of the compartments between the top of the cabinet and the upper edges of the end walls, the openings being of a size to accommodate a single sheet of paper or an envelop, and means within each compartment for projecting the topmost envelop or sheet of paper contained therein through said opening.

With the above mentioned and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the

form, proportion, size and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

To fully comprehend the invention, reference should be had to the accompanying sheet of drawings forming a part of this application, and disclosing a complete constructed device for carrying out the invention, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved cabinet, showing the advertisements carried thereby, and one of the delivery slots. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, disclosing the adjustable compartment partitions, the adjustable spring-pressed follower plates, the curvature of the upper edges of the front and rear walls of each compartment, and the slots through which the paper and envelopes are projected. Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the spring-pressed follower plates, disclosing the adjusting mechanism for the same. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of my device with the cover removed, disclosing the top plates for the respective compartments.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the reference numeral 1 designates my improved cabinet, constructed of any suitable material, preferably glass, and provided with a flat top and bottom and downwardly beveled side walls, said top and side walls adapted to display advertisements in any suitable manner.

The interior of the cabinet is preferably oblong in shape, and is provided with vertical side walls 2 and vertical end walls 3, the end walls being slightly curved outwardly at their upper ends, as at 4, forming an overhanging lip 4' at each end of the cabinet, and is divided transversely of its length by adjustable partitions 5 and 6, thus providing a writing paper compartment 7, and an envelop compartment 8. The partitions 5 and 6 are provided at their opposite ends with flanges 9, which extend into vertically extending grooves 10 arranged in the inner face of the side walls 2. The upper ends of the partitions are curved outwardly toward their respective ends of the cabinet, as at 11 and 12, the curvature of the partitions being of the same arc as

the curvature 4 of the end walls 3. By providing adjustable partitions 5 and 6, it will be observed that the paper compartment 7 and the envelop compartment 8 may be adjusted independently of each other to accommodate stationery of different sizes. The compartments 7 and 8 are each provided with cover plates 13 and 14, the inner ends of which rest on the upper flat edge of their respective partitions, and the outer ends terminate at a point parallel with the outer edge of the lip 4', but are spaced slightly above the lip 4', thus forming a slot or opening 15, one for each compartment, through which the stationery may be withdrawn. The openings 15 are of a size to permit only one envelop or one sheet of paper being withdrawn therefrom at a time.

The cover plates 13 and 14 are provided at their side edges with inwardly projecting notches 16 through which are adapted to pass inwardly extending lugs 17, arranged on the interior of the side walls 2, near the upper edge thereof, the lugs 17 being provided with suitable openings 18 through which extend removable pins 19, the pins 19 extending beyond the sides of the lugs 17 and engaging the upper face of the plates 13 and 14, thus detachably securing the cover plates over their respective compartments.

Each compartment is provided with an adjustable, spring-pressed follower plate for forcing the stationery contained therein toward the top of the compartment, and outwardly through the openings 15, the plates being constructed of two members 20 and 21, the member 20 being provided at one end thereof with a dove-tail groove 20' into which projects a dove-tail lug 21, formed on the corresponding end of the plate 21, the plates being held in their adjusted positions by a screw 22 which fits into an opening in the lug 21' and is adapted to engage the lower edge of the dove-tail groove 20'. The plates are forced upwardly in the compartments by suitable spiral springs 23 interposed between the underside of each adjustable plate and the bottom of the receptacle, the upper ends of the springs being secured to the underside of each plate by a lug 23', and the lower ends secured to the bottom of each receptacle by a lug 23².

The cabinet is provided with a hinged cover 24, which is adapted to display suitable advertisements, and cover the top plates 13 and 15 and give a neat appearance to the cabinet. The cover 24 is hinged to the cabinet by lugs 25 which extend horizontally from each side thereof and are adapted to snugly fit between spaced vertically-extending lugs 26, which project upwardly from the upper edges of the sides of the cabinet, the lugs 25 and 26 being provided

with alined openings 27, through which extends a suitable rod 28, the rod being provided on its ends with suitable ornamental screw threaded nuts 29; thus it will be seen that by removing one of the rods that one side of the cover may be lifted and the rod on the other side will provide a hinge for the same. The cover, the top plates and the overhanging lips 4' are each provided with a corresponding finger notch 30 for admitting the fingers to engage the stationery when it is projected through the opening or slot 15.

The operation of the device is as follows:—The adjustable cover and top plates are removed, partitions are placed in the respective slots to adjust the compartments to the proper size for the stationery to be placed therein, the follower plates are also adjusted to the proper size to snugly fit within the compartments; the stationery is now placed in the compartments, writing paper in one and envelops in another, and as the stationery is placed in the compartments, the follower plates are forced downwardly in the compartments against the action of the coiled springs. After the desired amount of stationery is placed in each compartment, the top plates are placed thereover and pinned in position, the cover plate is fastened down and the device is ready for use.

The action of the coiled springs in pushing the stationery upwardly in the compartments forces the stationery to follow the contour of the curved partition and end wall, the topmost envelop or sheet of paper being forced into the slot at the end of the cabinet, in a position to be grasped by the finger, and from this construction it will be readily seen that the envelops and sheets of paper will be fed into said delivery slot, one at a time, until the supply in the compartment is exhausted. When the supply in the respective compartments becomes exhausted, one may be filled independently of the other, as separate top plates are provided for each.

Having thus described my improved invention what is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is—

In a dispensing cabinet for stationery, the combination with separate independently adjustable paper and envelop compartments, said compartments provided with vertical side and end walls, the upper portion of the vertical end walls being curved toward the ends of the cabinet, a top plate for each of said compartments, openings at the ends of said cabinet between the top plate and the top of one of the curved end walls of said compartments, one of said openings communicating with each of said compartments, a cover for said cabinet, and independently adjustable spring pressed

follower plates positioned in said compartments for forcing the stationery contained therein upwardly against the curved portion of the end walls, said curved portion
5 of the end walls adapted to successively present a single sheet of paper or an envelop into said opening for withdrawal therefrom.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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