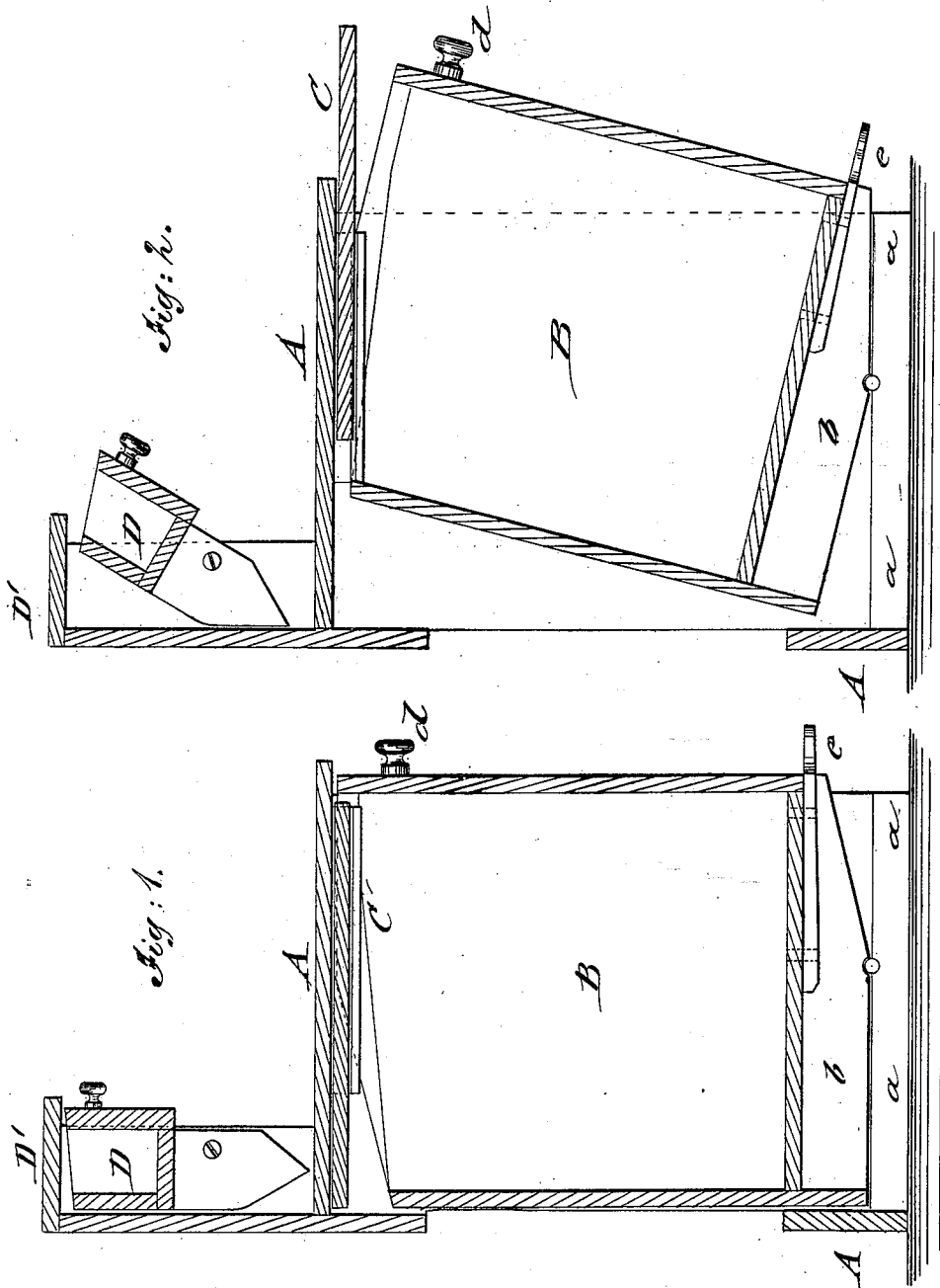


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IMPROVEMENT IN MEAL-CHESTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERASTUS G. BURGETT, of Wabash, in the county of Wabash and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Combined Table and Flour-Chest, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figures 1 and 2 represent vertical transverse sections of my improved table and flour-chest combined, showing the same, respectively, in closed and opened position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improved flour-chest and table for grocers, kitchen and other purposes, in which the various articles—as flour, sugar, coffee, tea, &c.—may be stored, so as to be fully covered and protected, while being instantly available for use, saving room and dispensing with the barrels, boxes, &c.

The invention consists of a chest with one or more bins, pivoted in such a manner at the bottom of the table or counter, and supported on bearing-rails in such a manner, that the chest may be opened or closed, and retained securely in either position.

In the drawing, A represents a strong kitchen-table or counter for store purposes, and B the swinging chest, which is pivoted at some distance above the floor to bearing-rails *a* at the lower part of the supporting side walls of the table. The chest is made of one or more compartments or bins, according to the various articles to be stored.

For the purpose of securing the chest steadily in closed or open position the side walls of the same are extended in the shape of supporting-rails *b*, the rear part of which, back of

the pivot-point, is parallel to the bottom of the chest, while the part in front of the pivots is cut at an obtuse angle to rear part. When the chest is thrown forward by the button *d* or treadle *e* into open position, it is supported in inclined position on the bearing-rails *a* by the front part of the swinging rails *b*, so that the contents of the chest are easily reached. By pushing the chest back either by the hand or knee, the same swings back on the rear part of the rail, and is thus supported in closed position without admitting flies, dust, or other impurities. A kneading-board, C, is arranged below the top of the table, sliding in and out, as required.

A till, D, may be placed on the top of the counter or table A, and pivoted in similar manner by guide-rails to an inclosing-case, D', to be opened and closed like the chest, and used for the storage of the rolling-pin, spices, and other articles.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A combined table and flour or other chest, said table being provided with bottom rails, on which are pivoted side extensions or rails, the lower surfaces of which are beveled in front of the pivots, to form an obtuse angle with the rear part, and thereby support and retain the chest securely in closed or opened position, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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