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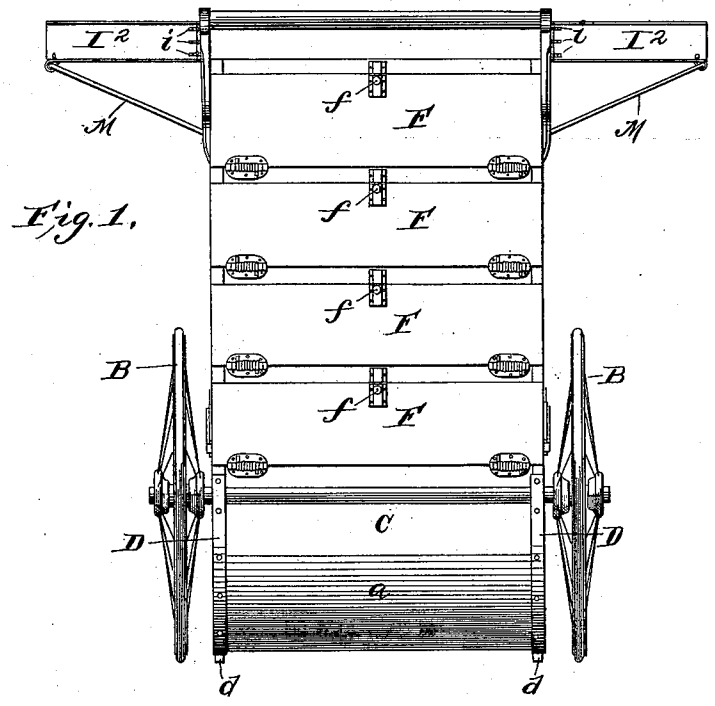


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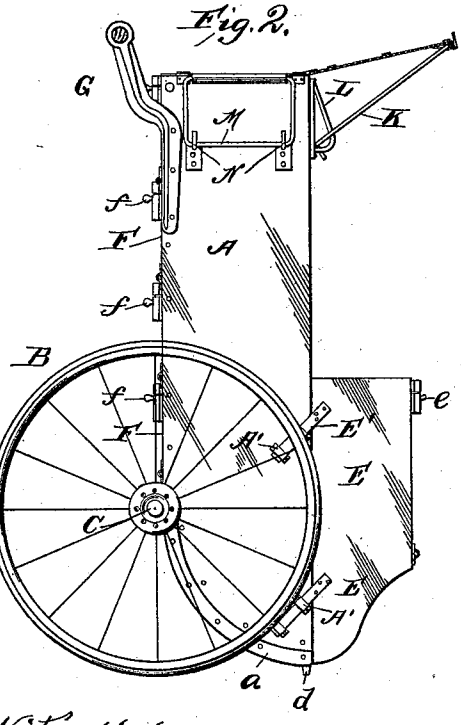


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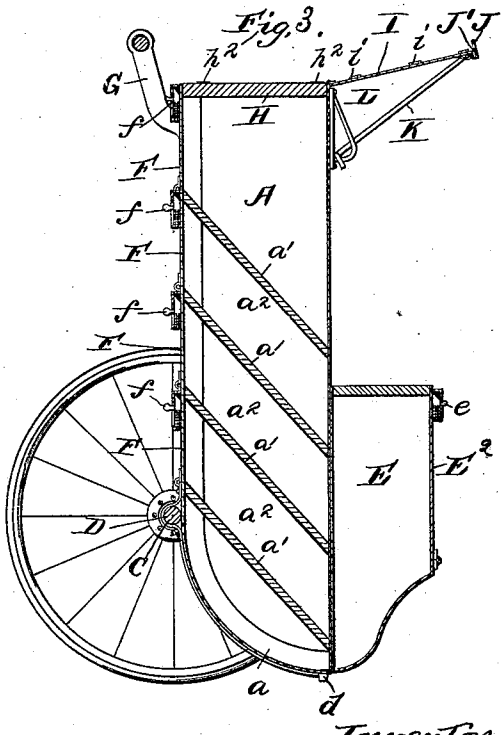


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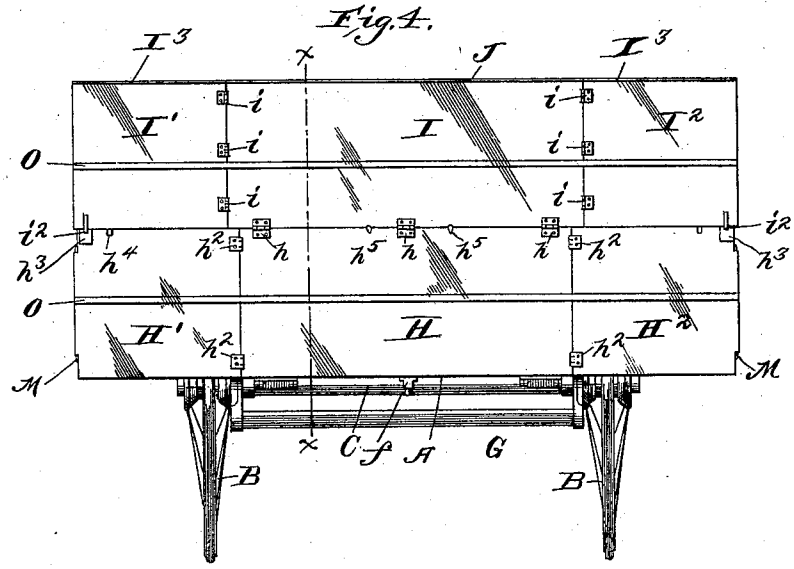


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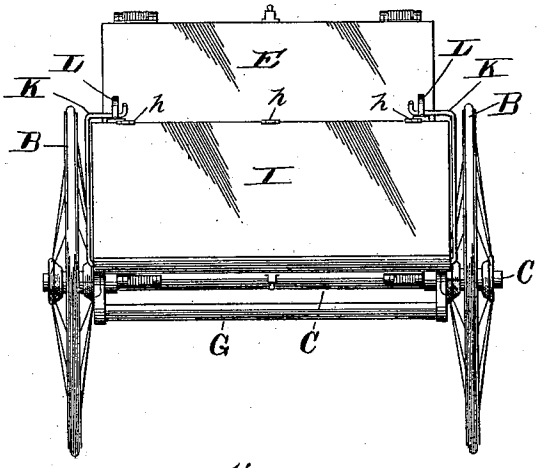
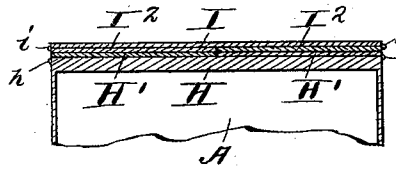


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN O. STUTSMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Newspaper-Cabinets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is an elevation of a portable newspaper-cabinet constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the lines X X of Figs. 1 and 4. Fig. 4 is a top plan view showing the top support in its open position. Fig. 5 is a plan view showing said top support folded. Fig. 6 is a sectional view of said top support in its folded position.

A designates the casing forming the body of the cabinet, it being preferably made in the form shown, having the series of internal partitions a', forming a series of compartments a^2, and the curved bottom a. The said casing, which may be of any suitable size and material, is supported upon suitable carrying-wheels B in such manner as to normally occupy the vertical position shown in the drawings. In the embodiment of the invention herein illustrated said casing is supported from the axle C by means of metallic bands D, attached to the casing and passing around said axle.

To the side walls of the casing A, near the upper ends thereof, is secured a handle or push-bar G, by which the cabinet can be propelled from place to place.

Each of the compartments a^2 is closed at its upper end by a hinged door F, provided with a catch f, by which it can be held in a closed position. As shown in Fig. 3, the shelves or divisions a' are preferably arranged in an inclined position and are arranged at suitable distances apart according to the uses to which each compartment is to be put.

My cabinet is particularly designed for newspapers and I have shown the shelves or partitions a' as extending continuously across the interior of the casing, the latter being of such width as to permit of two papers being placed side by side in each compartment.

By supporting the casing in the manner illustrated and described it will be seen that the entire weight of the loaded cabinet is applied practically directly to the axle, and hence but little power is required in moving it from place to place.

If desired, the lower end of the case A may be provided with suitable elastic stops d.

E designates a supplemental casing or receptacle which is arranged in front of the main casing A and detachably connected thereto. I have shown such casing as provided at its sides with rearwardly-extending downwardly-inclined arms E′, adapted to extend over or partially across the sides of the main casing A and fit into clips A′, secured to said side wall. The front wall of the supplemental casing E is provided with a hinged door E^2, adapted to be held in a closed position by a catch e. As shown, the doors of all the compartments of the cabinet are preferably provided with spring-hinges, so that said doors are normally held in their closed positions.

The cabinet is provided at its upper end with a foldable support, on which samples of the papers contained in the compartments a^2 can be displayed. Said foldable support is herein shown as consisting of a series of hinged plates or leaves, adapted when not in use to be folded one upon the other and against the top H of the casing A.

H′ H^2 designate two side or end leaves which are hinged directly to the end of the top H, as shown in Fig. 4. When said leaves H′ H^2 are in use, they are supported at their outer ends by supports M, the inner ends of which are adapted to engage with hooks N or similar devices secured to the sides of the casing A. In the drawings these supports M are shown as formed of light metal rods bent into rectangular form and having one edge secured in a tubular extension on the under side of said leaves H′ H^2.

I designates a relatively large leaf or plate which is hinged to the forward edge of the top H and has its ends projecting somewhat be-

yond the side walls of the casing A. To the ends of said plate I are hinged other plates or leaves I′ I², similar to but slightly shorter than those at H′ H². When said leaves I′ I² are in position for use, their outer ends are supported by means of pins i^2, which project over and are adapted to contact with the plates H′ H² at h^3. The plate I is supported by means of arms K, which have their inner ends engaging with guides L, rigidly secured to the front wall of the main casing A, and said plate I is provided along its front edge with an upwardly-extending flange J, which is supported in such manner as to provide a longitudinally-extending groove or recess J′ between itself and the body of the plate. Each of the end sections I′ I² is provided along its forward edge with an upwardly-extending rim or flange I³, which, when the said end sections are folded upon the intermediate section or plate I, fit in the aforesaid groove or recess J′.

In case it is not desired to use the above-described display-stand the parts thereof can be folded one upon the other to occupy the position indicated in Figs. 5 and 6. In effecting this folding the leaves I′ I² can be folded upon their connecting-plate I, there being notches h^5 formed in the forward edge of the top into which the projecting pins i^2 can extend. The leaves H′ H² are then folded upon the top H of the casing A, each of said plates having in its forward edge a notch h^4, adapted to aline with the aforesaid notches h^5. When the parts are in this position, the plate I and its connected parts are turned by means of the hinges h to extend over the top H and the plates H′ H², the arms k then extending across the side walls of the casing A, as indicated in Fig. 5. The last of said arms K may, as shown, be formed from a single metallic rod extending through suitable clips on the under side of said plate I and having its free ends bent to extend inwardly toward and engage with the guides L.

To securely hold papers placed upon the above-described display-stand in position, I prefer to provide two or more bands O, preferably made of elastic material. The ends of one of these bands are secured to the plates I′ I², while the ends of the other are secured to the plates H′ H². These bands O offer no hindrance to the various sections of the display-stand.

What I claim is—

1. The combination of a pair of supporting-wheels, a casing supported at one side of the axle connecting said wheels and having its interior divided into a series of compartments, and a foldable display-stand connected to said casing, substantially as set forth.

2. In a portable newspaper-cabinet, the combination of the casing, A, having its interior divided into a series of compartments, a door for closing each of said compartments, two supporting-wheels arranged on opposite sides of said casing, and an axle connecting said wheels and extending through guides projecting from one of the vertical walls of said casing, substantially as set forth.

3. In a portable cabinet, the combination of a pair of supporting-wheels, an axle connecting said wheels, a casing mounted on said axle and extending above and below the same at one side thereof, and foot-pieces or stops d connected to the lower forward end of the casing, substantially as set forth.

4. In a portable cabinet, the combination of a wheeled support, a main casing mounted directly on an axle of said wheel-support, and a supplemental casing adapted to be detachably connected with the main casing and supported thereby on the opposite side thereof from the axle, substantially as set forth.

5. In a portable cabinet, the combination of a wheeled support, a casing mounted on said support, and a supplemental casing having rigidly-projecting arms adapted to extend through guide-clips on the main casing, substantially as set forth.

6. In a portable cabinet, the combination of a pair of supporting-wheels, an axle connecting said wheels, a casing arranged between said wheels and consisting of two parts detachably connected together, one of said parts being supported on the axle and doors for closing each of said sections of the casing, substantially as set forth.

7. In a portable cabinet, the combination of a wheeled support, a casing mounted on said support and a display-stand connected with said casing and consisting of a series of sections hinged together and one or more elastic bands attached to said sections and extending across the upper surface thereof, substantially as set forth.

8. The herein-described display-stand consisting of a relatively stationary section II, a section hinged to each end of said stationary section, and another section hinged to one of the sides of the first said section and adapted to cover said hinged end sections and said stationary section when not in use, substantially as set forth.

9. The herein-described display-stand, consisting of a main stationary section or plate, H, a plate, I, hinged to said stationary section and having a flange, J, at its forward edge, and supplemental sections I′, I², hinged to the ends of said plate, I, and each having at its forward edge a flange I³ adapted when said end sections are folded upon the plate I to fit within the space between the forward edge of the body of said plate and the aforesaid flange, J, substantially as set forth.

10. The combination of a pair of supporting-wheels, a casing supported on the axle connecting said wheels and adapted to occupy a vertical position at one side of said axle, and a handle connected with said casing; substantially as set forth.

11. The combination of a pair of supporting-wheels, a casing supported on the axle connecting said wheels and adapted to occupy a vertical position at one side of said

axle, and foot-pieces or auxiliary supports on the casing adapted to contact with the ground and partially support the load when said casing is in said vertical position; substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

12. In a portable newspaper-cabinet, the combination of a casing having a door for closing an opening in one of its walls, a pair of supporting-wheels arranged on opposite sides of said casing, an axle connecting said wheels and having the casing supported thereon, and means for holding papers on the outside of said casing; substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

13. In a portable newspaper-cabinet, the combination of a wheeled support, a casing mounted on said support and having a display-surface at its top provided with an upwardly-extending flange or rim along one of its edges, and a yielding retaining-band extending across said display-surface from one side to the opposite; substantially as described.

14. The combination with a portable casing of two leaves each hinged to an end of the top of the casing and adapted to fold against said top when not in use, a supporting device carried by each of said leaves and adapted to engage with a stop on the casing when the leaf is extended, another leaf hinged to one of the sides of the casing-top and adapted to extend parallel to said top when not in use, and an auxiliary support for the last said leaf having its outer end fixed to the leaf and its inner end loosely engaging a guide on the casing, substantially as set forth.

15. The herein-described display-stand consisting of a stationary section or plate H, extension leaves or sections hinged to the ends of said section H, means supplemental to the hinges for supporting the outer ends of said extension-sections, a supplemental section I, hinged to one side of said main section H, means for supporting said supplemental section when in use, and extension leaves or sections hinged to the ends of said supplemental section, I, and provided with means for engaging with the end extensions of the main section, H, when in their extended positions substantially as set forth.

16. The combination with a portable casing, of two leaves H′, H², one hinged to each end of the top of the casing, means carried by each of said leaves for engaging with a stop on the casing and supporting the leaf when in use, another section, I, hinged to one of the sides of the casing-top, an adjustable connection between the outer portion of said section, I, and the casing, and supplemental sections, I′, I², hinged to the ends of the section I and having near their outer ends means for engaging with the sections H′, H², the parts being so related that when not in use the sections H′, H², I′, and I², will fold between the top of the casing and the section I hinged to said top, substantially as set forth.

17. In a portable newspaper-cabinet, the combination of a wheeled support, a casing mounted on said support and a display-stand comprising a series of sections adjustably connected to the casing-top, whereby they can be extended beyond the side of said casing or arranged to lie within the side line of the casing-top, when not in use, substantially as set forth.

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

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