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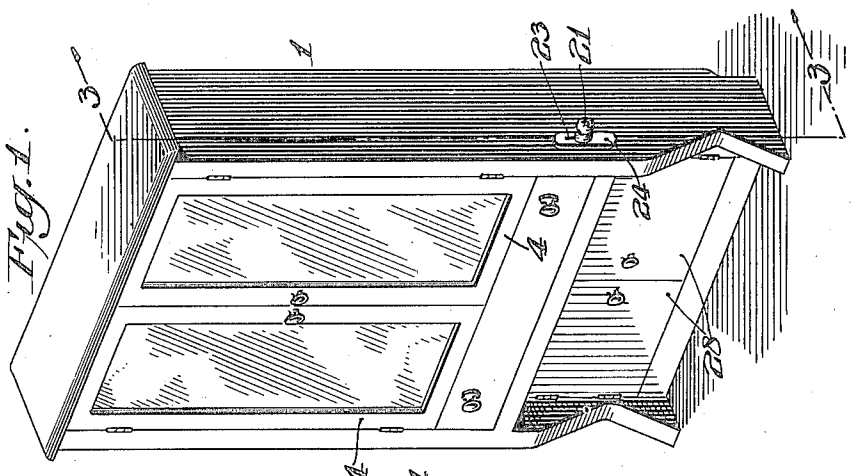
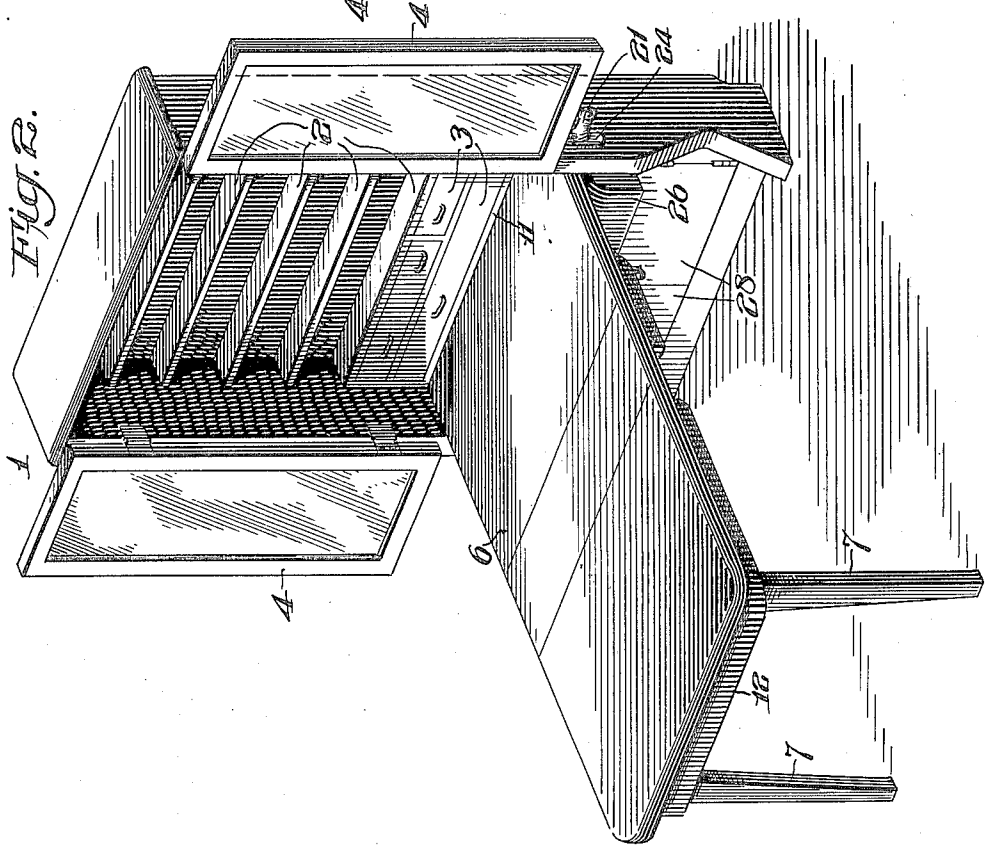


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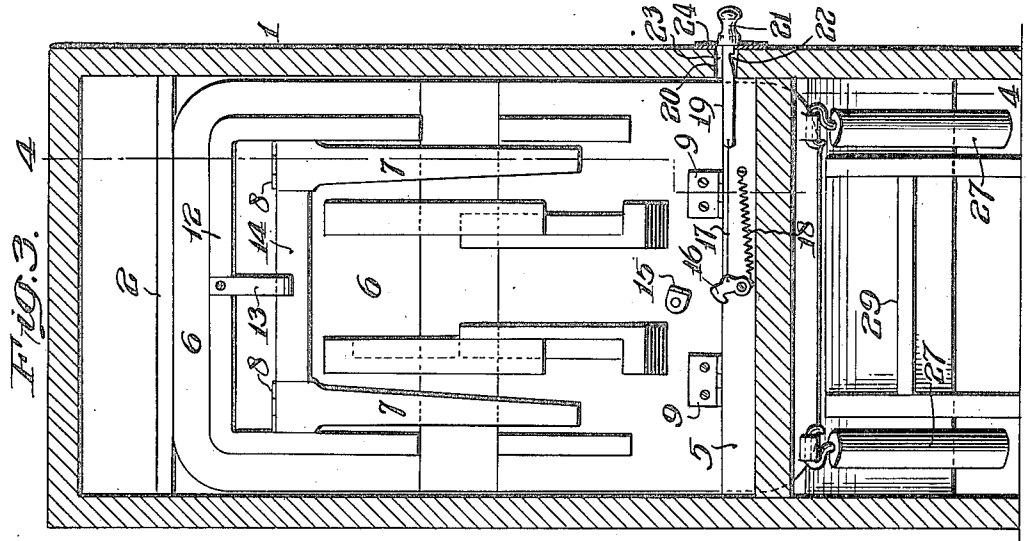


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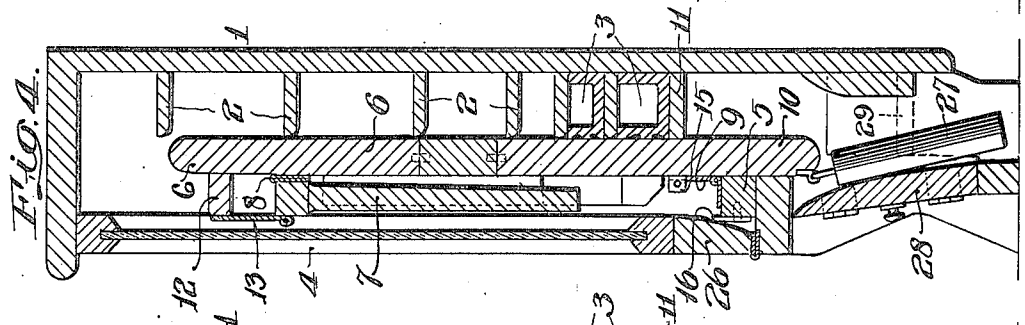
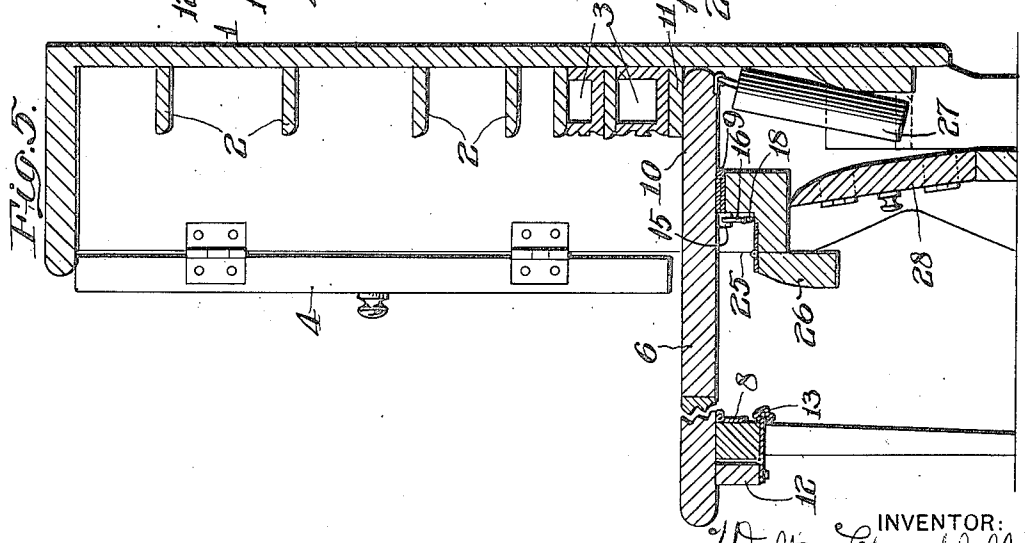


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER L. CAMPBELL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Dresser and Table, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a combined dresser and table, the former being adapted to have the latter folded thereinto and when the table is required for use to be unfolded therefrom and placed in operative position on a floor, sustained in part by its legs and in part by said dresser.

It consists also in adapting the dresser to contain in addition to the table folded therein, dishes, knives, forks, spoons, towels, pots, and other furnishing for the table and kitchen.

It consists also of means for controlling the table especially in operative position.

It consists also of details of construction as will be hereinafter described.

The invention is satisfactorily illustrated in the accompanying drawing, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific details shown and described, as long as they are within the spirit or scope of the claims.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a dresser and table embodying my invention, the dresser being in closed condition.

Figure 2 represents a perspective view thereof, the dresser being in open condition, and the table being in operative position for use on a floor.

Figure 3 represents a longitudinal vertical section on line 3—3 Figure 1, on an enlarged scale, the table being folded in the dresser.

Figure 4 represents a transverse vertical section on line 4—4 Figure 3.

Figure 5 represents a transverse section of the device showing the dresser open, and the table removed therefrom and placed in operative position on the floor.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings,

1 designates a kitchen cabinet or dresser, formed of a body having therein shelves 2 and drawers 3, for dishes, tableware, table cloths, napkins, etc. and provided with doors 4 for closing the front of the body.

Hinged to the cross piece or beam 5 in the lower portion of the interior of the body is the table 6 which is of the form of an extension table whose extra leaves when not in use may be placed on one of the shelves, said table being adapted to be folded in the body of the dresser when not in use, see Figures 3 and 4, but which when to be used may be unfolded and moved out into operative position so as to be rested on a floor, as most plainly shown in Figures 2 and 5, it being noticed that the free end of the table is provided with legs 7 which are connected by hinges 8 to the underside of the table top, whereby they may be folded against the underside of the table top, as shown in Figures 3 and 4, when the table occupies the body of the dresser, or they may be placed in upright position so as to support the table in operative position, as shown in Figures 2 and 5, the table being then assisted in its support in operative position and prevented from giving or sagging in downward direction by the hinges 9 of the table on cross piece 5, this being further assisted by the end portion 10 of the table top which is extended rearwardly of its hinge on the cross beam 5 and so remains in the body of the dresser so that said portion is adapted to abut upwardly against the underside of the supporting frame 11 of the lower drawer 3 in the body of the dresser whereby said end portion 10 abuts upwardly against said frame in the horizontal position of the latter and so is supported positively thereagainst while also resting downward on said beam.

In order to prevent the legs 7 from folding or shifting while supporting the table when in use, there is secured to the frame 12 of the table top below the free end of the latter the spring catch 13 which is adapted to engage the connecting bar 14 of the legs 7 when the latter are in upright position, see Figure 5, said catch, however yielding when force is applied to the legs when they may be folded against the table top when so required, said catch being also adapted to engage said cross bar when the legs are so folded on the table top within the body of the dresser to control said legs against improper outward motion.

In order to hold the table when in operative position whereby it is prevented from improper rising, I secure to the underside of the table top the ear 15 which when the

table is in operative position is adapted to be engaged by the dog 16 which is pivotally mounted on the cross piece 5 of the body of the dresser to which piece the table is connected by the hinges 9 as has been stated, said dog having pivotally connected with it the rod 17 and spring 18, the latter being attached to said cross piece 5, and the dog being connected with the slide 19 which passes through an opening 20 in the side of the body of the dresser and has attached to its outer end the knob 21 which is accessible on the exterior of the body of the dresser so that the dog 16 may be engaged with and disengaged from the ear 15, the engagement occurring when the table is in operative position and so the table may be controlled against rising and folding by said dog and ear.

The cross piece or beam 5 is of angular form. Its vertical limb has the table 6 hinged thereto and its horizontal limb has the drop door 26 hinged thereto. The vertical limb is set back from the horizontal limb and so forms a recess in which the dog 16 is located, it being mounted on said vertical limb, said recess also providing means for receiving the spring 18 and a portion of the slide 19 whose other portion freely occupies the opening 20 in the side wall of the dresser as its guide. The outer end of said slide has thereon the operating knob 21 which is on the exterior of the cabinet as has been stated.

The slide 19 is provided with the notch 22 which is adapted to engage the wall of a slot 23 in the plate 24 which is secured to the side of the body of the dresser so as to retain the dog 16 disengaged from the ear 15 when so required.

In order to permit the table when to be used to be placed fully in horizontal position the front of the body of the dresser is cut away as at 25 below the doors 4 and covered by the supplemental door 26 which when said upper doors are closed forms a continuation of the bottom of said doors 4 and so the front of the dresser is completely closed, but when the table is to be used and so lowered from within the body of the dresser, said door 26 is lowered from the position shown in Figure 4, to that shown in Figure 5, and so the table may be fully unfolded and placed in horizontal position, a portion of its hinged end entering said space 25, as shown in Figure 5.

Connected with the hinged end of the table top are the weights 27 which depend therefrom and freely enter the bottom portion of the dresser and so weights the table in its swinging movements in unfolding and folding from and into the body of the dresser, thus rendering said movements easy to the operator.

In the bottom portion of the dresser is the shelf 29 for holding pots, kettles, pans, etc., doors 28 being provided therefor on said body to cover the same.

It is evident that when the table owing to its hinged swinging or pivotal connection with the dresser is folded into the body of the latter, and the several doors are closed, the table is concealed and the dresser presents an ordinary appearance as a dresser and occupies the space of the same in an apartment usual in such cases while room for the table on the floor is saved.

If desired, the dresser may be termed a cabinet, a case, a portable closet or the like, without affecting the nature thereof, and it may be installed in the wall of an apartment, thus giving more room on the floor for the table when opened out in operative position.

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

1. A combined dresser and table embodying a drawer, a folding table, a beam in the dresser to which the table is hinged, said beam being of angular form, a drop door hinged to the horizontal limb thereof, the vertical limb being set back from said horizontal limb forming a recess, a dog located in said recess mounted on said vertical limb, a spring in said recess acting on said dog, a slide in said recess connected to said dog, and means on the under side of said table for cooperation with said dog, said slide being accessible on the exterior of the dresser.

2. A combined dresser and table embodying a dresser having a closing door, a table having hinged legs thereon, a cross beam in the dresser, said beam being of angular form providing a recess therein, said table being hinged to one limb of said beam, a drop door below the closing door of the dresser, said drop door being hinged to the other limb of said beam, a dog mounted on said beam in said recess, an ear on the table with which said dog engages, said dog being adapted to enter the recess in the opened out condition of the table, means for operating said dog to release it from said ear, and a spring catch having an end connected with the under frame of the table and engageable with the cross bar of said legs in either the folded or unfolded position of the table.

3. A combined dresser and table embodying a dresser with a body portion having a cross beam therein a table hinged to said beam to one side of its centre to fold vertically within the body, an abutment for the inner end of the table when in the horizontal position, hinged doors to the dresser, the body of the dresser being removed at the front of said beam, a supplemental door hinged to close said removed portion and to close the space beneath said doors when the table is in its vertical position behind

said doors, foldable legs on said table adapted to fold between the table and the said hinged doors, and a spring catch attached at one end to the under frame of the table and having its other end engageable with the cross bar of said legs in either the folded or unfolded position of the latter.

4. In a combined dresser and table embodying a dresser, and a folding table, a beam in the dresser to which the table is hinged, an ear on the underside of said table near the axis thereof, a spring-engaged-dog mounted on said beam and adapted to be interlocked with said ear, a slide freely movable in an opening in a side of the body of the dresser and accessible from the exterior of said body, said beam being of angular form providing a recess for the reception of said dog, spring and slide and means for connecting said dog with said slide.

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