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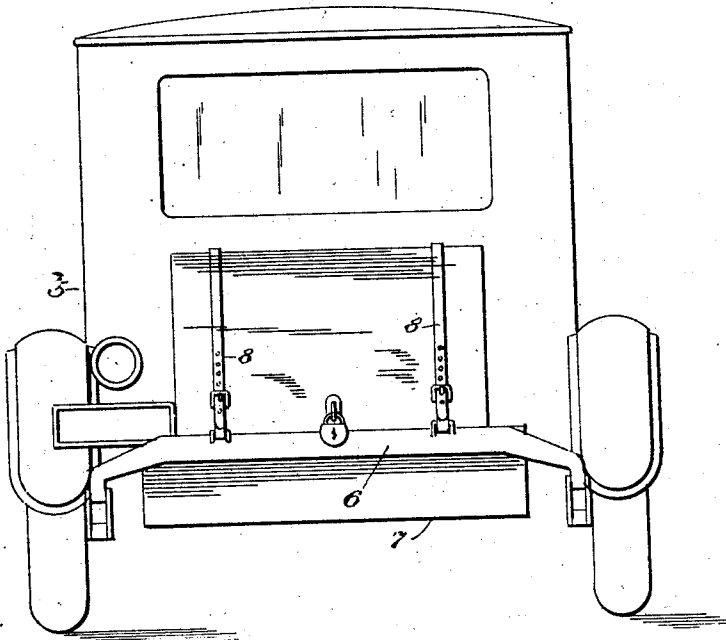
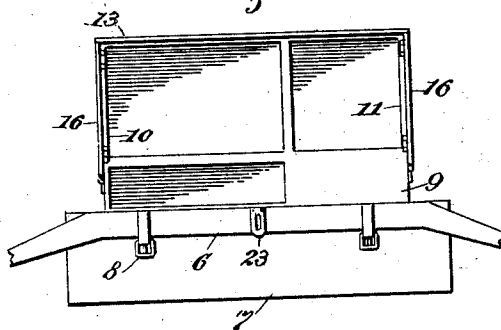


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

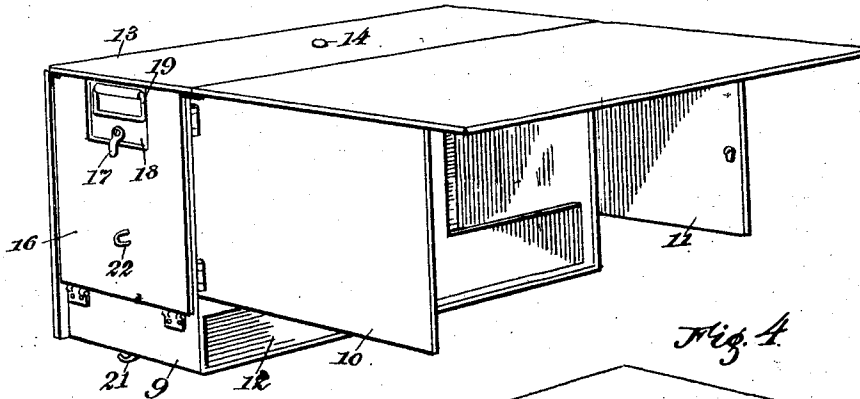


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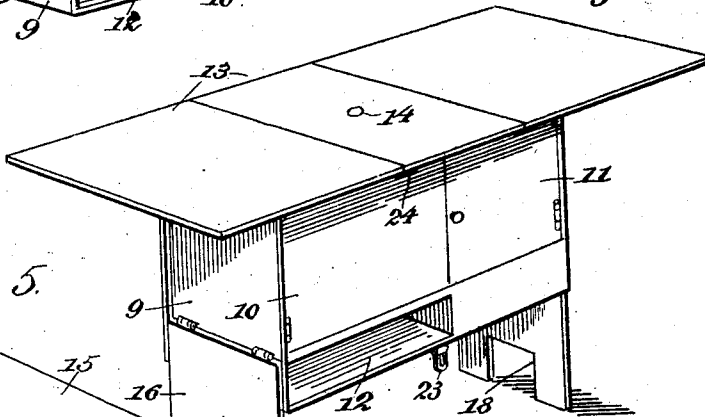
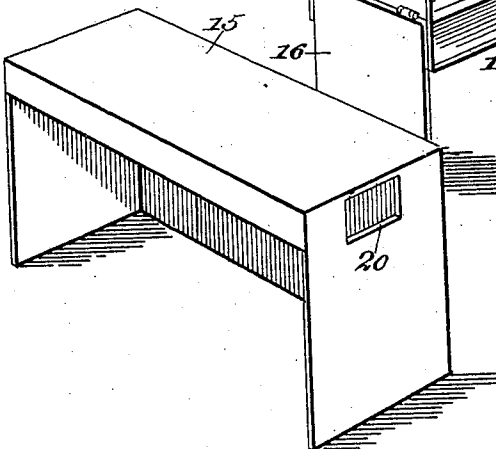


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to camping and touring outfits more especially designed for the convenience of automobile users at picnics or cross-country trips.

5 The object of the invention is to provide a trunk-like cabinet which may be attached to an automobile at the rear, or on a running-board, and so designed that its contents are easily accessible when so mounted, or detached.

10 A further object is to render the cabinet easily and quickly convertible into a dining outfit, the main cabinet serving as a table, and its cover as a bench or stool.

15 The invention is fully disclosed in the description and claims following, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

20 Fig. 1 is a rear elevation of a cabinet embodying my invention, as attached at the rear of an automobile. Fig. 2 shows the same in the same position, but opened up and with the cover removed. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the cabinet detached, but in the same position as in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 shows the cabinet as arranged for a table. Fig. 5 shows the cabinet cover set to serve as a bench or stool.

25 In the drawing, (Figs. 1 and 2) the numeral 5 denotes an automobile, which is supposed to have a suitable support at 6 for a trunk or camp kit, over the gasoline tank 7. Suitable provision is made for fastening such trunk or kit in place, the means herein shown being a pair of straps 8 connecting in a familiar way with the automobile.

30 The construction of the cabinet is best shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5. The body of the cabinet is a box or casing 9, closed on five sides, and open for the most part on the other. The open side is to be disposed outwardly, when mounted on an automobile, so that the interior may be readily accessible. The interior is divided into various compartments, as convenience may suggest, as receptacles for needed utensils and appliances. A pair of doors 10 and 11 close all of the open side except a receptacle 12 adapted to hold tools, or such articles as need to be reached with the least time and trouble. These doors, as will be seen, are hinged at the ends of the casing, and when swung open to the position shown in Fig. 3, serve as brackets to support the front flap of a table 13 pivoted at 14 to the top of the casing. In this position all the contents of

the cabinet may be reached while it is in position on the automobile. In the closed position, as shown in Fig. 1 this flap folds down over the closed doors and the receptacle below, and over all is placed a telescoping cover 15, and the whole is firmly strapped in place, as above indicated.

35 At the ends of the casing are hinged, a little way up from the bottom, flaps 16. These are normally supported by turn-buttons 17 engaging the flaps in notches 18. These notches give access to folding handles 19 by which the cabinet is carried. Holes 20 in the cover coincide with the notches and permit the handles to be reached when the cover is in place on the cabinet. When folded down the end-flaps serve as supporting legs for the cabinet, and are held in place by hooks 21 engaging the eyes 22. As security against the meddler or thief, the cover and casing may be provided with a lock, here shown as a simple hasp and padlock 23.

40 In Figs. 4 and 5 the cabinet is shown as disposed for a picnic dinner. The end-flaps are folded down, raising the top of the cabinet to a suitable table height. The three-part table is given a quarter turn, when all its sides project beyond the cabinet, the end leaves being supported by the top of the cabinet. These leaves are preferably hinged to the middle section by flat hinges 24 of some suitable flexible material, such as a strong fabric, which allows the table to lie flat on top of the cabinet. The cover, which is of a convenient height, is shown set as a bench at the end of the table (for the sake of clearer illustration) though in practice it would be more generally used at one side.

45 The entire cabinet is supposed to be made of sheet metal, and properly protected against rust and corrosion, as by a coat of enamel.

50 Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. In a tourist cabinet, the combination of a box-like receptacle, end-flaps hinged thereto to swing up to closed position, and downwardly to form supporting legs, with openings in the free ends, folding handles disposed within said openings when the flaps are elevated, means for securing the flaps in the elevated and in the depressed positions, and a cover closing over the whole, with openings therein to give access to said handles.

2. A cabinet of the class specified, having a box-like casing for utensils opening on one side, with upper and lower receptacles, horizontally swinging doors to close all but the lowermost receptacle, a table-leaf hinged to swing downwardly from the top of the cabinet and close over the doors and lower receptacle, and supportable in horizontal position by said doors, and end-flaps hinged to the cabinet to swing from an erect position against said ends to a reversed position against the lower part of said ends, thereby serving as elevating legs for the cabinet.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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