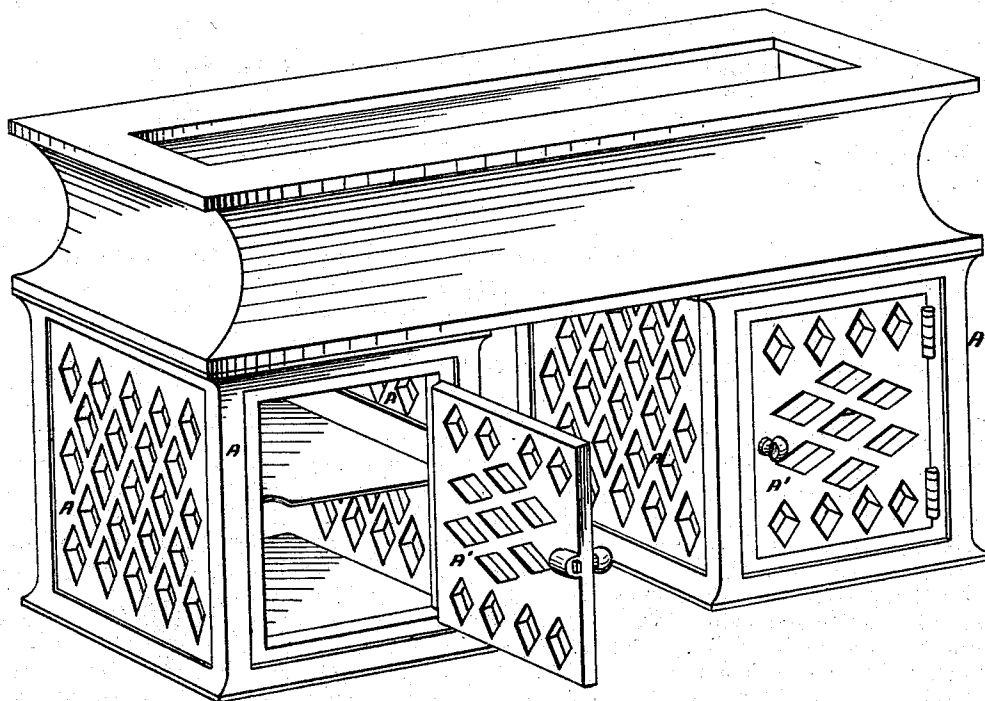


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IMPROVEMENT IN MACHINE-TOOL RECEPTACLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE L. WEBSTER, of Brooklyn, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Tool-Receptacles and Stands or Supports for Machines, of which the following is a specification:

Machine-supporting structures of metal have heretofore been constructed so as to constitute at the same time closets or receptacles for containing tools and the smaller detachable parts of the machines required from time to time in their operation. In the use of these structures, however, much inconvenience, annoyance, and delay arise from the closets being cast tight, with unbroken walls on all sides, thus requiring the operator at times to open closet after closet to obtain the tool or other part he may need, and even rendering it impracticable to find the tool after opening the proper closet without the aid of a light.

My invention is designed to remedy these defects, and to this end I cast the structure with open-work sides, which admit the light to the tool-receptacle, allow the operator to put his hand at once on the tool he wants, and even to ascertain, without opening the door, whether the closet contains the required tool.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of the bed of a lathe or milling-machine, with a supporting structure made in accordance with my invention.

This structure, in the present instance, consists of two hollow end boxes, A, each of which has its sides or frames cast in open-work or

lattice-work, thus admitting a sufficiency of light from all sides into the box. Within the box are the usual shelves for the tools, &c. The doors A' are also cast in open-work in the same way.

The frame thus formed is as strong and sufficient to support the machine as though it were solid.

The workman has no difficulty in at once finding and putting his hand on the tool he wants; and, indeed, he can, without opening the doors and making the tedious search ordinarily required, at once ascertain where and in which closet the tool is.

The advantages of my invention, and the saving in time and trouble that it effects, will be at once recognized by those who are required to use machines with supporting-structures of the general character hereinbefore specified.

I do not claim, broadly, a machine-supporting structure which constitutes, at the same time, a tool closet or receptacle; but

What I do claim is—

A combined tool closet or receptacle and machine-supporting structure, with sides cast in open-work to admit light to the interior of the closet, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 21st day of July, A. D. 1874.

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