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Fig. 1.

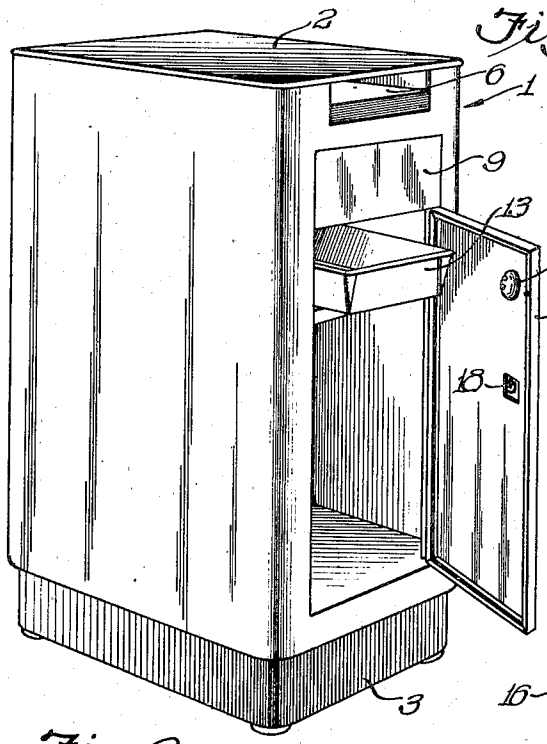


Fig. 3.

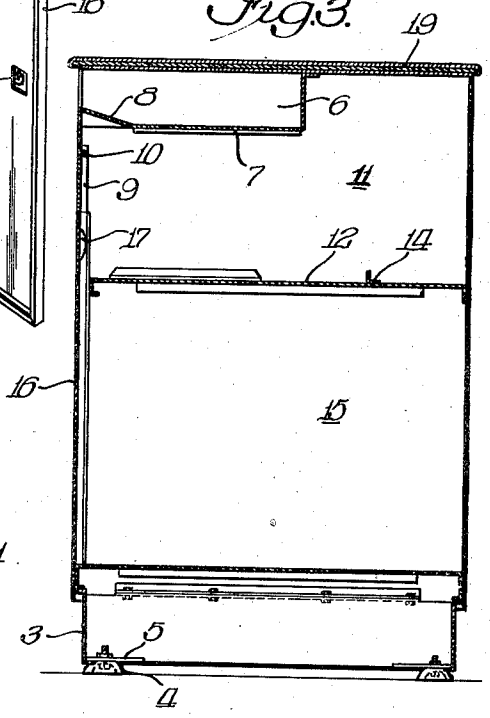
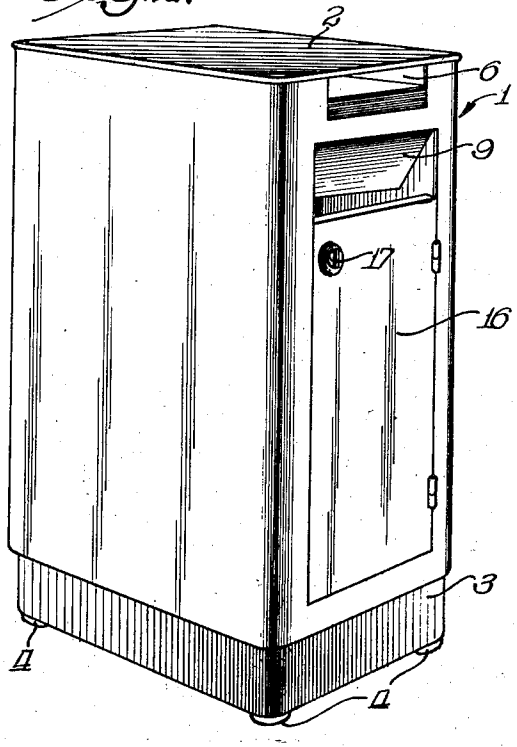


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to utility cabinets adapted for use in stores, commissaries, dispensaries, or other places where meat or other food products are likely to be dispensed.

An object of the invention is to provide a cabinet having a convenient arrangement of a table top, an open-faced compartment for paper or other covering material for food products, a swing door communicating with a waste compartment, and a storage space, all so constructed and arranged as to facilitate sanitary dispensing of such products and ready disposal of any waste.

The invention further comprehends the provision of a receding base, enhancing accessibility of the structure, and adjustable vacuum cup feet affording optimum stability.

Other objects, advantages and capabilities inherent in the present invention will later become more readily apparent.

My invention further resides in the combination, construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and while I have shown therein preferred embodiments of the invention, I wish it understood that the same are susceptible of modification and change without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective with the lower door in open position with tray partially removed.

Figure 2 is a view in perspective with swing door open and lower door closed.

Figure 3 is a view in vertical cross-section through the cabinet.

Referring to the drawing, the novel embodiment selected to illustrate the invention comprises a cabinet 1 provided with a top 2, and a receding base 3 having vacuum-cup feet 4 adjustably mounted in a bracket or support 5.

The novel cabinet is divided into a plurality of compartments for most convenient use. The upper compartment 6 is open at the front affording ready access to paper or other covering material used in the dispensing of meat or other food products. To facilitate removal of the material the base 7 of this compartment is provided with an inclined forward edge 8.

Located below the compartment 6, and separated by a cross member, is a swing door or closure 9 pivotally mounted adjacent its upper edge at 10 to permit it to swing inwardly for ready disposal of any waste. This closure communicates with a compartment 11 having a base 12 for slidably receiving and locating a tray or other container 13. As shown in Figure 3, a stop or abutment 14 accurately locates the tray in its desired position.

A third compartment 15 provides convenient storage space. This compartment, as well as access to tray 13 for convenient removal, is afforded by door 16 hingedly mounted along one edge and having at convenient places near the opposite edge a countersunk handle 17 and a spring catch 18.

The base 3 recedes from the superstructure to afford greater accessibility than otherwise. The adjustability of the vacuum-cup feet 4 enhances the utility of the cabinet.

While the cabinet is preferably made of sheet steel or other suitable metal of desired gauge, it is to be understood that any material of desired strength and suitability may be employed.

The top of the cabinet is preferably provided with a sheet 19 of suitable non-skid material, such as a rubber composition, and the cabinet as a whole is particularly adapted for supporting a meat slicing machine or the like.

Changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention, and the right is hereby reserved to make all such changes as fairly fall within the scope of the following claim.

The invention is hereby claimed as follows:

A utility cabinet comprising a cabinet body having vertical enclosing walls and forming a compartment, a top on the body, said body having an elongated opening in one vertical wall thereof for access to the compartment, upper and lower doors for closing completely said opening to the compartment, the upper door being pivoted to the body on a horizontal axis at its upper end for swinging movement inwardly of the compartment, the lower door being hinged along one side about a vertical axis for pivotal movement outwardly of the compartment, and a shelf in the compartment below the co-extensive lower edge of the upper door and the upper edge of the lower door, whereby access to the compartment and to the shelf in the compartment may be had from either door.

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