

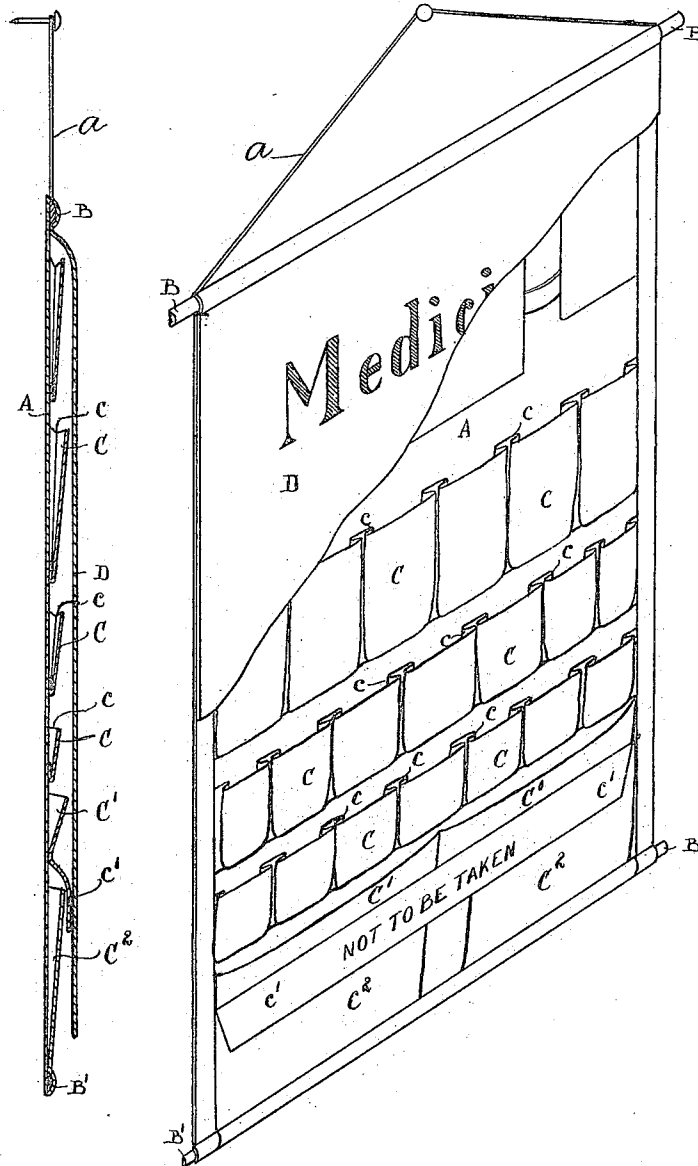
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHNNY BERTHEA SMITH, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at 208 Sixth avenue, Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hanging Receptacles for Medicines and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of a hanging receptacle for use in the household, more especially enabling medicines to be kept conveniently in a readily available state, but also applicable to such articles as toilet requisites, which include lotions, creams and other materials in bottles or jars.

The receptacle, which I propose to term a "medicine tidy," consists of a piece of canvas or other suitable textile material, supported at top and bottom by removable rods and provided with a cord or other suspension by which it may be hung upon a wall or in any other convenient position. The textile backing piece is provided with a number of pockets arranged in rows and plaited so as to open sufficiently to receive ordinary medicine bottles, boxes of ointment, pills and the like or any ordinary accessories. The pockets are of different sizes to accommodate various sizes and types of bottles and are labeled according to their contents. Larger pockets are provided at top and bottom for such articles as plasters and others not for internal use. Long shallow pockets may receive such medicinal materials as throat pencils or the like.

The complete receptacle is provided with a hanging cover preferably of decorative type so that the medicines are concealed and protected from dust, but are at once ready to hand on raising the cover.

In order that my invention may be more readily understood, reference is had to the accompanying sheet of drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a section and Fig. 2 a perspective view of a medicine tidy according to my invention.

The receptacle consists of a back A of

textile material, mounted upon the top and bottom rods or rollers B and B¹ and suspended by a cord *a* from any suitable point. The rods B and B¹ permit the receptacle when empty to be rolled up in a convenient form for storing or transport, and also keep it properly extended when in use. The back A is provided with a series of deep pockets C, the sides *c* of which are deeply plaited to allow them to be flat when empty, but to expand sufficiently to receive ordinary medicine bottles. The pockets are of different sizes and arranged in rows and labeled according to the medicines or other medicinal or toilet materials. Below the pockets C are shown two long shallow pockets C¹ which are intended for knives, scissors and other articles of a like nature, while at the bottom are pockets C² with a labeled cover *c*² for medicines not for internal use.

The whole receptacle is concealed by the curtain D, broken away in Fig. 2 to show the pockets. This curtain keeps the "tidy" and its contents clean without hindering ready access to the contents. The "tidy" is especially useful in the nursery for infants' medicines a small receptacle containing all the necessary medicinal requisites for an infant's use.

The device forms a substitute for the ordinary medicine chest, but, besides being much less expensive, it enables the medicines to be more readily accessible, as bottles not required need not be moved or in any way interfered with in order to reach the desired bottle. All the medicines in use are also in full view and the proper one can be found immediately. When used for toilet requisites the "tidy" is hung near the dressing table and contains face or skin lotions, creams, hair tonics and the other articles which commonly lie on the dressing table or in drawers.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A receptacle for medicinal and other articles, consisting of a flexible back piece, provided with rods at top and bottom and means for suspension, a series of pockets on

the back piece for the reception of the articles and a cover or curtain hanging over the front.

2. In a receptacle for medicinal and other
5 articles, the combination with a flexible back piece mounted on rollers and a hanging curtain, of a series of deep pockets having plaited sides and a series of shallow pockets

for the reception of small articles, substantially as herein described.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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