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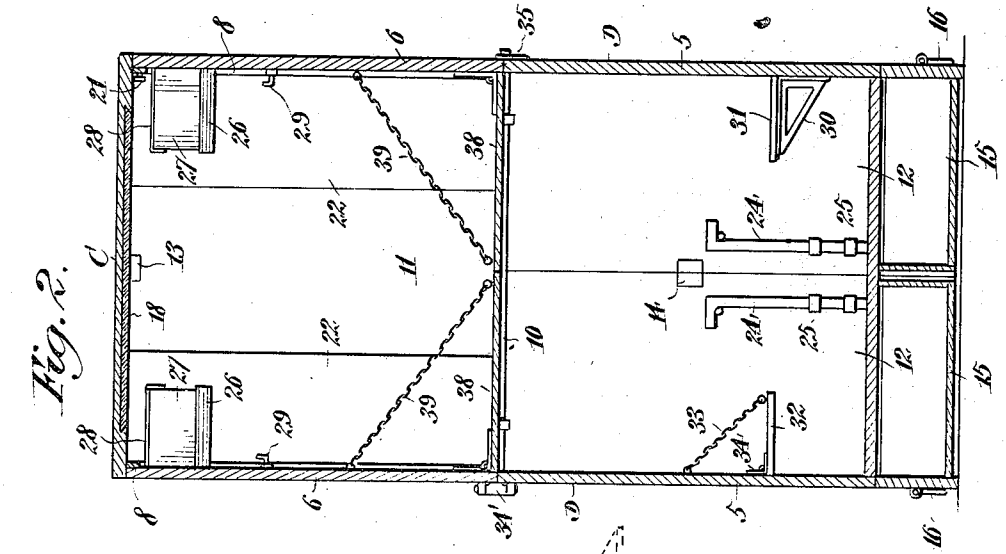
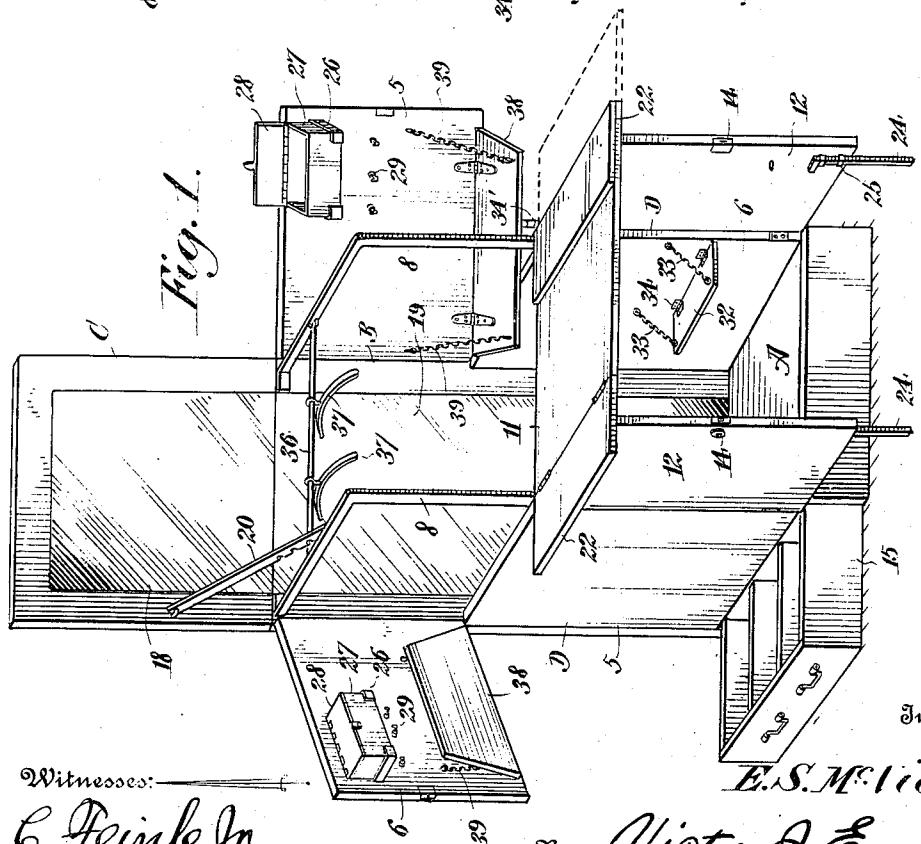


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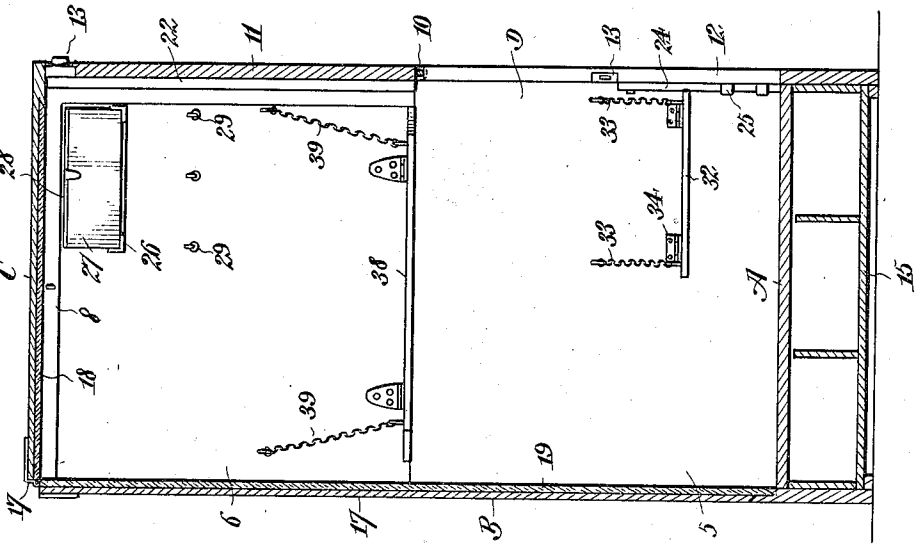
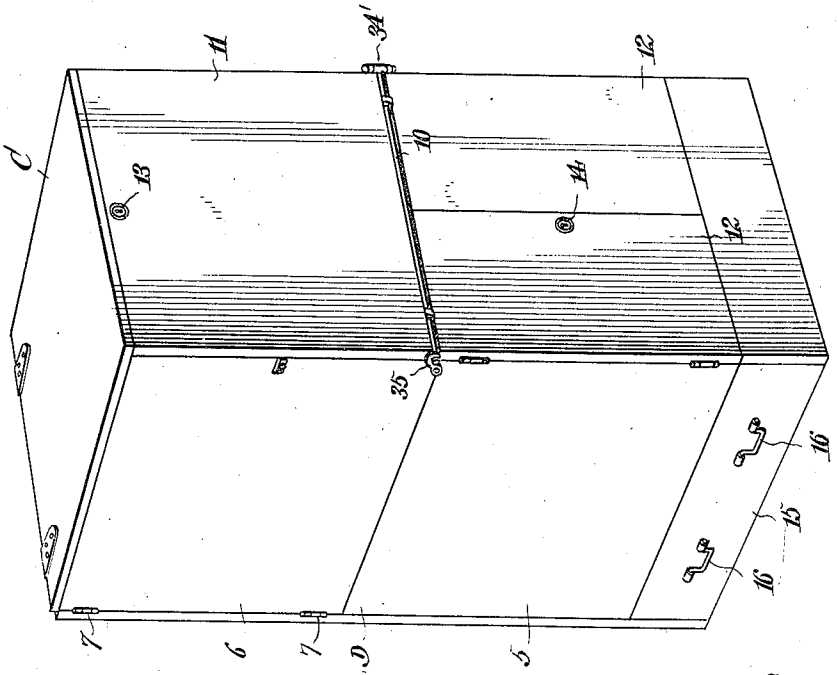


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDITH SPENCER McVICKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vermilion, in the county of Clay and State of South Dakota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Sewing-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention contemplates the provision of a cabinet especially designed for use by dressmakers, wherein the component parts of the cabinet are hingedly supported whereby the same can be swung to extended position to permit the cabinet to be used in the capacity of a dressmaker's stand for the fitting of garments, and when in folded position provide a comparatively small article occupying a minimum amount of space.

Another object of importance resides in the provision of an article of this character wherein the foldable parts are so constructed that when in normal position, the cabinet can be used in the capacity of a wardrobe, wherein unfinished garments may be properly supported, or divided into upper and lower compartments for the reception of the work, additional means being further provided to support within the cabinet both the work and implements essential to the user of the cabinet.

Other objects will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood from the following description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein the specific construction and arrangement of parts are fully described and illustrated.

In the drawings forming part of this application like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet showing the parts in extended position. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view therethrough. Fig. 3 is a view of the cabinet with the parts folded. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view therethrough.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, a cabinet constructed in accordance with my invention essentially consists of a bottom A, a rear wall B, a top C and sectional side walls D, including a fixed lower section 5 and a movable upper section 6, the latter being hingedly connected to the rear wall B as at 7.

8 indicates an open frame forming a continuation of the fixed side sections 5 and against which the movable sections 6 are adapted to bear when the said movable sections are folded. Connecting the vertical portions of the frames 8 at their point of juncture with the fixed side sections 5, is a transverse rod 10, upon which the door 11 is mounted and adapted to be swung outwardly and downwardly to opened position as clearly shown in Fig. 1, while the laterally swinging doors 12 are hingedly connected to the forward edge of the fixed sections 5, and together with the door 11 closes the entire front of the cabinet. The door 11 is held in closed position by means of a suitable latch 13, while the lower doors 12 have their meeting edges provided with suitable coöperating latch elements 14 for the purpose of holding the said doors in closed position. Adapted to slide from the opposite sides of the cabinet beneath the bottom A are the drawers 15 provided with suitable handles 16, and adapted to retain work or other articles. The top C is hingedly connected to the rear wall as at 17 having its under face provided with a mirror 18 and adapted when swung into vertical alinement with the rear wall B to form a continuation of the mirror 19 arranged upon the inner face of the rear wall. However the top C may be supported in any degree of elevation by means of a notched rod 20 pivotally connected at one end to the top C and adapted to engage a projection 21 on the horizontal portion of one of the frame members 8.

By reason of the construction hereinabove described it will be manifest that any one of the component parts of the cabinet may be swung to extended position independently of the other parts, which permits of the door 11 being swung to horizontal opened position and adapted to be supported upon the upper edges of the doors 12 as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The door 11 has hingedly connected thereto in any suitable manner end sections 22 which are adapted to be extended in a plane with the door when the latter is supported in horizontal opened position, during which time the door in its entirety may be used in the capacity of a table or skirt board as will be readily understood. To relieve

the doors 12 and hinges therefor of undue strain under weight of the door 11 and whatever pressure might be applied thereto, I provide the doors 12 with slidable leg extensions 24 adapted to engage the surface, and held in extended position in any suitable manner as at 25.

Secured to the inner face of each of the movable side sections 6 is a bracket 26 adapted to support a receptacle 27 for the reception of spools, needles and other articles, the receptacle being provided with a hinged cover 28, while secured to the said section below the receptacle 27 is a plurality of hook-like elements 29 upon which scissors and other implements essential to the user of the cabinet may be supported in convenient reach. Obviously either one or both of the side sections 6 may be swung to extended position to permit ready access to be had to the different articles or implements, essential in the work being performed upon the table 11. Secured to the inner side of one of the fixed side sections 5 are suitable brackets 30 adapted to support a pressing board 31, while supported upon the inner side of the other of the fixed sections 5 is a shelf 32 upon which may be supported a sad iron. Both the pressing board 31 and the iron 32 may be easily and quickly removed from within the cabinet and arranged upon the table 11 when pressing of the garment is desired. However the shelf 31 is detachably associated with the supporting elements 33, and hingedly connected as at 34 to permit the shelf to fold against the section 5 out of the way when the cabinet is desired to be used in the capacity of a dressmaker's stand. In this connection it will be noted that the transverse rod 10 upon which the door 11 is hingedly mounted, is pivotally connected to the vertical portion of one of the frame members 8 as at 34′, and detachably connected at its other end as at 35, to the upper edge of the opposite fixed section 5, so that when use of the cabinet in the capacity of a dressmaker's stand is desired, the door 11 together with the bar 10 is swung upon its pivotal connection 34′ to a position at one side of the cabinet to permit the person to be fitted to stand upon the bottom A forming a base for the stand and have full view of the mirror, it being understood that when the cabinet is used in this capacity the top C is moved to open position in vertical alinement with the back B. Connecting the horizontal portions of the frames 8 is one or more transverse rods 36, adapted to support a number of garment hangers 37 upon which unfinished garments are adapted to be supported within the cabinet. The rod 36 is pivotally connected at one end to one of the frame sections 8 and detachably connected at its opposite end to the other frame section, to permit the rod to be swung upon its pivot or vertical position, subsequent to the removal of the garment hangers 37 when the cabinet is being used in the capacity of a dressmaker's stand.

The movable side members 6 may or may not be swung to extended position when the cabinet is used in the capacity of a dressmaker's stand, this wholly depending upon whether or not the hinged shelves 38 secured to the lower edge of each of the sections 6 are in extended or folded position. When the shelves 38 are in extended position they are supported by means of chains 39 at right angles to the sections 6 and provide an auxiliary bottom for the cabinet when the sections 6 are swung to folded position, thereby dividing the cabinet into upper and lower compartments for the reception of unfinished work or other articles. However, when the space within the cabinet is desired for the purpose of suspending unfinished garments from the rod 36 the shelves 38 are folded against their respective sections 6 out of the way and held in this position in any suitable manner. However, it is to be understood that the sections 6 may be swung to folded position with the shelves 38 in either their folded or extended position.

When use of the cabinet is not desired the movable side sections 6 are first swung to folded position and the top C lowered. The end sections 22 of the door 11 are then folded upon the inner face of the door and the latter swung upon its pivot to closed position. The doors 12 subsequent to the adjustment of the legs 24 are then swung laterally to their closed position thereby producing a compact arrangement of parts and reducing the size of the cabinet to a comparatively small article, which also provides a neat, ornamental piece of furniture. The cabinet in its entirety is extremely simple in construction and both easily and conveniently handled for the different purposes for which it is intended.

It is believed that from the foregoing description the nature and advantages of the invention will be thoroughly understood without requiring a more extended explanation and therefore the same has been omitted. However I desire to have it understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts herein illustrated and described, as various changes in this respect may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A cabinet comprising a bottom, a rear wall, a top hingedly connected with the rear wall, means for holding said top in elevated position, side walls including a fixed section and a movable section hinged to said rear

wall, laterally swinging doors hingedly connected to said fixed sections, a downwardly opening door hingedly connected with said side walls and adapted to be supported by said laterally swinging doors in horizontal opened position, said hinged connection for the downwardly swinging door permitting the latter to be swung horizontally to one side of the cabinet, and means for locking each of said doors in closed position.

2. A cabinet comprising a bottom, a rear wall, a top hingedly connected thereto, means for supporting said top in elevated position, side walls including a fixed section and a movable section hingedly connected with the rear wall, laterally swinging doors hingedly connected with the fixed sections, a transverse rod, a downwardly opening door hingedly mounted upon said rod and adapted to be supported by said first mentioned doors in horizontal adjusted position, said rod being pivotally connected at one end and detachably connected at its opposite end with said side walls, whereby said rod and door supported thereon may be swung to one side of the cabinet, and means for locking each of said doors in closed position.

3. A cabinet comprising a bottom, a rear wall, a top hingedly connected thereto, means for holding said top in elevated position, side walls including a fixed section and a movable section hingedly connected with the rear wall, a shelf hingedly connected with the lower edge of each of said movable sections and adapted to fold thereagainst, means for supporting said shelves at a right angle to their respective sections and adapted to provide an auxiliary bottom dividing said cabinet into upper and lower compartments, and closing means for the front of said cabinet.

4. A cabinet comprising a bottom, a rear wall, a top hingedly connected with the rear wall, side walls including fixed lower sections and movable upper sections hingedly connected to the rear wall, said upper sections also including stationary frame-like members against which said movable sections are adapted to fold, a transverse reinforcing bar connecting said frame-like members, and capable of being arranged in a vertical position and suspended from one of said members, means for supporting said top in adjusted position to form a continuation of said rear wall, and closing means for the front of the cabinet.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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