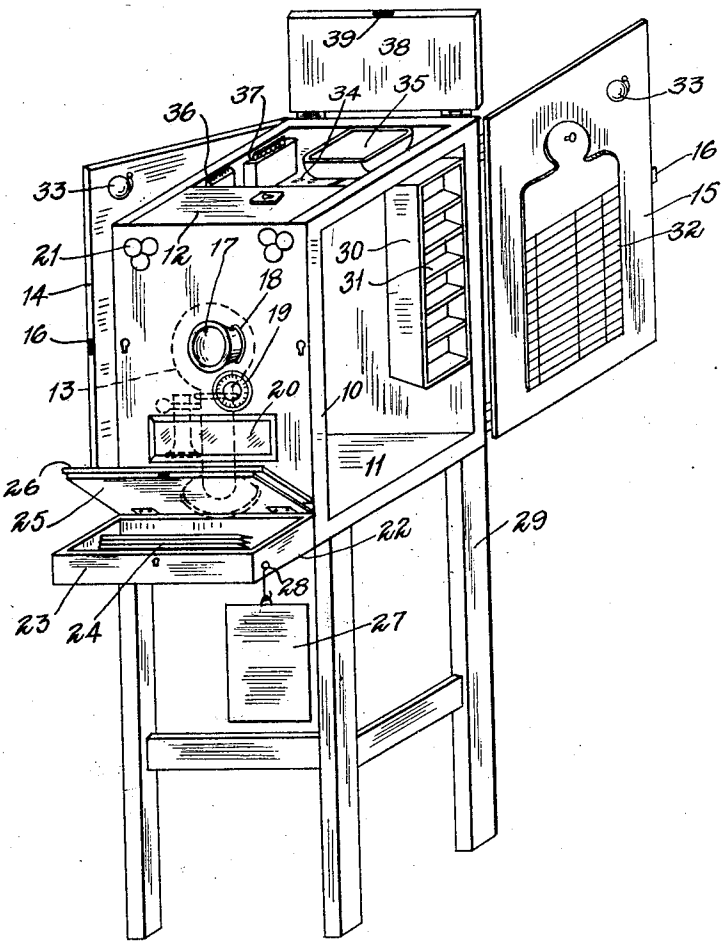
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This invention relates to improvements in furniture, particularly cabinets, and more particularly to a telephone cabinet which is adapted to readily receive a telephone instrument, and it is the principal object of the invention to provide a telephone cabinet which will positively prevent the use of the telephone instrument by unauthorized persons.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a telephone cabinet which may be supported on a table, tripod or any other suitable support and which has combined therewith a small desk serving as container for pencils or the like articles, and allowing the taking of messages.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a telephone cabinet having an opening in its front wall for the passage of the speaker or mouth piece which is surrounded by a luminous circle in order to allow the operation in the dark.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a telephone cabinet provided with doors which can be locked and which are equipped with suitable alarm bells or the like.

Other objects are the provision of a mirror in front of the cabinet and of suitable ornamental features on the front wall, a hinged cover for the cabinet which covers a false top spaced therefrom and suitable for the reception of ash trays, match and ash receivers, cigarette receptacles and the like articles, while the inner face of the hinged cover may be adapted to display pictures or the like. It is furthermore an object of the present invention to combine the cabinet with a cash receptacle into which the cash for calls may be deposited and which is arranged within the cabinet protected by the closed doors thereof. The cabinet furthermore contains a shelved container for the reception of notes, etc., and on the inner door face a list of the telephone exchanges and numbers more frequently called by a subscriber is arranged.

These and other objects and advantages of our invention will become more fully known as the description thereof proceeds, and will then be more specifically defined in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawing the single figure illustrates as an example the preferred form of our telephone cabinet in perspective view.

As illustrated, the telephone cabinet according to our invention comprises a frame 10 having a bottom 11 and top 12 to form a cabinet for the reception of the telephone instrument 13 to be placed therein from one of the sides which is then closed by a door 14 hinged to the frame 10, while the opposite side is closed by means of a side door 15 also hinged to the frame. Both doors are equipped with suitable locks 16 to close the cabinet with the telephone instrument inside thereof so as to prevent its use by unauthorized persons. The speaker of the phone is illustrated at 17 and adapted to be passed through a hole in the front wall of the cabinet as 18 and a luminous dial indicated at 19 is provided near said transmitter. A mirror or the like 20 is attached to the front wall of the cabinet beneath the speaker. Other ornaments of any suitable desired nature may surround the speaker and mirror on the front wall, they are generally indicated at 21.

The bottom 11 of the cabinet is extended at the front thereof, as shown at 22, and a small desk is supported thereby designated 23, for the reception of pencils 24 or the like, and closed by a lid 25 hinged to the frame which may be provided with a lock, and carries on its upper face a pad or slate 26 for the taking down of messages notes or the like. A pad of a multitude of paper sheets for this purpose is indicated at 27 and may be suspended from the frame extension, as indicated at 28.

The cabinet is supported by a suitable support or table 29, which may also have the form of a tripod or the like, if this form is more suitable for the special purpose.

A box 30 equipped with a plurality of superposed shelves 31 is arranged within the cabinet for the reception of various articles such as messages, watches, etc.

At the inner face of one of the doors, preferably door 15, a list 32 is provided containing the names, exchanges and numbers of people which are most frequently called by a subscriber. The doors are also equipped with suitable alarm bells 33 or the like which give an alarm when the doors are opened for obvious reasons.

The cover or top 12 covers part of the cabinet only, and beneath the same a false top 34 is provided carrying ash trays 35, match holders 36 and cigarette packages holders 37 or the like, and a lid 38 hinged to the upper edge of the frame on the rear thereof closes over the false top which is suitably spaced from the lid, and can be closed by a suitable lock 39 or the like.

It will be clear that our cabinet can be manufactured from any suitable wood or material of a shape and color to harmonize with the color and general appearance of the furniture in the room and the papering thereof, etc., so that it will greatly increase the beauty of a room and not form an eyesore therein. The operation of our device will be entirely clear from the above description thereof, and it is to be understood that such changes as come within the scope of the appended claim may be made in the general arrangement of our device and in the construction of the minor details thereof without departure from the gist of the invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a cabinet of the class described, a body of frame like design including a bottom, front and rear walls and a top, said top being formed of two sections, one of said sections being hinged to the rear wall, a compartment formed in connection with said top and adapted to be covered by the hinged section of the latter, a pair of side doors in the body, hingedly connected to the rear wall thereof and providing closures for said frame like body, means for locking said doors to the front wall of the body, to prevent unauthorized entrance to the compartment closed by said doors, legs supporting said body and an extension on the bottom of said cabinet projecting forwardly of the front wall thereof and adapted to form a platform desk thereon, the front wall of said body being provided with an opening therein, as and for the purposes described.

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