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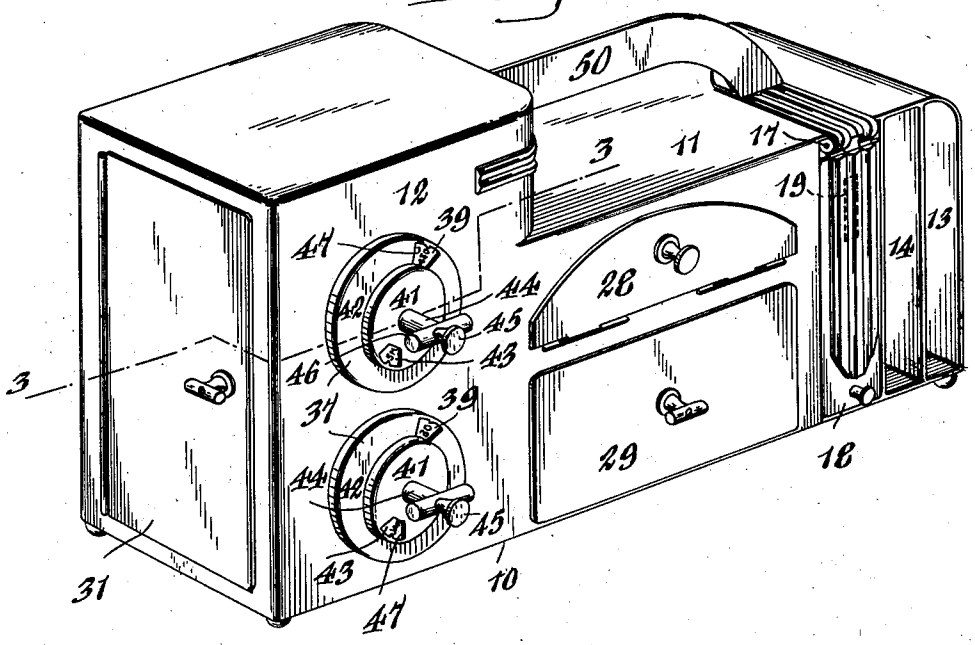
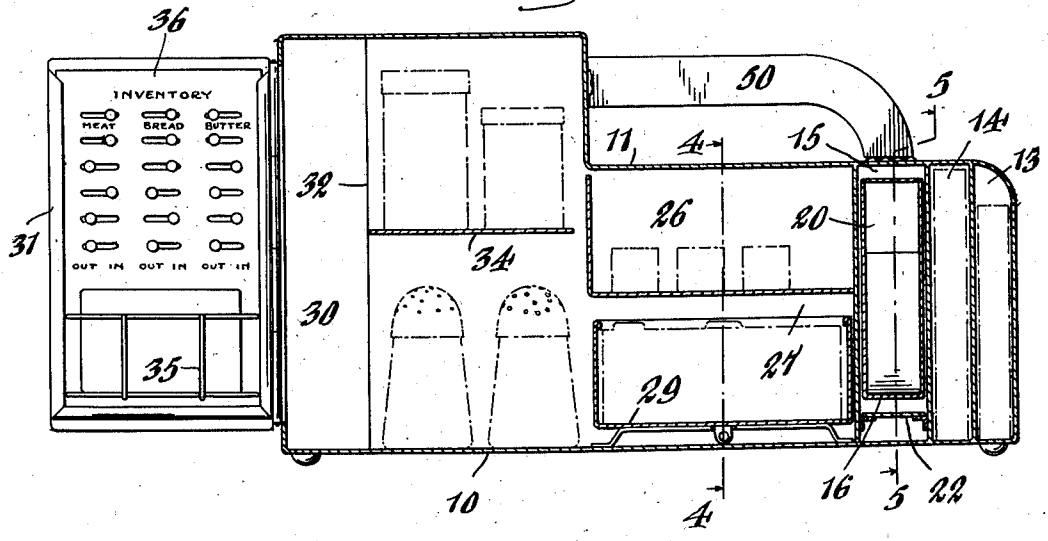


Fig. 2.



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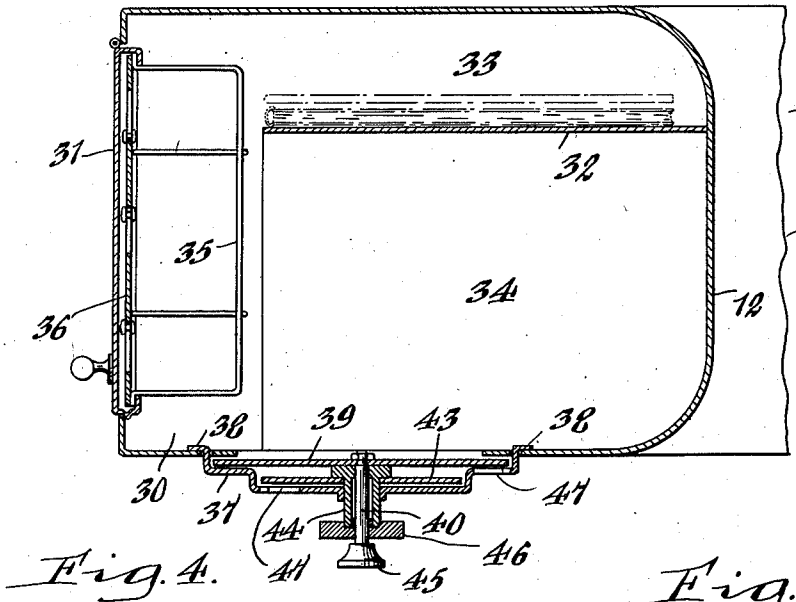
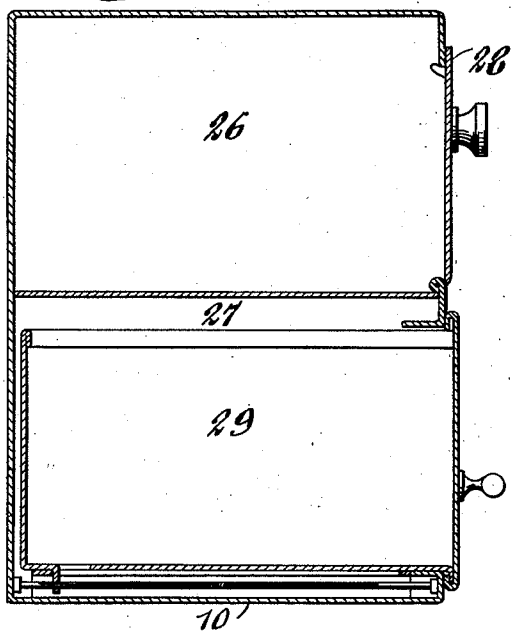
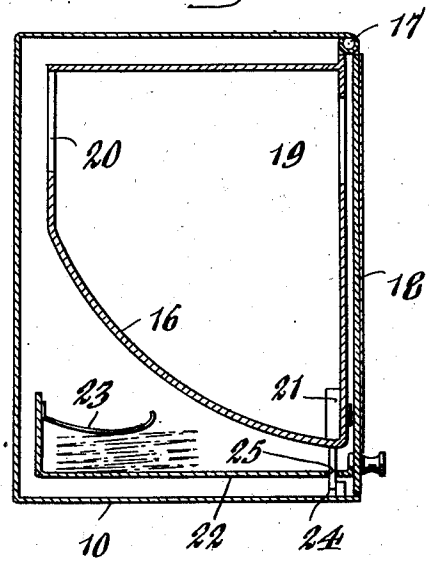


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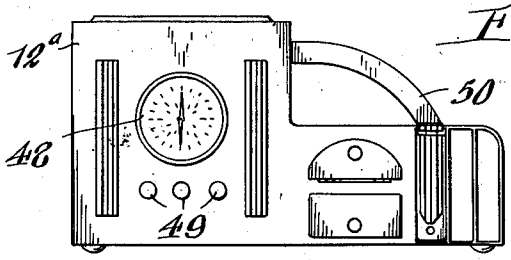


Fig. 6.

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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in cabinets intended for household use in kitchens, etc.

One of the objects of the invention is the provision of a portable cabinet of this character which is simple and compact in construction neat in appearance and unique in design, and which serves as a convenient accessory for the well equipped kitchen.

Another object is the provision of a kitchen cabinet which has been designed in one compact unit to receive miscellaneous items and sundry articles used in and about the kitchen, and whereby an orderly, yet conveniently accessible, storage space is provided.

Other features of the invention reside in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the portable cabinet embodying my invention. Figure 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof showing the door of the end compartment open. Figure 3 is an enlarged horizontal section taken substantially in the plane of line 3—3, Figure 1. Figure 4 is an enlarged transverse section taken on line 4—4, Figure 2. Figure 5 is a similar section taken on line 5—5, Figure 4. Figure 6 is a front view of a slightly modified form of the cabinet.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the drawings, the improved cabinet, which is preferably made of sheet metal or like fire-proof material, consists of a portable body 10 of unique design which is adapted to be placed on a shelf, table, stove or other flat surface or which may be hung, if desired on the wall, and which is provided with a comparatively long horizontal section 11 and an adjoining contiguously-formed upright section 12. The section 11 is provided with a plurality of forwardly-opening vertical compartments, two of the compartments indicated by the numerals 13 and 14 being provided at the outer end of such section and extending crosswise thereof and being adapted to receive such articles as a cooking book, budget book, diary, etc. These compartments, by preference, extend from front to rear and from top to bottom of the cabinet. Adjoining these two compartments in substantially parallel relation therewith is a similar compartment 15 which is adapted to receive a projectible bank 16 in which may be conveniently deposited the savings for such purposes as the gas and electric bills, and various other budgeting savings. In its preferred construction, this bank is mounted to swing into and out of the cabinet-compartment and for this purpose is hinged at 17 to the upper front edge of such compartment, as seen in Figures 1 and 5. Also hinged at 17 is a vertically-swinging panel 18 which normally serves as a closure for this compartment and acts as a cover for normally concealing the coin-slot 19 of the bank. The bottom wall of the bank 16 is convexly curved to clear the bottom wall of the compartment when swinging it into and out of the same and the rear wall thereof is provided with an opening 20 through which the deposited coins may be removed as desired. A suitable key-controlled lock 21 may be provided for locking the bank in its compartment so that it is not accessible to unauthorized persons. In the bank compartment 15, and preferably at the lower end thereof, there is provided a sliding drawer or supporting panel 22 which may be used as a receiver for invoices, paper money, etc., a flat spring 23 serving to yieldingly hold such papers against displacement in the drawer. The lock 21 may have its bolt 24 disposed to engage an opening 25 in the drawer 22 to simultaneously lock it in the compartment.

Also disposed in the elongated body-section 11 and inwardly of the previously described compartments are superposed forwardly-opening horizontal compartments 26 and 27. The upper compartment 26 may be closed by a hinged door 28 and may be used to receive miscellaneous articles of small sizes. The lower compartment 27 contains a drawer 29 which may serve as a recipe card index or the like.

The upright section 12 of the cabinet is provided with an endwise opening compartment 30 which is closed by a horizontally-swinging door 31. This compartment may be provided with an upright longitudinally-extending partition 32 to provide a comparatively narrow upright compartment-portion 33 to receive booklets, etc., while the remaining portion of this compartment 30 may be provided with one or more horizontal shelves 34 for receiving condiments, etc. The upright partition 32 and shelving 34 terminate at their outer edges a suitable distance from the door-opening, and the door 31 has a suitable rack 35 on its rear side to receive a first aid kit or like equipment, this rack extending into the outer portion of the compartment 30 in the closed position of the door, as seen in Figure 3. On its inner face and above the rack 35, the door 31

may be provided with a suitable inventory chart 36.

On its front wall the upright section 12 of the cabinet may be provided with one or more adjustable indicators or dials which may be properly designed to serve as an adjustable calendar or which may serve as an adjustable indicator and contain the proper instructions to indicate to the housewife the various temperatures and times required in preparing meats and other foods. In the drawings, two of such indicators are shown disposed one above the other. For this purpose, each of these indicators consists of a substantially circular casing 37 suitably fastened to the cabinet wall by bent over tongues 38 or like means and between which and the cabinet wall is disposed a rotatable dial 39 mounted on a stud shaft 40 journaled in such casing. If desired, this casing may be provided with inner and outer concentric faces 41 and 42, in which case there is provided for cooperation with the inner face 41 a second or smaller dial or disk 43 which is mounted on a sleeve 44 journaled in the casing 37, the outer face 42 cooperating with the larger dial 39, as shown in Figures 1 and 3. Suitable handles 45 and 46 are provided on the shaft 40 and sleeve 44, respectively, for manipulating the dials 39 and 43 at the will of the user. The concentric faces 41 and 42 of the casing have radial openings 48 therein through which the printed matter on the respective dials is exposed.

In the modified form of the invention shown in Figure 6, the upright section 12a of the cabinet has been shown to be equipped with a radio receiving set, the numeral 48 indicating the station dial and the numerals 49 indicating the control knobs of the set. In this form of the cabinet, as well as the previously described construction, a suitably designed name plate 50 may be provided as shown.

I claim as my invention:

1. A cabinet of the character described, comprising a body having a compartment therein, a receiver hinged to the open end of said compartment and movable into and out of said compartment and having inlet and discharge openings therein, a slidable support in said compartment adjacent one end of the receiver and movable into and out of the same, and common lock means for locking said receiver and said support in their housed position within the compartment.

2. A cabinet of the character described comprising a body having a compartment therein, a receiver hinged to the open end of said compartment and movable into and out of said compartment, a supporting means in said compartment in adjoining relation to one end of said receiver and movable into and out of the compartment, and common lock means for locking said receiver and said supporting means in their housed position within the compartment.

3. A cabinet of the character described, comprising a body having a compartment therein, a receiver hinged to the open end of said compartment and movable into and out of said compartment, a supporting means in said compartment in adjoining relation to one end of said receiver and movable into and out of the compartment, common lock means for locking said receiver and said supporting means in their housed position within the compartment, and a closure for normally closing said compartment and concealing said receiver, said supporting means and said lock means.

4. A cabinet of the character described, comprising a body having a compartment therein, a receiver hinged to the open end of said compartment and movable in a vertical plane into and out of said compartment and having an inlet opening in its front wall and a discharge opening in its rear wall, a lock means for said receiver, and a closure for normally closing said compartment and concealing the inlet-bearing front wall of said receiver and hinged on the same axis as the receiver, the discharge opening in the rear wall of said receiver being exposed in the outward position thereof.

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