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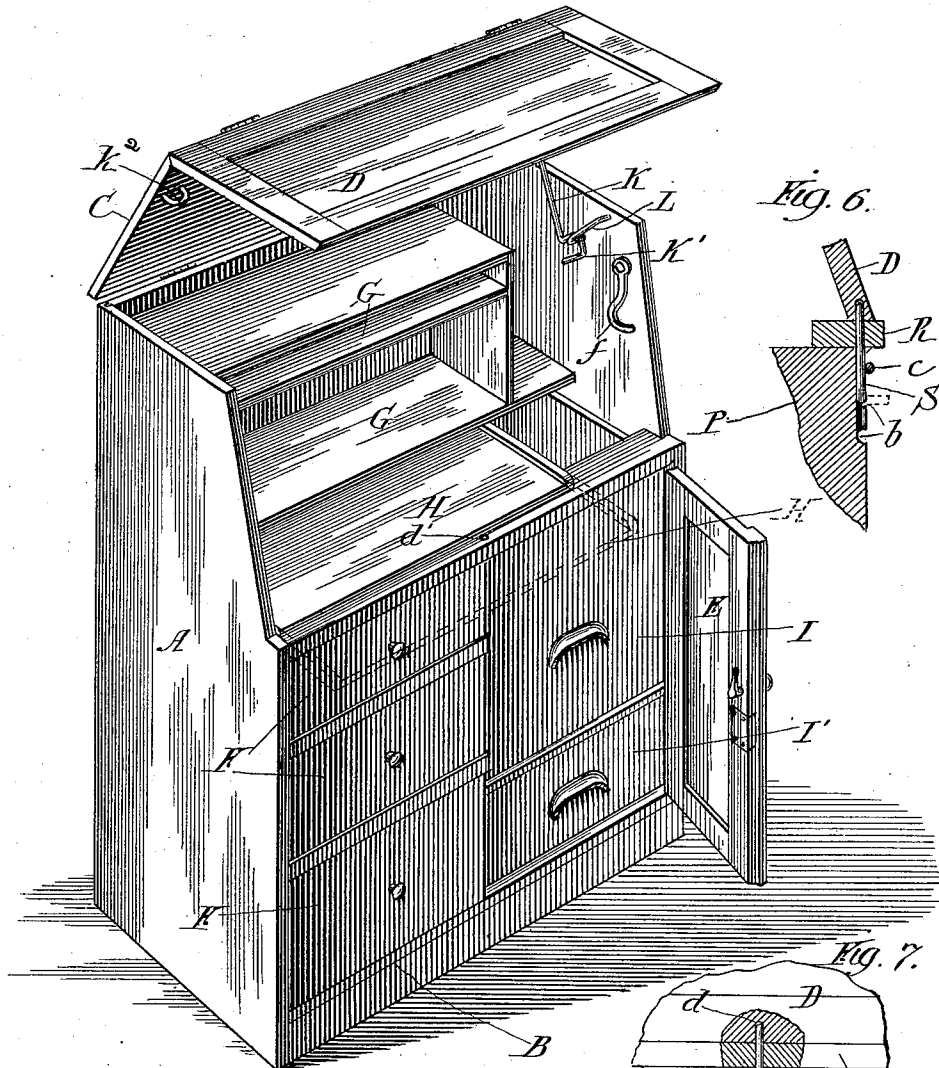


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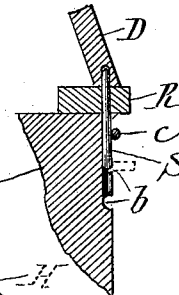


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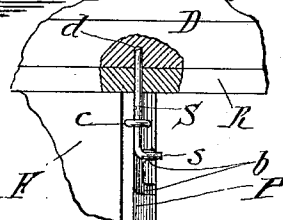
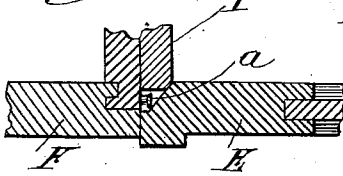


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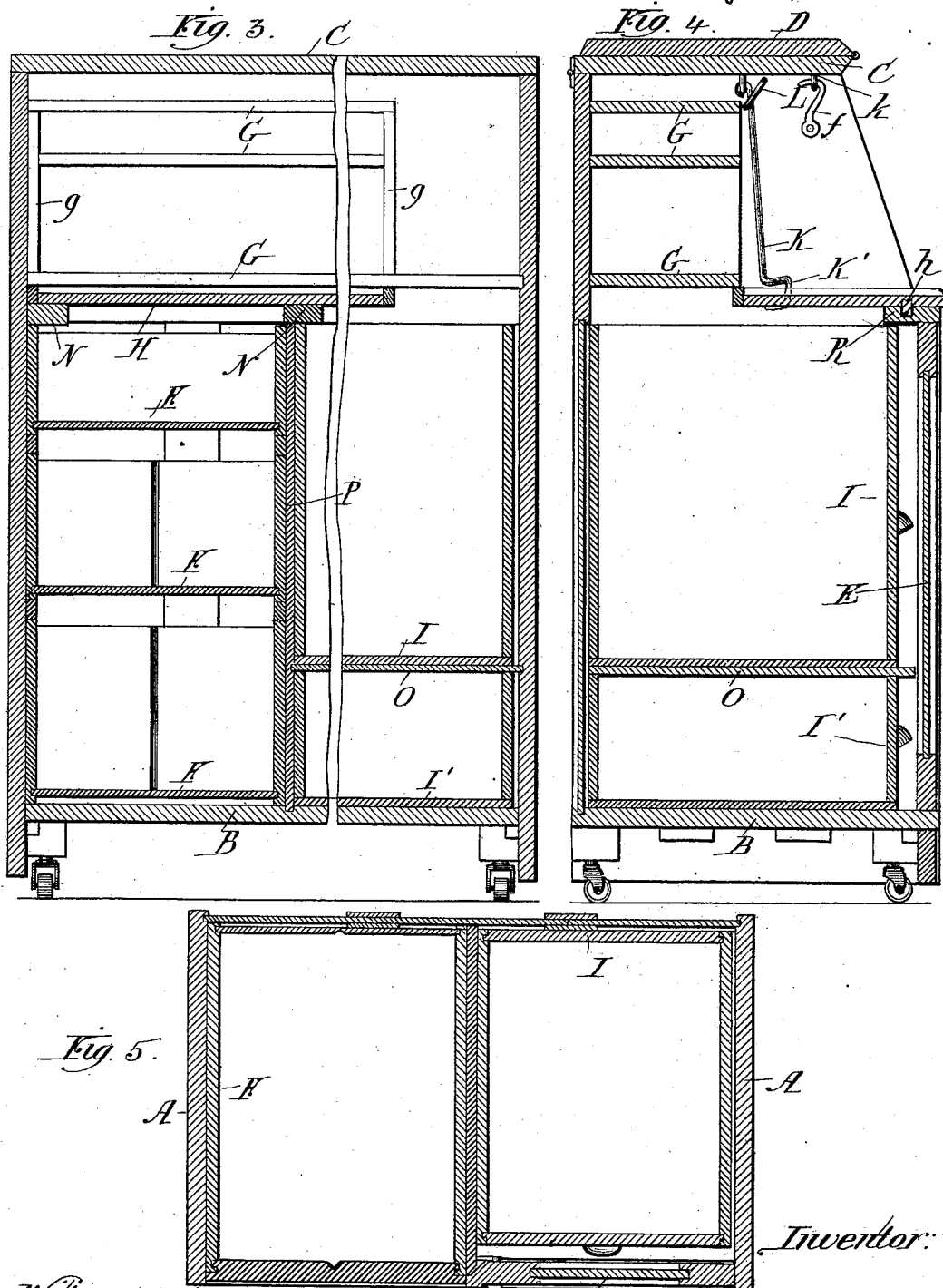
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. ROTH, of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Kitchen-Dressers, of which the following is a specification.

My said invention will be hereinafter fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a kitchen dresser embracing in its construction my said improvement, with its door E standing open, and with its cover C and its folding leaf D raised and held up by a device, hereinafter described; Fig. 3, a vertical central longitudinal section of the same, with the door closed and the cover down; Fig. 4, a vertical central cross-section of the same; Fig. 5, a horizontal section of the same; and Figs. 2, 6, and 7 detail views of certain parts.

20 In the drawings, A is the case or frame composed of the base B, two side walls, and a back piece.

25 P is a vertical partition dividing the interior of the body of the case; and N is two cross-bars, one of which covers the upper edge of the partition and the other covers the outer edge of the top drawer, F, and both extend forward from the back piece to the front bar, R, to which they are fastened, as well as to the back.

30 The front bar, R, is fastened to the side walls, and serves to hold the side walls and cross-bars N firmly in position and to furnish a suitable support for the kneading-board H when drawn out for use, as it is shown to be by the broken lines in Fig. 1. The side walls are cut away from the front bar, R, upward, so that when the leaf D of cover C is folded down upon the top edges of the walls the upper portion of the case will be closed tightly, the leaf being held down by its own weight without other fastening. The adjacent edges of the cover and leaf are so cut away and beveled that when connected by hinges, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, they will make a tight joint with each other when the cover is brought down on the tops of the side walls.

45 In order to have access to the upper portion of the dresser, the cover and leaf may be raised to the position shown in Fig. 1 and held so by the device shown; but in order to have more room and better light in the interior the leaf

D may be turned back upon the cover, as shown in Fig. 4.

The device for holding both the cover and leaf, as shown in Fig. 1, consists of rod K, which, at its upper end, is provided with an eye connected by a staple on the under side of the cover, while its lower end is provided with a rectangular hook, K', which works against or passes through, as required, the staple L, driven into the inner face of the top portion of the side wall, as shown. These parts are so proportioned and arranged with reference to each other that when the cover is down upon the side walls they will be in position as shown in Fig. 4; but when the cover is raised the rod K will pass freely up through the staple L until the recess of the hook reaches the staple, when the rod automatically by its own weight falls into position with the back of its hook against the staple, as shown in Fig. 1, and by reason of its right angles will hold the cover locked in position until by hand the hook is forced up, and thus freed.

75 The five pieces of board, G and g, are framed together, as shown, the bottom piece, G, extending from side to side, and its right-hand end enters and rests in a recess in the right-side wall, while its left end rests on the flange of the kneading-boards H.

The horizontal pieces furnish three shelves and spaces for dishes, pies, small boxes, and cans, while the larger space on the right of end inner piece, g, will serve for pots and pitchers to be put in.

85 The inner side of the kneading-board is provided with pins h, which, in connection with corresponding holes in the front bar, R, will hold the board in position when drawn out for kneading dough upon the same. The space below the front bar, R, is divided by the partition P into two parts, and the part on the right is itself divided by a horizontal floor, O, which is let into the side wall on one side and partition P on the other, so that it will sustain a chest, I, for meal or flour, while the base will sustain another like receptacle, I', both of them capable of sliding out and in on their respective supports.

100 On the left side of the partition three drawers, F, are separated by bars and sustained on their sides by cleats attached to the partitions and side walls, and adapted to contain sugar,

coffee, tea, and spices. The door E is hinged as usual, and is secured by any suitable lock, and its inner edges are so beveled in reference to the partition P, which is also beveled at its front to a feather edge, that the inner edges of the door and of all the drawers will neatly abut against each other, as shown in detail, Fig. 2. Each drawer on its inner end is furnished with a headed pin, *a*, and the result of this construction and arrangement is that when the door is locked each drawer will be locked also, and be thus secured against the depredations of children and others, while, if the mechanical workmanship be good, all the drawers and compartments may be almost air-tight, and thus prevent different kinds of food from communicating their respective flavors and odors to each other, as well as exclude dust as well as flies and other vermin. The cover C may be fastened when closed down by means of hooks *f*, fastened upon the inner sides of the side walls, and hooked into eye-staples *K*² in cover C—one at each end of the cover—and then the leaf D may be fastened down by the devices shown in detail, Figs. 6 and 7, which consist of the staple *c*, inserted into the edge of the partition P, and through this is inserted the body of the pin S, which passes up through a hole in bar R, and thence up into a hole in the edge of the leaf D. The pin S is bent at its lower end, as shown, and a recess, *b*, is cut into the wood of the partition for the lower end to work in, so that after the pin has been inserted up through these the lower end may be turned sidewise,

and then cannot come out. Then when the door E is locked all the openings into the dresser will be locked also by this same action. 35

My kitchen-dresser is peculiarly well adapted to the use of small families, and will promote the comfort and convenience of such by furnishing storage for the most essential articles of food and for the utensils for preparing and enjoying the same, and at the same time the utmost economy of space is secured. 40

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 45

1. The combination of the pin S, bent nearly at a right angle at its lower end, the partition P, provided with staple *c*, inserted into its front edge, and provided with recess *b* for the lower end of the pin, the leaf D, and cross-bar R, each of the latter provided with a hole for the upward passage of the pin S, the whole adapted to fasten down the leaf D, substantially as described. 50

2. The described case, having the vertical partition P, with a beveled front edge, in combination with a series of drawers, F, having pins *a* in their inner ends, and hinged door E, having its inner edge beveled, as described, the whole adapted to result in the drawers being locked by the act of locking the door E, substantially as described. 55 60

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