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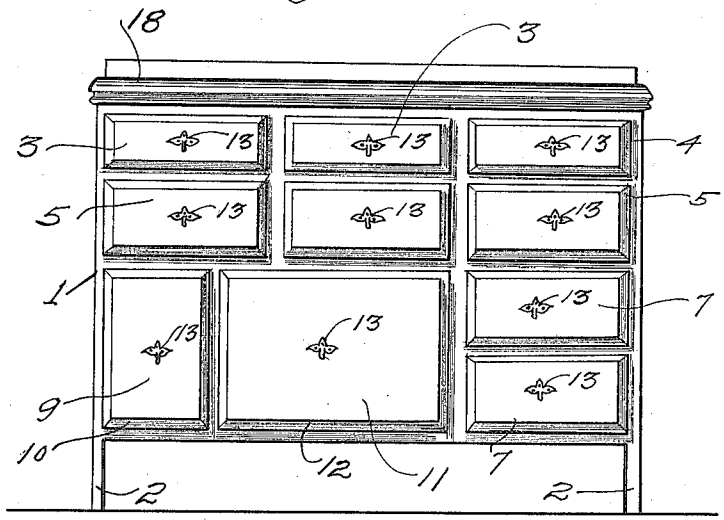


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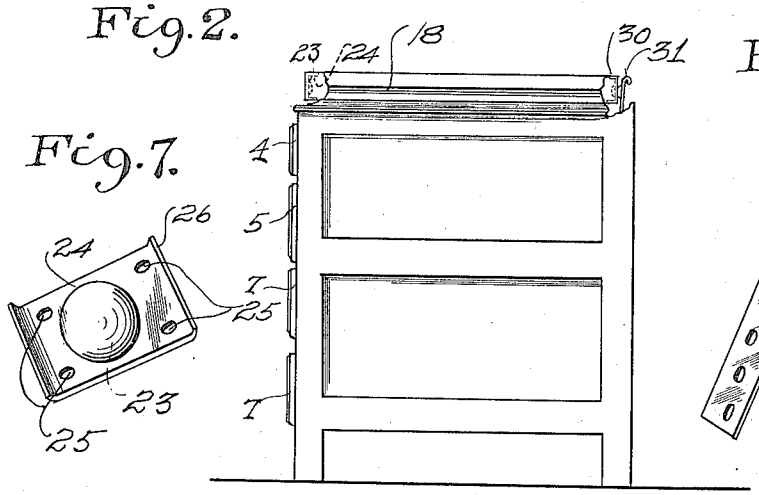


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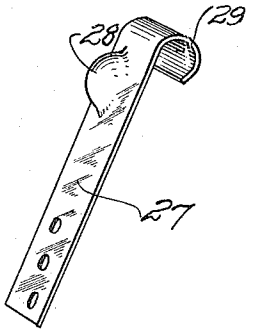


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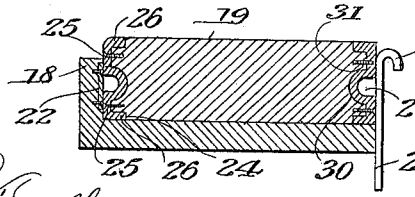


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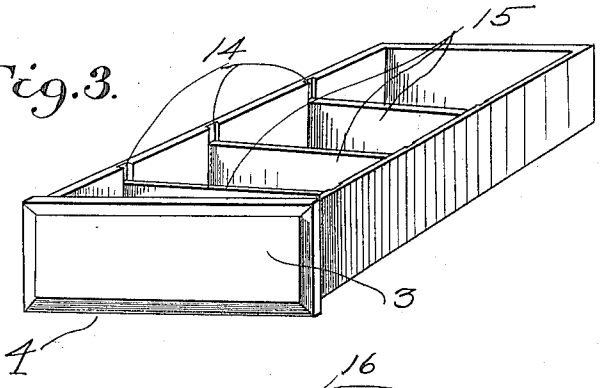


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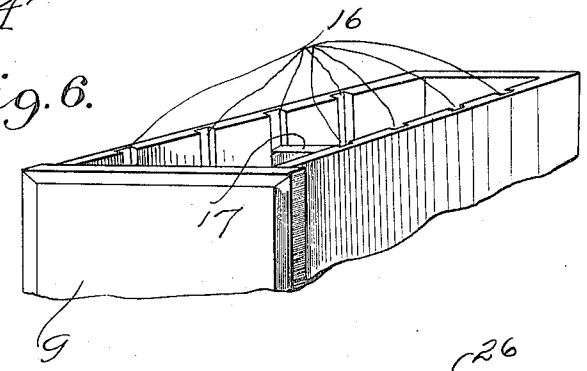
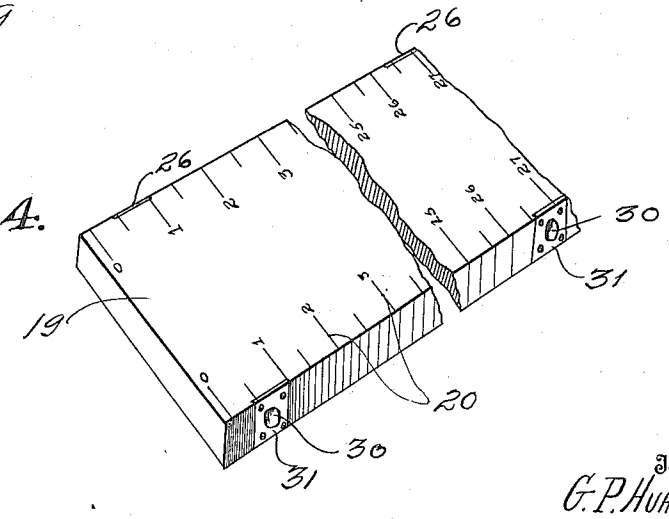


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE P. HUHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sewing-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprehends certain new and useful improvements in sewing cabinets and has for its principal object to provide a device of this character in which will be included a removable and reversible top or cover and means for locking the same in position.

Another object is to provide a device of this character in which the cabinet will be provided with a plurality of drawers of various sizes and proportions and having removable and adjustable partitions whereby said drawers may be divided into compartments of desired sizes.

A further object is to provide a device of this character in which will be included novel and improved means for securing the removable and reversible top or cover in position.

A still further object of this invention is to generally improve and simplify the construction of devices of this character and increase the efficiency thereof without materially increasing the cost of the same.

With these and other objects in view as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the complete device, Fig. 2 is an end view thereof, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the drawers removed with the partitions shown in position, Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of the removable and reversible top or cover removed, Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of one of the spring latch members for the removable and reversible top or cover, Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the deep corner drawer with the partition in position, the lower portion of the drawer being broken away, and Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of one of the plates carried by the removable and reversible top or cover to receive the spring latch members.

Referring in detail to the drawings by numerals, 1 designates the frame of the cabinet which is supported upon the legs 2 provided at the corners thereof and which has the upper drawers 3 opening in the front thereof and provided with flanges 4 around their edges to limit inward movement of said drawers. Beneath the drawers 3 I have provided a series of slightly deeper drawers 5 similar to the drawers 3 and having the flanges 6 around their edges to limit inward movement thereof, and it will be seen by referring to the drawings, that I prefer to employ three upper drawers 3 and a similar number of drawers 5. Beneath the drawer 5 at one side of the cabinet, I have provided a pair of lower drawers 7 having flanges 8 around their edges, said drawers 7 being of substantially the same size as the drawers 5. Beneath the drawer 5 at the opposite side of the cabinet, I have provided a deep lower corner drawer 9 with the flanges 10 around its edges, and between this deep corner drawer 9 and the drawers 7 I have provided a wide deep drawer 11 with the flanges 12 around its edges. It will be understood that all of the flanges around the various drawers serve to limit inward movement thereof, and all of the drawers are provided with the handles 13, by means of which they may be readily withdrawn, as desired.

As will be noted by referring to Fig. 3 of the drawings, in which I have shown one of the upper drawers 3, said drawers are preferably provided with vertical slots 14 in their opposite sides to receive transverse partitions 15, whereby said drawers may be divided into any suitable number of compartments to accommodate various articles and separate the same. It will be understood, however, that the partitions 15 are of such height as to terminate a spaced distance from the upper edges of the drawers 3 to permit of ready access to the contents of the rear compartment or compartments of each drawer 3. It will also be readily understood that any of the drawers may be provided with removable or stationary par-

titions and slots to receive the same, if desired, and I have shown the deep corner drawer 9, in Fig. 6, as being provided with a number of vertical slots 16 in its opposite sides to receive the movable transverse partition 17, whereby the top drawer may be divided into compartments of the desired size, the partition 17 being also of such height as to terminate a spaced distance below the upper edges of the drawer 9 and thereby permit ready removal of the contents of the rear compartments without entirely withdrawing the drawer 9.

The body 1 is provided with the upwardly directed flanges 18 around its upper edge at its front and ends to prevent forward and transverse movement of the removable and reversible top or cover 19 which is of such thickness as to project for some distance above the flanges 18, said removable and reversible top or cover 19 being provided with a finished flat surface and an unfinished or unpolished surface having graduation markings or scales 20 thereon along the longitudinal edges of said unfinished or unpolished face.

When the top or cover is not in use, the finished or polished face thereof is turned upwardly, but when it is desired to use the top or cover for measuring or cutting materials or for other like purposes, the top or cover is withdrawn and reversed to present the unfinished or unpolished face thereof. The top or cover 19 is automatically locked in either position, however, by means of the locking lugs 21 carried by suitable plates 22 secured to the rear face of the front flange 18 and engaged in the inwardly pressed portions 23 of the plates 24 secured to the front or forward longitudinal edge of the removable and reversible top or cover 19 by suitable securing means passed through openings 25 formed in the corners of said plate 24. The plate 24 has its upper and lower edges 26 curved rearwardly to eliminate danger of said edges catching upon the lugs 21 as the top or cover 19 is being placed in position or removed. It will also be understood that the plates 24 are countersunk in the top or cover 19 to permit the forward edge of the latter to be engaged against the front or forward flange 18. The removable and reversible top or cover 19 is further locked in either position and prevented from moving rearwardly by the spring latch members 27 which are secured to the rear face of the frame 1 and have the forwardly pressed latch lugs 28 adjacent their free rearwardly curved upper ends 29, for engagement in the inwardly pressed portions 30 of the plates 31, similar to the plates 24 and secured to the rear longitudinal edge of the removable and reversible top or cover 19 in a manner similar to that in which said plates 24 are secured to the forward or front longitudinal edge of said top or cover 19. When it is desired to remove the top or cover 19, it is simply necessary to grasp the outwardly curved free ends 29 of the spring latch members 27 and disengage the latch lugs 28 from the plates 31 and then slide the top or cover 19 rearwardly until the latch plates 24 are withdrawn from engagement with the plates 22, after which the top or cover 19 may be entirely removed or reversed, as desired. It will be readily seen, however, that when returning the top or cover 19 to position between the flanges 18, the rear edge of said top or cover 19 will force the free ends of the spring latch members 27 outwardly until the top or cover is in proper position, when the latch lugs 28 will automatically engage in the inwardly pressed portions 30 of the latch plates 31.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a frame having a front and end flanges projecting upwardly above the top of said frame, a removable and reversible cover positioned upon the top of said frame and between said end flanges, recessed plates secured to the forward and rear edges of the removable and reversible cover, plates secured to the inner face of the front flange and having offset portions for engagement in the recessed portions of the plate secured to the front edge of said removable and reversible cover, and clamp members projecting upwardly from the back of the frame and provided with projections for removable engagement in the recesses in the plates secured to the rear edge of said removable and reversible cover, whereby said removable and reversible cover may be securely held in position.

2. A device of the class described comprising a cabinet frame having upwardly projecting flanges formed along its end and frame edges at the top of said cabinet frame, a removable and reversible cover slidably engaged between the end flanges, said cover projecting above the flanges, latch plates secured to the forward and rear edges of said cover and provided with inwardly pressed portions to form sockets, plates secured to the rear face of the front flange and provided with outwardly pressed latch lugs engaged in the sockets of the latch plates carried by the cover at the front of the same, and upwardly projecting spring latch plates secured to the back of the frame and provided in their extended portions with latch

lugs removably engaged in the sockets of the latch plates mounted upon the rear edge of said cover, the spring latch plates having their upper ends turned back, whereby said latch plates may be readily grasped to withdraw the latch lugs from the sockets in the latch plates carried by the cover.

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

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