

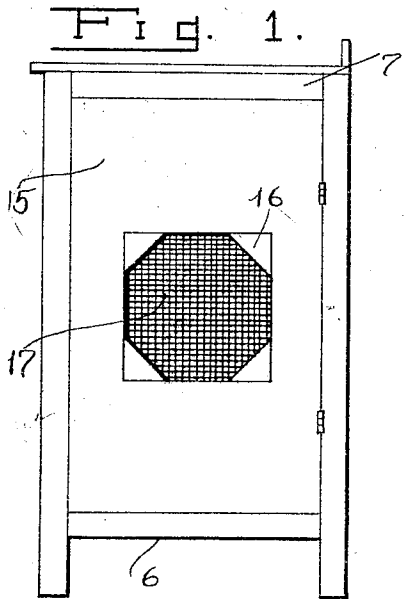
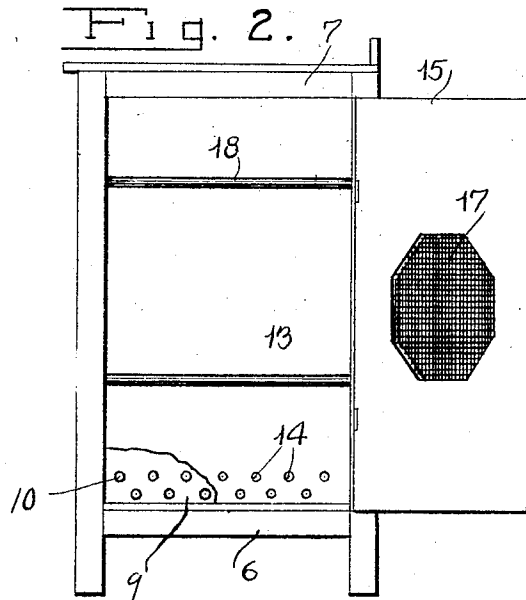
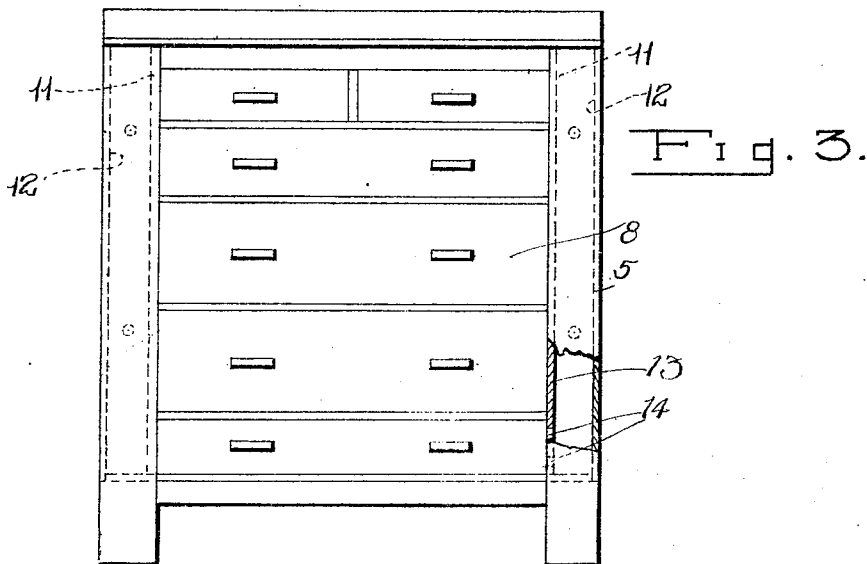
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIE G. McNEILL, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Fort Plain, in the county of Montgomery and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination furniture, and particularly to a combined chiffonier or bureau and closet, the said invention having provision for storing articles of wearing apparel; and the said invention is particularly provided with a ventilated shoe drawer or receptacle and a ventilated closet adapted primarily for use in holding suspended footwear which has been worn and is to be worn again, the said invention providing accessible storage spaces where articles that have been removed by a wearer may be concealed in sanitary condition until they are to be used again.

It is an object of this invention to provide combination furniture of the character indicated which will not be materially changed in appearance from furniture of conventional types now in common use; and the said invention further contemplates the provision of compartments that are readily accessible, which may be conveniently used.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this application wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a view in end elevation of an article of furniture embodying the invention;

Figure 2 illustrates a similar view with the end door open; and

Figure 3 illustrates a view in elevation of the front of the said furniture.

In carrying the invention into practice, relatively heavy upright frame-members 5 are employed, that is to say, the said members 5 are slightly heavier than those used ordinarily for bureaus and chiffoniers. At the end there is a sill 6 at the bottom extending rearwardly from the front member 5 and at the upper portion of the end there is a frame-member 7 which also ex-

tends rearwardly from the front member 5. The sill and frame-members 6 and 7 may be of increased depth under certain conditions, but the inventor does not wish to be limited with respect to the proportions entering into the construction of the frame of the furniture.

The frame is supplied with the usual guides (not shown) for drawers 8, which may be of such depth as desired, although preferably the lower drawer is of comparatively shallow depth, but of sufficient depth to hold shoes which may be stored temporarily or for a longer time. It is the purpose of the inventor, however, that this lower drawer shall be the temporary receptacle for shoes that are removed and are to be worn very soon again.

Each end 9 of the lower drawer 8 has apertures similar to the aperture 10 to provide for the circulation of air through the drawer for the purpose of ventilation.

As shown by dotted lines 11 and 12, the depth of the closets in the ends of the furniture is slightly less than the width of the corner member 5, but the said closets are of sufficient area to hold stockings and small garments such as underwear.

The rear wall 13 of the closet is provided with a plurality of apertures 14 to permit circulation of air, and the door 15 which is provided as a closure for the closet has a panel 16 with a foraminous center 17, through which air may circulate.

In the present embodiment of the invention, the foraminous center is hexagonal and the opening is protected by woven cane, but the inventor does not wish to be limited with respect to the material employed in forming the ventilated closure for the said opening. The panel in its entirety is square, in the present embodiment of the invention, but its configuration may be changed for artistic effect, according to the requirements of the manufacturer or purchaser.

The interior of the cabinet may be provided with a plurality of hangers or rods 18 that will prove useful in supporting or suspending the articles of clothing to be stored.

It will be obvious that each end of the furniture may be provided with a cabinet and door and that the cabinet at one end may be employed for neckwear, linen and the like, while the other is employed for soiled clothing, as heretofore indicated, although the in-

ventor does not wish to be limited with respect to the use to which the cabinets are put.

I claim:

- 5 1. In an article of furniture, a frame having relatively wide corner frame-members, drawers slidable in the frame, one of said drawers having ventilating apertures in its ends, a removable closure consisting of a
10 door at the end of the frame, a wall near the end of the frame in spaced relation to the door, said wall having ventilating apertures therein, and a ventilating panel in the said door, substantially as described.
- 15 2. In an article of furniture, a frame having relatively wide upright frame-members, drawers slidable in the frame, one of said drawers having ventilating apertures in its ends, a wall extending from the front frame-
20 member to the rear frame-member near the

inner edges of said members, a door closing the space between the front and rear frame-members to form a closed compartment at the end of said furniture, and a foraminous panel in the door.

- 25 3. In an article of furniture, a frame having relatively wide upright frame-members, drawers slidable in the frame, one of said drawers having ventilating apertures in its ends, a wall extending from the front frame-
30 members to the rear frame-member near the edges of said members remote from the ends of the frame, the said wall having ventilating apertures therein in proximity to the
35 ventilating apertures of the drawer, a door closing the space between the front and rear frame-members to form a closed compartment at the end of said furniture, and a foraminous panel in the door.

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