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Fig. 1.

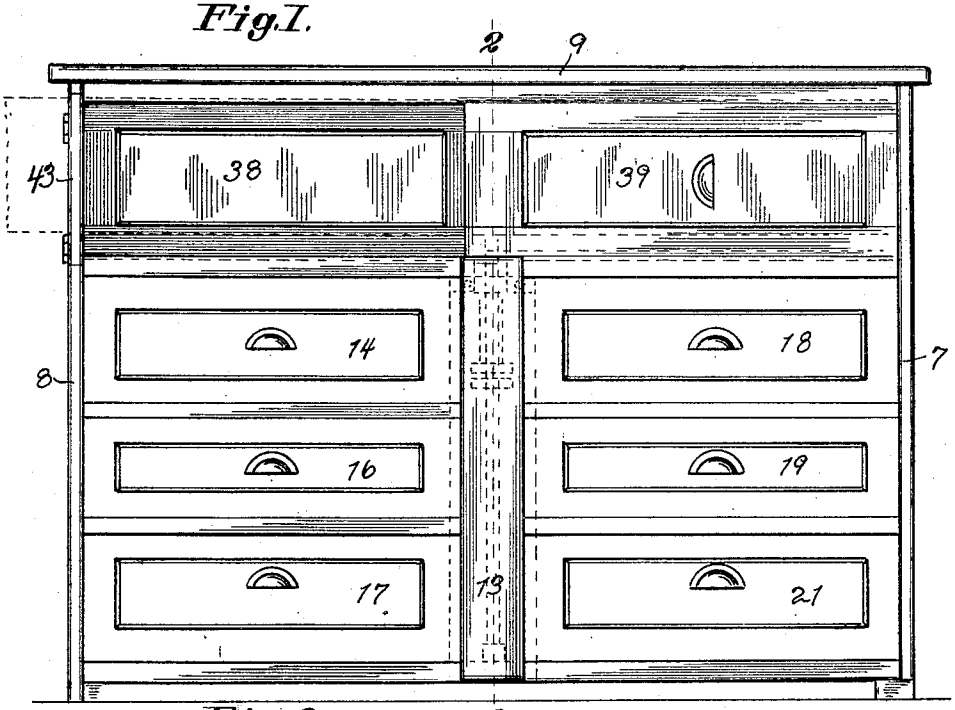


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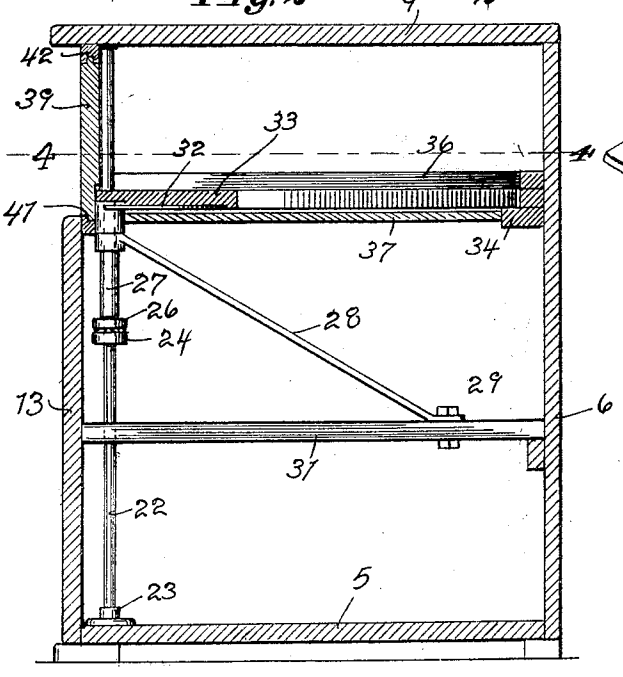
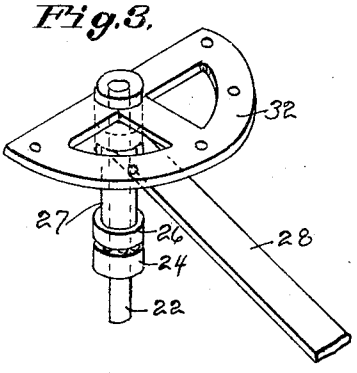


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

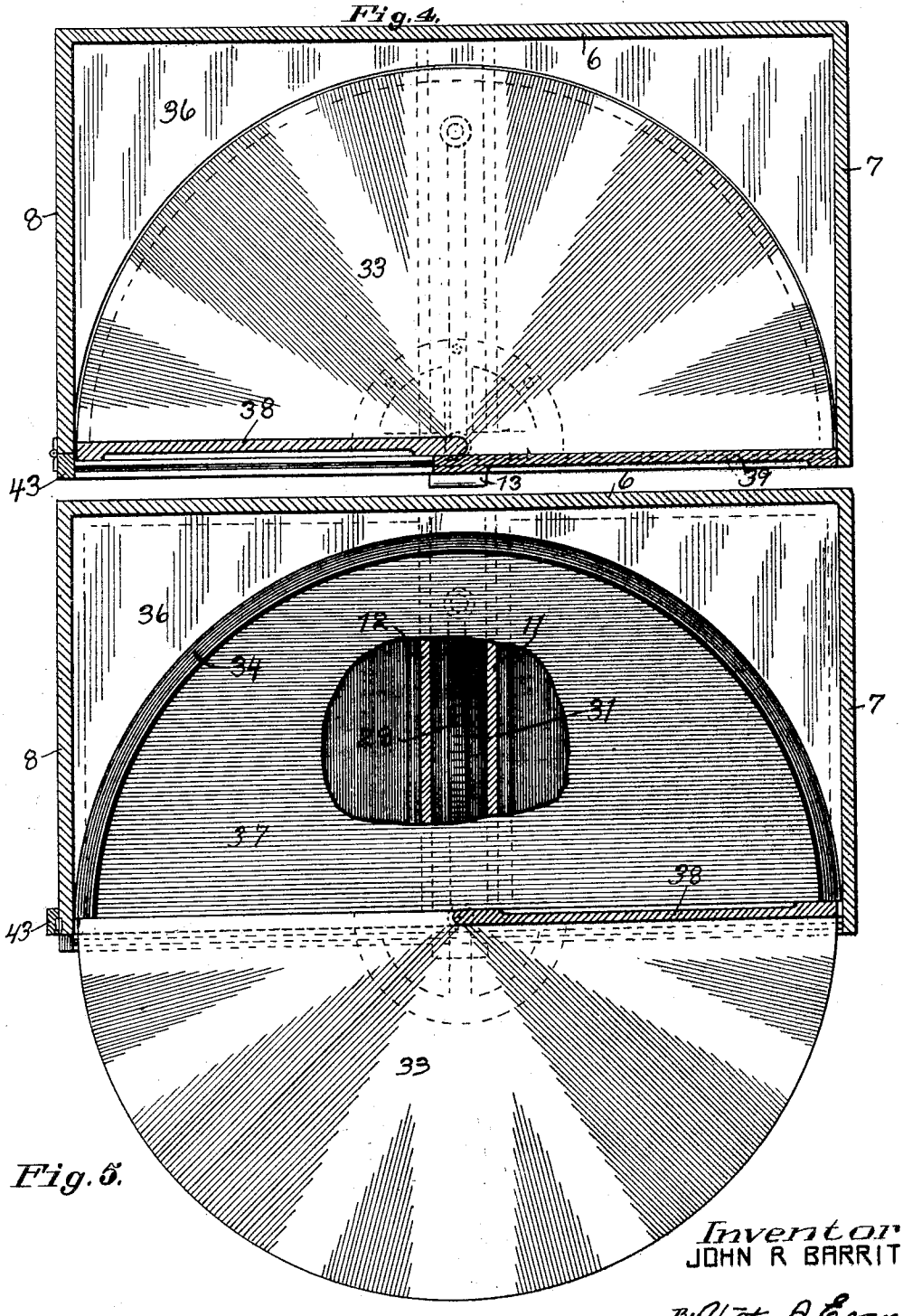


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. BARRITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pacific Grove, in the county of Monterey and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Buffets and Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in combined buffets and tables.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a combined buffet and disappearing table which may be used in apartment houses or in similar places where it is desired to economize upon room.

A still further object is to provide a device which when closed will have all the appearances of an ordinary buffet and one which when opened will at the same time be neat in appearance.

Another object is to provide a structure which will be cheap to manufacture and consequently well within the purchase price of the average user.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device,

Figure 2 is a cross section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a detail perspective view of the table supporting pivot,

Figure 4 is a cross section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2, and

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 4, with the table in an extended position.

In the accompanying drawings wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates the base of the buffet, while the numeral 6 designates the back. The usual sides 7 and 8 are provided upon which a top 9 rests. The structure thus formed is centrally divided as by partitions 11 and 12, which partitions are spaced a slight distance apart as best shown in Figure 5.

A front panel 13 is secured to the partitions 11 and 12, as is best shown in Figure 5. The partitions 11 and 12 together with the ends 7 and 8 form spaces, within which are slidably mounted drawers 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21 respectively. These drawers are of the usual construction and need no further description.

By now viewing Figures 1 and 2 it will be noted that a shaft 22 is stepped as shown at 23 upon the bottom 5. This shaft carries at a point near its upper end a bearing 24 having a race-way therein, which race-way accommodates the usual balls adapted to be contacted by a similar bearing 26 also having a race-way therein. This bearing 26 is attached to a tubular member 27 to which a brace 28 is attached. This brace is bolted as shown at 29 to a cross bar 31.

A semi-circular plate 32 is mounted upon the upper end of the shaft 22 and secured thereto so as to rotate with said shaft. To this plate 32 is secured a semi-circular shelf 33. When in a closed position as shown in Figure 4, the edge of the shelf rests upon a semi-circular ledge 34, preferably formed by recessing the shelf 36.

A partition 37 is positioned beneath the shelf 33 in order to prevent the dropping of articles into the drawers 14 and 18.

A panel 38 is secured to one edge of the semi-circular shelf 33, as is best shown in Figures 4 and 5. This panel swings with the shelf and covers substantially one half of the opening, as is best shown in Figure 1. A similar panel 39 is slidably mounted as in tracks 41 and 42 so that the same may be moved from the position shown in Figure 4 toward the left of the drawing and by swinging the pivoted member 43 to the position shown in Figure 5 this panel 39 may be entirely removed when the shelf 33 is to be swung to its open position.

The operation of my device is as follows:—

Assuming that the parts are in the position shown in Figure 1, and it is desired to swing the table to its open position, the panel 39 is moved toward the left of the drawing. The member 43 being swung so as to allow the panel to be entirely removed. By now pushing upon the panel 38 the shelf 33 will be caused to revolve to the position shown in Figure 5. It may be assumed that the table is entirely set with dishes which heretofore have been concealed within the buffet. The shelf 36 makes a convenient place for the placing of small articles such as condiment holders.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a very simple structure and one which is

very neat in appearance and which will serve the purpose of a buffet and table where space is limited.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention, herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention, or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

In a device of the character described, a buffet comprising a bottom portion, a top portion, back and end walls connecting said top and bottom portions, spaced partitions positioned at a point between said end walls, a plurality of drawers mounted between said spaced partitions and said end walls, a brace mounted between said partitions, a shaft rotatable in said brace, a semi-circular shelf secured to said shaft and adapted to be rotated therewith, and means for concealing said shelf when said shelf is moved to a position within said buffet, said means comprising a track positioned at a point below the plane of said semi-circular shelf, a panel slidable on said track and a pivoted member positioned adjacent the end of said track so that said panel may be entirely removed when said semi-circular shelf is moved to an extended position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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