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Fig. 1.

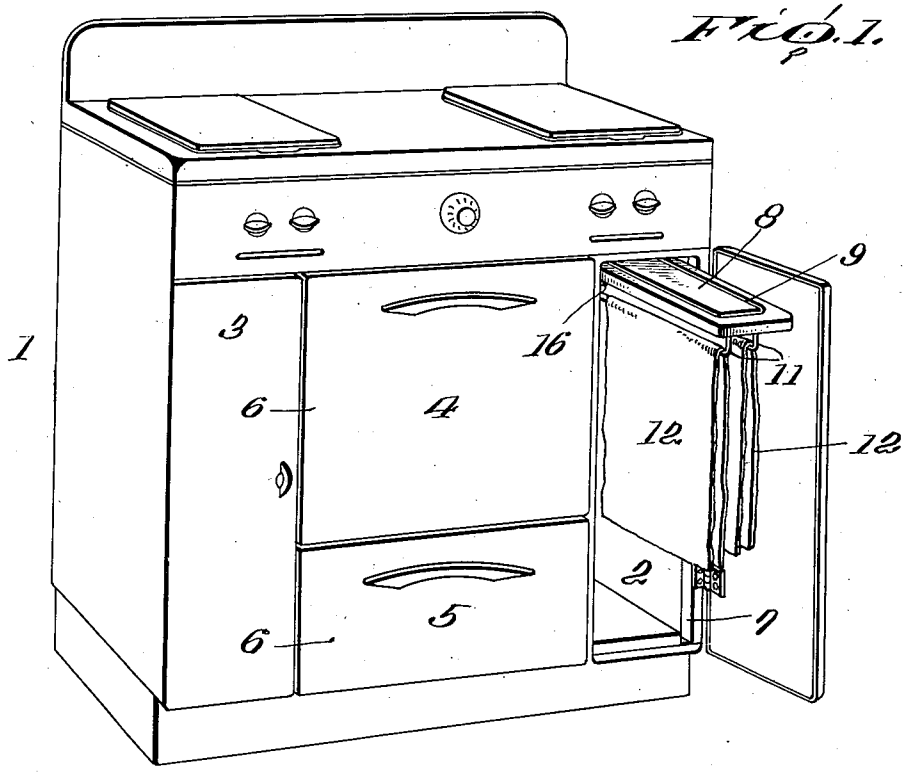
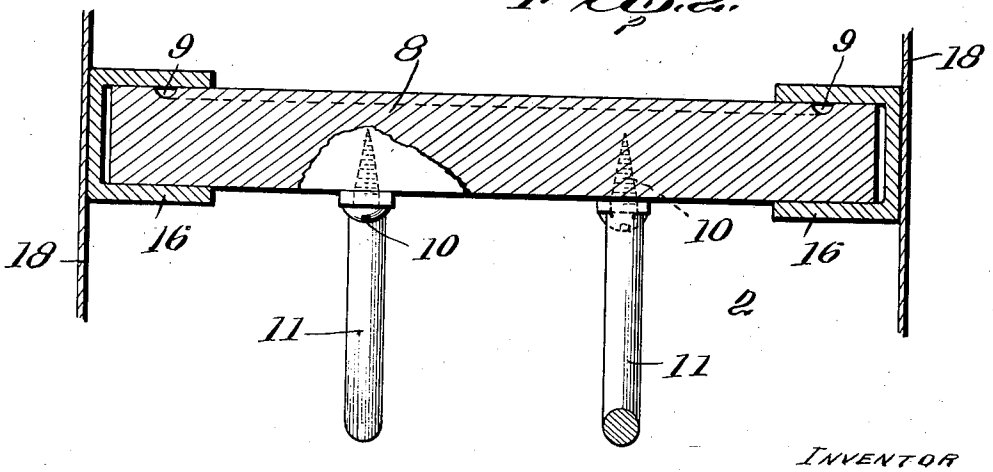


Fig. 2.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 312—176)

This invention relates to improvements in stoves and ranges and more particularly to a combination cutting board and towel drying member therefor.

The object of the invention is to provide a simply constructed cutting board and towel drying member adapted to be conveniently housed in one of the usual side utility compartments of a stove or range.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cutting board and towel dryer in which the towels being dried are protected from spattering grease and the like by the cutting board.

Other and more specific objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent as the specification is considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a gas range showing the invention applied thereto; and

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the board and rack showing steel runners for holding the device in place.

Referring more particularly to the drawing 1 denotes a conventional gas range having the customary utility compartments 2 and 3 at opposite sides thereof and also provided with the centrally disposed top and bottom baking and broiling compartments 4 and 5 respectively. The front openings to these compartments are normally closed by the respective doors 6, shown in Figure 1.

Arranged in the upper end of the compartment 2, are a pair of horizontally disposed steel runners 16, one at each side of the compartment. These runners are suitably secured either to the front frame 7 or to the side walls 18 of the compartment 2 and are sufficiently spaced below the top of the front frame 7 to slidably receive and support a combined cutting board and towel drier 8, in an obvious manner. The board 8, preferably of wood is formed with a rectangular groove 9, in its upper face, which functions to catch such liquids as may be spattered or spilled on the board during cooking operations or which may result from the use of the board for the cutting of fruits and vegetables.

Attached to the bottom face of the board 8, as by screws 10, are a pair of spaced substantially U-shaped metal strips or racks 11, from which towels 12 and the like are adapted to be hung. As the compartment 2 is substantially co-extensive in height and depth with corresponding dimensions of the range 1, and the board 8 being mounted in the top of the heated compartment 2, it follows that towels and the like can be suspended at full length from the racks 11, for maximum drying effect. It should also be noted that while the compartment 2 is effectively heated by conducted heat from the broiling and baking ovens 4 and 5, there is no danger of overheating because there is no direct heat communication between these ovens and the utility compartment 2.

The member 8, in addition to functioning as a cutting board, serves as a cover or guard for the towels or other articles suspended therefrom both while the board is being used for cutting such articles of food as lemons and when the rack is being manipulated into and out of the compartment during cooking operations.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A cabinet having a relatively deep rectangular heated compartment, a substantially flat cutting board slidably mounted in the upper end of said compartment, a pair of towel racks suspended from and extending longitudinally of the bottom of said board and equally spaced from its side edges, said board extending substantially from the front to the rear and from one side to the other of said compartment, said cutting board formed with a groove in its top surface extending substantially the full length thereof and therearound and adapted to prevent liquids from flowing off said board onto towels carried by said rack.

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