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Fig. 1.

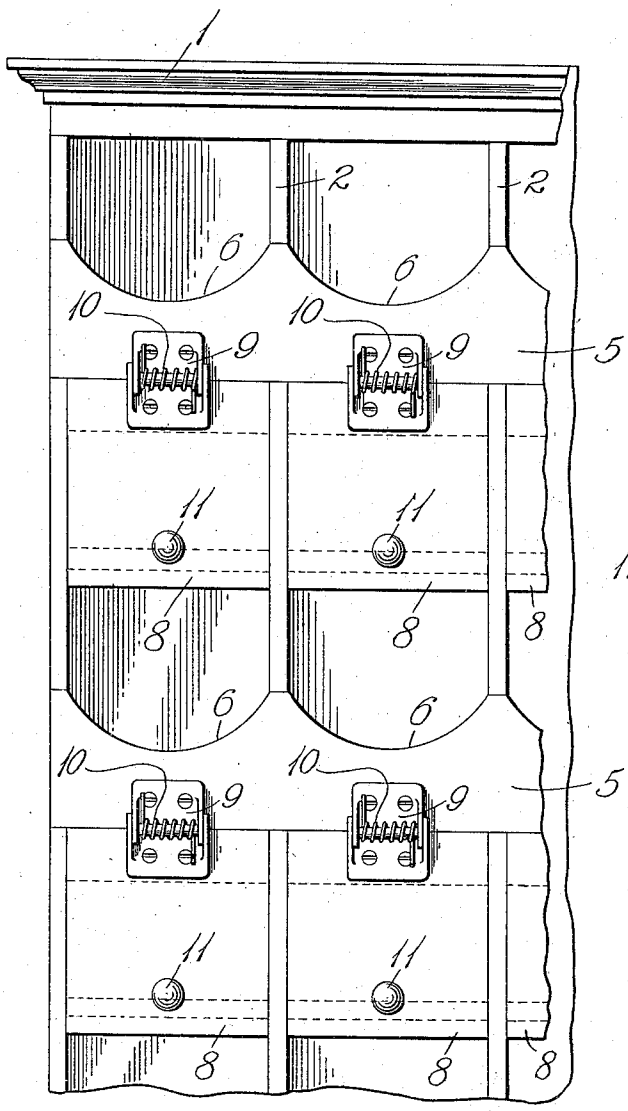
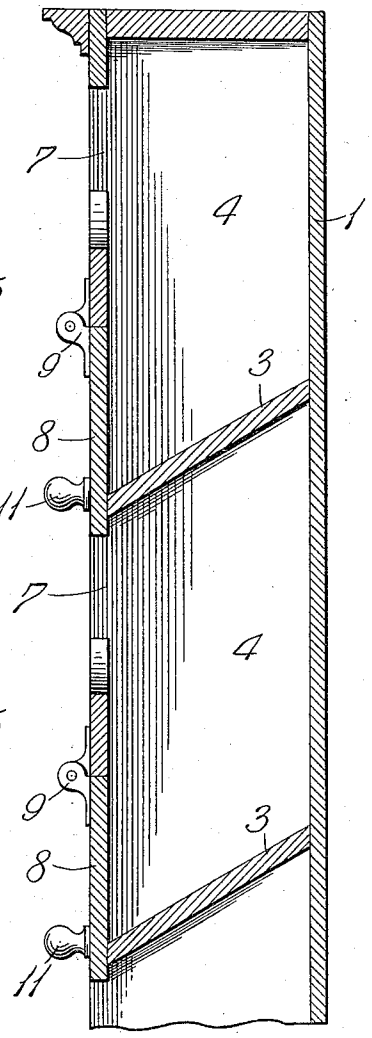


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. WADHAM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to a holding cabinet especially adapted for use in laundries and other places of business and its object is to provide a very convenient arrangement whereby pockets or chambers are provided in a cabinet into which pockets, articles may be readily thrust without the necessity for opening any closures and from which they may be quickly and easily taken by holding the hand or a suitable receiver beneath the pocket and manipulating a spring actuated closure for the pocket.

To these ends the invention consists in the matters hereinafter set forth and more particularly pointed out in the claims reference being had to the accompanying drawing in which,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a cabinet embodying the invention, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same.

As shown in the drawings 1 represents a suitable case or cabinet of any desired proportions having a back, top and ends and the interior of which is divided from front to rear by means of vertical division walls 2 and horizontal shelves 3 between these walls, said walls and shelves dividing the interior of the cabinet into a plurality of receptacles or pockets 4.

The front of the cabinet is partially closed by means of transverse strips or boards 5 which are spaced from the upper ends of each row of pockets and cut away or scalloped as at 6 opposite each pocket to form openings 7 in the front of the cabinet communicating with the upper end of each pocket. Each pocket is closed at its lower end by a door 8 which doors are attached at their upper edges to the strips 5 by spring hinges 9 of any suitable form and construction embodying a spring 10 which acts to normally hold the door closed against the front edge of the shelf 3. Each door is provided with a knob or other handle 11 near its lower end which may be grasped by the operator to open the door against the action of this spring hinge. Each shelf 3 which forms a bottom for a pocket 4 is inclined forwardly and downwardly from the back of the cabinet so that any articles placed in the pocket through the opening 7 will slide down the inclined bottom against the door and when the door is opened will slide out of the cabinet. The operator may, therefore, throw the articles into the pockets through the openings 7 and when he wishes to remove them he places his hand or a suitable receptacle in the openly directly beneath the pocket from which he wishes to take the articles and then opens the door of said pocket to permit the articles to slide out into his hand or into the receptacle.

This cabinet is especially adapted for use in laundries for holding pins which are used in marking "rough dry" work. When these pins which are provided with letters or other identifying mark, are not in use they are thrust into the different pockets, which may be marked according to the marks on the pins to be placed therein and when the operator wishes to take them out for use he may quickly do so as above described,

Obviously, changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention and I do not, therefore, limit myself to the particular form or arrangement shown.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim is:—

1. In a cabinet, the combination with a casing having a back and vertically extending division walls, of inclined shelves arranged between said back and said walls and providing superimposed pockets, front strips supported by said division walls and forming openings at the upper and lower ends of said pockets, and doors normally closing the openings at the lower ends of said pockets with the lower edges of said doors forming the upper walls of the openings in the upper part of lower pockets.

2. In a cabinet having a back and ends, the combination of vertically extending division walls, transverse shelves between the walls dividing the space within the cabinet into a plurality of pockets, said shelves forming bottoms for the pockets and being inclined forwardly and downwardly from the rear of the pockets, front strips extending across the several series of pockets at a distance from the upper ends of the pockets and scalloped out at their upper edges opposite each

pocket to form openings into the upper ends of the several pockets, doors hinge connected at their upper edges to the lower edges of the strips to engage the forward edges of the shelf and close the lower ends of the pockets, and spring hinges for hinge-connecting said doors to the said strips.

3. In a cabinet, the combination with a casing having a back, end and vertically extending division walls, of shelves arranged between said walls and inclined forwardly and downwardly and providing superimposed pockets, front strips supported by said division walls and providing upper and lower openings at the front side of said pockets, and upwardly swinging hinged doors carried by said front strips and normally closing the lower opening of each pocket whereby the contents of each pocket can be immediately discharged by opening the door thereof.

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

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