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This invention relates to a kitchen utility unit. In the present day kitchen there are few, if any, portable units which may be shifted for the convenience of the housewife.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a portable unit which may be shifted around in much the same manner as a tea table. The unit is to contain all the necessary elements for certain cooking operation such as baking, for example, in which spices, flour, pans and other utensils are all contained in the unit which is readily shiftable on caster wheels.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a utility unit which when not in use presents a neat appearance in the kitchen but which may be transformed into a useful condition with all portions readily accessible by simple movements of the parts thereof.

Other objects and features of the invention including details of construction and design will be evident in the following description and claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the cabinet as a whole with the parts in closed position.

Fig. 2 illustrates the cabinet with the top working surface pulled forward to disclose storage compartments.

Fig. 3 is a partial front elevation with a portion in section showing the manner in which the relative parts are mounted.

Fig. 4 is a partial end elevation with sectional parts showing detail.

Fig. 5 is an additional detail of a portion of Fig. 3 on a larger scale.

Fig. 6 is a front elevation with the doors of the cabinet open.

Fig. 7 is a horizontal section of a portion of Fig. 6 showing the door arrangement.

In order to describe the utility cabinet more in detail, reference characters will be applied to the various parts as they are referred to. In Fig. 1 a cabinet is shown having a top 10, two drawers 11 and 12 directly below the top, and two doors 13 and 14 below the drawers. Casters 15 are also visible. The end of the cabinet shown in Fig. 1 has a wall portion 16 below top 10 and a panel 17 which forms a portion of a flour bin movable outward as shown in dotted lines.

With the parts as shown in Fig. 2 the top 10 has been pulled forward on sides 16 and away from the back panel 20. It should be noted that the drawers 11 and 12 are moved forward with the top. And disclosed behind the forwardly pulled top are wells 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 which are behind and at the level of the drawers. These wells are to be used for the storage of such items as sugar, special flours, such as whole wheat or graham, extracts, spices, baking powder, salt, etc. The walls forming the wells 21 and 26 inclusive are preferably formed as a unit so that they may be moved for cleaning purposes.

In Figs. 3, 4, and 5 the details of the top mounting and the drawer mounting are disclosed. The metal top 10 has an over-hanging portion 30 with a turned in ledge 31 which cooperates with rollers 32 on wall 16. A track 33 is supported on the top 30 adjacent wall 16 to serve as a supporting means and a guide track for the drawers 11 and 12 which have rollers 34 to cooperate with the tracks. Drawers 11 and 12 will be used for utensils such as knives, forks, spoons, egg beaters, spatulas, etc. The drawers 11 and 12 are supported at their inner sides by rollers 34 on tracks 33, the inner tracks 33 being also supported from the top panel 10.

The frame of the cabinet is made up of the rear panel 30, the side panel 35 which is above the flour bin, and the side panel 37 at the other end of the cabinet. The side panel 16 and the side panel 37 are connected by a horizontal panel 35 below the drawers 11 and 12. A corner post 36 connects panel 35 and the bottom of the cabinet.

In Fig. 6 the lower portion of the utility cabinet is illustrated. The flour bin behind panel 17 has a false bottom 40 with a back wall 41, the entire unit being pivoted at point 42 so that the flour bin may be moved outwardly. This bin will be used for the storage of white flour which is used in larger quantities. In the same compartment with the flour bin are vertical compartments 45 used for the storage of cookie sheets, muffin tins, covers, and other relatively flat kitchen articles. Two sliding wire baskets 46 and 47 mounted on rods 48 and 49, respectively, are used for the storage of larger cooking pans and baking pans.

In order to expose all of the lower units at the same time and still permit the flour bin to be open and readily accessible, a novel door arrangement is provided wherein door 14 telescopes or slides within tracks on the inside of door 13, the latter being pivoted on hinges 55 so that both doors may be swung 270 degrees to the position shown in Fig. 6. The tracks are shown at 56. There are also tracks or grooves in the
cabinet referred to at 57 in Fig. 4 to receive the door 14 in closed position. The door 14 may be provided with rollers 58 in Fig. 1 for more ready movement.

The operation of the utility unit will be evident from the above description. In the closed condition shown in Fig. 1 the unit may be easily moved by the housewife to any point in the kitchen where she wants to work. Then it may be readily placed in working condition. The first step is opening the flour bin 17. The next step is the sliding of door 14 into door 13 and swinging the doors around so that they lie flush against the end of the unit opposite from the flour bin. Upon pulling the top 10 forward, ample knee and toe room is provided under the top but the spaces behind doors 13 and 14 are still readily available and accessible.

I claim:

1. A kitchen utility cabinet comprising a supporting frame, a top wall, means on said top wall to form drawer slides, drawers hung from said means and slidable under the forward part of the top wall leaving free space below the top wall at the rear of the drawers, said top wall being slidable on said frame to a position forward of the frame, storage wells immediately below the rear portion of the top wall when it is in normal closing position and behind and at the level of the drawers, said wells being exposed when the top wall is shifted.

2. A kitchen utility cabinet comprising a supporting frame, a top wall slidable on said frame, means forming storage wells in said frame immediately below said top wall in its normal position, drawer supporting means on the underside of said top wall, drawers forward of and at the level of said wells and slidable mounted on the drawer supporting means whereby movement of said top wall to a position exposing said storage wells carries said drawers to a position in which they extend forwardly of said frame and are readily accessible from the forward edge of said top wall.

3. A kitchen utility cabinet comprising a supporting frame, rollers on said frame, a top wall having a track at each of opposite edges to receive said rollers to support the top for sliding movement on said tracks, additional tracks on the bottom surface of said top wall each parallel to the top supporting tracks, drawers supported by and movably with said top wall and means on said drawers cooperating with the additional tracks on the top wall for retaining the drawers in slidable relation to the top, storage wells in said frame below the top wall and behind and at the level of the drawers, whereby forward movement of said top wall to a working position exposes said storage wells and carries said drawers to a position of easy access in which they extend forwardly of the frame and directly adjacent the forward edge of the top wall.

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