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KITCHEN CABINET.

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Fig. 3.

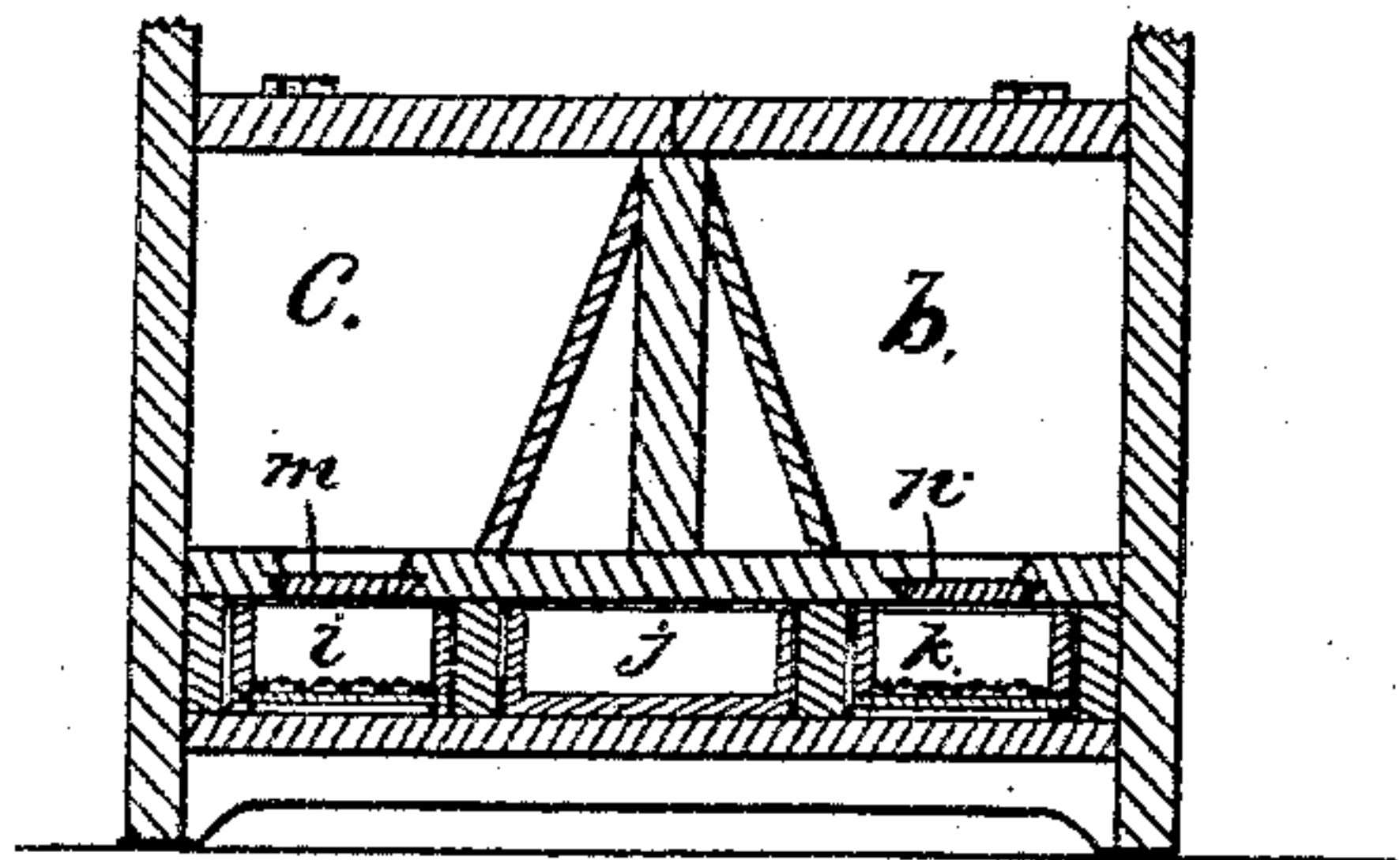


Fig. 2.

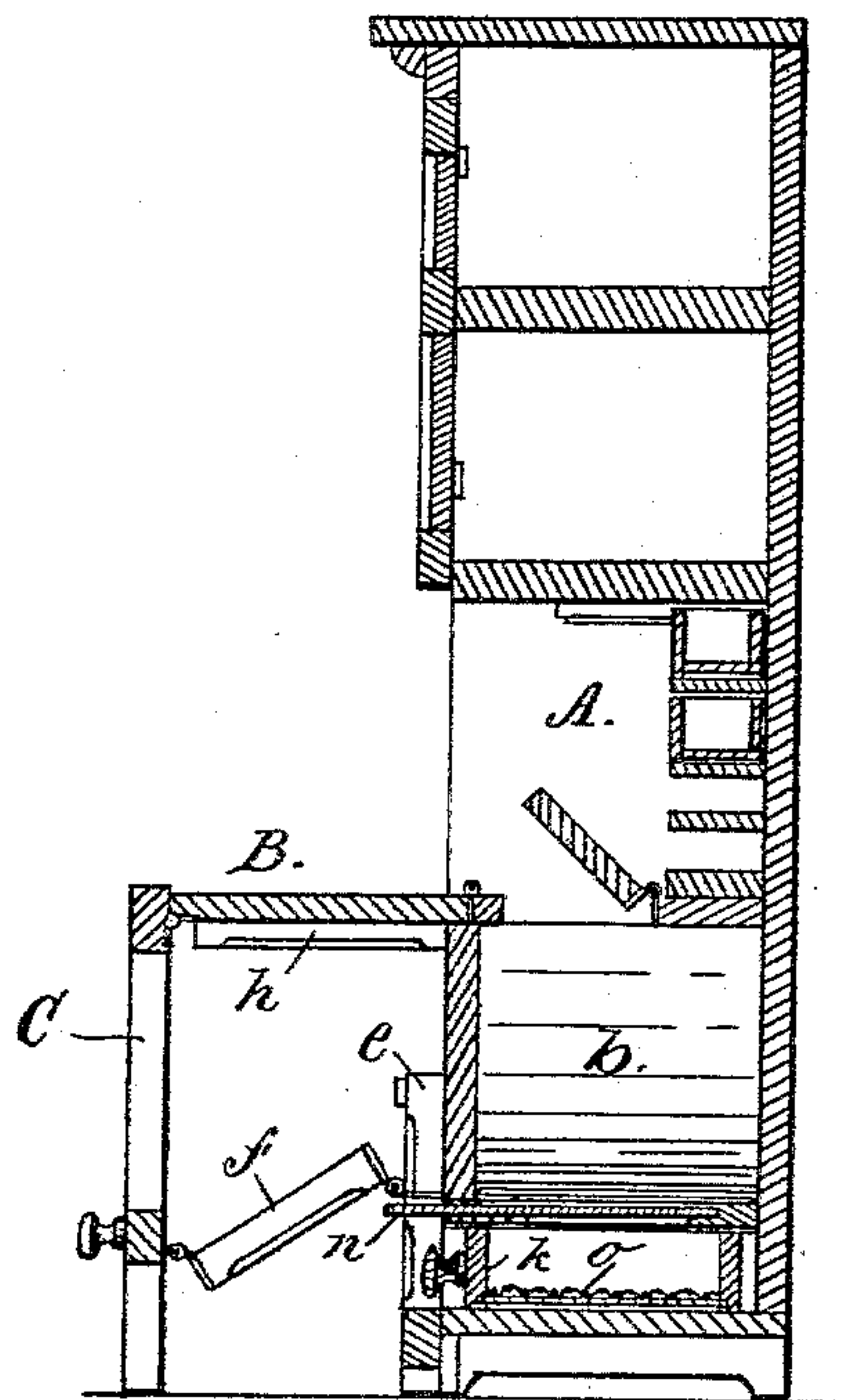
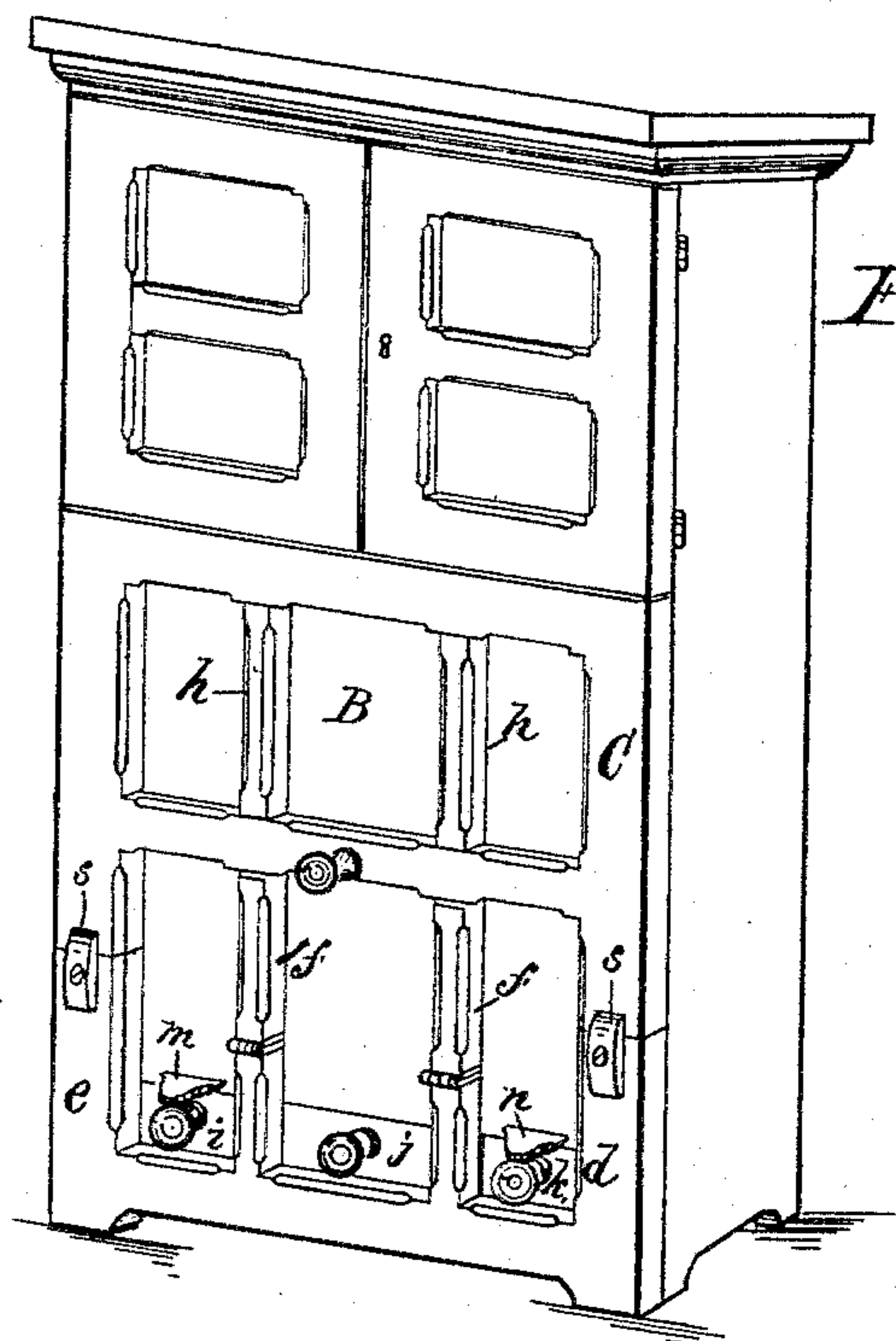


Fig. 1.



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KITCHEN-CABINET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. SWAIM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloom-
ingdale, in the county of Parke and State of
5 Indiana, have invented a new and useful Im-
proved Kitchen-Cabinet, of which the follow-
ing is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in
that class of cabinets in which a work-table
10 and a receptacle for cooking materials and
utensils are combined.

The object of my improvement is to com-
bine the table and its supports with the other
parts in a novel manner, so that the table will
15 form also a door to close the front of the cab-
inet, and its supports will appear to form a
part of the frame-work.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my
invention.

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabi-
net closed. Fig. 2 is a vertical section show-
ing the table in position for work. Fig. 3 is a
section at right angles to Fig. 1 of the lower
part of the cabinet.

25 My cabinet is divided vertically into three
principal portions, of which the upper one is
a closet having shelves. The lower one divided
by a central vertical partition, forms storage-
bins *b* and *c* for meal and flour, and the cen-
30 tral portion, *A*, which contains small compart-
ments for storing spices and other cooking
materials and receptacles for various uten-
sils, and which is closed by a door, *B*, which
35 swings downward and forms a work-table,
all of which is common and well known, and
therefore need not be more particularly de-
scribed.

For the purpose of providing an improved
support for the free edges of the table when
40 turned down, which will also secure the table
in place when closed up, and which will also
appear to form part of the frame-work of the
front of the cabinet, I provide a light frame,
C. The top rail of said frame is hinged to the
45 free edge of the table *B* by hinges secured to

the inner side of the frame and the under side
of the table, thus concealing the hinges when
the table is turned up. The back edge of the
table is hinged to the cabinet, and the lower
rail of frame *C* is so placed as to cover the 50
joint where the table joins the cabinet when
closed. The sides of frame *C* are of such size
and shape as to correspond to the pieces *d* and
e, forming part of the ornamental frame-work
of the front of the fixed lower portion of the 55
cabinet.

For the purpose of swinging the lower part
of frame *C* outward as the table swings down-
ward, and for the further purpose of holding
said frame firmly at right angles with the ta- 60
ble when down, a pair of braces, *f f*, are
hinged at their inner ends to the cabinet and
at their outer ends to the lower rail of the
frame, as shown. Said braces form, together
with cleats *h h* on the table, light intermedi- 65
ate strips, which divide the front of the cabi-
net when closed into panels, as shown in Fig.
1. Frame *C* is held in place when closed by
turn-buttons *s s*. Beneath the bins *b* and *c* is
a narrow space containing three drawers, *i, j,* 70
and *k*. Drawers *i* and *k* communicate with
the bins *b* and *c*, respectively, through open-
ings in the bottom of the bins, which open-
ings are closed by sliding valves *m* and *n*.
The drawers *i* and *k* are of novel construc- 75
tion, and will constitute the subject-matter of
a separate application for a patent.

I claim as my invention—

In a cabinet or other like piece of furniture,
the combination of a downward-swinging door, 80
a frame constructed substantially as described,
and hinged to the free edge of the door, and
one or more braces hinged to the lower rail of
said frame and to the cabinet, all substan-
tially as and for the purpose specified.

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