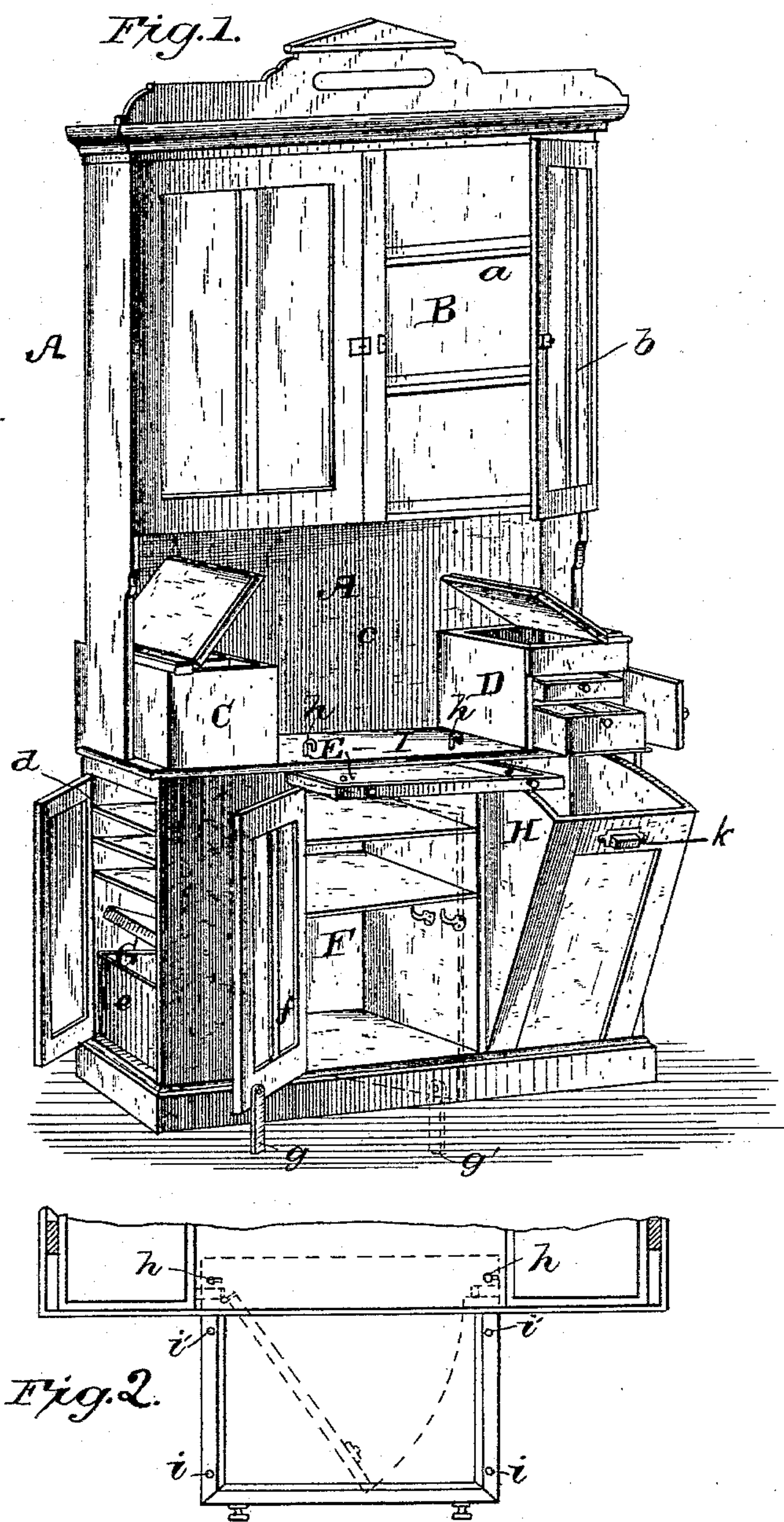


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY M. RAMEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grinnell, county of Poweshiek, and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Pantries, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to the construction of a complete and compact form of portable household pantry or cupboard adapted especially for light housekeeping or for use in places where economy of space is an important object, and whereby a saving of labor is effected by a concentrated and quickly-accessible arrangement of substantially all the materials or utensils usually employed for culinary purposes; and the invention consists in the herein-described organization of parts, wherein the relative location and arrangement of a sliding kneading-board extensible from the working-table of the cabinet and a receptacle beneath provided with a swinging door, combining the function of a supporter when swung out, are adapted in co-operation to sustain the pressure to which the board is subject when in use, or to enable the whole to fold back into a minimum space when out of use.

Having reference to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a general perspective view; Fig. 2, a detail plan view of a portion of the lower section or table part of the cabinet.

The upper portion, A, comprises an overhanging dish cupboard or cabinet, B, having shelves *a* and doors *b* for the reception principally of earthenware, china, and glassware, &c., and the protection of the same from dust, and a permanently-open working-space, *c*, as shown, beneath thereof, wherein hooks, racks, or the like may be provided on the back, if desired, within convenient reach of the table I. The table I is provided with an extensible leaf, E, which constitutes a kneading-board sliding in suitable guideways provided therefor, so as to be drawn out beyond the vertical line of the overhanging cupboard for convenience of access, or protected from dust when pushed back out of use. Upon either side of said kneading-board are located the boxes C

ers, as shown, for the convenient access to such ingredients as may require frequent use, as sugar, spices, and other condiments.

The kneading-board E being central and the boxes C D being located at equal distances from the operator at the right and left and directly upon the working-table I, the condiments therein which require frequent use in mixing, &c., are within immediate reach from a single working-point and facilitate convenience; and, furthermore, the boxes C and D are located at each side of the working-table I, leaving a working-space between and above them available to the full depth of the cabinet, permitting a compact construction of the same.

F is a receptacle for storing useful household utensils, and is provided for the purpose with shelves, hooks, or the like, as indicated.

G is a repository for storing baked products, and is provided with convenient accessories therefor, as pie-shelves *d* and a tin bread or cake box, *e*. The said receptacles F and G are provided with suitable doors, shown as open. The door *f* by its manner of location is furthermore utilized as a support or brace for the kneading-board E when the latter is pulled out, and is located to swing forwardly on the vertical axis of its hinges with its upper edge in contact with the kneading-board—an important feature, inasmuch as considerable pressure is brought to bear in a downward direction during the kneading operation. For this adaptation said door may be further provided with a foot-bracket, *g*, of proper length to reach the floor when turned down, as shown, when at the position *g'* said position of the door being also indicated in Fig. 2, and the board E is firmly supported whether partly or fully drawn out. The kneading-board is furthermore supported against horizontal displacement by the insertion of suitable pins, studs, or catches, *h*, in holes *i*; and by the use of intermediate holes, as *i'*, said board may be adjusted at different points of extension.

H is a removable receptacle or box for storing flour and protecting the same from dust and dirt, and is arranged to be oscillated to its open or closed position without the exercise of undue exertion when the weight of its contents is considerable.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a portable cabinet-pantry, substantially as described, the combination of the working-table, the sliding kneading-board extendible in a plane parallel with and proximate to that of said working-table, and the receptacle-door located beneath, hinged on a vertical axis to swing forwardly and have contact with the undersurface of the kneading-board when both are extended, for the purposes set forth.

2. In a portable cabinet-pantry, substan-

tially as described, the combination of the working-table, the sliding kneading-board extendible in a plane parallel with and proximate to that of said working-table, the receptacle-door hinged on a vertical axis to swing forwardly and have contact beneath the surface of the kneading-board when extended, and the foot-bracket adapted to extend from the door to the floor, as and for the purposes set forth.

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