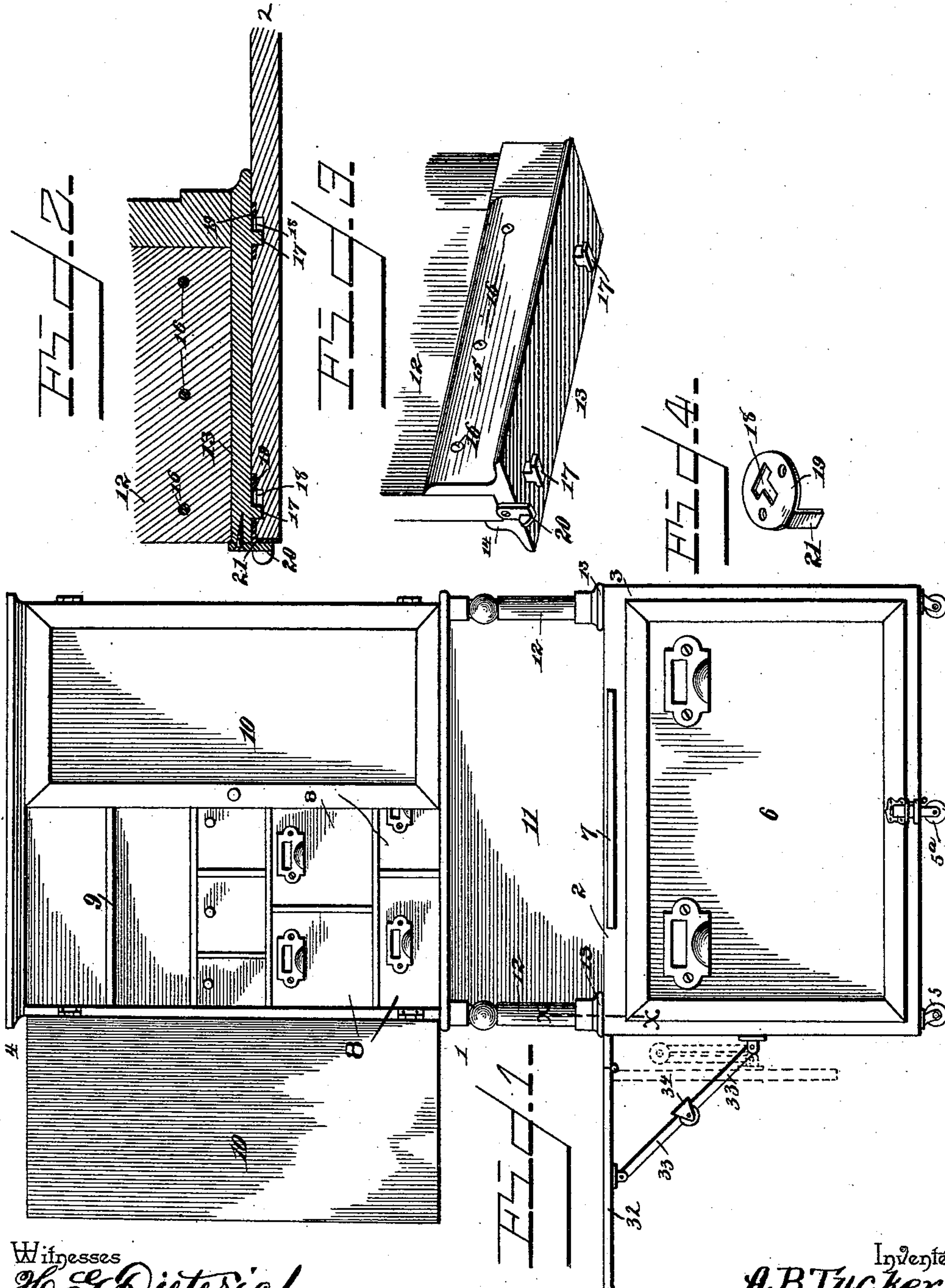


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED B. TUCKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Monticello, in the county of Jones and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Kitchen-Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in kitchen-cabinets.

10 The object of the present invention is to simplify and improve the construction of kitchen-cabinets and to enable the lower portion to be used as a table and the upper portion to be removed when desired.

15 The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a kitchen-cabinet embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the bottom strips of the upper portion of the cabinet. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the socket-plates.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a kitchen-cabinet composed of a lower portion having a top 2, adapted to serve 30 as a table, and provided with a drawer 3, and an upper portion or cupboard 4, detachably secured to the lower portion and adapted to be removed therefrom when it is desired. The drawers are designed to contain flour, 35 cornmeal, buckwheat, or other breadstuffs.

The cabinet is mounted upon ordinary casters 5, secured to the corners of the lower portion and attached to the front of a drawer 6 of the latter is a caster 5^a, and the drawer 40 is divided into compartments, and arranged beneath the top 2 is a kneading-board 7. The upper portion or cupboard is provided with series of drawers 8, designed to have separate apartments to contain all the various 45 spices and groceries used in general cooking, and shelves 9, and it has hinged doors 10 and consists of a back 11 and sides 12, which are secured to the top 2 by a metal strip 13. The metal strip 13 is provided with vertical flanges 50 14 and 15, which form a socket for the lower end of the adjacent sides 12, and the outer flange 15 is the larger and is secured to the side by screws 16 or the like, and the lower

face of the strip is provided with transverse-ly-arranged T-shaped heads 17, which engage 55 T-shaped slots 18 of socket-plates 19, which are let into the top 2 and have their upper faces flush with the outer face of the same. The T-shaped heads are inserted in the heads of the slots, and the strip is moved longitudi- 60 nally and rearwardly to bring the necks of the heads into the contracted portion of the slots, and the strip is secured in that position by a button 20, pivoted to the rear end of the strip and adapted to be turned down to en- 65 gage a depending flange 21 of the rearmost socket-plate. By this construction the upper portion or cupboard may be readily detached when it is desired.

The cabinet is provided at one side with a 70 hinged shelf 32, which is supported in a horizontal position by a hinged brace 33, composed of leaves hinged together at their inner ends and having their outer ends hinged to the leaf and to the cabinet, and are adapted 75 to form a straight brace when the shelf is in a horizontal position, and the hinge is provided with a cap 34, which prevents the fingers being pinched in lowering the hinge to 80 form the brace.

What I claim is—

In a kitchen-cabinet, the combination of the upper portion or cupboard having its sides provided with the metallic strips 13, which are composed of the sides 14 and 15, forming 85 an intermediate socket to receive the lower ends of the sides 12 of the cupboard, the outer sides 15 of the strips 13 being larger than the inner sides and the bottom of the strips 13 extending laterally from the sides, the T- 90 shaped heads 17, depending from the bottom of the strip, the button 20, pivoted to the outer end of the strips, and the socket-plates 19, which are let into the top of the lower portion or table and provided with T-shaped 95 slots 18 to be engaged by the said heads 17, the outer socket-plate having the depending flange 21 to be engaged by the button 20.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 100 presence of two witnesses.

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