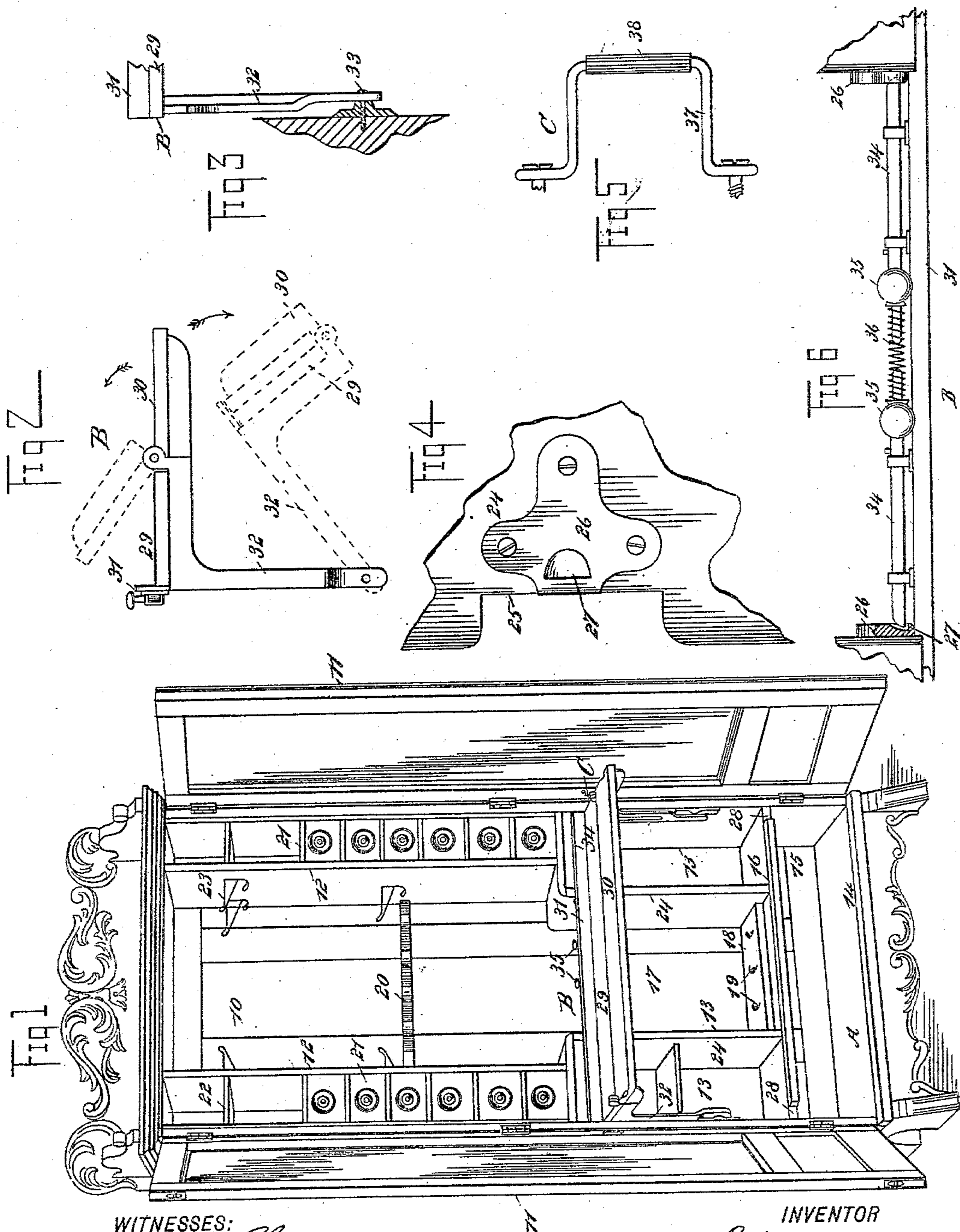


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE PORTEOUS, of Guelph, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sportsmen's Cabinets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in cabinets designed for the use of sportsmen, and it has for its object to provide a cabinet in which the ammunition and the various appurtenances pertaining to a sportsman's cabinet may be systematically arranged within the cabinet, spaces being made for the reception of fishing-rods, guns, revolvers, hunting-knives and the like, and receptacles for the reception of the ammunition-shells and devices necessary in the formation of shells and the manipulation of firearms.

A further object of the invention is to provide within the cabinet a folding table so arranged that it may be expeditiously and conveniently brought up into position for working purposes, and which when not in use may be readily folded or carried out of the way without disconnecting it from the cabinet proper.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet open, the working table being in operative position. Fig. 2 is an end view of the said working table, illustrating the manner in which it is manipulated. Fig. 3 is a partial section of one of the walls of the cabinet and a front elevation of a portion of the working table of the cabinet. Fig. 4 is a detail view of that portion of the cabinet which receives the working table when in working position, illustrating the catch. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the guard device adapted for attachment to the door of the cabinet to prevent the same from becoming injured when the working table is in positive operative position; and Fig. 6 is a partial plan view of the

said working table, illustrating the application thereto of the latch or locking devices.

In carrying out the invention the cabinet A comprises a body 10, which may be of any desired shape, and ordinarily two doors 11 adapted to close the front of the cabinet, and which are usually glazed for a greater portion of their length.

The cabinet is provided at its upper portion preferably with two vertical partitions 12, located adjacent to the sides, and these partitions are made to rest on cupboards 13, which are formed at the sides and at the bottom portion of the cabinet, but the said cupboards are made to terminate short of the base-board 14 of the cabinet, providing thereby a horizontal compartment 15 in the extreme bottom portion of the said cabinet.

The bottom of the cupboards 13 is made to extend from one cupboard to the other, forming a horizontal partition 16, and this partition thereby forms a central compartment 17 between the two cupboards 13, and in the bottom of this compartment a board or block 18 is located, having depressions or recesses 19 therein to receive, for example, the stocks of guns, the barrels of which are made to rest in a rack 20 located between the upper side partitions 12.

The cupboards 13 may be provided with any desired number of shelves, and in the spaces between the partitions 12 and the sides of the cabinet drawers 21 are located, and sundry of these spaces are employed as open caddy or pigeon holes 22, while upon the inner faces of the partitions 12 pins or brackets 23 are secured, from which may be suspended revolvers, hunting-knives, powder-horns, and the like, together with the game bag or bags.

The inner partitions 24 of the closets or cupboards 13 are provided with recesses 25 in the upper portion of their front edges, as shown in Fig. 4, and upon the inner face of each of the said partitions or walls of said closets or cupboards a plate 26 is firmly secured, provided with a recess 27, the rear wall of which is inclined, the said plates being adapted as keepers for latches to be hereinafter described; and the horizontal partition 16 separating the cupboards 13 from the lower

compartment 15 is provided at each end with a recess 28.

The cabinet is fitted with a working table or bench B, which is made in two pivotal or hinged connected sections 29 and 30, as shown in Fig. 2, the front section 30 being adapted to fold over upon the back section 29, as illustrated in dotted lines in the said figure, and the back section is provided with a back board 31. The back section is supported by two brackets or angle-arms 32, located one at each end, and these brackets or angle-arms are pivoted at their lower ends by pivot-pins 33, as shown in Fig. 3, to the inner faces of the sides of the cabinet outside the cupboards 13, the pivots of the working table or bench being so placed that when the two sections thereof are folded one upon the other the table or bench may be dropped, the brackets entering the recesses 28 in the lower partition 16 of the cabinet, and the body of the table or bench will be wholly contained within the lower compartment 15, permitting the doors of the cabinet to be closed in the ordinary manner. As a locking device two bolts 34 are held to slide on the back board 31, and each of the said bolts is provided with a handle 35 at its inner end and inner projections receiving a spring 36 common to both, the spring acting to force both of the bolts normally in an outwardly direction, so that when the table or working bench is carried upward to the position shown in Fig. 1 the bolts will slip in the recesses 27 of the keeper-plates 26 and will be securely locked therein; and when it is desired to lower this table or bench the bolts are simply drawn together and the table permitted to drop.

In Fig. 5 I have illustrated a guard device C, consisting of a yoke 37, one of which is secured preferably to the inner faces of the inner vertical side rail of each door 11, and each yoke is fitted with a friction-roller 38, so that when the doors are opened and the working bench is in its upper horizontal position the rollers 38 of the guard or guide devices for the doors will engage with the ends of this table or bench and prevent the possibility of the latter damaging the glass in the doors. When the doors are closed the guard devices freely enter the cupboards 13.

Under this construction it will be observed that a cabinet is obtained which is exceedingly simple, durable, and economic, and a great convenience to any sportsman.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A sportsman's cabinet having a rack and rests for fire-arms and other instruments and having a storage compartment at its lower portion and cupboards directly above the storage compartment and also having a working table formed of two transverse sections pivotally connected and carried by brackets in turn pivoted to the cabinet, the table and its brackets being capable of swinging from a horizontal position downwardly and into the storage compartment, substantially as described.

2. In a sportsman's cabinet, racks and compartments, a storage compartment at the lower portion of the cabinet, cupboards and receptacles directly above the storage compartment, and a working table the same consisting of two transverse sections pivotally connected and in turn connected to brackets which are pivoted to the cabinet and capable of swinging from a horizontal position downwardly and into the storage compartment, and transversely extending bolts carried by the table and having an expansible spring common to each, the said bolts being capable of holding the table in a horizontal position, substantially as described.

3. In a sportsman's cabinet, a working table composed of two transverse sections hingedly connected to each other, a bracket having a hinged arm, the sections of which are respectively connected to the sections of the working table and the bracket being pivotally mounted to swing in the folding operation of the table, and two spring-pressed bolts carried by the table and capable of retaining the same in an extended position, substantially as described.

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