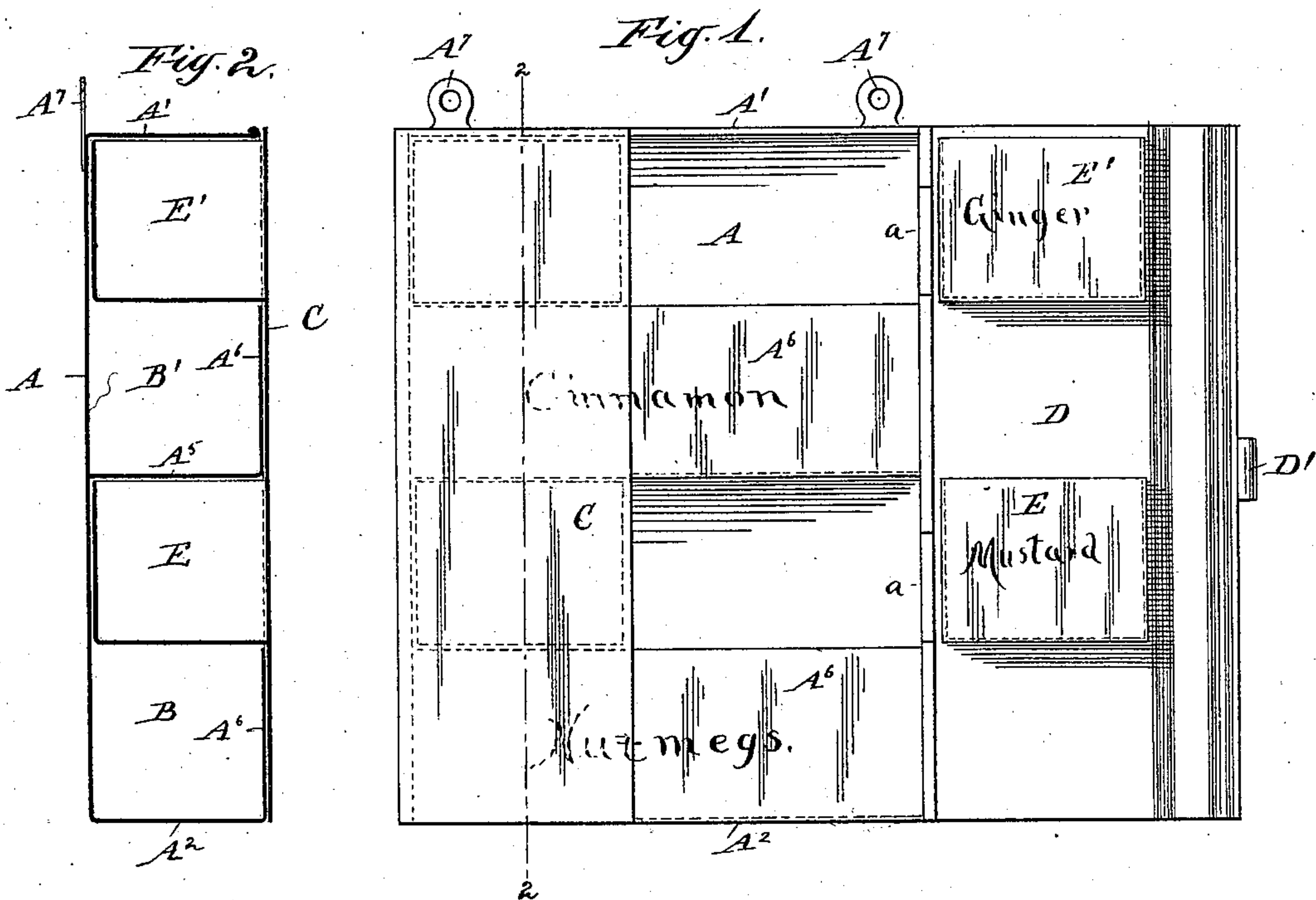


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDERS GUSTAF BJÖRKMAN, a subject of the King of Sweden, residing in Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spice-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to provide a small and compact cabinet having a number of compartments or pockets adapted to contain condiments and spices used in culinary work.

It consists of a shallow case arranged to be hung upon the wall, having horizontal pockets set one above another with an interval or space between and two doors, one hung at each side of the cabinet, each having on its inner face narrower projecting pockets arranged one above the other vertically and lying, when the door is closed, in the intervals between the case-pockets. When open, all the pockets are exposed and their contents conveniently presented.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification and show the invention as I have carried it out.

Figure 1 is a front elevation showing the cabinet with one door open and the other closed. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the line 2 2 on Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section showing in strong lines the condition when the doors are closed and in dotted lines the position assumed when the doors are open.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

The body of the case is in the form of a shallow box rectangular in outline, of tinned sheet-iron or other thin but strong and light material, consisting of the back A, top A', bottom A², and side walls A³ and A⁴. A horizontal partition or shelf A⁵, of the same size as the bottom A², reaches across at about the mid-height and divides the case into two compartments. A front A⁶, extending upward from the bottom A² about half-way to the shelf A⁵, and a similar front A⁶ on the latter, extending half-way therefrom to the top A', form with the walls and back the two case-pockets B B', separated from each other and from the top by intervals or spaces about equal to the depth of the pockets.

C and D are the doors, hinged to the front edges of the side walls A³ and A⁴ at the points a a. The door C is narrower than the door D, the latter overlapping upon the edge of the former when closed to make a joint and exclude dust from the interior of the case. Each door carries two pockets E E', consisting of open-topped boxes, soldered or otherwise secured in place, projecting from the inner face a distance something less than the horizontal depth of the case and having a height to match to the intervals or spaces between the pockets B B' and between the latter and the top A'. These door-pockets are uniform in size, the width conforming to the width of the narrow door C, and all are arranged to fit snugly into the corners of the case. If all are properly proportioned, sufficient space will remain between the pocket on one door and its neighbor on the other to allow the wider door D to swing clear in opening and closing without interference with the door C or the pockets E E' thereon.

A projection D' serves as a knob or pull by which the door D may be opened.

A⁷ A⁷ are eyes adapted to receive nails or screws for sustaining the cabinet upon the wall of the apartment.

The material employed is preferably tinned sheet-iron ornamented with a coating of paint or Japan varnish, and each pocket may bear the name of the spice it is intended to contain, as "Pepper," "Cloves," "Cinnamon," &c. All the names are in plain view when both doors are open, and the whole forms a very handy and complete spice-cabinet which will be highly appreciated by housewives and others.

Modifications may be made in the size and proportions. There may be more than the two case-pockets shown and a corresponding increase in the number of door-pockets, or the case-pockets may be divided transversely by a central partition, thus providing receptacles for a greater number of articles.

Although I have described the cabinet as adapted to receive spices, it will be understood that it may be used for other articles, as, for instance, carpenter's nails or screws of differing sizes.

Other material, as thin wood, may be em-

ployed in whole or in part in the construction, and any suitable lock or other fastening means may be supplied.

I claim—

5 1. As an improved article of manufacture a sheet-metal cabinet consisting of the rectangular case having sides, top, bottom and back, the latter being provided at its upper end with the eyes A⁷ and front integral with
10 the bottom and extending upward from the bottom a short distance, a horizontal partition with integral front extending upward therefrom a short distance, doors hinged to the front edges of the sides each door having
15 pockets upon the inner wall and fitting the spaces between the upper ends of the said fronts and the next adjacent horizontal portions of the case, one of said doors having a portion overlapping the adjacent edge of the
20 other door and bridging the space between the pockets of the two doors, all substantially as shown and described.

2. The sheet-metal case comprising the back A, bottom A², top A', sides A³ and A⁴ and

shelf A⁵ at the mid-height and the fronts A⁶ 25
on said bottom and shelf forming the case-pockets B, B' extending the full width of the case, in combination with the wide door D having extended portion D' to overlap the narrow door and narrow door C hinged to said case sides, the projecting door-pockets E, E' 30
on the interior face of each of said doors less than half the width of the case, matching to the unoccupied spaces in the case between the said pockets and between the pocket B' 35
and said top, when the doors are closed, mounted with a space between each pocket and its neighbor on the same level to allow said wider door to be opened and closed without interference, all substantially as herein 40
specified.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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