

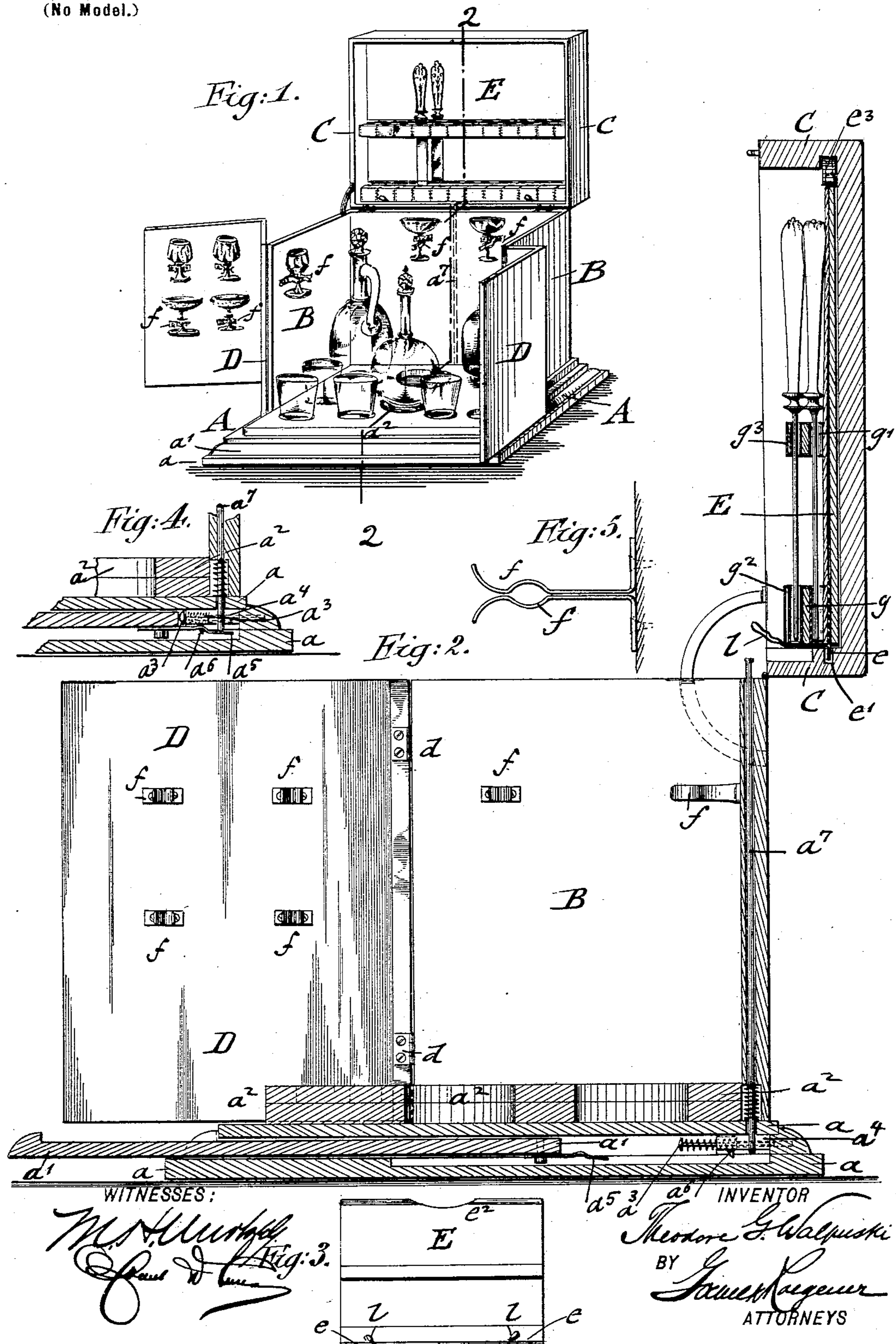
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE G. WALPUSKI, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, borough of Manhattan, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buffet-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved cabinet for the storage of decanters and other bottles containing whisky, cordials, or other liquids and the glasses or cups used for drinking said liquors, in connection with a tray containing knives and forks, so as to use the cabinet for refreshments and for a light lunch, said articles being displayed in a very attractive manner when the case is opened and the liquids conveniently poured for use.

The invention consists of certain features of construction and combinations of parts, to be hereinafter described and then claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved buffet-cabinet, showing the same in open position. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section on line 2 2, Fig. 1, drawn on a larger scale and showing the bottom tray in unlocked position. Fig. 3 is a detail front view of the tray arranged in the cover of the cabinet and shown as detached therefrom. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section through the rear part of the bottom of the cabinet, showing the bottom tray locked in position; and Fig. 5 is a detail plan view of one of the holders for the glasses.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the bottom, B the side walls, and C the cover, of my improved buffet-cabinet for bottles, cups, glasses, knives, forks, &c. The front wall of the cabinet A is centrally divided and connected with the front portions of the side walls, so as to form angular front doors or corner-pieces D, which are hinged to the rear portions of the side walls, so that the angular front doors may be swung on the hinges *d* in outward direction, as shown in Fig. 1, in which case the front edges of the angular doors D are made to abut each other and close thereby the front part of the cabinet. The bottom A is made in three parts—a base *a*, an inter-

mediate sliding tray *a'*, guided in ways of said base, and an interior perforated portion *a''*, which latter is provided with openings of different sizes and depth for supporting decanters, bottles, cups, and glasses without stems, such as whisky-glasses and the like. The sliding tray *a'* is acted upon by spring-actuated push-rods *a'''*, that are guided in cleat *a''* at the rear part of the base *a*, said push-rods pressing on the rear edge of the tray *a'* when a perforated spring-catch *a''* at its rear edge is released from a stationary hook *a''* at the cleat *a''* by a spring-actuated rod *a''*, which is guided in a perforation of the rear wall of the cabinet, the rod projecting above the upper edge of the rear wall with a recess of the rear wall of the cover, so as not to interfere with the projecting head of the rod *a''* when closing the cover. When the rod *a''* is depressed, the sliding and spring-actuated bottom tray *a'* is released from the hook *a''* and instantly moved forward by the push-rods *a'''*, so that it can be pulled out to its full extent for use as a shelf or tray for supporting the glasses while pouring the liquid into the same. The front part of the sliding tray *a'* is provided with a molding that corresponds to the side moldings of the base *a*, so that when the tray is pushed home into locked position it does not show from the outside of the cabinet. The side and rear walls of the cabinet, as well as the inner walls of the angular front doors, are provided with spring-holders *f* for supporting the glasses at their stems, the larger glasses being preferably supported by longer holders, and the smaller glasses by shorter holders above the larger glasses on said walls.

The cover C is hinged to the rear wall of the cabinet and provided with a detachable tray E for supporting knives, forks, spoons, &c., of a size such as are usually used when taking a light lunch. The tray E is provided at its lower edge with sheet-metal lugs *e*, which are inserted into corresponding mortises *e'* in the rear wall of the cover, while the upper edge of the tray has a depression *e''* in the center of its front edge for the bent portion of a flat spring *e'''*, that is retained in the recessed front wall of the cover, so that the tray can be readily placed in position in the

cover first by inserting the front edge into the grooved front wall of the cover and compressing the spring in the same and then pushing the tray up against the cover and dropping the sheet-metal lugs at the rear edge of the tray into the mortises of the cover, as shown in Fig. 4. The tray is provided with two transverse cleats g g' , a cleat g running alongside its rear edge and recessed at its rear side and provided with a retaining face-strip g^2 , attached, while the second cleat g' is arranged at some distance from the cleat g and provided with recesses at its rear side and with retaining face-strip g^3 , attached to the cleat g' , said retaining devices of the strip alternating with the recesses in the cleat, so that a set of knives of any size can readily be inserted into the recesses of the cleats, while a set of small knives or forks and spoons can be inserted into the retaining front strips. The set of knives, forks, or spoons retained by the strips g^2 g^3 alternate with the set of knives retained in the recesses of the cleats, so that they make a very attractive and ornamental appearance when the cover of the cabinet is placed in an open position. The blades or handles of the knives are passed through the recesses of the upper cleat and inserted into the recesses of the lower cleat or supported by the retaining face-strips of the upper and lower cleats, so that they are supported at two points, and thereby held firmly in position, while still being easily removed for use or replaced after use. The detachable tray E in the cover C is provided with small loops l , of leather or fabric, so that the tray can be readily lifted against the tension of its retaining-spring e^3 until the lugs clear their mortises and then removed from the cover and placed on a table that persons desiring to use a knife, fork, or spoon can remove the same from the tray for use. The liquids are then poured and handed around, the glasses being placed on the shelf as a resting-place after it has been released and placed in forward position for this purpose, the tray

being preferably made of glass, marble, hard rubber, or other suitable material.

My improved cabinet is preferably made of oak, mahogany, or other hard wood, portion of the interior being lined with plush, velvet, or other suitable material. The spring-holders for the glasses are preferably made of metal, rubber, or other suitable material.

The advantages of my improved cabinet are that a considerable number of glasses—for instance, half a dozen each of three different kinds, such as wine, cordial, and whisky glasses—can be supported on the bottom, side, and front walls of the cabinet, while three or more bottles or decanters can be supported on the bottom, and a number of knives, forks, and spoons on the top tray, the cabinet forming a very convenient and elegant buffet-chest for gentlemen's use, which when made up in proper style forms a very useful present for married or single men.

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

1. In a buffet-cabinet, the combination with the bottom, the base of which is provided with a recessed portion, of a sliding tray, spring-actuated push-rods for said tray, means for locking said tray, and means for releasing the tray, substantially as set forth.

2. In a buffet-cabinet, the combination, with the cover provided with mortises in its rear wall, and a groove in its front wall, of a detachable tray provided with lugs fitting into the mortises and having a depression in its opposite edge, and a flat spring in the groove of the front wall and fitting in said depression for retaining the tray in position in the cover, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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