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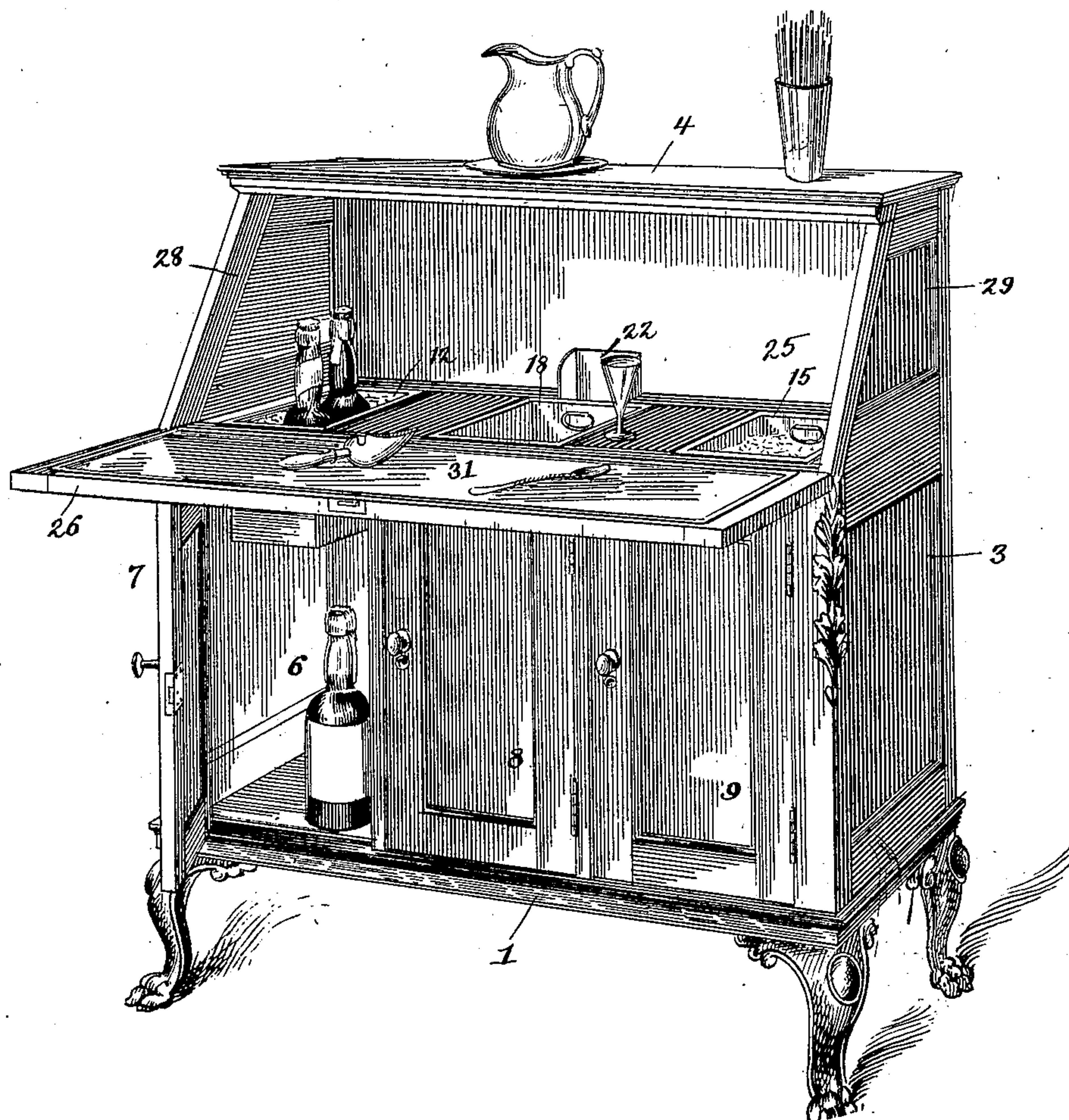
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Fig. 1.



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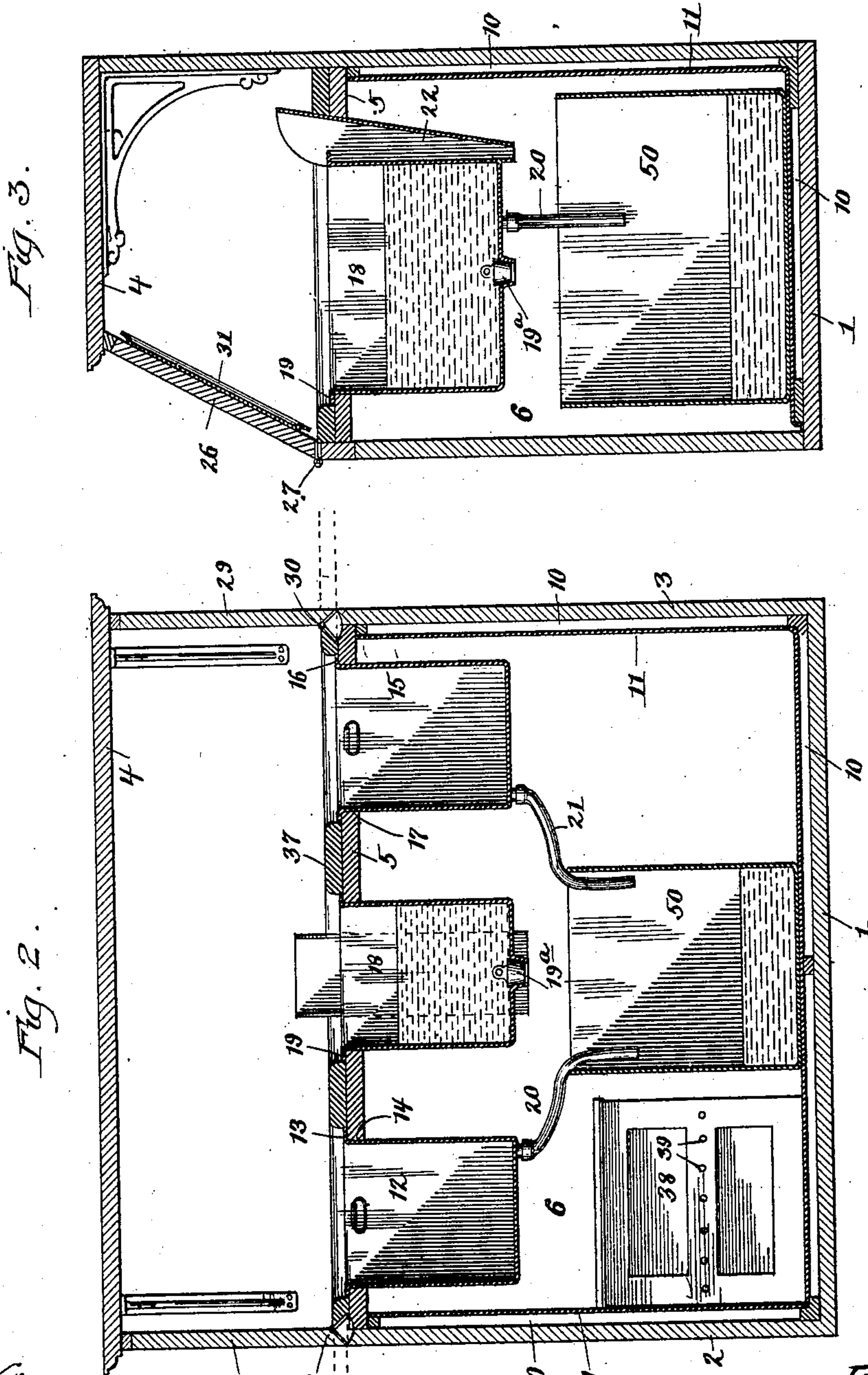
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. ANNIN, a resident of Lagrange, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Buffets, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description.

In business-offices and residences it is frequently desired to keep a supply of liquors
10 and other refreshments, together with the articles usually used in serving and mixing drinks and refreshments.

The present invention designs to provide a buffet or cabinet in which both refreshments
15 and said articles may be conveniently stored and cooled and which can be used also as a serving board or table from which refreshments may be conveniently served.

The invention further designs to provide a
20 buffet or cabinet for such purpose which may be closed, so as to conceal the articles within.

With these objects in view the invention consists, primarily, in providing a buffet which
25 in general appearance resembles an article of furniture, such as an escritoire, and which contains a compartment for the storage of articles, receptacles for ice, and a table or shelf whereon the desired articles may be placed.

The invention further consists in providing
30 a buffet with an upper compartment having an opening therein for access thereto and a hinged door which when in horizontal position serves as a convenient table or board from which refreshments may be served.

35 The invention also consists in the several novel features of construction hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly defined by claims at the conclusion hereof.

40 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a buffet embodying the invention, the hinged door being shown in open or horizontal position. Fig. 2 is a view in vertical longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a view in central
45 vertical transverse section.

The buffet or cabinet comprises a bottom
50 1, side walls 2 and 3, a top wall 4, and a horizontal shelf or cross-wall 5. Between the bottom 1, side walls 2 and 3, and the cross-wall 5 a lower compartment 6 is formed. Such compartment serves as a storage-cham-

ber for bottles containing liquids, cigars, and other refreshments. At the front hinged doors 7, 8, and 9 afford access to such compartment. The walls of the storage-com-
55 partment may be provided with "dead-air" spaces, as at 10, and inner lining-walls 11 to effectively retain the cold air within the compartment. Shelf or cross-wall 5 extends horizontally across the buffet between the inclos-
60 ing walls and forms the upper wall of the storage-compartment. A tank or receptacle 12, having flanges 13 resting upon cross-wall 5, extends downwardly through an opening 14 in said cross-wall and into the storage-com-
65 partment. Tank 12 is usually used to contain broken ice for chilling liquors and refreshments and such articles as can be placed in direct contact with ice. Another tank or
70 receptacle 15, of similar construction, having flanges 16 resting upon cross-wall 5, also extends downwardly through an opening 17 in the cross-wall and into the storage-compartment. Tank 15 serves to contain cracked
75 ice, such as is used in mixing drinks. The receptacles for ice are removable for convenience in cleaning and replenishing and being projected into the storage-compartment keep such compartment cool to preserve the arti-
80 cles stored therein.

Between the receptacles for ice a tank 18, having flanges 19, which rest upon cross-wall 5, is arranged for containing a quantity of rinsing liquid for convenience in cleaning
85 and washing the articles used in dispensing and mixing drinks. In the storage-compartment a reservoir 50 for the waste is provided. The liquid from the tank 18 can be discharged into the waste-reservoir through an opening provided with a removable plug 19^a. The
90 drippings from the receptacles for ice flow through flexible tubes 20 and 21, communicating with the receptacles and having their lower ends extended into the waste-reservoir. The receptacles and tank are provided with
95 handles for convenience in removing them. The waste-reservoir is also removable and may be withdrawn through the the door 8 at the front of the storage-compartment. At the back of the tank 15 a chute or channel 22
100 is provided, wherethrough refuse and waste may be discharged directly into the waste-

reservoir. Such chute or channel is located above the waste-reservoir and is provided with raised flanges for catching and directing the waste, and by direct discharge into the reservoir of the heavier and thicker waste the necessity of frequent renewal of the rinsing liquid is avoided. Cross-wall 5 serves also as a rest or table whereon the articles wherein the refreshments are served and other articles used in dispensing—such as ice-scoops, spoons, and pitchers—may be conveniently placed and stored. A top wall 4 extends over the side walls and the back wall, and between such walls is formed an upper compartment. Said compartment is provided with a front opening 25, which affords access to the upper compartment and the articles therein, and such opening is closed by a door or lid 26, hinged, as at 27, to the cross-wall 5, and is adapted to be swung into horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 1. When in such position, the door can be used as a serving board or table, whereon bottles and other articles may be placed when refreshments are being dispensed or mixed. The side walls are provided with sections 28 and 29, hinged thereto at 30, which may be swung outwardly and downwardly into horizontal position to form lateral extensions of the cross-wall and serving board or table. When the front door and hinged side-wall sections are in horizontal position, they form a table of considerable area, upon which all the necessary articles may be conveniently placed. The top wall may also be utilized as a rest for articles. The door 26 is provided with a tray 31 for catching the overflow and drippings of liquids and ice when these are being served. When the door is closed, the tray drains into the receptacles or tank in the upper compartment, and thus the tray is always kept clean and dry.

The cross-wall is preferably covered by an additional wall or board 37, formed with openings corresponding with and fitting snugly around the flanges of the receptacles for ice and the tank for the rinsing liquid and the edges of these openings thus forming a raised surface wherefrom the water or moisture will be drained. A cigar-chest 38 may be set into the storage-compartment, and small holes 39 therein supply moist and cool air to the chest to keep cigars in fresh condition.

When the buffet is closed, all the dispensing articles may be conveniently placed on the cross-wall and in the upper compartment, so they will be concealed, and the buffet will in general appearance resemble an escritoire, and a buffet in which a cold-storage compartment is provided and another compartment for ice-containing receptacles for chilling refreshments and other necessary articles can be conveniently placed.

A buffet thus constructed and arranged provides a neat, compact, and ornamental article of furniture which serves effectively to cool refreshments, as a storage-chamber, and a

serving-board and which when closed effectively conceals the articles within.

The invention is not to be understood as restricted to the details described and may be varied by the mechanic without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls having a front opening therein, a receptacle for containing ice, a shelf or table secured in said walls, of a door or lid adapted to close said opening, and a tray carried thereby.

2. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls having a front opening therein, a receptacle for containing ice, a shelf or table, of a hinged door or lid to close said opening, and to swing into horizontal position adjacent said table or shelf, and a tray carried by said door or lid.

3. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a receptacle for ice, a shelf or table, a storage-compartment beneath said shelf or table, and a compartment above said shelf or table having a front opening, of a hinged door or lid adapted to close said opening and to swing into a horizontal position adjacent said table or shelf, and hinged sections of the side walls adapted to swing into horizontal position to form lateral extensions for said table or shelf.

4. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a receptacle for ice, a shelf or table, a storage-compartment beneath said shelf or table, and a compartment above said shelf or table having a front opening, of a hinged door or lid adapted to close said opening and to swing into a horizontal position adjacent said table or shelf, a tray carried by said door, and hinged sections for the side walls adapted to swing into horizontal position to form lateral extensions for said table or shelf.

5. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls having a front opening therein, a storage-compartment, and a shelf or table forming the top wall of said compartment, of a removable receptacle for ice sustained by said shelf or table and extending into the storage-compartment, a removable tank for the rinsing liquid also sustained in said shelf or table, and a door or lid for closing said opening.

6. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a storage-compartment, and a shelf or table forming the top wall of said compartment, of a removable receptacle for ice sustained by said shelf or table and extending into the storage-compartment, a removable tank for containing the rinsing liquid also sustained in said shelf or table, and a reservoir in the said compartment for receiving the waste from said tank and said receptacle.

7. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a storage-compartment, and a shelf or table forming the top wall of said compartment, of one or more receptacles for
5 containing ice, removably sustained in said shelf or table and extending into said compartment, a tank for the rinsing liquid sustained by said table or shelf, a front opening above said table or shelf, a door or lid for closing said
10 opening and adapted to swing into horizontal position adjacent said table or shelf, and a tray carried by said door or lid.

8. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a storage-compartment, and
15 a shelf or table forming the top wall of said compartment, of one or more receptacles sustained in said shelf or table and extending into said compartment, a tank for the rinsing liquid sustained by said table or shelf, a front
20 opening above said table or shelf, and a door or lid for closing said opening and adapted to swing into horizontal position adjacent said table or shelf, and hinged sections for the side walls adapted to be swung into horizontal
25 position adjacent the table or shelf to form lateral extensions thereof.

9. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a compartment, and a shelf or table forming the top wall of said compartment,
30 of a rinsing-tank supported from said shelf or table, a lower receptacle or reservoir in said compartment for receiving the con-

tents of said tank when discharged, and an independent chute or channel adjacent to said rinsing-tank and also discharging into said
35 lower receptacle or reservoir.

10. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a compartment, and a shelf or table forming the top wall of said compartment, of a rinsing-tank supported
40 from said shelf or table, a lower receptacle or reservoir in said compartment for receiving the contents of said tank when discharged, and an independent chute or channel formed integral with said rinsing-tank and also dis-
45 charging into said lower receptacle or reservoir.

11. In a buffet, the combination with suitable inclosing walls, a compartment, and a shelf or table forming the top wall of said
50 compartment, of a rinsing-tank removably supported from said shelf or table, a removable lower receptacle or reservoir in said compartment for receiving the contents of said tank when discharged, and an independent
55 chute or channel formed integral with said rinsing-tank and removable therewith and also discharging into said lower receptacle or reservoir.

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