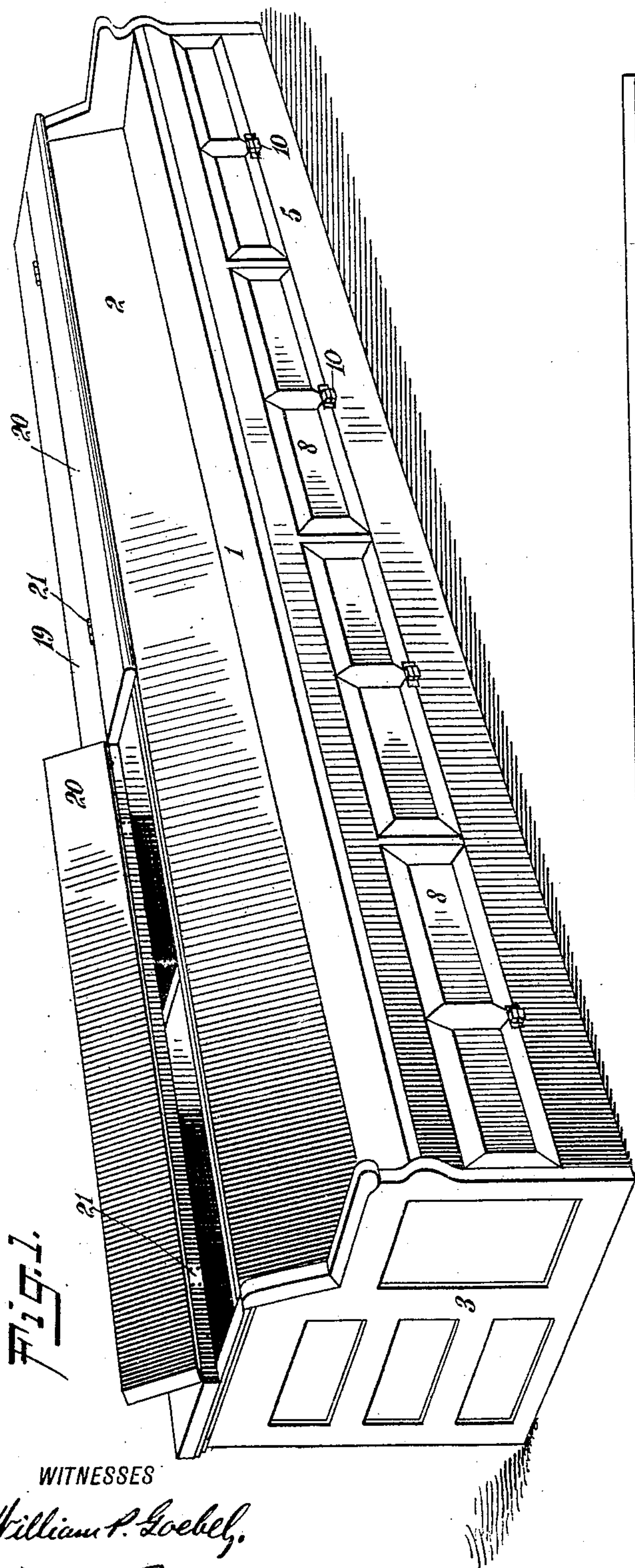


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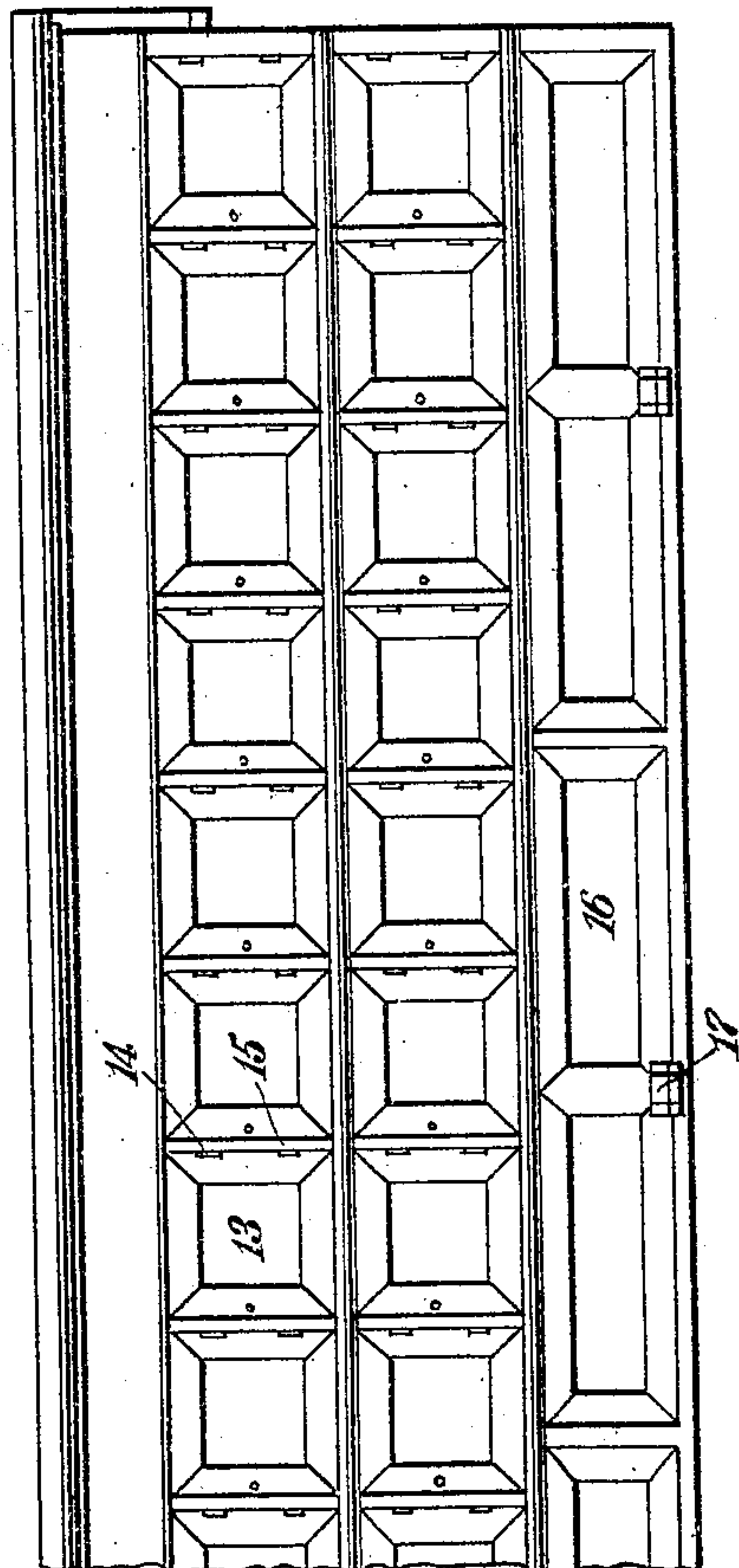
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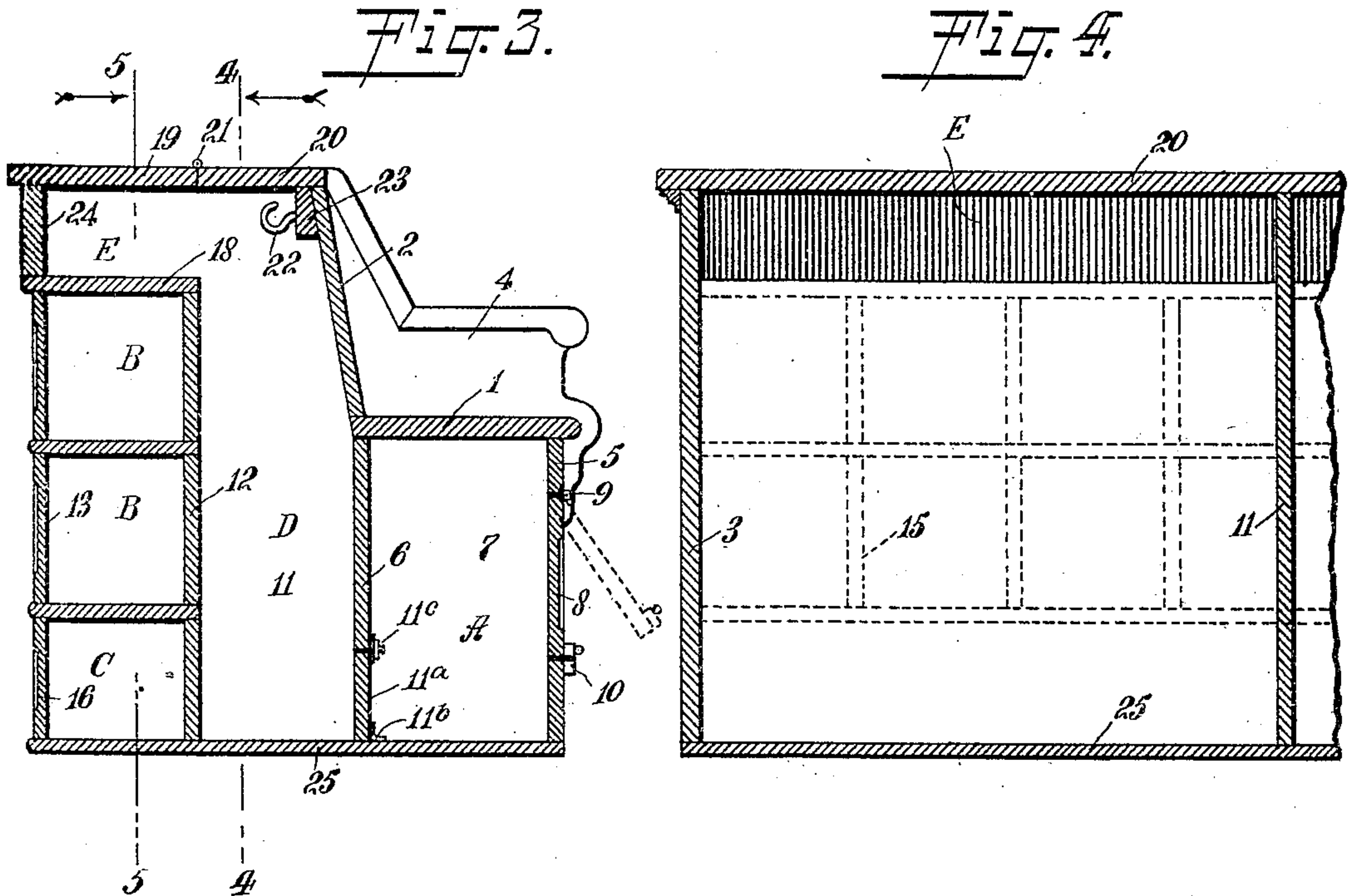
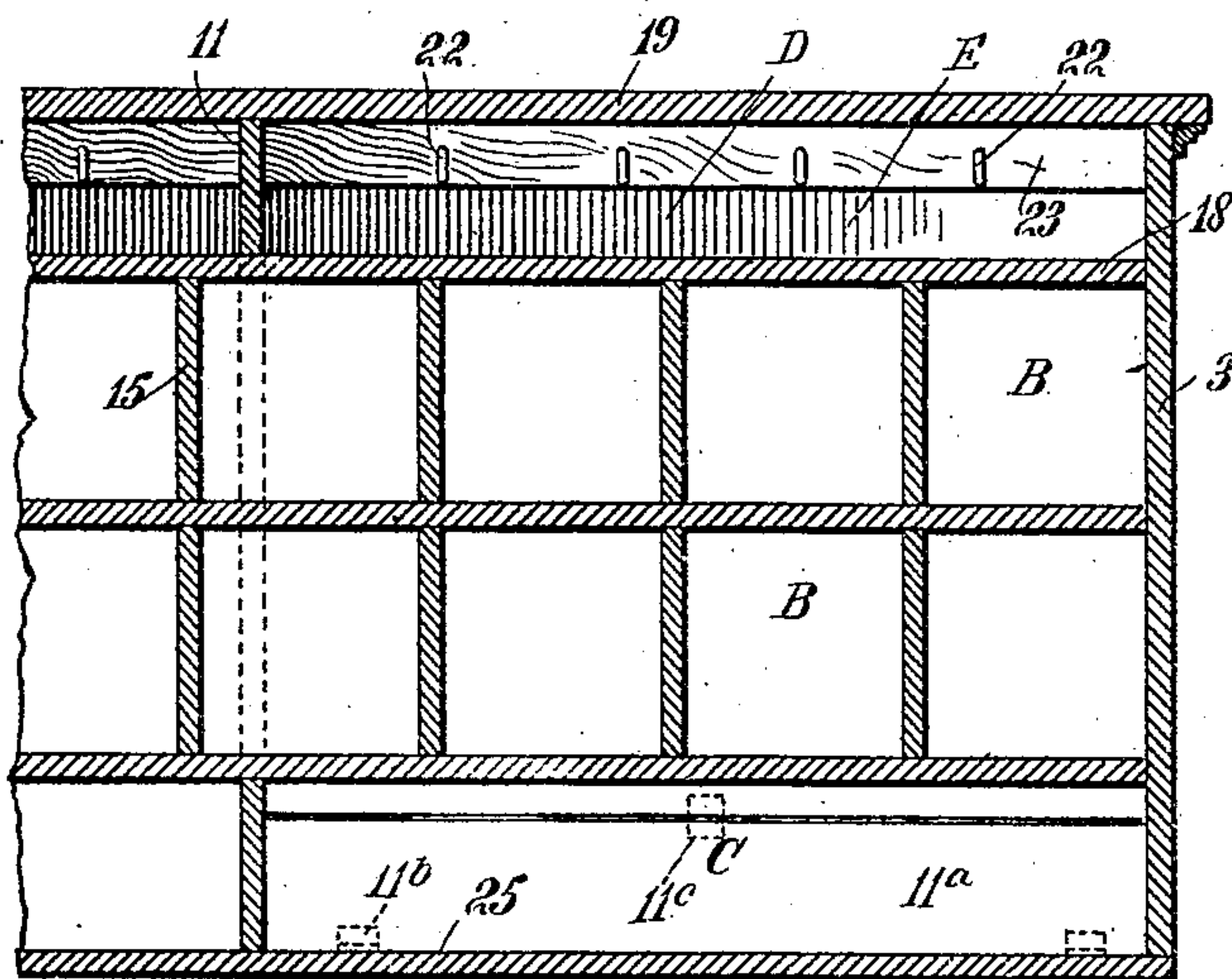


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. MULFORD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Connellsville, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Bowling-Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a cabinet especially adapted to be used as part of the furniture of a bowling alley, and the object of the invention is to produce a cabinet which will constitute a bench upon which the players or spectators may seat themselves, and which has a special construction enabling the cabinet to hold the bowling pins, the bowling balls, and also the hats and coats of the players.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth 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 figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the cabinet showing one of the covers thereof raised at the point where the coats and hats may be introduced into the cabinet; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of a portion of the cabinet and indicating the manner in which the back of the cabinet is divided into separate lockers for different purposes; Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section through the cabinet and further illustrating the details of its construction; Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3 and showing one end of the cabinet; and Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3 and showing one end of the cabinet.

Referring more particularly to the parts, and especially to Figs. 1 and 3, 1 represents the seat upon which the players may sit, behind which an inclined back 2 is arranged. The cabinet is formed with ends 3 which provide arm rests 4, as shown, at the ends of the seat. Just under the forward edge of the seat 1, a forward wall 5 is presented and under the rear edge of the seat a longitudinal partition wall 6 is provided. In this way, under the seat a space is formed, which is formed into lockers A by a vertical partition wall 7, as will be readily understood. The forward wall 5 is provided

with a plurality of doors 8, the upper edges of which are attached by means of hinges 9 so that the doors may swing outwardly, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 3. Catches 10 are provided at the lower edges of the doors for holding the same closed, as will be readily understood. This part of the cabinet constitutes a bench, and immediately behind the bench a space is formed which is divided by vertical partitions 11 into clothes lockers D. The rear wall of these lockers D is formed by a false back 12, in the rear of which a plurality of square lockers B are provided to receive the private bowling balls. The backs of these lockers are formed by doors 13 which swing rearwardly on hinges 14, said hinges being attached to the vertical partition walls 15 between the lockers. As illustrated, I show two tiers of these lockers B, and beneath them a space is formed which is divided by the vertical partitions 11 into lockers C. These lockers C are closed at the rear by doors 16 which swing upwardly, the lower edges of the doors being held by catches 17.

The upper wall of the upper tier of the lockers B forms a shelf 18 which extends continuously throughout the length of the cabinet, and the space E over this shelf is in communication with the clothes lockers D. This space E constitutes a hat space. The upper side of the cabinet is closed by a cover 19, the forward portion of which is formed into lids 20 attached by hinges 21 so that the lids are adapted to be raised, as indicated in Fig. 1. When the lids are raised in this manner, access is had to the interior of the cabinet so as to place hats on the shelf 18, and so as to hang coats or other garments on hooks 22 which are attached to the rear side of a rail 23, said rail being attached to the upper edge of the seat back 2. The forward wall of the hat space E is formed by a back rail 24 which extends longitudinally throughout the entire length of the cabinet, and the entire cabinet is provided with a bottom which rests upon the floor and which forms the lower wall for the compartments A, D, and C.

The compartments A may be used to hold bowling shoes as well as the pins and the balls which are in general use. The compartments C are intended to receive duck pins and duck pin balls. In this way a cabinet is formed which occupies little space and which performs the function of a bench



and provides ample space for holding the balls, pins, and the paraphernalia of the bowlers.

5 In the partition wall 6 which is on the forward side of the compartment D, I provide a plurality of doors 11<sup>a</sup> attached by hinges 11<sup>b</sup> at the bottom, and secured by catches 11<sup>c</sup> at their upper edges. These doors enable access to be had to the bottom  
10 of the compartment D to enable articles to be removed which may fall into the bottom of the compartment from the hooks 22. They also facilitate the cleaning of this compartment.

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

20 1. A cabinet of the class described, having a bench formed on the forward side thereof and having a plurality of lockers formed on the rear side thereof, said cabinet having a space between said lockers and said bench adapted to receive garments, and means for supporting said garments near the upper  
25 portion of said bench.

30 2. A cabinet of the class described, having a bench formed on the forward side thereof and a plurality of lockers formed on the rear side thereof, said cabinet having clothes compartments formed between said lockers and said bench, a cover over said clothes compartments having a lid adapted to open, and means for supporting garments in said clothes compartments.

3. A cabinet of the class described, having 35 a bench formed on the forward side thereof and a plurality of lockers formed on the rear side thereof, said cabinet having clothes compartments formed between said lockers and said bench, a cover over said clothes 40 compartments having a lid adapted to open, and means for supporting garments in said clothes compartments, said lockers having an upper wall forming a shelf adapted to receive hats, disposed under said cover, the 45 space over said shelf communicating with clothes compartments.

4. A cabinet of the class described, having a bench formed on the forward side thereof presenting a seat and a back, a plurality of 50 lockers formed under said seat and having doors opening forwardly, a plurality of lockers formed at the back of said cabinet and having doors swinging rearwardly, said cabinet having a space behind said back and 55 behind said first lockers adapted to receive garments, means in the upper part of said cabinet for supporting the garments in said space, and a cover at the rear of said back and having a lid which may be opened to 60 gain access to said clothes space.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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