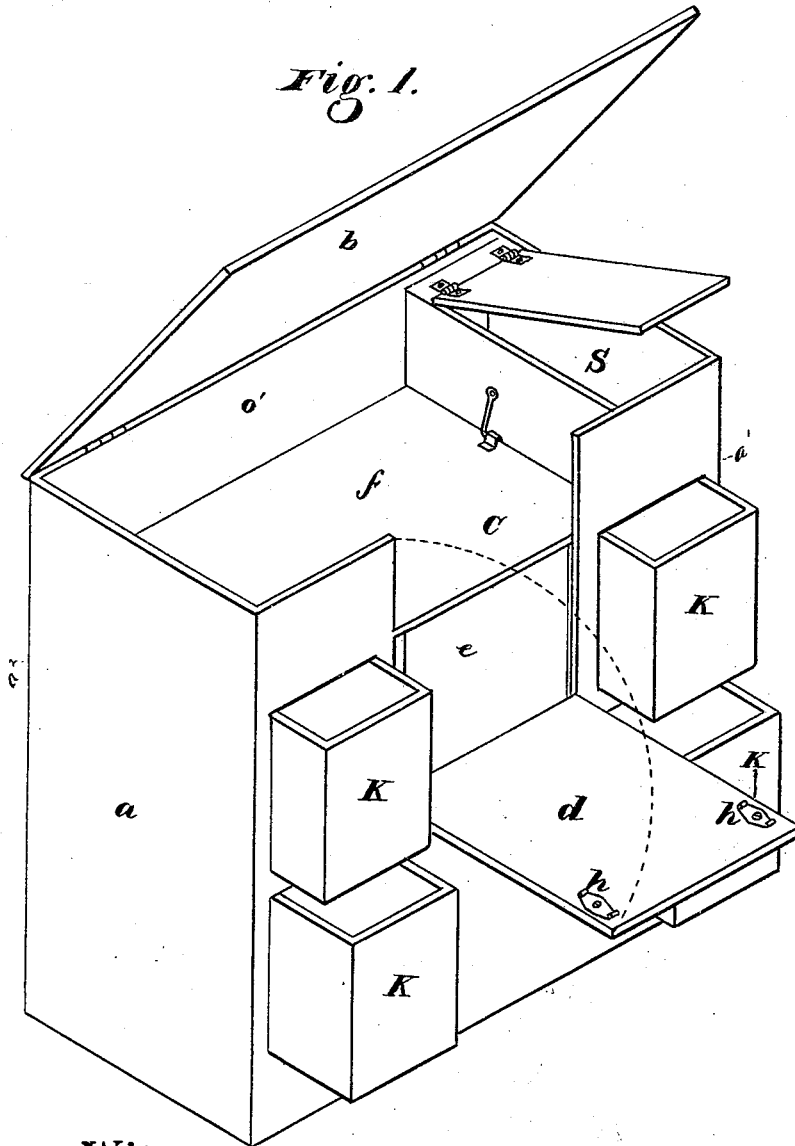


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## IMPROVEMENT IN MEAL-BINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB R. FELTER, of San Bernardino town and county, State of California, have invented a Pastry-Bureau; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention without further invention or experiment.

This invention consists, substantially, in a cupboard constructed with side drawers or compartments and a centrally-located flour-chest, the top of which constitutes a pastry-board, where pastry, &c., may be conveniently manipulated, access to said chest being had by opening a single side lid, substantially as hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the drawings,  $a$   $a^1$   $a^2$  represent the end and rear sides of a cupboard, which is provided with a hinged lid,  $b$ , in the usual way. A portion of the front part  $c$  of this cupboard consists of a hinged board,  $d$ , which serves both as a lid for the flour-chest  $e$ , which is centrally located within the structure, and as a cover or door for an opening formed in the front  $c$  of the cupboard, just above the flour-chest. The object of this opening is to provide means for easy access to a pastry-board,  $f$ , which will be exposed after lids  $d$  and  $b$  are opened.

The board  $f$  (which I have denominated a "pastry-board" by reason of its special fitness as a table or board for the reception of the several ingredients to be kneaded together in the manufacture of pastry, cakes, bread, &c.) forms a longitudinal division in said cupboard, located at a suitable distance below the top of the cupboard, and also constituting the top of the flour-chest.

The depth of the flour-chest may be varied,

according to the depth of the cupboard, its front opening being of sufficient size to permit convenient access to the flour.

The lid  $d$ , which is hinged (preferably at its bottom edge) to the front side  $c$ , is of such dimensions that, when swung into a vertical and closed position, its upper edge shall lie flush with the front part  $c$  of the cupboard. The lid  $d$ , when closed, is secured by buttons  $h$   $h$ , or other suitable fastenings.

$K$   $K$  are drawers, arranged between the sides of the flour-chest and cupboard, and will be found exceedingly convenient for the reception of various articles.  $S$  is a spice-box, provided with a hinged lid, and temporarily connected with the pastry-board by means of a hook and eye, so that it can be removed when desired.

In order to use the said pastry-board, the top lid  $b$  is swung open and held in suitable position by any convenient and well-known means.

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

1. In a cupboard constructed with side drawers or compartments, substantially as described, a centrally-located flour-chest,  $e$ , pastry-board  $f$ , constituting a top for such chest, and side lid  $d$ , arranged to close said chest and the front opening to the space above said board, substantially as specified.

2. In a cupboard constructed substantially as described, the pastry-board  $f$ , hinged lid  $b$ , and the detachable spice-box  $S$ , arranged substantially as shown and described.

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