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Music-Stand.

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Fig. 1.

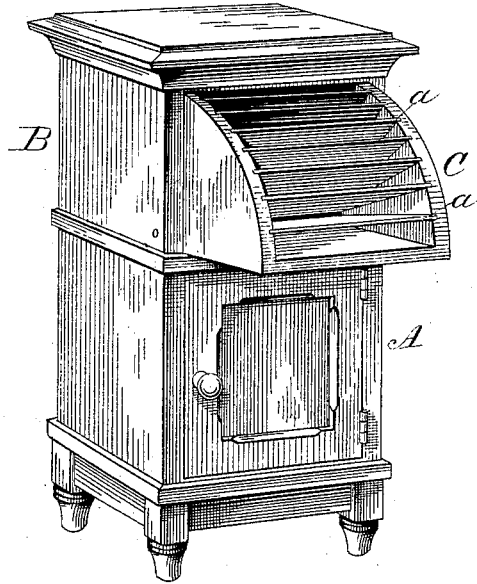
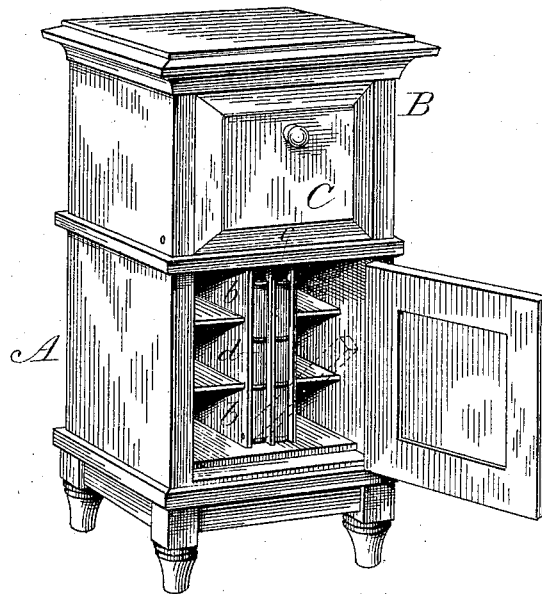


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MUSIC-STANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HESSLER, of Moosic, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Music-Stands, of which the following is a specification:

My invention has reference to an improved stand adapted more especially to be used as a repository for sheet-music, and provided with compartments for preserving papers, books, or other articles of like nature; and the object I have in view is to provide a compact and convenient receptacle for the articles mentioned, which will be simple in construction and cheap to manufacture.

My invention consists in making the stand in two parts—upper and lower—the upper part being provided with a tilting fan-shaped receptacle divided by longitudinal partitions into a number of triangular-shaped pockets, forming a series of compartments radiating substantially from a common point, the lower part divided into pigeon-holes and spaces for papers, having peculiar covers to close them, all constructed and arranged as more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view with the upper compartment opened and the lower closed. Fig. 2 shows the upper compartment closed and the lower opened.

Like letters indicate the same parts.

The stand, as a whole, is of any convenient construction, having four short legs or supports, which may be provided with casters-wheels, if desired. It is made of wood, of any kind desired, and may be finished in any ornamental form or design to suit the taste. Midway is a partition dividing the lower from the upper compartment, and making two entirely separate receptacles.

A is the lower and B the upper compartment. C is a tilting box or receptacle, as of the shape shown in Fig. 1, the ends having two straight and one rounded edge, the two straight sides forming a right angle, so that when the cylinder is within the case it will rest upon the partition above mentioned, while the other straight side will close the opening in the front of the case. This side may be

paneled or otherwise finished, and is provided with a knob or other handle, by which the cylinder is tilted.

The box may either tilt on pivots placed near the bottom of the compartment B, as shown, or it may be hinged to the partition, the effect being, of course, the same in both cases.

The cylinder is divided, by partitions *a a*, into a number of triangular-shaped pockets, extending across the cylinder from end to end. These pockets being triangular radiate from a common center; and thus I am enabled to have a greater number of compartments, and secure the greatest economy of space.

A is the lower receptacle, rendered entirely distinct and separate from the compartment B by the partition before mentioned. I have shown it as divided into pigeon-holes *b* and two spaces, *c*, for books, &c. These spaces are closed by peculiar covers *d*, which are made so as to fit closely in the spaces *c*, and can be tilted when it is desired to withdraw the contents. They may be pivoted or hinged at the bottom, if desired; but I prefer to use them as shown in the drawings, with nothing but their tight fit in the spaces *c* to hold them in place. As shown in the drawings I make them in imitation of bound volumes.

The lower compartment is closed by a door, which, as well as the cylinder C, can be fitted with a lock, if greater security is desired.

The advantages of my device will be readily appreciated by those who are accustomed to keep a large amount of sheet-music; and I am not aware that anything for the purpose has ever been patented.

I am, however, aware that tilting compartments in various different articles of furniture are old, as such is shown by the patent granted to Wilkerson, July 9, 1878; but his device differs from mine in shape, purpose, construction, and manner of division into pockets, and I wish to disclaim the invention shown therein.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A music-stand of the form shown, having an upper and lower compartment, the upper

compartment being triangular in shape, having rigid ends, and being provided with triangular pockets, said compartment being also pivoted so as to open outward and disclose the pockets, and to close within the case, the outer side of the tilting compartment forming the upper door of the case, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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

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