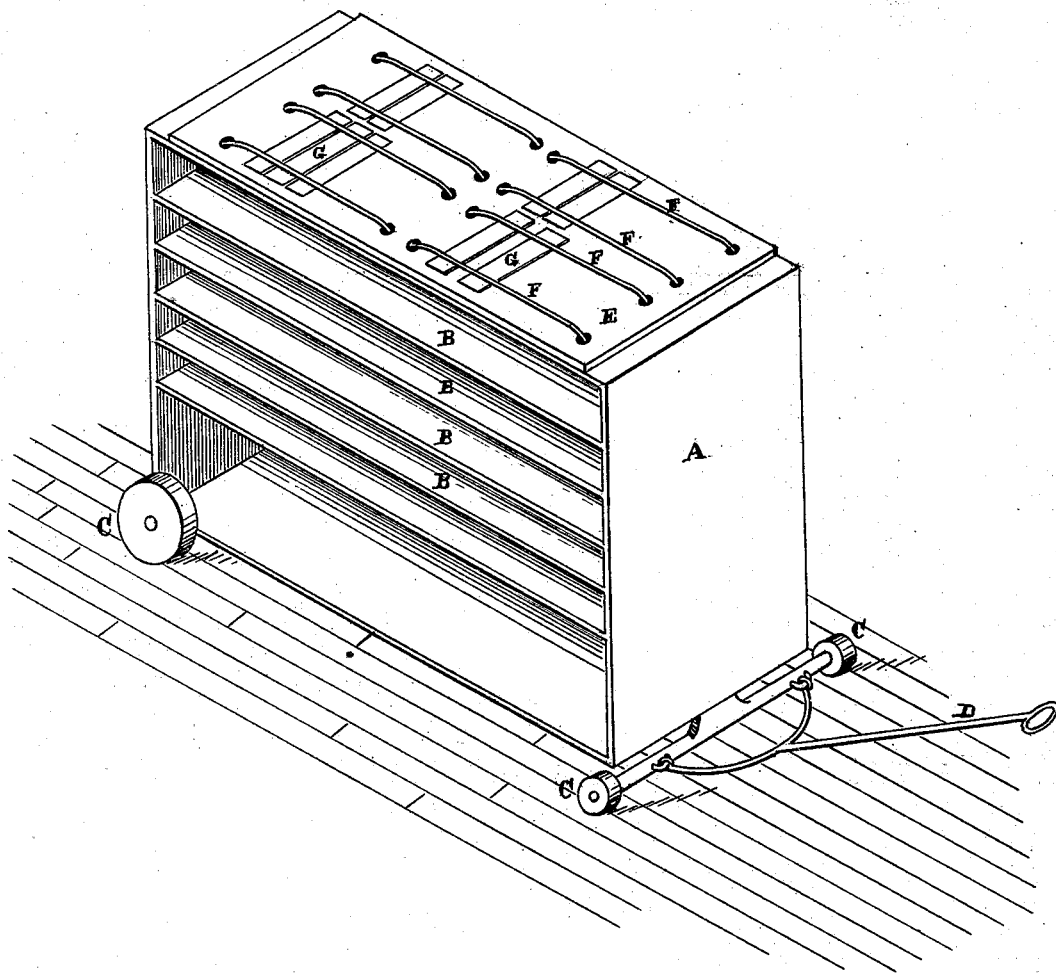


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WAITERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWRENCE GARRIGAN, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented a Hotel and Restaurant Waiter; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a novel device which I call a "hotel and restaurant waiter;" and it consists in a means for receiving and transporting a large number of orders, as will be more fully described by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a view of my device.

One of the great difficulties in attending to a large number of people at hotel or restaurant tables at the principal meal hours is found, first, in the number of different orders which the waiter is expected to remember, and, second, in the difficulty in carrying so many full dishes at once. In order to obviate this difficulty, I have devised a car, A, which has a series of shelves, B, fitted to receive the dishes or other articles. This car is mounted upon wheels C, and is provided with a tongue or handle, D, by which it can be drawn over the floor from place to place. The wheels are very low, and the front ones are low enough to allow them to turn beneath the lowest shelf of the car, in order to move readily about among the tables. These shelves will accommodate a large number of dishes at one time.

In order to assist the waiter and enable him to take a large number of different orders at one time, I have combined with this car a card, plate, or bulletin, E, which is constructed of any suitable material, and has a series of elastic cords, F, stretched across it, or other suitable device for holding the cards G. These cards are each printed with one of the articles on the bill of fare, so that an order consisting of one or more articles can be taken by slipping the

cards containing the names of the articles beneath the holding-straps.

Each seat is numbered, so that the waiter can place the number of the seat with the order, and upon his arrival at the kitchen he has only to deliver the tablet or card to the cook, who is enabled to fill all the orders quietly and correctly.

When the orders are ready they are placed upon the car and transported to their proper destination, the numbers with each order showing the seat to which the order belongs, and preventing mistakes. By this device all the annoyance and confusion caused by the loud and incessant calling out of orders by the waiters is avoided, and they are provided with a convenient means of transporting the order from the kitchen to the table.

The numbers indicate the seat to which the order is to go. When this card or bulletin is once arranged it often happens that by simply changing the number from one place to another it will be placed with the exact order wanted, and it will rarely happen that any entire change will be necessary.

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

The card or tablet E, with its holding devices and the interchangeable cards and numbers G, in combination with the car A, with its shelves B, either numbered or not, to correspond with the seats, whereby orders may be accurately received, transported, and delivered, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

LAWRENCE GARRIGAN.

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