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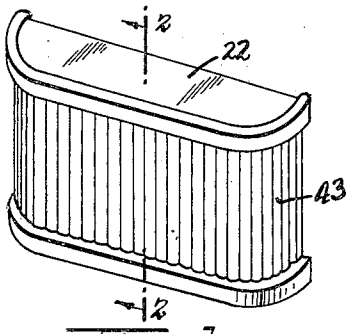


Fig. 1

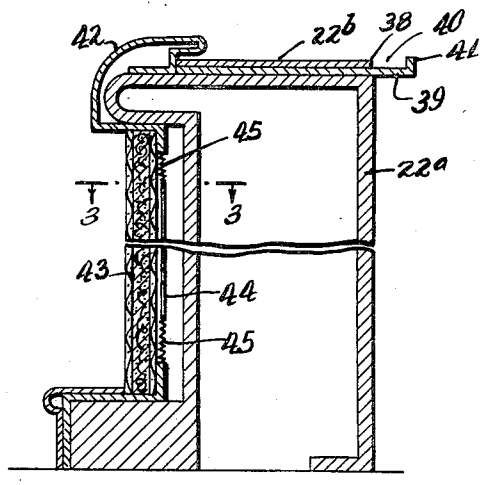


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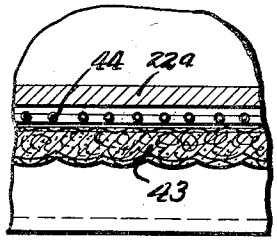


Fig. 3

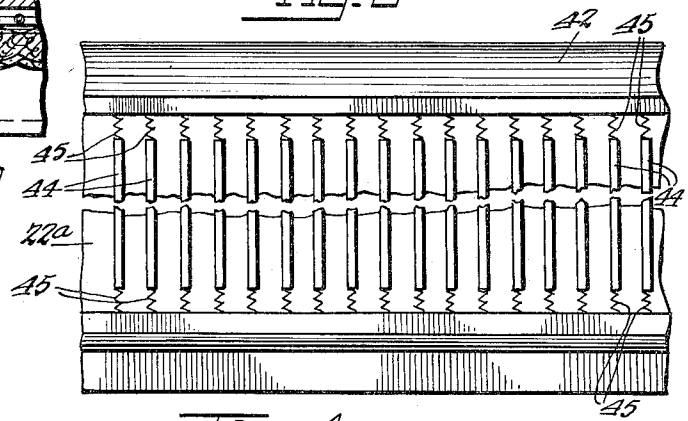


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in modern store equipments.

The invention has for an object the construction of equipments for use in a store adapted to modernize the same. It is proposed to specifically provide a modernized counter for a modernized store.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the counter constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of the counter, with the padding removed.

The counter according to this invention consists of a hollow body 22ª having a top serving portion 22ᵇ. This top serving portion is formed from a top layer 38 and a bottom layer 39, of different widths so as to provide a passage 40 on which glasses may be rested. A flange portion 41 is formed on the free edge of the part 39.

An ornamental molding 42 is extended around the upper edge of the table portion and serves as artistic decoration. The vertical sides of the serving counter are formed with ornamented pad or cushion material 43 behind which there are a plurality of vertical reinforcement rods 44 supported at their ends by springs 45. The front wall of the counter is formed with an opening and the bars 44 are slightly shorter than the height of the opening, and the springs 45 have one of their ends attached to the ends of the bars 45 and the other of their ends attached to material of the counter above and below the opening for resiliently supporting the bars within the opening. These rods 44 are arranged in the vertical and the springs 45 connect with top and bottom portions of the rods proper. The arrangement is such that the sides of the bar, that is, the cushion portion 43, is particularly soft and should anyone come in contact with it, it is adapted to flex inwards due to the springs 45 which support the reinforcement bars 44.

While we have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of our invention, it is to be understood that we do not limit ourselves to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a counter, a hollow body having a partially opened front side, and means for resiliently closing said open side to provide a comfortable surface against which one's knees are adapted to rest while standing at said counter.

2. In a counter, a hollow body having a partially opened front side, and means for resiliently closing said open side to provide a comfortable surface against which one's knees are adapted to rest while standing at said counter, comprising a plurality of vertical bars of a length slightly shorter than the height of said opening and spaced with relation to each other along the width of said opening, springs for each end of said bars and said springs having one of their ends attached to the ends of said bars and the other of their ends attached to the edge portions of the bar at the top and bottom of said spring, and padding material extended across the front of said opening with its back face resting flush against the outer face of said bars.

3. In a counter, a hollow body having a partially opened front side, and means for resiliently closing said open side to provide a comfortable surface against which one's knees are adapted to rest while standing at said counter, comprising a plurality of vertical bars of a length slightly shorter than the height of said opening and spaced with relation to each other along the width of said opening, springs for each end of said bars and said springs having one of their ends attached to the ends of said bars and the other of their ends attached to the edge portions of the bar at the top and bottom of said spring, and padding material extended across the front of said opening with its back face resting flush against the outer face of said bars, said front side being formed with an inset portion into which said bars and said padding material are mounted to permit one's knees to be bent slightly before engaging against said padding material after which further bending of one's knees will cause said material to be flexed inwards.

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