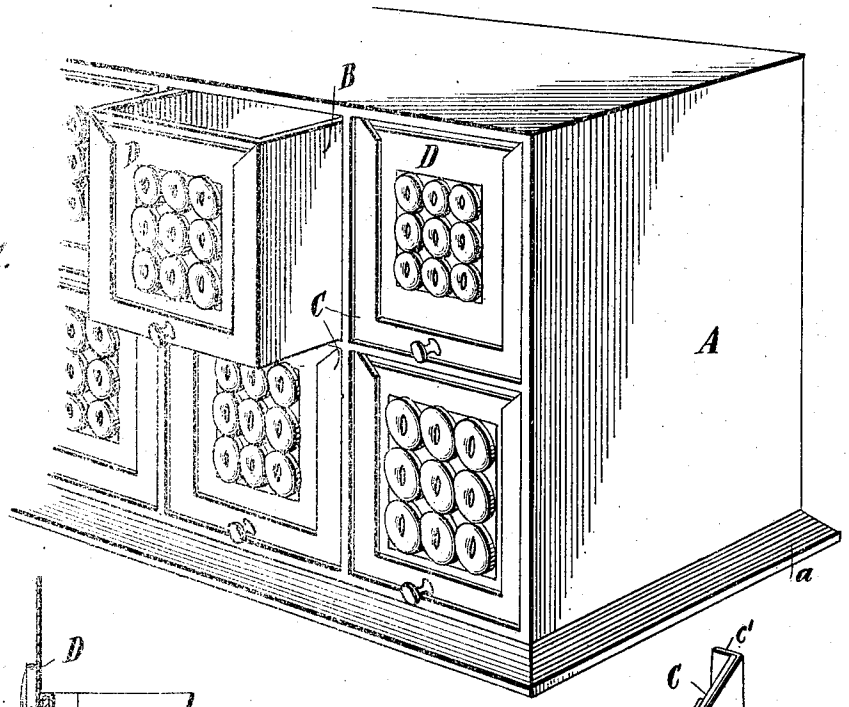
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FIG. 1.



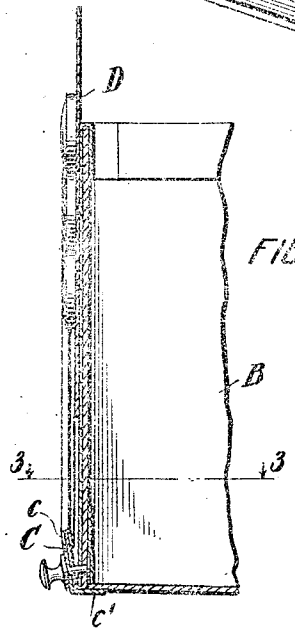


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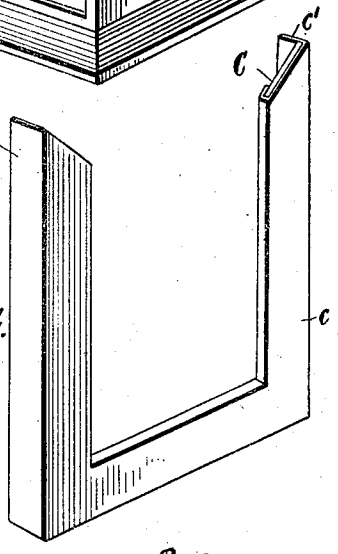
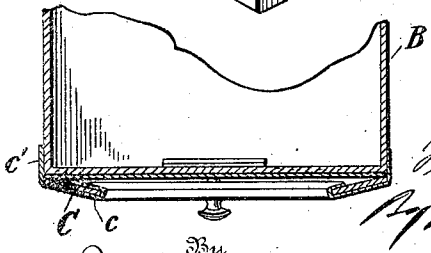


FIG. 4.

FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK C. VETTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Muscatine, in the county of Muscatine and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button-Containers; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to containers for articles of merchandise, and more particularly to button containers.

The objects of the invention are to provide a simple, efficient and inexpensive container especially adapted for conveniently holding cards of buttons of different sizes and displaying the different sizes on cards attached to the front of the container in such manner that they are exposed to view and are adapted to be quickly and easily removed and replaced when desired.

The invention will first be hereinafter more particularly described, with reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and then pointed out in the claims at the end of the description.

In said drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a portion of a case or cabinet embodying my invention; one of the box-like containers being shown partly drawn out of its compartment to more clearly illustrate the construction; Fig. 2 is a detail sectional elevation taken through the front end of one of the individual containers; Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of a device used on the front end of one of the containers for conveniently holding a slip-card on which are displayed buttons or other articles.

Referring to said drawings, in which the same reference letters are used to denote corresponding parts in different views, the letter A may denote a case or cabinet for holding individual boxes or drawers containing cards of buttons or other articles for sale. The case may be constructed of any suitable material and of any desired size and form. As shown, it is mounted on a base *a* which may project slightly beyond the body of the case for greater stability in use, and is preferably oblong and provided with a series of compartments arranged one above another in which are slidably fitted box-like containers or receptacles B. These containers are all of the same construction, so that a description of one will suffice for all.

The container is preferably of box-like form with an open top and a card with buttons displayed on its front end. It may be made of any suitable material, but for cheapness preferably consists of cardboard or paper. Preferably the front end of the box-like receptacle is covered with paper or cloth that will present an ornamental appearance and pleasing effect to the eye, and to said end is secured a U-shaped device C, which may be constructed of cardboard or metal with a strip *c* of cloth or paper secured thereto by paste or other adhesive substance, and having marginal portions or flaps c^1 which overlap the sides of the box for attachment thereto, as shown more clearly in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. The device C on the end of the container provides in effect marginal inwardly turned flanges which are adapted to hold and guide a slip-card D, on which a number of buttons of the desired size are displayed; said slip-card having its marginal portions confined between said flanges and the body or end of the container to adapt it to be slid endwise vertically to remove and restore it to place. For uniformity in appearance the entire outside of the case A as well as the strips *c* may have a covering of paper or cloth of the same general appearance or design as the covering on the front ends of the containers.

While the cabinet A and the individual containers are composed of cardboard and paper, it will be understood, of course, that any suitable material may be employed, such as cloth or metal, and it may be desirable in some cases to construct the U-shaped devices C which form the marginal flanges of metal, with marginal attaching flanges riveted or otherwise secured to the sides or end of the container, or provide metal structures instead of cardboard having a covering of fabric or paper to form flaps for attachment to the end of the retainer, by glue or other adhesive substance, as shown, and hence I do not desire to be limited to the use of any particular material.

It will also be understood that although

the cabinet with individual containers constructed as heretofore described and shown is especially designed and adapted for holding and displaying buttons of different sizes, it may obviously be used for holding and displaying other articles in a similar manner, so as to present a pleasing effect to the eye and at the same time permit the exposed cards of buttons or other articles and those within the containers to be easily removed and replaced without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

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

1. An article container having at one end thereof a strip conforming to the outer dimensions of the container and lying flatwise thereupon, and a cover secured to said strip having marginal flanges adapted to overlap and be attached to the sides of the container, thereby forming, between the front end of the container and the strip, guides for the reception of display cards, substantially as described.

2. An article container having attached to one end thereof a strip conforming to the outer dimensions of the container and lying flatwise thereupon, and a cover attached to said strip having inner inturned marginal portions covering the inner edge of said strip and outer marginal flanges adapted to overlap and be attached to the sides of the container, thereby forming between the front end of the container and the strip, guides within which display cards may be slidably fitted, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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