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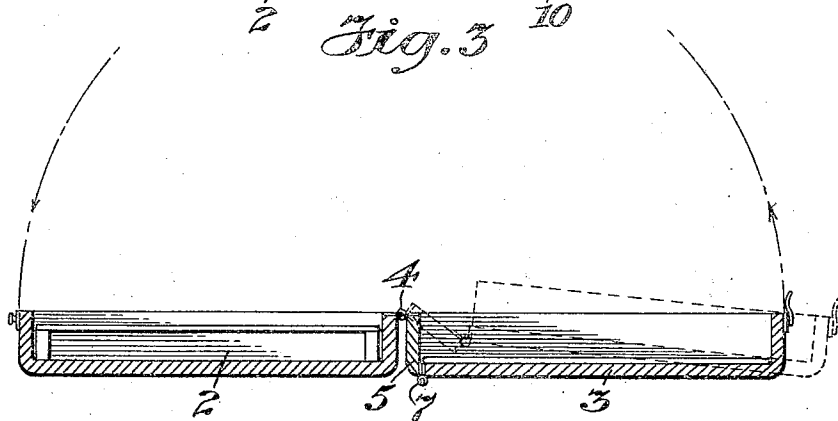
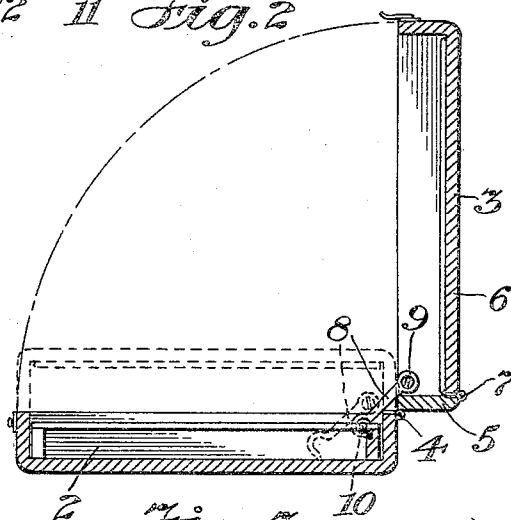
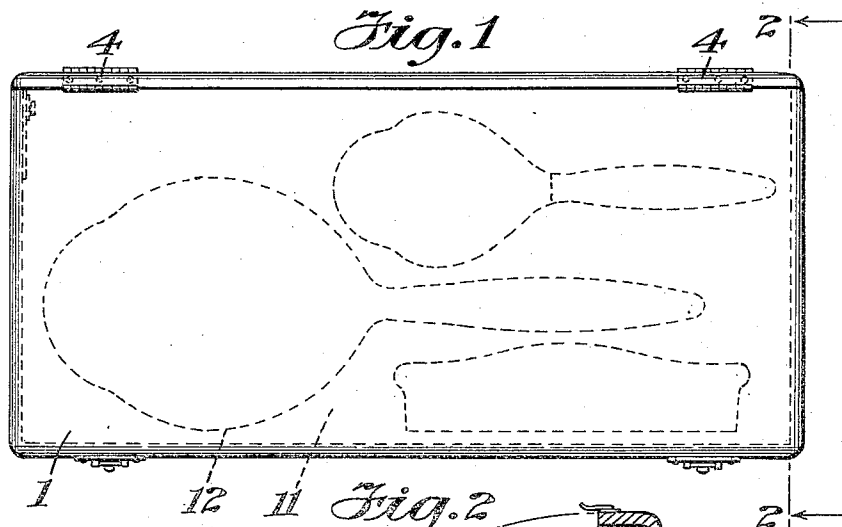
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Fig. 4

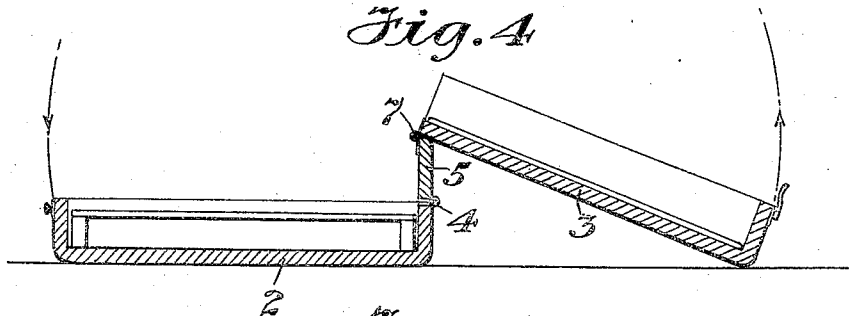


Fig. 5

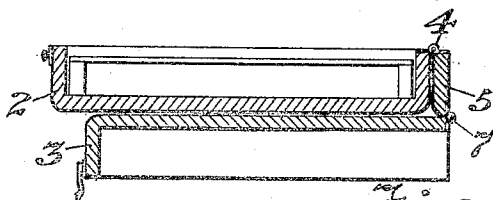


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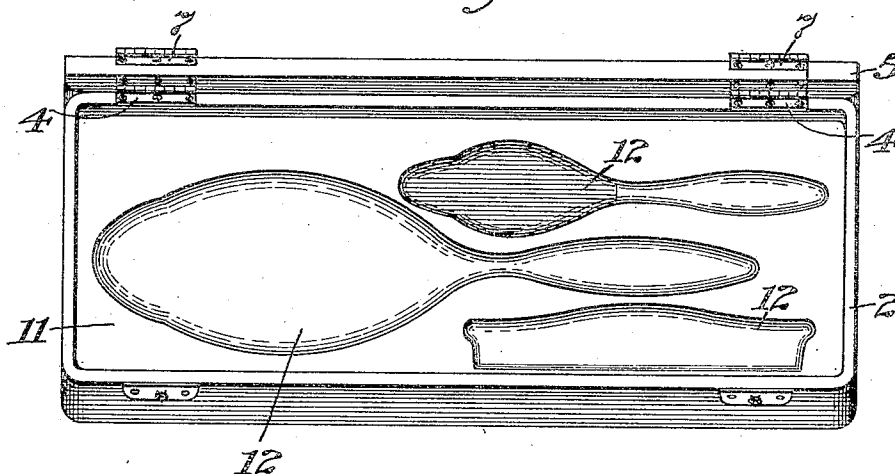
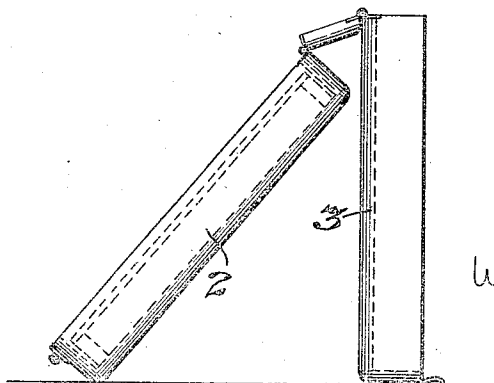


Fig. 7



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CONVERTIBLE DISPLAY CASE

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This invention pertains to the general class of cases and particularly to the class of display cases.

Display cases are generally used for packing, shipping and exhibiting articles of various kinds such as toilet articles, etc. Cases of this character are generally well finished and represent relatively speaking, a substantial investment. Upon delivery of the goods to the jobber or retailer, the articles are generally exhibited in the cases in which they have been shipped. These cases are set up in show cases or on shelves, tables, etc. Because of the varying dimensions of show cases, shelves, tables, etc., as well as to permit various types of artistic arrangement, a display case which may be adjusted to a plurality of positions is highly desirable.

An object of this invention therefore, is to provide a display case that may be adjusted to a plurality of positions.

A further object of this invention is to provide a display case of a convertible nature such that articles therein may be exhibited in the most desirable manner.

A further object of this invention is to provide a display case that is readily adaptable for use in show cases or on tables and shelves, etc. of any dimensions; that is low in cost, simple in construction; of light weight; durable and lasting in character; and otherwise highly satisfactory for its intended purpose.

Many other objects and advantages will become apparent to persons skilled in the art as the specification proceeds.

In the drawings wherein like characters are appended to like parts throughout the various figures,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a display case.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1 and showing the cover raised.

Figure 3 is a transverse section showing the cover in a second position, a third position being shown dotted.

Figure 4 is a transverse section showing the cover in a fourth position.

Figure 5 is a transverse section showing the cover in a fifth position.

Figure 6 is a front elevation showing the display case in a sixth position.

Figure 7 is an end view of the display case when in the position shown in Figure 6.

Referring to the drawings, 1 is a display case having a compartment 2 and a cover 3. The cover 3 may be hinged to the compartment 2 by any suitable means such as illustrated at 4. The side 5 of cover 3, one edge of which is hinged to the compartment 2, is hinged on its opposite edge to the back 6 of cover 3 as illustrated at 7.

This particular construction not only permits the display case to be used in the same manner as if the side 5 were not hinged at 7, but also permits a plurality of positions which are not otherwise attainable.

For instance, in Figure 2, the cover may be raised in the customary manner. To hold the cover in place, a hook 8 attached at 9 to cover 3 and a pin 10 attached to compartment 2, may be provided. When the display case is closed, the hook 8 merely drops to the position shown dotted in Figure 2.

In Figure 3, the display case is shown with the cover thrown all the way back. An alternate position is shown in dotted lines.

In Figure 4, a fourth position is shown wherein the side 5 remains in the position it assumes when the case is closed, the cover 3, except for the side 5 being thrown all the way open. This position is preferred in some instances and may be used to advantage for double display purposes. It is to be noted that a panel or tray in the compartment 2 will be held horizontally and a tray or panel in the cover 3 will be held in an inclined position when the display case is thus arranged.

In Figure 5, cover 3 is shown under and supporting compartment 2. This position is preferred when the show case, table or shelf is narrow, and particularly in show cases that are relatively small in height and width.

In Figures 6 and 7 is illustrated a sixth position wherein the compartment 2 is held in an inclined position and the cover 3 in a more or less vertical position. Articles may be displayed in a particularly advantageous manner when the case is in this position. It is to be noted that the display case when in

this position, may be placed upon relatively narrow shelves or tables, and may be used in a relatively narrow show case that is sufficiently high to accommodate same.

5 The panel or tray 11 which is shown having indentations 12 adapted for holding toilet articles may, of course, be replaced by any other suitable device or may be eliminated entirely as preferred.

10 It is of course obvious that any other device may be substituted for the side 5, such for instance as a link having its ends hingedly connected to the compartment 2 and the cover 3. The points of attachment of the link
15 would preferably be those of the hinges illustrated in the drawings. The side 5 in such a case could, if preferred, be intact with the cover 3. In fact, the side 5, together with the hinges shown, comprises a link mechanism.

20 Having disclosed my invention, it is obvious that many modifications may be made in the same within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

25 1. A case of the character described comprising a compartment and a cover, the latter having a movable side, a hinge connecting said cover and said side, said side being also hingedly connected to the free edge of a side
30 of said compartment which is incapable of motion in relation to that compartment.

2. A case of the character described comprising two substantially similar compartments, one of said compartments having a side hingedly connected thereto and to the
35 free edge of a side of the other compartment, the latter side being incapable of motion in relation to said other compartment.

3. A case of the character described comprising two substantially similar compartments corresponding sides of which are hingedly connected along their free edges
40 and one of said sides being pivotally connected to the compartment of which it forms a part and the other of said sides being incapable of motion in relation to the compartment of which it is a part.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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