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SHOW CASE.

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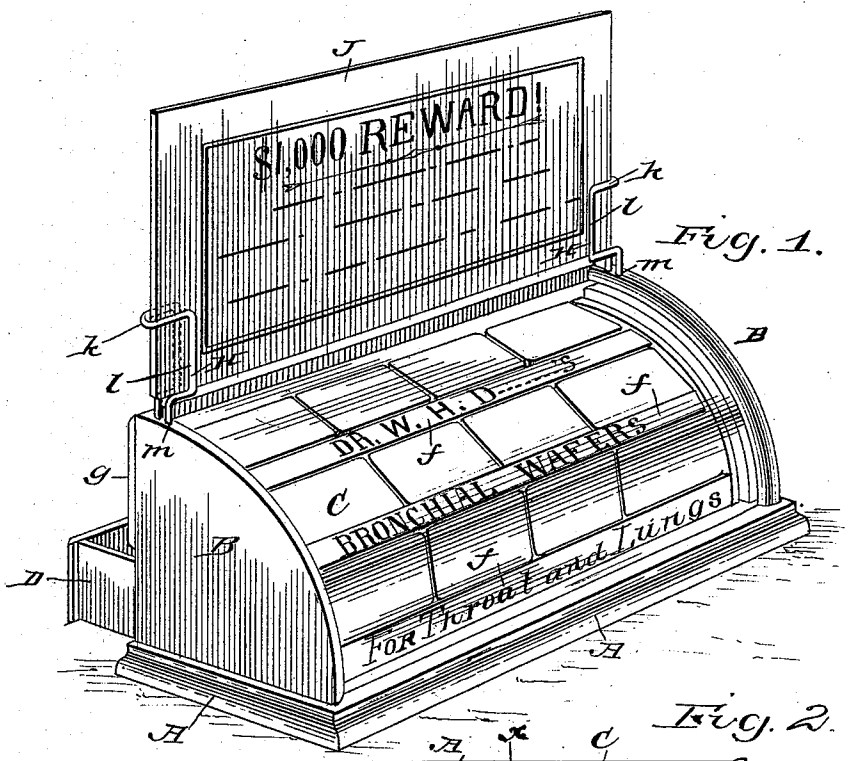
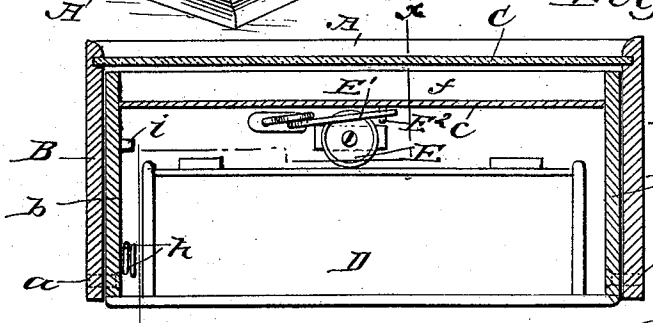


Fig. 1.



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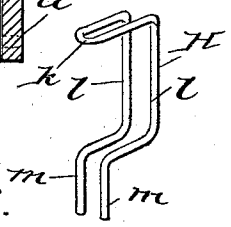

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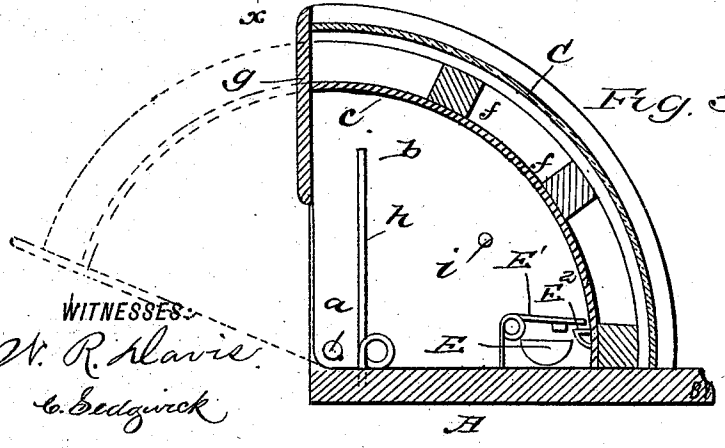

Fig. 3.

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SHOW-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. ROOD, of Quincy, in the county of Adams and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Show-Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a show-case designed more particularly for advantageously exhibiting small articles and for facilitating the handling or selection of the same; and to this end my invention consists, principally, of a show-case in which is combined a pivoted and swinging frame, on which the articles placed in the case are held.

The invention also consists in making this swinging frame curved or circular at its outer surface, or triangular in cross-section, it may be, to hold the goods advantageously up to view.

The invention also consists in the special construction of the case, as hereinafter claimed; in the combination, with the main and pivoted frame, of an alarm; in the combination, with the main casing, of a placard-holder, and in the combination, with the main frame and the pivoted frame, of a receptacle placed within the latter, all as hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new show-case. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional elevation on line *x x* of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the placard-holders.

The main casing of my new show-case comprises the base-board A, triangular or quadrant shaped end pieces B B, and the curved glass front C. The pivoted casing, held within the main casing on pivot-pins *a a*, is composed of the quadrant or triangular end pieces *b b* and the curved support *c*, secured to the edges of the end pieces *b b*. The goods to be exhibited are to be placed upon the support *c*, and to hold them in place I provide the support with the ledges *f*, as shown clearly in the drawings. To the back of the pivoted frame is secured the flange or board *g*, which closes the space between the glass and the top of the support *c*, and this flange is about one-half the width of the end pieces *b*, and in the interior space of the pivoted frame inclosed by the end pieces *b b* and support *c* is placed the drawer D, which may be drawn out below the lower edge of the flange *g*. When the pivoted frame is supplied with goods and closed, it holds the goods in inclined position and in close proximity to the glass C, and to open the frame it has simply to be swung back to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3, when all of the goods in the case, except what may be in the drawer D, are brought out for convenient selection. When swung out a certain distance, the pivoted frame is resisted by the spring-arm *h*, secured in the base A, against which arm the stud *i*, secured to the pivoted casing, strikes, so that the frame cannot be turned back too far, and when released the spring *h* serves to automatically close the frame. Upon the base A is secured the gong or bell E and a spring bell-hammer E′, arranged over the bell, with its end in line with a stud E^2 on the support *c*, so that when the said support is opened the hammer will be drawn up and released and will strike the bell, thus giving an alarm every time the case is opened.

At its top the main frame is provided with the arms H H for holding the sign or placard J. These arms are made of rods of iron or other metal of suitable size bent in the center to form the loop *k*, then bent downward to form the side pieces *l l*, and then bent back and downward to form the points *m* to enter the top of the case, as shown.

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

1. A show-case constructed substantially as herein shown and described, the same consisting of a main frame having a sloping glass front, in combination with an inner triangular frame pivoted at the angle near the base of the main frame and provided with supports for goods and adapted to swing back out of the main frame, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The main frame having triangular end pieces and sloping glass front, in combination with an inner triangular frame having a curved support provided with ledges to retain

the goods, the inner frame being pivoted at the angle near the base of the main frame and adapted to be swung out from the main frame, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The main casing provided with a spring-arm *h*, rising from the base A of the main frame, in combination with the inner triangular frame pivoted at the angles near the base of the main frame, so as to be adapted to swing out from said main frame against the spring-arm *h*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The main casing provided with a gong or bell, and the inner pivoted frame provided with a hammer arranged to cause the gong to be struck as the pivoted frame is opened, substantially as described.

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