

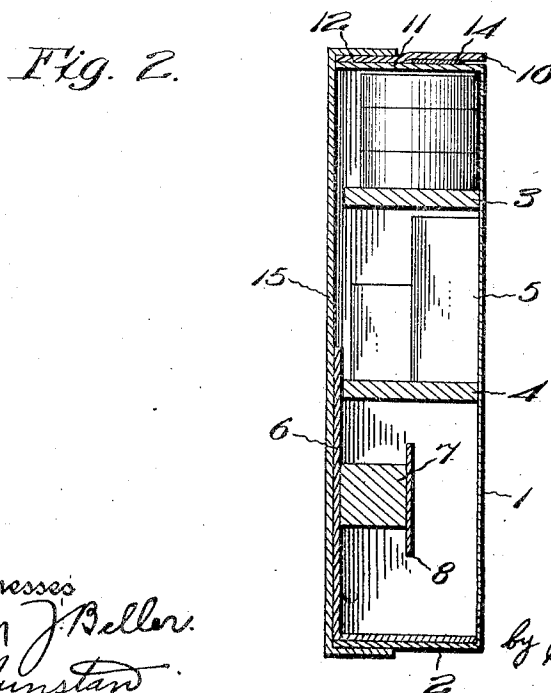
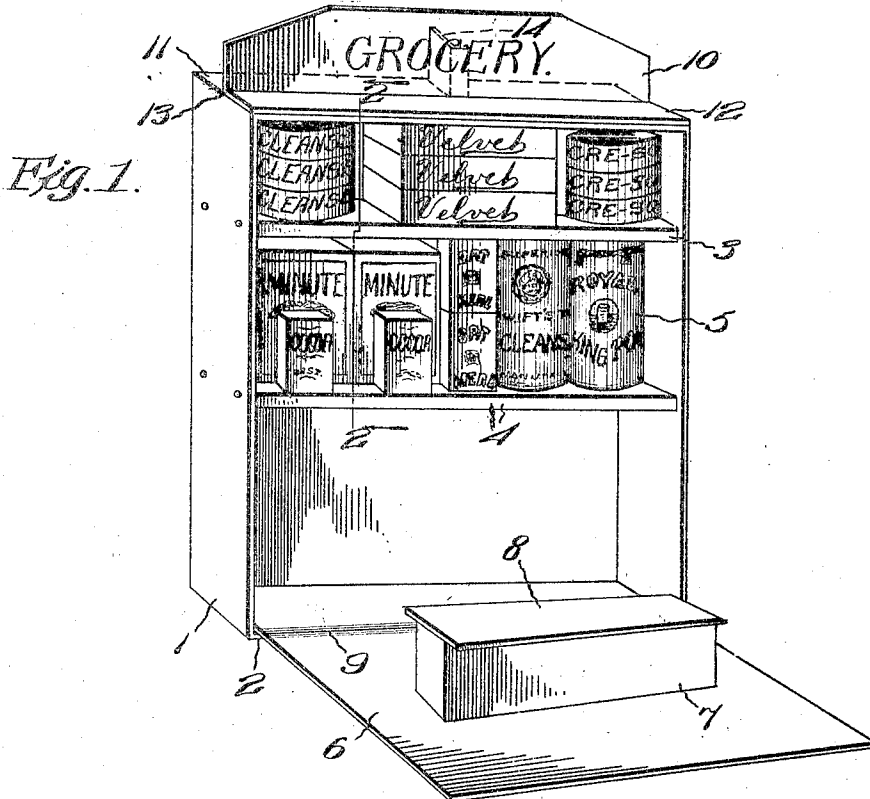
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHAN D. CASS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Athol, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toys; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in toys and has for its object to provide a toy store for the amusement of children and also a novel means for advertising the goods sold in a store of a particular class.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the above character which is of simple and inexpensive construction, and in which certain parts are made to fold up for the purpose of occupying less space when the store is not in use.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain combinations and arrangements of the parts hereinafter described, and the novel features thereof will be distinctly pointed out in the appended claims.

In order that my invention may be understood, the same will be fully described with reference to a toy grocery store, although it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to any particular class of stores.

The preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a grocery store in its set-up position, and, Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the device in its folded up position, taken at a point indicated by line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

1 represents a box, preferably made of pasteboard, which is adapted to stand in a vertical position on one of its ends as 2 and provided with a plurality of horizontal shelves 3 and 4 for holding the different articles for sale, such as indicated at 5.

The articles 5 are miniature packages of a similar style as the regular goods, and similar printed matter appears on their surfaces for the purpose of advertising these particular products. The packages may also contain a trial sample of the products.

Fixed to the inner side of the bottom end 2 is a piece of pasteboard 6 representing a floor, which is of the same width as the box and projects forwardly thereof. A block 7 is secured to the floor 6 and supports a counter 8 which extends longitudinally in front of the box. The floor 6 is adapted to fold at 9 and engage the outer edge of the shelf 4.

A sign 10 is arranged at the top end 11 of the box for displaying a name or the character of the store. The sign is of the same width as the end of the box and has its foot portion 12 secured to the forward portion of the top end of the box and may be folded at 13. An ordinary folding support 14 is secured to the rear side of the sign for holding it in its proper position. When the device is not in use, the floor 6, carrying the counter 8, may be folded as shown in Fig. 2, the sign 10 folded down, and a cover 15 is then applied to the box for inclosing the articles.

It is thought the construction and advantages of the invention will be clearly understood without further explanation, and it is to be understood that slight changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. An article of manufacture, comprising a box having a bottom end, a plurality of shelves in the box, a plurality of articles arranged on the shelves, the articles being of a similar shape and having similar surfaces as the original articles for representing the same, a floor foldably connected to the bottom end of the box, a block fixed to the floor, and a counter carried by the block, substantially as described.

2. An article of manufacture, comprising

a box having a bottom end, a plurality of shelves in the bottom end, a plurality of articles arranged on the shelves, the articles being of a similar style as the original articles for representing the same, a floor fold-
5 ingly connected to the bottom end of the box, a longitudinal counter fixed to the floor, a sign foldingly secured to the top

end of the box, and a cover for the box, substantially as described. 10

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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