

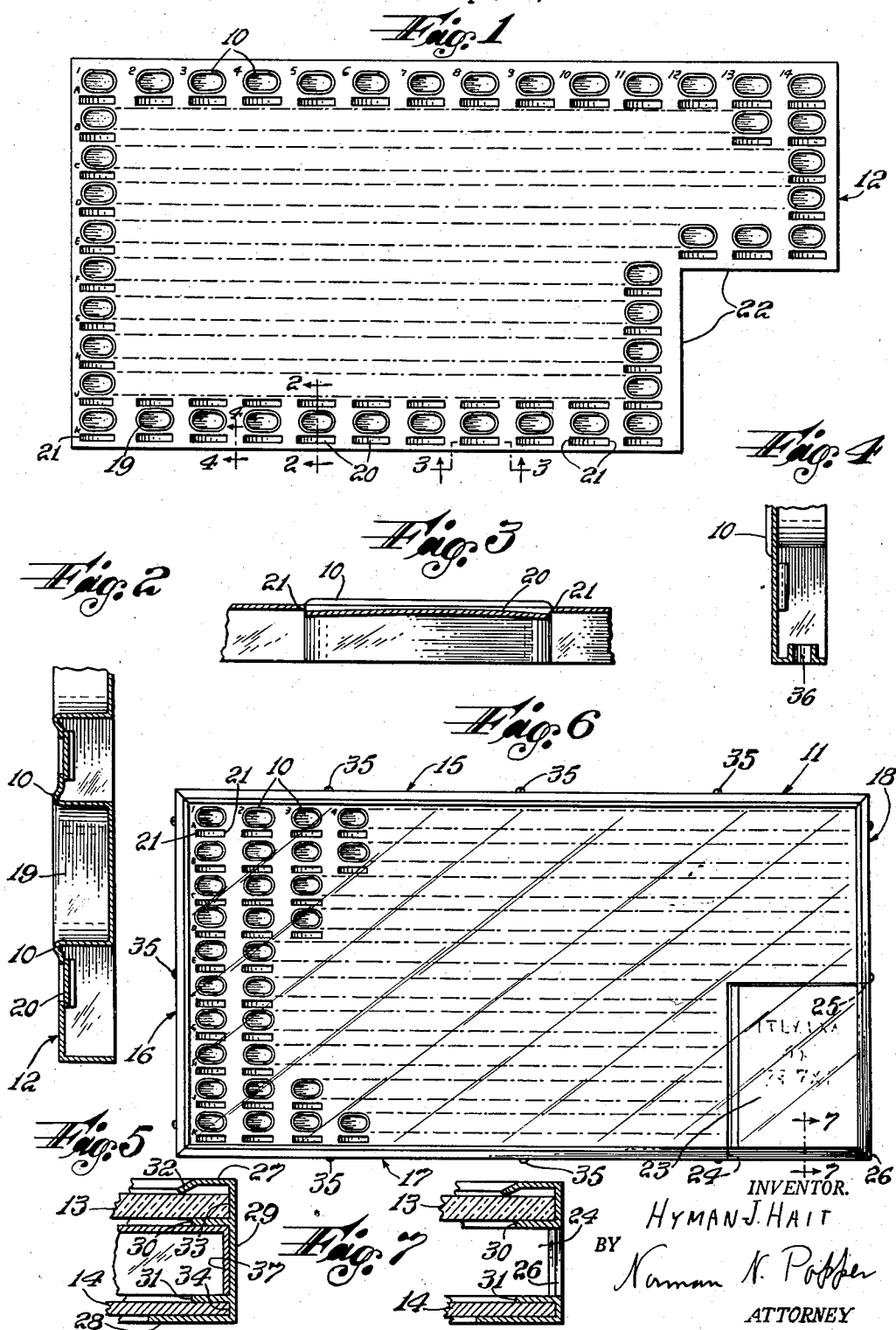
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My invention relates generally to medicament display cases and specifically to a medicament display and reference case in which various labelled medicaments are held in a tray, which, with a reference booklet, is encased in a transparent top case.

It is among the objects of my invention to provide a medicament display case in which medicaments are held in a removable tray having a number of cavities.

Another object of my invention is to provide a medicament display case in which the medicaments may be changed from time to time.

A further object of my invention is to provide a display case for medicaments that will permit a doctor to view the medicaments without handling them, and will constantly refresh his recollection of them.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a medicament display case in which a reference booklet describing the medicaments and their uses may also be encased for convenience.

Another object of my invention is to provide a means for continuously advertising the use and existence of medicaments available from numerous independent suppliers.

Yet a further object of my invention is to provide a medicament display case whereby a doctor can quickly survey a large number of medicaments at a glance.

These objects and advantages, as well as other objects and advantages, may be achieved by the invention, one embodiment of which is illustrated in the drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a medicament tray having cavities therein.

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the tray taken on line 2—2 in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of the tray taken on line 3—3 in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows and showing a depression.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view of the molding of the display case showing the insert tray held therein.

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the display case with the tray encased therein.

Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view of the corner of the display case showing the slot construction adapted to receive the reference booklet.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, my invention provides a transparent case 11 in which a tray 12 may be inserted. The case 11 is constructed with a transparent top panel 13 and a bottom panel 14 secured together by edge moldings 15, 16, 17, 18. The tray 12 is formed of a sheet of material in which a series of cavities 19 have been formed. A raised marginal border 10 surrounds each cavity 19. This border engages the bottom of the top panel 13 to retain the medicaments in their respective cavities 19. Adjacent to each cavity 19 is a depression 20 in the surface of the tray 12. At each end of the depressions 20, there is a slot 21 each pair of

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which is adapted to hold the ends of a strip of paper or other suitable material on which the name of the medicament disposed in the cavity above is imprinted. At one corner of the tray 12, there is a cut-out portion 22 in the tray 12, shaped to receive a reference booklet 23. The moldings 17 and 18 have slots 24 and 25 to receive the reference booklet in the cut-away portion 22 of the tray 12. At the junction of the moldings 17, 18, corner posts 26 are formed integral with the ends of the moldings 17, 18. The moldings 15, 16, 17, 18 have a top flange 27, a bottom flange 28, a side wall 29, an upper shelf 30 and a lower shelf 31. The top flange 27 has a turned-down edge 32. The top flange 27 and the upper shelf 30 define a channel 33 to seat the top panel 13. A similar channel 34 is defined by the bottom flange 28 and bottom shelf 31 and serves to support the bottom panel 14. The tray 12 is provided with edges which fit into the channel 37 in the molding defined by the upper and lower shelves 30 and 31. Screws 35 passing through apertures 36 attach the molding 15, etc., to the tray 12.

In use, various medicaments are placed in the cavities 19 and appropriate identifying strips are inserted in the depressions 20 below the corresponding cavity 19. The tray 12, the top and bottom panels 13, 14 are inserted into their respective channels 33, 34, 37 in the moldings 15, 16, 17, 18 and are secured together by screws. Each vertical column of cavities in the tray may have an identifying letter and each horizontal column a number. The reference booklet 23 will contain an index to the medicaments by letter and number as well as descriptive material concerning the medicaments. By using my invention, a doctor, pharmacist, or nurse may visually identify the drug prescribed while having on hand a reference booklet containing descriptive data such as dosage, toxicity.

The moldings 15, 16, 17, 18 may be wood, metal, or other suitable material. The top panel 13 may be glass or a transparent plastic material. The tray 12 is preferably a material relatively stable and resistant to deterioration through contact with medicaments. It is to be noted that the assemblage is fastened together with screws rather than having a hinged lid. The purpose is to prevent the easy accidental interchange of medicaments which might have undesirable consequences.

The foregoing description is merely intended to illustrate an embodiment of the invention. The component parts have been shown and described. They each may have substitutes which may perform a substantially similar function; such substitutes may be known as proper substitutes for the said components and may have actually been known or invented before the present invention; these substitutes are contemplated as being within the scope of the appended claims, although they are not specifically catalogued herein.

I claim:

1. A medicament display and reference case comprising moldings defining a frame; top, bottom, and side walls on the moldings, upper and lower supports on the side walls of the moldings and defining upper, intermediate, and lower channels with said walls, a transparent top panel and a bottom panel, each with their edges seated respectively in said upper and lower channels, a tray disposed in the intermediate channel and having a plurality of cavities.

2. A medicament display and reference case comprising moldings having top, bottom, and side walls; upper and lower shelves on the side wall of the moldings defining upper, intermediate and lower channels in the moldings, said intermediate channel having a slot at one corner, a transparent top panel and a bottom panel seated in said upper and lower channels respectively and defining a case, a medicament tray disposed between

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the top and bottom panels and having a plurality of top cavities, said tray having a cut-away portion at one corner in correspondence with the slot in the molding and said moldings attached to the tray.

3. A medicament display and reference case comprising a frame; top, intermediate and bottom inside channels on the frame, a bottom panel positioned in the bottom inside channel, a transparent top panel positioned in the top channel, a tray positioned in the intermediate channel and having a cut-out corner section defining a pocket for a reference book, a slot in the frame corresponding with the cut-out section, a plurality of cavities in the tray, a lip surrounding each cavity and engaged with the top panel.

4. A medicament display and reference case comprising four moldings arranged to define a rectangular frame; said 15 moldings each having a side wall and inwardly extending top and bottom walls; intermediate shelf-extensions on the side walls disposed in parallelism with the top and

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bottom walls and defining therewith upper, intermediate, and lower channels; a transparent top panel seated in the upper channel, a bottom panel seated in the lower channel, a medicament tray seated in the intermediate channel and having a cut-away portion at one corner in correspondence with a slot in the molding, a plurality of top cavities in the tray, a lip surrounding each cavity and in approximate engagement with the top panel, a slotted depression for an identifying mark adjacent to each cavity.

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