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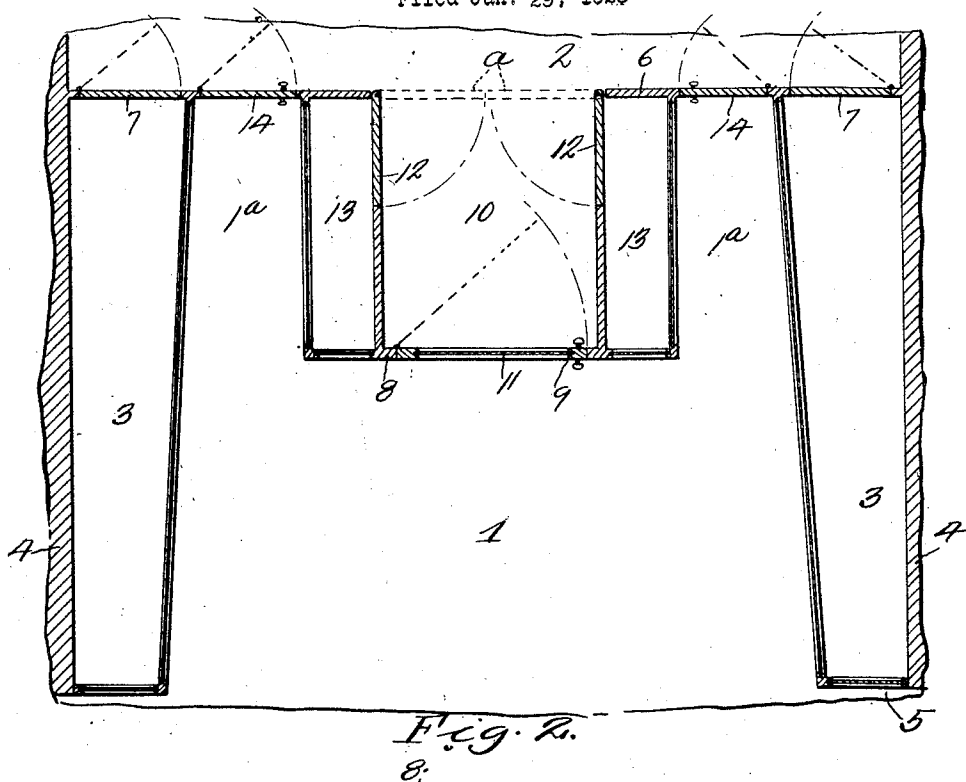


Fig. 2.

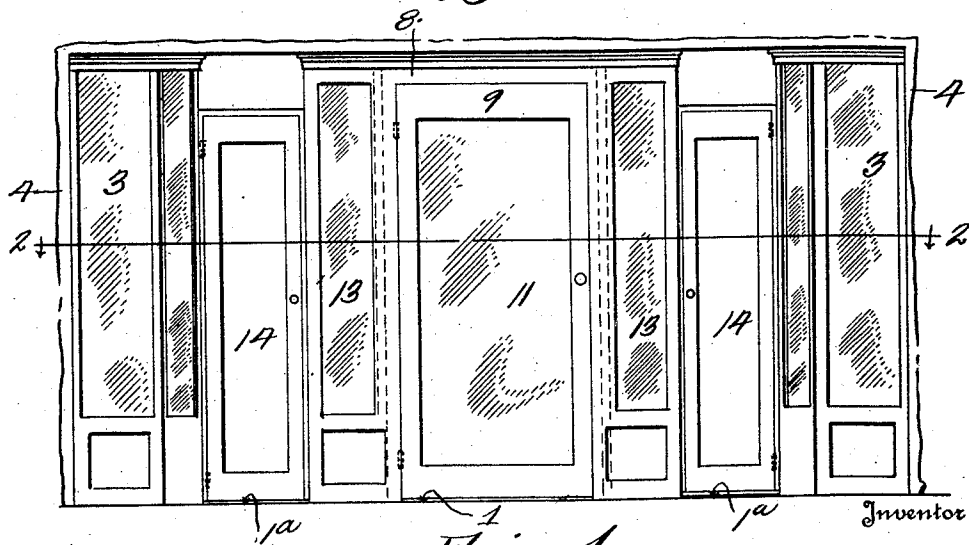


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL O. KUEHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Bend, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Store Fronts, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to store fronts, and has for its object to provide a store front wherein a maximum number of display windows are provided and the maximum amount of entrances, thereby providing adequate display space.

A further object is to provide a store entrance comprising display windows to the sides of the entrance, a central vestibule having display windows to its sides, an entrance door centrally of the vestibule and entrance doors between the sides of the vestibule and the sides of the display windows, thereby providing three entrances to the store and four display windows.

A further object is to provide doors whereby the inner end of the entrance through the vestibule may be closed, thereby allowing the vestibule to be used for display purposes.

A further object is to dispose the vestibule a substantial distance inwardly from the front of the store thereby providing an unobstructed approach to the various entrances.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawing, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the store front.

Figure 2 is a horizontal sectional view through the store front taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the entrance to the store 2, and 3 elongated display windows adjacent the side walls 4 of the store. The display windows extend from the side walk 5 to the inner partition 6 at the inner end of the entrance 1, thereby providing display space in which goods may be displayed, and which may be

observed by a customer entering the store through any of the entrances hereinafter set forth. Access may be had to the display windows 3 by opening the doors 7 at the inner ends thereof, which doors are carried by the partition 6. Extending forwardly from the partition 6 centrally thereof is a vestibule 8, which vestibule extends into the entrance 1 a substantial distance; however it preferably terminates a substantial distance from the sidewalk 5, and is provided with an entrance door 9 through which customers may pass through the interior 10 of the vestibule into the store 2. The door 9 is provided with a glass 11 whereby a person entering through the door may observe the interior 10 of the vestibule. When it is desired to use the vestibule interior 10 for display purposes the doors 12 carried by the side walls thereof are moved to the positions shown in dotted lines, *a* in Figure 2, thereby allowing the vestibule to be utilized for display purposes. The sides of the vestibule 8 are provided with display windows 13, which display windows are in substantial parallel relation to the display windows 3, and spaced therefrom and goods may be displayed therein, no matter whether the central entrance is being used or not. The entrance 1 is provided with branch passages 1^a, which lead to doors 14 carried by the partition 6; therefore when customers enter the store, if the vestibule chamber 10 is being used for display purposes, they pass through the branch passages 1^a, between the display windows 3 and 13 to the doors 14, and thence into the store 2. It will be seen that as customers approach the doors 14 they will pass between display windows and may easily observe the goods on display, and at the same time the plurality of entrances prevents crowding at doors and provides ready ingress and egress from the store. It will be seen that when the vestibule entrance and the side entrances are in use, three entrances are provided to the store, and the entrances and display windows are positioned whereby four display windows may be used, which is a decided advantage as it allows a merchant to display a large quantity of goods in a minimum amount of space and at the same time causes a customer entering the store to pass to the store between display windows, in which goods is on display.

The displaying of goods in the vestibule

passage 10 is particularly advantageous after closing hours, or when the patronage is of a volume which can be handled through the two doors 14.

5 From the above it will be seen that a store front is provided wherein three separate entrances are provided, and a maximum display space. If so desired the central entrance through the vestibule may be used
10 and the side doors closed, or the side doors used and the central entrance through the vestibule used for display purposes.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

15 1. The combination with a vestibule entrance of a store front, said vestibule having a passage therethrough and a door at its outer end, of means for closing the inner end of the vestibule whereby the vestibule
20 may be entirely closed and used as a display window.

2. The combination with a vestibule entrance of a store front having a passage therethrough, of display windows carried
25 by the sides of the vestibule, an entrance door at the outer end of the vestibule, and means carried by the inner end of the vestibule and forming means whereby the vesti-

bule may be entirely closed and used as a display window. 30

3. The combination with a vestibule entrance of a store front having a passage therethrough, of display windows carried by the sides of the vestibule, an entrance door
35 at the outer end of the vestibule, and doors forming a closure for the side display windows, said doors being adapted when open to form a closure for the inner end of the vestibule, whereby the vestibule may be entirely closed and its entire space used as a
40 display window.

4. A store front comprising side display windows, a centrally disposed vestibule between the display windows and spaced there-
45 from, display windows carried by the sides of the vestibule, entrance doors between the vestibule display windows and the side windows and at the inner ends thereof, an entrance door at the outer end of the vestibule, and doors carried by the vestibule at its
50 inner ends and forming means whereby the vestibule may be closed and used for display purposes.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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