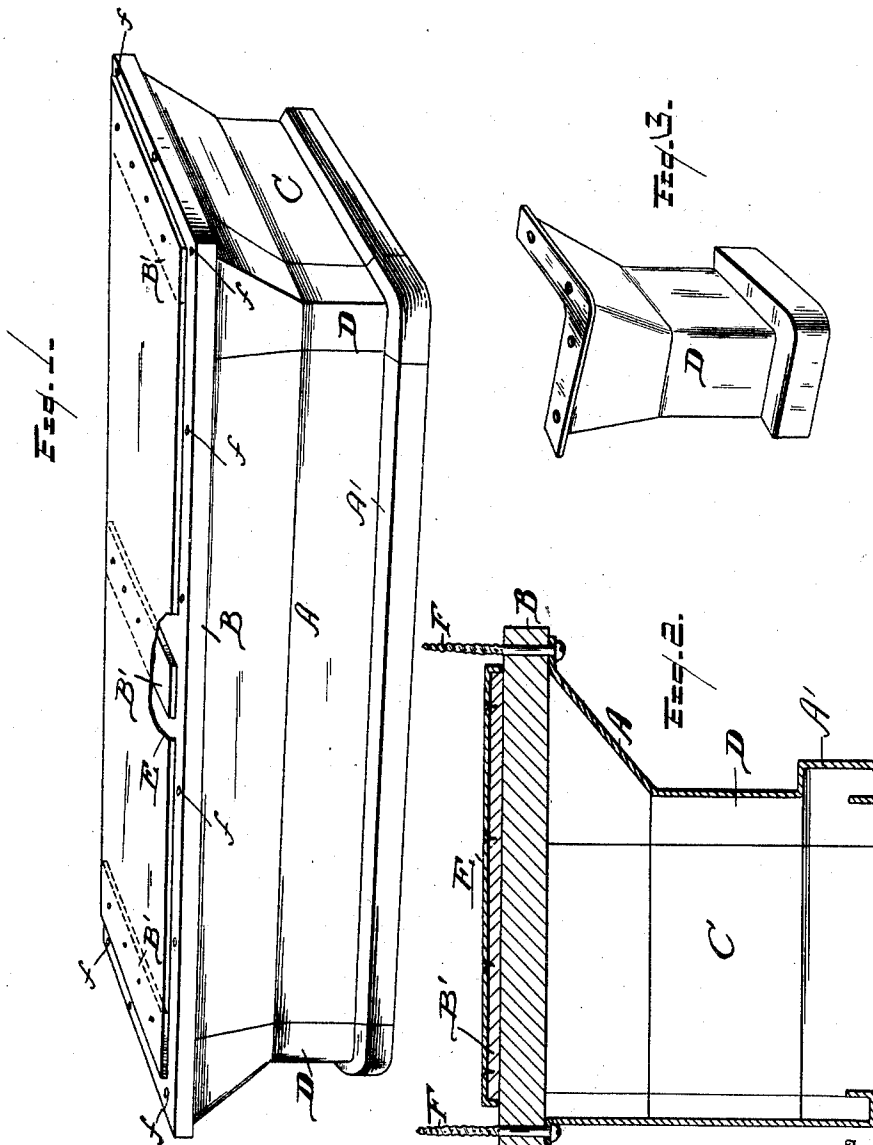


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARMON J. HUNT, citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Metallic Bases for Show-Cases, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to metallic bases for show cases, shown in the accompanying drawings and more particularly set forth in the following specification and claims.

One of the objects of my invention is to construct a base for show cases having a receding portion to accommodate the feet of a person standing close to the case, thereby protecting the base from accidental marring or other injury.

Another object is to construct the base of sheet metal in such form as to give great rigidity and strength to the structure which, being relatively light in weight, the cost of shipping is materially reduced.

Another feature is the construction of the corner joints connecting the side and end walls of the case.

Another feature is the manner of reinforcing the metal with a board or wooden frame, the edge of which serves as a guard rail.

Other advantages and improvements will hereafter appear.

In the drawings accompanying this specification:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the base, with parts broken away to show its construction. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-sectional view of the base. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the corner joint.

Referring now to the letters of reference placed upon the drawings:—A indicates the front wall of the base formed of sheet metal, the upper edge of which is secured to the underside of a board or wooden frame B, from which it recedes downwardly on an angle to a point approximately midway between the wood frame and bottom of the base from which the wall extends vertically to a point one inch—more or less—above the floor, the lower edge A' being of channel

form in cross-section with the flanges extending inwardly. The channel construction serves to stiffen the base and its lower flange or web provides a relatively broad surface to bear upon the floor. The end walls C are of similar form in cross-section and are connected with the front wall by corner pieces D, a detail of which is shown in perspective in Fig. 3. The walls of the front and sides overlap the corner pieces, the parts being preferably joined together by spot welding or other process. The projecting edge of the board or wooden frame B serves as a guard rail to protect the sheet metal wall beneath from injury.

B' are cross cleats secured to the top of the board or wood frame to which is attached the metallic top E, preferably raised above the plane of the frame and having downwardly turned flanges extending to the frame B.

F denote a plurality of screws projecting through apertures *f* in the board B to secure the show case (not shown) to the base.

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

1. In an article of the class described, a board or wood frame, a supporting wall of sheet metal secured to the underside of the board or wood frame having a down and rearwardly receding portion, the lower edge of said wall being of channel shaped form in cross-section to provide a relatively broad floor bearing surface.

2. In an article of the class described, a frame, a receding side wall, end walls of like formation secured to the frame, corner pieces of similar form in cross-section connecting the side and end walls, and a top plate supported by the frame.

3. In an article of the class described, a rectangular frame, a receding side wall, end walls of like formation secured to the frame, corner pieces connecting the side and end walls, connecting cross strips secured to the frame and projecting above its plane, and a plate of sheet metal having a downwardly turned flange attached to said cross pieces.

4. In an article of the class described, a rectangular frame, a receding side wall having a vertical portion connecting the receding portion with a relatively broad lower edge of channel shape form in cross-section,

end walls of like formation secured to the frame, corner pieces connecting the side and end walls, connecting cross strips or cleats secured to the frame and extending above
5 its plane, and a plate of sheet metal having a downwardly turned flange attached to said cross pieces.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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