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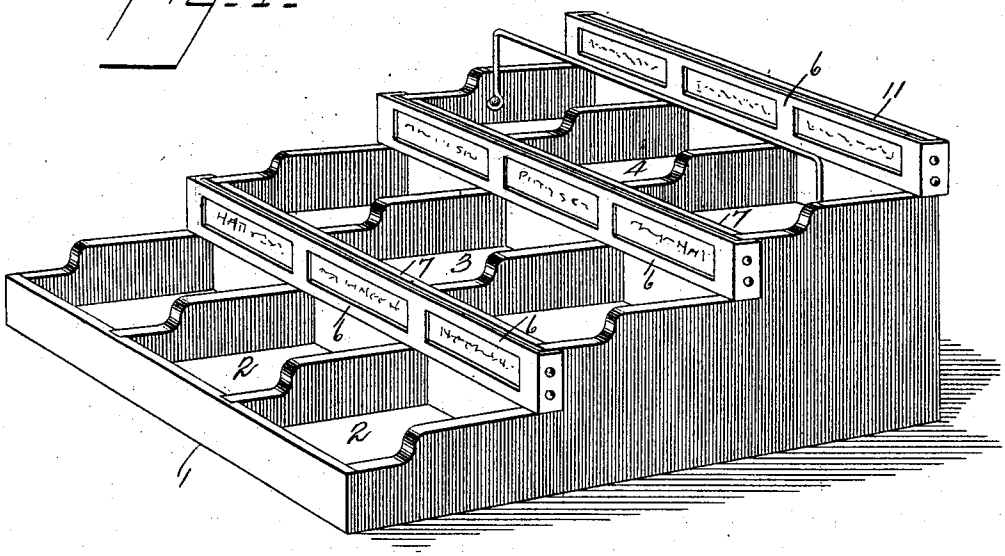
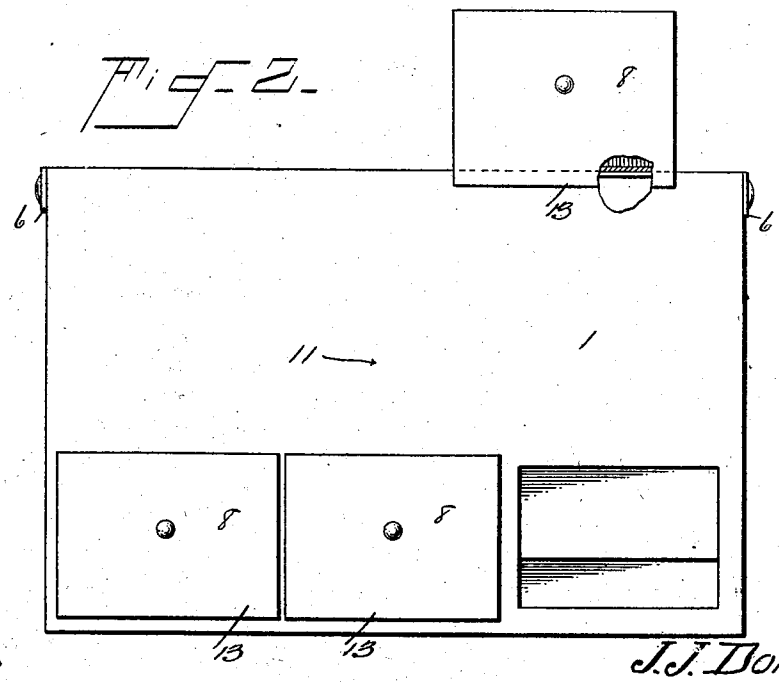


Fig. 2.



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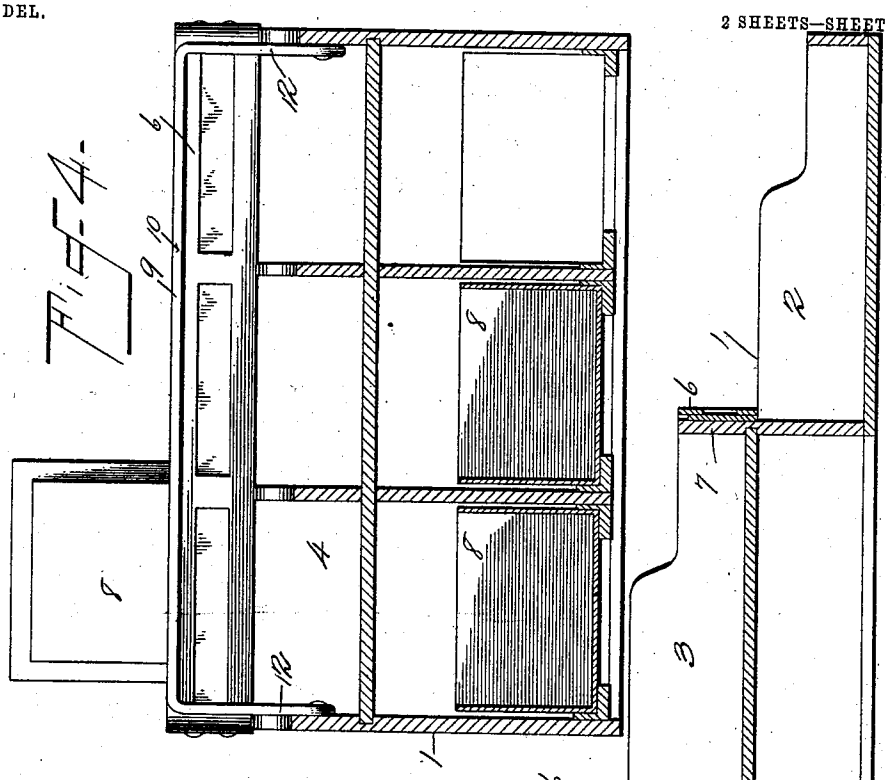
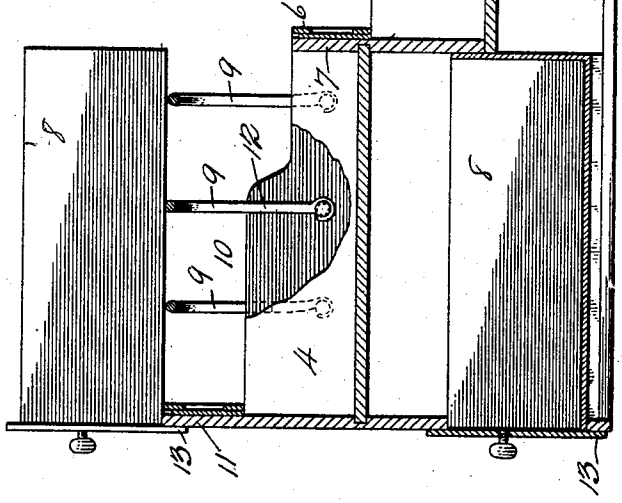


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES J. DONNELLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Patton, in the county of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Cases; and I do 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 display-cases for notion-counters of dry-goods stores. Its object is to provide a case or cabinet of this character upon which notions, novelties, and the like may be advantageously displayed, and which is simple in construction, durable in use, and very attractive in design.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved display-case. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same, showing one of the drawers removed and resting upon the top of the case. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the same. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 denotes the case or cabinet, which, as illustrated, is composed of three parallel rows 2, 3, and 4 of compartments. The center row 3 is directly in rear of the front row 2 and is elevated slightly above the same. The rear row 4 is directly back of the center row 3 and is on a plane above the latter. This stepped arrangement of the rows of compartments permits the contents of the same to be easily seen and also permits label or price-card holders 6 to be secured upon the front of the divisional boards 7, directly over each compartment. Cards or labels bearing the price or other information pertaining to the contents of the compartments may be inserted in these holders, as will be readily understood. While I have illustrated but three compartments in each row, it will be understood that the case may be made of any length and have any number of compartments. Furthermore, I may provide more or less than three rows of compartments, and the latter may be made in any desired size. In the rear or back of the case I provide a row of drawers 8, and thus utilize the space directly beneath the upper row 4 of compartments. In order to support these drawers upon the top of the case while their contents are being displayed, I provide a bracket or support 9, the horizontal portion 10 of which lies in the plane of the top of the rear wall 11 of the case, and the vertical arms 12 are secured to the side walls of the end compartments in the upper or rear row 4. The drawers 8 when it is desired to display their contents are supported upon the top of the rear wall 11 and the bracket 9, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4. The lower flange 13 of the drawers rests against the rear face of the wall 11 and prevents the drawer from slipping forward.

If desired, instead of having but one bracket 9 I may provide two, three, or more of the same, as shown in Fig. 3, and thus form a counter or shelf above the row 4 of compartments, upon which boxes or other articles taken from the shelves may be supported while being displayed. Thus I obviate the necessity of holding the shelf goods to prevent them sliding over the inclined surface of the case to the floor or otherwise upsetting and spilling the contents of the shelf-boxes among the case-compartments. It will be further noted that the goods thus displayed upon the top of the case will in no manner obstruct the view of the goods in the compartments nor the price-cards relating to them.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. A display-case of the character described, comprising a casing formed with goods-compartments provided with an upwardly-ex-

tending wall and an upwardly-extending bracket adapted to support a drawer or box, substantially as set forth.

2. A display-case of the character described, comprising a casing provided with goods-compartments having an upwardly-extending wall, upwardly-extending brackets, and drawers adapted to be supported upon said wall and bracket and provided with downwardly-extending flanges adapted to engage said wall to prevent the displacement of said drawers, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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