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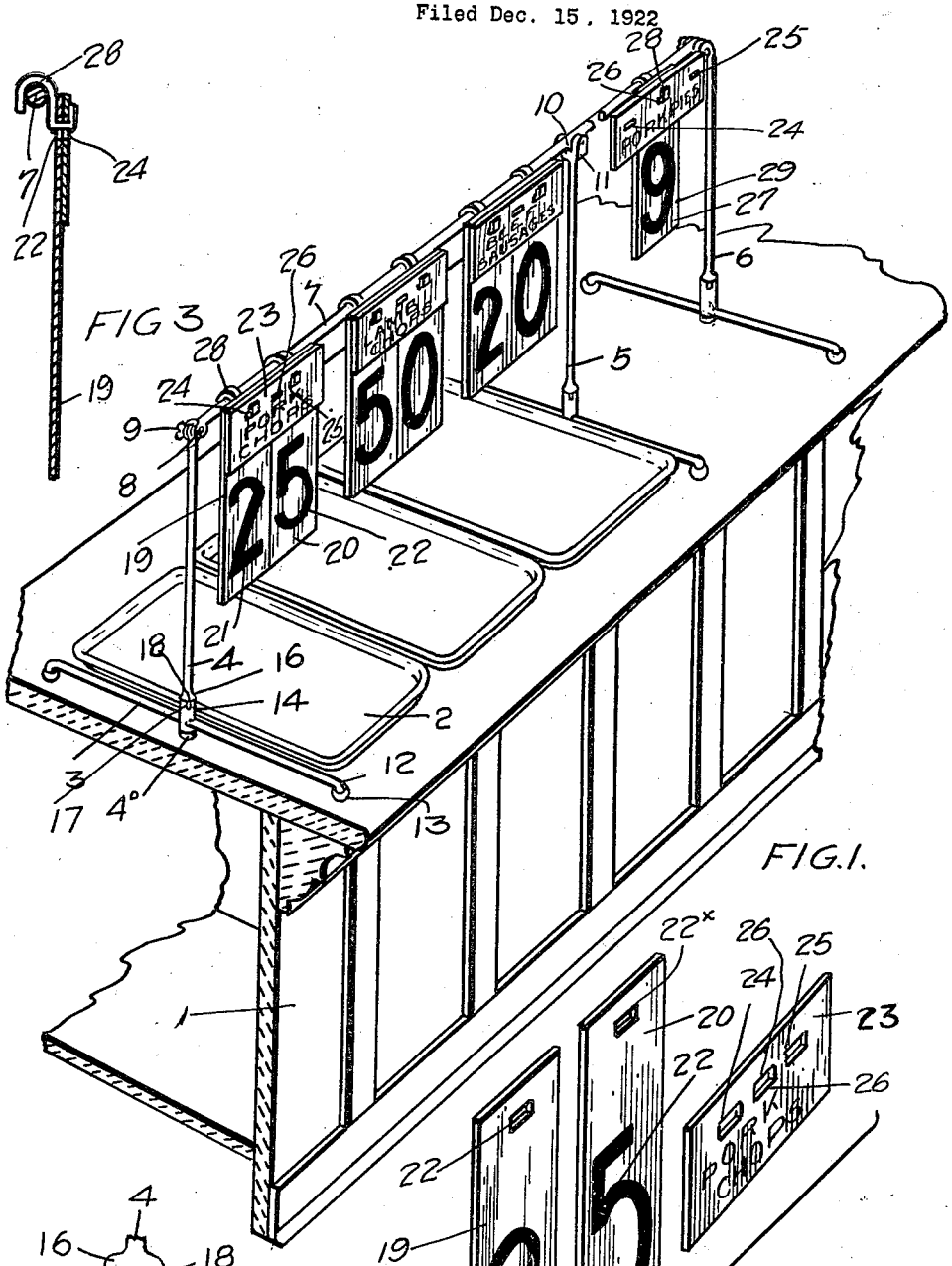


FIG. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH ROSS MacKENZIE, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Counter-Display Price-Indicating-Ticket Devices, of which the following is the specification.

My invention relates to improvements in counter display price indicating ticket devices and the object of the invention is to devise a unitary structure whereby the prices of each of the commodities arranged on a counter may be clearly indicated and such a device as is flexible in the interchange of price indications and commodity descriptions so that any price or description desired may be indicated adjacent to each of the commodities on the counter and also to provide such a device as will be sanitary by always being out of contact with the goods such as meat and by which the tickets are therefore not contaminated thereby and it consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a counter showing my price indicating device applied thereto.

Fig. 2 indicates a set of indicating tickets separated apart.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail through one set of tickets and its support.

Fig. 4 is a sectional detail of a fragmentary portion of the supporting frame.

In the drawings like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

1 indicates a counter, 2 indicates a series of receptacles such as trays or the like on which various commodities are placed for display. These commodities, particularly in a provision store, are arranged in rows upon the counter. 3 is a frame comprising standards 4, 5 and 6 spaced at suitable distances apart and preferably intermediately of the length of the trays 2.

7 is a rod pivotally connected to the end standards 4 and 6 by a bolt 8 which is provided with a wing nut 9 by which the bolt may be tightened so as to render the joint rigid. The intermediate standard 5 is similarly connected to a lug 10 depending from the rod 7 between jaws 11 formed at the upper end of the standard 5. 12 are cross supports provided with down-turned ends having end knobs or feet 13 adapted to rest upon the counter. The centres of the supports 12 are each provided with a sleeve 14 formed integral therewith and through which turnably extends a reduced portion 4^x of each of the standards 4, 5 and 6.

The lower end of the reduced portion 4^x is provided with a head 4^o between which and the bottom of the cross support is located a compression spring 15. The lower end of the main portion of each standard 4, 5 and 6 is preferably enlarged as indicated at 16 so as to bear against the upper end of the sleeve portion 14. 17 is a recess formed in the upper end of the sleeve portion 14 into which fits a projection or tooth 18 formed integral with the standard 4, 5 or 6.

By this means when it is desired to pack the frame for shipment or storage the support 12 may be readily turned so as to be parallel with the rod 7 and yet when in use upon the counter be securely locked in position for supporting the standards rigidly in place. 19 and 20 are price tickets each having an indicating number 21 inscribed thereon in such a manner as to leave the upper portion of each ticket blank. In the upper end of the blank portions of the tickets 19 and 20 are formed slots 22 and 22^x. 23 is a commodity indicating ticket upon the lower end of which is inscribed the description of the goods.

24 and 25 are slots formed in the upper portion of the ticket 23 and spaced apart so as to register with the slots 22 and 22^x of the tickets 19 and 20. 26 is a similar slot located intermediately between the slots 24 and 25 for a purpose which will hereinafter appear.

28 are double hooks one portion of which is adapted to hook over the rod 7 and the other portion to extend through a pair of slots 22 and 24 or through the slots 22^x and 25. The depth of the ticket 23 is substantially equal to the blank space formed upon the upper portion of the tickets 19 and 20.

It will thus be seen that when the tickets are assembled in this manner and supported upon the rod 7 over any one of the trays 2 the price and description is clearly visible.

When it is necessary to change the price or description of the goods all it is necessary to do is to slip off one or more of the tickets 19, 20 and 23 and replace any one of them

by a new ticket, that is to say, if the price is to be changed from 25 to 35 all it is necessary to do is to slip off the ticket 19 and replace it with a ticket having a three inscribed thereon or if the price is to be twenty cents all it is necessary to do is to slip off the ticket 20 and replace it with a ticket having a nought inscribed thereon and if the description of the goods is to be changed all it is necessary to do is to slip off the ticket 23 and replace it with a new ticket or if both the description and price are to be changed all three tickets may be replaced by a new set. If the price of the commodity only requires one numeral to indicate it the centre slot 26 is employed as indicated at the right hand end of Fig. 1.

On this price ticket 27 the numeral 9 is indicated, the supporting hook 28 extending through the slot thereof and through the centre slot 26 of the description ticket 29.

From this description it will be seen that I have devised a very simple device which is extremely flexible in that any price desired may be indicated or any description of goods and at the same time such a device as will not be in contact with the goods dispensing with the usual prongs which extend from the ticket and are driven into commodities such as meat and which in consequence become contaminated therewith and are rendered unsanitary.

By my device the price tickets are neatly held in place over each of the articles displayed and may be readily adjusted to any position so as to be over the centre of such articles no matter what space they take up or how they are spaced apart.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a counter display price indicating ticket device, the combination with the supporting structure provided with a horizontal rod extending over a series of counter displayed articles, of a price ticket comprising a lower price indicating portion and an upper blank portion, a description ticket superimposed upon the blank portion of the price indicating ticket, and means for suspending such tickets in the aforesaid position from the supporting structure.

2. In a counter display price indicating ticket device, the combination with the supporting structure provided with a horizontal rod extending over a series of counter displayed articles, of a price ticket having a price indicating numeral inscribed on the lower portion thereof and having a slot in the upper end of the blank portion of the ticket, and a description ticket provided with a slot registering with the slot of the aforesaid price ticket, and a hook member engaging the rod and extending through the aforesaid aligned slots to support the tickets in a depending position over the articles displayed.

3. In a counter display price indicating ticket device, the combination with the supporting structure provided with a horizontal rod adapted to extend over a series of counter displayed articles, a pair of price tickets each having a price indicating numeral inscribed on the lower portion thereof and having an upper blank portion provided with slots, and a description ticket adapted to cover such blank portions and provided with slots registering with each of the slots of the price tickets, and hooks supported upon the supporting rod and extending through the aligned slots of the price tickets and description ticket.

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