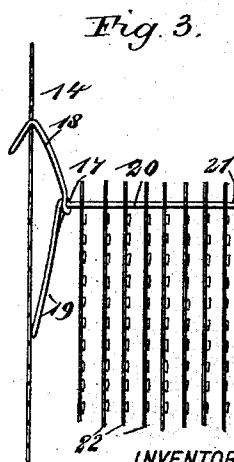
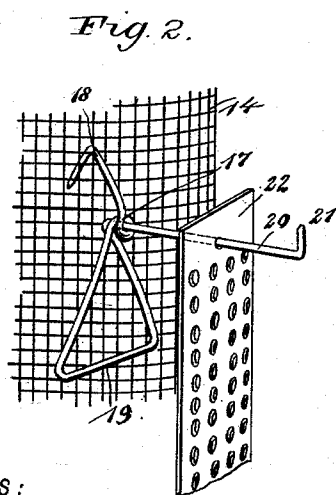
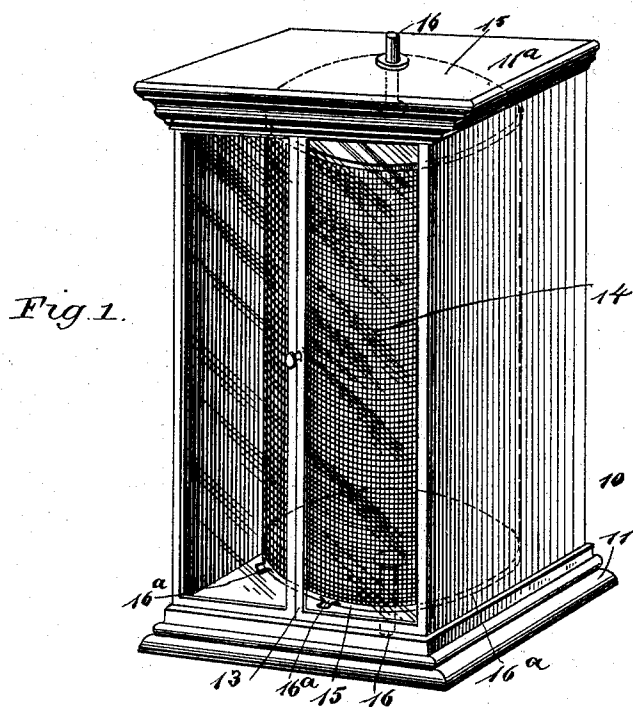


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL T. MOSSER, of Abingdon, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Button-Exhibitor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in an apparatus for exhibiting buttons and similar small articles carried upon cards; and the object of my invention is to produce a simple exhibitor which will exhibit to advantage a very large quantity of goods, which will keep them out of the dust and dirt, and which will carry them in such a way that any of the goods may be reached and removed when desired.

To this end my invention consists in a button-exhibitor the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the exhibitor, but with the card-brackets and cards removed. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view showing one of the card-brackets and the means of attaching it to the cylinder, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the device as shown in Fig. 2.

A show-case 10 is provided for holding the button-cylinder, the show-case having glass sides, a suitable base 11, a similar top 11^a, and swinging doors 13. Within the case and extending from top to bottom of the same is a revoluble cylinder having its face covered with wire screening 14, the screening being secured at the ends of the cylinder to the end plates 15, although any suitable means may be employed for preserving the shape of the cylinder. The cylinder has end trunnions 16, pivoted in the top and bottom of the case; but other means may be provided for pivoting it without departing from the spirit of my invention. On the bottom plate of the cylinder are projecting handles 16^a, which enable it to be easily grasped and revolved. The buttons are secured to the cylinder by means of brackets 17, each bracket having an upwardly-extending hook 18, adapted to enter between the meshes of the screening 14, and the bracket has also a depending portion 19,

which is preferably of triangular shape, as shown, and this presses against the screening and acts as a brace. An outwardly-extending arm 20 is formed integral with the bracket, and this terminates in an upwardly-bent hook 21, the arm being adapted to hold in place the button-cards 22 and the hook serving to prevent their too easy removal. The cylinder and case may be made of any desired size and any number of brackets may be used and any number of cards may be placed upon the brackets; but the brackets are preferably made to hold about one gross each of buttons. The form of hook or bracket shown is the preferred form; but other brackets may be used, if desired.

In practice the cards are placed upon the brackets and the brackets simply pushed against the screen, as the hook 18 will engage the wire of the screen and will hold the brackets and cards in place. The brackets and cards may be placed so thick that the screen will be invisible and nothing but buttons and cards will appear to the eye of an observer. It will be seen, then, that an ordinary trader may carry his entire stock of buttons on a cylinder, where they may be very advantageously displayed and easily removed as fast as sold.

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

1. In a button-exhibitor, the combination, with a revoluble cylinder, of button-carrying brackets detachably secured to the cylinder, substantially as described.

2. In a button-exhibitor, the combination, with a revoluble perforated cylinder, of button-carrying brackets provided with hooks engaging the perforations of the cylinder to hold the brackets thereto, substantially as described.

3. A button-exhibitor comprising a case, a screen-covered cylinder mounted to revolve in the case, and a series of button-carrying brackets provided with hooks engaging the meshes of the cylinder to hold the brackets thereto, substantially as described.

4. A button-exhibitor comprising a transparent case, a screen-covered cylinder mounted to revolve in the case, and a series of button-carrying brackets provided with hooks

engaging the meshes of the screen of the cylinder and with depending portions bearing against the said screen, substantially as herein shown and described.

- 5 5. In a button-exhibitor, the combination, with a screen-covered cylinder mounted to revolve, of button-carrying brackets, each consisting of an outwardly-extending arm hav-

ing a hooked end, an upwardly-extending hook engaging the screen, and a triangular depending portion bearing against the screen, substantially as described. 10

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