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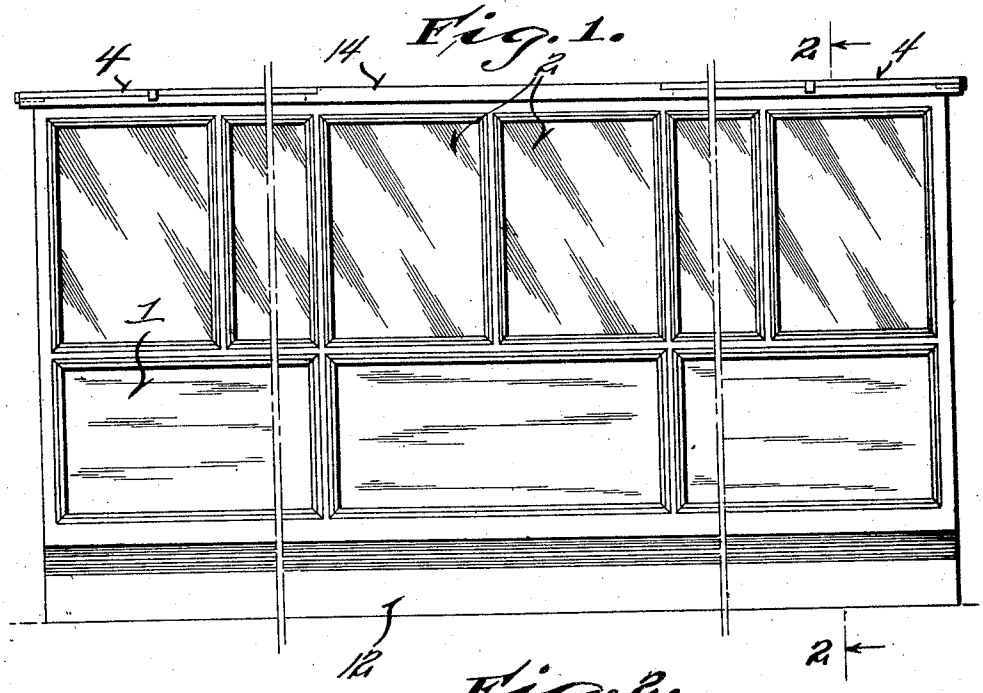
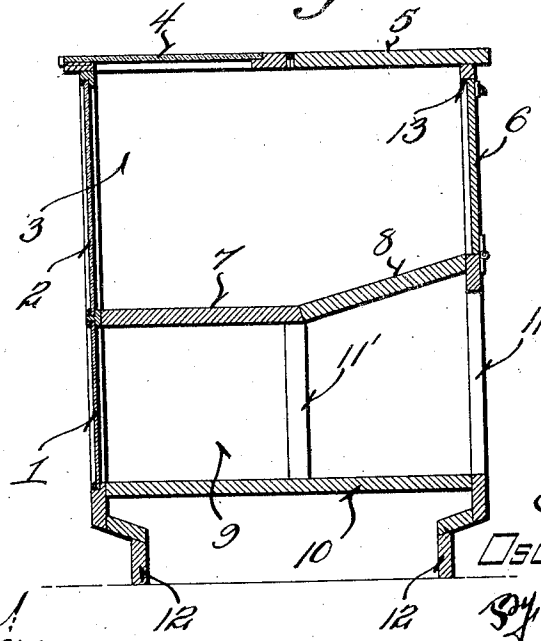


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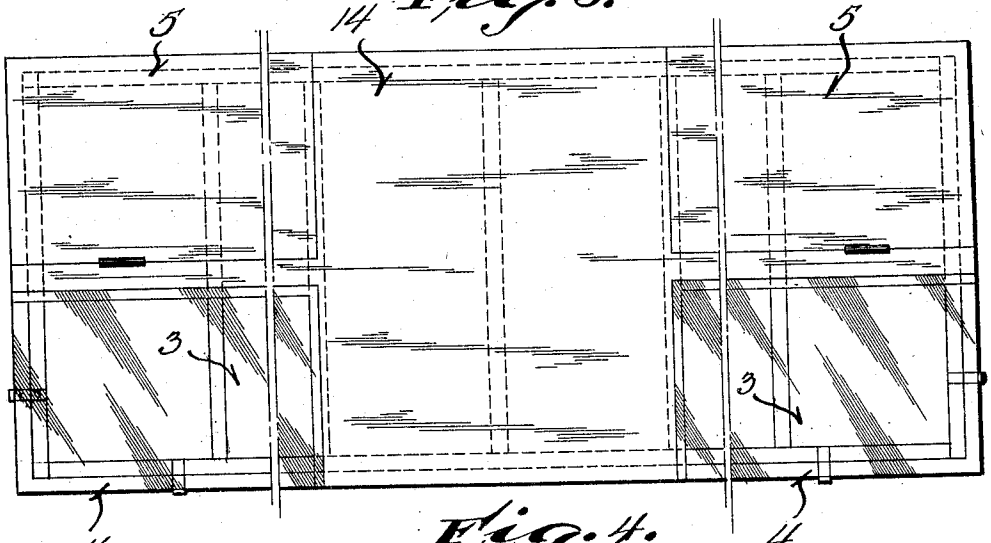
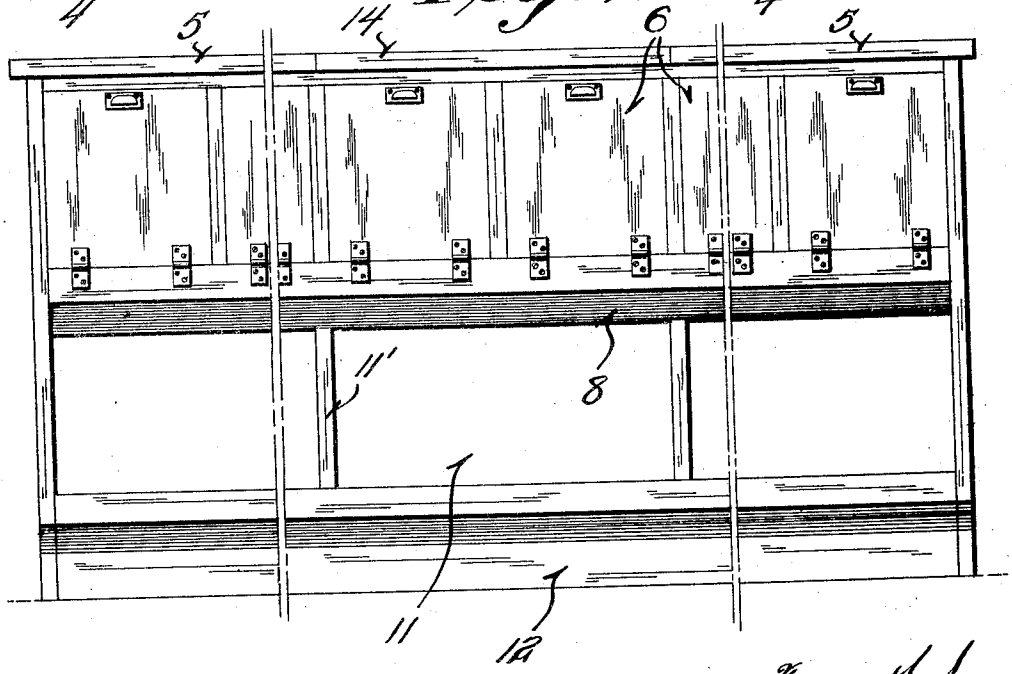


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This invention relates to display and wrapping counters.

In the old style of wrapping counters usually found in grocery stores, it was customary to provide drawers which were not sanitary and not at all satisfactory for the free and easy access, for rapidity of operation, to wrapping merchandise. It was found impossible to keep insects out of the old style counters. Spiders particularly, would find their way along the side of the drawers.

Objects of this invention are to overcome the defects noted above and to provide a display and wrapping counter which may be used wherever necessary, for instance, in grocery stores, and to so construct the counter that it may be readily kept in a sanitary condition and will not only display the goods in an attractive manner, but also provide all the desirable characteristics of a wrapping counter.

Further objects are to provide a combined display and wrapping counter in which a plurality of bins are provided for the display of material, in which the material may be inspected from the front or from the top, and in which a substantial supporting panel is provided for holding relatively heavy articles such as scales, for instance, and for providing an accessible portion for wrapping.

Further objects are to provide a counter having the characteristics noted above in which provision is made for holding empty bags, wrapping paper and other articles of this type in an accessible position for the dealer, so that he is not required to have other auxiliary devices near at hand in order to complete the entire transaction of selling and delivering his material to the customer.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the counter.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the counter.

Figure 4 is a rear view thereof.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the counter is provided in the front with two rows of panels, namely, lower panels 1 and upper panels 2.

The panels 1 are preferably made of wood or other opaque material, while the panels 2 are made of glass and act as display portions for the bins 3 arranged directly behind such upper panels. The bins 3 are provided with transparent upper portions 4 for the front half of their extent and are provided with upwardly opening doors 5 hinged adjacent their forward ends to facilitate filling and cleaning of the bins. These bins are further provided with small doors 6 at their rear through which the merchandise may be readily removed.

It is to be noted in this connection from reference to Figure 2 that the bottom of the bins consists of a front horizontal portion 7 and a rear upwardly slanting portion 8 to facilitate the removal of material and also to make it more difficult for the material to spill outwardly from the bin.

Below the bins 3, open spaces 9 are provided and are formed between the members 7 and 8 and a transverse bottom 10.

Suitable bracing bars 11′ extend upwardly at intervals between these members. This space 9 is closed at its front end by the opaque panels 1 and is accessible from the rear end through the opening 11 which extends from one end of the device to the other, as shown particularly in Figures 1 and 4.

The entire device is supported by inwardly positioned longitudinally extending members 12 which give a finished and attractive appearance to the device.

It is to be noted that the doors 6 do not contact with stops completely therearound, but merely engage a strike or stop 13 (see Figure 2) adjacent their upper ends. This improves the sanitary condition of the device as it avoids all corners and spaces where vermin may gather, and which are admittedly difficult to clean. Instead, when the doors 6 are open they may be readily cleaned, together with their casings completely around the opening for the door. Further, the bins themselves may be easily cleaned by raising the doors 5 and permitting ready access thereto. Such latter doors 5 also aid in filling the bins in a simple manner.

The open space 9 is adapted to receive empty bags, rolls or stacks of wrapping paper and other material, as desired.

It will be noted from reference to Figure 2 that the front top portion of the counter is formed of the transparent plates 4. and the rear is formed of the solid wooden doors 5. Further. it is to be noted that at some portion, preferably intermediate the ends of the entire counter, as illustrated in Figure 3, a solid wooden or other type of supporting

top 14 is provided. This portion of the device is strong and is provided to support scales and other heavy articles without danger of crushing the counter inwardly.

Further, the wooden portions formed by the doors 5 and this central panel, provide wrapping spaces for the dealer without in any way obstructing the view of the bins.

It is to be noted that the doors 5 preferably extend from one end completely across to the solid panel 14 so as to avoid needless cracks and openings, although it is to be understood that they may be made separate if desired.

It will be seen that a novel form of combined display and wrapping counter has been provided which fulfills a long felt want in the retail trade, and it will be seen further that the counter provided by this invention has the desirable characteristics of free and attractive display of the goods, of providing a substantial support for heavy articles and of providing space for wrapping.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as illustrative rather than limiting as the invention may be variously embodied and as the scope of such invention is to be determined as claimed.

I claim:—

A combined display and wrapping counter comprising a front wall formed of a plurality of vertical panels, the panels being divided into transparent upper portions and an opaque lower portion, said counter having a bottom and a top with the top composed of a transparent forward portion and an opaque rear portion hinged to said forward portion and divided into a plurality of doors, said counter having a false bottom positioned between said bottom and said top and extending from the line of union of the transparent and opaque forward panels and projecting rearwardly and upwardly, said false bottom and said bottom forming between them an open space opening directly rearwardly of said counter, a plurality of vertical doors hinged at their lower portions adjacent the upwardly extending part of said false bottom, a plurality of partitions dividing the space between said false bottom and said top into a plurality of bins free from obstruction and each having a single open space extending from the false bottom to the top and from the transparent front panel to the rear door, and a supporting strip positioned below the rear end of said upper doors and above the upper end of said rear doors, said supporting strip being carried by a plurality of upwardly extending braces positioned at spaced intervals at the rear of said counter.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Appleton, in the county of Outagamie and State of Wisconsin.

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