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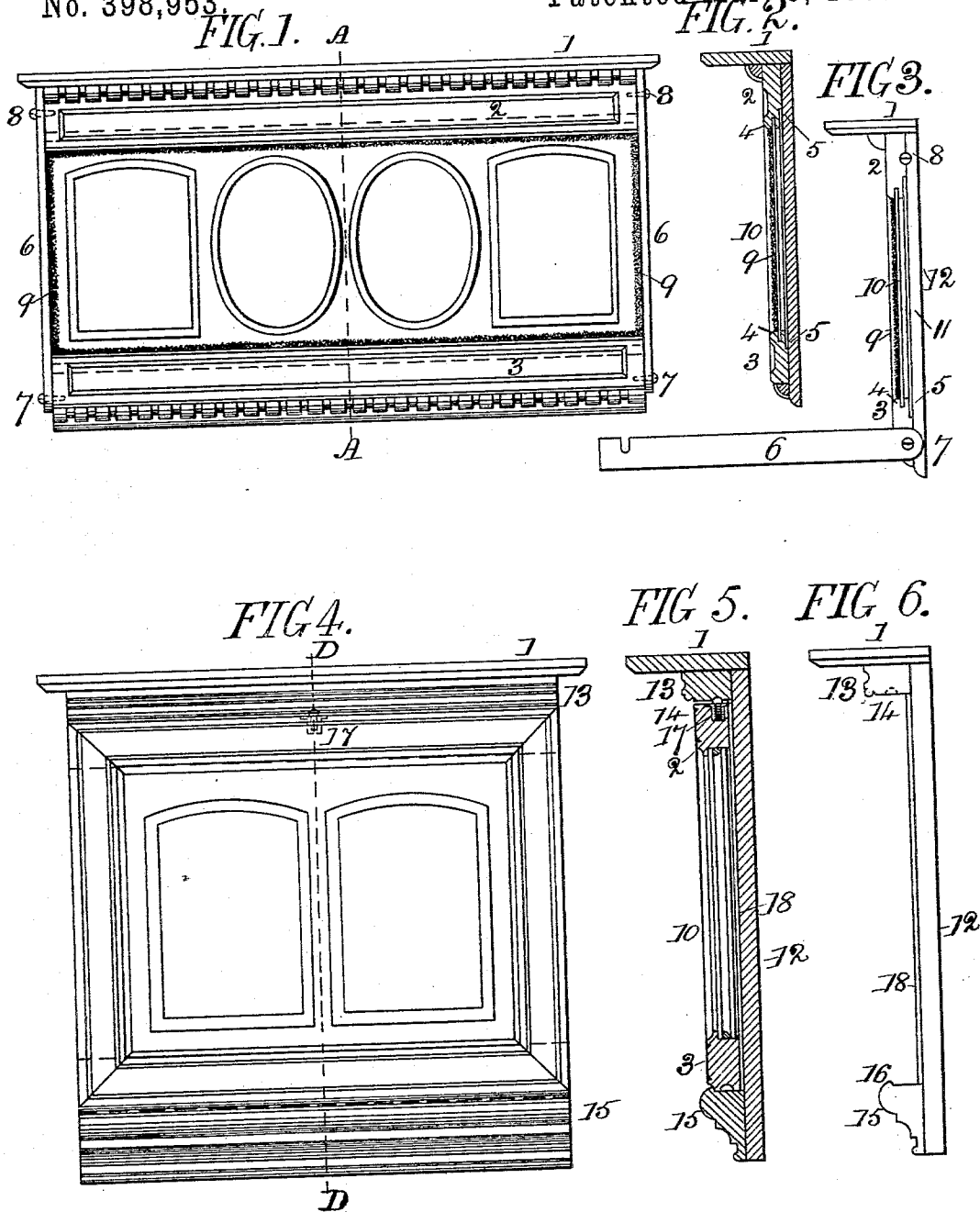
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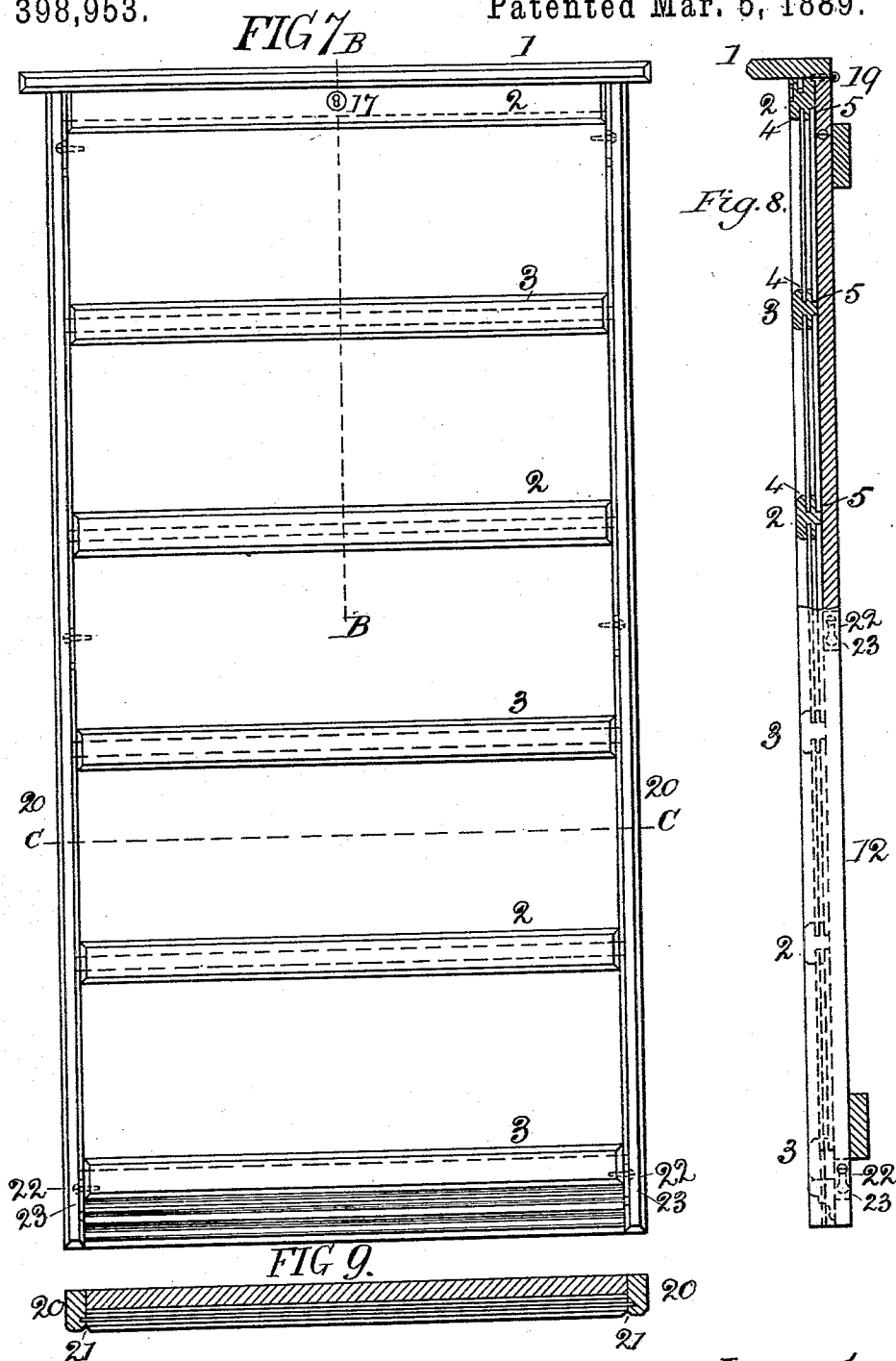
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS EAST, chair-manufacturer, residing at 47 Nelson Street, Dundee, in that part of Great Britain called "Scotland," a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, have invented new and useful Improvements in an Improved Wall-Case for Exhibiting Photographs and similar Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in an improved wall-case for exhibiting photographs and similar articles, my object being, while clearly exhibiting the contents and affording ready means for exchange, to protect the same from dust and dirt. The construction of the case is such as to permit of its being suspended from a wall or mounted upon a counter or shelf. I attain these objects by means of the devices shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view; Fig. 2, a section on line A A, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, an end view. Figs. 4, 5, and 6 show, respectively, front view, section on line D D, Fig. 4, and end view, with front removed, of a modified form of my invention. Figs. 7, 8, and 9 show, respectively, front view, section on line B B, and part end view, and section on line C C, Fig. 7, of multiple show-case.

Similar numbers refer to similar parts in all the views.

The upper part of the case is preferably so constructed as to form a shelf, 1, Figs. 1, 2, and 3. 2 and 3 are strips, preferably of wood, in which grooves 4 and 5 are formed. The grooves 4 4 are for holding the glass front, and grooves 5 5 are for the photograph-slide. 6 6 are two end pieces, which may be formed of wood or metal, pivoted or hinged at 7 7, and when closed held in position by pins 8 8. 9 9 are pieces of felt or other soft material, which are fastened to the strips holding the glazed front and to the end pieces, 6 6, so as to exclude dust and dirt. 10 is the glass front; 11, the photograph-slide; 12, the wood or other back of case. To change the photographs, pictures, or similar articles contained in case, the end pieces, 6 6, are lowered into the posi-

tion shown in Fig. 3, glass front 10 is removed and afterward slide 11, another being substituted for it.

A modification of the before-described case is shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 6. 1 is a broad top shelf, which can be employed for standing small articles upon; 13, top horizontal molding or strip having recess 14, with which spring-catch 17 engages; 15, bottom molding having groove 16. 10 is the removable glass front for covering the photograph or print. The face of case-back 12 is covered at 18 with felt or equivalent material for excluding dust and dirt, the moldings 2 and 3 holding the glass front being also similarly lined. To change the contents, the front 10 is grasped on both sides and pulled slightly forward. The spring-catch 17, being forced inward by the pressure exerted, releases the front.

Figs. 7, 8, and 9 show the arrangement employed in a multiple case, such as would be used by a salesman for exhibiting goods. 1 is a broad top shelf hinged at 19, which may be secured by a spring-catch, 17, or by a lock opened by a key. 2 and 3 are strips of wood or other suitable substance having grooves 4 5 formed therein, as previously described under Figs. 1, 2, and 3, and for similar purposes. 20 are two side pieces, each having a groove, 21, formed therein. Screw-pins 22, having large heads, are screwed into the back of case 12, and are made to engage with metal plates of the form shown at 23, Fig. 8. To change the contents, the top 1 is unfastened and turned up. One or both sides of 20 are pushed up until the circular perforation in plates 23, mounted on sides 20, permit the head of screw-pin 22 to pass through. The sides 20 can then be withdrawn.

I claim—

1. The combination, in a case for exhibiting photographs, pictures, and similar articles having a glazed frontslide, of moldings 2 and 3, each having a double groove, 4 and 5, for holding the glass and photograph-slide, respectively, and permitting their removal and replacement without displacing the work containing said glazed slide, and the

pivoted strips 6 6, for closing said double grooves, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, in a show-case having a glazed front slide and moldings formed with a double groove for holding the glass and photographic slide, of the hinged top 1 and side pieces, 20, having metal plates 23, provided with screw-pins 22, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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

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