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Fig. 1.

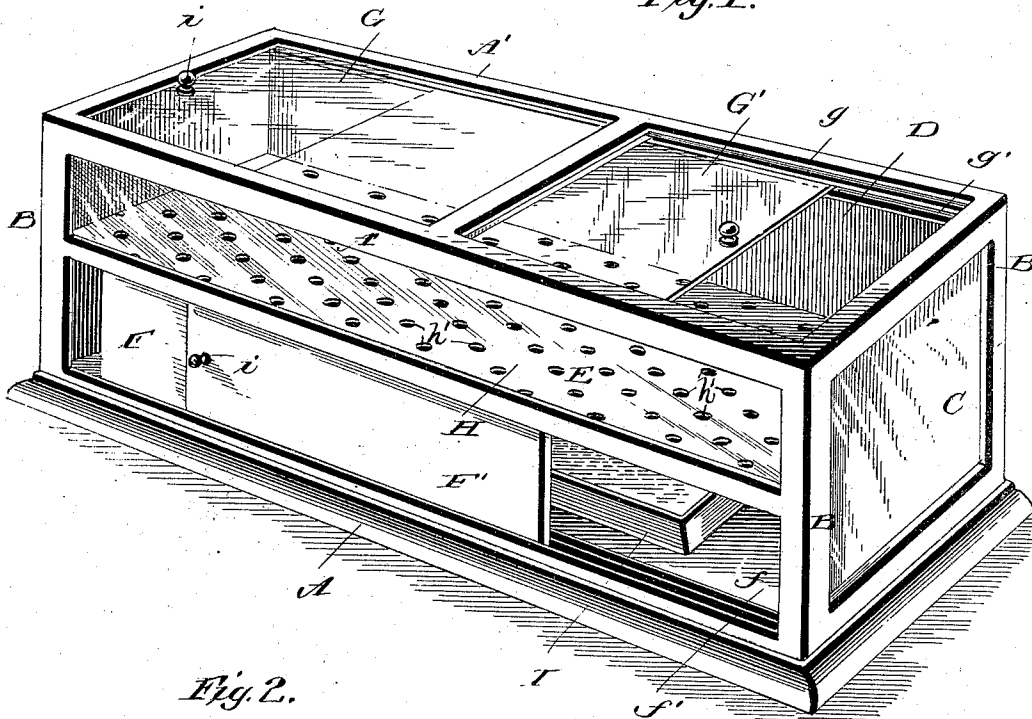
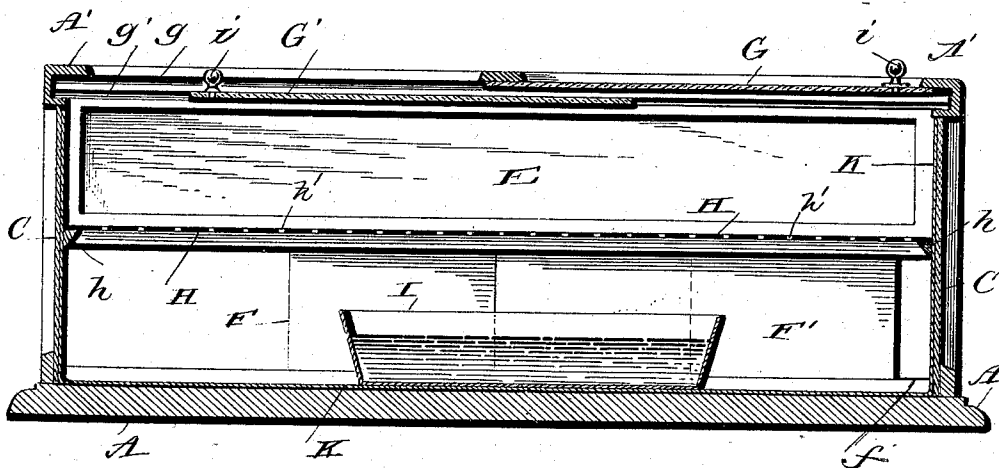


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HOARE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in show-cases; and it has for its objects, among others, to provide a simple and cheap show-case having provision for the most attractive display of the goods contained therein and at the same time easily gotten at when it is desired to remove any of the said goods.

It has for a further object to provide a show-case which will be best adapted for the holding of cigars, having provision for keeping them moist and thus adding to the flavor and preventing waste thereof. I provide a case with a mirror at the front side and at the ends and with a top or cover made to slide horizontally, and made preferably in two parts, each movable independent of the other, and at the rear side are two independently-movable sliding doors for providing access to the lower compartment, the case being divided into an upper and a lower compartment by a perforated shelf or partition suitably supported at the required height from the top of the case. The sliding top pieces are of glass, so that the contents of the upper compartment may be readily seen.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claim.

The invention in the present instance resides in the peculiar combinations and the construction, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings, and then particularly pointed out in the claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the let-

ters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved show-case, looking at the back side thereof and with the top and rear slides partially open. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the same with one of the top slides partially open and looking from the front toward the rear.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both of the views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the base of the case, which may be of any suitable shape and material and as fanciful in design as the wishes of the maker may dictate.

B are the corner posts rising from the base and joined by the top framework A', as seen in Fig. 1. This may be of wood or metal or a combination of these two substances.

At each end I provide a mirror C and at the front side is a large mirror D. At the back or rear side I also provide a panel, as seen in Fig. 1, the upper portion of which is of glass E, as shown, while the lower portion is composed of two doors F and F', which are fitted to slide in independent guides *f* and *f'*, respectively, so as to move independent of each other and so that either can be moved as far in either direction as may be desired.

The top is formed of the two independently-movable sliding pieces or doors G and G', which are of glass, and are fitted to slide horizontally in the guides *g* and *g'*, respectively, which are formed in any suitable manner in the top framework of the case.

H is a horizontal partition or shelf supported in any suitable manner within the case—say about one-half its height—on a supporting-flange *h*, as seen best in Fig. 2. It may be of any suitable material, and is shown as provided with perforations *h'* in both of the views. The lower compartment formed by this partition or shelf is preferably lined with some suitable material, as zinc, which may extend up any desired distance. It may extend up so as to line the upper compartment as well, as shown in Fig. 2; but this is not necessary.

Within the lower compartment is designed to be placed a dish or a pan or any suitable re-

ceptacle I containing water or other liquid, as shown in both of the views.

One of the guides for the rear door, as well as one of the guides for the upper doors, may be formed by an upturned or an inturned edge of the lining of the case, as seen in Fig. 1, if desired. The doors should be provided with suitable knobs or equivalent devices *i*, as shown, whereby they may be manipulated with ease.

In use the case may be employed for a variety of uses. The moisture furnished by the liquid in the pan in the lower receptacle will be found beneficial in the keeping of cigars; and, if desired, cigars may be kept in the upper compartment and flowers in the lower one, or by making the shelf or horizontal partition imperforate goods that require moisture may be kept in the lower compartment and another variety of articles in the upper one. In fact, the case is applicable to any and all of the uses to which it may be put, and will be

found a serviceable and attractive article of furnishing for any store or place of business.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim as new is—

The show-case described, composed of the base with its frame-work, the glass plates mounted to slide independently of each other in guides at the top, the mirrors at the front and ends, the horizontal perforated partition within the case, the glass back to the upper compartment, the sliding doors at the rear of the lower compartment, and the removable receptacle within the lower compartment, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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