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DISPLAY CABINET

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FIG. 1.

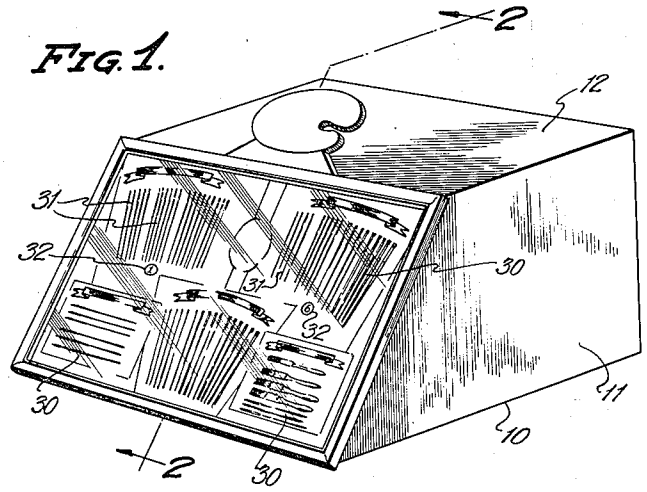


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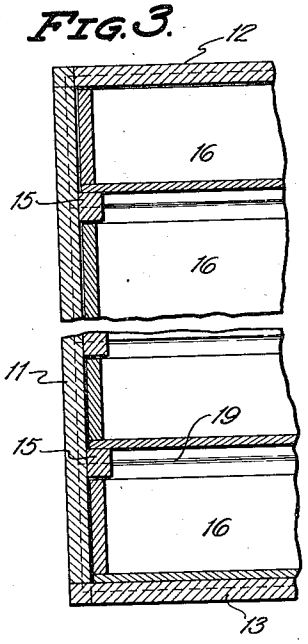


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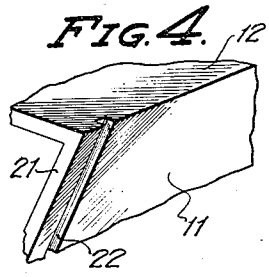
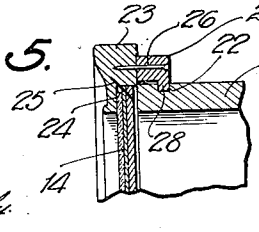


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in store furniture and more particularly it pertains to a novel cabinet and method of use thereof.

I am aware that cabinets have heretofore been used for the storage of articles to be vended and also that cabinets which may be placed upon store counters have been heretofore employed. All such devices with which I am familiar, however, display the actual article which is to be sold and which is stored within the cabinet. This practice has many disadvantages, the greatest of which lies in the fact that those articles which are used for display purposes are a total loss since they become, by handling and exposure, unfit for sale. This is particularly true of certain articles such for example as artists' paint brushes wherein, through exposure and handling, the bristles become dirty, thus rendering the brush unfit for use.

The present invention contemplates a cabinet which will afford protection to a plurality of articles to be sold and which will also provide for a full display of such articles without actually subjecting them to deteriorating conditions.

A feature of the invention resides in a novel construction whereby the cabinet may be employed indefinitely for various articles which may from time to time be of different character.

In the accompanying drawing, I have illustrated my invention as embodied in a cabinet for containing artists' paint brushes and in said drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet constructed in accordance with the present invention,

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view on an enlarged scale, taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view on an enlarged scale taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view, and;

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view.

The cabinet comprises a housing 10, having side walls 11, a top wall 12, and a bottom wall 13. The cabinet has no rear wall, it being closed at this point by the meeting of the end walls of a plurality of drawers in a manner to be hereinafter described. The front of the housing is also open, but is adapted to be closed by a panel 14, the several parts being so constructed and arranged that it will be positioned at an angle and may be removed for the purpose of exchange if desired.

Mounted upon the inner face of each of the side walls 11, there are drawers supporting strips 15, and slidably mounted upon these strips, there are a plurality of drawers 16.

The drawers 16 slide outwardly of the rear open side of the housing 10, and the rear end walls 17, of the drawers serve to provide closing means for this rear open side of the housing 10. The end wall 17, of each drawer is provided on its top and bottom edge with an extending flange 18, and these flanges 18, are so proportioned that adjacent flanges meet as at 19, when the drawers are all in closed position and thus provide a complete closure for the open rear side of the cabinet. The several drawers are provided on their rear wall with drawer pulls 20, by which they may be individually operated.

The front edge of each side wall is preferably cut at an angle as at 21, and extending from top to bottom of each side wall and in parallel relation with the angular edge thereof, there is a groove or channel 22.

The reference numeral 23, designates a frame which carries the panel 14, heretofore mentioned, the frame being rabbeted out as at 24, to receive the panel 14, which may be secured therein by brads, nails or the like 25. Mounted upon the rear of the frame 23, and secured thereto by suitable fastenings 26, there is a strip 27, having a projecting rib 28. There is one of these strips at each side of the frame 23, and they are so positioned upon the frame that the projecting rib 28, of each strip will be received in the groove 22, in its respective side wall of the housing. This construction provides for removably mounting the frame in such a manner that the panel 14, which is carried by the frame, forms closing means for the open front side of the housing.

As will be apparent from Figure 1, the panel bears the display of the articles which are offered for sale and which are contained in the drawers 16, of the device.

As heretofore stated, the device herein shown is a cabinet for containing artists' paint brushes, although it is to be understood that other relatively small articles may be contained or stored within the cabinet.

Whatever the articles contained in the cabinet may be, facsimiles thereof are displayed upon the front face of the panel 14. This is preferably done by a printing or other process in colors and in actual practice, has been accomplished in such a manner that the representations of the articles convey the appearance of the articles themselves.

In the present embodiment of the invention, the front face of the panel 14, carries the picturizations of the several paint brushes which are contained

within the cabinet, and these picturizations are preferably arranged in groups **30**, as illustrated in Figure 1, of the drawings. As illustrated in Figure 1, these groups may be divided into sub groups **31**, illustrating the different sizes of the various types of brushes. Each group or sub group preferably has associated therewith a designating character or mark **32**, which indicates the drawer in which the brushes of any particular group or sub group are located, it being understood that each group in the display will have its designating character and that each drawer will have a number, and further, that when the stock is placed in the cabinet, it will be distributed throughout the drawer in accordance with the group and sub group designations upon the front face of the panel **14**.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that the present invention provides means whereby a complete line or stock of articles may be stored while retained in stock in such a manner that they are not subjected to deteriorating conditions, thus insuring their being kept in a state of perfect preservation. Furthermore, with the present device, the actual articles are not employed to display the line, thus saving the loss which results when the articles themselves are employed to display the stored stock.

While the invention has been herein illustrated as a cabinet for the display of paint brushes of the relatively smaller type such as used by artists, sign writers and the like, it is to be understood that it is not to be limited to such articles and that it may be used in the same manner to contain and display any type of article which may be conveniently stored within the cabinet.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and what it is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is;

An article of store furniture comprising a cabinet having opposite open sides, a plurality of drawers mounted for sliding movement into and out of said cabinet, each of said drawers having a closed rear end, flanges projecting from the opposite side edges of the closed rear end of each drawer, said flanges being of such proportion that the flanges of each drawer cooperate with the flanges of the next adjacent drawers to close one of the open sides of the cabinet, a groove upon the outer face of the side walls of the cabinet, a frame member, guide strips carried by the rear face of the frame member and movable in said grooves, whereby the frame member may be removably mounted to close the other open side of the cabinet, and a panel carried by said frame member and removably fixed therein.

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