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Fig. 1.

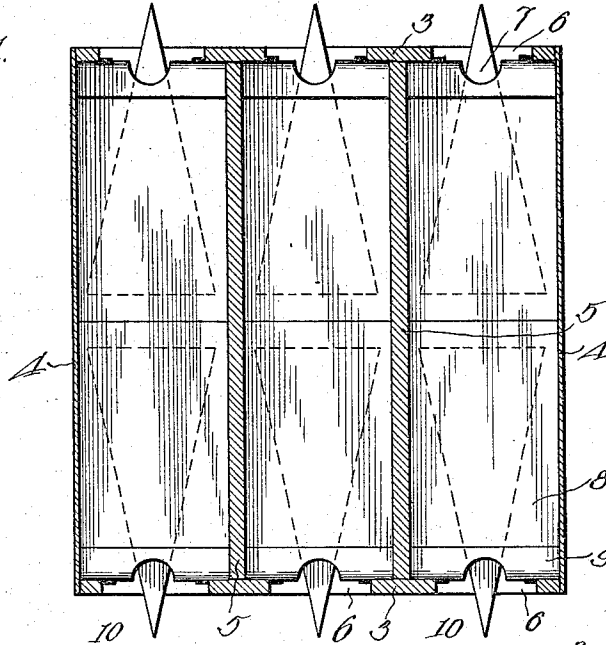


Fig. 2.

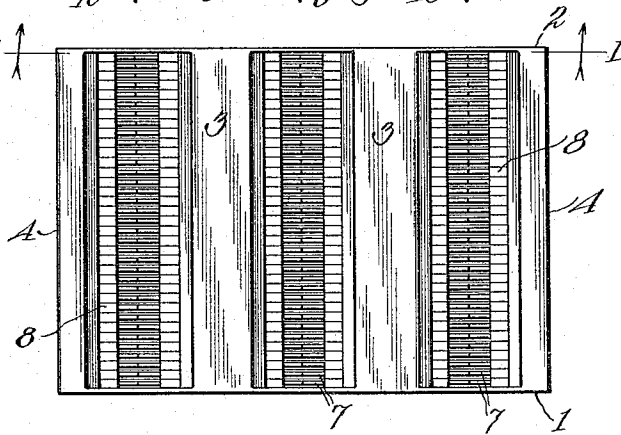
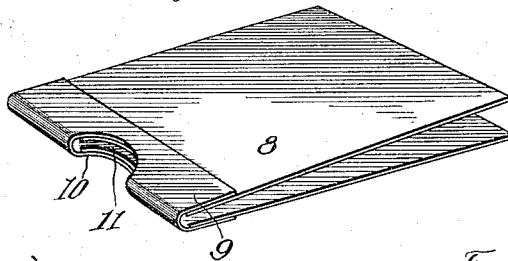


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK A. CANFIELD, residing at 208 Siegel street, in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Exhibiting and Vending Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to exhibiting and vending cases and receptacles in which sheet-like articles are arranged.

The principal objects of my invention are to so arrange the articles that a portion of each article will be exposed and displayed for inspection and for withdrawal of the article from the case upon purchase, and so that said articles will be compactly maintained within the case in suitable flat uncreased, superimposed position and will be each contained within and separated from each other by suitable envelopes or folders, and to construct portions of the aforesaid envelopes or folders of frangible material which is thinner, weaker, and more fragile than the material of the remaining portions of the envelopes or folders and is adapted to be torn, broken and separated by the removal of the articles from the folders or envelopes. These and various other objects I accomplish as set forth in the following specification and as more fully and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which a preferred embodiment of my invention is shown.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a horizontal section through my improved case or receptacle taken on line 1—1, Fig. 2; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of my improved case or receptacle; and Fig. 3 is a perspective detached enlarged view of one of the individual envelopes for inclosing and protecting the salable articles.

In referring to the preferred embodiment of my invention shown in the accompanying drawings in detail, like numerals designate like and corresponding parts.

The case is preferably constructed in a rectangular form having a horizontal bottom wall 1, a horizontal top wall 2, and vertical side and end walls 3 and 4 extending between said horizontal top and bottom walls, said walls being suitably secured to each other at their abutting points to form

a strong and serviceable receptacle. As shown in Fig. 1, the interior of the case is subdivided into a plurality of separated compartments by vertical partitions or walls 5, which extend transversely through the case and parallel with the end walls 4. The side walls are provided with a plurality of vertical slots 6 equal in number to the compartments and narrower in width than the compartments and each centrally located with respect to one of said compartments. The case shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is constructed in three compartments and with three slots in each of the side walls, but it is obvious that the number of compartments or slots may be varied as desired.

The salable articles or goods which, in the embodiment shown, comprise triangular or tapering pennants, 7 of suitable fabric and preferably of differing colors, are each inclosed within an envelop or folder constructed of two flat rectangular sheets 8 of paper or other suitable material which are joined or connected together at one end only by a flexible sheet 9 which is bent in approximately U-shape about the marginal end portions of the sheets 8, and connected or otherwise suitably secured in lapping position on the said sheets 8. This provides comparatively strong reinforced ends on the sheets 8 with a fairly weak, easily broken connection extending between said ends. The sheet 9 is made of fragile material which is thinner than and considerably easier to tear, rip, or separate than the sheets 8.

To provide means for exhibiting and exposing portions of the articles, a central recess 10, preferably of semi-circular form, is cut in the connected end of each envelop, as shown in the drawings, particularly Fig. 3 thereof, which leaves a central opening or slit 11 through which the extremity of the article, such as the tapering end of a pennant protrudes, forming an exposed exhibiting portion which a possible purchaser may examine and in the event of purchase may grasp and pull to withdraw the article from its envelop and the case. In withdrawing an article by pulling it out through the slot, the edges of the article cut, sever, and separate the frangible joint or connection for at least a portion of its length on each side of the center opening in the envelop.

The main advantages of this improved case are that the articles are arranged therein in an exceedingly compact form, that they are maintained in superimposed flat, uncreased condition with a portion exposed for exhibition and inspection and in separate individual envelopes from which they can be quickly withdrawn, and that after withdrawal they cannot be returned, thereby avoiding any possibility of a possible purchaser carelessly disarranging, creasing, or soiling the articles. In this improvement, the articles or goods are held in compactly assembled condition within the case, and are not withdrawn therefrom until sold.

While I have illustrated and described a preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of a wide range of variation, alteration, modification, and change without departing from the spirit of my invention, I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the construction herein shown and described but desire to avail myself of all such variations, alterations, modifications, and changes as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims or may be construed to be within the scope thereof by involving the doctrine of equivalents.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a device of the class described, an envelop composed of two sheets forming the sides thereof, and a sheet of weak frangible material bent in U-shape around said sheets at one end thereof and cemented thereto; said sheet being provided with a central opening and a thin salable article fitted between the side sheets with one end projecting through the central opening in the connecting sheet.

2. In a device of the class described, an envelop composed of two sheets forming the sides thereof, and a sheet of weak frangible material bent in U-shape around said sheets at one end thereof and cemented thereto; said sheet being provided with a central opening and a thin salable article of triangular form fitted between the side sheets and having its apex projecting through the central opening in the thin connecting sheet.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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