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SHOW BOX FOR JEWELRY.

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Fig. 1.

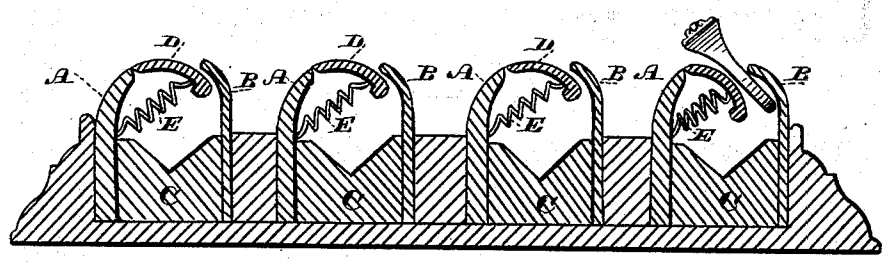


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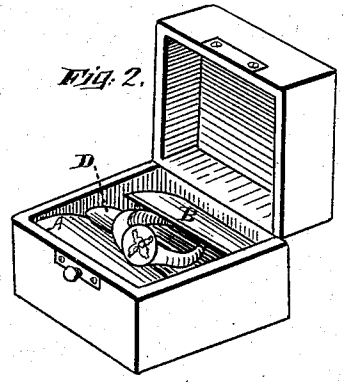
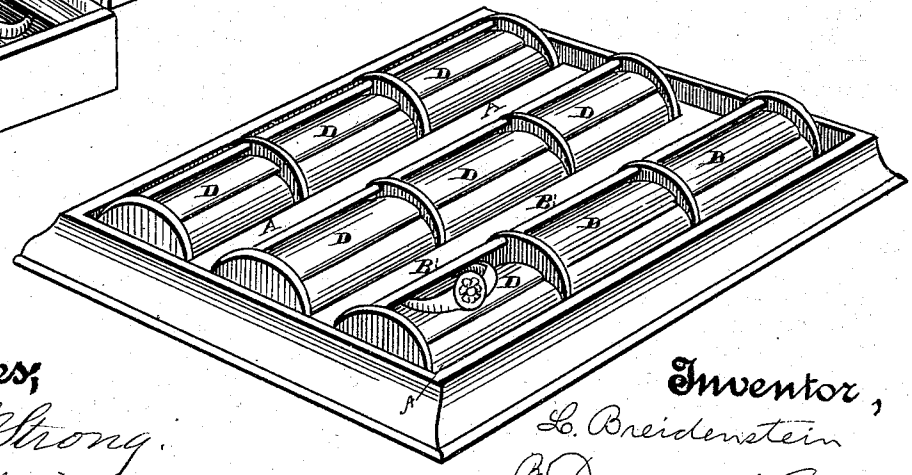


Fig. 3.



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SHOW-BOX FOR JEWELRY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONHARDT BREIDENSTEIN, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Show-Box for Jewelry; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a novel construction of boxes which are intended to contain rings, pins, and other jewelry; and it consists of slots or openings into which the article is to be fitted, these openings having one or both sides made elastic, or with elastic springs behind, so that an opening will easily be made for the introduction of articles of different sizes, and they will be held firmly in place.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a transverse section, showing one form of my device. Figs. 2 and 3 show its application to different kinds of jewelry-boxes.

My device may be employed in single boxes for rings, pins, &c., or in boxes for sets, or in larger boxes where a considerable assortment may be displayed, and it enables me to place rings or other articles of various sizes in any one of the compartments, on account of the adjustability of the opening.

The compartment is usually made of two sides, A B, extending up above the intervening portion, C, so as to leave an open space above it and between the sides. To the side A is hinged a leaf or flap, D, which extends across, so that its free edge passes beneath the inwardly-curved edge of the side B. Beneath the hinged leaf D is a spiral spring, E, so placed as to press it outward against the edge of B, thus closing the slot between the two, but allowing an opening of any reasonable width to be made by the simple pressure of inserting the ring, pin, or other article.

It will be seen that in some cases the leaf D might be made as the continuation of the side A, the whole being made of thin steel or other elastic material, and secured near the bottom, so that the upper part would yield to the pressure of the entering article, as before described.

For rings or similar articles, either in a single box or in trays, I prefer to have the yielding leaf toward the front, as it is easier to insert the article; but for pins, when a set (of pin and ear-rings) is put in a case, the yielding side may be at the rear, while the clasps of the ear-rings would enter a slot extending toward the front and at right angles with the pin-slot, in which case either the inside or the outside might be made to yield.

I have preferred to make the yielding leaf with a hinge-joint and a spring beneath, as at first described, because the opening is a more direct one than if the curved spring were employed, and allow it to be made larger, when necessary, without greatly altering the shape of the case.

The whole case is upholstered in velvet, satin, or any suitable or desirable material, in the usual manner.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a show box or case for jewelry, the holding sides A B for the jewel, having attached to one of the sides the hinged leaf D, and actuating-spring E, or equivalent device, for closing the slot between the sides, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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