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DISPLAY CANISTER.

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Fig. 1.

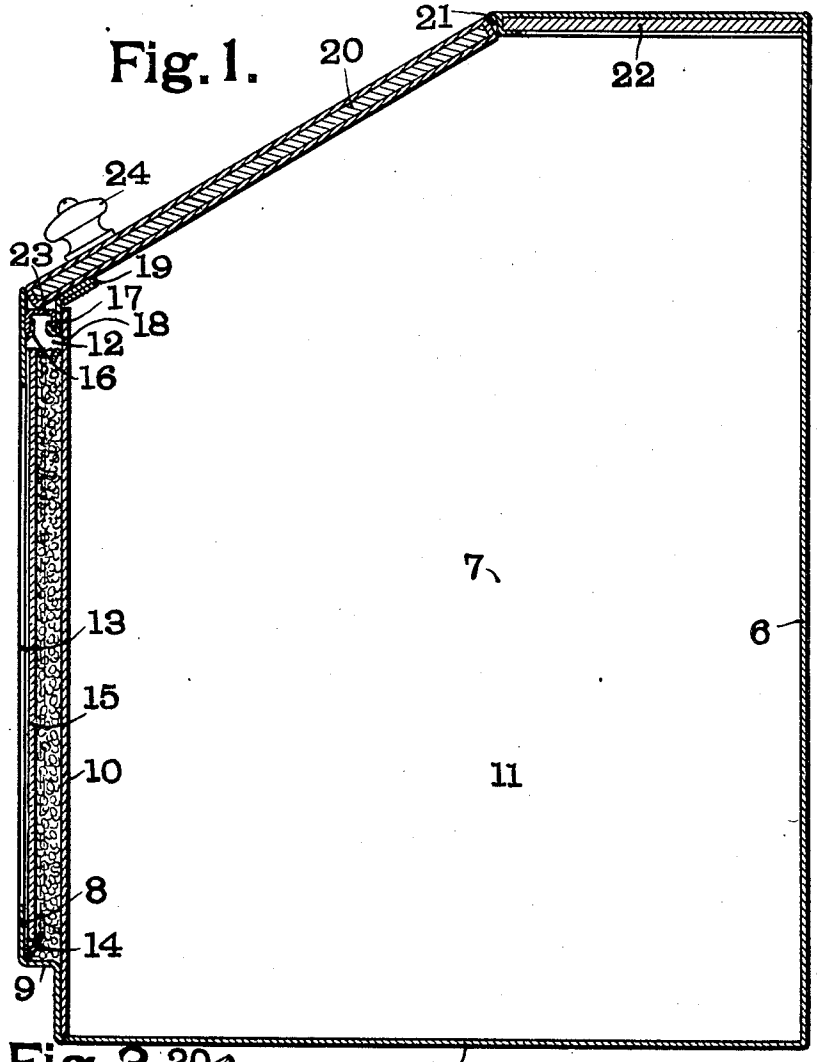
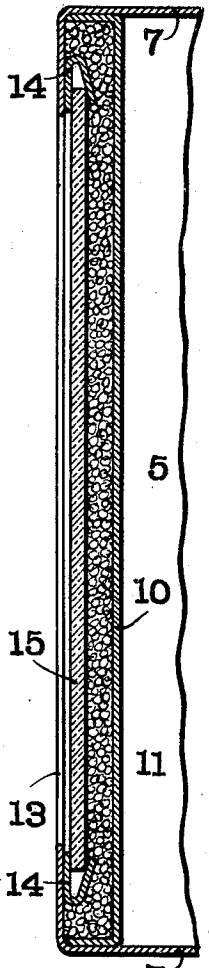


Fig. 2.



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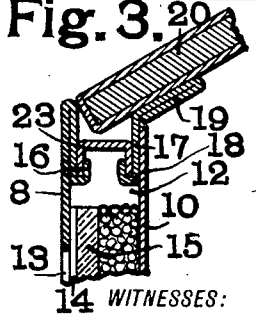

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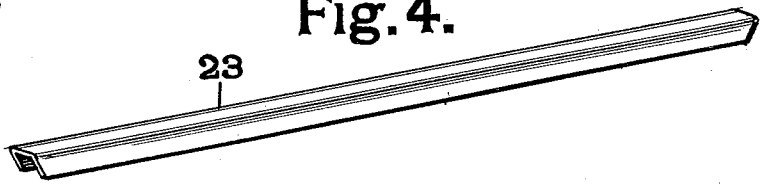

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS P. CHRISTOPHERSEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Display-Canister, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable any one skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a display canister and particularly to one which is divided into a comparatively large storage chamber and a comparatively small and shallow display chamber for receiving a sample of the commodity contained in the storage chamber, said display chamber being provided with a glazed opening to permit the inspection of the sample contained therein.

My canister is designed primarily for containing coffee, rice or similar commodities but may with slight changes in form and proportion be adapted to various other commodities.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate one form of canister made in accordance with my invention, Figure 1 is a vertical section; Fig. 2 is a horizontal section through the display chamber; Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view showing a detail of construction and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the strip for closing the upper edge of the display chamber.

Like marks of reference refer to similar parts in the several views of the drawings.

5 represents the bottom of the canister, 6 the rear wall, 7 the side walls and 8 the front wall. The front wall 8 is provided near the bottom of the canister with an offset 9 as shown in Fig. 1. This offset 9 forms a recess for the reception of a ledge of the table or bench (not shown) on which the canister rests.

10 is a partition flush with the rear of the offset 9. This partition 10 divides the canister into a large chamber 11 which I term a storage chamber and a comparatively small and shallow chamber 12 which I term a display chamber. The front wall 8 of the canister is provided with an opening 13 to allow the inspection of the sample within the display chamber. Adjacent to the edges of this opening 13, V-shaped strips 14 are secured by means of solder or in any other suitable manner. These V-shaped strips 14 form guide-ways for a plate of glass 15 which prevents the sample within the chamber 12 from escaping through the opening 13. The upper end of the front wall 8 is bent upon itself and forms a ledge 16 as best shown in Fig. 3. The partition 10 has secured to it a strip 17 of metal provided with a ledge 18 similar to the strip 16. This strip 17 is secured to the partition 10 by soldering or in any other suitable manner and it is provided with an inclined rearward projection 19 which forms a stop for the inclined door 20 hinged at 21 to the top 22 of the canister.

In order to close the upper edge of the display chamber 12 I provide a channel bar 23 shown in detail in Fig. 4. This channel bar 23 is received by the ledges 16 and 18 and thus closes the top of the display chamber. When it is desired to fill or empty the display chamber the door 20 is raised by a suitable knob or handle 24 and the channel bar 23 removed. This removal of the channel bar 23 will also allow the insertion or withdrawal of the glass plate 15 when this is necessary.

The chamber 11 of my canister is used to contain the bulk of the commodity while a sample thereof is placed between the partition 10 and the glass plate 15 as is shown in the drawing. The sample can thus be seen through the glass plate 15 and at the same time the canister always has the appearance of being completely filled with the commodity.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. A display canister having a storage chamber, a shallow display chamber situated at one side of said storage chamber and provided with an opening, guideways adjacent to said opening formed of V-shaped strips, a sheet of glass in said guideways, ledges formed adjacent to the upper edge of said display chamber, and a channel bar engaging said edges and forming a removable closure for said display chamber.

2. A display canister having a storage chamber, an inclined door for said storage chamber, a display chamber situated at the side of said storage chamber adjacent to the free edge of said door, said display chamber being provided with a glazed opening, a ledge adjacent to the upper edge of said

display chamber and formed integral with the front wall thereof, a second ledge secured to the rear wall of said display chamber and provided with an extension forming a stop for said door, and a channel bar engaging the said ledges and forming a removable closure for said display chamber.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses.

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