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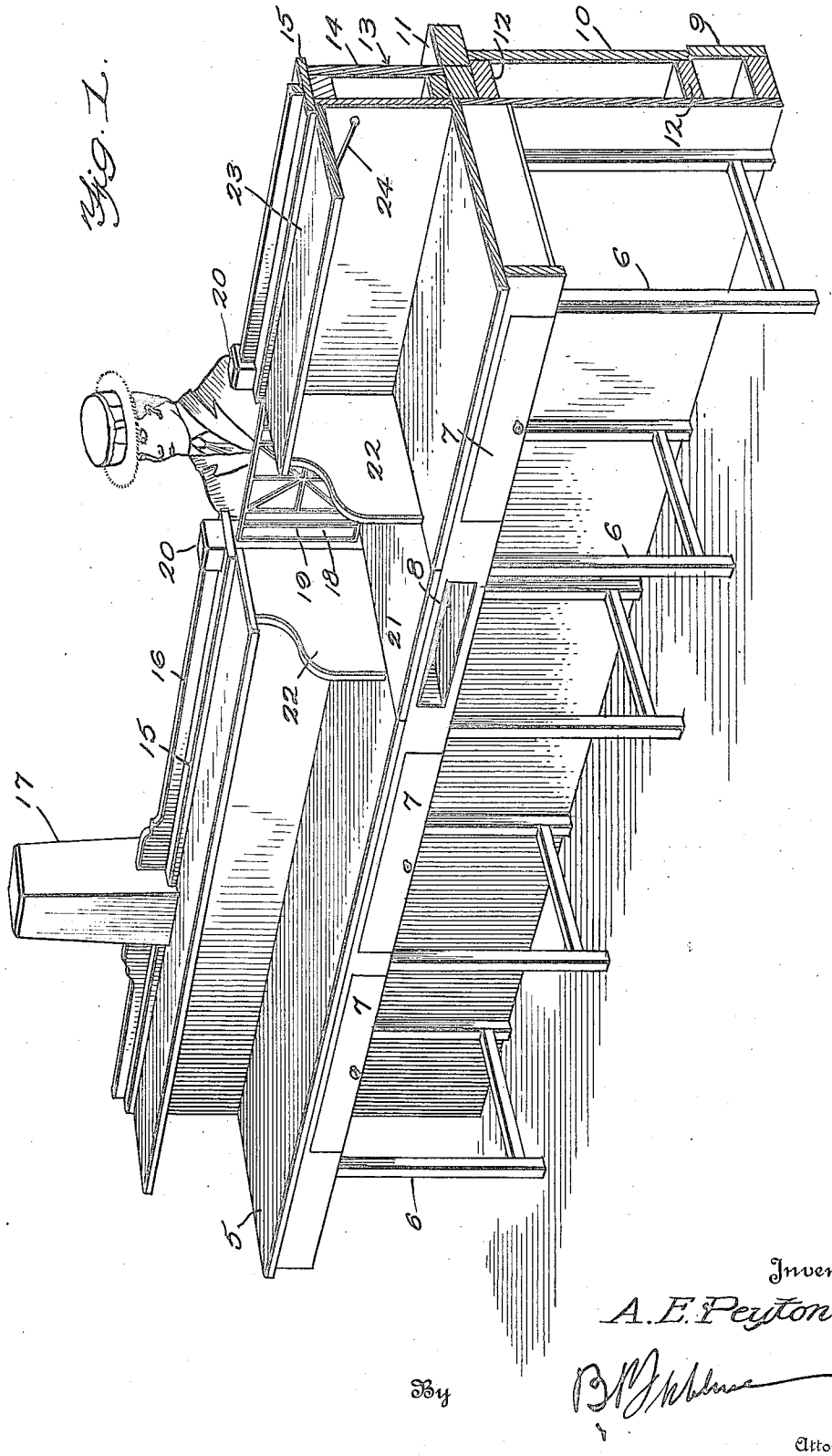
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Fig. 1.



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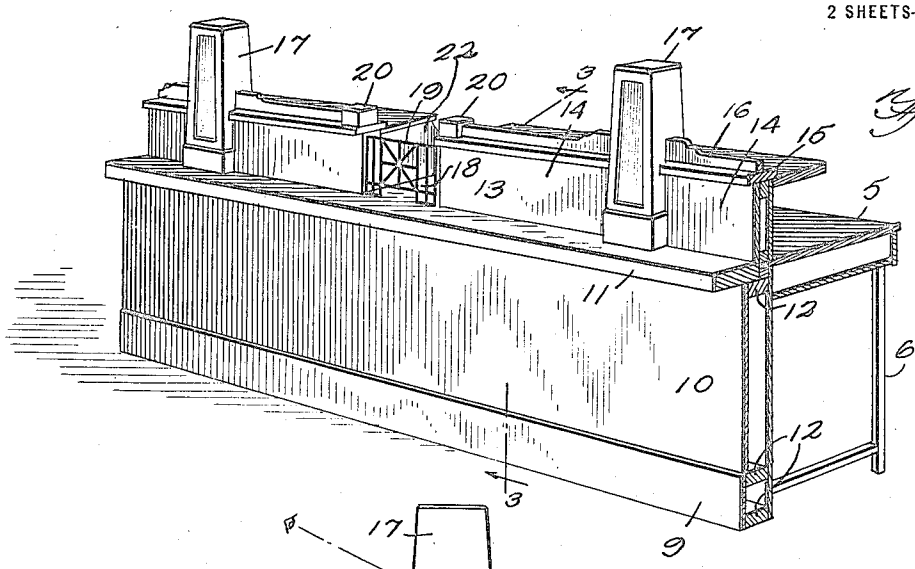
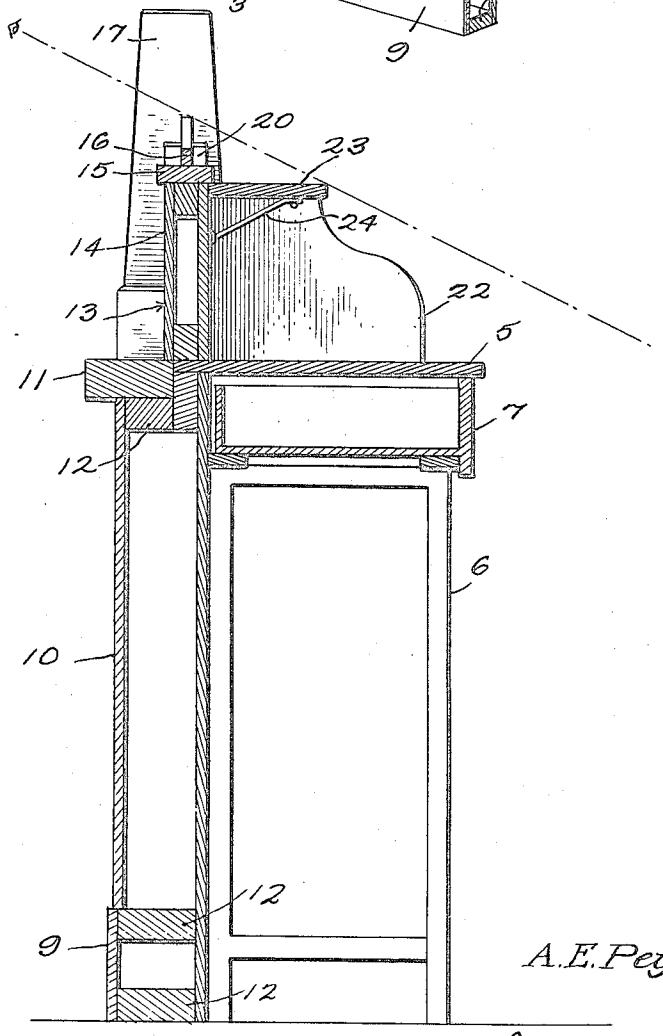


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ASHLEY E. PEYTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denison, in the county of Grayson and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clear-Vision Bank Fixtures, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in fixtures for banks or the like.

An important object of the invention is to provide a fixture of the above mentioned character, which is relatively low whereby the average customer's shoulder and head is above the fixture, and he thereby has a clear and unobstructed vision of the space or room behind the fixtures, and also enabling him to observe the working force.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fixture of the above mentioned character, which will lend a spacious appearance to the bank or building within which it is installed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fixture of the above mentioned character, which while permitting of the clear vision of the space rearwardly of the fixture, will cover or exclude from view the working counter or portions thereof, upon which large sums of money or the like are ordinarily placed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fixture of the above mentioned character, which is neat, ornamental, and attractive in appearance, and simple, strong, durable, and relatively cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fixture embodying my invention, viewed from the inner side thereof,

Figure 2 is a similar view, from the outer side thereof, and,

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates a working counter, supported by legs 6. This working counter may be equipped with sliding drawers 7, and a chamber or opening 8, as shown.

The fixture further comprises a base 9, which may be formed of marble or the like, and above this base there is a slab or die 10, preferably formed of marble or the like. A ledge 11 is arranged at the top of the slab 10, the elements 9, 10 and 11, being suitably secured to a frame-work 12, in advance of the working counter. The ledge 11 is disposed at an elevation whereby it is arranged at about the waist of the average customer.

Extending above the working counter 5 and ledge 11, is a vertical riser 13, which terminates at a point below the shoulders and head of the average customer, as clearly indicated in Figure 1. The lower termination of the riser is important, as the riser and associated elements obstruct the vision of the working counter, from the outer side of the fixture, but at the same time allow a clear vision of the space or room behind the counter. The riser may be formed of slabs 14 of marble or the like, secured to the upper portion of the frame-work 12. The slabs 14 preferably carry caps 15, of marble or the like, and strips or other trimmings 16 may be arranged upon the caps 15, and these strips may be formed of marble. To add to the artistic appearance of the fixture, as well as to strengthen it, I provide columns 17, at spaced intervals, in the riser, which columns may be formed of marble, and possess any desired design.

Between two of the columns 17 I provide an opening or window 18, which may be marked "Teller," as is customary in banks. This opening may be covered by a wicket 19, suitably secured to the riser 13. I preferably provide blocks 20, at the opposite sides of the opening 18, at the ends of the strips 16. The opening 18 is preferably arranged adjacent the recess 8, and a slab 21, Figure 1, may be disposed inwardly of and adjacent the opening 18, such slab being formed of marble or the like.

Disposed rearwardly of the riser 13 are vertical or wicket vision obstructing elements or guards 22, arranged adjacent to the opposite sides of the opening 18 and slab 21. These guards may be formed of marble or any other suitable vision-obstructing material. The numeral 23 designates preferably horizontal vision-obstructing elements or guards, attached to the rear side of the riser, adjacent the cap 15, and extending

horizontally inwardly over the working counter, for a substantial distance. The ends of the horizontal guards 23 preferably terminate with and are supported by the vertical guards 22, and the horizontal guards 23 may be further supported by brackets 24. It is preferable that the guards 23 terminate with the vertical guards 22, providing a space at the opening 18, so that the customer may have a vision of the slab 21, to observe transactions thereon.

By the employment of a fixture of the character hereinabove described, the customer has a clear vision of a room or building in the rear of the fixtures, and may readily observe the working force, while his vision to the working counter, upon either side of the wicket opening is effectively obstructed, thereby concealing from vision large sums of money or the like thereon. The columns 17 may project upwardly for a substantial distance, for six feet or more, thereby suggesting the outline of the top of the ordinary bank fixture.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention, or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A fixture for banks or banking houses, comprising a working counter arranged near the waist of the average customer, a vision obstructing riser extending above the working counter for a substantial distance and terminating near and beneath the head of the average customer for affording a clear vision of the space rearwardly of the fixture, upstanding columns connected in the riser at spaced intervals and serving to reinforce and strengthen the same, and a vision obstructing guard extending upon the inner side of the riser longitudinally thereof, said guard projecting inwardly and laterally over the working counter for a substantial distance, and being spaced therefrom, the riser having a height and the guard a width whereby the working counter is substantially completely covered from view from the outer side of the riser.

2. A fixture for banks or banking houses, comprising a working counter arranged near the waist of the average customer, a vision obstructing riser extending above the working counter for a substantial distance and terminating near and beneath the head of the average customer for affording a clear vision of the space rearwardly of the fixture, upstanding columns connected in the riser at spaced intervals and projecting above the same for a substantial distance, said columns serving to reinforce the riser and also to break the low outline of the fixture, and a vision obstructing guard extending upon the inner side of the riser longitudinally thereof, said guard projecting inwardly and laterally over the working counter for a substantial distance and being spaced therefrom, the said riser having a height and the guard having a width whereby the working counter is completely covered from view from the outer side of the fixture.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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