

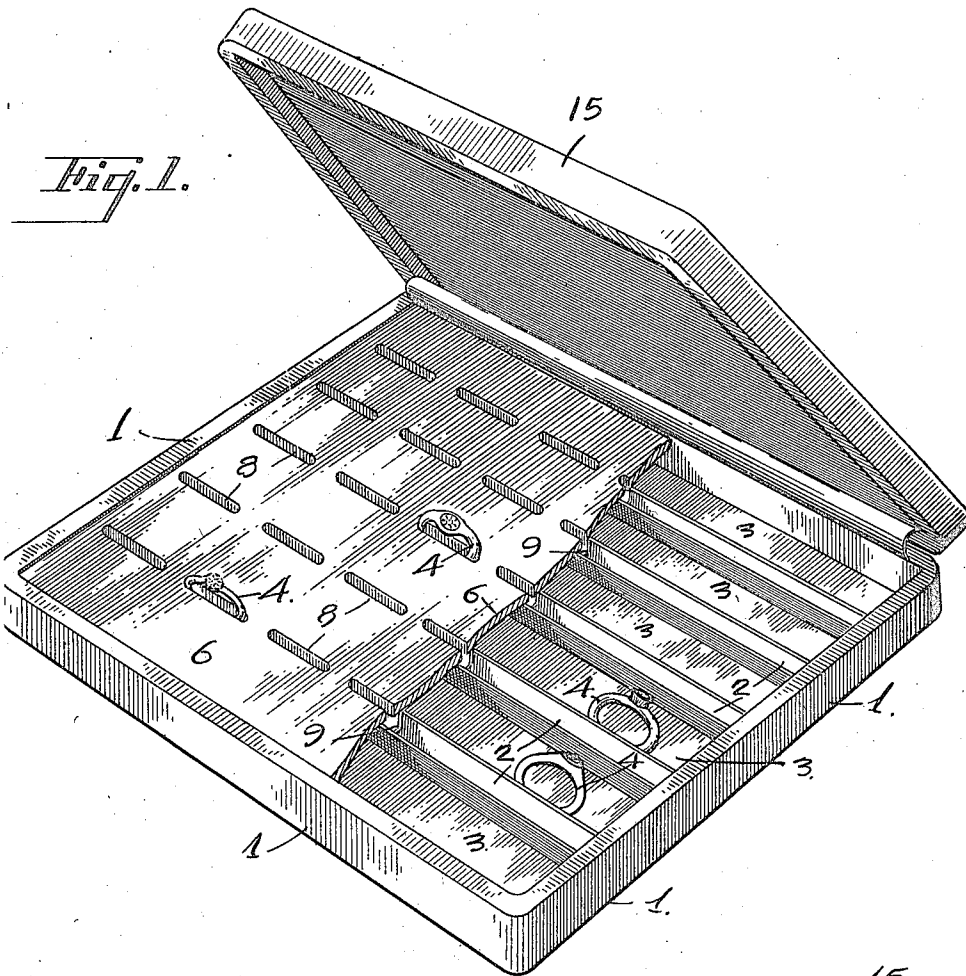
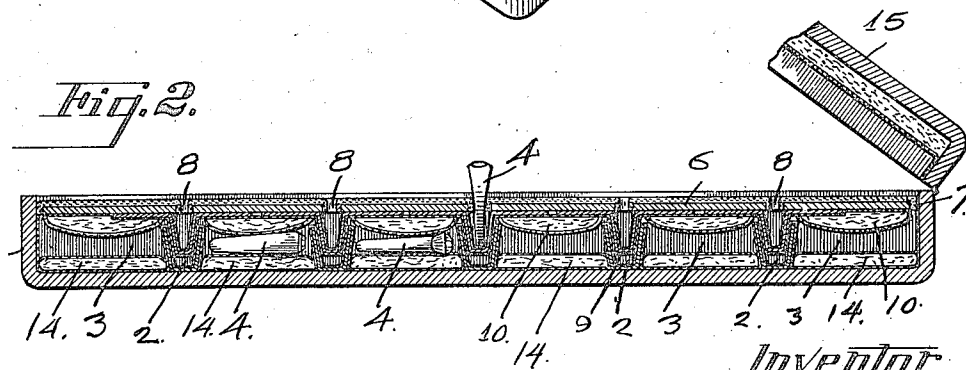
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE B. BARTELS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Sample Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in sample cases and the like for rings and other articles of jewelry, wherein a leaf is provided with aligned slots which operate in conjunction with alternate parallel compartments to receive and sustain in a substantially upright position, rings and other articles of jewelry for display purposes, the remaining compartments being arranged to store additional articles to replenish exhausted slots.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved sample case for jewelry and the like.

A further object is to provide a new and improved sample case having an increased capacity for carrying samples of jewelry.

In the present state of the art sample cases consist of boxes having pads therein provided with aligned slots for receiving and sustaining in substantially an upright position, various articles of jewelry, as for example, rings and the like. As these sample cases contain said articles in substantially a display position, a case of considerable size is required to contain a comparatively small number of articles, and in order that the salesman may carry a complete stock, a number of cases must be carried.

In the present invention, the display slots are arranged at standard intervals to produce a proper display of articles therein, and compartments are provided within the body of the box for storing additional stock from which exhausted slots may be replenished.

Therefore, a further object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved sample case for rings and other articles of jewelry wherein the standard number of rings may be displayed in the usual manner and wherein the formerly unused portion or space within the box is provided with compartments for the storage of additional articles, thereby increasing the capacity of a sample case without increasing the size thereof.

A still further object is to provide a new and improved sample case of the character set forth wherein the display portion of the

box is arranged to serve as a cover for the storage compartments and also to operate in conjunction with certain other compartments to sustain articles in a substantially upright or display position.

Another object is to provide a new and improved sample case of the type described having means for normally preventing movement of the reserve or additional articles within the storage compartments.

I accomplish these and other objects by means of the improved device disclosed in the drawings forming a part of the present specification wherein like characters of reference are used to designate similar parts throughout the said specification and drawings, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved sample case, partly broken to disclose the storage compartments; and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse sectional view of the box with the cover thereof partly broken.

Referring to the drawings the numeral 1 is used to designate in general the body of a sample case having a plurality of parallel compartments therein, alternate compartments 2 being narrower than the remaining or storage compartments 3.

The alternate compartments 2 are preferably of a width to receive rings 4 edgewise, as disclosed in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

A leaf 6 is hingedly mounted as at 7 to the body of the box 1 and is provided with a plurality of aligned apertures or slots 8 arranged to register with the alternate compartments 2 of said box 1. Longitudinally disposed pockets 9 are formed back of said slots 8, by means of a suitable fabric, said pockets engaging the narrower compartments 2 when the leaf 6 is in a closed position.

The under surface of said leaf 6 is also provided with longitudinally disposed resilient pads 10 arranged to enter the remaining or storage compartments 3 and engage a reserve stock of rings 4 resting upon resilient cushions 14 in the bottoms of said storage compartments 3.

By means of this novel arrangement movement of said reserve stock is prevented and the said stock may be carried without danger of damage due to impact of one article with another in the same compartment.

The rings 4 are inserted in the usual

manner through the slots 8 in the leaf 6 the said rings extending through said slots 8 and into the pockets 9 formed on the lower side of said leaf 6. When the leaf 6 is closed to cover the compartments 2 and 3 portions of said rings 4 extend through said slots 8 and into the pockets 9, which pockets also register with and enter the narrower alternate pockets 2 whereby said rings may be sustained in a substantially upright position for displaying said articles to advantage.

As the capacity of the reserve or storage compartments is greater than the capacity of the leaf 6 as provided by the slots 8 therein, it is obvious that a smaller sample case of the type disclosed by the present invention will possess a capacity greater than the present sample case of a much larger size where rings or other articles may only be carried in spaced slots.

It is also obvious that slots 8 of the leaf 6 operating in conjunction with the narrower compartments 2 provide a new and improved, as well as a simplified, efficient and economical means for sustaining rings and other articles of jewelry in a display position.

A suitable cover 15 is hingedly connected to the box 1 so that the entire contents may be enclosed for transportation purposes.

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

1. A sample case for rings and the like comprising a box provided with partitions forming parallel compartments in the body thereof; and a leaf hingedly connected to the box and having slots therein arranged to register with said compartments, said registering slots and compartments being arranged to receive and retain rings and other articles of jewelry.

2. A sample case for rings and the like comprising a box provided with partitions forming compartments in the body thereof; and a leaf mounted within the box above the partitions and having apertures therein registering with said compartments, said registering apertures and compartments being arranged to receive and retain for display rings and other articles of jewelry.

3. A sample case for rings and the like comprising a box provided with partitions forming parallel compartments in the body thereof; and a leaf hingedly mounted within the box above the partitions and having apertures therein registering with some of said compartments said registering compartments and apertures being arranged to receive and retain rings and other articles of jewelry, and the remaining compartments containing additional stock.

4. A sample case for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box provided

with partitions forming a plurality of parallel compartments; and a leaf hingedly mounted within the box and having apertures therein registering with alternate compartments, said registering compartments and apertures being arranged to receive and retain rings and other articles of jewelry for display, and the remaining compartments being arranged to receive and retain additional articles to replenish the registering apertures and compartments.

5. A sample case for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box having a plurality of parallel compartments, of alternately greater and lesser widths; and a leaf hingedly mounted within the box and having slots therein registering with the narrower compartments, said slots and narrower compartments being arranged to receive and retain rings and other articles of jewelry in a substantially upright position for display purposes, the remaining compartments being arranged to receive and retain additional rings and other articles of jewelry to replenish said registering slots and compartments.

6. A sample case for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box having a plurality of parallel compartments, of alternately greater and lesser widths; a leaf hingedly mounted within the box and having slots therein registering with the narrower compartments, said slots and narrower compartments being arranged to receive and retain rings and other articles of jewelry in a substantially upright position for display purposes, the remaining compartments being arranged to receive and retain additional rings and other articles of jewelry to replenish said registering slots and compartments; and means mounted upon the leaf for resiliently engaging articles within said remaining compartments to prevent movement of said articles within said compartments.

7. A sample case for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box having a plurality of alternately wide and narrow parallel compartments therein, resilient cushions mounted within each of the wide compartments; a leaf hingedly mounted within the box and having aligned slots therein registering with the narrower compartments, said registering slots and compartments being arranged to receive and sustain rings and other articles of jewelry in a substantially upright position for display purposes; and resilient pads mounted upon said leaf and arranged to register with said wide compartments to resiliently engage and prevent movement of additional articles of jewelry within said compartments.

8. A sample case for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box provided with partitions forming a plurality of par-

allel compartments therein; a leaf mounted within the box and having slots therein registering with alternate compartments; and pockets mounted in back of the slots on the leaf and arranged to register with said alternate compartments, said slots, pockets and compartments being arranged to receive and retain rings and other articles of jewelry for display purposes.

9. A sample box for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box having a plurality of parallel compartments therein; a leaf mounted within the box and having aligned slots therein registering with alternate compartments; pockets arranged on the leaf and aligned with the slots and arranged to register with and enter said alternate compartments, said registering compartments, slots and pockets being arranged to receive and sustain rings and other articles of jewelry in a substantially upright position, and the remaining compartments being arranged to store additional articles to replenish said registering pockets, slots and compartments.

10. A sample box for rings and other articles of jewelry comprising a box having a plurality of parallel compartments therein; a leaf mounted within the box and having aligned slots therein registering with alternate compartments; pockets arranged on the leaf and aligned with the slots and arranged to register with and enter said alternate compartments, said registering compartments, slots and pockets being arranged to receive and sustain rings and other articles of jewelry in a substantially upright position, and the remaining compartments being arranged to store additional articles to replenish said registering pockets, slots and compartments; and means mounted upon the leaf and arranged to enter said remaining compartments and to resiliently engage and prevent the movement of articles within said remaining compartments.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my signature.

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