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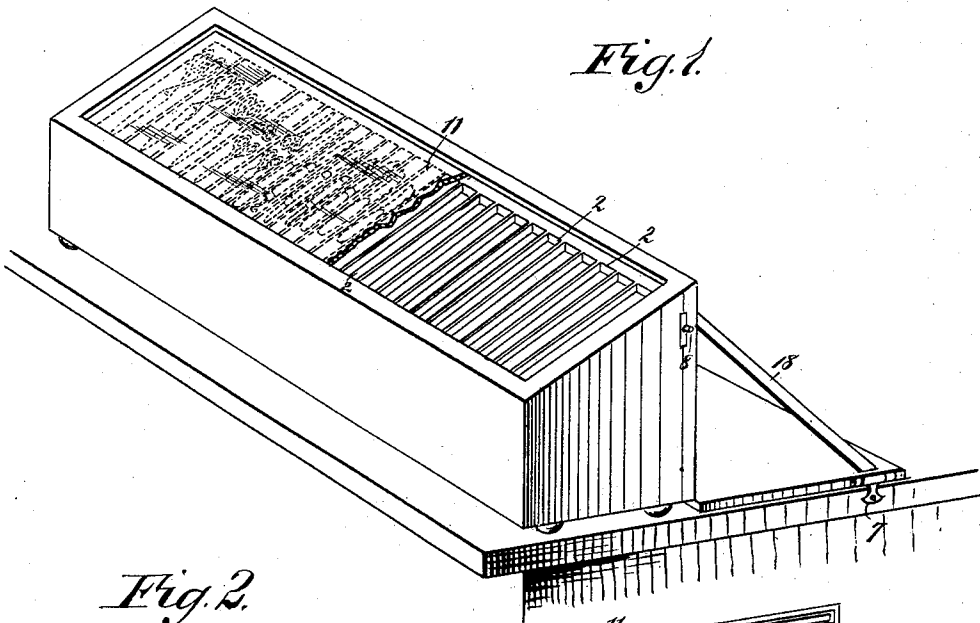


Fig. 2.

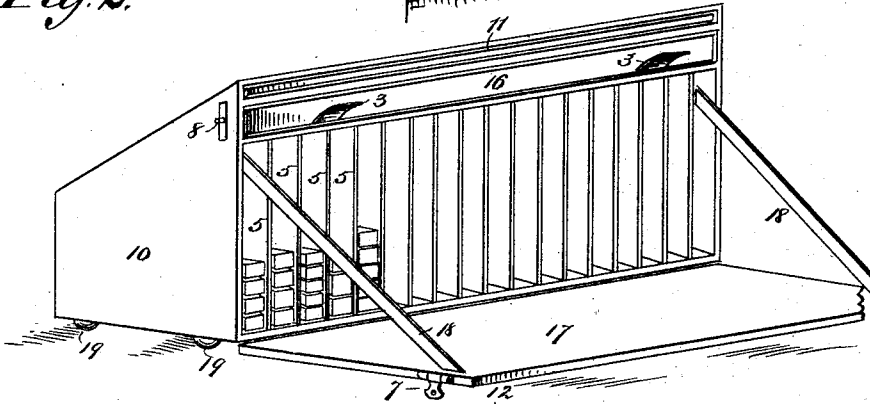
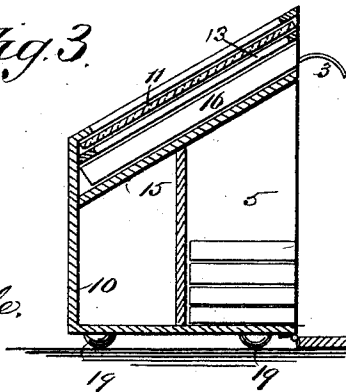


Fig. 3.



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SHOW-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. FLAGG, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Show-Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to the construction of an improved form of show-case, so constructed that samples being placed therein will be in full view of the purchaser and the salesman, but need not be disturbed in order to deliver goods, as the stock proper is contained in compartments of novel construction that are arranged beneath the tray in which the samples are held, and in a position that is accessible from the position occupied by the salesman.

Reference is to be had to accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of my improved form of show-case, a portion of the case-top being broken away and the rear door being shown as opened or lowered to the counter. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rear of the show-case, and Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation of the show-case.

In constructing such a case as the one illustrated in the drawings above referred to I provide a cabinet or case proper wherein the upper face is inclined downward from the rear side of the case. The top of the case consists of a plate of glass, 11, that is slid down between the upper frame, 12, and a lower supporting-frame, 13, the two frames being arranged in the relative position best shown in Fig. 3. Beneath the glass-supporting frame 13 there is an inclined shelf, 15, which acts as the support for a drawer, 16. This drawer 16 is divided into a number of compartments, 2, the arrangement of which is best shown in Fig. 1, and in order that the drawer may be withdrawn for the purpose of supplying it with samples of the goods to be sold I provide flaps or withdrawing-straps, 3.

Beneath the inclined shelf or partition 15, I provide a number of compartments, 5, and in these compartments I store the goods to be

sold, of which samples are contained in the compartments of the drawer 16, said goods being placed in the compartments in their original packages, if desired.

In order that the goods placed within the compartments 5 may be quickly and readily found by the salesman, I prefer to number said compartments and to correspondingly number the samples held by the drawer 16. The compartments 5 are closed by a door, 17, that is hinged to the bottom of the cabinet 10, and folds down upon the counter, as illustrated in Fig. 1, and in order that the hinges by which the door is united to the cabinet may not be unduly strained I provide limit-straps, 18, that are arranged as shown. The body of the cabinet rests upon small blocks 19, the height of which is preferably slightly in excess of the thickness of the door 17, thus permitting the door to lie flat upon the counter. When the door is closed, it is held in place by catches 7, that engage with studs 8, fixed to the cabinet, or by a lock in center at top.

It is claimed for this case that it shows fine cutlery to the best advantage, and economizes room, as it has been the custom to place sample boxes of cutlery at the bottom of an ordinary show-case, thereby losing all the space from top of case to within a few inches of the bottom and from one to two inches between each sample knife.

All retailers recognize the necessity of showing goods in the most attractive form; any saving of room is therefore desirable in so valuable a space as the show-windows, or in the store near the entrance where cutlery usually is shown. If this case is kept on the top, and to the rear of the ordinary show-case, it will not interfere with the view of the goods in the lower case.

I am aware that it is not new to construct a show-case with a lower compartment-chamber adapted to contain drawers and having its opening closed by a door, and with an upper chamber having an inclined bottom and divided into a series of compartments, said latter chamber having a transparent or glass cover.

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

5 As an improved article of manufacture, the show-case or cabinet consisting of a case having a series of lower compartments and an upper chamber having an inclined bottom and a glass or transparent cover, and a removable drawer arranged in the upper chamber and

having a series of compartments, said case also having a door to permit of access to the lower compartments thereof, substantially as shown and described.

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