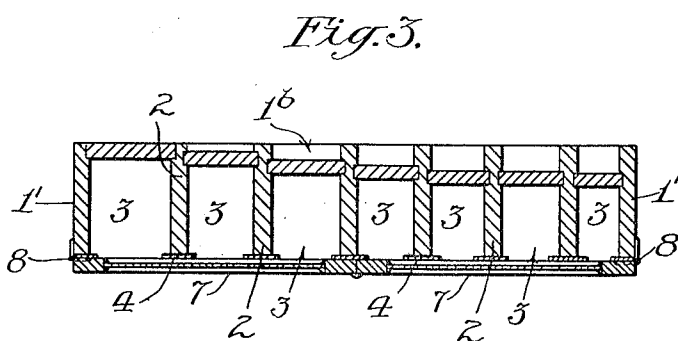
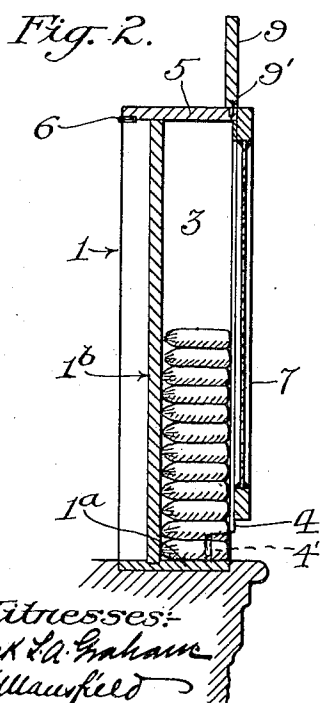
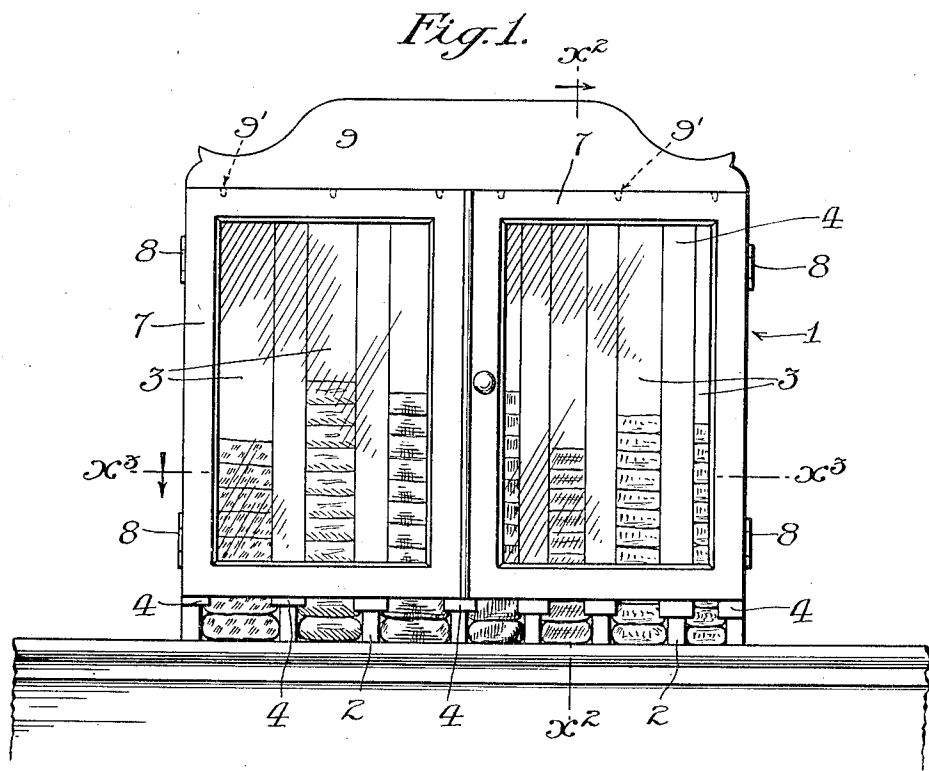


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWSON J. BAILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Whittier, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Sales-Case for Tobacco, &c., of which the following is a specification.

The main object of this invention is to provide a case for holding packages of tobacco in such manner that they will be presented in position readily accessible to the salesman.

A further object of the invention is to provide for constant replenishing or renewal of the supply of tobacco in accessible position.

Another object of the invention is to provide for protection or inclosure of the main body of the packages, while not interfering with access thereto.

Another object of the invention is to provide for inclosure and delivery of a large number and variety of packages in a relatively small space.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line $x^2 x^2$ in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line $x^3 x^3$ in Fig. 1.

1 designates the case, having bottom, end, and back walls and provided with vertical partitions 2 to form a plurality of vertical compartments, bins, channels, or ways 3 for receiving the articles or packages. The case and partitions may be of wood, the partitions being of suitable thickness to space apart the ways sufficiently to enable insertion of the fingers between the articles at the bottom of the bins or ways. Plates or strips 4 of sheet metal are attached to the front of the case and of the partitions in such manner as to project over the said walls and partitions, forming flanges at the front of the respective ways 3 to contract the opening at the front of the compartments, these plates or strips terminating somewhat above the bottom of the ways, so that the lower end of said ways are left open and unobstructed in front the full width of the compartment for withdrawal of the articles. Said bins or ways are open at the top, and a lid or cover 5 is provided therefor, the same being hinged at 6 to the case 1 and turning down on top of the case to close on the ways. Doors 7 are hinged at 8 to the respective end walls 1' to swing against the front of the case and close the front of all of the ways or passages 3, said doors extending

from the top of the passages down near to the lower end thereof, but leaving sufficient space below the bottom of the doors and the bottom of the passages for withdrawal of a single package below the door.

The case will be placed on a suitable support, as a counter or shelf, and, the cover 5 being raised, the packages of tobacco or other articles are charged into the respective compartments or ways. In general, said ways will be of variant sizes—for example, of different depths from front to back, as shown in Fig. 3—to adapt same to fit assorted sizes of packages. As the first package is inserted it falls through the way or compartment and rests on the bottom 1^a of the case, and as the succeeding packages are inserted they pile up on one another. If any package becomes stuck in its passage in the compartment, the door may be opened, and by placing the fingers through the open front of the compartment the package may be moved to proper position, the flanges 4 acting as guides for the packages in their descent. The case having been charged in this manner and the cover 5 and doors 7 closed, the main body of the packages are protected from dust and from the deteriorating effects of the atmosphere, while at the same time there is exposed at the bottom of the case a single row of packages conveniently accessible for withdrawal, the inset 4' at the bottom of the respective partitions and end walls enabling the fingers of the salesman to be inserted on either side of the projecting end of any package for withdrawal thereof, and as any package is withdrawn the superincumbent packages descend, so that there is always presented at the bottom of the case a package ready for withdrawal.

The back of the case may be stepped, as shown at 1^b, to provide for the different dimensions and compartments required.

A board or plate 9 may be attached to the cover 5, as by means of dowel-pins 9', so as to be readily removable therefrom, said board serving as a finish for the case and as means for receiving advertising matter.

What I claim is—

1. A sales-case for articles provided with a plurality of vertical partitions forming vertical compartments, flanges at the front of each compartment extending from the side walls of the compartment to contract the opening at the front of the compartment, said flanges terminating above, but adjacent to

the bottom of the compartment, leaving a space below the flanges of the full width of the compartment, doors hinged to the case and extending from the top thereof adjacent
5 to nearly the bottom of the compartments to cover the main body of the case but leave the lower portion thereof exposed for withdrawal of articles from the compartments at the bottom thereof.

10 2. A sales-case for articles provided with a plurality of vertical partitions forming vertical compartments, flanges at the front of each compartment extending from the side walls of the compartment to contract the
15 opening at the front of the compartment, said flanges terminating above, but adjacent to the bottom of the compartment, leaving a space below the flanges of the full width of the compartment, doors hinged to the case
20 and extending from the top thereof adjacent to nearly the bottom of the compartments to cover the main body of the case, but leave the lower portion thereof exposed for withdrawal of articles from the compartment at
25 the bottom thereof, and a cover hinged to the top of the case to cover the compartments.

3. A sales-case for articles provided with a plurality of vertical partitions forming vertical compartments, flanges at the front of each compartment extending from the side
30 walls of the compartment to contract the opening at the front of the compartment, said flanges terminating above, but adjacent to the bottom of the compartment, leaving a space below the flanges of the full width of
35 the compartment, doors hinged to the case and extending from the top thereof adjacent to nearly the bottom of the compartments to cover the main body of the case, but leave the lower portion thereof exposed for withdrawal of articles from the compartment at
40 the bottom thereof, and a cover hinged to the top of the case to cover the compartments, said case having a stepped rear wall to provide compartments of different dimensions. 45

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of November, 1905.

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