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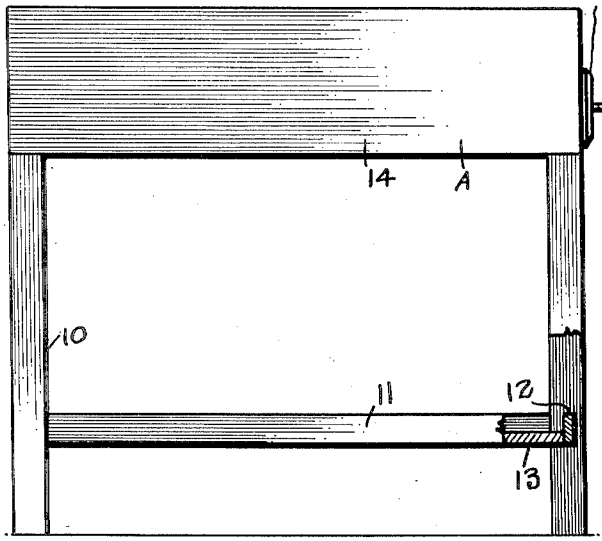


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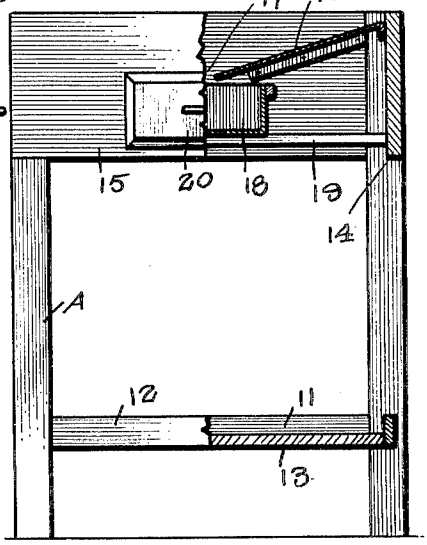


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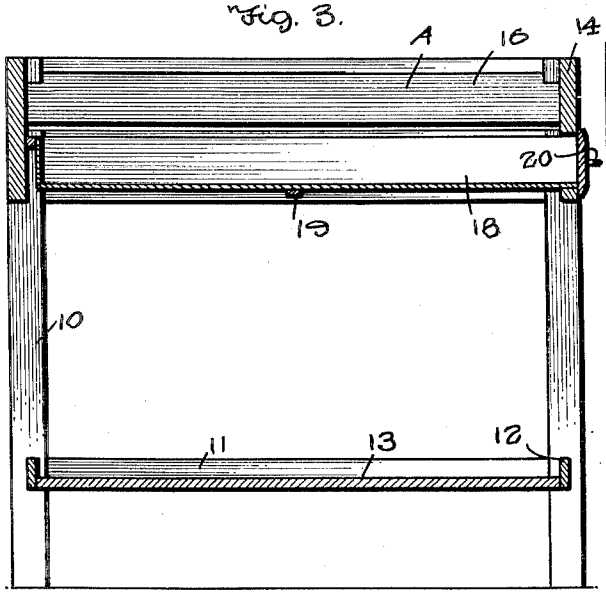
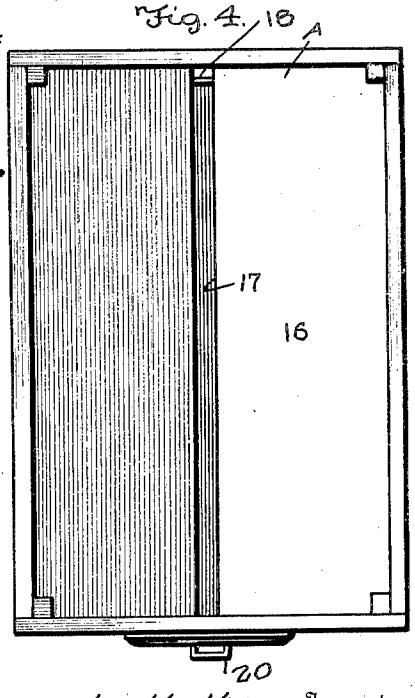


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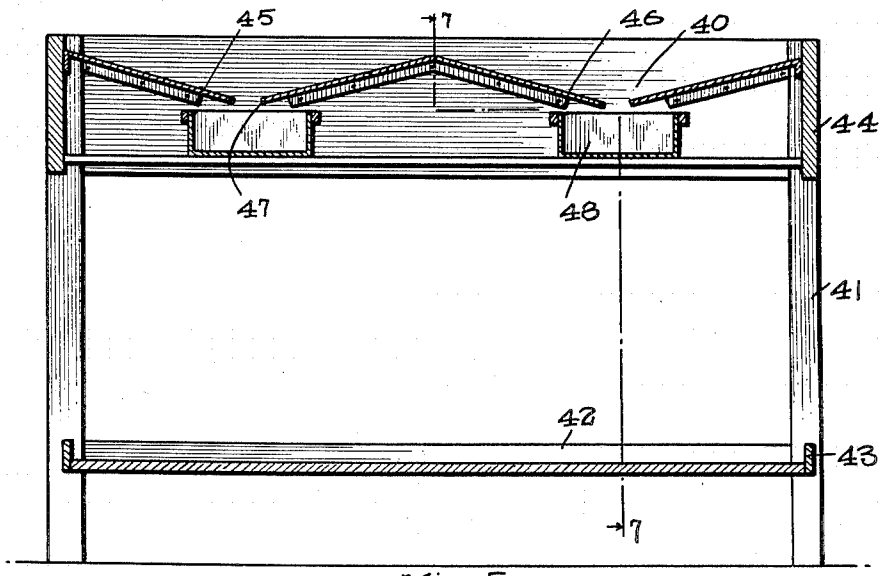


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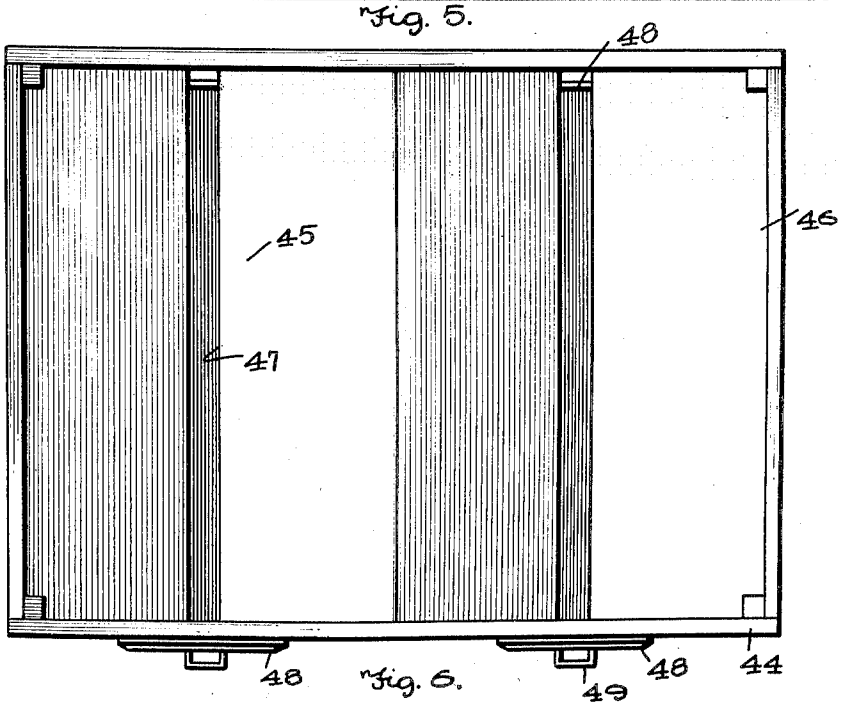


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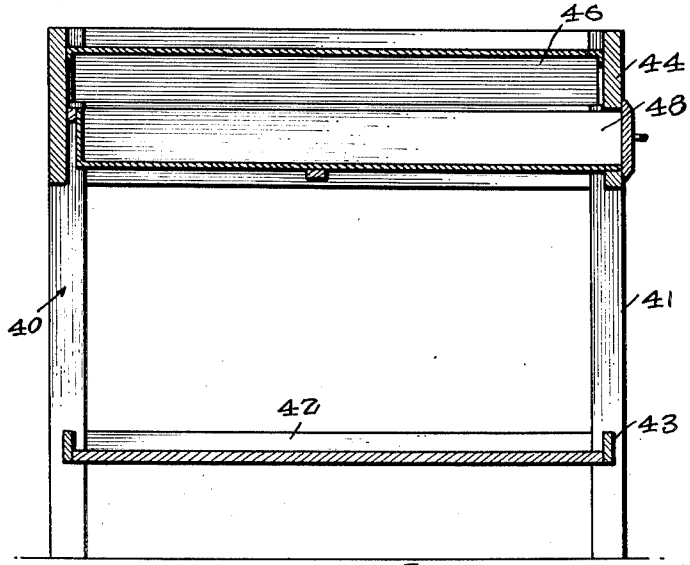


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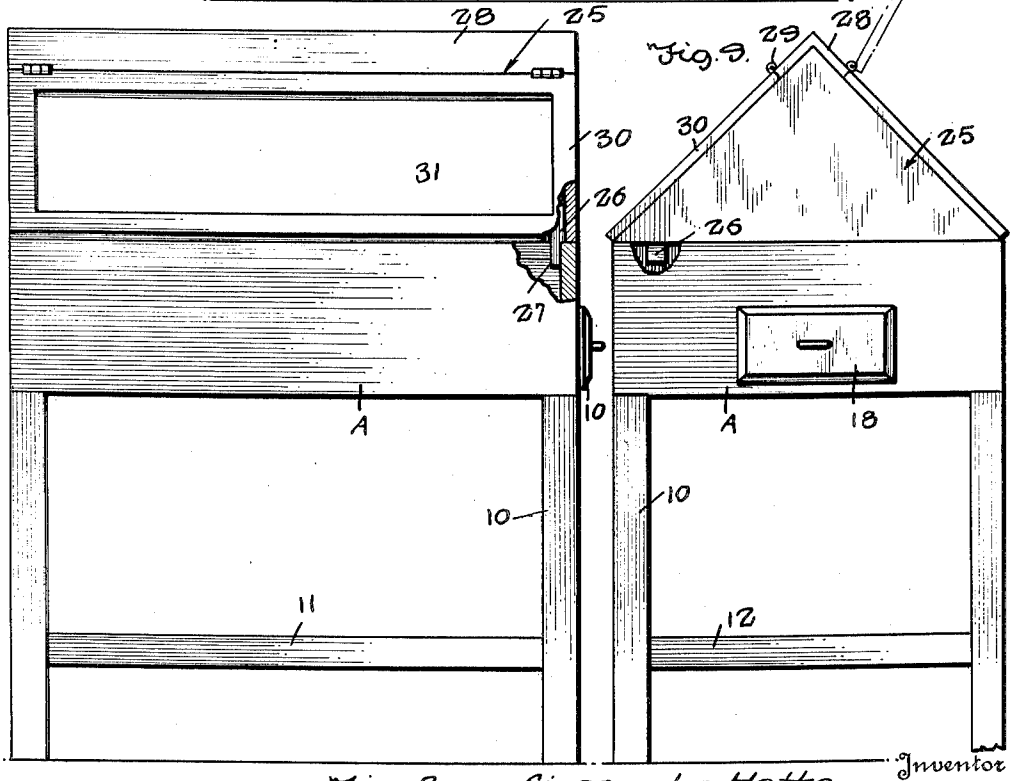


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This invention appertains to store furniture and more particularly to that type of furniture which is particularly adapted for use in stores of the self serving type.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a novel display table for self serving stores, in which the articles to be dispensed can be readily displayed and at the same time kept in a cleanly and sanitary condition, the construction of the tables also permitting the store itself equipped with the tables to be kept in a clean and sightly condition.

Another object of the invention is to provide novel display tables for self serving stores embodying novel means for supporting fresh vegetables and the like in which drip from the vegetables and other articles supported thereby can be readily taken care of as well as dead leaves and other débris incident to the handling of vegetables and other articles of merchandise.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a display table for self serving stores embodying oppositely inclined supporting trays or shelves terminating short of each other at the longitudinal center of the table defining a drip and débris slot and a sliding trough mounted directly below the slot for the reception of said drip and débris.

A further object of the invention is the provision of novel means for permitting a plurality of the tables to be combined together so that a maximum amount of articles can be displayed in a convenient manner.

A further object of the invention is the provision of novel removable tops for said tables, so that the articles to be displayed can be kept in a cleanly condition, the said tops being provided with transparent doors so as to permit the articles to be readily seen and removed from the tables when necessary or desirable.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a novel display table of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be easy to manufacture and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed, and illustrated in the drawings, in which drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the display table, a part thereof being broken away and in section to illustrate the formation of the lower shelf,

Figure 2 is an end elevation thereof showing a part of the table in transverse section,

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section through the improved table,

Figure 4 is a top plan view thereof,

Figure 5 is a transverse section through a modified form of the table, the table being of a larger type than that shown in Figures 1 to 4 inclusive.

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the modified form of the tables,

Figure 7 is a section through the same taken on the line 7—7 of Figure 5,

Figure 8 is a side elevation of one of the improved tables showing the novel sanitary cover therefor, a part of the table and cover being broken away and in section,

Figure 9 is an end elevation of the table with the novel cover in place, a part of the table being broken away to illustrate the means of associating the cover therewith.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter A generally indicates one form of the improved table, which comprises the corner legs 10 which can be of an ornamental character if preferred. The legs 10 adjacent to the lower terminals thereof are braced by longitudinally extending and transverse strips or bars 11 and 12 which support a bottom 13 on which any desired kind of merchandise can be displayed, such as sacks of flour, potatoes, or the like. The upper end of the legs 10 support side and end walls 14 and 15. These walls 14 and 15 confine and support oppositely inclined trays or shelves 16. These trays or shelves 16 can be formed of sheet metal if so desired and terminate short of each other at the longitudinal center of the table defining a drip and débris slot 17. Directly below the drip and débris slot 17 is arranged a removable trough 18 which is slidably mounted through one end wall 15 of the table. The trough 18 can also be formed from sheet metal if so desired and can be supported in any preferred way such as by usual drawer guides. As shown a transverse strip 19 is carried by side walls 14 upon which the trough rests. The front end of the trough 18 is provided with a suitable hand pull 20 for facilitating the manipulation of the trough. Any desired type or merchandise can be placed upon the inclined shelves

or trays 16 such as fresh vegetables and it is obvious that the drip therefrom will fall into the drawer 18. This drawer is also adapted to receive dead leaves and the like from the vegetables and other débris from the store. It is thus obvious that all débris will be kept hidden and the store will thus present a clean and pleasing appearance at all times. These troughs can be emptied at desired intervals into suitable waste receptacles.

The use to which the tables can be put for displaying different kinds of merchandise is unlimited and thus every use will not be defined. It might be well to mention however, that perishable goods can be displayed thereon such as meat or fish and if preferred the drawers 18 can be utilized for the reception of packed ice to facilitate the keeping of said perishable goods.

In this instance it might be well to provide suitable covers for the tables in order to keep the goods in a sanitary condition, said covers are illustrated in Figures 8 to 9. In the embodiment shown, the covers embody triangular shaped end walls 25 which support upright cleats 26 having depending tongues 27 for engaging the end walls 15. The end walls 25 support longitudinally extending strips 28 to which can be connected by means of hinges 29, lids 30 which permit the contents of the table to readily be moved therefrom. The hinged lids 30 preferably are provided with transparent panels 31 in order to permit the contents of the tables to be readily seen by the customers.

The tables are to be constructed in different sizes so that the same can be used for different purposes and in Figures 5 and 6 is shown a double table and it is to be understood that still larger tables can be constructed embodying a greater number of supporting trays. The table illustrated in Figures 5 and 6 is generally indicated by the reference character 40 and also embodies corner legs 41 which are braced adjacent to their lower ends by longitudinally and transversely extending strips 42 and 43. The upper end of the table has secured to the legs, walls 44 which confine and support a series of pairs of oppositely inclined trays or shelves 45 and 46. The oppositely inclined trays or shelves 45 are arranged on one side of the table while the oppositely inclined pairs of trays 46 are arranged on the opposite side of the table. These trays can also be formed of sheet metal and the innermost trays of the pair of trays can be formed integral if so desired as shown in the drawings. In this instance the trays forming the pairs of trays 45 and 46 are also spaced at their inner ends to define drip and débris slots 47 and positioned directly below the slots are the drip and débris receiving troughs 48. These troughs 48 are slidably carried by one of the walls 45 of the table and can be provided with suitable hand pulls 46.

If desired special articles can be placed on the tables in baskets so as to prevent the confusion thereof with other articles placed on the tray, and if desired the baskets can be made of wire or the like so that they can be readily drained to permit the drip to flow into the said drip and débris trough.

From the foregoing description, it can be seen that I have provided a novel display table for self serving stores which is of an exceptionally simple and durable character in which the goods to be sold can be readily displayed and kept in a cleanly and sanitary condition.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of this invention, but

What I claim as new is:

A table for storing commodities for sale comprising a rectangular supporting frame open at its top and bottom, legs supporting the frame, the said frame including side and end walls, shelves extending longitudinally between the end walls and secured at their ends thereto, the relatively remote edge of each shelf being disposed in abutting relation to the inner side of a respective one of the side walls of the frame, the shelves being inclined downwardly and inwardly toward each other and terminating at their lower longitudinal edges in juxtaposition to each other whereby to provide a relatively narrow drain slot between their said lower edges, and a trough removably arranged within the frame beneath the lower portions of the shelves and having an open top occupying a plane spaced below the lower edges of the shelves and presented to said drain slot.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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