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Fig. 1.

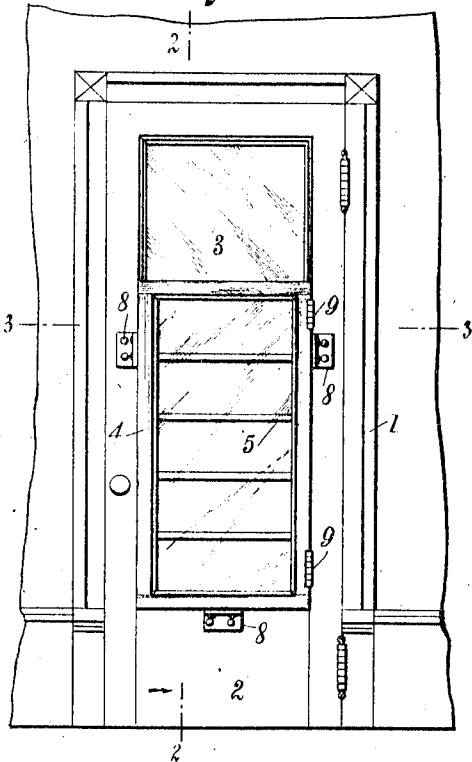


Fig. 2.

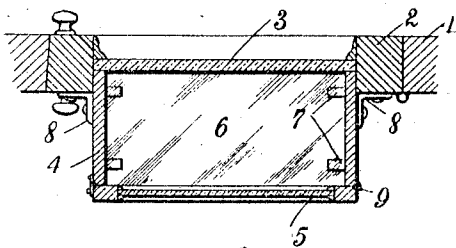
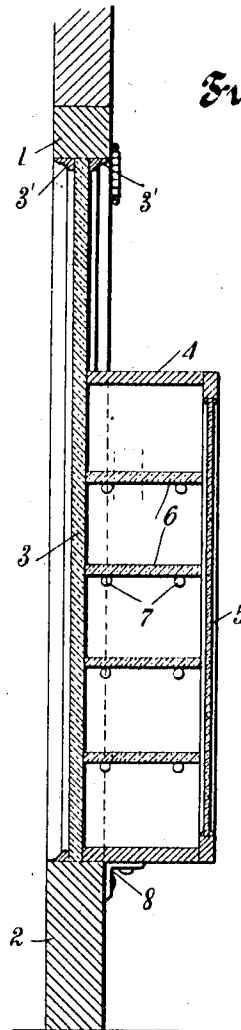


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR L. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Petersburg, in the county of Hillsboro and State of Florida, have invented a new and Improved Combined Door and Show-Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a combined door and show case, and it comprises a show case attachment for a store door, to enable the door to be used for the purpose of exhibiting samples of the merchant's stock, thus saving the space which is usually devoted to show cases when placed upon the counters of the store, and increasing the amount of available space which is used for show purposes in the windows of the shop.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which the same characters of reference indicate the same parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a store door having my show case in place thereon. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

On the drawings, the numeral 1 is the door frame, in which is hung the door 2, attached to the same by hinges in the usual way. This door 2 carries a pane of glass 3, fitted to the door in a central opening there-through; and the door 2 also carries a show case shown at 4, secured to the rear face thereof. This case 4 is of substantially the same width as the opening containing the pane of glass 3, but of somewhat less height, but obviously I may make it equal in height to the height of the pane of glass 3, if desired. Its sides, bottom and top may be made of wood or metal or any other suitable material, and it will be of such width as to fit within the opening containing the glass 3, and serve in lieu of retaining strips at the bottom and the lower part of the lateral edges of the glass 3 upon the rear face thereof, to hold the glass 3 in place. Retaining strips shown at 3' are used on the door in front of the glass 3, and behind the glass 3, above the show case 4.

The show case 4 has a rear door 5 consisting of a frame in which is mounted a pane of glass or other transparent material; and

it contains a number of shelves 6, of glass, supported by lugs 7 extending inward from the sides. By using glass in the construction of the case 4 in this way, the articles placed therein on exhibition can be viewed through either the front or back, and the articles on the lower shelves can be seen through the upper shelves, on account of the transparent nature of the material of which these shelves are made. The rear door 5 of the case 4 is shown hinged at 9, and the numerals 8 represent angle-irons which are screwed to the door and the sides and bottom of the case to hold the latter in position. The case of course moves with the door, but access to the former can be obtained at any time to remove and replace articles contained therein, merely by opening the rear door 5. The edge of the door opposite the hinged edge 9 will of course be provided with a suitable catch to hold the door shut.

The utility of my combined door and show case will be apparent. It is well known that in small shops a great deal of space on the counters must be devoted to show cases and exhibition stands, and the space placed at the disposal of the owners for the show windows in front of the stores is very often insufficient. By means of my combined show case and door I am enabled to save a good deal of space which is ordinarily used for exhibition purposes, and at the same time to increase the gross amount of space at the disposal of the merchant for this purpose, by enabling him to utilize a part of his equipment which is not ordinarily employed for exhibiting and advertising his goods.

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

In an improvement of the kind described, the combination of a door having an opening therethrough, a pane of glass mounted in said opening, means secured to said door within said opening and engaging the said pane of glass along its edges on one face thereof, to retain the same in place, a show case secured to the opposite face of said door, said show case being of a width to fit within said opening, and being of less height than said opening, means secured to said door and engaging the opposite face of the said pane of glass around the edges thereof above the show case, and angle plates secured to

the door and the show case at the sides and
bottom of the latter for fastening said show
case in position, said show case engaging
said pane of glass along the bottom and
5 side edges thereof below the last-named en-
gaging means, and serving in lieu of engag-
ing means for said engaged portions.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
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