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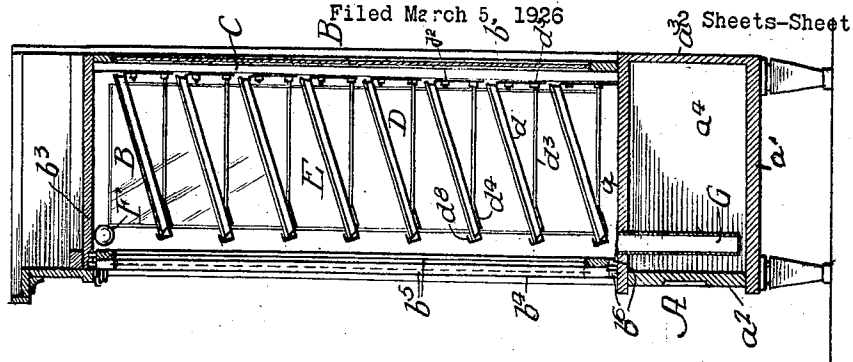
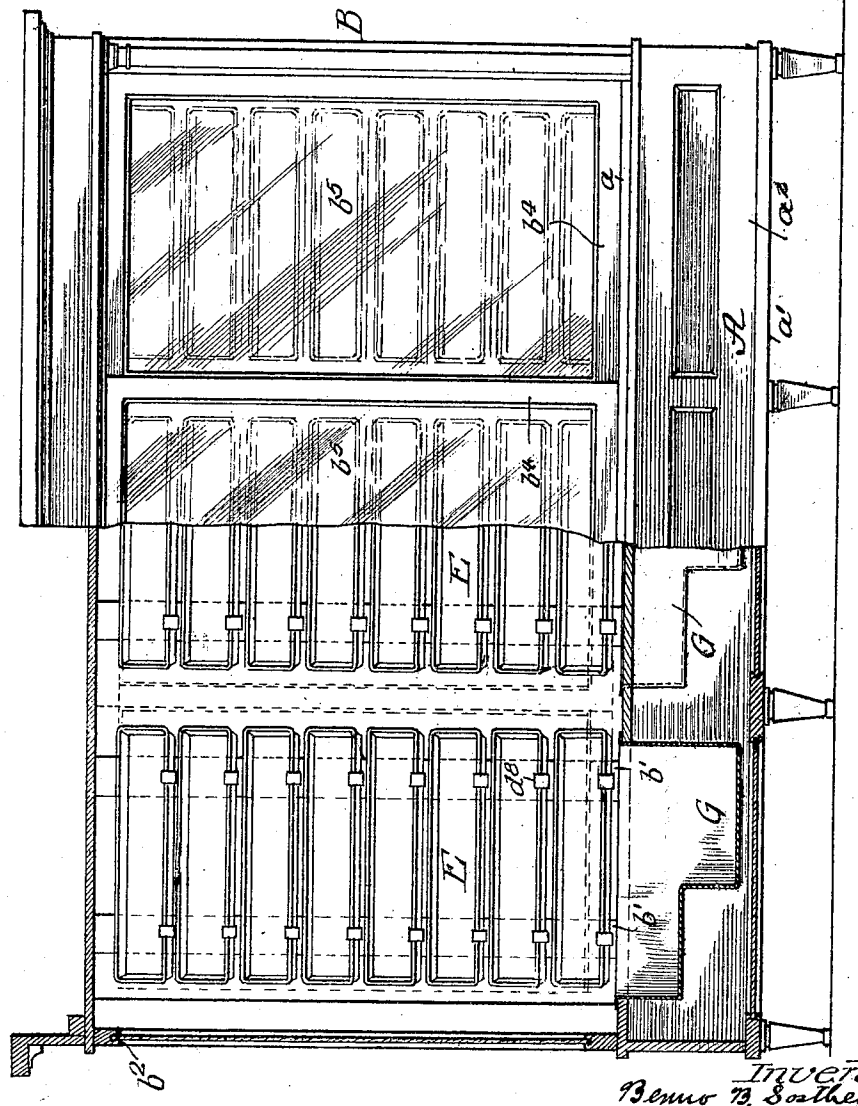


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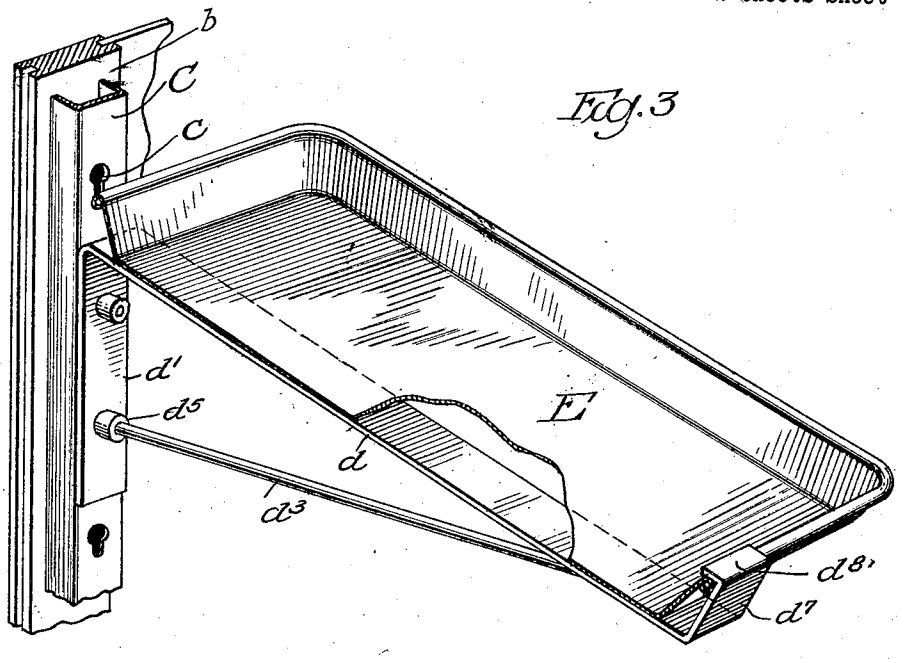


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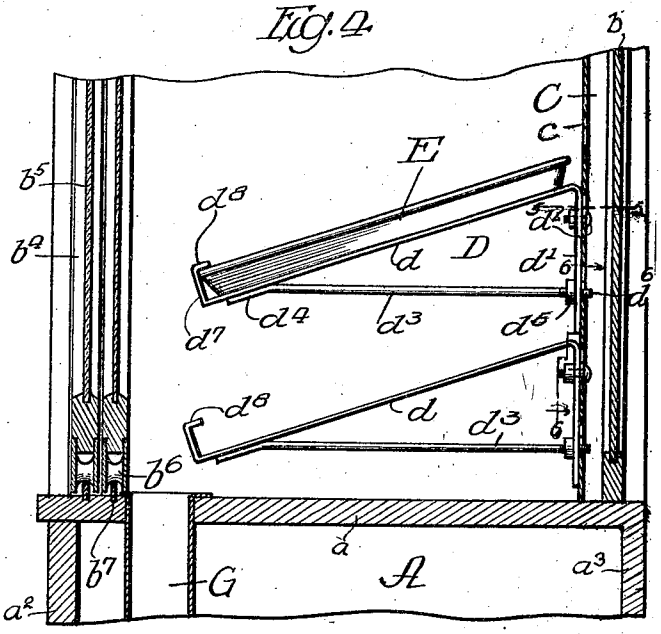


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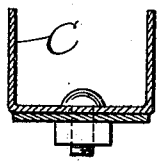
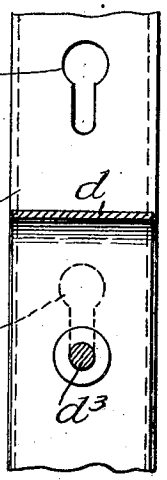


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The invention relates to display cases or cabinets, more particularly designed to display bakery goods.

One object of the invention is to provide an improved cabinet in which the bakery goods will be displayed so the purchaser may readily see them and may conveniently indicate the goods selected for purchase.

Another object of the invention is to provide a display cabinet which is adapted to be advantageously used in the sale of bakery goods.

The invention consists in the several novel features hereinafter set forth and more particularly defined by the claims herein.

In the drawings: Fig. 1 is a front elevation, parts being shown in section. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective of one of the supporting brackets with a band thereon. Fig. 4 is a detail transverse section upon an enlarged scale. Figs. 5 and 6 are sections taken on lines 5—5 and 6—6 of Fig. 4 respectively.

The invention is exemplified in a cabinet comprising a base A having an enclosed display compartment B above it. This compartment is formed by a structure comprising a back wall b, including vertical strips or bars b', end walls b^2, a top wall b^3 and an open front provided with three doors b^4 which are provided with glass panels b^5, through which the contents of the cabinet may be observed. These doors are adapted to normally close the front of the display cabinet, and their bottom rails are provided with rollers b^6 adapted to run on rails b^7 respectively, which are set in the top wall a of the base A. Similar rollers in the upper rails of the doors b^4 are guided by similar rails set into the top wall b^3, so that the doors will be guided at the top and bottom to slide across the front of the compartment. These doors are slidable past one another to provide access to the goods in any portion of the cabinet.

Channelled metallic standards C are fixed to the bars b' to adjustably support brackets D for supporting pans containing the goods. Each bracket comprises a downwardly and forwardly inclined bar d, upon which a pan is adapted to rest, a back-leg d' provided with a headed stud d^2 adapted to enter one of the key-hole slots c in the standard C, a brace-bar d^3, secured, as at d^4, to the front portion of the bar d, and provided at its rear end with a nut d^5 adapted to serve as an abutment, and with a projecting terminal d^6 adapted to enter one of the key-hole slots c, so that when the bracket is locked to the standard, it will be securely held against vertical and lateral movement. At its front end, each bracket-bar d is provided with an upwardly extending member d^7 adapted to serve as a front stop for a pan E and with a back-turned terminal or lug d^8 which is adapted to serve as a guard for preventing the pan from being accidentally lifted over the member d^7. A pair of brackets D are provided for each pan, and the brackets are arranged in vertical series so that the corresponding series of pans may be supported in properly spaced relation, one above the other, so that the goods in the pans will be displayed. A pair of vertical series is provided for a vertical series of pans behind each of the doors b^4, so that, by opening one of the doors, the goods in that series of pans will all be accessible.

In practice, it has been found that, when pans containing bakery goods are arranged horizontally, the patron cannot readily observe the nature of the product or indicate the product desired to the clerk. By providing for supporting the vertical series of pans in the inclined position exemplified in the drawing, the patron can more easily observe the products in the different pans, and indicate the selection desired. As a result, the improved cabinet has been found to be advantageous in the sale of bakery goods. The inclined brackets, on which the pans are held, permit them to be readily removed and replaced as occasion requires. The guards d^8 on the bracket prevent accidental displacement of the pans from their supporting brackets. By adjusting the latter vertically in the standard C, they may be equally spaced to serve for any desired number of pans and according to the height of the goods contained therein, so that the space may be utilized to its fullest capacity. One or more electric lamps F may be placed in the cabinet to illuminate the products on sale.

The base A is preferably composed of a bottom wall a', a top wall a, a front wall a^2, back wall a^3 and end walls a^4. In order to retain a supply of paper bags in a convenient position for access while the products are being removed from the pans, pockets G, adapted to contain such bags, are formed in the base, preferably between the vertical

rows of pans, the upper ends of these pockets being open to permit them to be readily removed as required.

The invention is not to be understood as restricted to the details set forth, since these may be modified within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

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

1. In a display cabinet, the combination of an enclosing structure comprising a back and a plurality of laterally slidable front doors provided with transparent panels, and two vertical series of supporting brackets rearwardly of each door, and connected to the back, and provided with bars to support pans so that said pans will be inclined forwardly and downwardly to render the contents of the pans more easily visible through the panels and accessible when the doors are open.

2. In a display cabinet of the wall variety, the combination of an enclosing structure comprising a fixed opaque back, and front doors provided with transparent panels, standards connected to the back, and vertical series of brackets adjustably and removably secured to said standards, provided with forwardly and downwardly inclined bars to support pans in a correspondingly inclined position to render the contents of the pans more easily visible through the panels and accessible when the doors are open.

3. In a display cabinet, the combination of a base, an enclosing structure above the base comprising a bottom, a back and a front door, vertical series of brackets mounted on the back and provided with means for supporting pans, and means forming a pocket for holding bags, said pocket extending through the bottom and into the base and opening into said structure to permit access to the bags when the door is open.

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