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PORTABLE REFRESHMENT BOOTH

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Fig. 1.

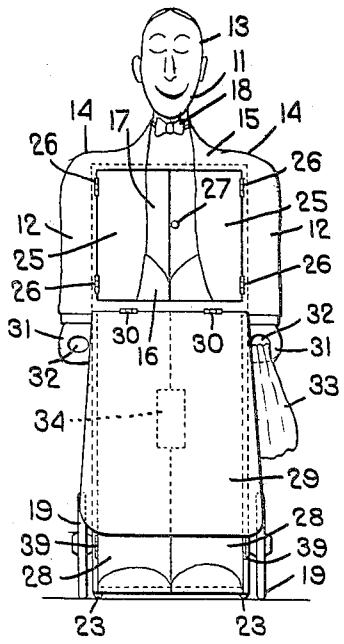


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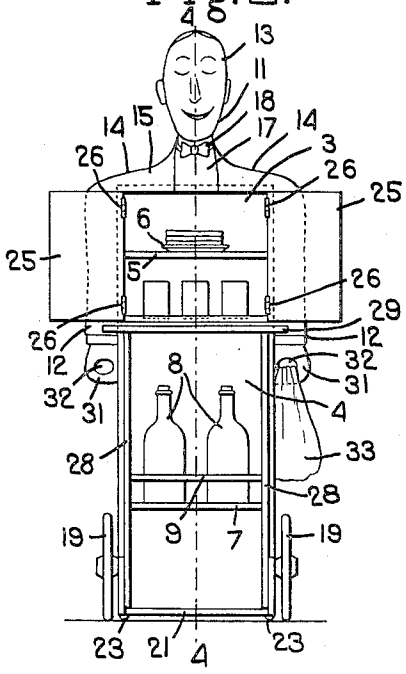


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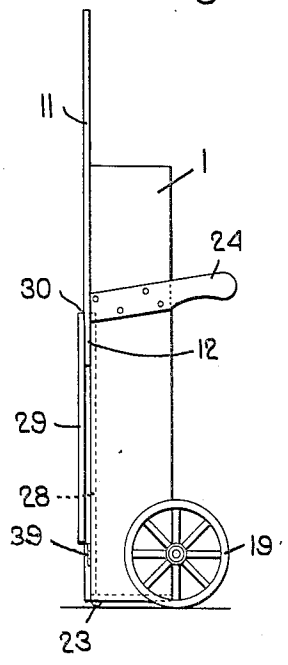
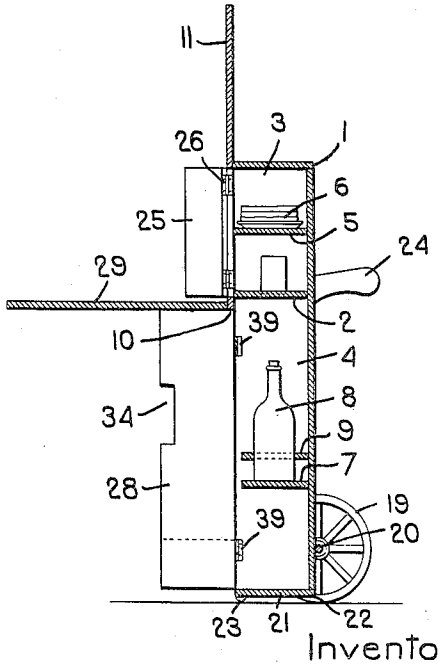


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a portable refreshment booth and has for one of its objects to provide a refreshment booth of this type which is constructed so that when it is closed it simulates in shape and appearance a waiter, bar-tender or some other person whose duty it is to serve food or refreshments to customers.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved portable refreshment booth of this type which comprises a box-like body having compartments to receive refreshments whether in solid or liquid form, the front of the body extending beyond the sides and top thereof and having a shape or contour simulating that of a human figure, said front being appropriately painted to portray the features and dress of such human figure so that when the refreshment booth is closed it has the general appearance of a person waiting to serve customers.

A further object of the invention is to provide a refreshment booth of this type which has swinging doors in the front to give access to the refreshment-receiving compartments, and which is also provided with an upwardly-swinging leaf adapted to form a table on which the patrons may eat the refreshments. This swinging leaf may conveniently be made to simulate the apron of the waiter or other person.

This box-like body is mounted on wheels so that it can be readily trundled from place to place.

In order to give an understanding of the invention I have illustrated in the drawing a selected embodiment thereof which will now be described after which the novel features will be pointed out in the appended claims.

Fig. 1 is a front view of a portable refreshment booth embodying my invention showing the booth closed;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the booth open;

Fig. 3 is a side view of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4, Fig. 2.

My improved portable refreshment booth is formed with a box-like body 1 which is preferably somewhat taller than it is wide and which is divided by a partition 2 to form an upper refreshment-receiving compartment 3 and a lower refreshment-receiving compartment 4. These compartments are adapted to receive refreshments either in solid or liquid form. As herein shown the upper compartment 3 is provided with a shelf 5 adapted to receive sandwiches 6 or any other refreshments and the partition 2 constitutes another shelf adapted to receive either glasses, plates, or other dishes or to receive refreshments. The lower compartment 4 is shown as having a shelf 7 on which bottles 8 may be placed and 9 indicates a rack or holder to retain the bottles in position.

The front 10 of the box-like body extends beyond said body at the top as indicated at 11 and also at the sides as indicated at 12 and this extended portion of the top is formed with a contour or outline simulating that of a human figure as shown best in Figs. 1 and 2.

The side extensions 12 indicate the arms of the figure and the top extension 11 has a contour to indicate the head 13 and shoulders 14 of the figure. This front, and especially the upper portion thereof will be appropriately painted to portray the features of the figure and also will be painted to portray the dress of the figure. As herein shown the figure is intended to represent a waiter and the front 10 is painted to portray the coat 15, vest 16, shirt front 17 and necktie 18 of the figure.

The box-like body is mounted on wheels so that it can be readily trundled from place to place and as herein shown there are two such wheels 19 which are mounted on an axle 20 secured to the back of the box-like body near the lower end. These wheels have a diameter slightly greater than the distance of the axle from the bottom 21 of the box-like body so that when said body is in its vertical position shown in Fig. 4 the lower corner 22 thereof will be supported free of the ground.

Said body may be provided with rests or supports 23 at the front which together with the wheels 19 support the body. The sides of the body are shown as provided with handles 24 near the upper edge by which the refreshment booth can be trundled from place to place.

By grasping the handles 24 and tipping the body backwardly slightly so as to separate the rests 23 from the floor surface, the body will be supported entirely on the wheels 19 and then may be easily trundled from place to place.

The front 10 is provided in its upper portion with one or more swinging doors 25 through which access may be had to the compartment 3. There are two such doors herein shown, said doors being hinged to the front by the hinges 26. The doors swing away from each other and one of the doors is provided with a knob 27 by which it may be opened, which knob simulates a stud in the shirt front of the figure.

The front 10 is also provided with two swinging doors 28 through which access may be had to the lower compartment 4, said doors being hinged to

the box-like body at 39. The lower end of these doors 28 are preferably painted to simulate the lower portion of the legs and feet of the person represented by the outline of the front 10.

Pivoted to the front 10 at a point below the doors 25 and just above the doors 28 is a swinging leaf 29, said leaf being connected to the front by suitable hinges 30. This leaf 29 is preferably shaped to simulate the apron of the waiter indicated by the outline of the front 10 and it is so constructed that when the booth is closed this apron will occupy a position directly in front of the closed doors 28.

The apron portion or swinging leaf 29 may be swung up into a horizontal position as shown in Figs. 2 and 4 thereby forming the table from which the refreshments in the compartments 3 and 4 can be served. The swinging doors 28 serve not only to close the lower compartment 4 but they also serve as a support for the swinging leaf 29, for when the swinging leaf 29 is swung up into its horizontal position and the doors 28 are opened the upper edges of said doors underlie the leaf 29 and thus serve to support the latter as shown in Fig. 4.

The lower portion 31 of each of the arms 12 is provided with the openings 32 adapted to receive a towel, napkins or the like 33 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The refreshment booth when closed may be made to form an attractive booth and if it is constructed to simulate a waiter or some other person whose duty it is to wait on customers, it presents a realistic appearance suitable for a refreshment booth.

The refreshment booth thus serves not only as a means for transporting refreshments from place to place but also as a table from which the refreshments may be served or at which they may be consumed.

If desired, the inside of the doors 25 may be equipped with any suitable or usual means for holding packages of cigarettes, matches, a bottle opener and the like.

I claim:

1. A portable refreshment booth comprising a box-like body provided with refreshment-receiving compartments, a pair of wheels attached to said body adjacent its lower end and on which said body may be trundled from place to place, the front of said body extending beyond the sides and top and being shaped to simulate a human figure, the portion of the upper part of said front having swinging doors giving access to one of the compartments and the lower portion of said front also having swinging doors which when opened give access to another compartment, and a swinging leaf hinged to the front between the upper and lower doors and adapted to be swung upwardly into a position to function as a table, said lower doors constituting a support for the leaf when in its operative position and the latter when folded downwardly simulating the apron of the human figure.

2. A portable refreshment booth comprising a box-like body provided with refreshment-receiving compartments, a pair of wheels attached to said body adjacent its lower end and on which said body may be trundled from place to place, the front of said body extending beyond the sides and top and being shaped to simulate a human figure, the portion of the upper part of said front having arms, the ends of the arms having towel-receiving openings, the portion of the upper part of said front having swinging doors giving access to one of the compartments and the lower portion of said front also having swinging doors which when opened give access to another compartment, and a swinging leaf hinged to the front between the upper and lower doors and adapted to be swung upwardly into a position to function as a table, said lower doors constituting a support for the leaf when in its operative position and the latter when folded downwardly simulating the apron of the human figure.

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