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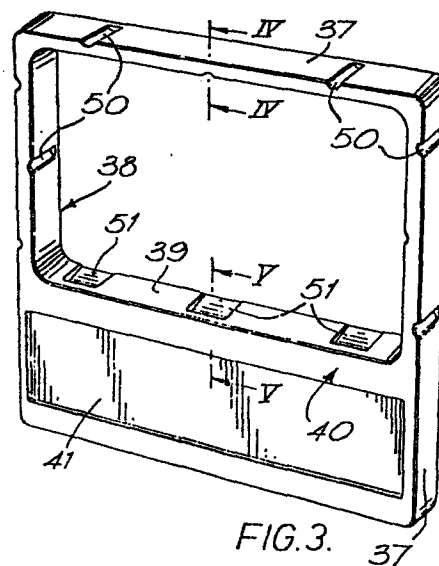
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**Sales display device.**

A mask-like device (10;30), for association with a box containing articles for display and sale and including an access aperture in one wall for removing articles from the box, can be fitted over such wall of the box and has a peripheral frame-like part, including outer wall parts (17) and inner wall parts (18,19) which together define a rearwardly-open channel surrounding an access opening which cooperates with the access aperture in the box, and a display panel (20;40). Secure attachment of the device (10;30) to the box is given by projections (22,23,24; 50; 51) included in the outer and inner wall parts (17,18,19).



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1           This invention relates to merchandising  
equipment and is concerned in particular with sales  
display devices for use in connection with the display  
and sale of articles. The sales display devices of the  
5   invention improve both the usefulness and the appearance  
of containers holding articles. An example of the kinds  
of articles, packaged in containers, with which the  
invention is especially beneficial is bags of snackfoods.

          A very wide variety of snackfoods, such as  
10   nuts, potato crisps, potato rings and other potato-  
based and cereal-based snack products, are commonly put  
up for sale in bags. Substantial quantities of these  
bags of snack-foods are displayed for sale in retail  
premises, such as supermarkets, shops in the grocery,  
15   confectionery and allied trades and in off-licences and  
public houses. For storage, transport and display  
purposes, the containers in which the bags of snackfoods  
are packaged are usually cartons or cardboard cases. For  
ease of description, these and any other kind of  
20   container, with which a sales display device of the  
invention can be used, is referred to below as a "box";  
this term is to be understood as thus having this very  
wide meaning, in this context. It is customary for the  
outsides of these boxes to be printed with design and  
25   information matter, so as to identify the particular

1 contents of each box and to make the boxes sufficiently  
attractive and eye-catching that such containers can be  
used, in addition to their basic storage and transport  
purposes, for display of the bags for sales purposes.

5 Accordingly, it is conventional practice for boxes, e.g.  
of bags of snackfoods, to be provided with readily  
openable or removable parts, which easily convert the  
boxes into a form which allows convenient display of the  
bags for retail purposes.

10               The boxes used for this purpose are usually  
conventional rectangular cardboard boxes, having four  
upright wall panels forming two long side walls and two  
short sides or end walls, which are connected together at  
the corners of the case. These side and end walls have  
15 closure flaps for the case attached to their bottom and  
top edges. When the boxes are being filled with the  
snackfood bags or other articles, the bottom flaps are  
closed to make the base of the box, the contents are put  
in and the top flaps are then closed. In order to allow  
20 the box to be readily opened for display and sale  
purposes, one common practice is to provide a circular,  
rectangular or other panel, for instance in one end wall,  
and this panel is defined for instance by means of one or  
more lines of perforations. This panel can easily be  
25 removed, by separating the material of the box at the  
perforations, so that the bags can then be readily taken  
from the box by customers, as they pass the area where  
the boxes are displayed and so can select the number of  
bags required.

30               Although this method of selling snackfoods is  
in common use, it has a number of disadvantages. The  
boxes can easily become untidy and look generally  
unsightly and disorganised. The perforated panel  
removable from the box, usually from one end wall, almost  
35 invariably is set well in from the edges of the wall in

1 which it is formed and so removal of this panel only  
produces an access aperture of a relatively small area.  
When most of the bags have been removed from a box having  
a small removable panel of this common type, it is often  
5 difficult for an intending purchaser to see whether there  
are any bags left in the box and, if so, whether there  
are sufficient for that person's requirements. People  
generally prefer to take goods from a full or nearly-  
full display container, because this strongly suggests  
10 that the display is new and that the goods are therefore  
fresh, so that a nearly empty box with only a few bags in  
it, located behind an upstanding wall panel below the  
access aperture, is often by-passed in favour of another  
box which is newly opened or sometimes no purchase is in  
15 fact made.

It is therefore an object of the invention to  
provide sales display devices, for use with boxes, i.e.  
cases of the kind conventionally used to transport and  
display articles, such as bags of snackfoods, which  
20 devices not only avoid these disadvantages, allowing the  
whole of a display area formed from a number of these  
boxes to retain a more attractive and orderly appearance,  
but which also generally improve the utility and  
attraction of this method of selling. In particular,  
25 the devices of the invention enable the particular kinds  
of products to be indicated more clearly, they enable the  
sales price to be changed readily, if desired, and also  
they provide larger openings for access to the contents  
of the boxes than is generally possible under the present  
30 practice. In this description, for clarity, the  
expression "access aperture" is used to mean the hole in  
the box and the expression "access opening" is used to  
mean the hole in the sales display device, by which  
articles in the prepared box can be taken out of it.

35 According to one aspect of the present

1 invention, a sales display device is provided, for use  
in association with a box having a wall containing a  
removable panel, which comprises a mask having a size  
and shape so that it can fit over such wall of the box  
5 and including a peripheral frame defining an opening  
giving access to the interior of the box, through the  
aperture formed by removing the panel from the box wall,  
when the device is fitted over such wall.

Preferably, the frame conceals the edges of the  
10 aperture in the box, when the device is fitted over such  
wall. The edges concealed by the frame, in use of the  
device, most preferably are those which at least partly  
coincide with the edges of panels adjacent the box wall  
containing the removable panel.

15 Preferably, the sales display device of the  
invention is a one-piece plastics moulding or vacuum-  
formed article.

According to an especially preferred embodiment  
of the invention, the sales display device includes a  
20 display panel, for instance for the receipt and  
indication of information. It is preferable, in  
accordance with this embodiment of the invention, for  
the access opening to comprise from half to three-  
quarters of the area of the box wall fitted with the  
25 device in use and the display panel comprises the  
remainder of such area. The access opening advantage-  
ously comprises the upper part of the mask and the  
display panel comprises its lower part.

30 According to another preferred embodiment of  
the invention, the device is of approximately the same  
shape overall as the end of the related box and of  
slightly larger dimensions, so that it can fit over that  
end.

35 According to another preferred feature of the  
sales display device of the invention it includes, along  
at least part of its periphery, a rearwardly-open

1 channel, comprising an outer wall part and an inner wall  
part, which in use are respectively located outside the  
box wall and inside the edges of the aperture. This  
channel formation can conveniently be disposed along at  
5 least a major part of the periphery of the device,  
corresponding for instance to the edges of an end wall  
of the box, and within this frame the device defines an  
access opening, which typically is equivalent in area to  
10 half, two-thirds or even as much as three-quarters of  
the whole area of the end wall of the box. Instead of  
the box being provided with a relatively small  
perforated panel, a substantial part or even the whole  
of the end wall panel is preferably made easily  
removable, for instance by being defined by lines of  
15 perforations made in the box material. These lines may  
extend along the upper edge and along substantial  
lengths of the two opposed side edges of the end or side  
wall or panel, with a lower line of perforations joining  
these side edges. The mask is preferably shaped to fit  
20 over an entire wall of the box, e.g. its entire end or  
side wall, with the interior part of the frame, defining  
the access opening, fitting inside the access aperture  
formed in the side or end wall of the box when the panel  
has been removed.

25 According to another aspect of the invention, a  
method is provided for preparing a box of articles for  
display and sale of the articles, such box having a wall  
containing a removable panel, which comprises removing  
the panel, fitting a sales display device over such wall  
30 of the box, the device including a peripheral frame  
defining an opening giving access to the interior of the  
box through the aperture formed by removing the panel,  
and displaying the assembled box and device so that the  
wall fitted with the device is visible and accessible.

35 According to a further aspect, the invention

1 resides in a kit of sales display devices, for use in  
association with boxes having a removable panel either  
in an end or side wall or in a top wall or having an  
openable top, which comprises at least one first sales  
5 display device for association with the end or side wall  
of one of the boxes and at least one second sales  
display device comprising a rearwardly-open tray for  
receiving the base of a top-opening box.

In order that the invention may be readily  
10 understood and appreciated, a preferred embodiment  
thereof is described below in conjunction with the  
accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows a typical sales aid or display  
device, according to the invention, in vertical cross-  
15 sectional view, on the line I-I of Fig. 2;

Fig. 2 shows the sales display device of Fig. 1  
in perspective view, as it is about to be fitted to the  
prepared end wall of a box containing articles such as  
bags of a snackfood;

20 Fig. 3 shows another form of sales display  
device according to the present invention, in a  
perspective view similar to Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a cross-section on an enlarged scale,  
taken on the line IV-IV of Fig. 3;

25 Fig. 5 is a cross-section, again on the same  
enlarged scale, taken on the line V-V of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 is a general perspective view, illu-  
strating the use of a sales display device according  
either to Figs. 1 and 2 or Figs. 3 to 5, in conjunction  
30 with an associated tray-like sales display device, for  
use with containers of a different format and designed  
to provide an integrated and visually satisfactory  
display of one or more of each of the different kinds of  
sales display device.

35 The sales display device of the embodiment of

1 the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2, indicated  
generally at 10, is intended to be used with a typical  
rectangular cardboard box or case, an end portion of  
which is indicated generally at 11 in Fig. 2. The box  
5 11 consists of an opposed pair of side walls 12 joined  
by a corresponding opposed pair of end walls (only the  
lower part of one of which is shown at 14 in Fig. 2),  
these side and end walls 12,14 typically being joined at  
each of the resultant four upright corners of the box,  
10 the join at one of the corners usually involving gluing  
and/or stitching, as is well known in the cardboard box  
art. The top and bottom of the box 11 are closed by  
interengaging flaps in conventional fashion, parts of the  
top and bottom wall panels of the box 11, formed from  
15 such flaps, being indicated at 15 and 16 respectively in  
Fig. 2. In manufacture, the box 11 is filled with  
articles, such as bags of a snackfood, for instance 48  
1-ounce (28 gm) bags of potato crisps. Information  
about the contents of the box, such as the flavour, bag  
20 weight and other details of the snackfood, is indicated  
in a bold fashion on the outside surfaces of the box 11.  
One of the walls of the box 11, for instance, an end  
wall typically, is provided with a large and readily-  
removable panel, not shown in Fig. 2, but defined for  
25 instance by perforated lines which are located, for  
example, along the upper edge of the end wall of the box  
11, down a substantial part of each of its sides and  
across the end wall about one-third of the distance up  
from its lower edge, so that the resulting removable  
30 panel represents the upper two-thirds of the end wall of  
the box 11. The box 11 is shown in Fig. 2 as it appears  
after this panel has been removed. The non-removable  
part 14 of the end wall, as shown in Fig. 2, thus  
represents the lowest one-third thereof.

35 The lines of perforations in the box

1 and thus included in the blank from which it was made  
can typically be located along the fold lines which join  
adjacent panels together, except perhaps for the line of  
perforations on one side of the panel, as is shown in  
5 effect in Fig. 2; thus, removal of the panel defined by  
these lines exposes the edge or thickness of the  
cardboard or other sheet material along at least some of  
the sides of the resultant access aperture. These edges  
are shown at 25 for parts of the side panels 12 and at  
10 26 for the top panel 15. The edge or thickness of the  
cardboard or other material is also exposed, e.g. as  
shown at 27 for the end panel 14, where part of the end  
panel is not included in the removable panel.

The sales display device 10 consists of a  
15 generally rectangular mask-like one-piece plastics  
moulding or vacuum-formed article, which has a frame-  
like outer wall part 17 extending rearwardly from the  
rectangular periphery of the sales display device 10 and  
thus from a plane representing the front surface of the  
20 device 10. The wall part 17 is intended to fit over and  
around the exterior of the end of the box 11 and so  
completely conceals or masks the parts of the side walls  
12 and the top and bottom of the box 11 adjacent the end  
wall with the removable panel, i.e. the parts  
25 immediately adjacent the edges 25 and 26 around the  
access aperture formed on removal of the panel. At the  
upper part and the opposed side parts of the sales  
device or mask 10, corresponding to the portion of the  
box 11 having the removable panel, i.e. co-extensive  
30 with the edges 25 and 26, the wall part 17 is associated  
with a corresponding internal wall part 18, so that  
these wall parts 17 and 18 of the mask 10 consist of a  
rearwardly-open and divergent U-shaped channel, as  
indicated most clearly at the top in Fig. 1. The  
35 channel comprising the wall part 18 and the associated

1 portions of the wall part 17 thus defines a generally  
rectangular access opening of substantial size, which  
preferably corresponds very closely in size and shape to  
the access aperture formed in the end of the box 11 by  
5 removing the removable panel. It will be appreciated  
that a mask 10 could be used with a box 11 having an  
access aperture larger than the access opening in the  
mask 10, so that the same mask could be used with boxes  
having different sizes or shapes of access apertures, if  
10 desired or necessary.

The sales device 10 includes a further internal  
wall 19, which in use is located above and immediately  
adjacent the edge 27 and so completes the interior of  
the frame around the access opening in the device 10, by  
15 forming its lowest part. Below this internal wall 19,  
namely between it and the bottom portion of the wall  
part 17, the sales device 10 includes a rectangular  
panel-like area 20, which preferably includes a recessed  
region 21, for receiving a self-adhesive indicator  
20 panel, such as a price ticket or label which can  
typically be supplied to retail premises with the box  
and the sales device 10 and can form part of a kit of  
sales display device components. Thus, a delivery of a  
range of boxes of snackfoods, e.g. to a supermarket,  
25 will include the corresponding sales devices 10 and the  
indicator panels and other items associated with them.

In order to prepare a box for display for  
retail purposes, it is merely necessary to form the  
access aperture by removing the prepared panel, by  
30 separating it from the rest of the box along the lines  
of perforations, and then to fit the corresponding  
sales device or mask 10 into place over the thus-  
prepared wall panel of the box 11, as indicated in Fig.  
2. The rectangular frame formed i.a. by the wall parts  
35 17 thus surrounds the end of the box 11 and the internal

1 wall parts 18 and 19 define the access opening and also  
form a frame or lining for the access aperture, in which  
the bags of snackfoods are thus displayed and are  
readily available for removal. One or more labels  
5 appropriate to the particular snackfood in the box 11  
are then applied to the recessed area 21 and, if  
required, the appropriate self-adhesive price ticket is  
then attached to the label. It is found that the U-  
shaped configuration of the wall parts 17, 18, 19, with  
10 the preferred tapering configuration of the channel  
between the wall parts 17 and 18, can be sufficient to  
ensure that the sales device 10 will remain in place  
while the bags are removed, as may occur over a period  
of time until the box 11 is empty. This can be achieved  
15 simply, by matching the cross-section of the channel  
between the wall parts 17 and 18 to the thickness or  
gauge of the cardboard or other sheet material, so that  
the latter fits tightly in the U-profile of the channel.

In accordance with a further preferred feature  
20 of the invention, the sales device 10 is provided with  
means which give a positive engagement or interlock  
between the prepared end or other wall of a box, i.e.  
which has been opened by removal of a panel to form the  
access aperture, and the corresponding mask-like sales  
25 display device of the invention. The positive  
engagement or interlock means can take the form, for  
instance, of appropriately-directed projections, located  
at spaced points around the external wall part 17 and/or  
the internal wall parts 18 or 19. These projections,  
30 such as the projections or pips shown at 22 in the wall  
part 17 or at 23 in the wall part 18 in Fig. 1, can be  
so arranged as to press against the material of the box,  
which thus enables the mask 10 to grip the underlying  
parts of the box 11. A further possibility is to  
35 arrange the projections so that they can engage with

1 corresponding depressions or apertures formed in the  
parts of the box 11 which are covered by the wall parts  
17 and/or 18 when the device 10 is fitted into place.  
Another possible form of positive interlock is given by  
5 downwardly-directed projections, shown at 24 in Fig. 1,  
provided in the wall part 19, which snap behind the  
upstanding edge of a box wall, e.g. the wall panel 14,  
when the mask 10 is pressed into place over the end of  
the box 11.

10 Many other features can also be used to provide  
a positive interlocking relationship between the mask 10  
and the associated box 11. Some of these are illustrated  
in relation to the form of the sales device described  
below in connection with Figs. 3, 4 and 5 of the  
15 drawings.

In Figs. 3, 4 and 5 of the accompanying  
drawings, parts similar to those shown in Figs. 1 and 2  
have reference numerals increased by 20, in comparison  
with the same or equivalent parts in the earlier Figures.  
20 Thus the sales device or mask shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5  
is indicated at 30 and likewise consists of a one-  
piece article, such as a plastics moulding or a vacuum-  
formed plastics article. A large access opening in the  
upper part of the mask 30 is defined by internal wall  
25 parts 38 which, with external wall parts 37, form a  
rearwardly-open U-shaped channel. At the bottom of the  
access opening, the mask 30 includes a rearwardly-  
directed internal wall part 39 and below this, i.e.  
between the wall parts 37 and 39, the mask 30 includes a  
30 display panel 40, preferably incorporating a recessed  
portion 41.

The rearwardly-open U-shaped channel defined by  
the wall parts 37 and 38 includes one or more inwardly-  
directed projections 50. Each of these is directed  
35 inwardly, in the sense that it reduces in its locality

1 the cross-sectional width of the interior of the channel.  
The projections 50 in the wall part 37 are thus made  
inwardly towards the access opening, while the  
projections 50 in the wall part 38 are made inwardly of  
5 the channel and are therefore directed away from the  
access opening. Preferably, at least three of the  
projections 50 are provided along each side of the access  
opening, which is rectangular as shown in Fig. 3, there  
being two spaced projections 50 in the respective portion  
10 of the outer wall part 37 and a central projection 50 in  
the associated part of the inner wall part 38. When the  
mask 30 is fitted over the end of a box, the projections  
50 reduce the effective width of the rearwardly-open  
channel and firmly engage the edge of the cardboard or  
15 other material forming the side walls and top of the  
case, from which a panel has been removed to form the  
access aperture in the case. This material does not need  
to be selected so as to have a gauge or thickness which  
is accurately matched to the dimensions of the channel,  
20 as the projections 50 ensure a tight fit over a wide  
range of sheet material thicknesses. Each of the  
projections 50 preferably consists of a part-circular U-  
shaped channel, shown in more detail in cross-section in  
Fig. 4.

25 For further positive interengagement between  
the mask 30 and the case, the rearwardly-directed wall  
part 39 forming the lower periphery of the access opening  
is provided with one or more and preferably, as shown in  
Fig. 3, three downwardly-directed projections 51. Each  
30 of these can consist of a major rectangular area having a  
greater inclination from rear to front than the  
associated portions of the wall part 39, to which they  
are connected by side webs, as indicated in Fig. 5 at 58  
and 59 respectively.

35 A sales display device 30 having the internal

1 projections 50 and 51, shown in Figs. 4 and 5, makes a  
more positive interengagement with the edges of the  
access aperture in a box, in use, and is thus a further  
improvement over the forms of device disclosed above.

5           The present invention also provides a form of  
sales display device for use with boxes such as cardboard  
or other cartons or cases which either are not suitable  
for the inclusion of a removable access panel, i.e. in an  
end or side wall, or which have such a panel in the top  
10 or have any desired form of openable top. It is  
nevertheless desirable for such boxes to have an  
integrated appearance and means of use in association  
with boxes which are suitable for use with the above-  
described sales display devices of the invention,  
15 embodiments of which are illustrated in relation to the  
masks 10 and 30 described above. The associated sales  
display device consists preferably of a rearwardly-  
open tray, shown in Fig. 6 at 53, and, like the masks 10  
and 30, preferably comprising a one-piece plastics  
20 moulding or vacuum-formed plastics article. The tray 53  
preferably consists of a rectangular base 54, sized to  
accommodate the base of a box 52, an upstanding front  
panel 56, preferably having a recessed panel portion 57  
and generally corresponding in function and appearance to  
25 the lower part of the sales display device or masks 10,30  
with their recessed panel portions 21 or 41, and, joining  
the side edges of the base 54 to the side edges of the  
upstanding panel 56, triangular side panels 55.

          The various sales display articles of the  
30 invention, such as are shown at 10, 30 and 53, allow  
better display and use of cartons and cases of all kinds,  
whether or not they include removable access panels, and  
they also ensure that an integrated display of a  
plurality of such cases can be maintained to a higher and  
35 more satisfactory standard and ensure a substantially

1 improved appearance for sales displays equipped with  
these devices. Also, they can form, for instance in  
conjunction with suitable labels and/or price tickets, a  
set or kit of sales display devices for use with two or  
5 more different types of boxes. For instance, such a kit  
of parts can consist of one or more filled boxes having  
removable panels producing access apertures in one of  
their upright walls when standing, normally on their  
bases, most probably in an end wall and one or more  
10 other filled boxes having removable or openable top  
panels.

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1 CLAIMS:

1. A sales display device, for use in association with a box having a wall containing a removable panel, which comprises a mask having a size and shape so that it can fit over such wall of the box and including a peripheral frame defining an opening giving access to the interior of the box, through the aperture formed by removing the panel from the box wall, when the device is fitted over such wall.

10 2. A device according to claim 1, in which the frame conceals the edges of the aperture in the box, when the device is fitted over such wall.

3. A device according to claim 2, in which the edges concealed by the frame, in use of the device, at least partly coincide with the edges of panels adjacent the box wall containing the removable panel.

4. A device according to any preceding claim, which comprises a one-piece plastics moulding or vacuum-formed article.

20 5. A device according to any preceding claim, which includes a display panel, for instance for the receipt and indication of information.

6. A device according to claim 5, in which the access opening defined by the frame comprises from half to three-quarters of the area of the box wall fitted with the device in use and the display panel comprises the remainder of such area.

7. A device according to claim 5 or 6, in which the access opening comprises the upper part of the mask and the display panel comprises its lower part.

8. A device according to any preceding claim, which includes, along at least part of its periphery, a rearwardly-open channel comprising an outer wall part and an inner wall part, which in use are respectively located outside the box wall and inside the edges of the

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1 aperture.

9. A device according to claim 8, in which the  
outer wall part extends around the complete periphery of  
the mask, the inner wall part extends around part of the  
5 periphery of the mask and a further inner wall part  
completes the interior of the frame adjacent the access  
opening.

10. A device according to claim 8 or 9, in  
which the outer and inner wall parts are arranged so  
10 that the channel has a tapering configuration.

11. A device according to any preceding claim,  
which includes means giving, in use, a positive  
engagement or interlock with the box.

12. A device according to claim 11, in which  
15 one or more projections are provided, which in use press  
against and grip the material of the box.

13. A device according to claim 11 or 12, in  
which one or more projections are provided, which in use  
engage with corresponding depressions or apertures  
20 formed in the material of the box.

14. A device according to claim 11, 12 or 13,  
in which one or more downwardly-directed projections  
are provided, which in use snap behind the upstanding  
edge of a wall panel of the box.

25 15. A device according to claim 14, in which  
each of the downwardly-directed projections comprises a  
rectangular area having a greater inclination from front  
to rear than the associated parts of the wall part to  
which they are connected.

30 16. A device according to any of claims 12 to  
15, in which the projections are directed inwardly with  
respect to the U-shaped channel.

17. A device according to claim 16, in which at  
least three projections are provided along each side of  
35 the access opening, comprising two spaced projections in

1 the one wall part and a central projection in the other  
wall part.

5 18. A device according to any of claims 12 to  
17, in which each projection comprises a part-circular U-  
shaped channel.

10 19. A method of preparation of a box of  
articles for display and sale of the articles, such box  
having a wall containing a removable panel, which  
comprises removing the panel, fitting a sales display  
15 device over such wall of the box, the device including a  
peripheral frame defining an opening giving access to the  
interior of the box through the aperture formed by  
removing the panel, and displaying the assembled box and  
device so that the wall fitted with the device is visible  
and accessible.

20 20. A kit of sales display devices, for use in  
association with boxes having a removable panel either in  
an end or side wall or in a top wall, or having an  
openable top, which comprises at least one first sales  
display device for association with the end or side wall  
of one of the boxes and at least one second sales display  
device comprising a rearwardly-open tray for receiving  
the base of a top-opening box.

25 21. A kit of sales display devices according to  
claim 20, in which the first device is in accordance with  
any of claims 1 to 18.

30 22. A kit of sales display devices according to  
claim 20, in which the first device is in accordance  
with claim 5 or any of claims 6 to 18 as dependent  
thereon and the second device includes an upstanding  
front panel, for instance for the receipt and indication  
of information.

35 23. A kit of sales display devices according to  
claim 22, in which the display panel of the first device  
and the front panel of the second device are substan-

1 tially the same.

24. A kit of sales display devices according to  
claim 23, in which the display panel of the first device  
and the front panel of the second device each include a  
5 recessed panel portion.

25. A kit of sales display devices according to  
any of claims 20 to 24, which includes one or more labels  
attachable to the devices and, optionally, one or more  
price tickets attachable, for instance, to the labels.

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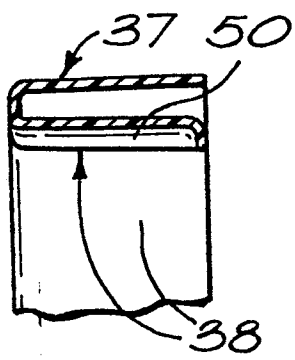


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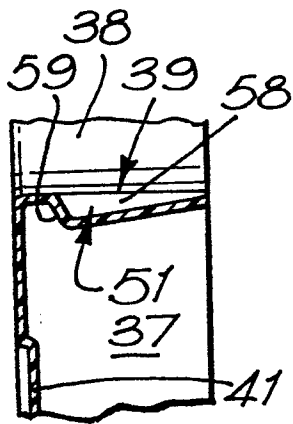


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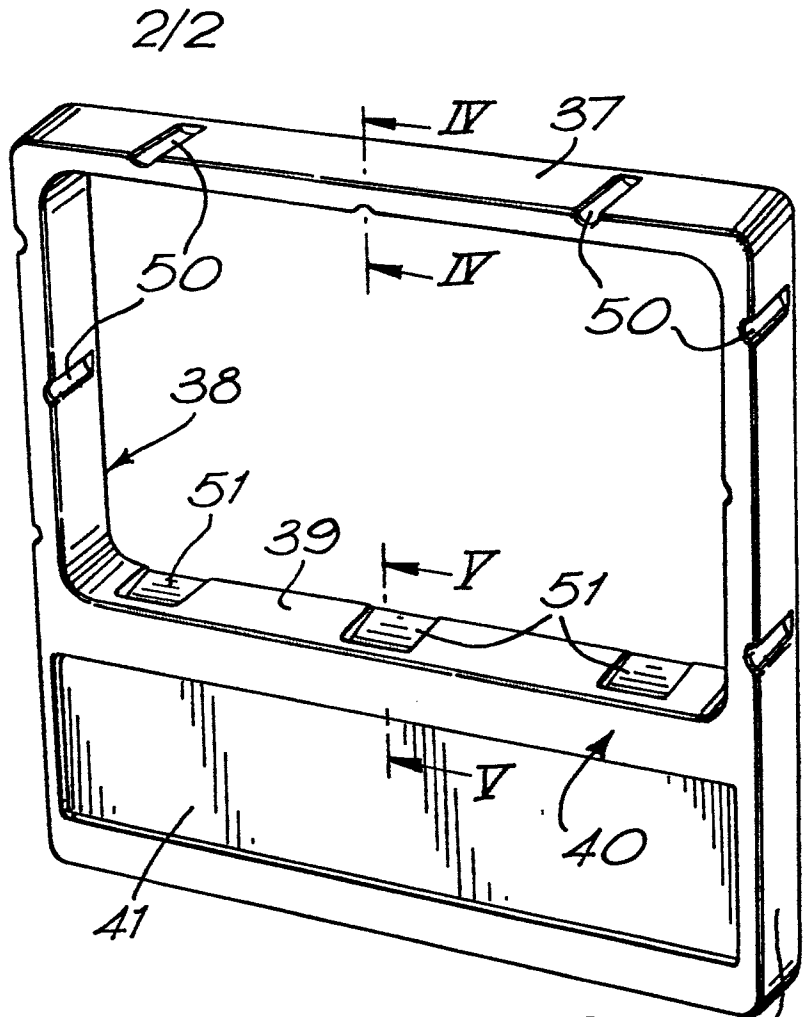


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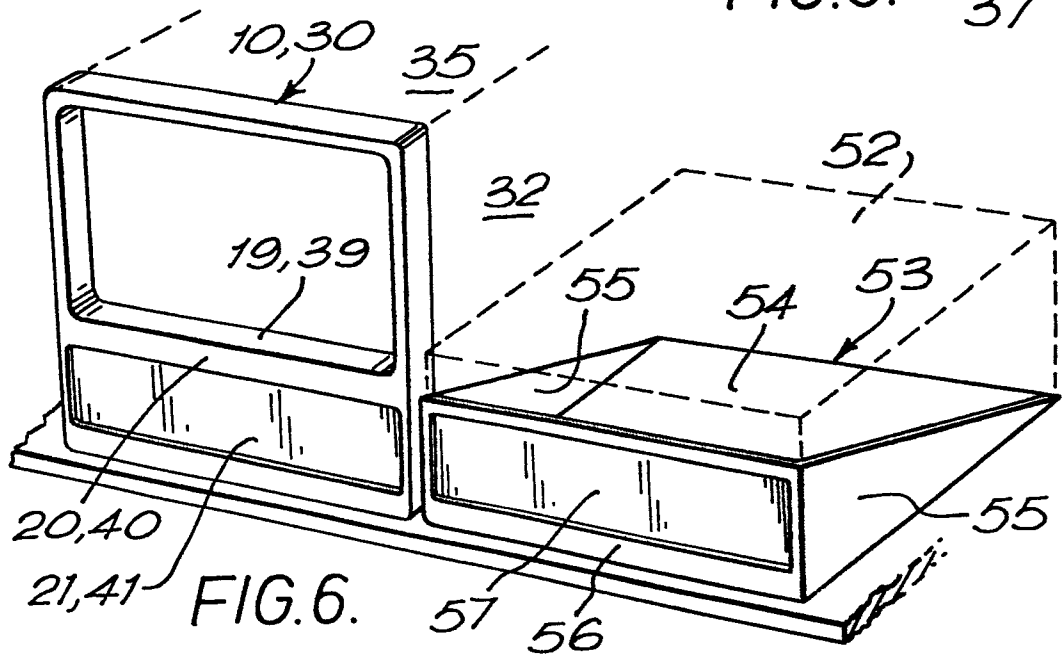


FIG. 6.