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Drawer.

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Fig. 1.

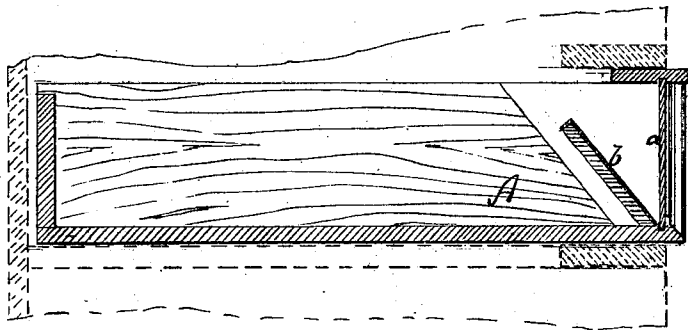
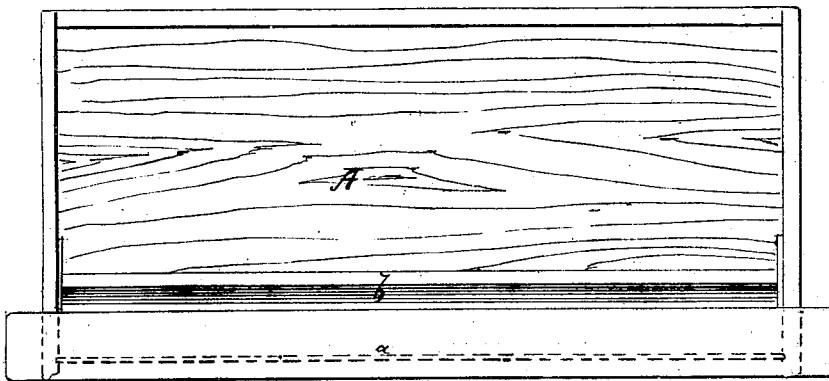


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DRAWERS FOR STORES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, ROBERT JORDAN ROBERTS, of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Drawer; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a vertical transverse section of my improved drawer.

Figure 2 is a plan or top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object to improve the construction of drawers that are used in stores, warehouses, &c., so that the same may serve to display the goods of which they are the receptacles.

The invention consists in providing the drawer with a glass or transparent front, and with a plate behind said glass, on which samples of the goods contained in the drawer may be displayed and protected.

At present, drawers are generally made with opaque faces, samples of the goods in them being affixed to the outsides of the same, and thereby exposed to the air, dust, and moisture. The specimens are consequently injured in color or quality and soon cease to correctly represent the contents of the drawers.

Another plan is to have, besides the drawers, show-cases made with glass sides and tops, wherein only the specimens are contained, the goods being kept in separate drawers or shelves. This plan is expensive

and inconvenient, as it requires the use of two receptacles where one is sufficient.

My invention serves to overcome the stated difficulties, and to combine a drawer and show-case so that samples and goods are kept together and still properly separated.

A' in the drawing represents a drawer of suitable size and shape.

Its face, *a*, is made of glass or other transparent substance.

b is a plate, fitted, preferably, in an inclined position into the drawer, a short distance behind the glass. This plate serves as a support for the samples of goods to be displayed through the glass front, and also as a partition between the goods contained in the drawer and the said samples thereof.

In place of a solid plate, *b*, a light frame of wire, or a series of pins or other supports for the specimens, may be used.

The face *a* is not necessarily made transparent throughout its whole length; only a portion of it need be made of glass, in which case the support *b* need be but equally short. For small goods, a small pane of glass in the face of the drawer will be sufficient.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The drawer having a transparent face, and provided with the sample-support *b*, substantially as and for purposes herein shown and described.

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