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Fig. 1

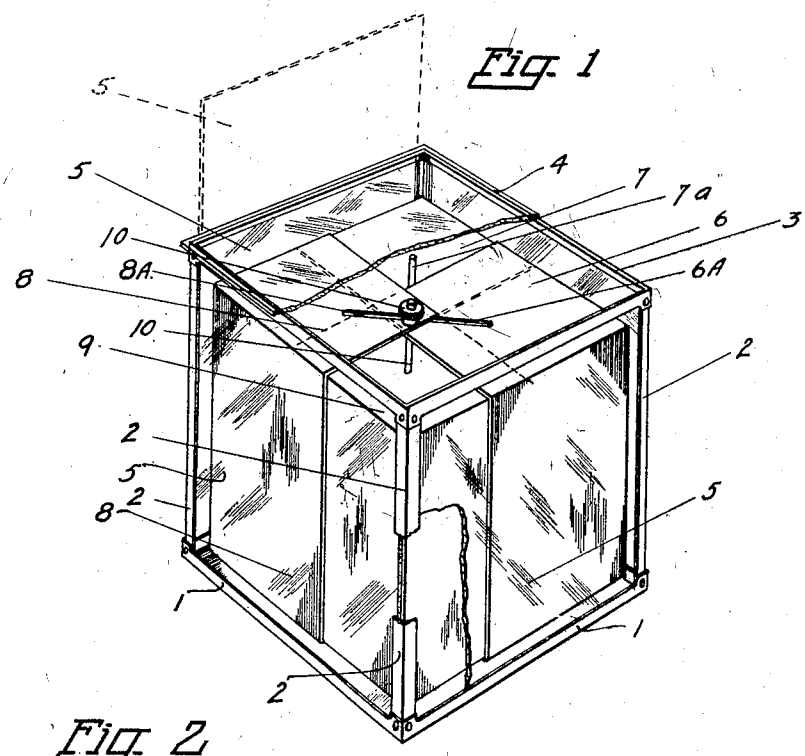
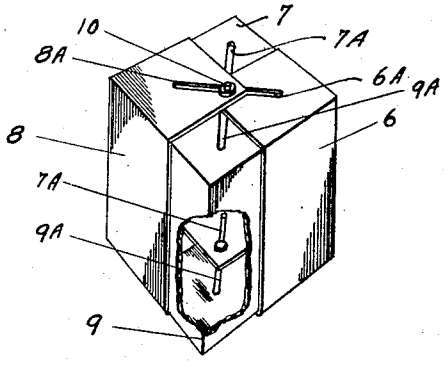


Fig. 2



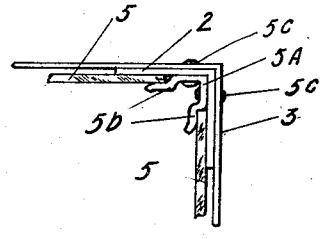


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT H. KENDRICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and the State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Display Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is for the purpose of displaying merchandise, such as confections, small hardware, fruits, nuts, and various and sundry products wherein a cabinet compact in construction, capable of making a display on more than one side at the same time, and also capable of being adapted to the displaying of articles of varying sizes in different displays, also susceptible of being adapted for display upon the counter of the place of business, or in the window, wherein the customers of the place, may, at a glance, see the article desired attractively displayed in a neat, compact, glass covered display case. My invention is composed of an outer case, the four sides and top of which are made of glass, held in place by corner strips made of steel, brass, or other rigid material, and having on the inside of the case a core adapted to expansion or contraction of the same, by the manipulation of the elements composing the same, the object being to force to the outside next the glass the materials to be displayed in sufficient depth only to display the same, but the core having a sufficient range of expansion or contraction to permit of the admission of the largest articles between the core and the outer glass.

I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the assembled case with the side and top partially broken away to show the construction of the same and how the case is put together, in this view the core is known expanded so that the outer walls of the core are in fairly close proximity to the transparent outer case, the dotted position of the far side of this case illustrates how the side members of the case may be raised or lowered, and in this view is also shown the method of removing the top to permit the placing of the materials to be displayed around the core and between the core and the outer case.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the core also partially broken away to show the construction of the same, the core as here shown is composed of four parts or members composing the sides and the same are mounted upon a shaft operating within slots cut in the four members in such manner as to permit the expansion of the core members thereabout, this shaft passes through the center of the case in a vertical position, and makes possible the expansion, or contraction of the side members by passing the same inwardly or outwardly along the slotted channels.

Fig. 3 is a detail of the corner construction and is for the purpose of clearly showing my method of assembly, while this method of construction is here shown, yet I do not wish to be limited to this particular construction in my claims.

Throughout the several views, similar letters refer to similar parts.

1 is the base of the case and may be made of any suitable material such as wood, steel or other rigid material suitable for the fastening of the corner posts and center shaft thereto, 2 are the corner posts preferably made of an angle shape and of rigid material fastened to the base in a suitable manner, and surrounded at both the top and bottom ends with a strip of material as shown at 3, this strip tends to bind the corner posts together and at the same time gives the case a finished appearance, this is secured to the posts by rivets, screws, spot welding, soldering, or other suitable means. 4 is the top of the outer case, made of transparent material such as glass, and is somewhat larger than the case, in order that a projecting ledge may be provided all around thereby, giving the case a good appearance, and at the same time making the same easy of removal and susceptible of easy access to the interior of the case. 5 are the sides of the outer case, also made of transparent material and are assembled in the case by sliding contact between the posts 2 and the member 5^a, this member is made as shown in Fig. 3, by having an angle shape with two offset legs 5^b, one on either side, and is held and made fast to the corner posts and to the edge strips by means of rivets or other fastenings 5^c. The core is made up of four members as shown in Fig. 2 which may be described as follows, member 6 forming approximately one fourth of the core side and top and bottom has a slot 6^a; member 7 which is similar in shape and construction to 6 likewise has

a slot 7^a, members 8 and 9 are also similar to the other two and likewise have slots 8^a and 9^a, the purpose of these slots is to permit the free working of the shaft 10 therein and therethrough. To fill the case the top member 4 is removed and the core is adjusted to permit of the desired space between the walls of the core and the sides of the case, the materials to be displayed are then placed with the case filling the intervening space around the core and across the top, and the transparent top or lid is then put on, giving the appearance of a solid case of the merchandise to be displayed whereas in fact but a thin layer of the material is used. To make possible the easy cleaning of the case, and to keep the same sweet and in a sanitary condition at all times, the sides may be entirely removed and cleaned and then replaced.

Having thus described my invention in sufficient detail to permit any one skilled in the art to make the same I wish to make the following claims therefor:

1. In a display case of the character described, an outer casing having transparent walls, and an extensible inner core having side walls arranged parallel with the transparent walls of the outer casing and a removable glass cover for the outer casing spaced from the upper end of the inner core.

2. In a display case of the character described, an outer casing having transparent walls, and an inner core having side walls arranged parallel with the transparent walls of the outer casing, a removable glass cover for the outer casing spaced from the upper end of the inner core, the casing and core being of rectangular formation in top plan, and said core being formed of extensible corner sections to vary the distance between the side walls of the casing and the side walls of the inner core.

3. In a display case of the character described, an outer casing having transparent walls, and an inner core having side walls arranged parallel with the transparent walls of the outer casing, a removable glass cover for the outer casing spaced from the upper end of the inner core, the casing and core being of rectangular formation in top plan and said core being formed of extensible corner sections having vertical side walls overlapping at their edges to form the side walls of the core, a vertical shaft extending through the core sections and the upper and lower ends of the core sections having slots therein through which the shaft extends permitting relative movements of the core sections to vary the area thereof and the distance between the walls of the casing and the core.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereunto attach my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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