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Show Case.

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FIG. 1

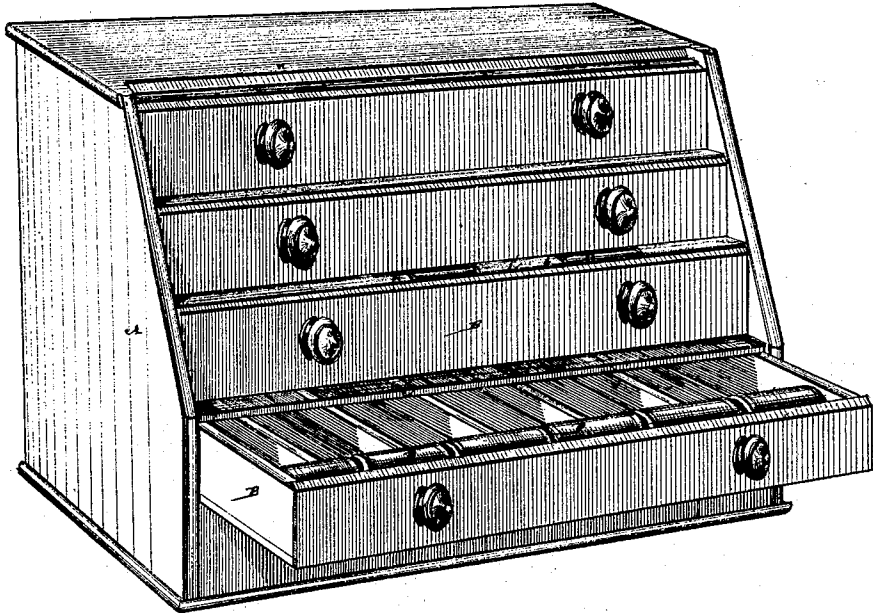
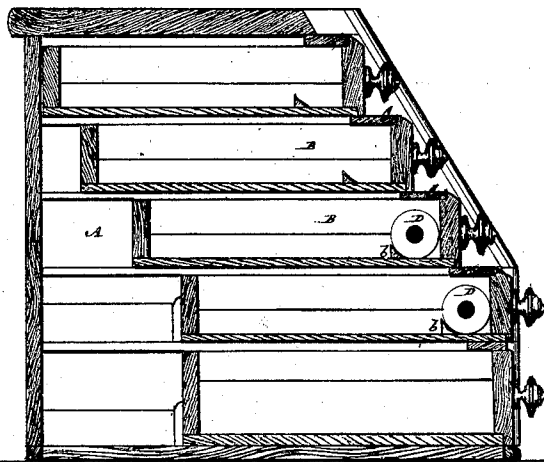


FIG. 2



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Letters Patent No. 106,240, dated August 9, 1870.

IMPROVEMENT IN SHOW-CASES.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDWARD WATSON and RICHARD H. NORRIS, both of Paterson, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stands or Cases for Displaying Silks, Cottons, and other articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a stand constructed in accordance with our improvement, and as employed for the display of silk on spools.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Our invention, although adapted to the display of various articles, is mainly designed to be used for displaying silk or cotton put up on spools, and will here be described exclusively with reference to such use.

Said invention relates to that description of stands for such purpose, or spool-exhibiting cases, in which the spools are disposed in drawers arranged step-fashion, one above the other, and consists in a combination with said drawers of glass strips secured to the stand in front, and arranged to project over each succeeding drawer, so that said drawers, when shut to against the strips, have their interiors exposed from above for a limited distance in front, under cover of the glass, while, on extending the drawers, the same, not carrying the glass along with them, present no impediment to the handling of the goods, which, although exposed to view, are protected from dust, when the drawers are closed, by the glass. In this way every facility is afforded for insertion or removal of the goods, and for their display under protection from glass, in narrow strips only, as compared with the depth of the drawers or distance the same run back,

and are capable of being extended or drawn out. It is proposed, when packing the drawers with spools, to arrange the latter one behind the other, in rows, of varied colors or grades, and to place in the bottoms of the drawers or row partitioned spaces therein, cleats or stops for the front spools in each row to be retained in place, without being dependent upon an inclined position of the drawers to secure to the spools their advance arrangement, and whereby they are not thrown out of place when shutting the drawers.

Referring to the accompanying drawing—

A represents the frame of the stand or case, which may either rest on a counter or table, or be self-supporting.

B B are the drawers, arranged step-fashion relatively to the front of the stand, and shutting, when closed, against the front edges of the glass strips C C, made to project over the tops of the drawers, and secured to the stand or frame, so that the front spools D D are visible through said glasses when the drawers are closed, and accessible, without interference by the glass, when opened.

b b are the cleats arranged at back of the front spools, for retaining the latter in position.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

The combination and arrangement of the glass strips C, in the stand or frame of the case, with the drawers B, arranged to present a step-like position relatively to the front of the case, substantially as specified.

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