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Fig. 1

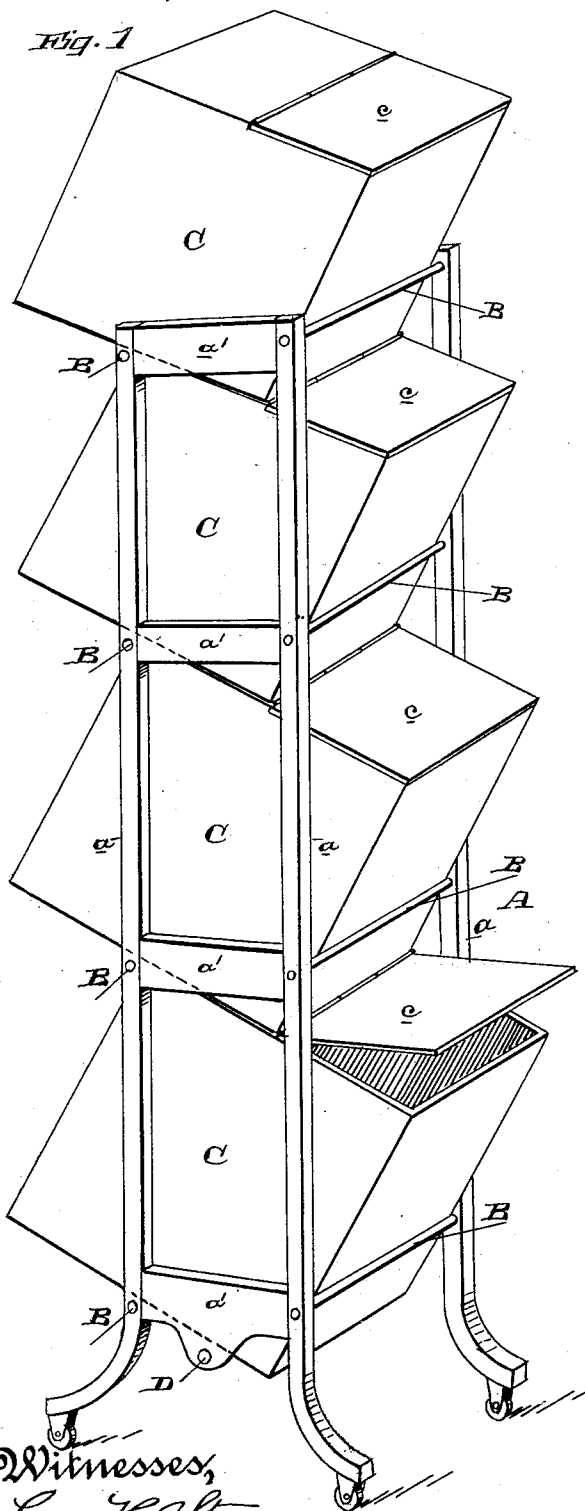
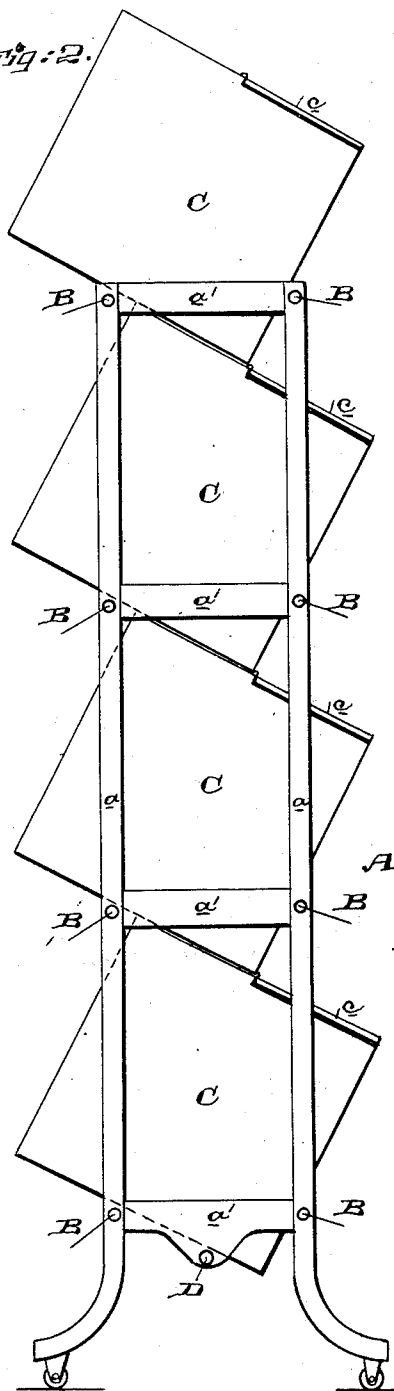


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS TOOHEY, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Show-Stands; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the class of stands or cases for containing goods for exhibition or show; and my invention consists in an upright frame-work provided with vertical rows of parallel transverse bars or supports adapted to receive and support in a vertical series the cans, boxes, or cases containing the material to be exhibited, and a supplementary transverse bar or support at the base of the frame, forming the key of the series of superposed cans, boxes, or cases, which defines and determines their angle; and my invention further consists, in combination with a frame of this character, of the cans, boxes, or cases containing the material to be exhibited, and having an access door or lid on the back of the upper portion of each, which may be operated, when all the cans, boxes, or cases are in position, without interfering with their place in the stand.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and practical show-stand for exhibiting such goods as crackers, teas, and other materials usually contained in cans or boxes, and, without disturbing their primary adjustment in the frame, to be able to reach their contents without difficulty for the purpose of disposing of their contents.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my show-stand. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of same.

A is the frame or stand, which consists of vertical standards *a*, united on their sides by cross-pieces *a'*, and having on the front and back the cross-bars B, forming the supports for the cans, boxes, or cases C. These, it will be seen, are supported in the frame-work in a true vertical series, and are placed between the cross-bars or supports B, on which they rest at such an angle that each one lies above or rests on, if necessary, that portion of the one below which is forward of the center of its top, thereby leaving exposed all that portion of its top back of the center, so that the door or lid *c* may be formed in or of this portion, which can be raised to permit access to the interior without interfering with the position of any of the cans, boxes, or cases.

In order to insure the cans, boxes, or cases remaining at the proper angle, I place across the bottom of the frame a supplementary bar or support, D, in such a position under the lowermost can, box, or case that by means of the three bars on which it rests—namely, the two bars B and the bar D—it will preserve its angle, no matter what may be the shifting of its contents, and can readily be replaced at the proper angle after having been removed for any purpose. The lowermost box, can, or case being thus placed insures the corresponding angle or position of all the others.

The cans, boxes, or cases are suitably provided with transparent fronts, as is usual, so that their contents may be exhibited from the front, while at the same time, by having the exposed lid or door *c* in the back top, the seller can have access to their contents without any trouble, or without even disturbing the front portion.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A show-stand consisting of a vertical or upright frame having vertical rows of cross-bars or supports for receiving and holding a vertical series of superposed cans, boxes, or cases, each of which is supported at an angle, and a supplementary support or bar at the base of the frame bearing under the lowermost can, box, or case, whereby its angle of support and that of all the other cans, boxes, or cases are defined and insured, substantially as herein described.

2. A show-stand consisting of a vertical upright frame-work having vertical rows of cross-bars or supports and a supplementary bar or support at its base, in combination with cans, boxes, or cases placed in the frame at an angle and supported in vertical series by the bars or supports, the lowermost having its angle defined by the supplementary bar or support, whereby the angle of all the others is determined, said boxes, cans, or cases having each the rear portion of its top exposed and provided with a door or lid in said portion, by which access is had to its contents, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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