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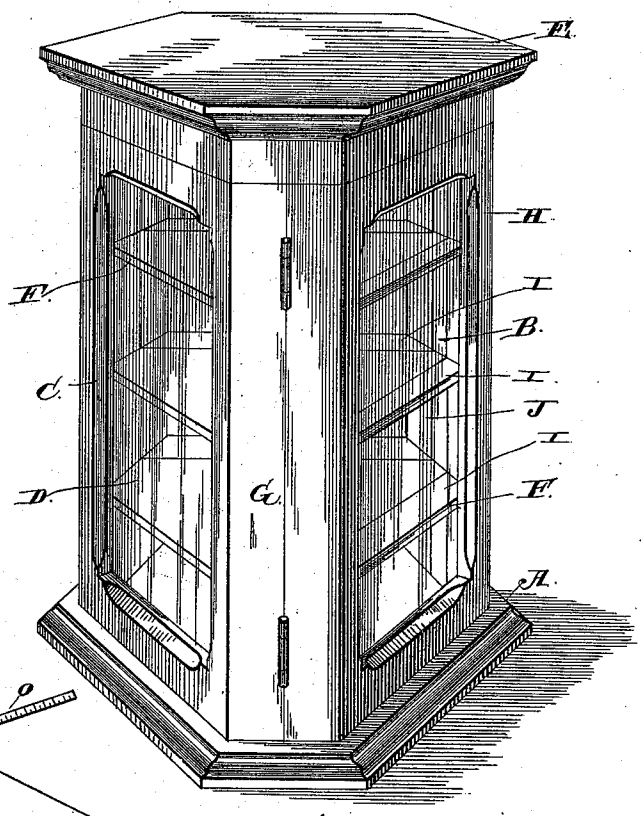
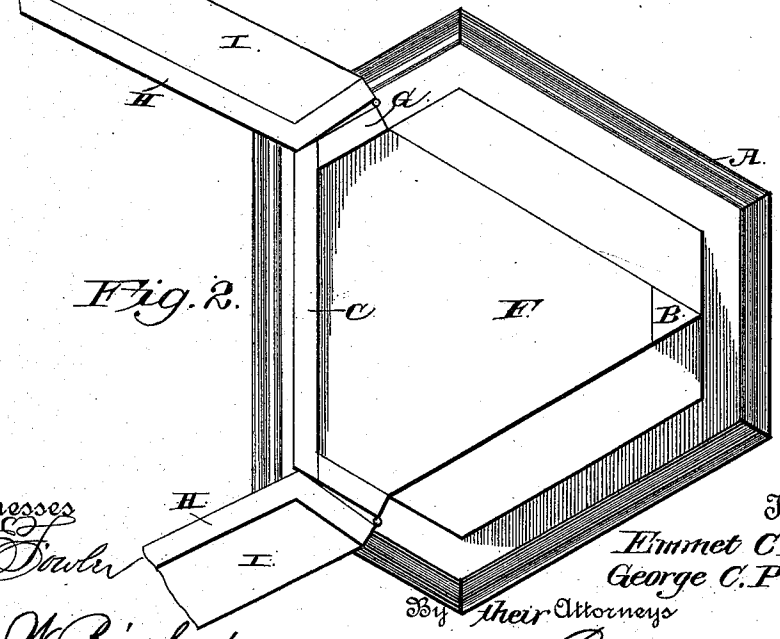


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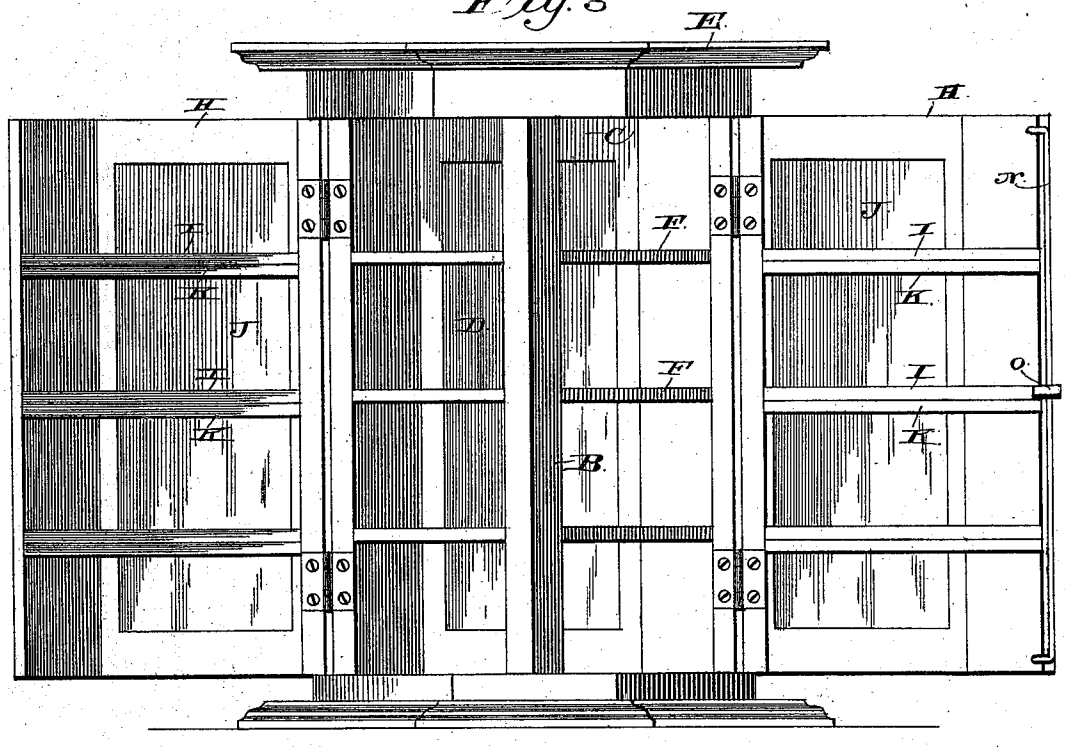
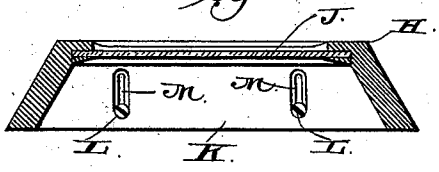


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EMMET C. FAIN and GEORGE C. POSTON, citizens of the United States, residing at Granbury, in the county of Hood and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in show-cases; and it consists in certain novel features, hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved show-case, showing it closed. Fig. 2 is a plan view with the top removed and the doors swung open to their fullest extent. Fig. 3 is a front view with the doors open, and Fig. 4 is a detail view showing the secondary or adjustable shelves.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A designates the base, which is substantially triangular in shape, the corners being cut away to economize room, so that its appearance is that of an irregular hexagon. At one corner of the base we erect a standard, B, and at the opposite side of the base we provide the stationary side C, which is provided with a pane of glass, D, as shown. The roof or top E of the device is secured to and supported by the side C and the standard B, and between the said side and standard we arrange a series of shelves, F. The said shelves are triangular in shape, corresponding to the shape of the case, and are adapted to hold goods to be displayed through the side C of the device.

At the edges of the sides C we provide the standards or jambs G, to which the doors H are hinged. The said doors are substantially trapezoidal in horizontal section, so that they will provide room for the shelves I, which are secured to and extend between their sides or edges, and the doors are so proportioned that their free edges will come together just beyond the standard B, so that when the doors are swung together the device will be entirely closed. The doors are provided with panes of glass J, through which the goods placed on the shelves I will be displayed.

To the under sides of the shelves I we secure the supplemental or extensible shelves K, which are adapted to be drawn out from beneath the shelves I, when it is desired to sell some of the goods on the said shelves I. The shelves K are secured to the shelves I by means of the headed bolts or pins L, which are passed upward through slots M in the said supplemental shelves into the shelves I. The said supplemental shelves are thus supported beneath the shelves I, and can be easily drawn out from beneath the same when so desired.

In practice the goods to be displayed are placed on the shelves I and F and the doors then closed, so that goods will be displayed through all three sides of the device, as will be readily understood.

When it is desired to sell some of the goods on the shelves carried by the doors, the supplemental shelves are drawn out, so that the goods may be supported thereby, and consequently obviate the necessity of removing the goods entirely from the show-case.

Our device is adapted for use on a counter, in a show-window, or upon the floor of a store-room. By throwing the doors open to their fullest extent all of the goods in the case can be brought within the range of vision, so that they can be inspected without the necessity of turning the case or the purchaser walking around the case, and the construction is such that the doors can never come into contact with each other when open, so that breaking of the glass or springing of the hinges will be prevented. When the doors are opened to their full extent, their edges will come into contact with the end portions of the closed side of the case, so that they will be prevented from swinging together, which would be liable to injure the doors, and also prevent the goods displayed through the closed side of the case being seen. When the doors are closed, the device will occupy but very little room, while at the same time presenting a large displaying-surface.

Our improved show-case is provided with vertical rod N on one of the sides of the doors, and a measure, O, is loosely mounted on this rod, so as to be moved along the same and be within convenient reach of the operator when it is desired to measure off goods.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the case, of the doors, the shelves secured to the doors, the

supplemental shelves arranged beneath the same and having transverse slots, and the headed pins or bolts inserted through said slots into the shelves secured to the doors, as set forth.

2. A show-case consisting of a casing having a base, a rigid side on the base, and a standard opposite the said side, doors hinged to the rigid side and adapted to close around the standard, the shelves secured between the side and the standard, and the shelves secured to the doors, as set forth.

3. The combination of the frame having one closed side and two open sides and being substantially triangular in horizontal section, the doors hinged to the closed side and adapted to swing over the open sides, the said doors being trapezoidal in horizontal section, the shelves secured in the frame and the shelves secured to the doors, as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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