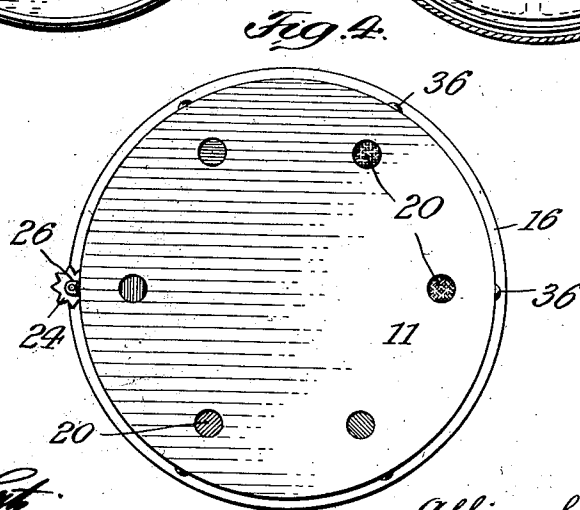
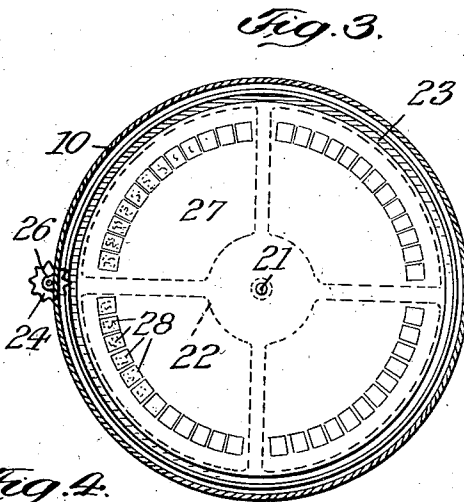
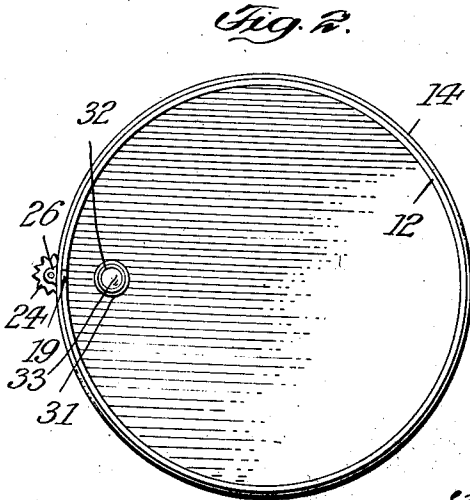
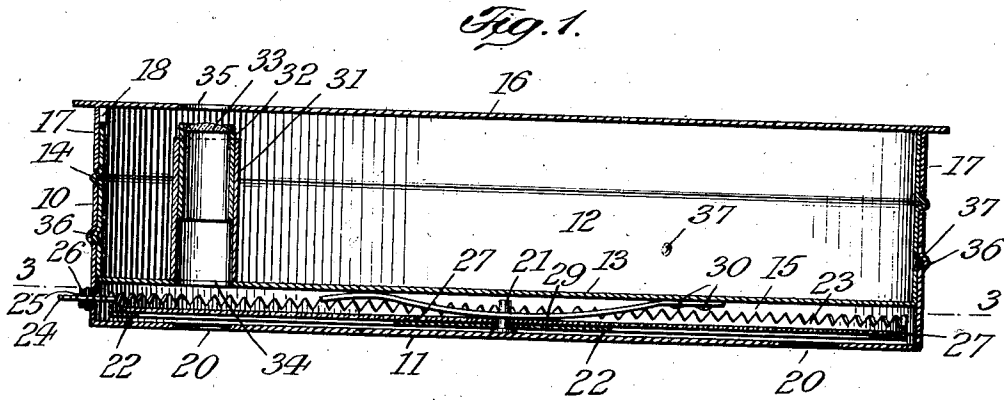


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBIN LESSING, a citizen of Germany, residing at West Hoboken, county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Displaying Box, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a box adapted to receive souvenirs, notions, dry goods, candies and other articles of merchandise and so constructed as to present successively a series of pictures to the eye of the operator without requiring the box to be previously emptied. In this way the box will act as an inducement for the purchase of the articles therein contained, and will furthermore furnish a pleasing diversion.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a diametrical section of a box embodying my invention; Fig. 2 a top view thereof on a reduced scale with the cover removed; Fig. 3 a reduced section on line 3-3, Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 a reduced bottom view.

The device comprises essentially a circular shell 10 having a bottom 11 and made of sheet metal or other rigid material. Shell 10 telescopes a similarly shaped container or box proper 12 having a bottom 13 and a circumferential bead 14 that rests upon the upper edge of the shell and rotatably supports the container upon the latter. Container 12 projects some distance above the shell, while its bottom 13 is located some distance above bottom 11, so as to form a chamber 15 in the shell beneath the container. The container is adapted to be closed by a cover 16 having a depending flange 17 that telescopes container 12, said cover being held against independent rotation by means of a depending lug 18 that engages a corresponding notch 19 formed at the upper edge of the container.

Bottom 11 is provided with a plurality of openings arranged at like radial distances and having windows 20 formed of differently colored pieces of glass, or other transparent or translucent material. From the center of bottom 11, there extends upwardly into chamber 15 a pivot 21 upon which is free to turn an open work plate 22, which is cut out opposite windows 20 and has an upwardly extending toothed rim 23. This rim is operatively engaged by an exteriorly accessible star wheel 24 accommodated in a slot 25 of shell 10 and pivoted in bearings 26 thereof. Upon plate 22 rests a glass or

similar disk 27 provided with a plurality of pictorial representations 28 arranged in a circle and adapted to become successively alined with windows 20.

Disk 27 is frictionally held against plate 22 by a spring 29 secured to bottom 13 at 30 and bearing preferably upon the center of the disk, so that the latter will be taken along by the plate during the rotation of the latter. To bottom 13 there is secured a tube 31 within which the sleeve 32 of a magnifying lens 33 is adjustable. Below tube 31, bottom 13 is provided with an aperture 34, while above the tube, cover 16 is provided with a window 35 which aperture and window have a like radial distance from the center of the device as pictures 28 and windows 20. Opposite each window 20, there is formed in shell 10, a socket 36 adapted to be removably engaged by a corresponding projection 37 of container 12, one of said projections being placed opposite lens 33. In this way, the proper relative position between lens and either one of the windows may be ascertained and become fixed.

In use container 12 is filled with suitable articles of merchandise and then cover 16 is closed, its lug 18 engaging notch 19, whereby window 35 is brought opposite lens 33. Upon holding the box with its bottom toward the light and looking through window 35 and lens 33, a magnified representation of the alined picture 28 will be observed by the spectator, which is colored according to the backing 20 alined with the magnifying lens. By now slowly turning star wheel 24, plate 22 and disk 27 will be correspondingly turned, so that the pictures of the cycle are successively exposed. Should it be desired to change the color of the background, a turn is given to cover 16 which by lug 18 and notch 19 will take container 12 along, so that in this way the magnifying glass is brought opposite to a differently colored window. Thus a large variety of pleasing and instructive effects can be produced, so that the device will constitute a valuable adjunct to the merchandise therein contained and correspondingly tend to increase the salability of the latter.

I claim:

1. A picture displaying box comprising a shell having a windowed bottom, a rotatable disk above said bottom and bearing a

plurality of transparent images, and a container engaging the shell and having an apertured bottom above the disk.

2. A picture display box, comprising a
5 shell having a bottom and a plurality of
differently colored windows in said bottom,
a rotatable disk above said bottom and bearing
a plurality of transparent images, and
10 a container adjustably supported on the
shell and having an apertured bottom above
the disk.

3. A picture display box, comprising a
shell having a bottom and a plurality of
15 differently colored windows in said bottom,
a rotatable disk above said bottom and bearing
a plurality of transparent images, exteriorly
accessible means for rotating said
disk, an apertured container adjustably supported
20 on the shell, and a magnifying device
mounted within said container in alignment
with the container-aperture.

4. A picture display box comprising a
shell having a bottom and a plurality of
25 differently colored windows in said bottom,
a rotatable disk above said bottom and bearing
a plurality of transparent images, exteriorly
accessible means for rotating said
disk, an apertured container adjustably supported
30 on the shell, a magnifying device
mounted within said container in alignment
with the container-aperture, a cover engaging
the container, and locking means intermediate
the cover and container.

5. A picture display box comprising a
35 shell having a bottom and a plurality of
differently colored windows in said bottom,
a pivot extending upwardly from the bottom,
an open work plate rotatable on the
pivot and having a toothed rim, an exteriorly
40 accessible star wheel carried by the
shell and engaging said rim, a disk frictionally

held to the plate and carrying a plurality of transparent images, an apertured container adjustably supported on the
shell, and a magnifying device mounted 45
within said container in alignment with the
container-aperture.

6. A picture display box comprising a
shell having a windowed bottom, a disk rotatable
50 above the bottom and having a cycle of transparent
images, exteriorly accessible means for rotating
said disk, an apertured container seated upon the
shell above the disk, and a magnifying device
mounted within the container. 55

7. A picture display box comprising a
shell having a windowed bottom, an open
work plate rotatably mounted on said bottom,
a disk removably supported on the
plate and having a cycle of transparent 60
images, exteriorly accessible means for rotating
the plate, an apertured container seated
upon the shell above the disk, and a magnifying
device carried by the container.

8. A picture display box comprising a 65
shell having a bottom and a plurality of
differently colored windows in said bottom,
a rotatable disk above said bottom and bearing
a plurality of transparent images, exteriorly
70 accessible means for rotating said
disk, a windowed container adjustably supported
on the shell, a magnifying device carried by the
container, and means for fixing the container in
different positions relatively to the shell, whereby
75 said magnifying device may be aligned with either
one of the shell-windows.

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