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SAMPLE CASE.

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Fig. 1.

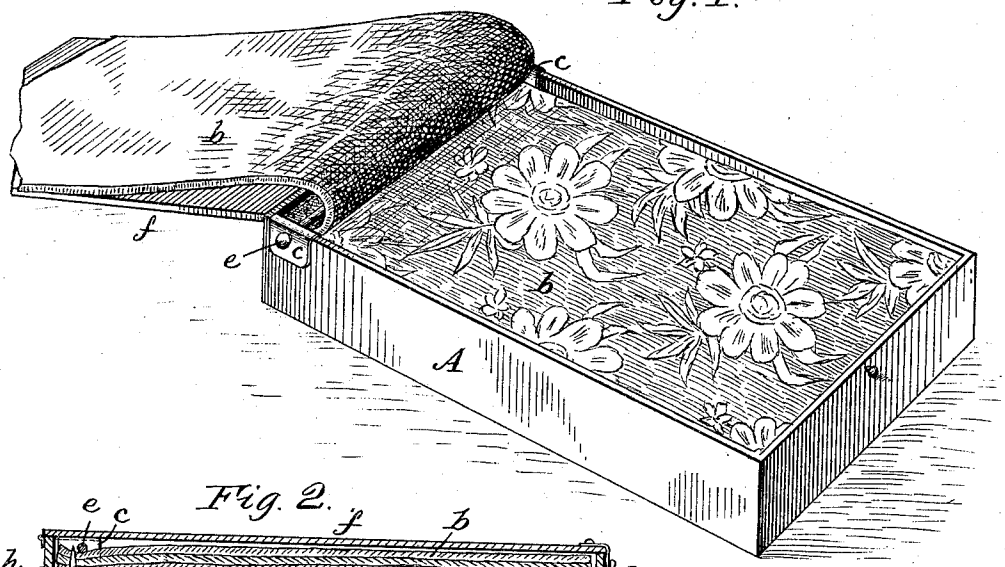


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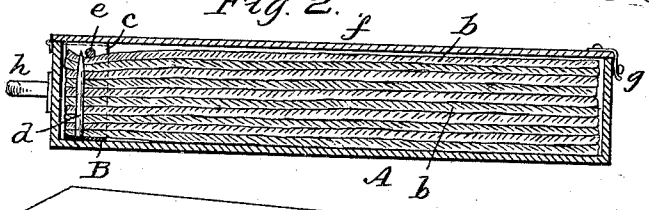
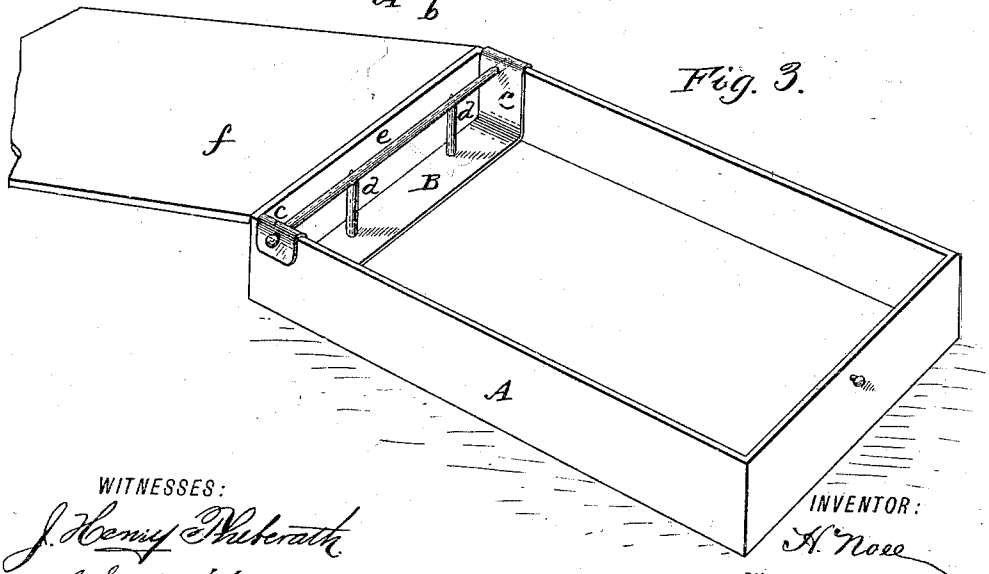


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY NOEE, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sample-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is designed more especially as a case for the display of carpet-samples; and it consists in a novel construction of such case, whereby the samples may not only be satisfactorily displayed, but kept clean, substantially as hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a sample-case embodying my invention, the same being shown open and as containing a number of carpet-samples for display, as required. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, upon a smaller scale, of the same closed; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the case open and with the samples removed.

Prior to describing the construction of my sample-case I would state that it is customary for country dealers to buy from the trade samples of carpets in quantities generally varying from ten to one hundred, for the purpose of making sales to their customers by sample. These samples are or should be large enough to show the full figure of the carpet, and the merchant in endeavoring to make sales scatters the samples all over the floor. This method of displaying them soon reduces them to rags or causes them to be soiled or faded, which greatly interferes with the making of sales of carpets from the samples, as well as ultimately disposing of the samples themselves. To make a good display of the samples and at the same time to keep them clean and well-preserved therefor and to display as large a variety as possible in a small space are very desirable ends to be attained, and these the "various exhibitor," so called in use heretofore, have not fully accomplished; but I perfectly do so by my improved sample-case.

The box part or body A of the case is made of any suitable material, and of a size to contain any required number of carpet-samples *b*, mounted one upon the other, and each of a size to show the full figure of the carpet it represents. These samples are fastened at their one end in book fashion to the case as follows: Within the body A of the case, at or near its one end, is inserted a carrier B for the samples, constructed to extend over or across the inside surface of the bottom of the body and formed with bent upturned ends *c c*, which are made to clip or lap over the sides of the body. The base portion of said carrier is provided with pin-like rods *d*, arranged to project up from it, and on which the samples *b* are impaled at or near their one end one after the other, and after all the samples have been thus secured to their places, one on top of the other, a draw-pin or rod *e* is inserted through the sides of the body A, and the upturned ends *c c* of the carrier, which holds or keeps the samples down to their places and provides for their being turned one after another, like the leaves of a book, over the adjacent end of the body A and onto a lid *f*, with which the body A may be provided, which lid may be fastened when closed by any suitable fastening *g*, and the case further be furnished with a handle *h* to lift it on end and place it in position by. In this way or by these means a large number of carpet-samples of various patterns may be arranged within a small compass and at but a trifling expense, and changed, as required, on withdrawing the pin or rod *e*, and the same be displayed on turning them over as the leaves in a book without any liability of scattering, tramping on, or soiling them, and after exposure they can be closed down within the case and be kept clean or preserved for future use. The samples, too, strung as described, can be easily handled.

The same sample-case may be used, if desired, for displaying other than carpet-samples.

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

1. In a sample-case, the carrier B, provided with pins *d d*, and having upward-projecting parallel ends *c c* bent over upon themselves at their upper ends to embrace the sides of a

box, and having transverse aligned apertures, and the removable rod *e*, extending through the apertures in the ends *b* and their bent-over portions, substantially as set forth.

2. A sample-exhibitor comprising the rectangular box A, having a cover *f*, and the carrier B, resting on the bottom of the box at one end, formed with upward-projecting ends *c c*, bent outward and downward over the upper edges of the sides of the box, the said arms, their bent-over portions, and the sides of the box being provided with aligned apertures, the removable rod crossing the box and resting at its ends in said apertures, and the pins *d d*, substantially as set forth.

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