

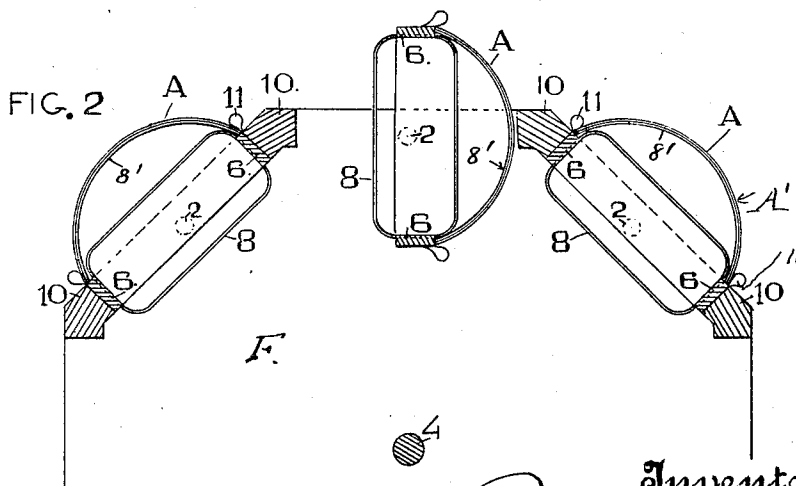
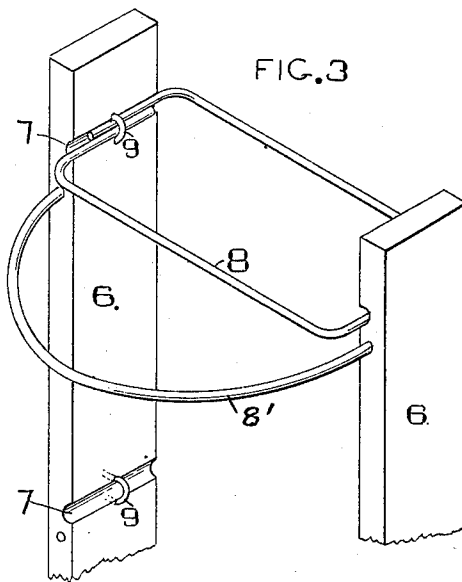
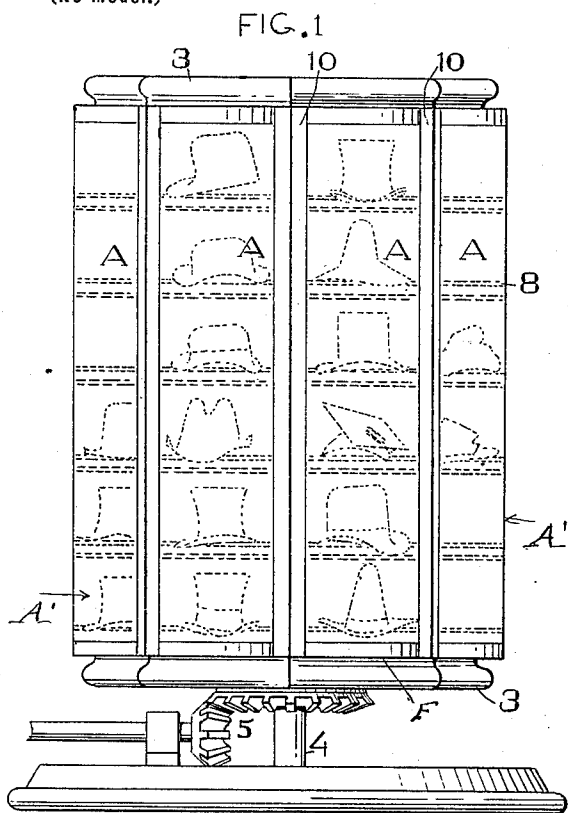
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL W. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Colfax, county of Placer, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Revolving Hat Show-Cases; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a case or holder for the protection and simultaneous exhibition of hats.

My invention consists of a multiple sectional containing-case for hats, said sections being mounted upon a revoluble carrier and each section being independently turnable upon its own axis. Said sections are provided with a plurality of peculiarly-constructed supports, upon which the hats are placed.

My invention also comprises details of construction, which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the show-case. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a holder.

My case is made up of a number of sections A, which are provided with curved celluloid or xylonite fronts A', which are transparent. Each of these sections has pivots 2 at the top and bottom approximately central of the curvature of the fronts, and these pivots are supported in a polygonal frame F, having as many sides as it may be desired to have of these containing-cases. In the present illustration I have shown an arrangement in which eight of these cases are pivoted in as many sides of an eight-sided framework. The edges of the holders or cases, which are slightly elastic, meet the vertical posts 10, which form the angles of the frame and are provided with strips of flexible material 11, which form the contact and make a dust-tight compartment when the cases are closed, with their convex transparent fronts outwardly. When it is desired to obtain access to the interior of either of these cases, it is turned upon its vertical pivots, disengaging the edges from the posts with which they contact and allowing the case to be turned so as to expose its open side toward the front. These holders have side bars 6, which are transversely channeled, as shown at 7, and

at such intervals vertically as the distances between hats require. Bent wires 8 have their crossing ends locked in the channels by staples, as at 9, and this prevents the wires from tilting by any weight placed upon them, so that they are held firmly in place by the slot and one staple on each side. Below the wires 8 are semicircular wire portions 8', the ends of which are fixed to the side bars 6, said semicircular portions serving as extended supports for the hats and also acting as braces for the inner side of the curved transparent fronts of the case. The height of the structure may be sufficient to admit of any desired number of these supports in each of the sections, one above the other, and the whole device has a top and a bottom, which when the sections are turned with their curved fronts outwardly will form dust-tight joints to protect the hats, while at the same time allowing them to be readily seen through the curved fronts, and they can be reached and removed by simply turning any section on its pivots, as previously described.

The device may be revolved either by hand at will or preferably for exhibition purposes by means of a gear and pinion, as at 4 and 5.

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

1. A hat-case including a vertically-journaled frame polygonal in cross-section, a plurality of vertically-pivoted cases or holders fitting around the periphery of the frame, said cases or holders having side bars and curved transparent fronts normally projecting beyond the outer walls of the main frame, and hat supports or racks carried by the cases or holders.

2. A hat-case including a vertically-journaled frame polygonal in cross-section, and having corner-posts at the angles, a plurality of cases or holders fitting around the periphery of the frame, between said posts, said cases or holders having side bars and curved transparent fronts which project beyond the vertical plane of the walls of the frame, wires secured to said side bars and conforming substantially in curvature to the curved fronts of the case and adapted to brace said fronts on the inside, and flexible strips along the edges of the side bars and adapted to engage with

the adjacent edges of the corner-posts to form a dust-tight closure when the cases are closed.

3. A hat-case including a main frame, hat cases or holders revoluble in the walls thereof and including side bars having transverse channels, and hat-racks carried by the cases or holders and consisting of wires extending between the side bars and having their ends

bent toward each other and crossing and engaging said channels, and a fastening device for securing the crossed end portions of said wires.

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