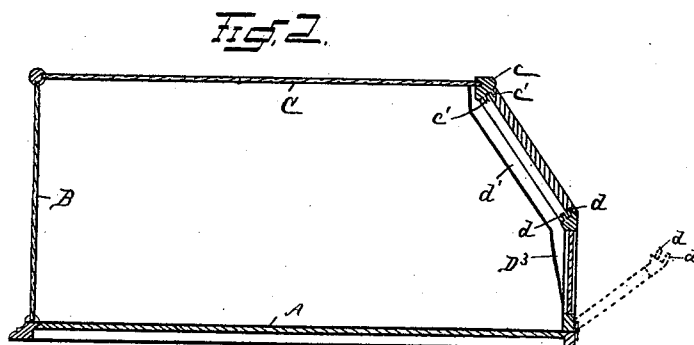
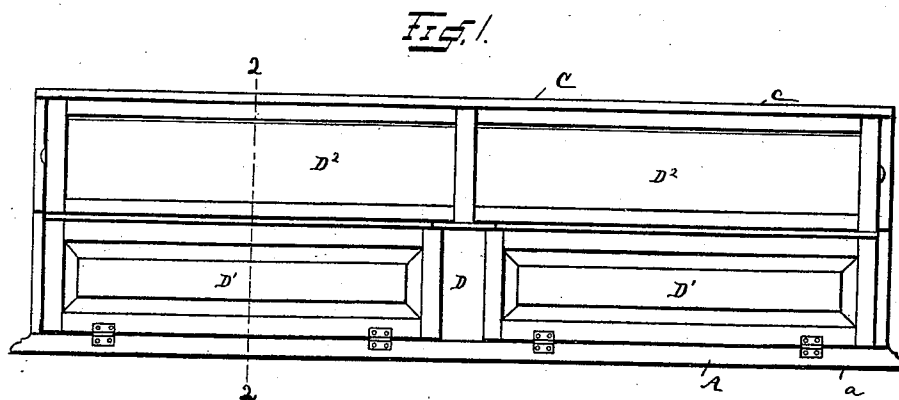


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER HENRICHS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to show-cases; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction thereof, as will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

More particularly my invention relates to the back of the case and the means of getting access to the interior of the case.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, as follows:

Figure 1 shows a rear elevation of the case. Fig. 2 shows a section on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1.

A marks the base of the case, B the front, and C the top. These parts may be of any desired construction.

The rear rail *c* of the top is set at some distance forward of the rear of the base.

Extending up from the base, preferably about half the height of the case, is a center post D, and this is braced by a brace D³, attached to the top rail *c* and said post. At each side of the post and extending to an equal height therewith are drop-doors D' D'. Along the tops of the doors and the post D are guides *d d*, and on the top rail *c* are like guides *c' c'*. Filling the slanting space between the tops of the doors and the top rail and fitted into the guides so as to slide smoothly are slides D² D², one on each guide and lapping past each other at the center above the post D.

In the ordinary operation of the case only the slides D² D² are made use of, the drop-doors being used only when it is desired to put some large article into the case.

By this construction the opening into the case is such that a much wider case can be used and at the same time be readily accessible at all points, and in cases of equal size the opening allows a much more convenient access than where the opening is, as commonly, perpendicular at the rear. The upright portion (the doors and posts) are sufficiently high to allow the use of the full surface of the bottom for the display of goods. It also affords a place for the mirrors, which add greatly to the effect of the display.

It will readily be seen that by sliding either slide full open it will uncover the drop-door under it, so that the door can be opened. To accomplish this result, it is necessary that the center post should be equal in width to the lap of the slides.

What I claim as new is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a show case, having the rear line of its top forward of the rear line of its bottom, a substantially perpendicular portion extending above the bottom means, in said upright portion by which it may be opened and closed, and means for opening and closing said case immediately below and back of the rear of the top.

2. As an article of manufacture, a show case, having the rear line of its top forward of the rear line of its bottom, a center post extending upwardly from the bottom, drop doors on each side of said post, and sliding doors filling the space between the drop doors and the top of the case, said doors lapping past each other above the center post, the lap being equal or of less length than the width of the center post.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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