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RIBBON DISPLAY CASE.

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Fig. 1

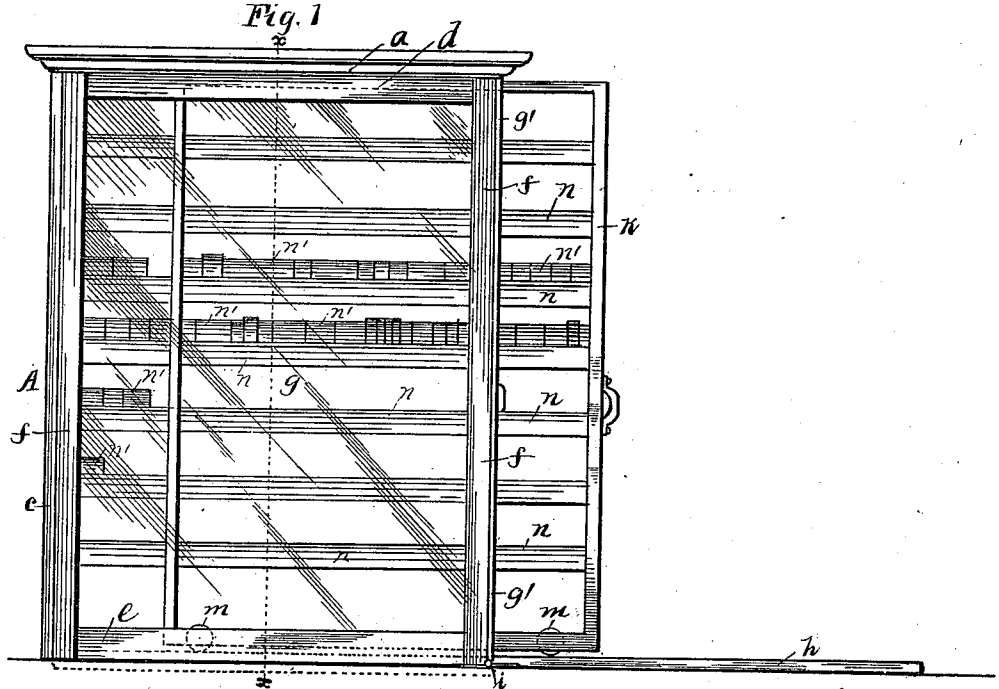


Fig. 2

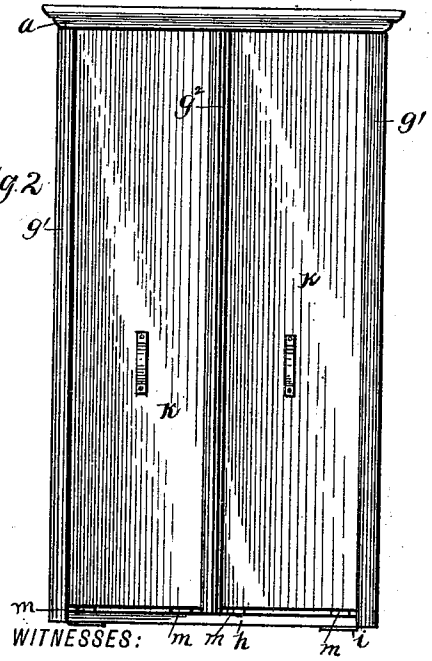
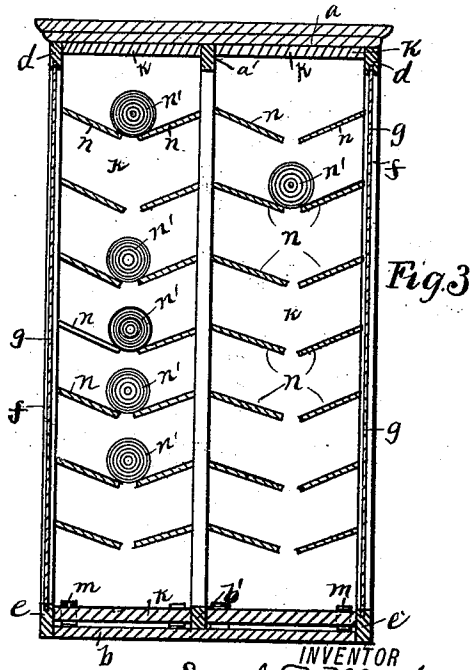


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMILE J. MONTIGNY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Ribbon-Display Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of display-cases, and has particular relation to that class of cases adapted to be supported on a counter used for displaying ribbons.

The objects of my invention are to provide a case of this class of superior form and of simple construction, to so construct the same as to normally support and display the ribbons within an inclosed case in such a manner as to cause the goods to be visible to persons on either side of a counter, to provide a forward extension or ribbon-rack track, and to so connect the same with the case as to admit of its being compactly folded against said case for shipping or other purposes. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved case, showing one of the sliding ribbon-racks partly withdrawn therefrom. Fig. 2 is a front elevation. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line $x\,x$ of Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents an upright case or cabinet, of which a is the top piece, b the bottom, and c the rear side. The frame-work of each of the lateral sides consists in an open frame formed by cross-pieces d, which projects downwardly from the under side of the top piece a, cross-piece e, which projects upwardly from the lateral edge of the bottom or floor piece b, and vertical standards f, which connect the ends of said cross-pieces e and d. Supported within each of these side frames thus formed is a glass plate g.

Made to project downwardly from the under side of the top a is a central transverse cleat a'. A similar cleat b' is supported transversely upon the floor b, vertically opposite and parallel with the cleat a'.

The front face of the case is left open, with the exception of a vertical standard g^2, which extends between the top and bottom portions of the case at the center of the width of the latter, and suitable vertical molding-strips g', which are secured against the front edges of the standards f.

Hinged to the forward side of the floor b, as shown at i, is the rear end of a floor-extension h, which is of equal width and thickness with the floor b, and which is adapted to form a forward continuation of said floor, for the purpose hereinafter specified.

The internal central cleats a' b' and the inner faces of the lateral cross-pieces d and e form lateral supports or guides for the upper and lower end pieces of two sliding rack-frames k, which are separated by said cleats a' b'. Each of these rack-frames has pivoted within its floor or lower cross-piece suitable casters or rollers m, which are adapted to bear and roll upon the case-floor.

Extending longitudinally between the vertical front and rear end pieces of each of the rack-frames in vertical rows are shelves n. Each of these shelves consists of two plates or strips of wood, glass, or other desirable material. These two plates extend between the end pieces of the rack at such inclines as to form an approximately V-shaped shelf, the inner edges of said plates being, as shown, slightly apart.

The uses and operation of my device are as follows: The V-shaped shelves n are adapted to support, as shown, bolts or spools of ribbons n'. The racks being inclosed within the case and the latter supported upon a counter, the ribbons contained in said racks will be visible through the glass plates g from either side of the counter. When the case is not in use or is being packed for shipping, the extension h may be folded back against the under side of the case to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings, thus reducing the space occupied by said case.

By the use of the herein-described ribbon-case it will be seen that the ribbons may at all times be displayed to the customers and clerks without danger of the goods becoming soiled by exposure or handling.

Although but two racks are shown, it is obvious that the case might be so enlarged as to contain a greater number of racks. It is also obvious that the case-frame may be or-

namented in any desirable manner without altering the principle of my invention.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a ribbon-display case, the combination, with the case-frame having glass sides, as described, and floor-extension *h*, hinged to the case-floor, of one or more display racks or frames supported in ways or guides within said case and having bottom casters adapted to travel upon said case-floor and its hinged extension, substantially as described.

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