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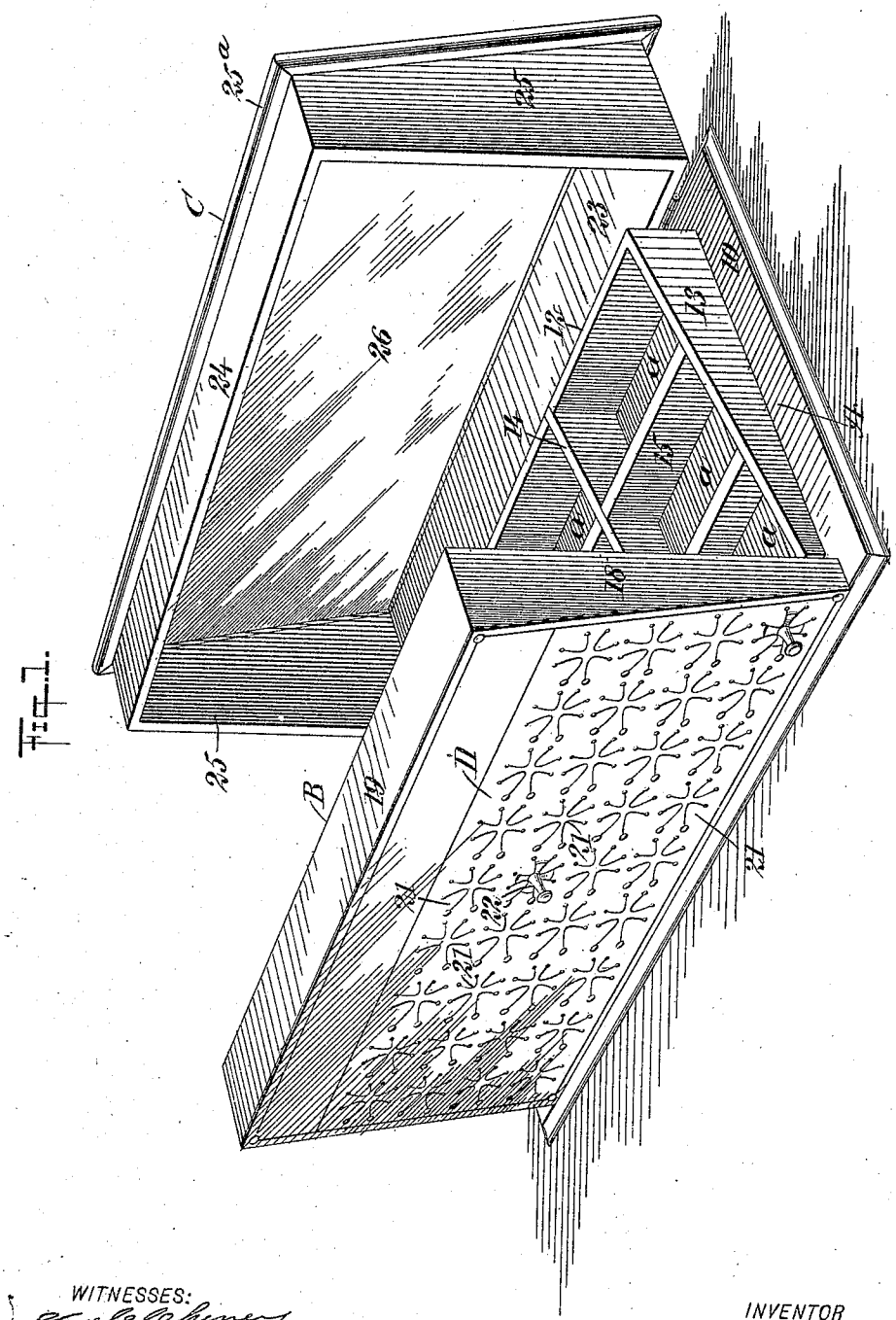


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Fig. 2.

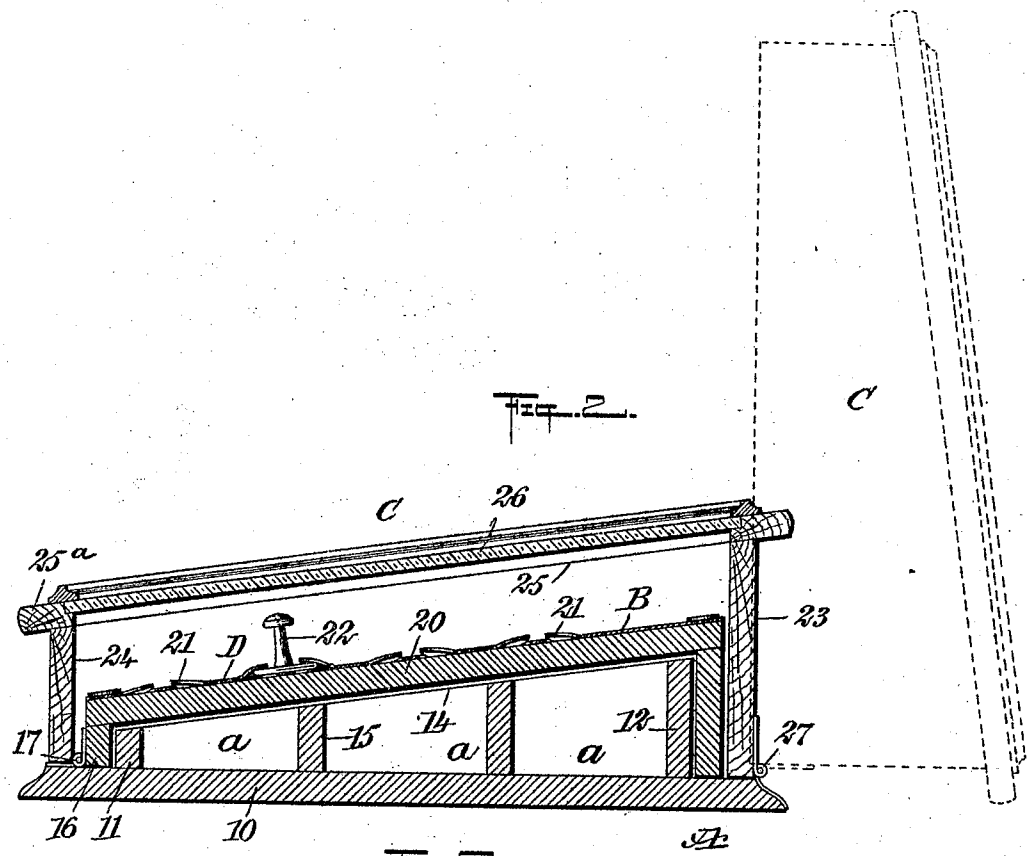
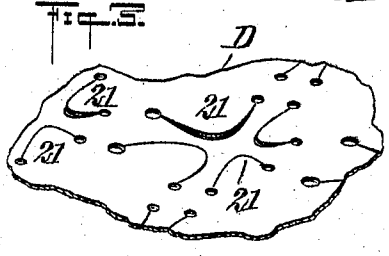


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC STEINAU, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Button-Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a cabinet adapted as a storage-receptacle for buttons of all descriptions, especially collar and cuff buttons, said cabinet being also provided with a display-compartment having spring-clamps for individual buttons of a series of buttons.

A further purpose of the invention is to so construct the cabinet that the section having this display-compartment may be conveniently and expeditiously opened out to disclose the storage-department, which latter is provided with a series of pockets, and also whereby an outer cover-section having a transparent pane may likewise be opened to gain access to the display-compartment.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved cabinet open. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section through the cabinet closed, the top being shown thrown back in dotted lines; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a fragment of the display-sheet in which the button-holding clamps are formed.

The cabinet consists, primarily, of a body-section A, an intermediate cover-section B, and an outer cover-section C. The body-section A comprises a base 10, upon which base a box structure is erected, consisting of a low front member 11, a rear higher member 12, and side members 13, extending from the front to the rear members, the upper edges of which side members 13 have an inclination from the back downward to the front. This box structure is divided into a series of pockets *a* by means of transverse and longitudinal partitions 14 and 15, as is best shown in Fig. 1, the said partitions decreasing in depth as they approach the front of the body.

The intermediate cover-section B has the same inclination as the box structure just described and is adapted to cover the same. The intermediate cover-section B consists of a low front member 16, connected with the front portion of the base 10 of the body A by hinges 17, as is shown in Fig. 2, a higher rear member 19, and side members 18, which incline at their upper edges from the back downward to the front, together with a top member 20, which is supported by the front, rear, and side members described. A display-sheet D is secured to the upper face of the top member 20 of the said intermediate cover-section B, and this display-sheet may be constructed of thin metal or, preferably, of celluloid. In this display-sheet D lips 21 are struck up or otherwise formed, and these lips are in groups of four. Each group of lips is adapted to extend over the back portion of a collar-button 22, as is shown in Fig. 2, the said back of the button being introduced between the said lips, and said lips act as clamps to hold the buttons in place.

The outer cover-section C consists of a rear high member 23 and a lower front member 24, together with side members 25, having their upper edges inclined from the back downward to the front, and an upper frame member 25^a, in which frame member a transparent pane 26 is fitted. The outer cover-section C is adapted to inclose the intermediate cover-section B, as is shown in Fig. 2, and is connected with the base 10 of the body A by hinges 27, attached to its rear member 23, so that the hinged connection between the outer cover-section C and the base is at the rear, while the hinged connection between the intermediate cover-section B and the base is at the front, enabling the outer cover-section to be thrown back to obtain access to the display-sheet and enabling the intermediate cover-section to be thrown forward to gain access to the pockets *a* in the body-section A.

The pockets *a* are adapted to contain a number of buttons and serve as storage-pockets, while samples of the buttons contained in the pockets are fastened on the display-sheet by means of the clamps 21 and are visible through the transparent pane 26 when the cabinet is closed. The space between the upper members of the two covers when the covers are closed is such as to accommodate buttons with the longest of shanks, as shown in Fig. 2.

This device is well adapted for the purpose

intended, as it enables a prospective purchaser to examine all of the samples of the buttons contained in the pockets of the body without touching them, thus preserving the brightness of the samples. It also protects the samples from dust and prevents them from being unnecessarily handled and also enables the salesman to gain ready and expeditious access to the pockets.

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

1. A button-cabinet consisting of a body-section provided with a series of pockets, an intermediate cover-section for the pockets, a display-sheet located upon the top of the intermediate cover-section, being provided with clamping members for individual buttons, and an outer cover-section for the intermediate cover, which outer cover-section is provided with a transparent panel, the cover-sections being hinged to opposite portions of the body.

2. A button-cabinet consisting of a base-section having a series of pockets formed therein, a cover-section for the pockets, hinged adjacent to one edge portion of the said body, a display-sheet made of a spring material and secured upon the upper face of the said intermediate cover-section, which display-sheet is provided with a series of clamping members formed in groups, each group of clamping members being adapted to receive the back of a button, and an outer cover-section adapted to inclose the intermediate cover-section, which outer cover-section is hinged to the body at an edge opposite that at which the intermediate cover-section is hinged, the outer cover-section being provided with a transparent panel.

3. A cabinet for buttons, consisting of a body-section comprising a base, and a box structure erected on the base and having series of pockets therein, the upper edge of the box structure inclining from its back in direction of the front, a cover for the box structure, hinged to the base and having a corresponding inclination to the inclination of the box structure, and a display-sheet made of a spring material secured upon the upper face of the said cover, which sheet is provided with clamping members to receive individual buttons, as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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