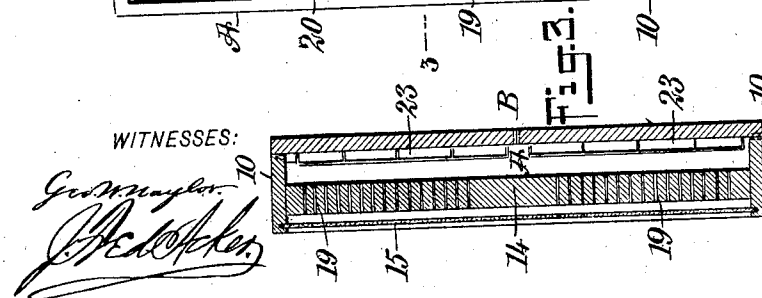
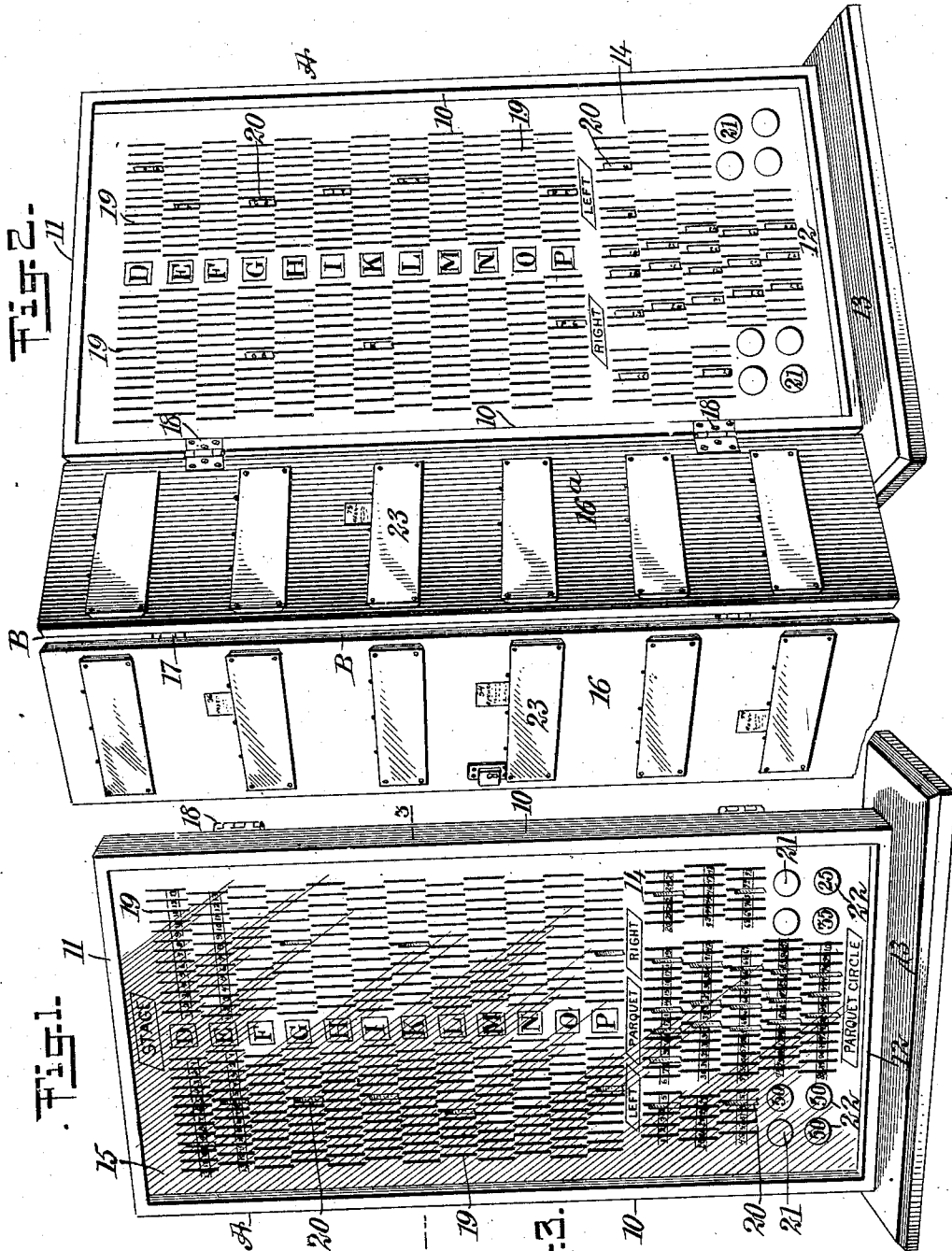


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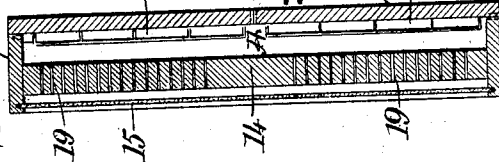
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP HENRY BREHMER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Rutland, in the county of Rutland and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ticket-Boxes for Theaters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of the invention is to provide an arrangement of a ticket-box especially adapted for use in theaters and other places of amusement, which box can be located in an opening of the wall adjacent to the ticket-window and which is constructed to contain all tickets to be offered for sale on a given night or nights placed under designations of the various parts of the house to which the tickets afford access, the said arrangement being visible to the purchaser but protected from him.

A further purpose of the invention is to so construct the box that the ticket-agent will have ready access to its contents and will also have conveniently at hand pockets for the reception of tickets it is desired to save, which tickets are hidden from the buyers.

Another purpose of the invention is to provide means whereby the prices of the seats in different parts of the house can be ascertained at a glance.

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 claim.

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 box closed and viewed from the front. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the box open and viewed from the rear; and Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken practically on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

The frame of the box A consists of side pieces 10, connecting upper and lower members 11 and 12, the lower member 12 being shown attached to the base 13, although the box may be otherwise supported—as, for example, the frame can be placed in an opening in the wall adjacent to the ticket-window in such manner that the front of the box will be in full view of the buyers of the tickets and the back of the box will be accessible to the ticket-seller. In the further construction of the box a file-board 14 is securely fastened

within the frame, extending from side to side and from top to bottom, and the said file-board 14 is located between the front and rear marginal edges of the frame and by preference nearer the front longitudinal edges than the rear longitudinal edges. The front portion of the file-board 14 is protected by a glass pane 15 or a pane of transparent material suitably fitted in the frame of the box. The rear or back of the frame is closed by a door B, and usually this door is made in two sections 16 and 16^a, as is shown in Fig. 2, the sections being connected by hinges 17, and other hinges 18 serve to connect one of the sections of the door—the section 16^a, for example—to the side member of the frame, as is shown also in Fig. 2.

Various data are produced on the front of the file-board of interest to the purchaser—as, for example, the word "Stage" is printed at the upper central portion of the board, and below this word a series of letters or characters is arranged one above the other centrally of the board, which represent the divisions in the orchestra, the designations being by preference alphabetical, as shown. Below these divisions of the orchestra the word "Parquet" is centrally produced on the board, and the words "Right," "Left" appear on either side of said word "Parquet," indicating the right and the left hand side of the stage. At the lower central portion of the front of the file-board the words "Parquet circle" are produced; but it will be understood that the names of the divisions of the house may be changed at pleasure.

The various rows of seats in the various parts of the house are designated by slots 19, produced in the file-board, extending through from front to rear, and these slots represent practically a diagram of the seating capacity of the house. Each slot is adapted to receive a ticket 20, the ends of the ticket extending out beyond the front and the rear faces of the file-board, and adjacent to each slot the number of the seat represented by the ticket in that particular slot is produced in any suitable or approved manner, the figure or figures at the side of the slot being the same as those printed on the ticket. Thus it will be observed that a person approaching the ticket-window can immediately tell which seats have been sold and in what part of the house the remaining seats are located, and thus can intelligently ask for the seat he may choose.

The tickets for the various parts of the house are generally differently colored, and therefore, in connection with each division of the house, a peg 22, a pin, or the like, is employed, colored correspondingly to the color of the ticket of admission to such section, and these pegs or tags 22 are conspicuously placed on the board at the front, and each one bears a figure representing the cost of a ticket to the section which it represents. In the drawings openings 21 are shown as produced in the board, into which the designating or price-indicating pegs or pins 22 are removably introduced. At the inner face of the door B at the rear of the said box a series of pockets 23 is arranged, as is shown in Fig. 2, which pockets are adapted to receive those tickets which the management desires to reserve. The designations at the back of the board 14 need be only such as would conveniently direct the ticket-seller quickly to the special ticket or tickets called for.

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

A ticket-box for theaters and the like, provided with a file-board having openings

therein extending through from face to face, each adapted to contain a ticket, and designations thereon indicating the divisions and parts of the seating capacity of the floor of the house, said openings having an arrangement corresponding to the arrangement of the seats in the various divisions of the house, the board having produced thereon adjacent to each opening the number of the seat represented by the ticket contained therein, a transparent protective covering for the front of the box and which is within view of the buyer, a removable covering for the rear of the box and which is accessible only to the seller of the tickets, pockets carried by the removable cover of the box, and means for designating on the said file-board at the front the prices of the various seats in the house.

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

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