

G.A. Hearn Jr. Show Case.

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116306 *Fig. 1.*

Fig. 2.

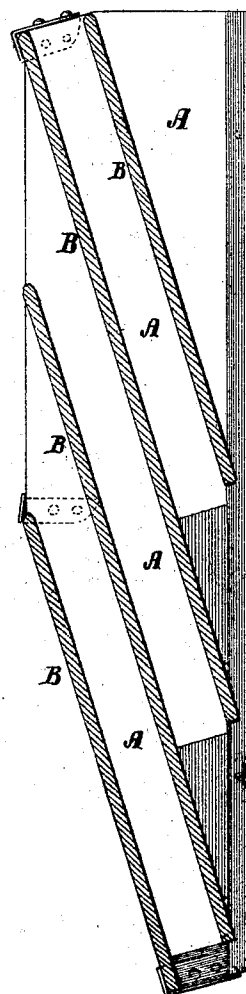
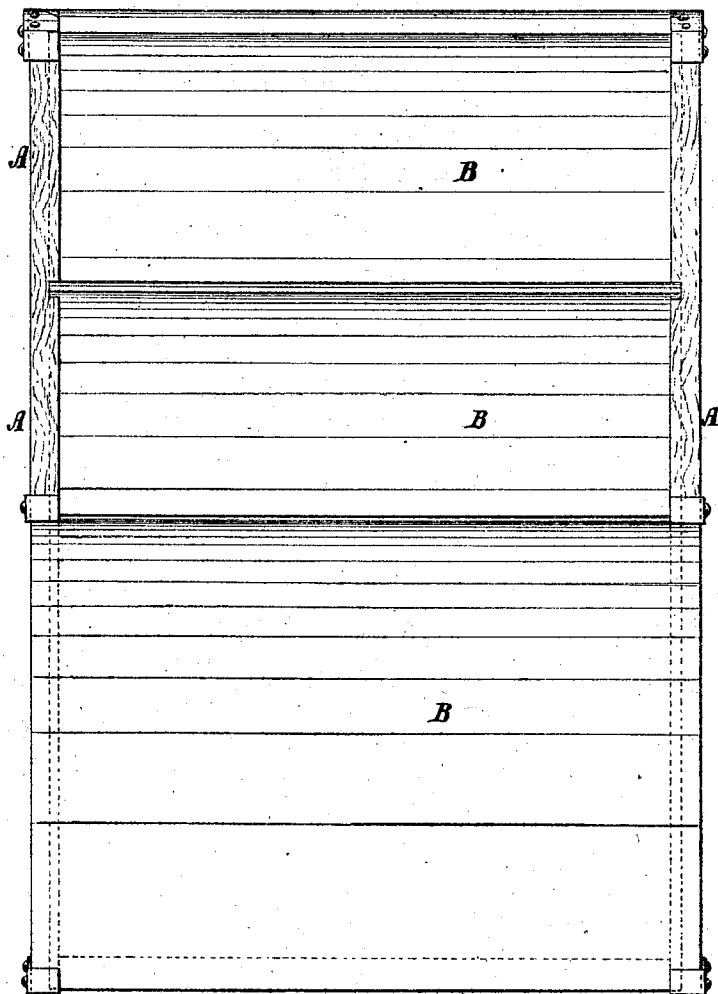
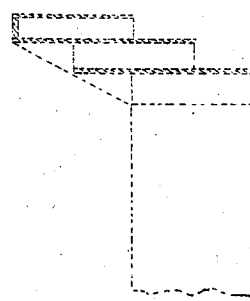
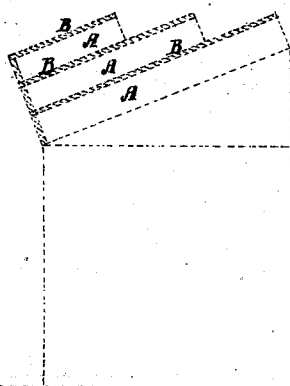
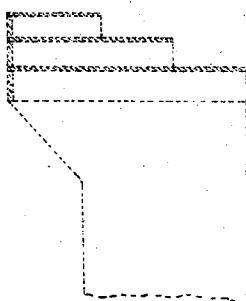


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOW-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. HEARN, JR., of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Show-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in show-cases, and is designed for the purpose of showing and exposing for sale kid gloves, hosiery, laces, parasols, handkerchiefs, silks, ribbons, and any other merchandise that it may be desired to show in cases; and consists of one or more glass-covered compartments, constructed and arranged as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved show-case. Fig. 2 is a section of Fig. 1, showing the angle of the compartments. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are modifications of the same general design.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The present invention is designed as an improvement on the show-case patented by me recently, No. 113,660. The improvement consists in presenting the back compartments more fully to the view of the customer, and to enable the merchant to exhibit a greater quantity and variety of goods in a given space without increasing the height of the case. It moreover enables me

to use the case in a vertical position, as represented in Fig. 2. I also design to form an entire counter of one or more glass cases. If of more than one, I propose to arrange the compartments in an angular position, as seen in the drawing. Where the cases are made as represented, eighteen sample dozen handkerchiefs, representing a stock of large amount, can be shown in a case three feet by two, thus bringing a great variety before the eye of the customer, while they are all at the same time under the eye of the seller, and, after the sale is made, can be put in order and rearranged in the shortest space of time, and made ready for the next customer.

With show-cases of this description, where merchandise of the descriptions named are on sale, at least one-third of the usual number of clerks may be dispensed with.

A represents the compartments; B, the glass covers. By placing them at an angle, or by lapping them one onto the other, as seen in the drawing, their number may be increased, and consequently a greater variety of goods exhibited in a given space without increasing the height of the case.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—
The arrangement of the glass-covered compartments A, substantially as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, as and for the purposes described.

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