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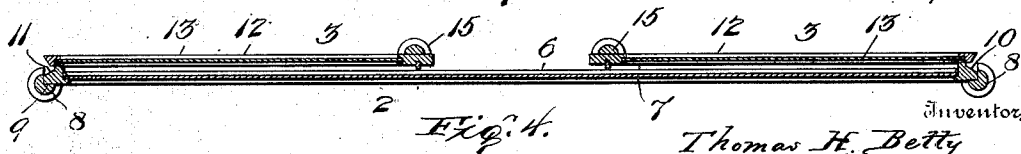
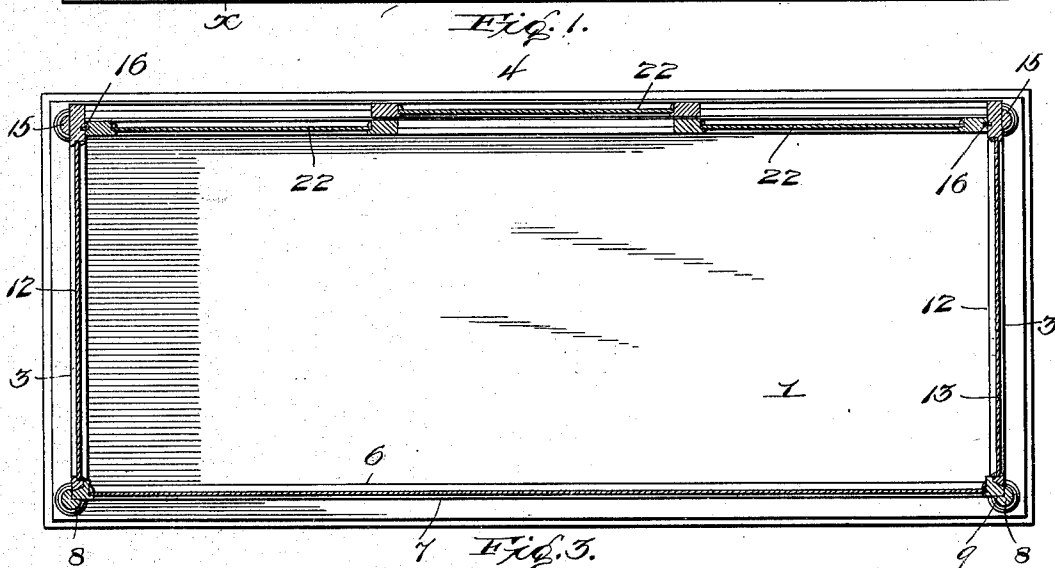
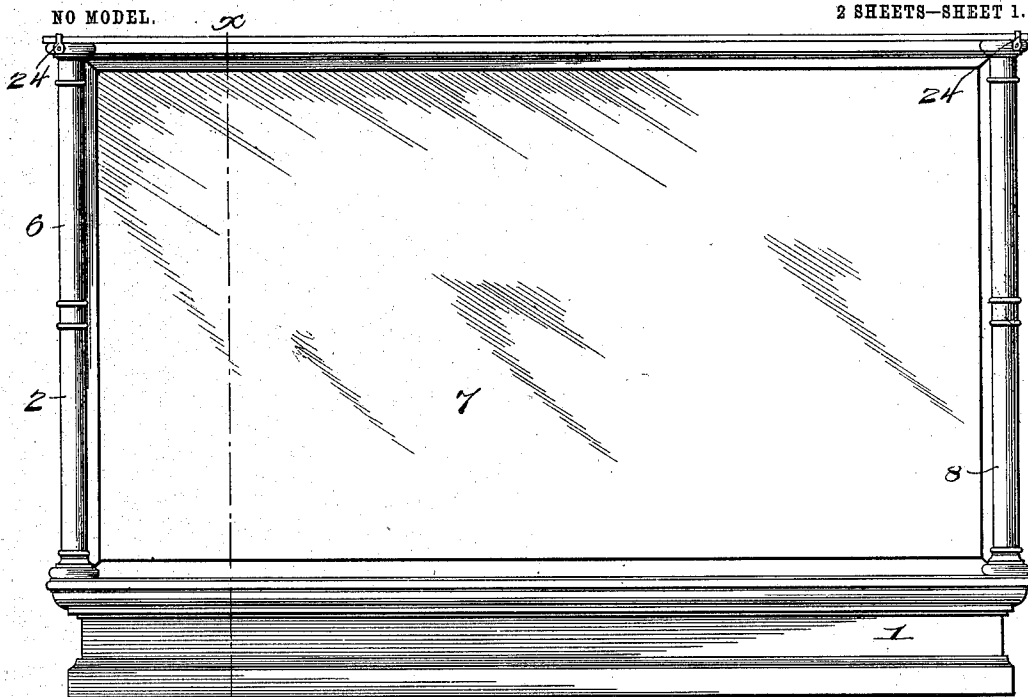
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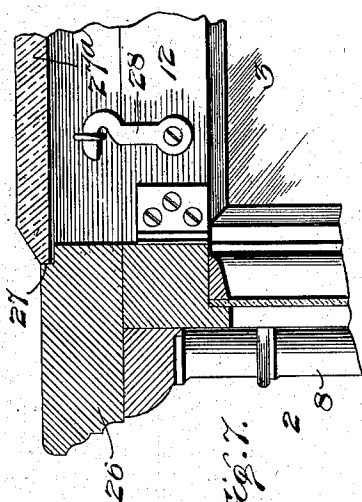


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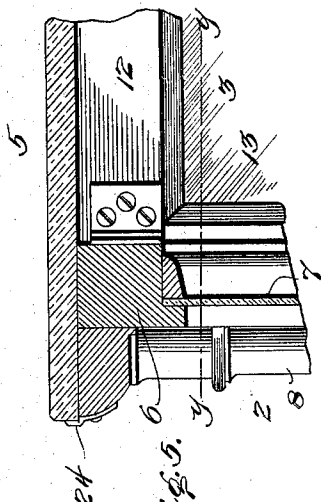


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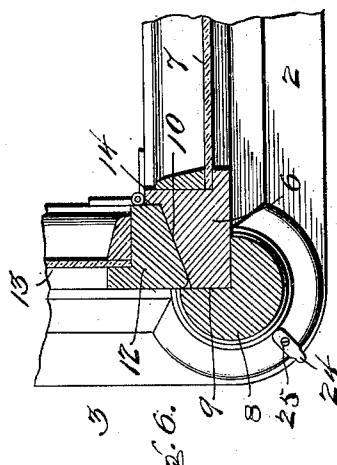


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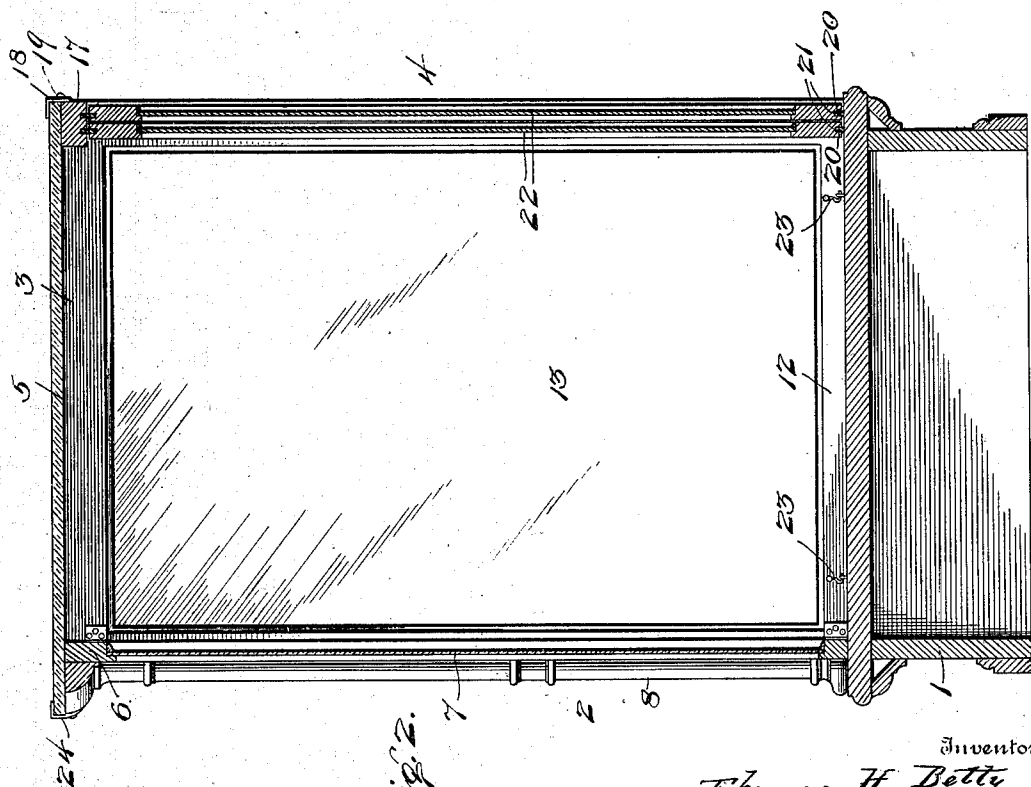


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SHOW-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS H. BETTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manchester, in the county of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to knockdown show-cases, and has for its object to provide an improved knockdown show-case which will be of a simple and durable construction and which can be readily taken apart and put together.

The invention consists of a knockdown show-case and in details thereof, as herein-after set forth and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar figures of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a knockdown show-case constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof, on the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view in horizontal section. Fig. 4 is a detail view showing the front and sides folded together. Fig. 5 is a detail view, partly in section, showing a portion of the front, one side and top, and means for securing the latter. Fig. 6 is a detail view on the line *y y*, Fig. 5, looking upward from the bottom or base. Fig. 7 is a detail view of a modification of the construction for securing the top in place.

In carrying out this invention a suitable base 1 is provided, on which is mounted the front 2, the sides 3, hinged to the front, the back 4, detachably secured to the sides, and the top 5, detachably secured to the front, sides, and back. The front 2 consists of a sash-frame 6, in which is mounted a glass 7, and of columns 8, one at each end of the sash-frame, and formed with a vertical rabbet or angular groove 9, in which is fitted and secured by any suitable means a side of the sash-frame 6. Each side of the sash-frame 6 has one of its sides tapered or cut away, as at 10, as shown, forming with the grooved column 8 a vertical angular recess 11 for a purpose hereinafter explained.

Each side 3 consists of a sash-frame 12, in which is mounted a glass 13. The sash-frame

12 is hinged to the projection 14 of the sash-frame 6, formed by the cut-away side 10 thereof, and the adjacent side of the sash-frame 12 is tapered to fit against the adjacent tapering side 10. This construction, together with the angular groove 9, affords a seat or recess for the tapering side of the sash-frame 12 when the latter is in closed position. The rear side of each sash-frame 12 is provided externally with a vertical column 15 and internally with a bead or tongue 16.

The back 4 of the show-case may be of any suitable construction, and, as here shown, consists of a top horizontal bar 17, detachably secured to the top 5 by any suitable means, and, as here shown, preferably by short metallic strips or clips 18, fastened to bar 17 by screws 19 and having a projecting end or lip which lies against the edge of the top 5. The bar 17 and the base 1 are provided with beads or ribs 20, which set into slots 21 in slidable glass panels 22, which close the back of the show-case. The end glass panels 22 also have a vertical slot, which engages the bead 16 on the end of the sides 3. The sides 3 are detachably secured to the base 1 by hooks and eyes 23 or other suitable means.

The top 1, which is of glass, rests on the front, sides, and back and is secured in place, in addition to the clips 18 on the bar 17, by means of similar clips 24, secured by screws 25 to the enlarged heads of the columns 8 and projecting so as to bear against the edge of the top 1.

In the modification in Fig. 7 instead of the top 1 resting directly on the columns 8 and the front, sides, and back a four-sided frame or molding 26 rests on the front, sides, and back and has a rabbet 27 on its inner edge, in which rests a glass top 27. The frame 26 is secured by hooks and eyes 28 or other suitable means to the front, sides, and back.

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

1. A knockdown show-case, consisting of a removable base; a front with end columns; sides hinged to the front, and fitting into said columns, and having at their other end a column on the outside and a rib or tongue on

the inside, a removable back and top, and means for securing the parts together, as herein set forth.

2. In a knockdown, a detachable front, consisting of a glazed frame, and a grooved column at each end thereof in which said frame is fitted; and glazed sides, each hinged to said frame at its ends and fitting into the grooved column, as herein set forth.

3. In a knockdown, &c., a base; a front with hinged sides detachably secured to the base; said front consisting of a glazed frame; and columns at its ends fitted thereto, and having a vertical groove; glazed sides, hinged to the ends of the front frame, and being seated in the frame, and grooved columns; said sides having a column at their other end, and a vertical rib; a back with slotted ends engaging the rib at the sides; a top, and means for detachably securing the front and sides and back to the base; and top as herein set forth.

4. A knockdown show-case, consisting of a base; means for rigidly connecting the front and sides to said base; a front having hinged

sides, detachable from the base; a back consisting of a top bar, and slidable doors, detachably engaging said top bar, the base, and clips secured to the front and back, and engaging the edges of the top, as herein set forth.

5. A knockdown show-case, consisting of a base; a front having a sash-frame, with corner-columns; side sash-frames hinged to the front; and with corner-columns at the rear; a back composed of sliding doors, and a top guide-bar; the several parts, being, detachable with means for securing them together, and a top, with clips secured to the top bar, and the columns, and engaging the edges of the top, as herein set forth.

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

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