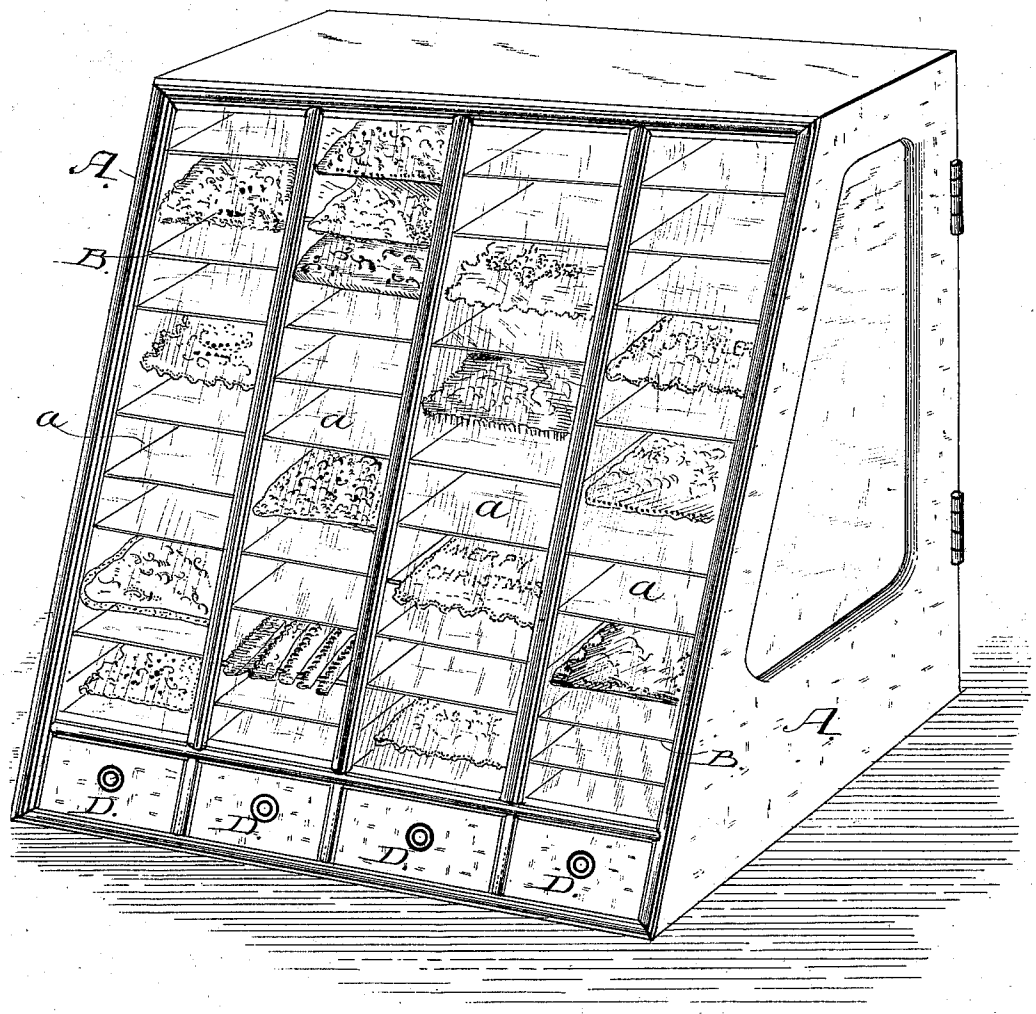
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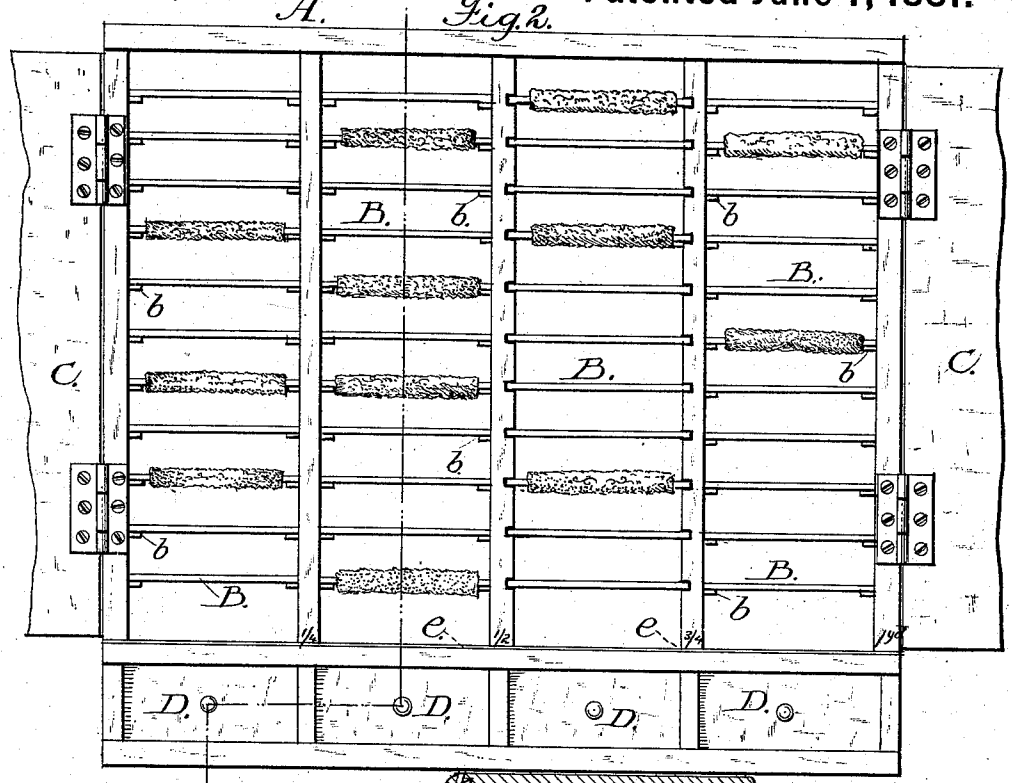
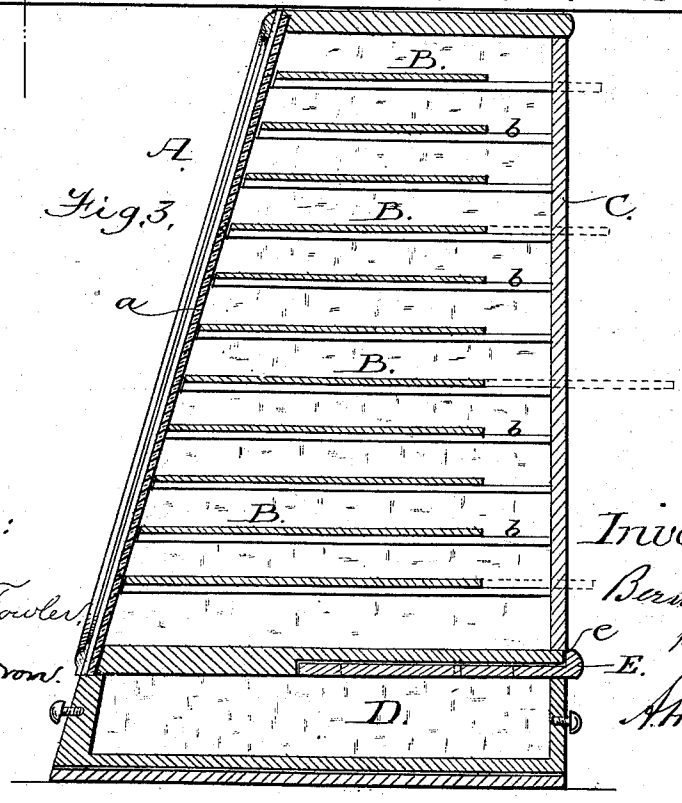


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CASE FOR PRESERVING AND DISPLAYING LACES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNHARD KOHN, of Seward, State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cases for Preserving and Displaying Laces, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section.

My invention relates to cases for holding, preserving, and displaying laces and other similar goods which are folded longitudinally over thin boards of uniform width, and which are easily damaged by handling; and it consists in the combination of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the exact manner in which I have carried it out.

In the drawings, A represents the case for holding the goods, provided with the inclined stationary glass front *a*, for a purpose hereinafter explained. The case is divided vertically into any desired number of compartments, as shown in Fig. 2, each compartment being of a proper width to receive the boards B, on which the laces are folded. On each side of the compartments are secured oppositely-placed cleats or supports *b* for holding the boards B. These boards are to slide easily in and out of the case, so as to be readily withdrawn when desired. When in position within the case each board is close up against the glass front, and by means of the inclined front, as shown in Fig. 1, a portion of each pattern of goods is displayed to the purchaser without the necessity of handling or danger of being soiled. The rear of the case is closed by means of the doors C and the goods preserved against dust. When the purchaser has selected the pattern of lace desired the board containing that particular pattern is drawn out from the rear of the case without disturbing the other patterns.

Below each compartment of the case is provided a drawer, D, for holding the remnants of goods belonging to that compartment, and this drawer is made to open either to the front or rear, so that it may be inspected by either the customer or the merchant, and thus greatly facilitate business.

Between the bottom of the compartments and the drawers D, I arrange the sliding counter E, to be drawn out for use when desired, and when not in use to be concealed within the case and entirely out of the way. By this construction and arrangement of a sliding counter I am enabled to place the case in any convenient position in the store without regard to the main counter. The front *e* of this sliding counter is graduated to be used for measuring the goods, so that not only the counter, but a yard-stick, is always conveniently at hand.

The whole case may be made highly ornamental and attractive, and its great advantages in protecting and preserving, and at the same time advantageously displaying, costly laces and other similar goods will be readily recognized by all persons in the trade.

I am aware that show-cases with glass fronts are not new, and I do not claim such broadly as my invention; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An improved case for preserving and displaying laces and other similar goods, consisting of the case A, provided with the inclined stationary glass front *a*, and having the supports *b*, adapted for receiving and holding the boards B, and the drawers D, opening either to the front or rear, and the sliding counter E, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

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