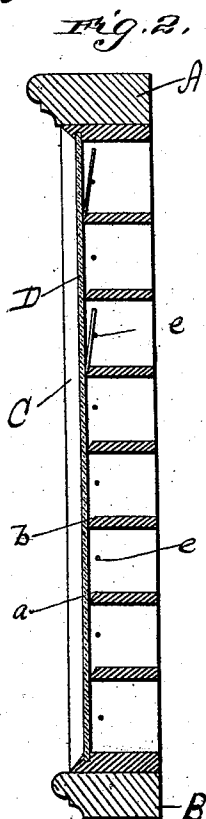
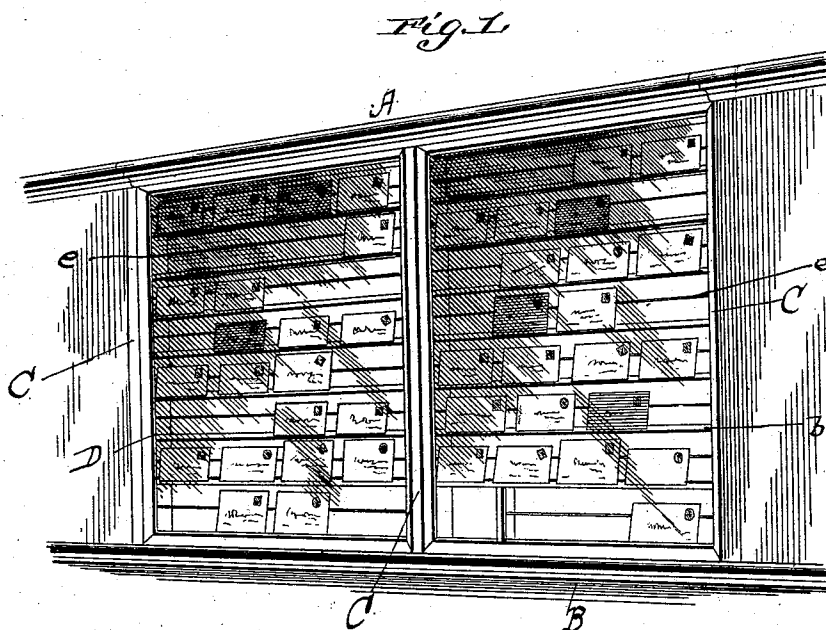


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN F. SPENCER, of Hastings, Cambria county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Show Cases or Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of so much
10 of a show case or rack embodying my invention, as is necessary for a full understanding of the same, and Fig. 2 is a vertical central section or end view of the same.

The object of my invention is to furnish
15 and construct a case or rack for use principally in post offices—but it will of course be understood that I contemplate the use of it for photographic galleries or the display of goods and in various ways for advertising
20 purposes.

The case or rack is very simple, easily constructed and taken apart and put together, and can be furnished at a very small cost. It consists of top and bottom pieces A and B,
25 made preferably of molding sufficiently heavy to stand the usage to which the case or rack will be subjected. At each end of the rack or case are secured cross or upright pieces C. Suspended between these two upright side
30 pieces is a suitable number of shelves, which may be made removable for convenience; they may also be made adjustable as to the distance between each shelf. The front edge of each shelf is beveled at *a* so that when the
35 glass D is secured in the front of the case or rack a small V-shaped space will be formed. In order to exhibit a card, letter or photograph it is only necessary to place one edge of it in this space and the glass and beveled
40 edge of the shelf will hold it in an upright position so that it can be easily inspected by any person on the outside of or from the front of the rack or case. In this way letters ad-

ressed to foreigners in unfamiliar names or even foreign hand-writing can be easily in-
45 spected and the owner of the same can easily identify his or her letter and save both the owner and the post-master a great deal of trouble and annoyance.

In order to guard against any danger of the
50 card or other article being knocked down or displaced, I run across the case or rack parallel with each shelf, a wire or cord *e* placed a suitable distance up from the shelf so as to come against the card or other article being
55 exhibited at about its center, and thus it becomes securely braced and held in place. It will thus be understood that when a card or letter is placed in the V-shaped space formed by the glass and the beveled edges of the
60 shelves it will stand substantially upright and it can be easily and readily inspected from the outside or by any one standing in front of the case or rack.

This case or rack it will be understood in
65 post-offices is to contain all letters bearing unfamiliar names, or foreign names and letters poorly addressed.

What I claim is—

1. A rack or case provided with a top and
70 bottom and side pieces having a glass secured therein, a series of shelves beveled to form a slot or space between the glass and shelves, and wires or cords running parallel with the
75 said shelves, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A rack or case provided with top, side and bottom pieces, a glass secured therein, shelves secured to said side pieces and wires or cords running crosswise and parallel with
80 said shelves, substantially as described.

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