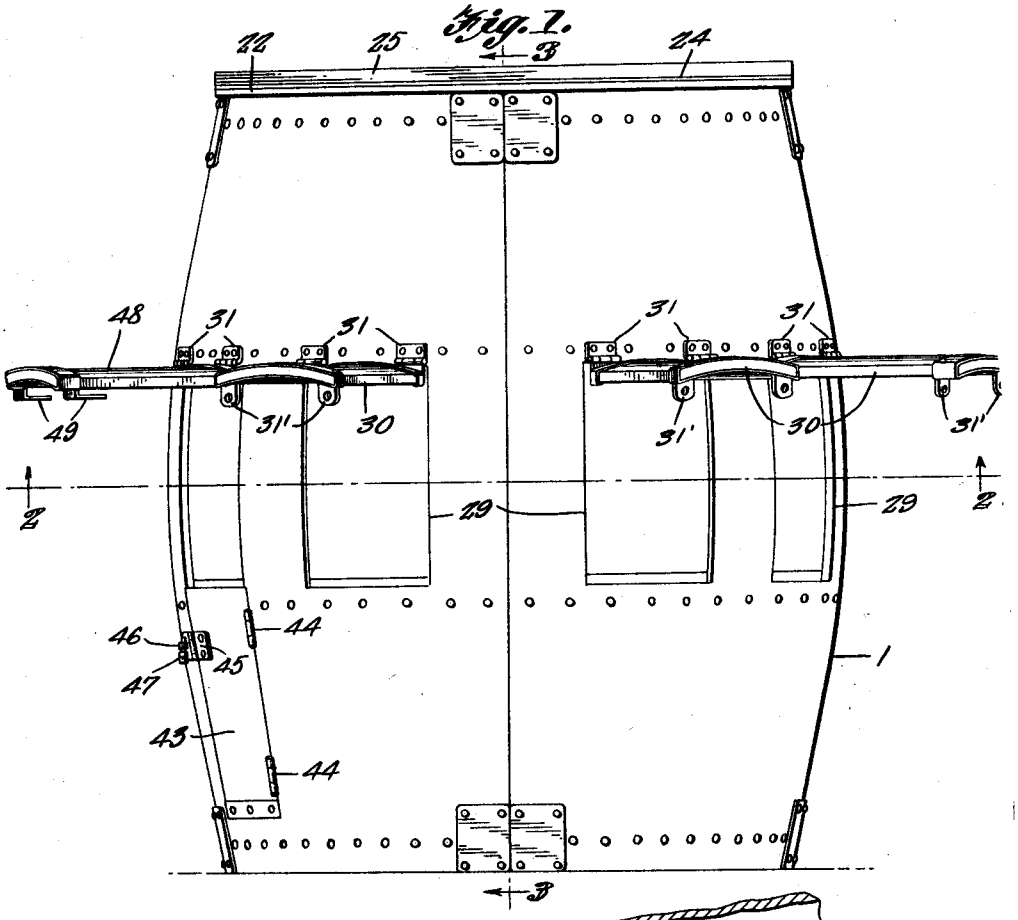
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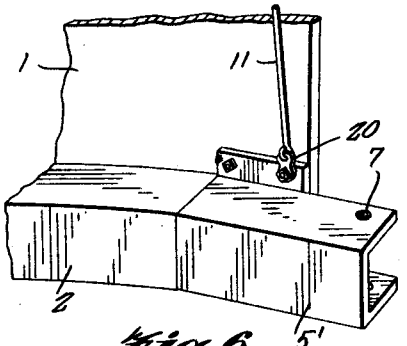


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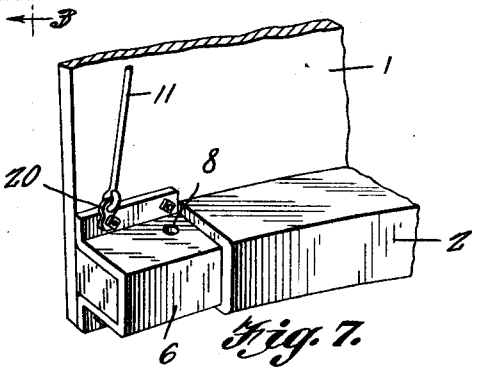


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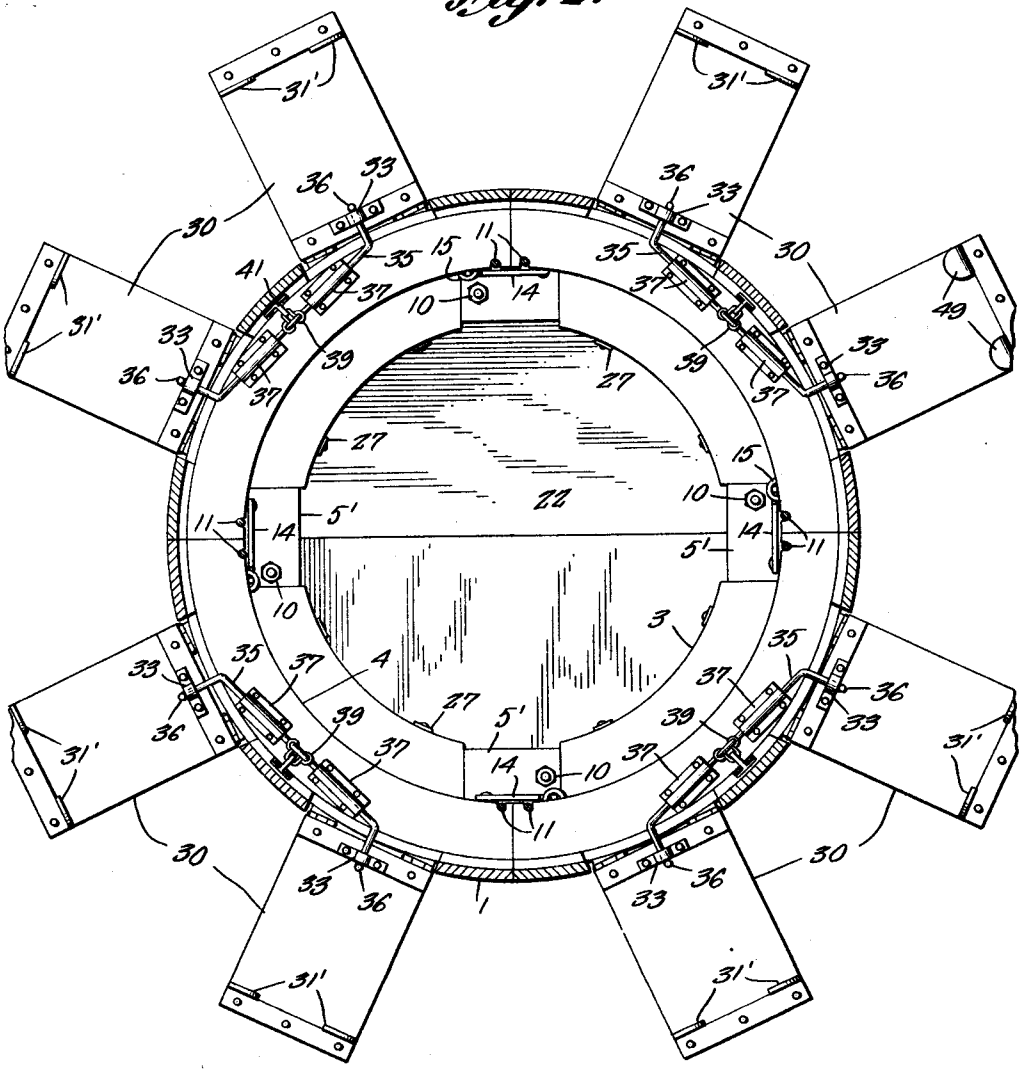
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Fig. 2.



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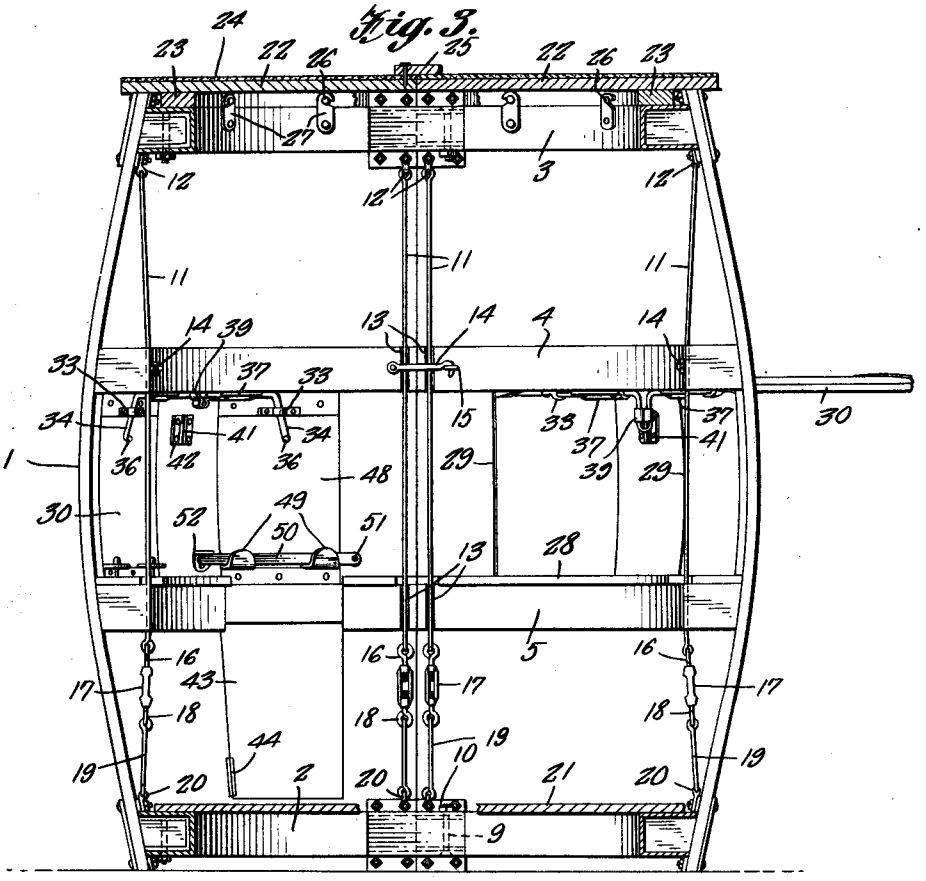
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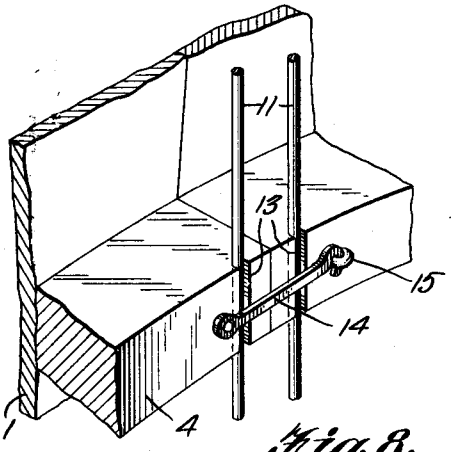
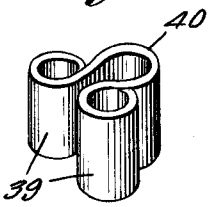


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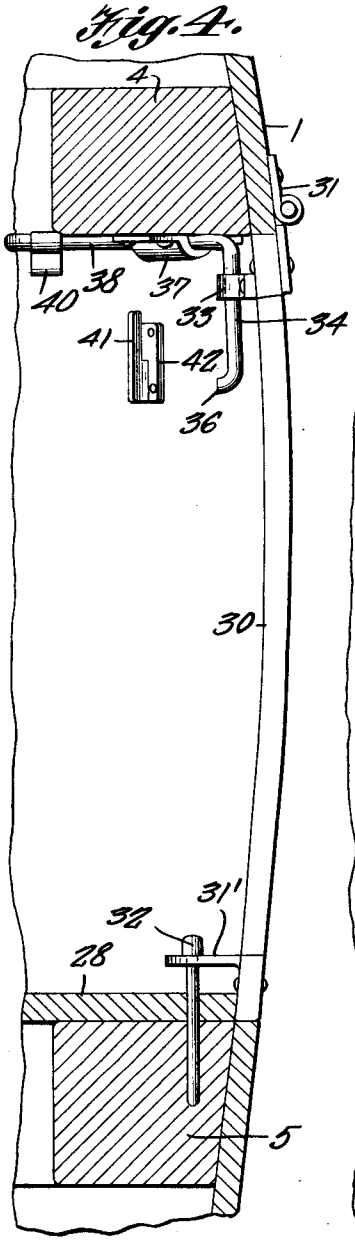


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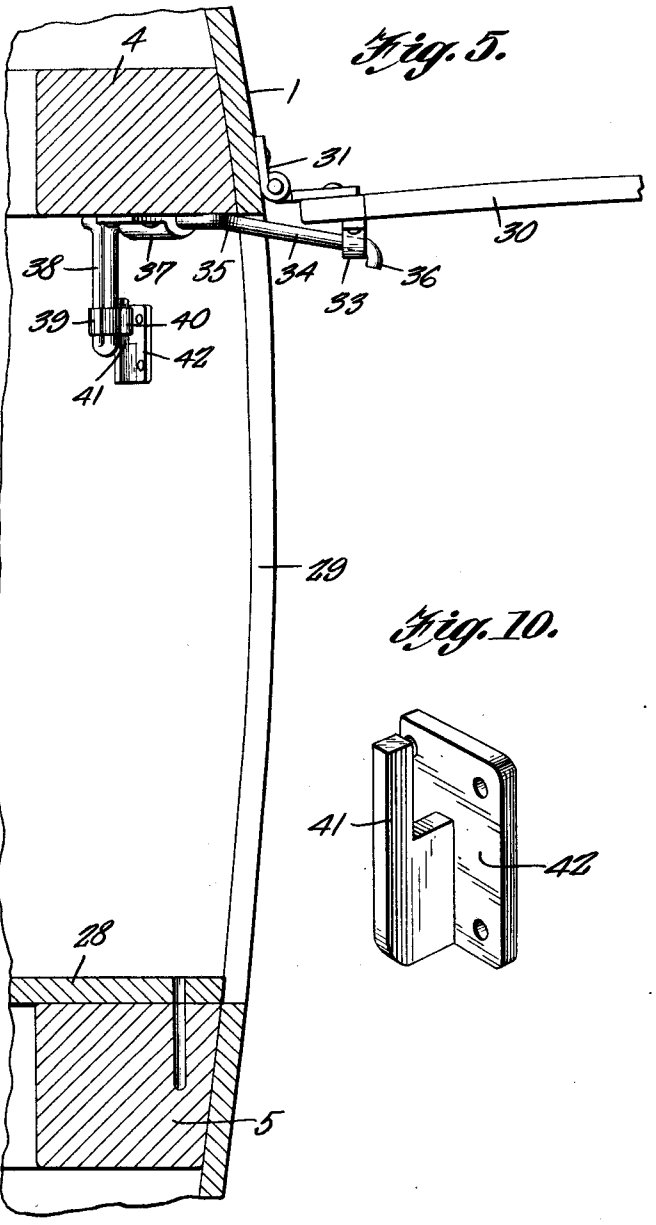


Fig. 10.

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Our present invention has reference to a booth designed for use by dispensers of soft drinks, newspapers, magazines, etc., and our primary object is the provision of a booth of a knock-down construction, whereby the same can be collapsed to produce a small package that can be readily conveyed from place to place but which when set up affords a strong, steady and weatherproof structure.

A further object is the provision of a booth for this purpose shaped to resemble a barrel, provided with windows which open from the counters of the device and which afford shades and protectors for the articles on the shelves as well as for the purchaser and salespeople in the booth, wherein such doors and closures may be effectively locked to render the booth burglar proof during the night time or when the booth is not in use.

A further object is the provision of novel means for removably associating the sections constituting the booth.

To the attainment of the foregoing and other objects which will present themselves as the nature of the invention is better understood, the improvement further resides in certain other novel features of construction, combination and operative association of parts, one satisfactory embodiment of which is disclosed by the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of our improvement.

Figure 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is a sectional view approximately on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a detail enlarged sectional view to illustrate the manner in which the closure or shutter for the window is sustained in locked position.

Figure 5 is a similar view but showing the shutter or closure swung to provide a protective shield for the window opening.

Figure 6 is a detail perspective view to illustrate the socket end on either the upper or lower segmental rib of the booth.

Figure 7 is a similar view to illustrate the tongue to be received in the socket disclosed by Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a similar view to illustrate the manner in which the tie rods are held in the notches of the intermediate ribs.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of one of the latches.

Figure 10 is a similar view of a hook to be engaged by the latch.

As disclosed by the drawings our improved booth construction is shaped to simulate a barrel, the same being primarily designed for dispensing soft drinks, but, of course, other commodities may be dispensed therefrom. The barrel-shaped body 1 may be of any desired number of sections, and preferably each of these sections is made up of staves which have their outer faces striped at suitable intervals to represent the hoops for the barrel. However, the improvement may be constructed of any desired material and likewise the booth may be of any desired size. In the showing of the drawings the booth is made up of four segmental sections, each of which having secured on its inner face segmental ribs. The lower ribs are indicated for distinction by the numeral 2, the upper ribs by the numerals 3, and the spaced intermediate ribs by the numerals 4 and 5, respectively. Both the lower and upper ribs 2 and 3 have at one of their ends a substantially U-shaped socket extension 5 and at its other end a reduced portion that is surrounded by a metal member to provide the same with a rectangular tongue 6 that is designed to be received in the socket 5. The horizontal plates of the sockets 5 have alining openings 7 therethrough designed to register with a hole 8 that passes through the tongue 6, and received through these alining openings there are bolt members 9 which are engaged by suitable nuts 10. By this simple means it will be noted that the segments constituting the booth may be easily and quickly connected and as readily removed.

The body of the booth is bulged centrally

outwardly and to reinforce the said body and likewise reinforce or strengthen the intermediate ribs 4 and 5 there is attached to each of the segments of the booth brace rods 11. The brace rods 11 pass through eyes 12 arranged in the booth directly below the upper rib 3, and the said rods are also received in notches 13 in the intermediate ribs. The rods are held in these notches through the medium of swingable latches 14 secured in one of the ribs and having their hooked ends received in keeper eyes 15 in the adjacent and contacting rib. The hooks 14 not only hold the brace bars in proper spaced relation but hold the confronting ends of the intermediate ribs and consequently the confronting ends of the booth sections in proper contacting engagement. The free end of each of the rods 11 has loosely attached thereto a bolt 16 engaged by a turn-buckle 17, the said turn-buckle also engaging with a bolt 18 having its threads of a different hand pitch than the bolt 16 and to this bolt 16 there is connected a short rod 19 which has its free end attached to an eye 20 on each of the sections of the booth above the lower rib 2.

The floor of the booth comprises two semicircular plates or boards 21, respectively, the rounded edges of the said boards or plates being notched in a line with the nuts 10 and with the eyes 20, and the straight confronting ends of the floor sections 21 are in contacting engagement. Obviously the elements 21 are of sufficient strength to support thereon the occupants of the booth.

The top member of the booth preferably slightly inclines from the center thereof to the ends, the said top being essentially made up of two semicircular boards or plates 22 provided with semi-circular flanges 23 that rest on the upper rib 3. The top has an outer facing 24 of weatherproof material and the straight contacting edges of the top are lapped by a cleat 25 secured to the outer face of one of the top sections. The ring flange 23 is provided at spaced intervals with headed lugs 26 designed to be engaged in the mouth portions of swingable catches 27 which are pivotally secured on the rib 3.

The upper edge of the lower rib 5 has fixed thereon segmental plates 28, each of the said plates providing a counter. Each of the sections constituting the booth, in a line with the counters 28, has a substantially rectangular opening 29 therethrough and these openings are designed to be closed by shutters or closures 30, each of which having its upper edge hinged, as at 31, to the respective sections of the booth. On each of the shutters or closures 30 there is secured an inwardly directed finger 31, and designed to be passed through an opening in this finger and through an opening in the counter and in the lower intermediate rib 5 there is the shank of a headed pin 32. By this means it will be seen that the shutters are effectively locked in closed position.

Each pair of adjacent shutters, on its inner face, and adjacent to its upper edge is centrally formed with a socket member 33, and passing through these sockets there are the angle or end arms 34 of the shutter operating rods 35. The outer ends of each of the arms 34, is offset, as at 36, so that the same cannot move through the socket 33. The inner and straight arm of each of the operating members 35 is journaled through a bearing 37 secured to the under face of the lower intermediate rib 4. The mentioned inner portion or arm of the operating member 35, between the bearings 37 is bent upon itself to provide the same with a handle 38. The handle is, of course, made up of two strands of wire and disposed for slidable movement on the said strands there are the eye ends 39 of a cross sectionally rounded latch member 40. The latch is best illustrated by Figure 9 of the drawings and by reference to this figure it will be seen that the said latch is made up of a single piece of suitable metal bent and rounded upon itself to provide the eye at the rounded part thereof. When the handles 38 are swung to downward and vertical positions, of course, after the pins 32 have been removed, the shutters 30 will be swung outwardly and disposed horizontally with respect to the booth. When in such position each of the shutters serves as a protective shield for the respective openings 29. Also when in such position the latch 40 is moved downwardly on the parallel arms of the handle and is brought to engage with a finger 41 formed on the outstanding rib of a plate 42 that is fixed in the booth between the window openings.

In a line with one of the window openings 29 one of the sections of the booth is provided with an additional opening that is normally closed by a door 43, the said door having one of its edges hinged, as at 44, to the said section of the booth. As the opening for the door is in registration with the opening for the window the counter portion for this window is removable. The door 43 has secured on its inner face a hinged hasp 45 designed to receive through the opening therein a staple 46 secured to the booth, and this staple is designed to be engaged by a lock 47. It will be noted that the lock is in close proximity to the opening above the door 43 so that access may be had thereto from the interior of the booth and consequently the booth may be locked with the occupant therein or after the occupant departs from the booth. For distinction the shutter that closes the opening directly above the door 43 is indicated by the numeral 48. This door, upon its lower edge, and,

of course, upon its inner face has substantially U-shaped keepers 49 and these keepers are designed to be engaged by a latch bar 50 which is pivotally supported, as at 51, to the inner face of the booth and which is swingable into a keeper 53 in the booth.

It is believed that the simplicity of our construction, and the advantages thereof will be understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art after the foregoing description has been carefully read in connection with the accompanying drawings. Obviously the description and illustration refers to only one satisfactory embodiment of the improvement and we do not wish to be restricted to the details of construction herein set forth. Therefore, we hold ourselves entitled to make such changes and modifications therefrom as fairly fall within the scope of what we claim.

What we claim is:

A knock-down portable booth of barrel-like formation when set up comprising segmental sections, each having inner, upper, lower and intermediate spaced segmental ribs, interengaging tongues and sockets at the confronting ends of the upper and lower ribs, removable locking means for said tongues and sockets, inner adjustable brace means between the upper and lower ribs and received in notches in the intermediate ribs, swingable latches on the intermediate ribs for retaining the confronting edges of the sections together and for covering the brace means, a floor made up of sections resting on the lower ribs, a top also made up of sections and slightly rounded from the center thereof projecting beyond the periphery of the booth and having an outer weather-proof facing, a cleat establishing a lapping joint between the confronting edges of the top, the sections of the top having a depending flange to rest on the upper rib, latching means between the upper rib and said flange, and said booth having openings for a hinged door and for hinged shutters.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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