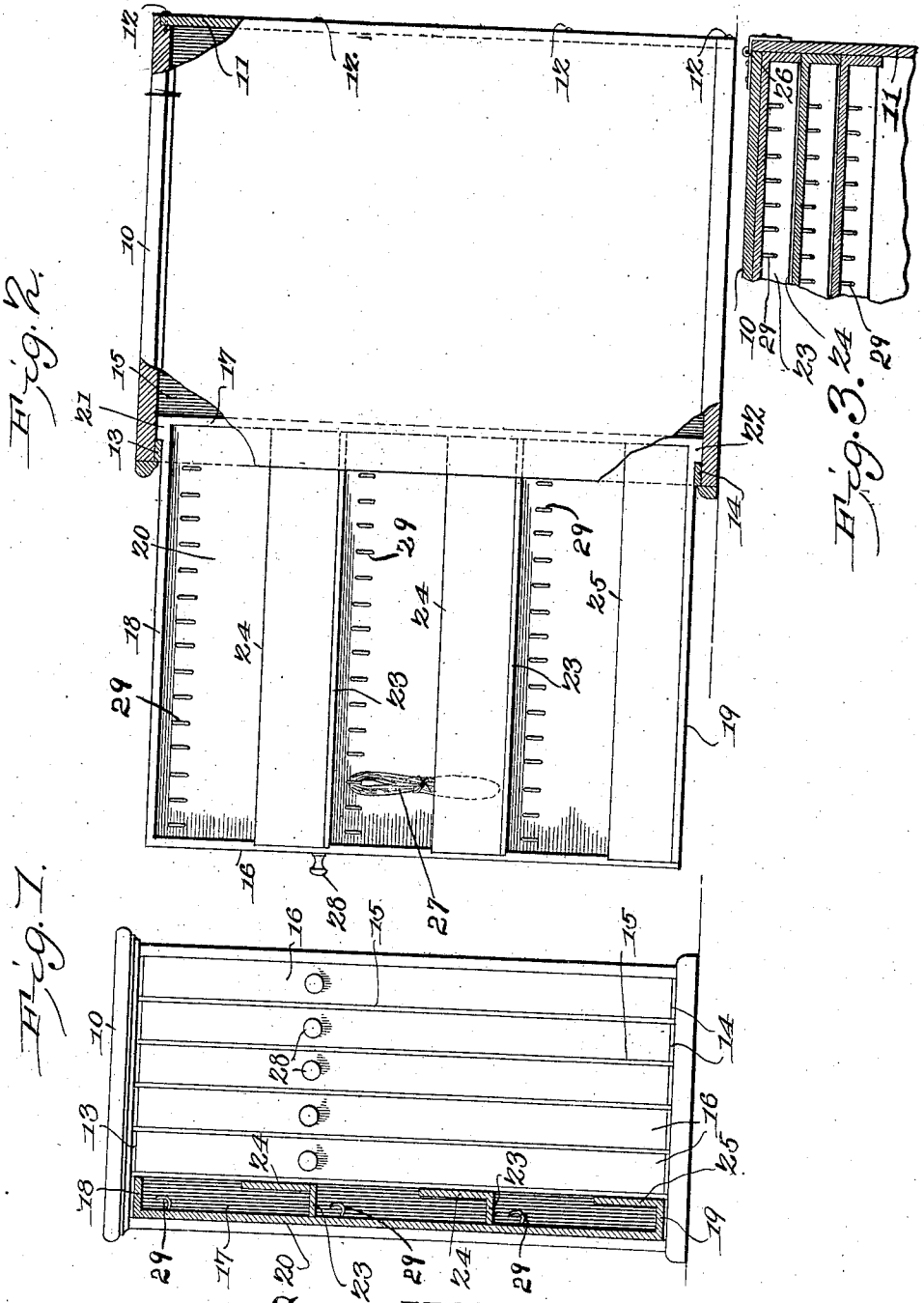
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. HUNTINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Aberdeen, in the county of Brown and State of South Dakota, have invented a new and useful Display Device, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for displaying articles of various kinds in convenient and accessible position and which are at the same time effectually protected from injury from dust or exposure when not required.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly in section, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail illustrating a modification in the construction.

The improved device may be employed for the storage and display of various kinds of articles or goods, but is designed more particularly for the storage and display of skeins of silk and similarly-arranged materials and for the purpose of illustration is shown adapted for goods of this character.

The improved device comprises an outer casing 10, open at the front and with a detachable closure 11 at the rear, the latter secured either by screws 12 or hinged, as at 26, or by other suitable means to enable it to be readily detached. The casing may be of any required size or of any suitable material and may be in any fanciful or ornamental design. Attached to the inner faces of the upper and lower members of the casing 10 next to the open front portion are stops 13 14, and the interior of the casing may be divided by vertical partitions 15 into a plurality of relatively narrow compartments. Slidably disposed in each of the compartments is a frame or vertical drawer formed with closed front 16, rear 17, top 18, bottom 19, and back 20 and with stops 21 22, respectively, upon the inner ends of the top and bottom members 18 19 for engaging the stop members 13 14 of the casing when the frames are drawn outward to the fullest extent to limit their outward movement and prevent removal from the casing. Each frame will also have a knob 28 or other suitable means for handling the same. By this arrangement it will be obvious that the several frames may be inserted into their several compartments before the back 11 is placed in position and are then irremovable from the casing unless the back is again removed, while at the same time the frames can be independently drawn outward through the front of the casing until the stop members 21 22 thereon engage the stop members 13 14 of the casing.

Each of the sliding frames is provided with one or more shelves 23, and each shelf is provided with a riser member 24, extending upwardly from its outer edge, and the bottom member 19 of each frame is likewise provided with a riser member 25. Attached to the back member 20 of each frame, just below the shelves 23 and also below the top member 18, are means, such as hooks 29, for supporting the goods to be displayed—as, for instance, silk or like goods in skeins, as at 27, the lower ends of the skeins extending behind the risers 24 25 and protected and guarded thereby. It will thus be obvious that the goods may be displayed in a readily-accessible position and each article also maintained in separate position and independently removable from or detachable from the hooks without disturbing any of the other articles. The goods may thus be exhibited without injury or the necessity for handling any of the goods except those required by the customer.

The device can be inexpensively constructed, and of any required size, and with any required number of frames or vertical drawers, and in single units or in multiple sections, and with the vertical partitions, as in Figs. 1 and 2, or without the partitions, as in Fig. 3. The frames being of the same size are interchangeable, and by removing the back 11 two or more of the frames may be removed and reinserted in another position with very little trouble and in a very short period of time.

It frequently happens that it is desirable to rearrange the goods in the display-frames or to place the goods in one of the frames at

another part of the main inclosing-casing 10, and this can be very readily done in the device herein described, as above noted. The labor and time for thus changing or transferring the frames is greatly lessened by employing the hinged back, as shown in Fig. 3. This is an important feature of the invention and adds materially to the value and efficiency of the device.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

In a display device, a casing, and a plurality of display-frames removable and interchangeable from the rear of the casing and movable outward from the front of the casing to display position, said casing having top, bottom and side members, and being open at the front and rear, stop-ribs extending downward from the top and upwardly from the bottom of the casing, the interchangeable display-frames each having stops projecting from the upper and lower surfaces of their rear ends, the stops of the frames slidably engaging the upper and lower walls of the casing, and the stops of the casing slidably engaging the upper and lower walls of the frames, whereby said frames are guided and supported during movement to and from display position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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