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Fig. 1.

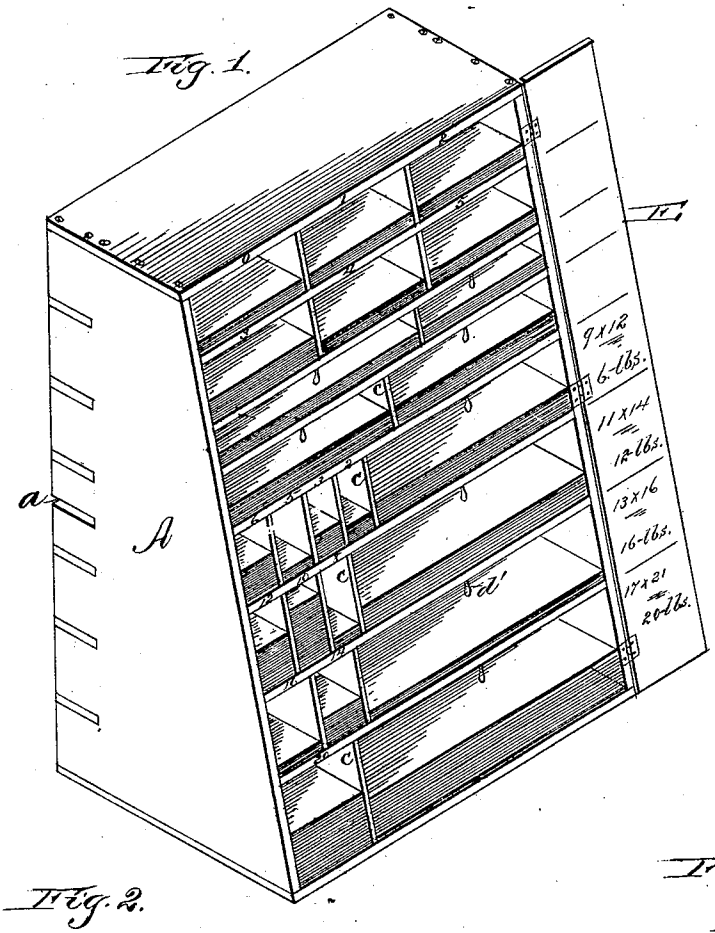


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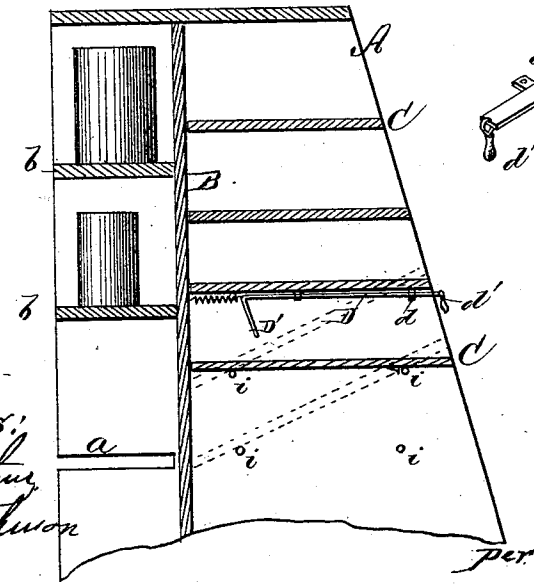
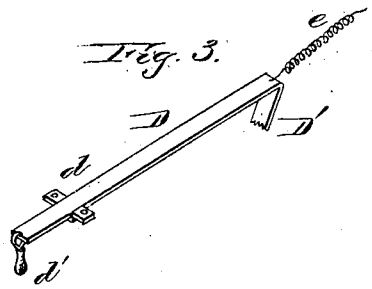


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMON STOFFEL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Volo, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Paper-Bag Holders, of which the following is a specification, to wit:

My invention relates to improvements in cases for holding wrapping-paper, bags, &c., as well as exhibiting goods to be placed upon a store-counter; and it consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the case, as will be herein fully described.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to avail themselves of the benefits of my invention, I will now proceed to describe it, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention; Fig. 2, a central vertical section of the upper part thereof, and Fig. 3 a detail view of the paper-rake.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents a frame or casing, one side of which is perpendicular, as shown, and the other is inclined, so as to be wider at the base than at the top. This case A is provided with a series of horizontal slots, *a*, extending inward a short distance from its vertical side, and in these slots are fitted a series of removable shelves, *b*, upon which canned goods or similar articles may be exposed for sale. Behind these shelves the case is fitted with a perpendicular back, B. The space between the back B and the inclined face of the frame is divided into a number of compartments by removable shelves C, and these may again be divided by small partitions *c*, as shown in Fig. 1. The case may be divided into any number of compartments, according to its size and the use for which it is desired; but the one illustrated in the drawings has a series of six spaces in the upper part for holding sand-paper, which is placed coarse side uppermost, in order that it may be easily seen by the salesman, and the cases may be numbered to correspond. Below this are spaces for holding different sizes of white wrapping-paper, usually termed "tea-paper," and the balance of the case is divided up to contain ordinary wrapping-paper of different sizes, bags, &c. Each wrapping-paper compartment is provided with a strip of metal, D, sliding in clamps *d* on the under side of the shelf forming the top of the compartment. The outer end of this strip is provided with a handle or ring, *d'*, for operating it, and the inner end is bent down at an angle, and has a serrated or toothed end, D', which engages with the upper sheet of paper in the pile and draws it forward when the slide is pulled. A spring, *e*, connecting the bent end of the slide with the back of the case, draws the slide backward for a fresh sheet as soon as released by the hand. I prefer in operation to fold each sheet of paper in the middle before it is placed in the case, and double back one of the corners, so that when drawn out the corner may be readily grasped to open the folded sheet, and the crease enables it to fit easily into a scale-pan when weighing goods. The case is put together with screws, so that it may be packed in a small space for shipment, and the shelves C C rest upon small pins *i i* on the inside of the ends of the casing. As seen by dotted lines in Fig. 2, these shelves may be placed on an incline, if desirable, by simply drawing them partly out and allowing their inner ends to drop onto the rear pins in the next row beneath. On one end of the case I hinge a board, E, of a length corresponding to the height of the case, and opposite each horizontal row of compartments. This board is lettered to show the articles contained, as will be readily understood by reference to the drawings, and this forms a guide to prevent mistakes by any one using the device.

It will be seen that this device is cheap, handy, and occupies but a small space upon a counter, while bringing into close and convenient reach many articles always in use in stores, and the toothed paper-slide D always draws out, where it is easily grasped, only one sheet of paper, and no time being lost in putting up goods, while wrapping-paper is kept much cleaner than while lying on the counter.

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

1. In a case for holding paper, bags, &c., the combination, with the shelves, of the slide

D, having a toothed or serrated end, D′, and spring *e*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A case for containing wrapping-paper, bags, &c., consisting essentially of a series of compartments formed by removable and adjustable shelves C C, provided with toothed slides D, removable shelves *b* for holding and exhibiting canned goods, &c., and a hinged label-board, E, all constructed and arranged for use substantially as herein described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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