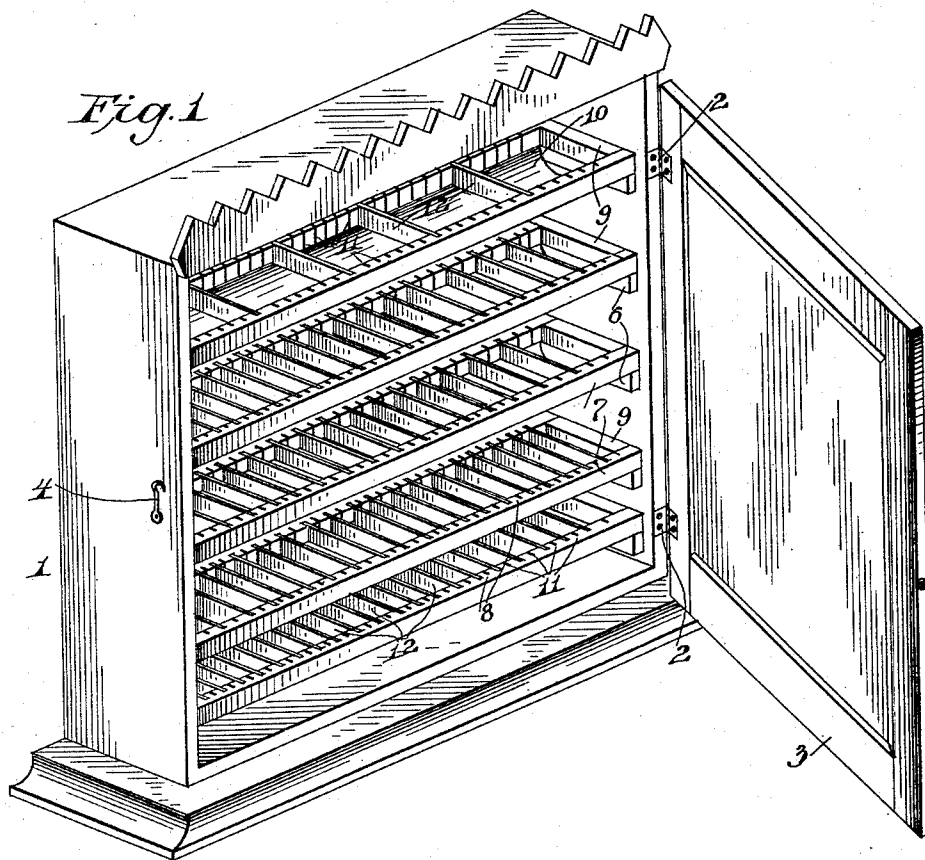
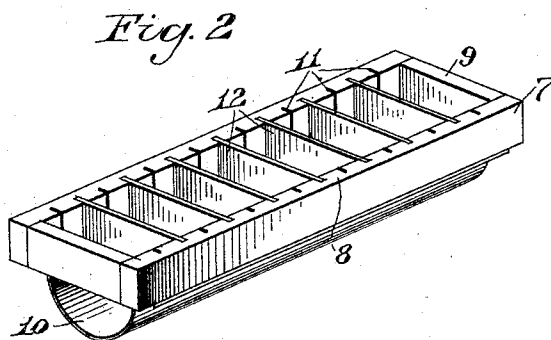
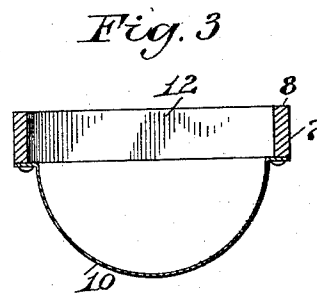


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENRY MORSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marion, in the county of Crittenden and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Ribbon-Box, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to a ribbon case and exhibitor for use in retail stores.

The objects of the invention are to provide a suitable case adapted to receive reels of ribbon, exhibit the same to purchasers, and to hold the reels while the desired quantities are drawn off from the reels.

A further object is to provide means for adapting the ribbon-pockets for various widths of ribbon-reels.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features of the same will be particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of the case, the door swung open. Fig. 2 is a detail in perspective of one of the trays. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a rectangular or other shaped case, to one side of which is hinged, as at 2, a glass door 3, the free end of which may be locked to the opposite edge of the case by a hook 4 or other ordinary fastening device. The opposite side walls of the case are provided with corresponding cleats 6, and upon each pair of cleats is removably mounted a ribbon-tray 7. Each tray comprises a front and rear bar 8 and opposite end bars 9, said bars 8 being connected by a semi-cylindrical and preferably sheet-metal bottom 10, the op-

posite edges of which are nailed or otherwise secured to the under side of the bars 8. At corresponding intervals the inner surfaces of the bars 8 are provided with vertical kerfs or slots 11, and removably mounted in opposite pairs of the same are sheet-metal partitions 12.

In practice a ribbon-reel is placed in one end of the tray thus formed, after which a partition, as above described, is inserted in the adjacent kerfs, thus forming a pocket or compartment in which the reel loosely lies. A second reel is then placed in position, and then a second partition, and so on until the tray is filled.

It will be observed that the reels may be of various widths and each be accommodated with a properly-proportioned partition.

From the above description it will be seen that I provide a case suitable for receiving various widths of ribbon-reels, which case exhibits the color of the ribbon and thoroughly protects the same from dust, vermin, &c.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described ribbon-tray, consisting of a rectangular wooden frame, the opposite longitudinal side bars of which are provided with corresponding series of adjusting-kerfs, the curved sheet-metal bottom secured at its edges to the side bars, and the series of removable partitions mounted in the kerfs, substantially as specified.

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

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