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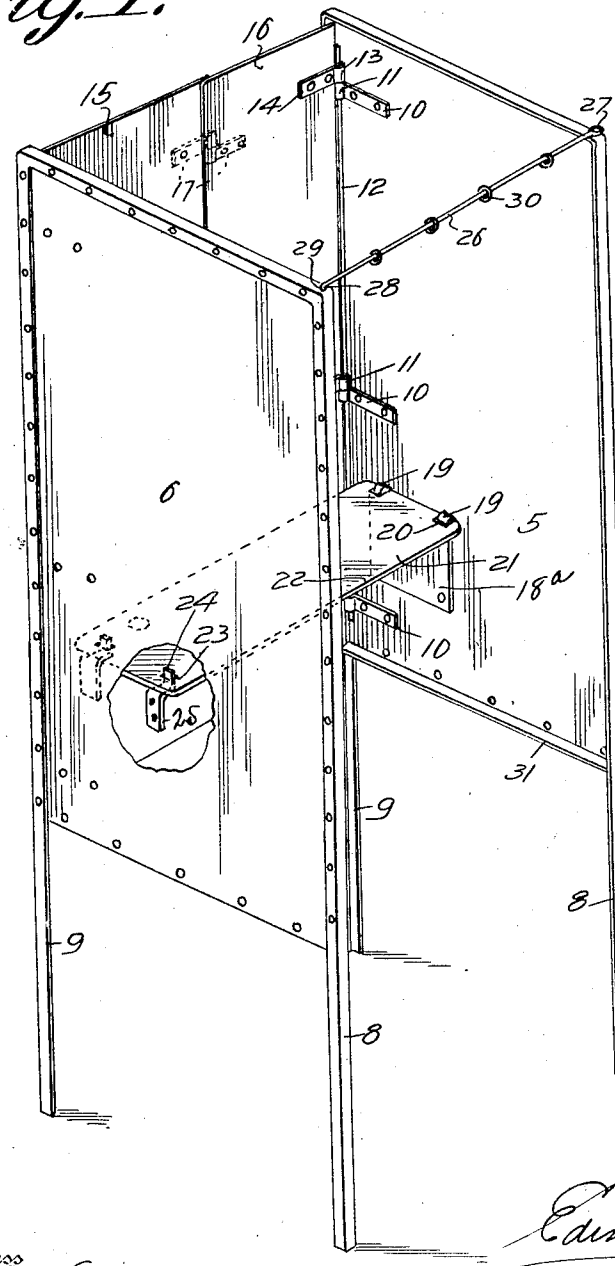
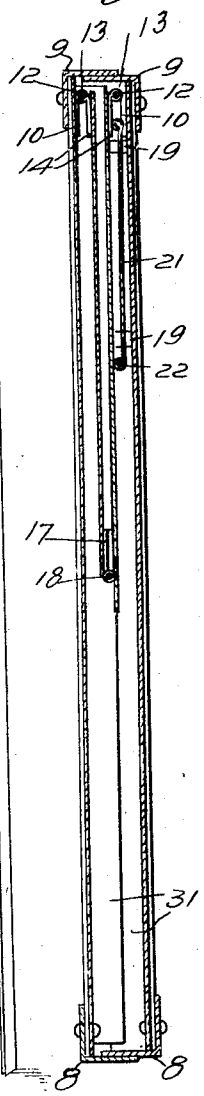


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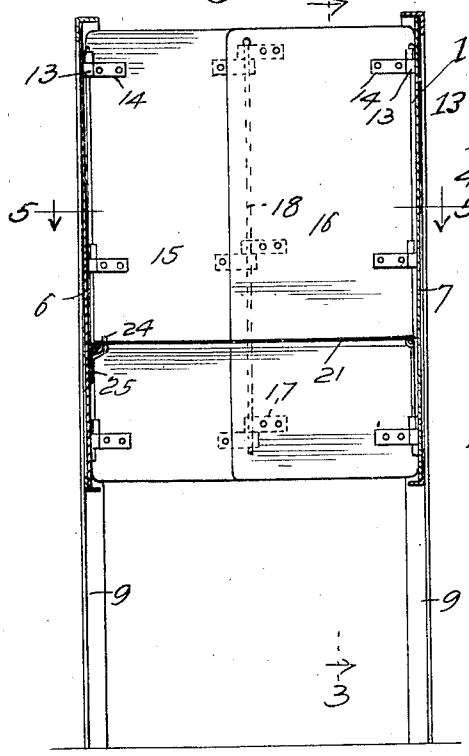


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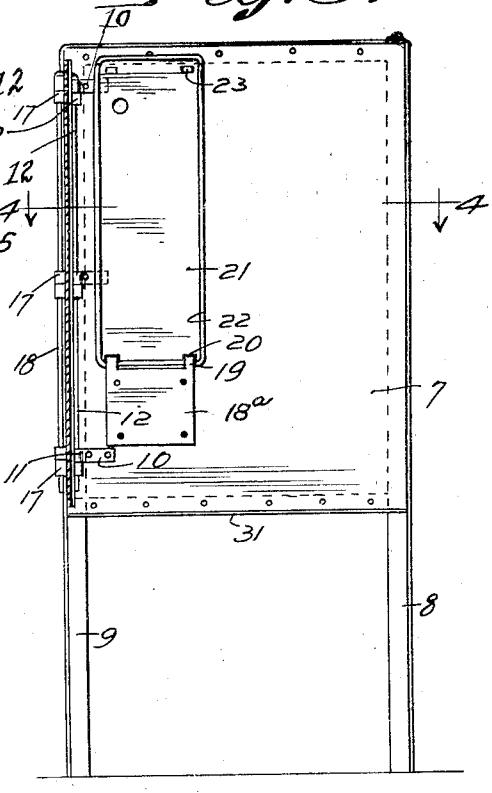


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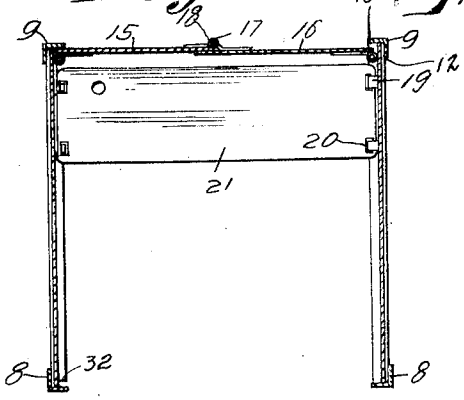
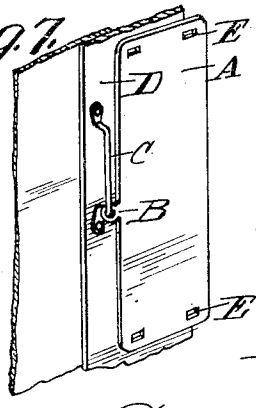


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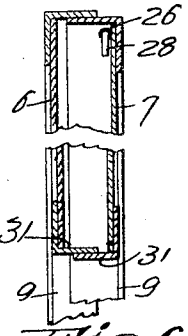
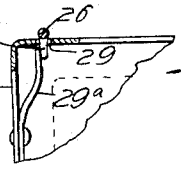


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. VEASEY, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Lima, in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Voting-Booths, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to voting booths and particularly to a foldable booth forming a partial closure which the voter may enter for preparing a ticket to be deposited or voted, the said invention having for its object the provision of novel means for providing a foldable booth in which all the parts are connected together so that there is no liability of loss of the parts when the booth is folded for storage, the said booth being self-contained as stated so that when it is to be set up, little time will be required for manipulating the parts and securing them against collapse.

A further object of this invention is to provide a booth in which the shelf is foldable with the remainder of the booth and yet it may be placed in position for use and firmly held.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the booth having part of one of the side walls broken away to show the shelf supporting means;

Fig. 2 is a front view showing the booth set up for use;

Fig. 3 is a side view showing the shelf in folded position;

Fig. 4 is a sectional top view of the booth when folded;

Fig. 5 is a sectional top view;

Fig. 6 illustrates a vertical sectional view of fragments of the device when folded;

Fig. 7 illustrates a perspective view of a fragment of the booth showing a modified shelf and means for securing it to the booth structure; and

Fig. 8 illustrates a detailed view of the spring.

In these drawings 6 indicates one side of the booth and 7 the opposite side thereof, the said sides each having at its front and rear edge a standard or support 8 and 9 respectively, each of said standards or supports comprising strips of metal bent transversely at right angles so that one angle may be riveted to the side of the booth and the angular portion extend inwardly to form a housing in conjunction with the angular portion on the opposite side when the booth sections are collapsed, the relation of the two sides being such that the angular portions or flanges of one side will fit between the angular flanges or portions extending from the other side, thus creating a housing for holding the shelf and the shelf supporting means, and the means by which the sides of the booth are held in spaced relation to each other when the booth is set up for use. On the inner surface of each side there are metal straps or plates 10, each of which terminates in an eye 11 for the reception of a pintle 12, which pintle extends from the top of the booth and passes through eyes 13 formed on the plates or straps 14 which are secured to the inner surfaces of the back wall of the booth, thus hingedly connecting the sides and back together at the corners. The back of the booth comprises two sections 15 and 16 connected transversely therewith by hinges 17, the said hinges having a pintle 18 which may be slid longitudinally to effect a withdrawal from the hinges if the said hinged sections are to be disconnected.

One side of the booth has a plate 18ª with tongues 19 extending therefrom and the said tongues pass through apertures 20 formed in the end of the shelf 21. The end of the shelf is preferably provided with a wire or rod 22 which is engaged by the tongues and the ends of the tongues are in such close proximity to the inner wall of one of the sides as to prevent the end of the shelf from disengaging the said tongues, except undue force is applied to it. By reason of this relation of parts, the shelf is hinged with relation to the tongues and may be folded to lie parallel with the side of the booth when the sections are to be collapsed for folding and storing. The opposite end of the shelf 21 has apertures 23 which receive tongues 24 formed on the plate 25, the said tongues and plate constituting what may be regarded as a bracket for supporting one end of the shelf, and when this connection is

established, the shelf is firmly supported and aids in holding the booth sections when the booth is set up for use.

As a further means for holding the booth sections in spaced relation, that is to say, with the sides approximately parallel, a stay rod 26 is provided and one end is mounted on a pivot 27 whereas the opposite end 28 is bent to enter an aperture 29 formed in a flange carried by the opposite side. In order to prevent accidental disengagement of the end of the spacing rod from the flange, a spring 29ª is secured to the flange and it extends upwardly in such relation to the aperture which the end of the spacing rod enters as to engage the said end and frictionally retain it against accidental disengagement. The spacing rod furthermore constitutes a support for rings 30 or other devices which will suspend a curtain for closing the entrance to the booth.

Instead of holding the shelf by the means heretofore described, a shelf A may be provided with an apertured lug B the aperture of which receives a bracket C secured to the rear wall D. When this form is employed, the shelf may be swung from a horizontal to a vertical position by reason of the swivel or loose joint between the lug and the bracket and when this form is employed, the interior of the booth may be supplied with plates, such as 25 having ears or lugs such as 24 and the shelf may then be supported, since in this modification, the shelf has apertures E, E, at the two ends to receive the supporting means.

The sides have angle plates 31 secured at their lower edges and the said angle plates extend inwardly to complete the housing when the parts of the booth are folded.

One flange of 31 terminates a suitable distance from the flange of each upright supporting member so as to produce an intervening space 32 for the reception of the flange which fits inside to form a housing when the parts are folded.

I claim:

In a voting booth having side walls, angle irons secured to the edges thereof forming a housing when in folded position, the said angle irons being so positioned that the irons of one side will lie within the irons of the other side when collapsed, angle irons secured to the lower edges of the sides and upon one wall terminating at distances from the flanges of the upright angle irons providing recesses whereby one part fits within the other, a sectional rear wall hinged to the said side walls, and inwardly moving hinges connecting the said sections of the rear wall.

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