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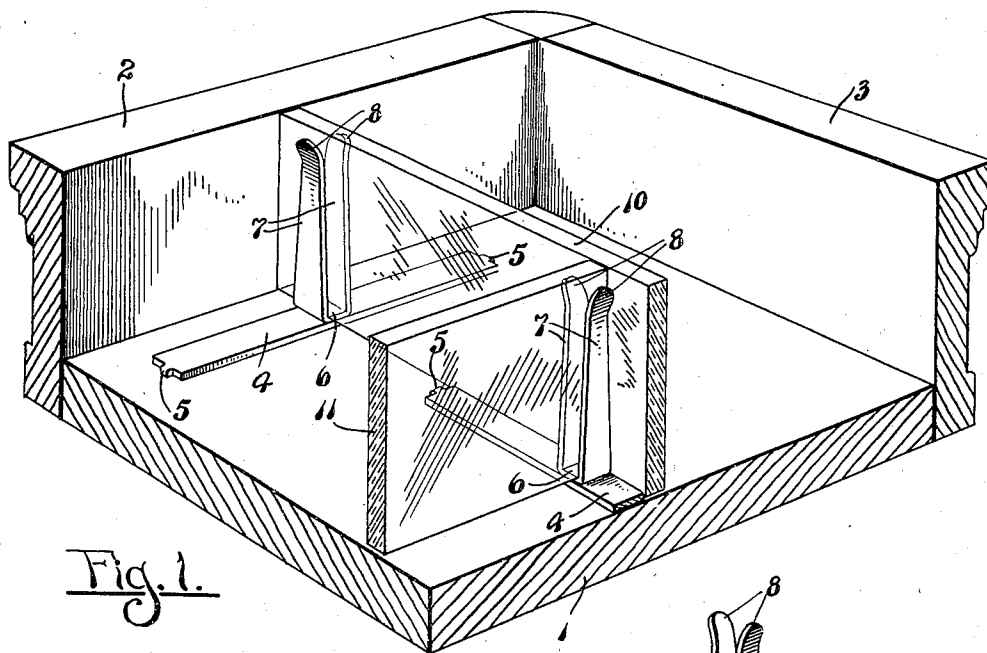


Fig. 1.

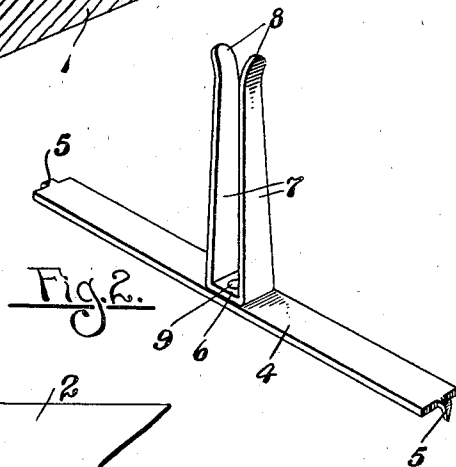


Fig. 2.

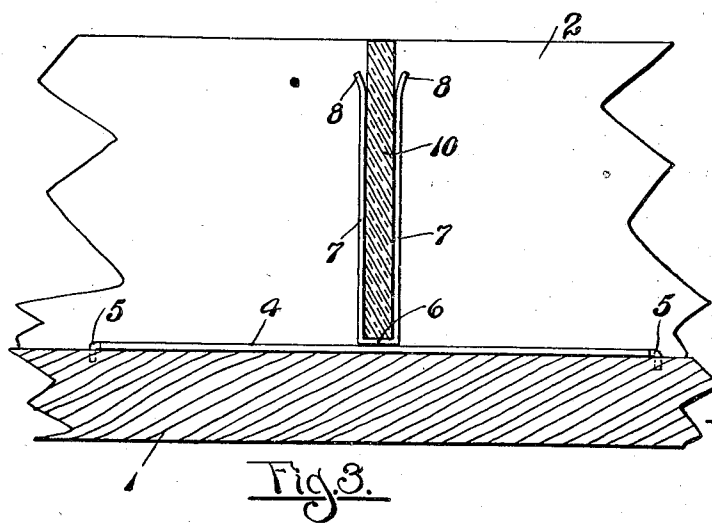


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## COUNTER ATTACHMENT

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This invention relates to a counter attachment particularly designed for the purpose of holding vertical partitions on and above a counter or table top within surrounding border members so as to divide the space above the top into a plurality of merchandise receiving and holding compartments.

The present invention is directed to a simple attachment which can be applied to the counter or table top wherever necessary and which has extending therefrom a holding clip which is designed to receive and securely hold a dividing partition in vertical position. Inasmuch as the attachments in question may be applied to the counter or table top at different positions, it is evident that the partitions held thereby may be spaced greater or less distances apart and that the sizes of the compartments may be made substantially anything desired.

The invention for attaining the ends stated will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which,

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the attachment used to hold both main dividing partitions and shorter cross partitions located at right angles thereto.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment, and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary vertical section through the top and one of the partitions held above the same, the attachment for holding the partition being shown in side elevation.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in the different figures of the drawing.

The counter or table top 1 of any conventional construction has vertical border members 2 secured at its opposite side edges and like border members 3 at its opposed end edges whereby the top with said border members attached makes one large compartment. It is the purpose of this invention primarily to produce a simple and economically constructed device, a plurality of which may be used to hold various main partitions located above the top 1 and also other shorter partitions located between the main partitions at right angles thereto, or between said main

partitions and the end border members 3 so as to divide the one large compartment surrounded by the border members into a plurality of smaller compartments of desired size.

The attachment which I have devised for this purpose comprises a flat bar 4 of metal which, at its ends, is formed with downwardly turned prongs or tangs 5. At the middle point of the bar and at its upper side, a spring clip of U-shape is connected. The clip is made of a single length of metal with a base 6 and two upwardly extending fingers 7 which normally, when free to do so, converge slightly toward each other at their upper end portions, while directly at their upper ends the same are bent outwardly as indicated at 8. This clip member is secured to the bar 4 by a rivet as indicated at 9, or by any other equivalent permanent fastening means such as electric spot welding or the like.

The attachments described are applied to the table top at desired points by placing a bar 4 above the top and driving the prongs 5 into the top. With one of these devices located adjacent each side of the border member 2 and properly positioned so that the clips described are located equal distances from the end border members 3 the clips may receive and hold main vertical cross partitions 10, preferably of glass, which are forced downwardly between the fingers 7. As many of the main partitions 10 may be used as is needed to divide the large compartment above the table tops surrounded by the border members into a plurality of parallel narrower compartments which extend the full width of the table.

To divide the narrower compartments between adjacent parallel vertical partitions 10 or between said partitions and the end border members 3, other devices for holding partitions identical with those used to hold the main partitions 10 may be used attaching the same to the top of the table at the sides of the main partitions 10 or at the inner sides of the end border members 3. These other attachments will be located at right angles to those used for holding the partitions 10 and

shorter dividing partitions 11 inserted in the holding clips in exactly the same manner.

The attachment described while of simple form is very practical and useful and effectively serves the purposes for which it is designed. The invention is defined in the appended claim and is to be considered comprehensive of all forms of structure coming within its scope.

10 I claim:

A device of the class described comprising, a relatively long flat-bar, prongs turned downwardly from the ends of the bar, and a relatively narrow U-shaped clip permanently connected to the bar at its upper side and between its ends, said clip extending upwardly from the bar and being adapted to receive and retain a vertical partition between its spaced apart sides.

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