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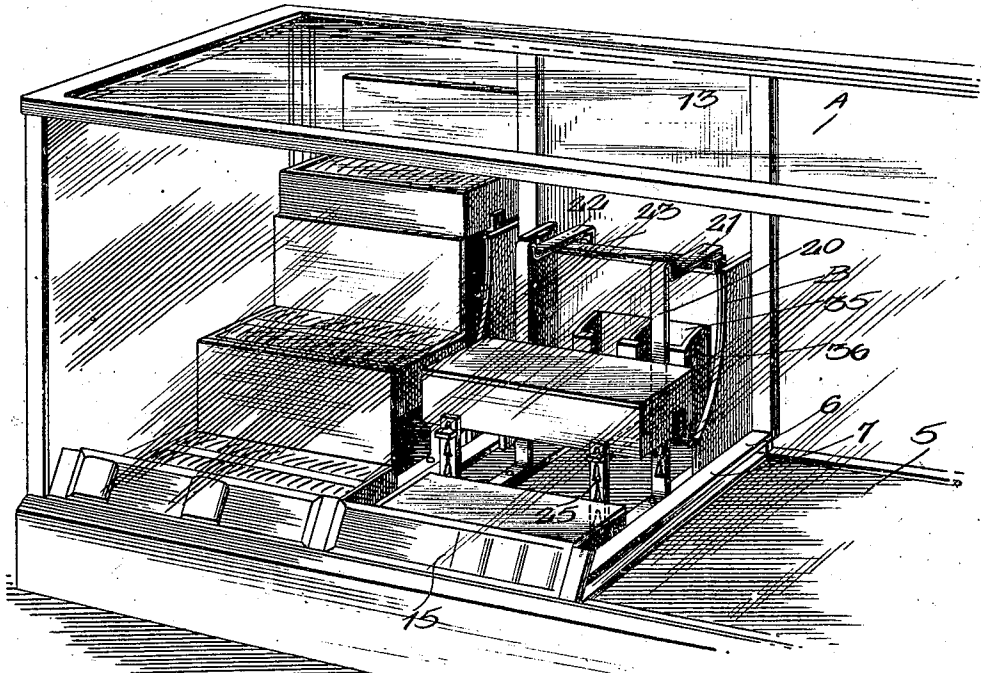


Fig. 1.

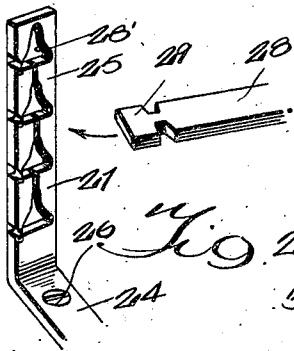


Fig. 2.

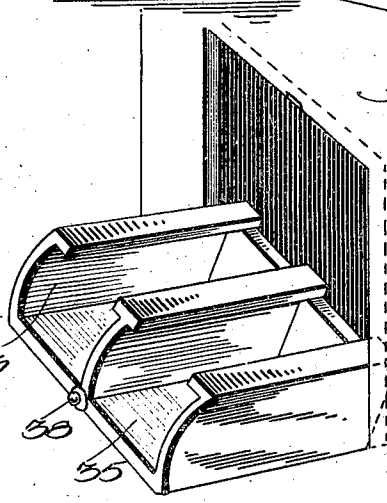
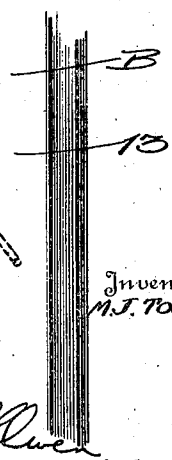


Fig. 3.



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This invention appertains to display apparatus and more particularly to a display and dispensing apparatus for cigars and cigarettes.

5 The primary object of the present invention is the provision of display and dispensing drawers slidably associated with a show case, the drawers forming an efficient means for exhibiting the goods and an efficient means for withdrawing the goods from
10 the case to permit the selling thereof.

A further prime object of the invention is the provision of a plurality of display and dispensing drawers including a frame for
15 supporting a plurality of cigar boxes in stepped relation and a display tray for the reception of packages of cigarettes and the like.

A further object of the invention is the
20 provision of a hinged door carried by the rear wall of the display and dispensing drawer carrying guides or chutes for the reception of the packages of cigarettes to be dispensed, the door permitting the cigarettes
25 to be readily swung out of the show case, so that the same can be readily gripped by the salesman.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved cigar and cigarette
30 display and dispensing apparatus of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and durable to manufacture and one which can be placed upon the market and incorporated
35 with a show case at a small cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described,
40 claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which drawings:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a show case showing the improved display and dispensing apparatus incorporated therewith.
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Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary detail perspective view illustrating the means for adjustably connecting one of the cigar supporting boxes with the frame.
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Figure 3 is an enlarged detail fragmentary perspective view of the lower end of one of the display and dispensing drawers showing the cigarette carrying door swung into its operative position for permitting the grasping
55 of a package of cigarettes therefrom.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one of the display and dispensing drawers, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary longitudinal section through a display or show case with the improved display and dispensing drawers incorporated therewith, the drawers being shown in transverse section.
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Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several
65 views, the letter A generally indicates a show case of any preferred character and B the improved display and dispensing drawers associated therewith.

As stated the show case A can be of the
70 usual or any preferred type, and the lower wall 5 thereof is provided with straight parallel transversely extending drawer guides 6 for slidably supporting the display and dispensing drawers B. As shown these
75 drawer guides or tracks 6 include pairs of spaced upper and lower guide rails or strips 7 which can be formed of strap iron or the like. The show case A also includes the usual transparent front and top walls 8
80 and 9.

Each of the display and dispensing drawers B comprises a bottom plate or wall 10 which preferably consists of a pair of spaced longitudinally extending strips 11 connected
85 at their terminals by transverse strips 12. The end of the drawer which is adapted to protrude out of the show case includes an upstanding rear wall 13 secured in place by suitable side plates or walls 14. The rear
90 walls 13 of the drawers B are adapted to form the rear wall of the show case A. The front end of the drawer which is in position adjacent to the front of the show case can support a suitable inclined display tray
95 or the like 15 which can be held in place by a triangular-shaped supporting cleat 16. This tray can receive suitable packages of cigarettes which are adapted to be displayed or tobacco user's appliances, such as pipes,
100 cigar and cigarette holders and the like, or this tray can be entirely dispensed with.

A supporting frame 20 is provided for supporting boxes of cigars in stepped relation on the drawers and this frame 20 in-
105 cludes a pair of spaced straps 21 which are preferably formed of iron or steel, suitably nickel plated to present an attractive appearance. These straps 21 include an upper pair of supporting arms 22 which have their
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rear ends secured to the inner face of the wall 13, vertically disposed supporting legs 23, forwardly extending attaching arms 24 and upstanding legs 25. The attaching arms 24 can be secured in place to the strips 11 by suitable screws or the like 26. The meeting points of the supporting arms 22 and the legs 21 are bent to provide upstanding supporting lugs 27, the purpose of which will be hereinafter more fully described. Removable and adjustable supporting strips 28 are provided for supporting a box of cigars or the like and these strips are adapted to be held in position by the supporting legs 21 and 25. It is to be noted that the supporting legs 25 are formed relatively shorter than the legs 23. These legs are provided with connected key hole slots 28' and the terminals of the strips 28 are provided with T-shaped extensions 29 which are adapted to fit within said slots. It is obvious that by this construction the strips can be readily raised and lowered so as to accommodate different sizes of cigar boxes.

Now in use of the improved drawer, the first cigar box is placed on the lower wall 10 in front of the legs 25, while the second cigar box is placed upon the strips 28, which are moved to their preferred adjusted position. The third cigar box is placed upon the supporting arms 22. It therefore can be seen that a plurality of cigar boxes are held in stepped relation to permit the ready display thereof. If so desired, a transversely extending supporting strip 30 can be utilized for connecting the arms 22 together and the terminals of this strip can be bent up to provide lugs 31. It is obvious that the lugs 31 and the lugs 27 prevent displacement of a cigar box placed upon the arms 22.

In use of the improved device, after a customer has selected the cigar he desires from the show case, the drawer pull 32 is grasped by the salesman and the drawer drawn out of the show case after which the cigar or cigar box can be readily removed.

It is to be understood of course that the outer longitudinal edges of the strips 11 slidably fit between the guide strips or rails 6 of the drawer guards 6.

In order to facilitate the dispensing of cigarettes from the device, a hinged door 35 is carried by the wall 13 of the drawer and the inner surface of this door has secured thereto a plurality of chutes 36 or guides for the reception of packages of cigarettes. This door 35 can be provided with any preferred type of pull 37. The door 35 can be normally maintained in its closed position by means of a suitable spring fastener or catch 38. When a customer calls for a package of cigarettes, it is merely necessary for the salesman to pull out on the door 35 and swing the same to an open position and then withdraw the desired package of cigarettes from one of the chutes 36.

From the foregoing, it can be seen that I have provided a novel combined display and dispensing apparatus, for cigars and cigarettes in which the cigars and cigarettes will be kept in good condition against drying out.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of this invention.

What I claim as new is:

In a display and dispensing apparatus for cigars or cigarettes, a drawer including a bottom wall and an end wall, a display frame for cigar boxes carried by the drawer including a pair of side pieces formed from a single strip of metal having upstanding spaced vertical legs of different heights and an attaching piece connecting the lower legs together for engaging the bottom of the drawer, and rearwardly extending supporting arms connected with the end wall and adjustable supporting strips detachably associated with the legs movable toward and away from the connecting attaching strips, said supporting arms and strips forming cigar box supports.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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