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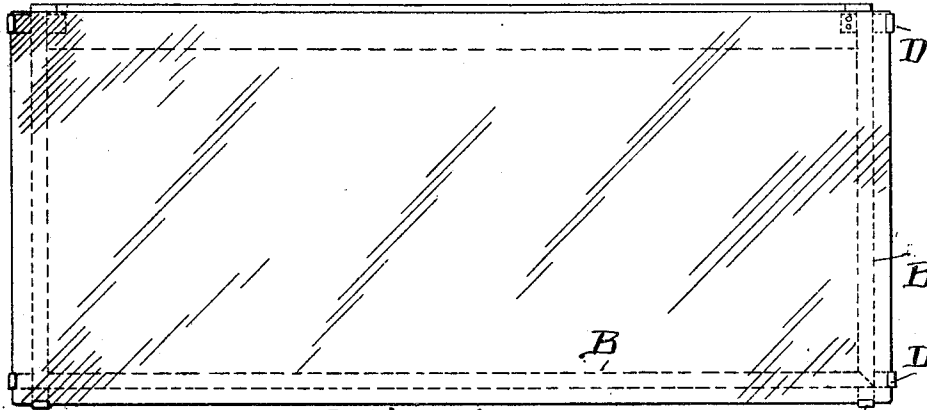


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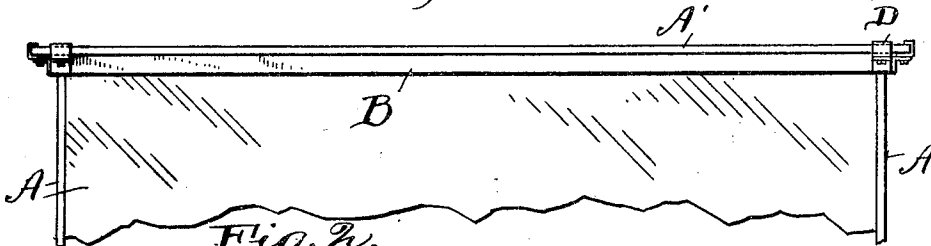


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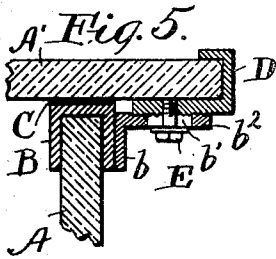


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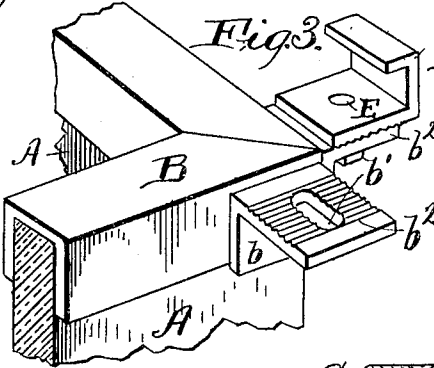


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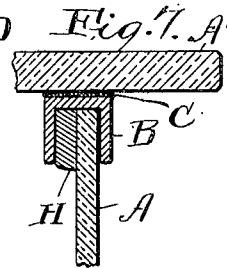


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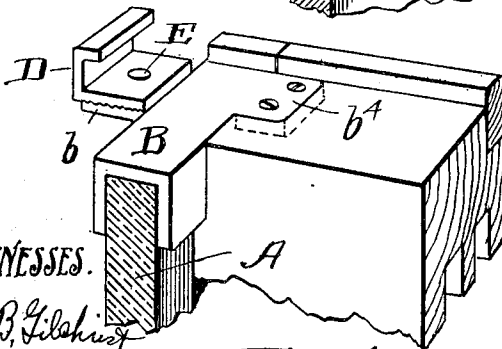


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Show-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Show cases made of glass plates secured together by metal clips are now very popular owing to their attractive appearance, the ease with which they may be kept clean, and the complete display they allow. They have disadvantages in that the perforating of the glass for the bolts, which hold the clips, frequently breaks the glass and always requires a high grade of expensive glass.

The object of this invention is to provide a show case which shall have practically the appearance of an all glass case, but shall have securing members which do not require the perforation of the glass.

By my invention much breakage is saved and, if desired, a cheaper grade of glass may be employed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of my show case and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same near the upper edge. Fig. 3 is a perspective of one of the front corners of the case with the top plate removed; and Fig. 4 is a similar perspective of a rear corner. Fig. 5 is a vertical section through the top plate and one of the securing members; Fig. 6 is a horizontal section at the rear corner of the case; Fig. 7 is a vertical section through the top plate and one of the vertical plates showing how thinner pieces of glass may be employed for the vertical walls.

Referring to the parts by letters A represents glass plates constituting the vertical ends and front of the case. Extending along the upper edge of these plates and cemented to them is a channel-shaped metal frame B. On the upper surface of the frame is a strip of felt C, and resting on this is the top glass plate A' of the case. Soldered to the outer vertical walls of the frame B, adjacent to the corners, are angle clips b, which have slots b' through them,—the slot extend-

ing in a direction at right angles to the base of the clip. Seated on the horizontal member b² of the angle clip is a hook-like member D which extends upward across the edge of the top plate A' and over onto the top of that plate. This hook D is secured to the clip by means of a screw bolt E. The adjacent surfaces of the member D and the plate b² are serrated to cause a secure engagement. By this means the top plate is securely held to the walls of the case without the necessity of perforating either the top plate or the walls.

The member D and the angle clip which carries it are small and unobtrusive, and the metal frame B coming at the top of the vertical walls does not attract attention. Looking down through the top plate one sees the felt C, the same as in all-glass cases. In fact the general appearance of the whole case is practically the same as that of an all-glass case.

The rear side of the case is preferably made with a wood frame F carrying the back panels which slide or are hinged in the usual manner. Secured to this wood frame at its opposite ends and at the top are strips G which abut against the edges of the glass plates and extend sufficiently to form stops at the rear edge thereof. The frame B may have an ear b¹ by which it is secured to the frame F. By this means the parts are all securely held together at the upper portion of the case. At the lower portion the parts are secured to the usual base in the usual manner.

The employment of my frame B allows the vertical walls of the case to be made of cheaper glass, if desired. This is illustrated in Fig. 7 where the vertical wall A instead of being plate glass is made of window glass, the extra space within the frame B being filled by a suitable filler H. With the plate glass top plate A' a case does not lose much in appearance by reason of the cheaper vertical walls, and the expense is thus materially reduced.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a show case, in combination, a frame adapted to be carried by the walls of the

case, angle clips secured to said frame near its corners, and hooks adjustably secured to the angle clips.

2. In a show case, in combination, a frame
5 adapted to be carried by the walls of the case, angle clips secured to said frame near its corners, hooks secured to the angle clips, said hooks and angle clips having their meeting faces serrated and one of them slotted, and a

bolt carried by the other and passing 10 through said slot to adjustably clamp the two together.

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