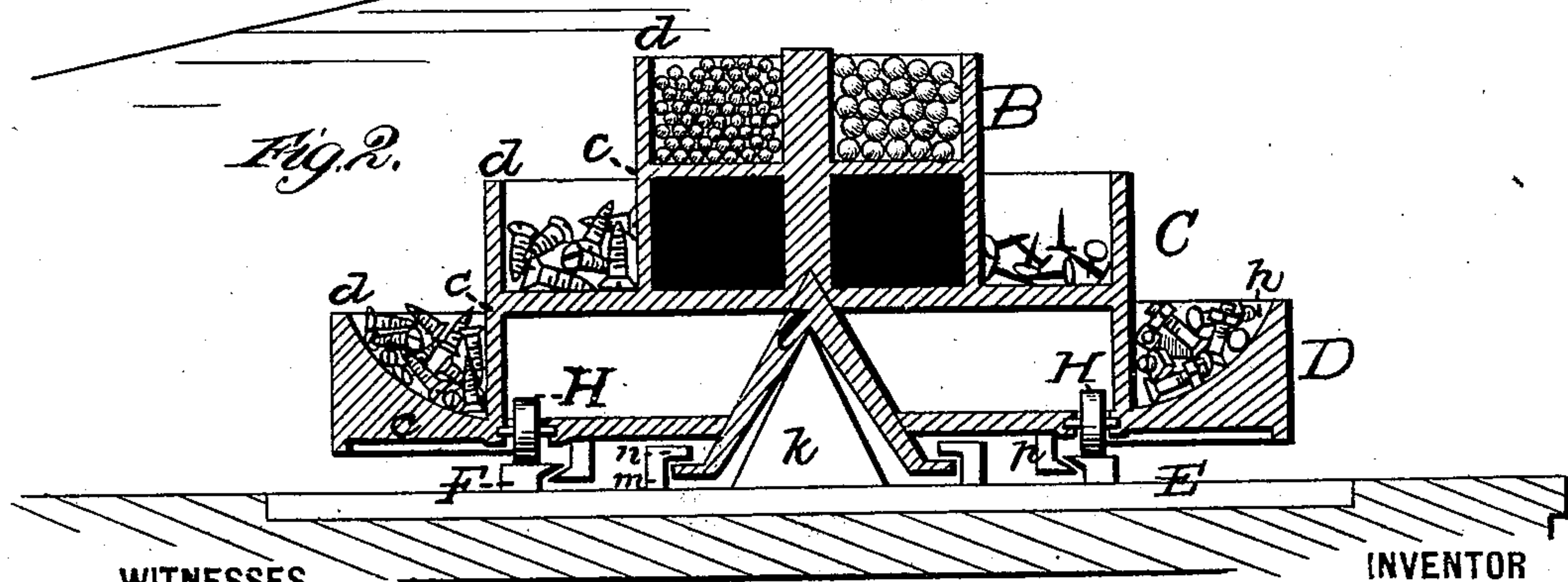
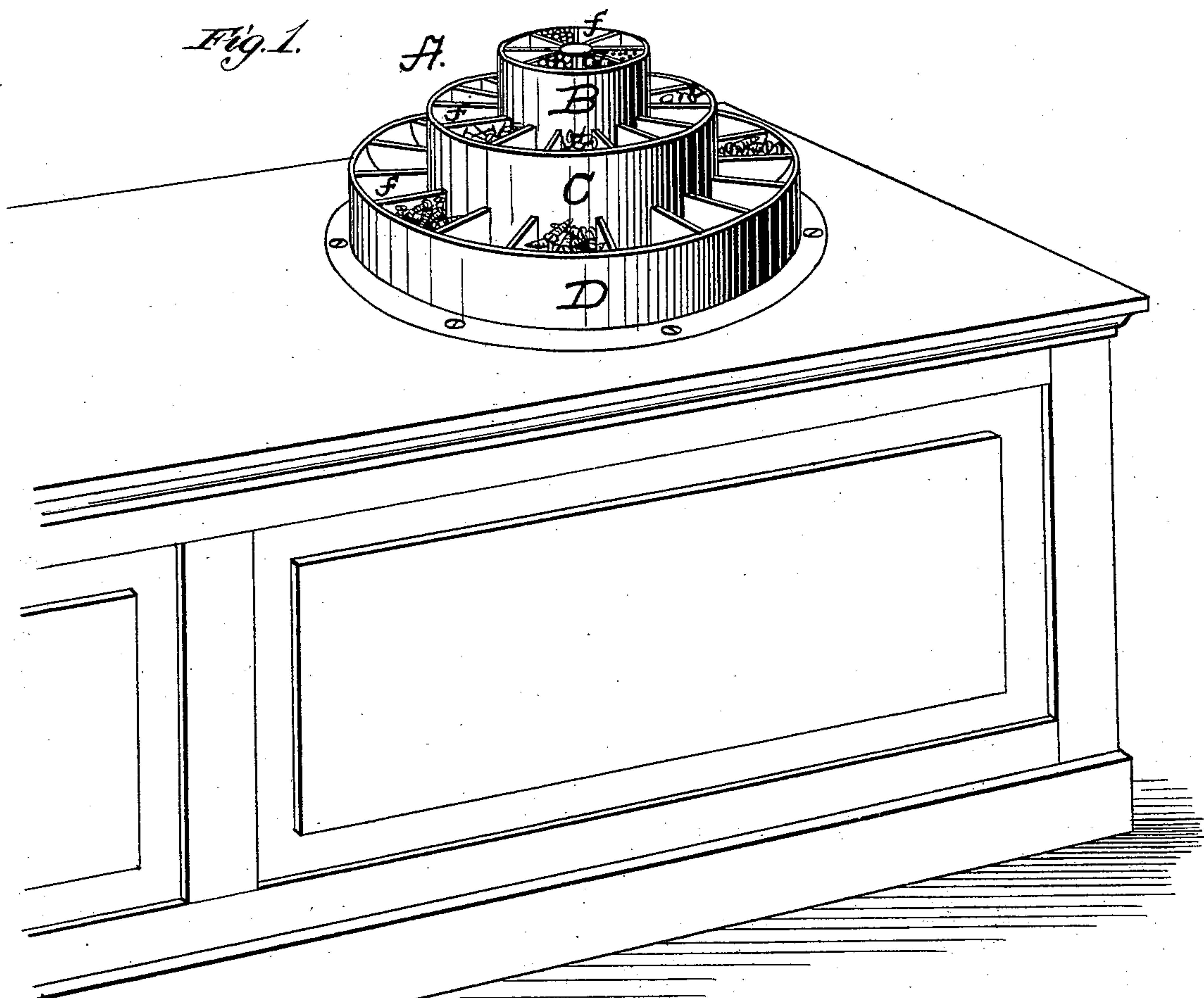


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEO. C. ALBAUGH, of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Means for Displaying Samples, &c., of Small Articles of Hardware; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference
10 being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my device attached to a
15 counter. Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view of the case resting on the bearings of the base-piece.

The object of this invention is to display samples of small hardware goods in the store—
20 such as screws, tacks, bolts, nuts, shot, and similar small articles—on the counter, and to provide convenient means for handling them at retail in small quantities.

It often occurs in hardware stores that customers or dealers call for a broken package or
25 a small quantity of screws, tacks, small nails, or the like, and the merchant is obliged to ascend a ladder or go to the rear end of the store for the articles called for, consuming
30 much time and labor with little return in order to satisfy the demand of the customer.

This invention is intended to overcome these difficulties and at the same time to display to a good advantage, ready for convenient examination and disposition, a line of small hardware.
35 Therefore the novelty consists in a revolving case with a series of compartments having a central conical bearing and journaled rollers or wheels, in combination with a platform having a circular track for the wheels to travel
40 on and overhanging stops, as will be herein-after more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings I have shown my device arranged on the counter of a hardware
45 store.

The letter A represents the sample or display case, made of wood or other suitable material, and having a pyramidal or conical shape. This case is in its general form a truncated
50 cone having steps B C D formed in its sides, the steps being lower or narrower as the top

is approached. The case may be pyramidal instead of conical in form, if desired. Each of the steps in the sides of the case contains a series of compartments, which are formed by
55 the horizontal bottom piece, *c*, and the rim or outside casing-pieces *d*, and the partitions of which radiate from a common center. All of these parts are secured to each other in any strong and substantial manner. 60

Each of the series of largest compartments is provided with a curved or inclined bottom, *h*, commencing at the upper outer circumference and extending inwardly to the bottom, substantially as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Of course, some of the intermediate and
65 upper compartments may be provided with or have the inclined or curved bottoms. These inclined or curved bottoms to the compartments enable the articles to be easily scooped
70 for retail.

The letter E represents a base piece or platform, which may be square or circular, provided with a plurality of countersunk openings for the passage of fastening-screws. Centrally
75 arranged on the platform is a bearing, *k*, preferably conical, resting within the central conical bearing *l* in the case. This platform is provided with a circular track, F, upon which the wheels or rollers H, suitably journaled in
80 the case, travel. This platform is also provided with a series of stops, *m*, with overhanging heads *n*, resting over the flanged portion of the conical bearing *l*, and the bottom or under side of the case is also provided with
85 a number of similarly-constructed stops, *p*, engaging with the overhanging portion of the track, substantially as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

The objects of the track, wheels, and stops
90 are to support the weight of the filled case, permit the case to revolve easily, so as to present the articles in succession in the different tiers and compartments, and prevent upsetting or displacement of the show or exhibiting
95 case. Also, by this device the contents of broken packages of small hardware articles can be deposited in their proper compartments and prevented from wasting. Also, the various displayed sizes and grades of the articles can
100 be seen and examined at little trouble.

The base-piece or platform may be attached

directly to the upper surface or let into the top of the counter, or the track and central bearing may be attached to the upper surface of the counter.

5 I wish it understood that I claim the right to vary the construction of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

10 The combination, substantially as described, of a revolving case provided with a series of compartments, a central bearing, and journaled

rollers, and a platform or base-piece having a central bearing, a circular track, and overhanging stops, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name. 15

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