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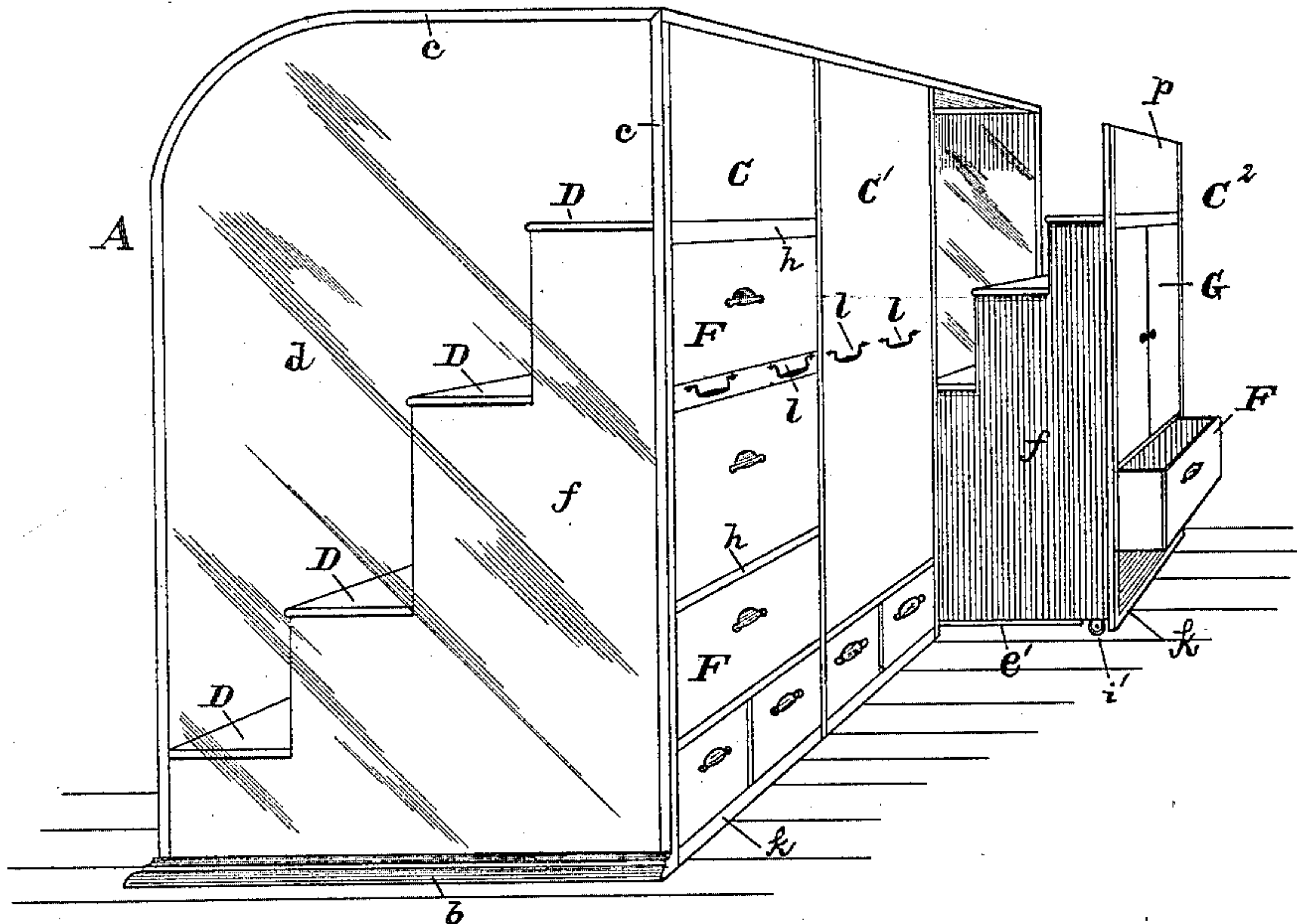
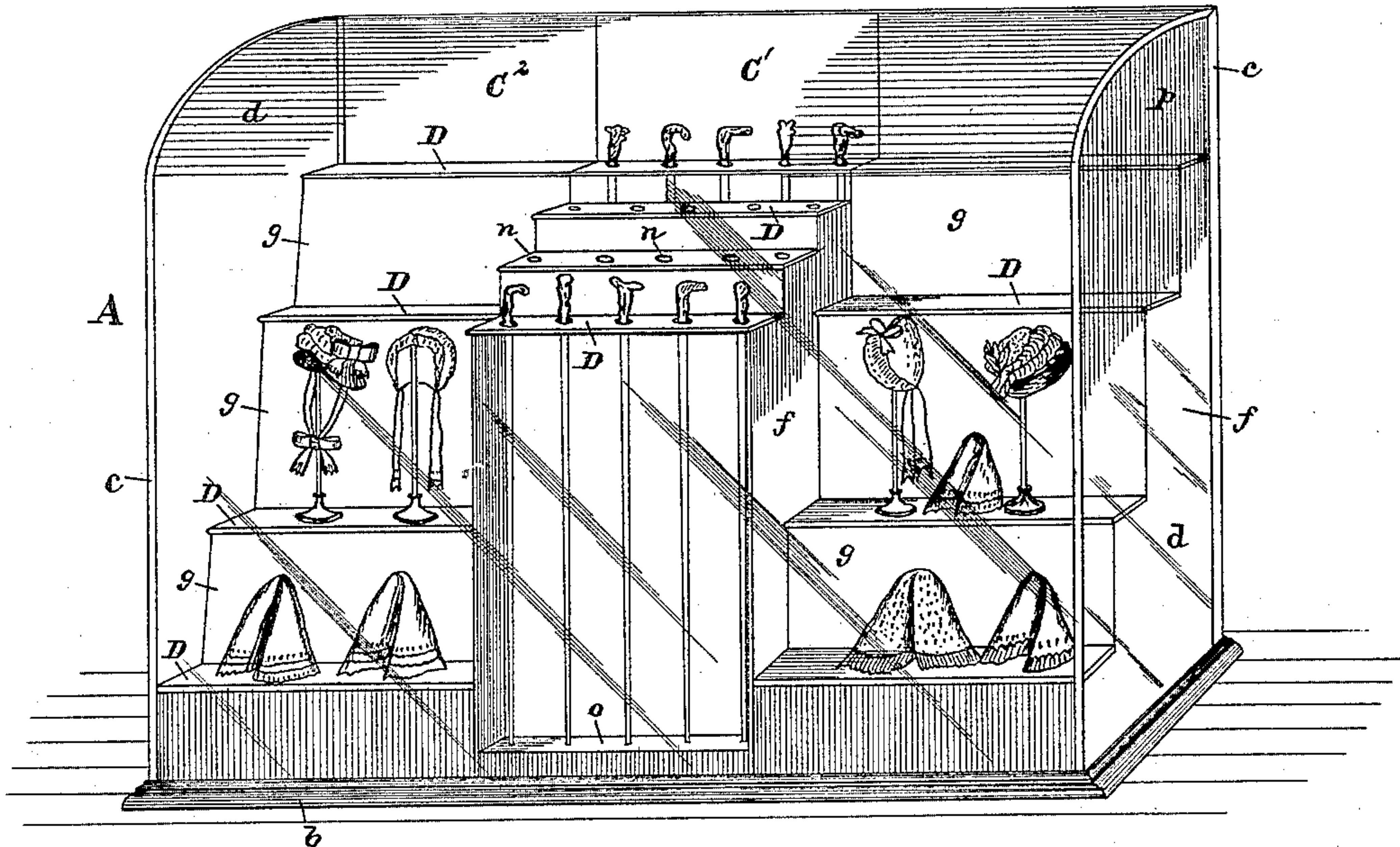


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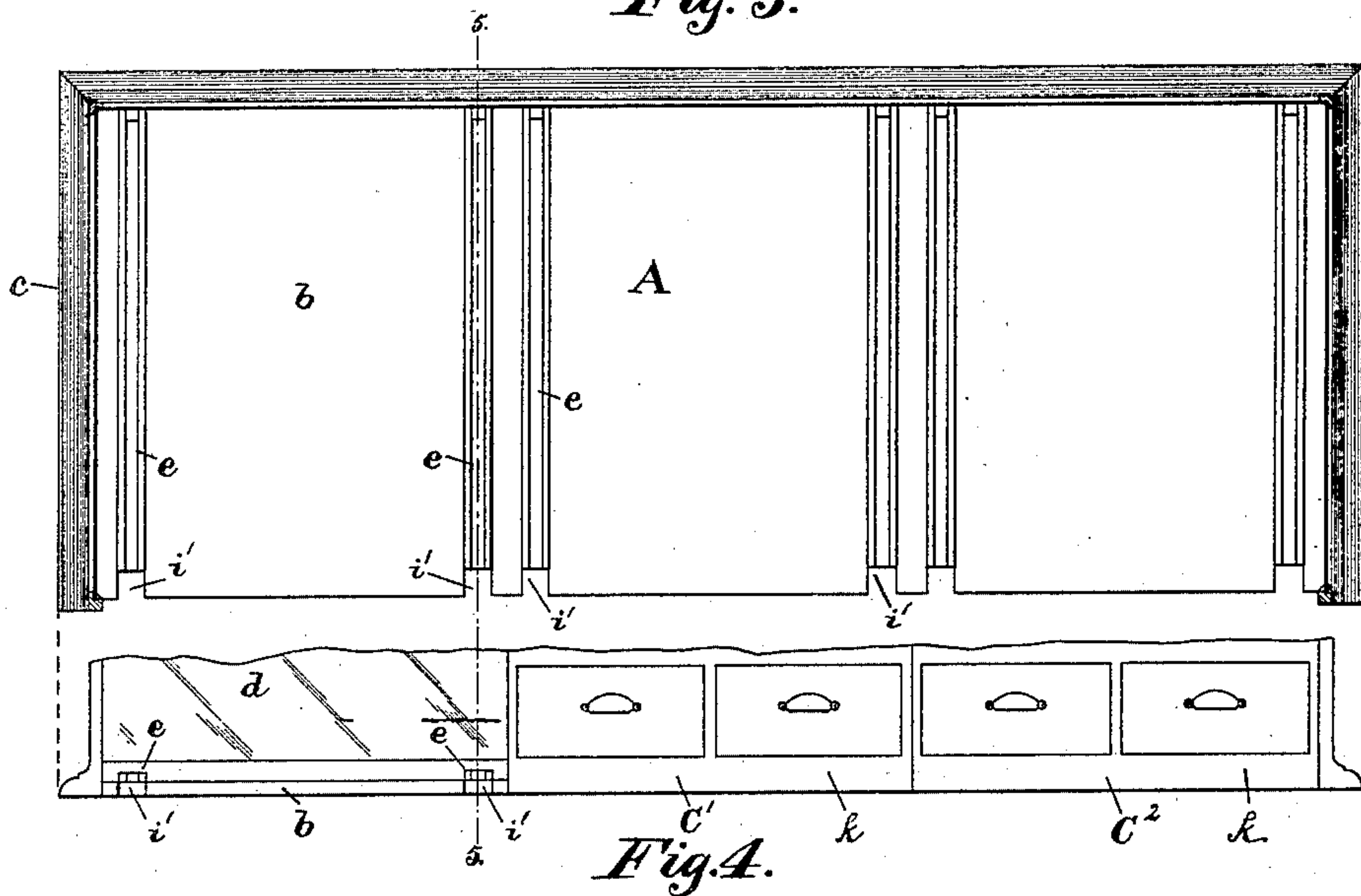


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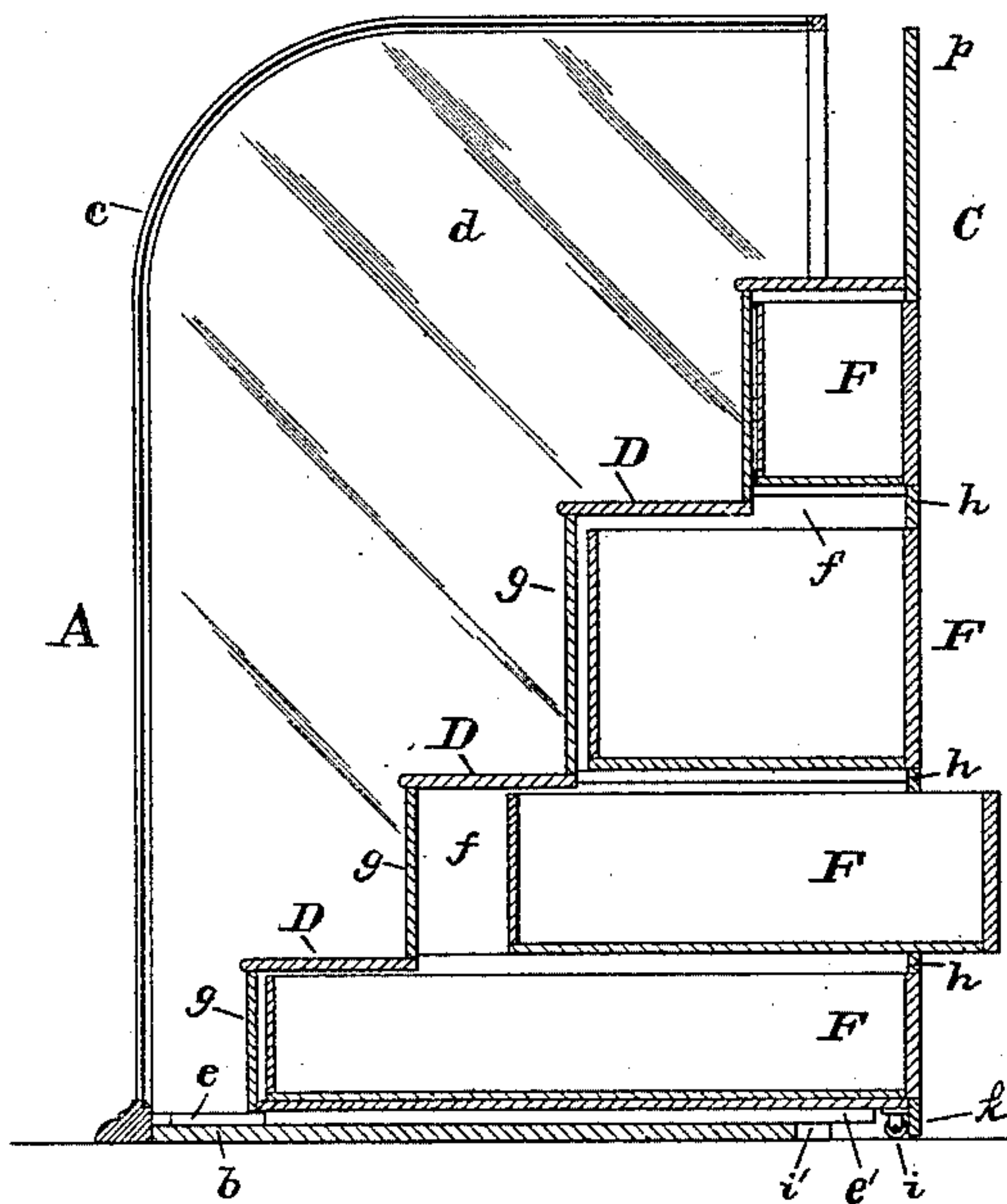


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS X. GANTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a show-case for the display of goods in stores. The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front perspective view; Fig. 2, an end and rear perspective view. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the bottom of the case. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the case-bottom. Fig. 5 is a vertical section of the case and stand.

The letter A designates a case comprising a bottom, *b*, frame-moldings *c*, and glass panels *d*. The case itself is without partitions or back. It may have any desired shape or dimension, and is designed to inclose a display-stand, as hereinafter described.

The bottom *b* of the case has straight guide-strips *e* extending across, which serve to guide the movable shelf-sections *C C' C²*, which are entered at the open back and shoved forward into the case.

The display racks and shelves are made up into movable sections—in the present instance three sections, *C C' C²*—and either of these is wholly removable from the case A. The construction of the sections is as follows: Referring to the first section, *C*, two vertical side walls, *f*, are connected at the front by shelves *D*, which recede from the base upward, and risers *g*, closing the space between the shelves and forming a display-stand like steps. The risers may be perpendicular, as shown in the first section, *C*, or may be slightly inclined, as shown in the third section, *C²*. They may be covered with cloth, plain glass, or with a glass mirror. The space between the two side walls, *f*, is divided by horizontal strips or partitions *h* into compartments open at the rear, and drawers *F* occupy the compartments. It will be seen the risers *g* between the shelves close the compartments at the front, and neither

the drawers nor the contents of the drawers can be seen from the front. Each section is provided on its base with guide-strips *e'* and rollers *i* to facilitate its movement in and out of the case, and on the lower back edge with a flange-strip, *k*, which projects downward and conceals the rollers when the section is in the case. Suitable handles, *l*, at the back of each section afford means for pulling the sections out.

Instead of drawers *F* in the compartments, the latter may be closed at the rear side, wholly or partly, by doors *G*, as shown in section *C²*, Fig. 2.

By this construction the case A is provided with a display-stand composed of shelves *D* receding like steps, and the space below and back of the shelves provides for drawers *F*, or compartments, each of which is separately accessible without disturbing the display-stand; and as the said display-stand and drawers are comprised in one construction or section and provided with rollers, and the case is provided with guides *e* for the said section, the latter as a whole may be withdrawn partly or wholly from the case to give access to the shelves *D* of the display-stand.

The bottom *b* of the show-case A has at its back edge notches *i'* to receive the rollers *i* on the base of the display-stand. By this arrangement the display-stands may be shoved into the case A, so as to bring the lower flange-strip, *k*, close to the edge bottom and have the top back, *p*, of the stand close the open back of the case.

A stand for the display of canes or umbrellas is shown in the second section, *C'*. Here the top shelves, *D*, are provided with holes *n* for the canes, the lower ends of which rest on a base-shelf, *o*. In other respects this cane-stand is constructed same as the one before described.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination, in a show-case, of an external case, A, having glass panels *c*, the removable sections *C C' C²*, having step-like shelves in front for the display of goods, and the drawers *F*, located in said sections and adapted to be withdrawn from the same

at the rear, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with the casing A, of the removable sections having step-like
5 shelves in front, internal recesses provided with drawers F, and doors G at the rear for closing said recesses, substantially as shown and described.

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

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