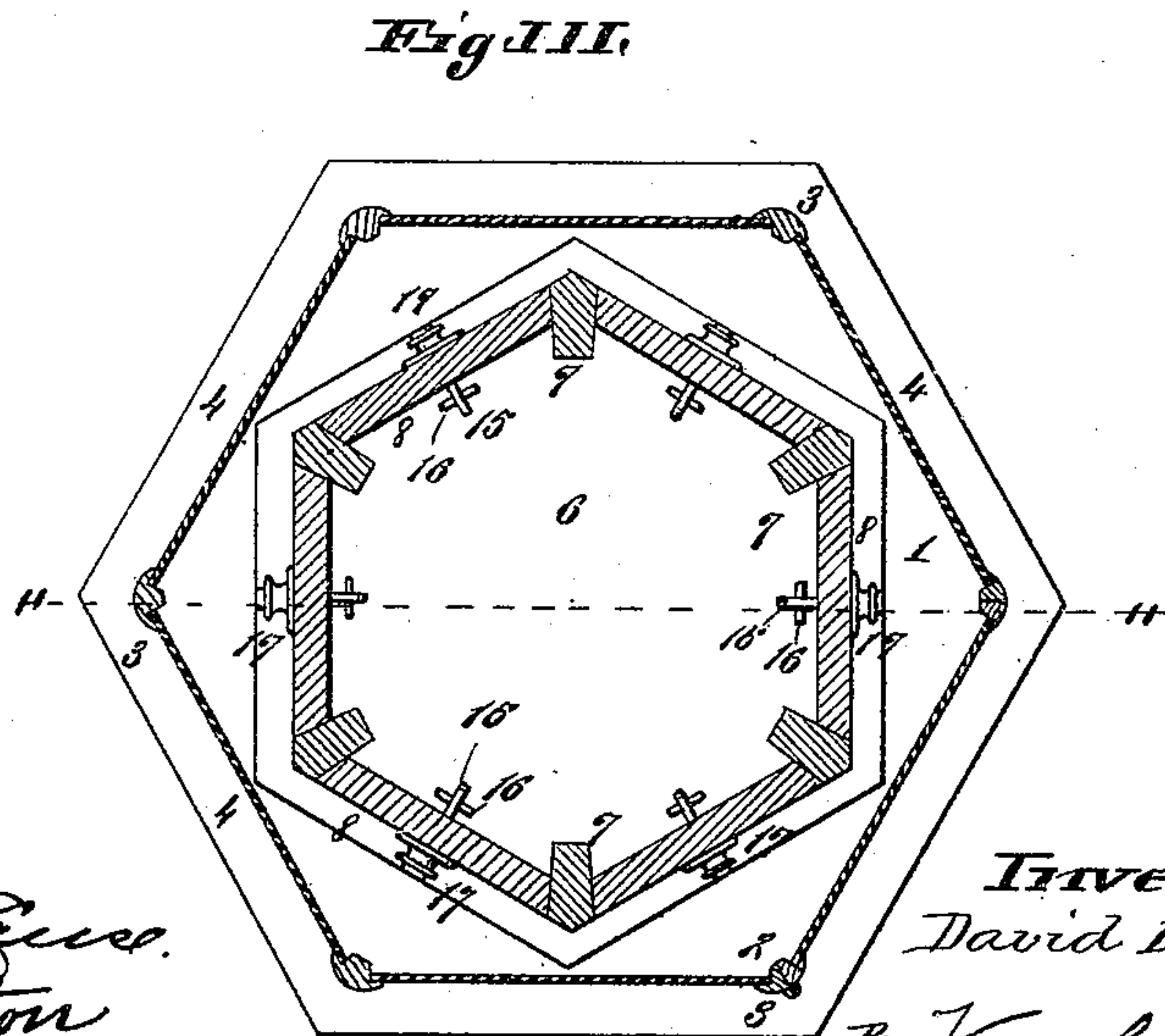
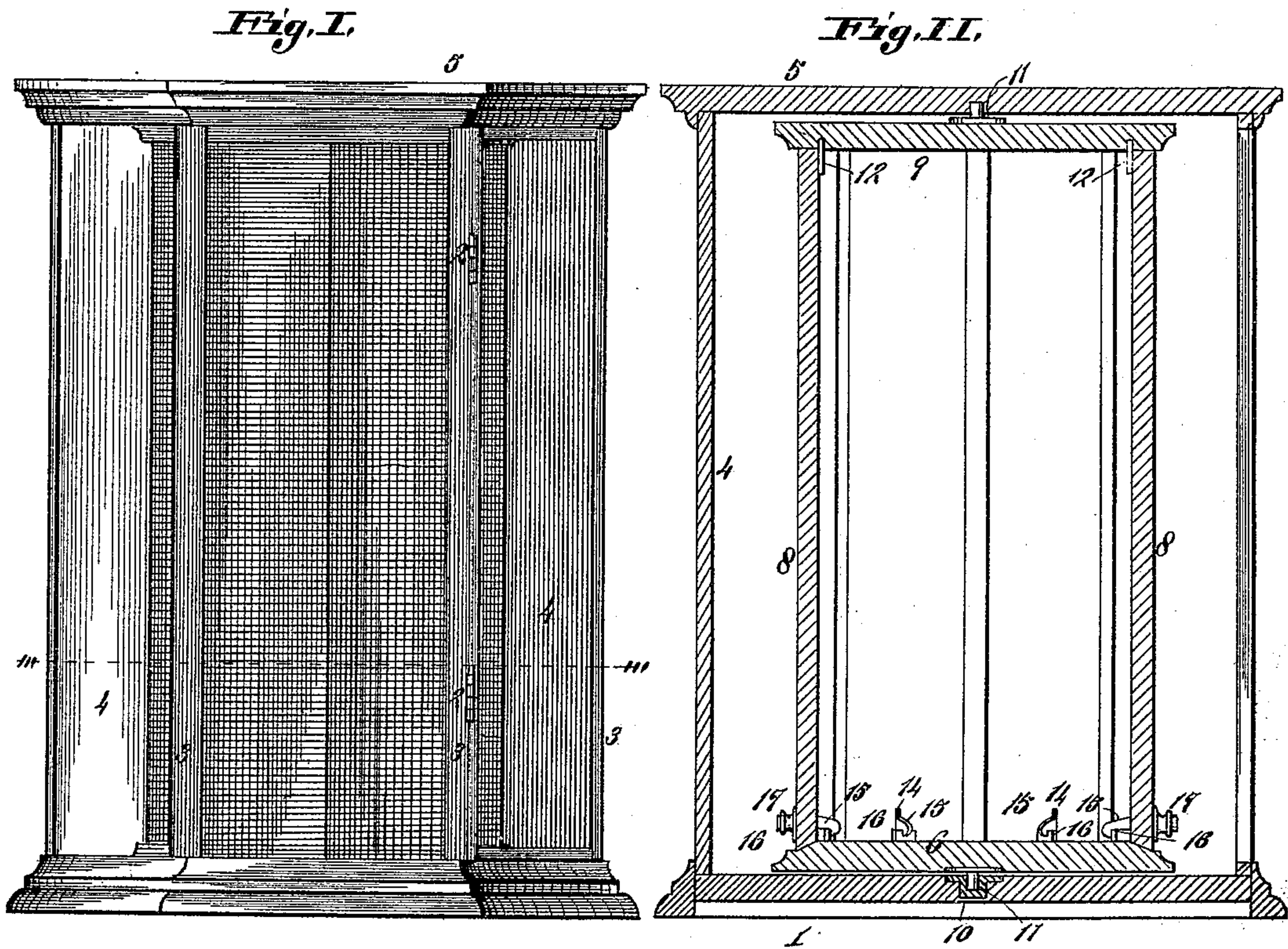


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SHOW-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. WIGHTMAN, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, 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, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a case more particularly intended for use by hardware merchants for showing samples of articles of hardware.

My invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

Figure I is a side elevation of my improved show-case. Fig. II is a vertical section taken on line II II, Fig. III. Fig. III is a horizontal cross-section taken on line III III, Fig. I.

1 represents the base of the case.

3 are upright posts in which glass panes 4 are secured that extend from the base 1 to the top 5 of the case. Two of the posts 3 are split and one of them hinged together, as shown at 2, Figs. I and III. This affords means for the opening of one of the panels as a door (formed by the posts and panels) for access to the interior.

Within the outer case is a reel composed of a base 6, posts 7, panels 8, and top 9. The articles of hardware to be exhibited are secured to the panels 8, and in order that any one of the panels may be removed, when desired, to get a different light on the goods or

to better show them I provide the top of each panel with a lip 12, which engages a recess in the top 9 of the reel, as shown in Fig. II. The lower end of each panel has a slot 14, in which fits the shank of a hook 15, adapted to engage a projection 16 on the base 6. Outside of the panel the shank of the hook has a knob 17, which may be taken hold of to lift the hook off of engagement with the projection 16, when the lower end of the panel may be swung outward, and by moving the panel downward slightly the lip 12 will be disengaged from the recess in the top 9 and the panel can be removed through the door of the outer case. To permit any one of the panels to be brought into full view or to be brought in front of the door of the outer case, so as to be removed, the reel is mounted so as to be turned by means of journals 11, stepped into a box 10 in the base 1 and fitting in a recess in the top 5.

I claim as my invention—

In a case for exhibiting articles of hardware, the combination of the outer frame provided with glass panels, and an inner reel having removable panels held in place by lips at top and movable hooks at bottom engaging projections on the base of the reel, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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