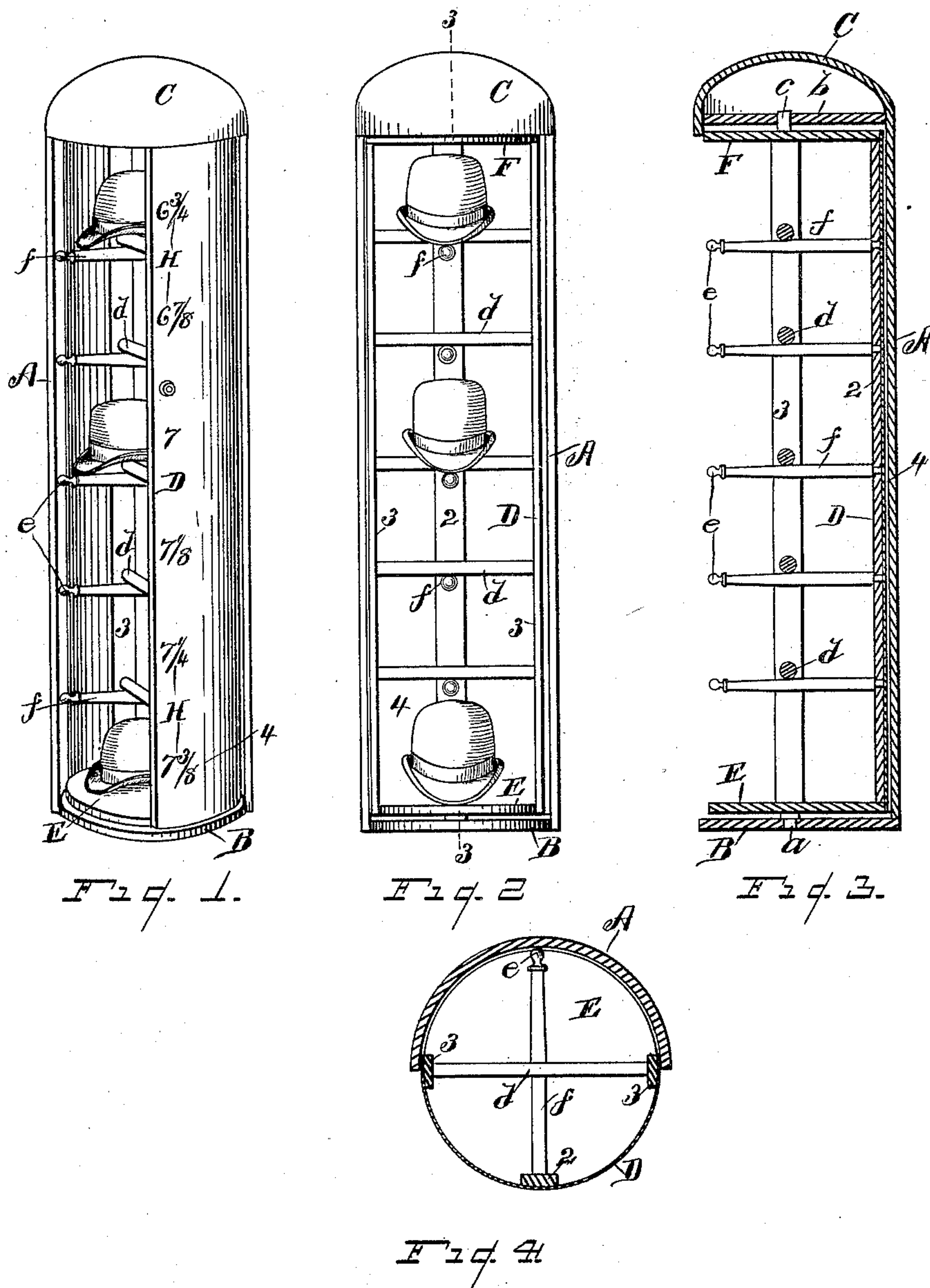


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## REVOLVING HAT-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID H. SANDERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Flint, in the county of Genesee and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Revolving Hat-Cases; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved hat-case; and it consists in a certain construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully set forth, the essential features of which being pointed out particularly in the claims.

The object of this invention is to provide a case for purposes of retailing hats, in which the hats may be kept free from dust and in such manner as to preserve their shapes, and in which the hats may be arranged, according to various sizes, in such manner as to be readily accessible, thereby facilitating the displaying and handling of the stock and obviating the strewing of the counter with hat-boxes and loose hats consequent upon present methods of salesmen using common fixtures. This object is attained by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case partially opened. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the case entirely opened. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section through the case on dotted line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section through the case closed.

A designates the stationary portion of the case, made semi-cylindrical in form and provided with the circular base B and circular dome-like top C.

D designates the revolving portion of the case, which is made with the semi-cylindrical wall 4, and is of less diameter than the portion A and is fitted to rotate within the said stationary portion A of the case. The revolving portion is provided with the circular base E and top F, and said base and top are connected by the vertical standards 2 and 3.

The standards 3 form supports for the ends of arms *d*, which are firmly attached thereto. The arms *f* have one end secured to the standard 2, and said arms cross under the arms *d* at right angles thereto, their other ends being free and projecting sufficiently to aid in supporting the brim of the hats, but not so far as to prevent swinging freely into the stationary portion of the case when the revolving portion is moved. These free ends are provided with ornamental knobs *e*. The curved or circular wall 4 is secured to the vertical standards 2 and 3 and also to the heads E and F, and all of said parts entering into the construction of the revolving section turn upon the pivots *a* and *c*. The base E of the part D of the case is provided with the pin *a*, that enters the base B of the stationary part A, and the top F is provided with the pin *c*, which is journaled in a cross-piece *b* of the top C of said stationary part, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, and thereby the part D, as before intimated, is mounted pivotally within the part A and is adapted to revolve therein. By crossing the arms *d* and *f* one above the other, as set forth, bearings are afforded thereon for the curved hat-brim at the front and rear and at each of the rolled sides, and therefore the hat rests securely in place and its shape is perfectly maintained.

Arranged upon the edge of the revolving section D of the case, opposite each of the divisions therein effected by the cross-arms *d* and *f*, is a series of numerals indicating the various sizes of hats contained in the several divisions, as shown at H in Fig. 1. This arrangement permits the salesman readily to select the size of hat desired.

This improved case, when closed, presents the form of a cylinder, its circumference being about equal to that of the ordinary hat-box. It may be placed upon the counter or otherwise disposed in the salesroom. To open the case, the revolving section is turned so that its circular face will swing within the section A, thus presenting the open face outward and affording ready access to the hats or contents therein, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The case may be formed of any suitable material, and, if desired, the front of the revolving section may be made of glass or other



transparent substance, so as to display the hats when the case is closed.

The cases may be made of various sizes to contain any desired number of hats.

5 The case is designed to hold soft as well as stiff hats.

By means of this case the hats are retained in shape, kept free from dust, and are readily accessible, and the desired size of hat may  
10 be quickly found.

What I claim is—

1. A hat-case comprising a stationary portion closed at top and bottom and a revolving portion completely covered by said closed  
15 top and journaled in said stationary portion and comprising supports for a number of sizes and shapes of hats, and a wall partly surrounding the hat-supports and united therewith and constituting the front portion  
20 of the case, the said revolving portion being adapted to be rotated to cause its wall to recede within the stationary portion and thereby open the case and move the hat-supports

to the front within the stationary portion to expose the hats thereon for handling, the re- 25 verse movement of the revolving portion serving to return the wall to the front to close the case and cover up the hats, substantially as described.

2. A hat-case comprising a stationary por- 30 tion closed at top and bottom and a revolving portion journaled within such stationary portion and constructed with crossed arms to receive and support the hats, standards in which such crossed arms are secured, and a 35 wall movable with the arms, and standards to open the case to expose the hats and to close the case to conceal the hats, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 40 presence of two witnesses.

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