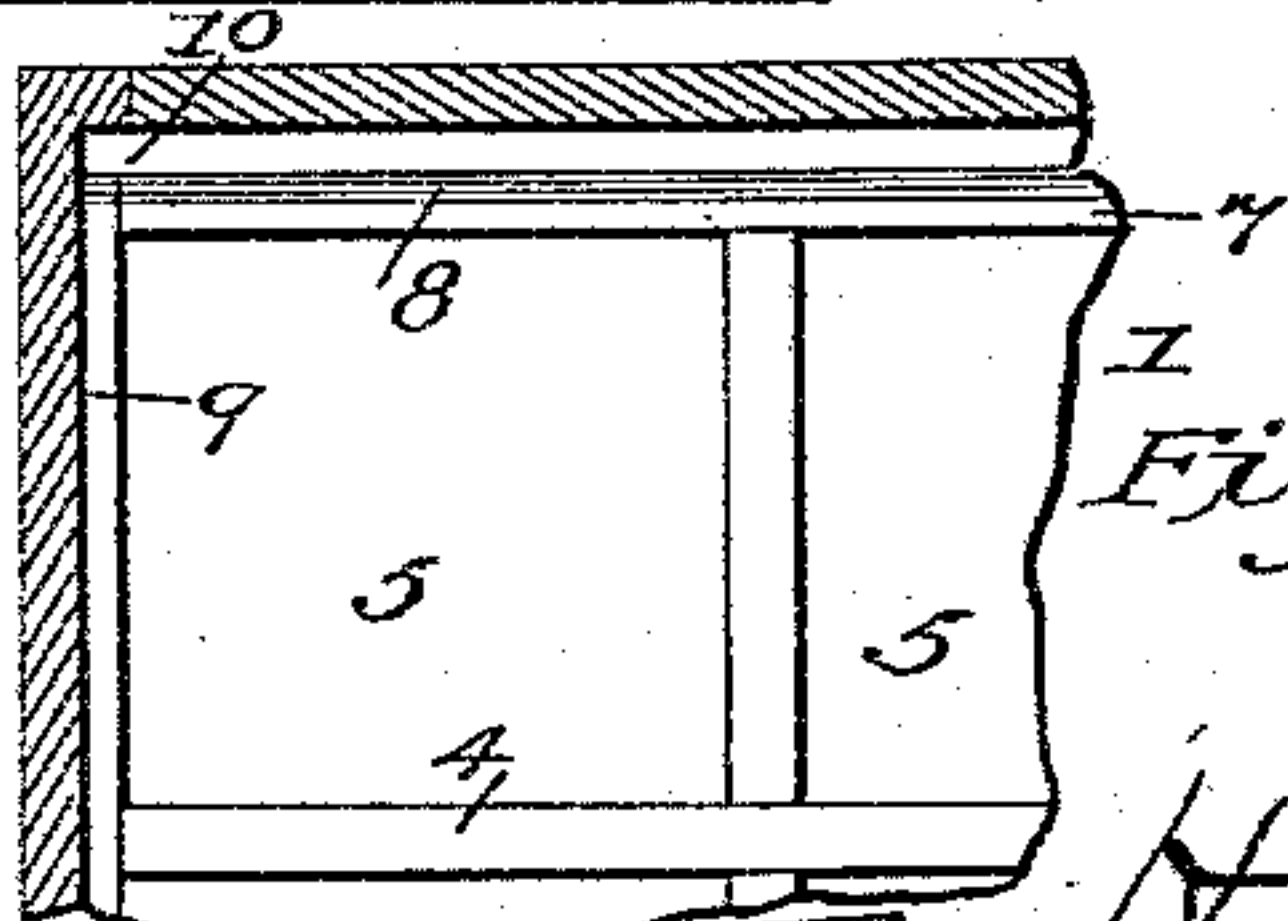
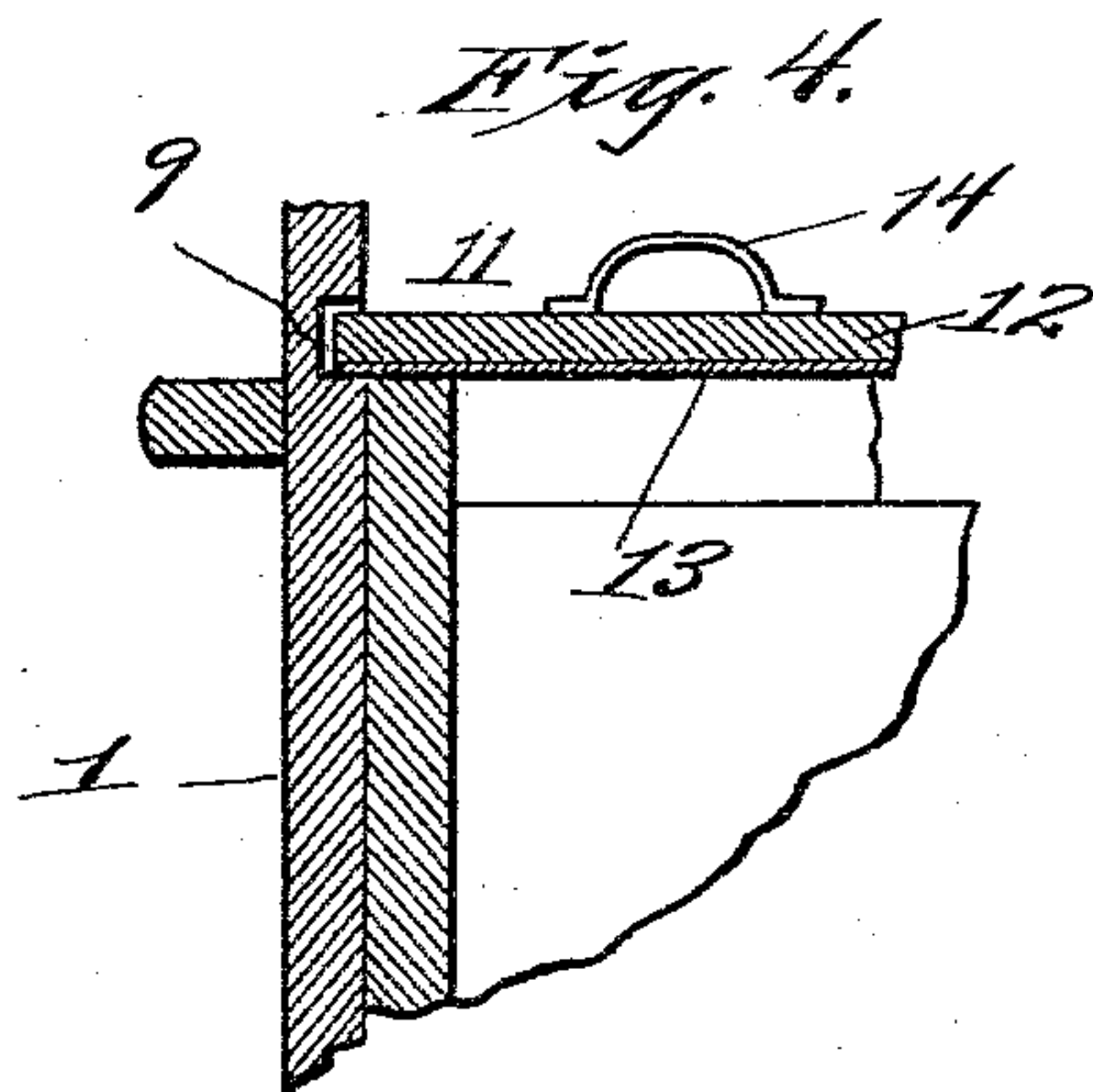
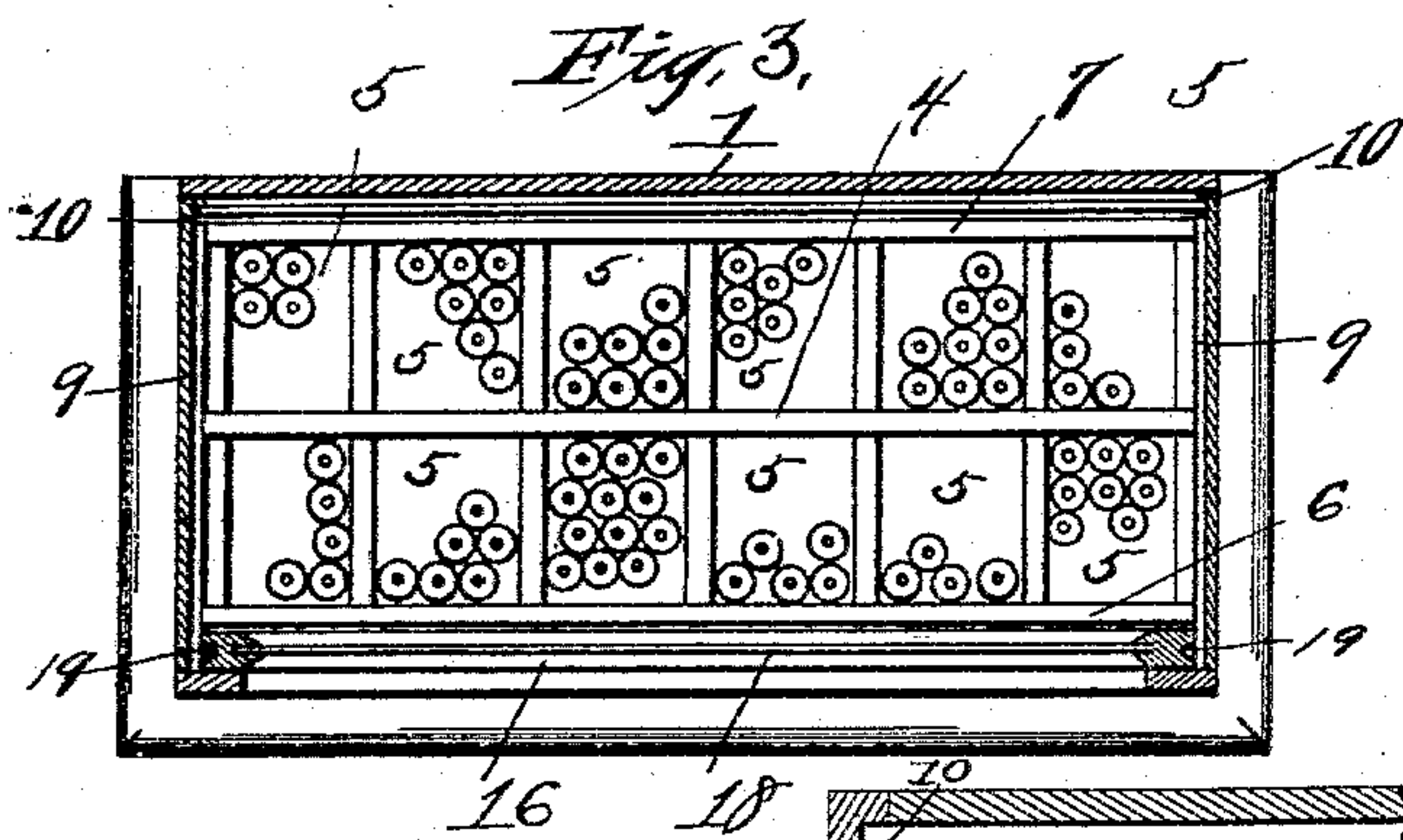
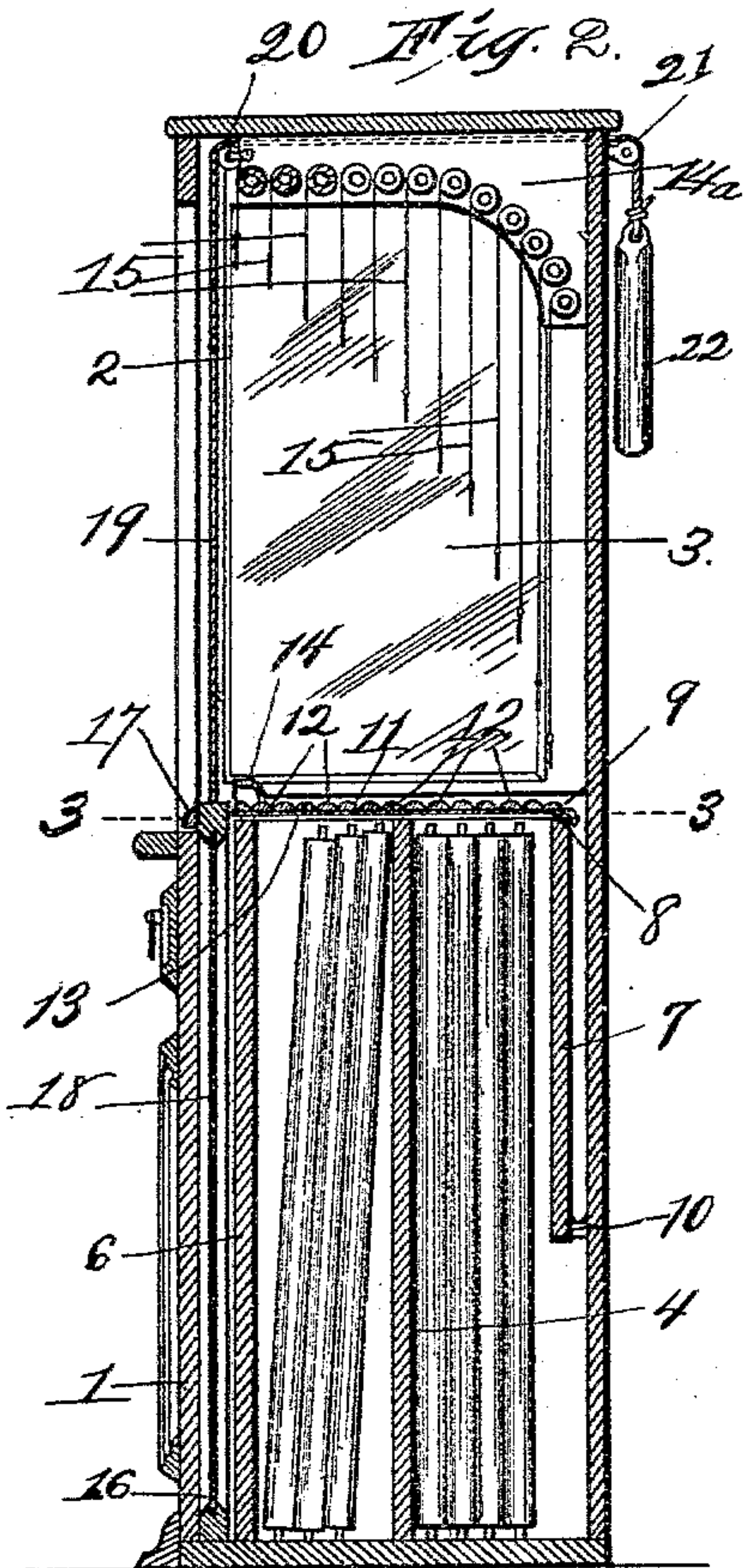
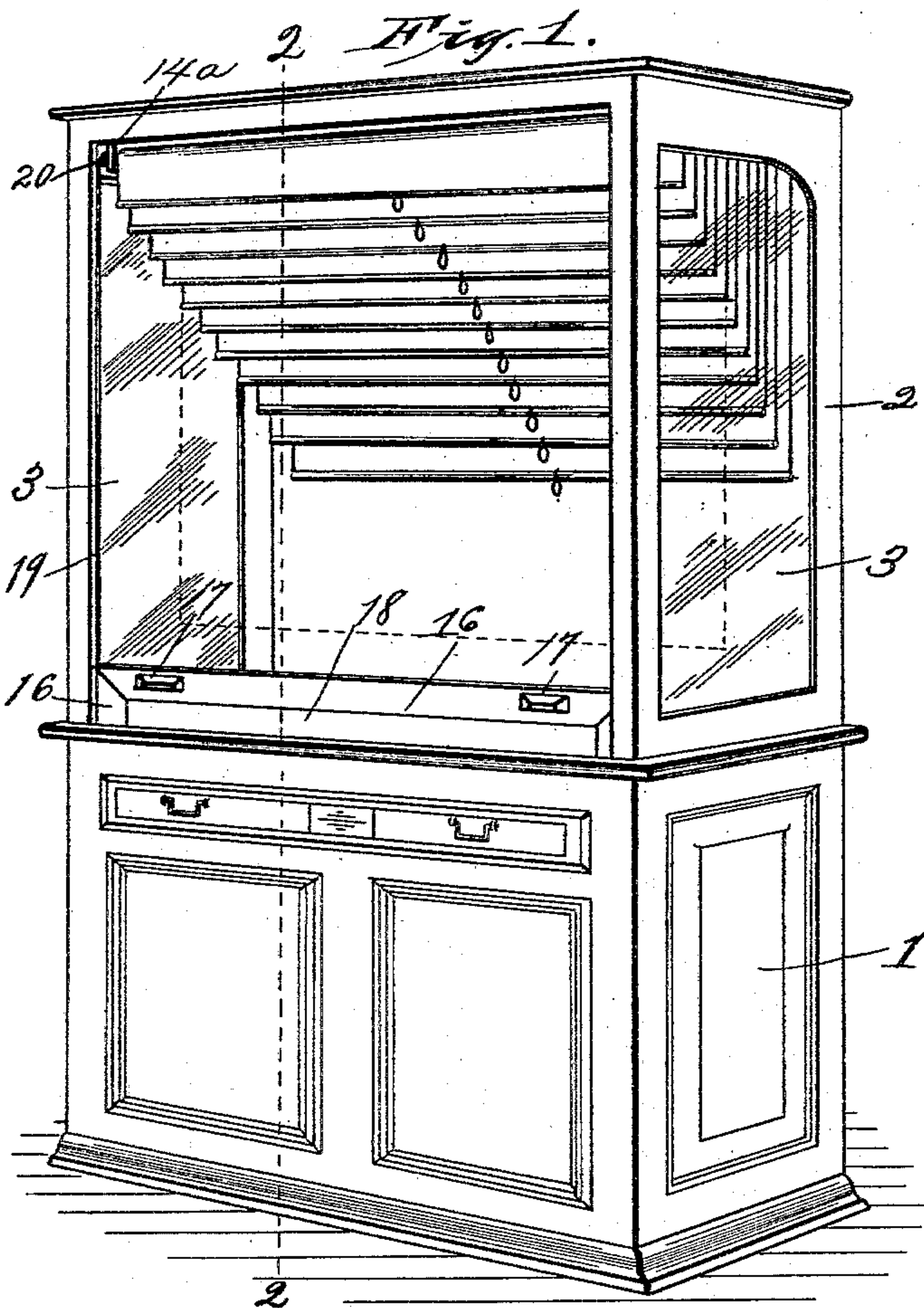


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN DAEHLER, of Blackburn, Saline county, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shade Exhibitors and Depositories, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in curtain display cabinets, and the objects of my invention are to provide a cabinet in which a variety of curtains may be displayed, and also to provide in the lower portion of said cabinet a number of depositories or compartments in which a number of each kind of curtains displayed is kept in stock.

A further object of my invention is to provide a cabinet of ornamental and attractive appearance, and in which the display curtains may be unrolled to be viewed, and also in which the curtains in stock may be easily accessible; and also to provide sliding windows and doors by which said cabinet is closed when desired; furthermore to provide a curtain display cabinet which is simple, strong, durable and comparatively inexpensive of construction.

With these objects in view, my invention consists in certain peculiar and novel features of combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1, represents a perspective view of a curtain display cabinet constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2, is a vertical sectional view of the same, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4, is a detail sectional view showing the arrangement of the roller-top, by which the compartments or depositories containing the stock curtains are closed. Fig. 5, is a horizontal sectional view enlarged of a portion of the cabinet to more clearly disclose the guide-grooves for the sliding cover.

In the drawings, 1 designates the lower portion of a curtain display cabinet, which is of oblong rectangular form preferably. Erected

upon the upper side of the lower angular portion 1 is a skeleton frame 2, which is open, in front, and which is provided with windows of glass 3 in its sides. The lower portion of the cabinet is divided longitudinally by the vertical partition 4, extending from end to end, and the spaces formed at the front and rear of said vertical partition 4 are subdivided into as many compartments or depositories 5 as there are display curtains, as hereinafter referred to; and being about equal in depth to or greater than, the length of an ordinary curtain roller, and are designed for the reception of a number of curtain rollers as hereinafter referred to. A vertical partition wall 6 is also arranged longitudinally of the lower portion 1 of the cabinet and extends from end to end thereof, being of equal height with the partition 5 and also being arranged only a slight distance from the front wall of the lower portion of the cabinet as shown. A vertical partition 7 is also arranged longitudinally of the interior of the lower portion of the cabinet and extends from end to end thereof, and is adjacent to the rear wall of the lower portion of the cabinet. The upper end of this partition 7 is preferably rounded at 8, the object of which will be hereinafter described.

Formed at the upper ends of the partitions 4, 6 and 7 in the inner sides of the vertical end walls of the cabinet, are the horizontal and transversely extending grooves 9, which connect at their rear end with the vertical grooves 10 extending downward in said side walls to the lower end of the vertical partitions 7 as shown in Fig. 2; these grooves communicating with the guide space formed between the rear wall of the cabinet and the vertical partition 7.

The roller top 11 composed in the usual manner of strips 12 secured together by flexible bands 13, rests in its normal position in the horizontal grooves 9 in each end wall of the cabinet, and closes the open upper end of the compartments or depositories 5. This roller top 11 is provided with a handle 14 at its front and upper side by which it may be pushed back, and being flexible will pass around the curved end 8 of the partition 7, and down into the guide space formed by the rear wall of the cabinet and the vertical partition 7, until the handle 14 comes in contact



with the rear wall of the cabinet and the upper end of the vertical partition 7. It will thus be seen that the roller-top may be made to uncover or cover the compartments or depositories 5 from view.

Journalled in the pendent walls 14<sup>a</sup> located a slight distance inward of the end walls of the cabinet, and above the upper ends of the windows 3 preferably, are the rollers of a number of display curtains 15, there being one display curtain of each kind or color manufactured or in general use. The display curtains correspond in number to the compartments or depositories, which are each designed to receive a stock of one of the kinds or colors of the curtains displayed. These curtains for display are preferably arranged as shown in the drawings, the first curtain being exposed for only a short portion of its length, while the next and all succeeding curtains are arranged so as to be exposed below the lower end of the preceding or curtain in front of it. It will thus be seen that a person glancing at the cabinet may see and compare the various kinds and colors of curtains and be able to decide more readily and satisfactorily upon the curtain desired than in the ordinary way, and also without injuring the curtains by taking them in his hands and unrolling them. There can of course be used any number of curtains and any number of depositories or compartments without departing from the essential spirit of my invention, but I prefer to use about sixteen compartments or depositories, this being about the number of different or different colored curtains in general use. In practice, I shall, beginning with the front or outermost curtains number them consecutively as 1, 2, 3, &c., and shall also number the compartments or depositories to correspond, that is, if display curtain No. 5 is yellow, the compartment or depository containing stock curtains of a similar shade shall be numbered 5 also.

To prevent dust from getting into the cabinet and also to close the same when not in use, I provide a sliding-window which is composed of a sash 16 having handles 17 and in which a glass 18 is secured in the usual way. In its normal or closed position, this sash occupies the space formed by the vertical partition 6 and the front wall of the cabinet as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and to raise the same so as to close the upper portion of the cabinet, cords 19 are secured at their lower ends

to the opposite ends of the top-rail of the sash extending thence upwardly in a vertical direction over the guide pulley 20 in the upper portion of the cabinet, and thence horizontally and rearwardly through the rear wall of the cabinet and over the suitably supported guide pulley 21, and having their lower ends attached to counter balance weights 22; these weights 22 being designed when the window is raised to support it in its closed position, and when the window is pulled down to rest in position shown in Fig. 2.

From the above description, it will be seen that I have produced a curtain display cabinet, which is ornamental in appearance, in which a great variety of curtains may be displayed, and in which a stock of each variety of curtains displayed may be kept conveniently at hand; also a cabinet which is simple, strong, durable and comparatively inexpensive of construction.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a curtain display cabinet, the combination with an upper portion having an open front, and a number of display curtains pendently secured therein to expose a portion of each, of the lower portion having a vertical guide-space in its inner front side, a window fitting therein, guide pulleys carried by the upper portion, and flexible connections secured to the window and guided over said pulleys, and counter-balance weights secured to the opposite ends of said flexible connections and adapted when the window is raised to close the open side of the cabinet, to support it in such position, substantially as set forth.

2. A curtain display cabinet, comprising a lower portion provided with a number of vertical compartments, and a sliding cover therefor, and an upper portion provided with windows in its sides and having an open front, and a sliding window carried by the lower portion and adapted to close the front of the upper portion, and means to hold the window in such elevated position, substantially as set forth.

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

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