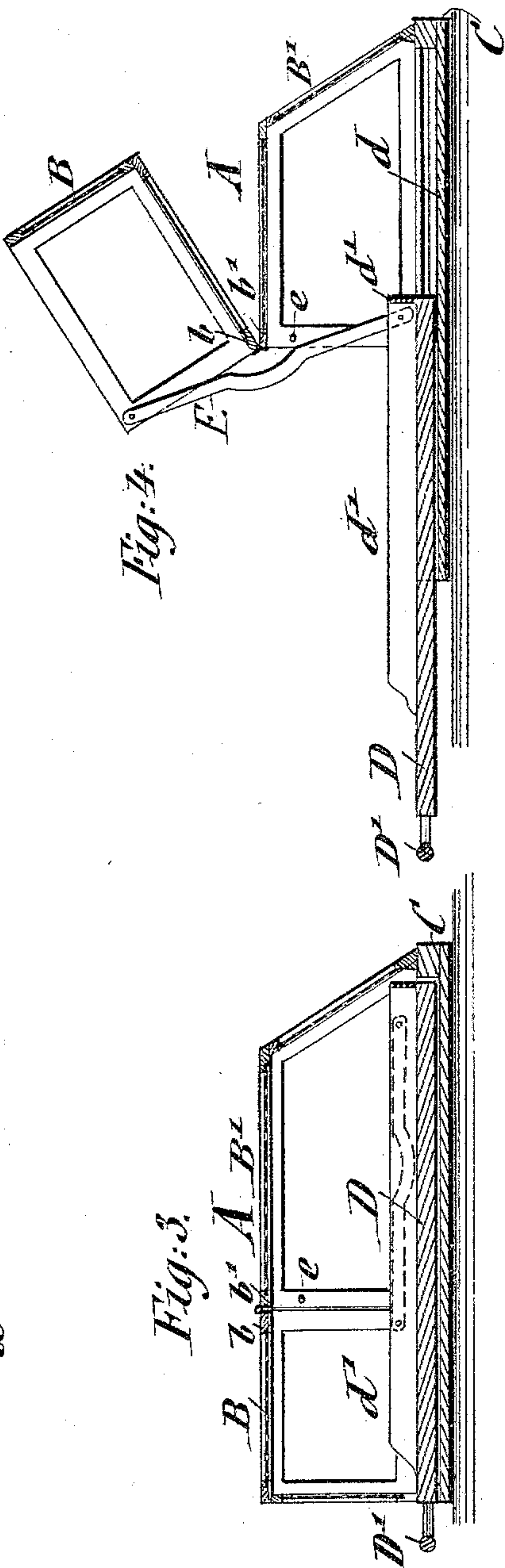
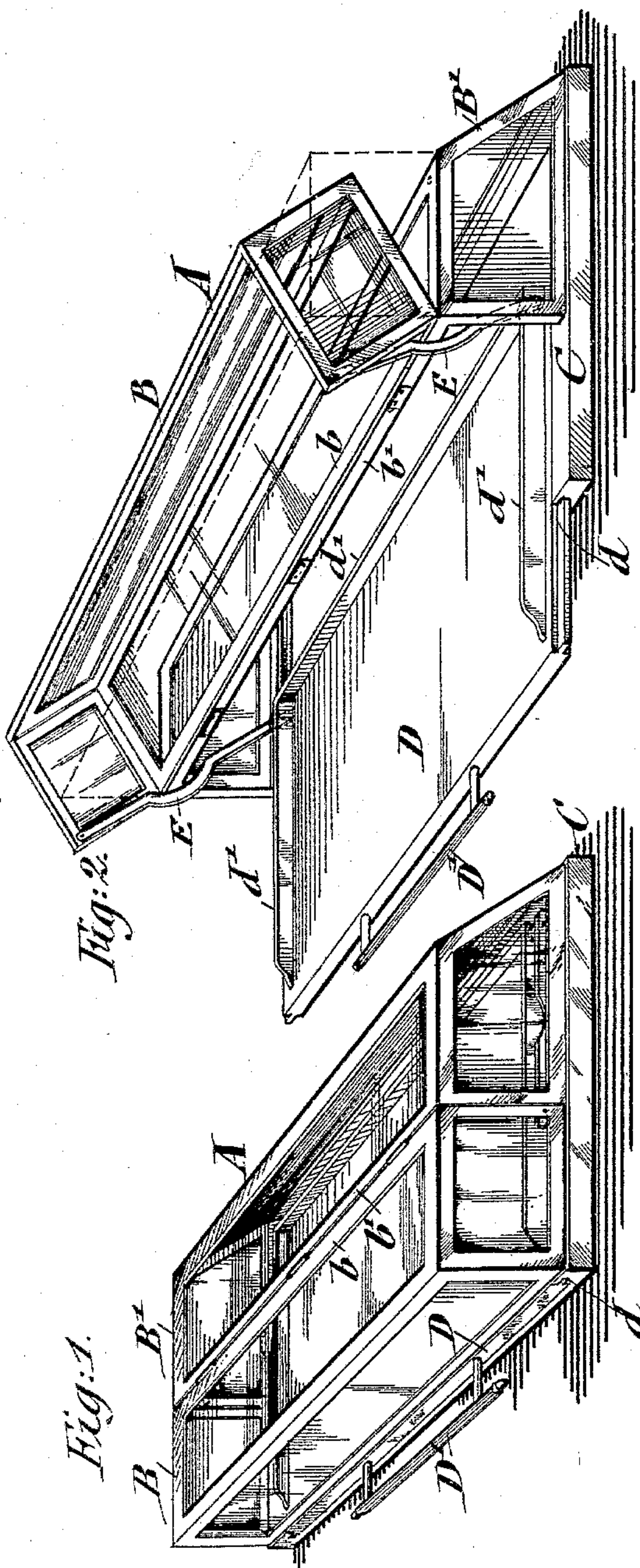


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## SHOW-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEO EBERHARDT, a citizen of the Empire of Germany, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved show-case of that class in which a portion of the case can be readily lifted, so that access is given to the interior of the case; and the invention consists of a show-case provided with a sliding tray guided in ways in the bottom of the case, a stationary section and a hinged section of the show-case, and a link connection between the tray and said hinged section, so as to produce by the outward or inward motion of the tray the raising or lowering of the hinged section, so that access is given to the goods on the tray.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 represent perspective views of my improved show-case showing the same respectively in open and closed position; and Figs. 3 and 4 are vertical longitudinal sections of the same, showing the construction of the show-case more in detail.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a show-case, which is made of any approved construction and which is provided with a movable section B, that is hinged to the upper part of the stationary section B' of the show-case. In the drawings the rear portion of the show-case B is shown as being movable, it being hinged by its upper front rail b to the upper rear rail b' of the stationary front section B' of the show-case. The movable section B is not connected with the bottom C of the show-case, nor with the stationary front portion B', except by the hinged connection of its abutting top rails b b'. The bottom C is preferably made in the shape of an open frame and provided with ways d d, in which is guided a tray D, which is provided on the sides and front with a small guard-rail d' and at its rear end with a handle or handles D' for conveniently taking hold of the tray in opening and closing the show-case. The front part of the sliding tray D is connected by pivot-links E E with the front cor-

ners of the hinged section B of the show-case, so that when the tray is moved outwardly in the bottom C of the show-case the hinged section B of the show-case is compelled to swing in upward direction until the tray D arrives at its outermost position, when it is tilted over on the stationary section B' of the show-case, so that the goods exhibited on the tray are fully within view and reach, so that convenient access is given thereto for arranging or replacing. Ordinarily the tray D will not be pulled outward to its full extent, but only pulled out partly, so that the hinged section B of the show-case is retained in upright position after having been moved through an angle of ninety degrees, as indicated in full lines in Fig. 2. A stop e is provided upon the inner side of the stationary section B' in such a position as to be engaged by the pivot-links E when the hinged section B is tilted or raised nearly to its limit. The pivot-links are slightly curved near their central portion to permit them to pass the stop e. By means of this construction the hinged section B is prevented from striking the top of the stationary section B'. As the weight of the movable tray with the goods on the same overbalances the weight of the hinged section B of the show-case, the latter will not close by gravity, but only when the tray is moved back again in its ways in the bottom of the show-case, in which position the hinged section B of the show-case is also retained in closed position, as shown in Fig. 1. In some cases, especially when the show-case is arranged with its rear part along the wall of the store, the front section is movable, in which case the sliding tray is arranged to move outwardly in front of the case, the handles being then arranged at the front of the tray and thereby the show-case opened from the front, so that convenient access is given to the goods in the same.

My improved show-case is especially adapted for cigar and other stores and all cases in which the quick and convenient opening of the case is desired, so as to take out or return the goods into the show-case.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A show-case, composed of a bottom provided with ways, a sliding tray guided in said



ways, a stationary section, a movable section hinged at its top edge to the top edge of the stationary section of the same, and pivot-links connecting the inner end of the tray with the  
5 inner lower corners of the movable section, substantially as set forth.

2. A show-case, composed of a bottom provided with ways, a stationary section and a movable section, the latter being hinged at  
10 the top edge to the top edge of the stationary section, a tray guided in the ways of the bottom and provided with a handle or handles

at its outer end, and pivot-links between the inner end of the tray and the lower inner corners of the movable section, substantially  
15 as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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