

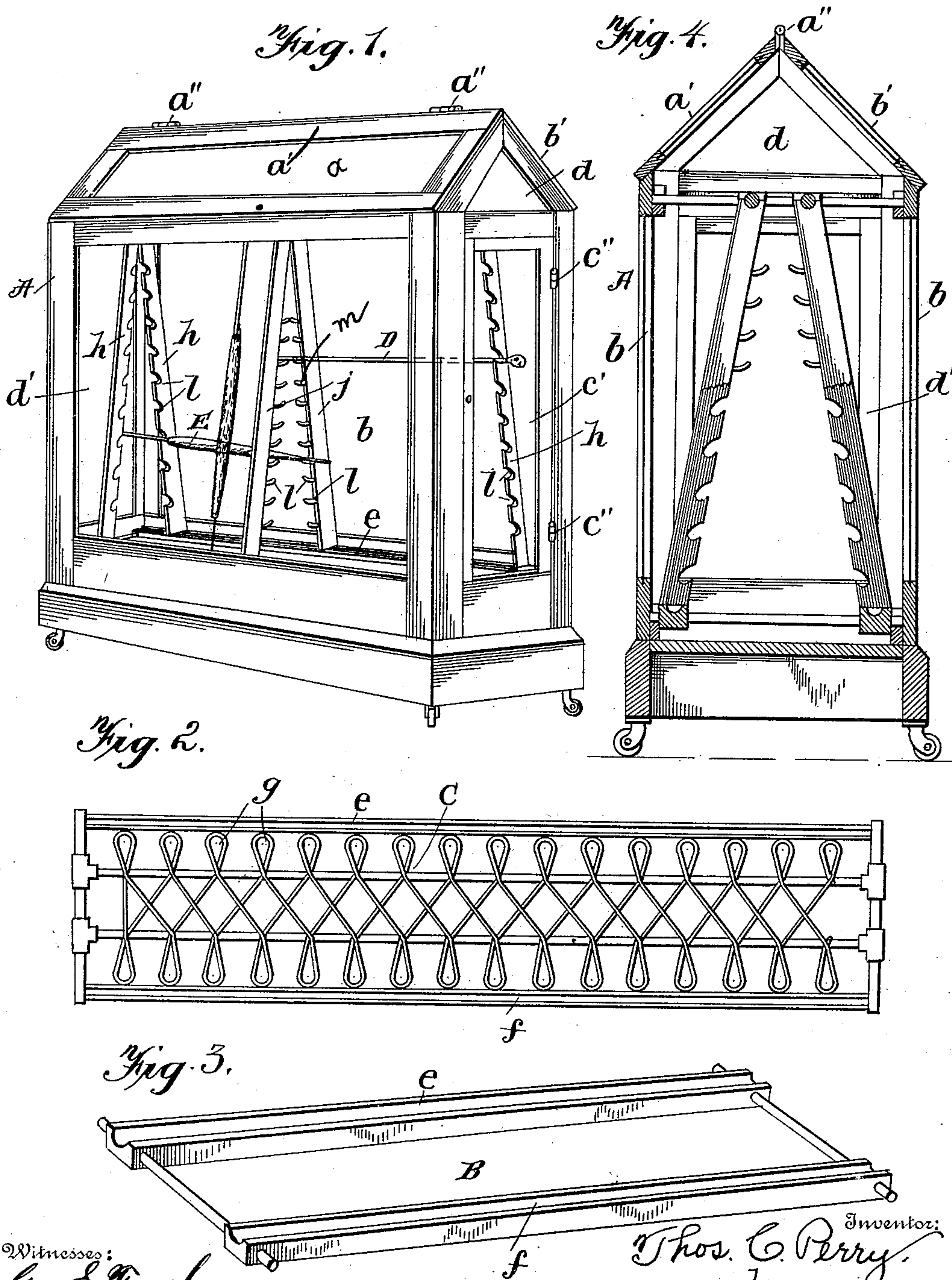
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UMBRELLA-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS CATE PERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sulphur Springs, in the county of Hopkins and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Cases; and I do hereby 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, forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in umbrella-cases, and has for its object to provide a useful and economical case within which a number of umbrellas may be placed for exhibition purposes and also for storage.

A further object of this invention is to provide an economical case that will protect the umbrellas from exposure and at the same time render them readily accessible from all sides of the case.

The invention consists in the general construction and arrangement of the various parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my umbrella-case, illustrating the manner of supporting the umbrellas therein. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the interior frame upon which the umbrellas are supported, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the base-supports in which the lower ends of the umbrellas are supported when in a vertical position. Fig. 4 is a vertical section through Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference refer to corresponding parts throughout the various figures.

The frame of the case A is preferably composed of wood, arranged to support the transparent panels *a b c d*. The top of the frame comprises the two inclined doors *a' b'*, which are hinged at *a* at the apex, so that they can be raised to give access to the interior from the top at either side, and the ends *c' d'* are hinged upon one side, furnishing doors that may be readily opened for convenience of inserting or removing umbrellas. At the interior of this inclosing case, comprising the frame A and the transparent panels, there is provided a support. (Shown in detail in Figs. 2 and 3.) At B the grooved pieces *e* and *f* are supported in a horizontal plane to receive

the lower ends of the umbrellas, which stand in a vertical position. At the upper end of the case, also horizontally supported, is the clamping-frame C, arranged to receive the upper ends of the umbrellas between the loops *g*. The latter are formed in the bends of two wires, which are interlaced across each other about as seen in Fig. 2 and secured upon the bars of the frame C in such manner as to cause the loops *g* to project beyond said bars and to stand a sufficient distance from each other to admit the handles of the upright umbrellas. The grooved pieces *e* and *f* and the upper frame C are united by suitable standards *h j*. These standards are preferably arranged in pairs at the ends and center of the casing, each pair being placed nearer together at the top than at the bottom and having their adjacent edges provided with notches or pins, as shown at *l m*, respectively, as preferred. The notches or pins are arranged substantially opposed to each other to receive the umbrellas, as illustrated at D and E, so that they will be held independent of each other in a convenient position for display purposes, as well as to prevent them from being crowded together and pressed out of shape, as is commonly the case where they are thrown together in large quantities.

It will be observed that the arrangement of this case provides a large capacity for the reception of umbrellas and each one is in a position to be seen from the exterior, and at the same time the arrangement and construction provide convenient access to each one of the umbrellas therein.

A striking feature of this invention is the fact that each umbrella, cane, or the like within the case can be removed by opening a door, grasping the handle of the umbrella, and drawing it longitudinally out of position without disturbing any other umbrella. This I accomplish by having doors *c' d'* at the ends for the removal of those umbrellas which lie on the pins and stand horizontal and other doors *a' b'* at the top for the removal of those umbrellas which stand upright. The latter obviously stand outside the horizontal umbrellas, but the observer can readily see both, as they are spaced to some slight extent.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that some slight modifications may be made in the

general construction and arrangement of the parts which unite to form my improved umbrella-case without materially affecting the results, and I desire to have it understood
5 that although I prefer the form shown various modifications may be adopted without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

10 In an umbrella-case, the combination with an inclosing frame comprising glass panels certain of which are hinged; of a support therein comprising horizontal grooved pieces at the bottom, a horizontal clamping-frame

near the top, wires secured on this frame and 15 having loops projecting laterally to the sides thereof, standards connecting the grooved pieces with said frame and converging toward their upper ends, and notches or pins in the inner edges of said standards, all substan- 20 tially as described.

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

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