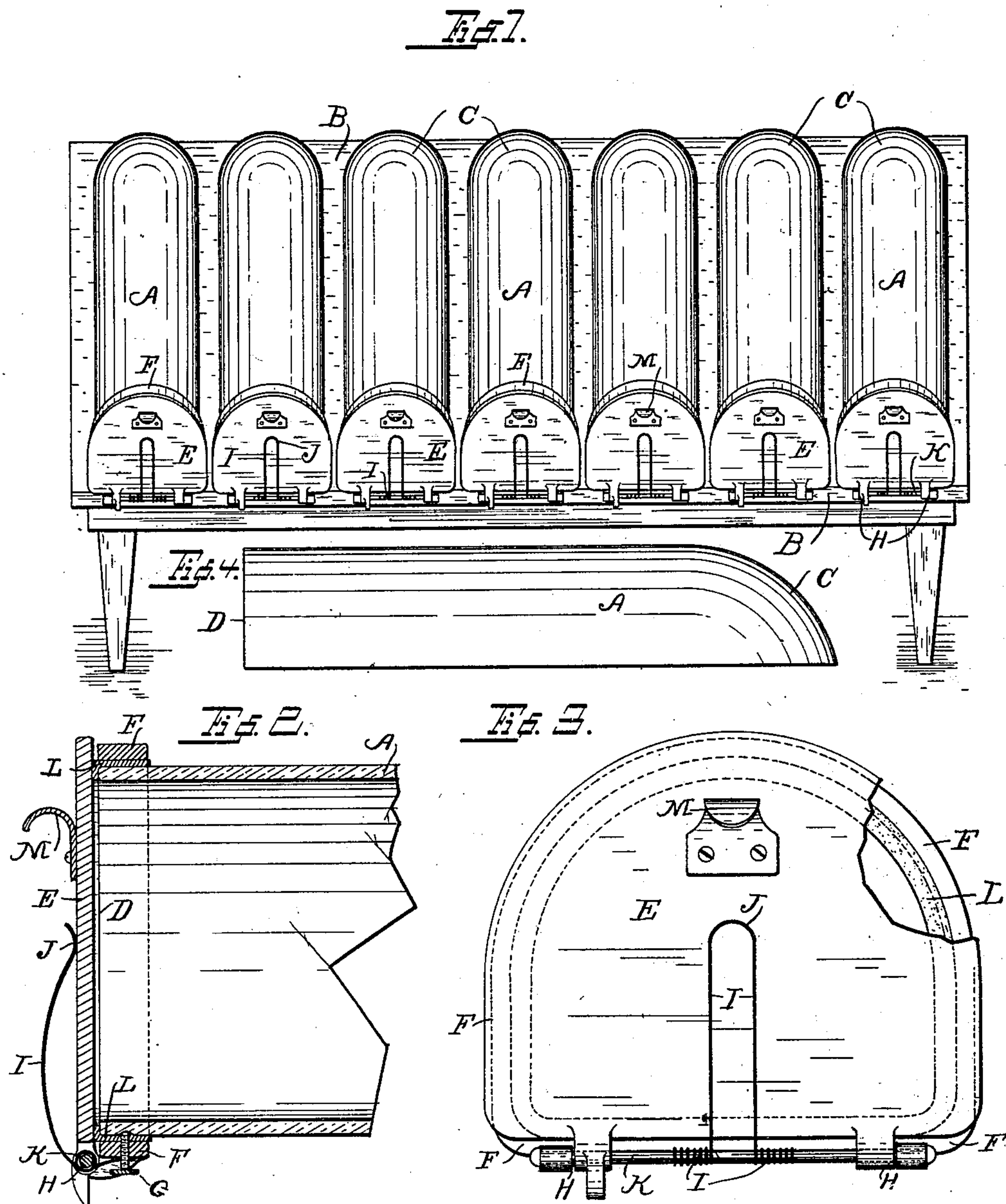


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## SHOW-CASE FOR CONFECTIONS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KARL PANAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, county of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases for Confections, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in transparent show-cases for storing and displaying candy and other confections.

Heretofore it has been common to store all kinds and varieties of candies in a single show-case. It is a well-known fact that it is desirable to keep some kinds of candies dry and crisp, while other kinds should be kept moist.

The objects of my invention are, first, to provide a convenient and attractive show-case for confections in which each kind of candy is kept in a separate air-tight compartment, whereby the moisture and flavor of one kind will not be absorbed by another and whereby any one compartment may be opened without opening communication with any of the other compartments, and, second, to provide a show-case comprising a plurality of separate compartments, each one of which is provided with automatically-closing air-tight doors.

The construction of my invention is explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my show-case, comprising a plurality of separate compartments in connection with a common supporting-frame. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal vertical section of one end of one of the compartments removed from its supporting-frame. Fig. 3 represents a rear end view of one of the compartments. Fig. 4 represents a side view of one of the glass jars forming one of the compartments with door and door-supporting frame removed.

Like parts are identified by the same reference-letters throughout the several views.

A represents one of the series of glass jars or receptacles in which candy or other confections are stored. The jar A is preferably semicircular in cross-section, having its flat lower sides resting upon the supporting-frame B, while the front end C of the jar is curved downwardly and forwardly from its

upper to its lower side. The rear end D of the jar only is made open and the same is closed by the door E. The door E is connected with and supported from the jar A by the circular frame F, which frame F is secured in place at the mouth of the jar by the clamping bolt or screw G. The door E is connected with the frame F by hinges H H in the ordinary manner. The door E is automatically closed by the recoil of the spring I, which is preferably formed of a single piece of wire, the looped end J of which bears against the outer surface of the door, while the central portion is wound around the hinge-pin K, and its ends terminate against the lower surface of the door-frame F. Thus it will be obvious that said spring I will be put under tension as the door is opened and that the door will be closed when released from pressure by the recoil of the spring I. By this arrangement the same pin K performs the twofold function of a pivotal support for the door as well as a support for the door-closing spring I.

In order to produce an air-tight joint between the door E and the ends of the jar, an elastic packing L is provided, the same being secured in place between the ends of the jar and the door by the annular door-frame F. Thus while one edge of said annular packing forms a bearing against which the door closes the other edge thereof, which is formed at an angle thereto, forms a bearing-surface between the door-frame and the surface of the jar to which it is secured.

The doors E of the several compartments are provided with hooks M to facilitate in opening the same.

While the several jars are preferably made semicircular in cross-section, I do not wish to confine or limit myself to the exact shape of the jars shown, as the same may be made either cylindrical or angular in cross-section without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. In a show-case, the combination of a plurality of separate, transparent horizontally-arranged compartments, respectively provided with closely-fitting hinge-supported



doors; means for holding said doors in their closed position; and means, comprising a common supporting-frame, for holding said several compartments in place.

5 2. In a show-case, the combination of a plurality of separate transparent horizontally-arranged compartments, semicircular in cross-section, and having downwardly and forwardly curved and closed front ends, each  
10 compartment being provided with closely-fitted hinge-doors; means for holding said doors in their closed position; and means, comprising a common supporting-frame, for  
15 holding said compartments in their proper relation to each other, substantially as set forth.

3. In a show-case, the combination of a plurality of separate, transparent compartments, respectively provided with closely-fitting  
20 doors; a packing interposed between the

door-supporting frame and the contact-surface of said doors; and means for automatically closing said doors, and retaining them in their closed position.

4. A show-case, comprising a plurality of 25 separate, transparent compartments, having a common supporting-frame; a metallic frame secured to the open end of each compartment; a door hinged to said frame; a door-closing spring pivotally supported from the hinge of 30 said door, adapted to bear at one end against said door-supporting frame, and at its opposite end against said door, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 35 in the presence of two witnesses.

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