

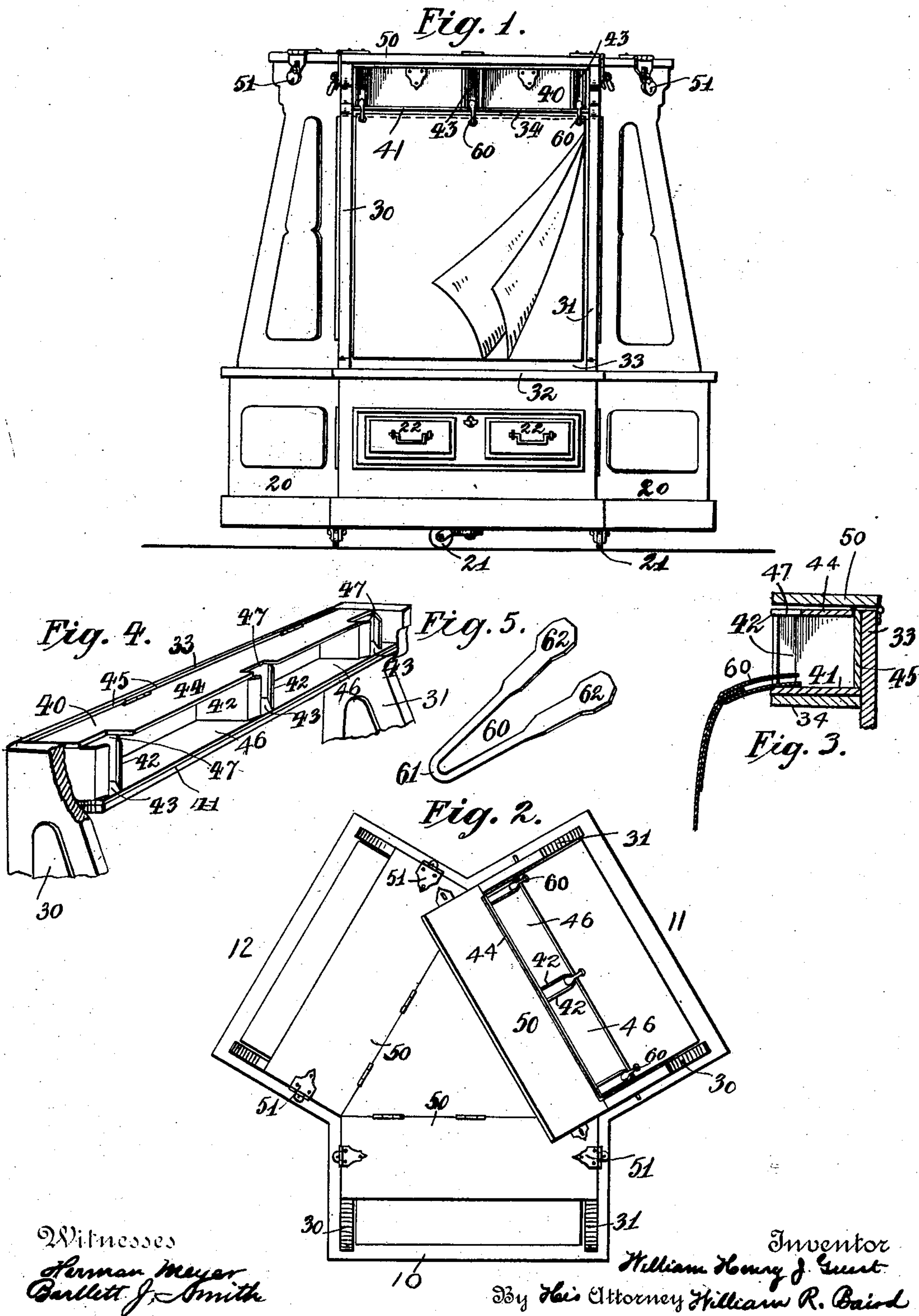
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HENRY J. GUEST, a citizen of Great Britain, and a resident of Walnut street, Williamsbridge, city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to show-cases; and its novelty consists in the construction and adaptation of the parts, as will be more fully hereinafter pointed out.

The particular purpose of my invention is to provide a show-case for the storage and exhibition of upholstery goods, so that a very large number of samples of such goods may be safely kept within a limited space and means may be provided whereby a portion of the samples may be removed from the show-case without disturbing the others, at the same time securing the advantage that the samples shall be locked against intrusion by improper parties.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a show-case embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof, showing the lid of one section thrown back. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the upper part of one of the sections and the holder-frame therein, showing also one of the holders and a part of the article displayed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the upper part of one of the sections and the holder-frame therein with the lid 50 of said section removed, and Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective of one of the holders.

The show-case is made in sections or compartments substantially identical in construction. These may be of any number from one up, as may be desired. In the form of show-case which I have illustrated there are three sections, and I have found that a convenient number for many purposes.

In the drawings, 10, 11, and 12 represent separate sections of the show-case mounted upon a common body 20, conforming in shape to the number of sections of which it is composed, the whole being mounted upon wheels or casters 21 and the body being provided with drawers 22, suitably arranged to slide

therein. Each section consists of two sides 30 and 31, a bottom 32, a back 33, and a top 34. Above the top is arranged a holder-frame 40. This consists of a back plate 45, a bottom plate 41, a series of retaining-plates 42 in pairs, vertically mounted above and secured to the plate 41, the members of each pair arranged substantially parallel and at right angles to the plate 41 for the greater portion of their length, but drawn together in front near the edge of the holder to form an aperture 43 for a purpose which will presently appear. These plates 42 are preferably arranged, as shown, to provide compartments 46 for storage or display purposes. Above the retaining-plates is placed a top lid 44, hinged or otherwise secured to the back 45 of the frame and preferably having notches 47 contiguous to the mouths of the apertures 43, which notches give access to the space between said retaining-plates through said top or lid. This holder-frame 40 is placed within a recess above each section, and the recess is closed at the top by a lid 50, hinged to the back 33 of the section and provided with a suitable lock 51.

The holders 60 preferably employed are made of the peculiar shape shown in Fig. 5, each holder consisting of a rod of metal 61, expanded at each end to form flat expanded pieces 62 62, which are too wide to slip through the aperture 43, formed between the edges of the retaining-plates 42. These holders are preferably stamped out of one piece of metal.

The mode of using the device is as follows: A number of pieces of the upholstery goods to be placed within the show-case are held together and simultaneously slit vertically to permit of the passage of the flat expanded ends 62 62 of the holders 60. After the holders have been thus passed through the bundle of goods they are turned so that their expanded ends are made to assume a substantially horizontal position. In this position they are placed between the retaining-plates 42 42 through the notches 47 in the lid 44, (or after raising said lid if the number of holders employed is too many to be conveniently inserted through said notches) the narrow rod-like part of each holder readily passes

through the aperture 43 and between the front edges of these plates; but the holders are retained in position by reason of the fact that the expanded ends of the holders will not pass through such apertures when the holders are flat or horizontal. Several bunches or lots of fabric may be superimposed one above the other in the section, the holders lying one above the other in the holder-frame and within the pairs of retaining-plates. I have shown in each instance the section provided with three pairs of retaining-plates, and this will be amply sufficient for most purposes. The lid 44 when shut down securely holds the samples and holders in place.

The expanded tips of the holders 60 may be made so thin and flat that they will when placed in a vertical position readily slip between the aperture 43 at the front of the retaining-plates, and when so made they may readily be removed from the show-case by thus turning them. Of course in such case no lock is needed for the holder frame or section, as it would be useless.

What I claim as new is—

1. A display device having a plurality of holder-pockets open at the front and a plurality of holders each adapted to one of said pockets, said holders having outwardly-projecting parts engaging the article displayed at different places in the width thereof.

2. A display-section for a show-case, comprising a suitable framework open in front, an upper series of holder-pockets provided with front vertical slits, means for closing the pockets except in front, and a plurality of independent holders each having one end adapted to a pocket and its other end projecting outward from said pocket, said outwardly-projecting parts of said holders being adapted to support the article displayed and engaging the same at different places.

3. A display device having a plurality of holder-pockets having narrowed front ends, and holders having their rear ends retained in the wider portion of the pockets and their front ends extending through said narrowed front ends and adapted to engage the article displayed.

4. A display device, comprising a holder-frame provided with retaining-plates relatively arranged to form pockets having narrowed front openings and compartments between said pockets, and holders inserted in said pockets and having outwardly-projecting ends to engage the articles displayed.

5. A display-section for a show-case comprising a suitable framework open in front, a holder-frame supported above the same and provided with pockets consisting of vertically-placed retaining-plates bent inwardly at the front toward each other to form a relatively narrow aperture between their front edges.

6. A display-section, comprising a holder-

frame provided with partitions relatively arranged to form pockets and compartments between said pockets, said partitions having converging front portions forming a relatively narrow front opening to the pocket between the same, and holders inserted in said pockets and having outwardly-projecting parts which engage the articles displayed.

7. A holder adapted to be used in supporting sheets of fabric consisting of a rod-like member folded at its center and expanded at each end into a flat relatively thin member to permit of its passage through slits in the sheets of fabric to be supported.

8. In a device of the class described, the combination with a holder-frame provided with pockets having a relatively narrow front vertical aperture, of fabric-holders comprising thin flat end members and a narrow central member, whereby the holders may be inserted into the pocket-apertures when in a vertical position and be retained therein when turned to a horizontal position.

9. A show-case comprising a plurality of display-sections, a common base therefor provided with drawers, a holder-frame at the top of each section and holders for the goods displayed adapted to be held by and depend from the holder-frame.

10. A show-case comprising a plurality of display-sections, a common base therefor, a holder-frame at the top of each section, said holder-frames having pockets, and holders for the goods displayed, having their inner ends inserted in said pockets and their outer ends projecting from said pockets and adapted to engage the articles displayed.

11. A show-case comprising a plurality of display-sections, a common base therefor, holder-frames at the tops of said sections, said frames having pockets, and holders for the goods displayed, said holders being supported at their inner ends within said pockets and having free outer ends adapted to engage the article displayed at different places in the width of said article, said inner ends being removably inserted in said pockets.

12. A display device, comprising a holder-frame provided with pockets and a top having apertures registering with said pockets said pockets being open at the front, and holders for the goods displayed, supported at their inner ends within said pockets and having free ends projecting through the open front thereof and adapted to engage the article displayed.

13. A display device, comprising a holder-frame provided with pockets having narrowed front opening leading thereto, and holders for the goods displayed, having their inner ends removably inserted in said pockets and expanded to be retained therein, said holders having outwardly-projecting free ends by which the articles displayed are supported

and being adapted to extend through openings in said articles.

14. A show-case, comprising a plurality of display-sections, a common base therefor, 5 holder-frames at the tops of said sections, said frames having pockets with narrowed front openings leading thereto, holders for the goods displayed, having expanded inner ends removably inserted in said pockets, said hold- 10 ers being adapted to extend through openings

in said goods and having outwardly-projecting ends to engage said goods, and movable means for covering the tops of said sections.

Witness my hand this 22d day of June, 1903, at the city of New York, in the county 15 and State of New York.

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