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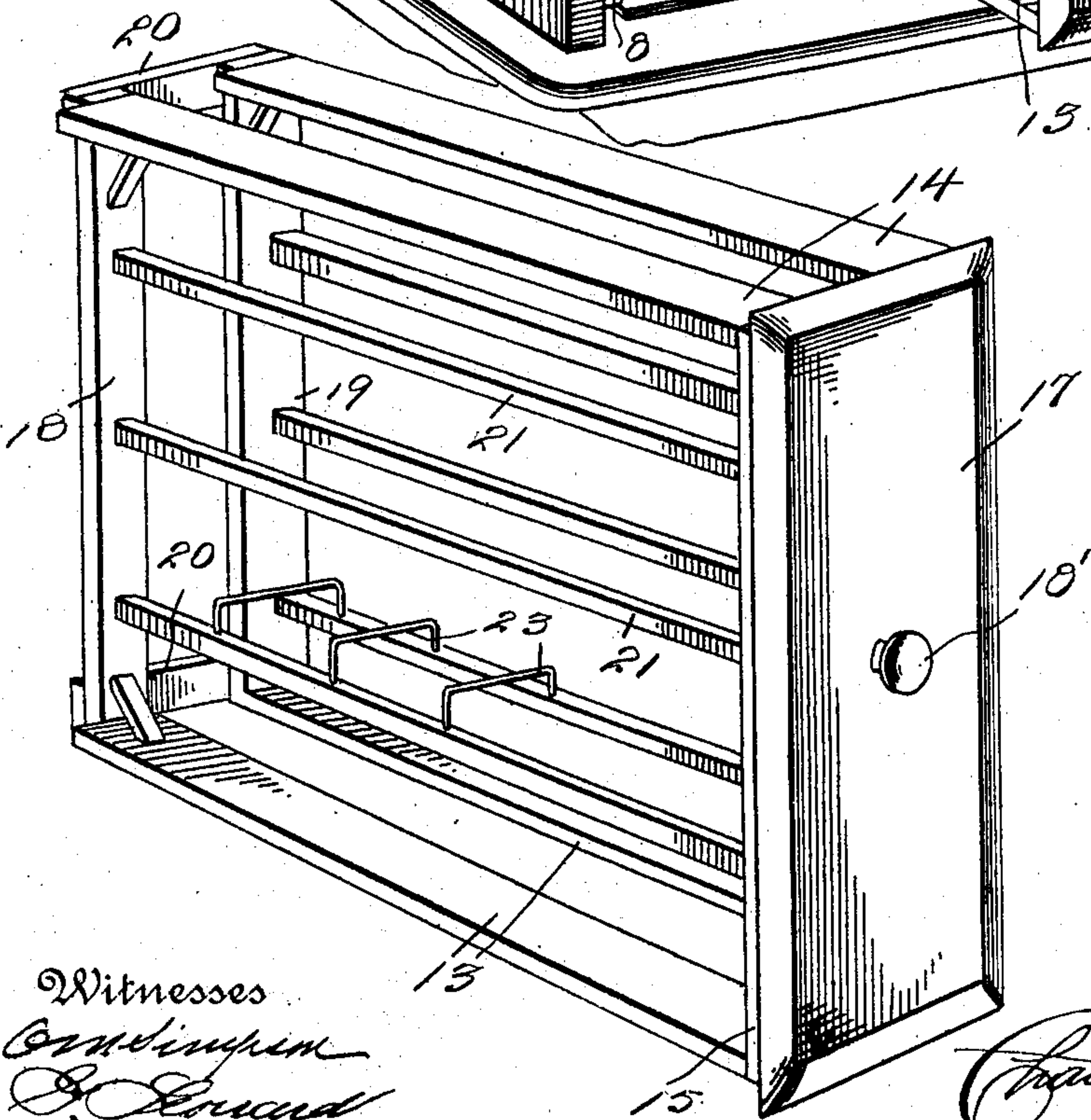
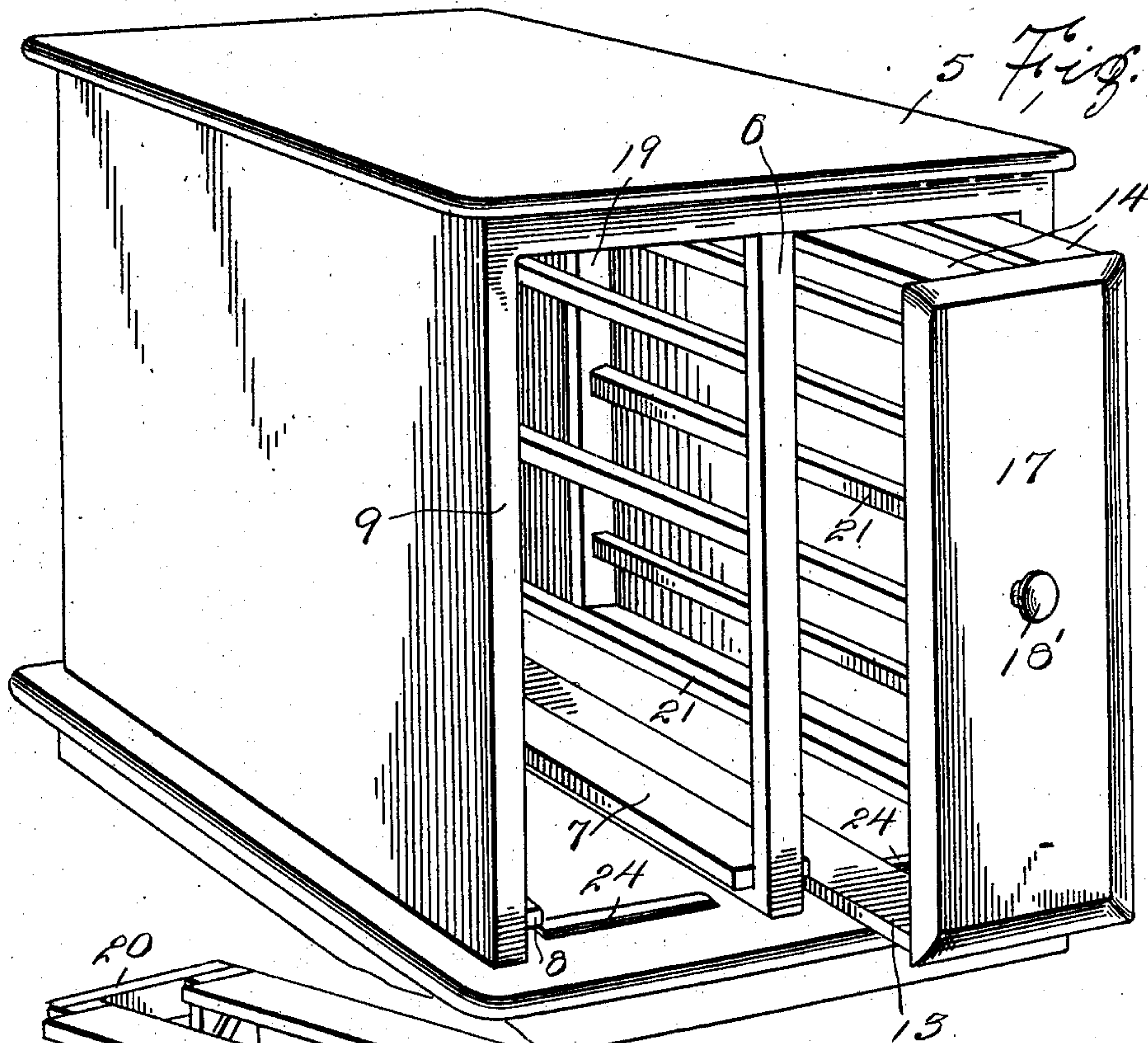
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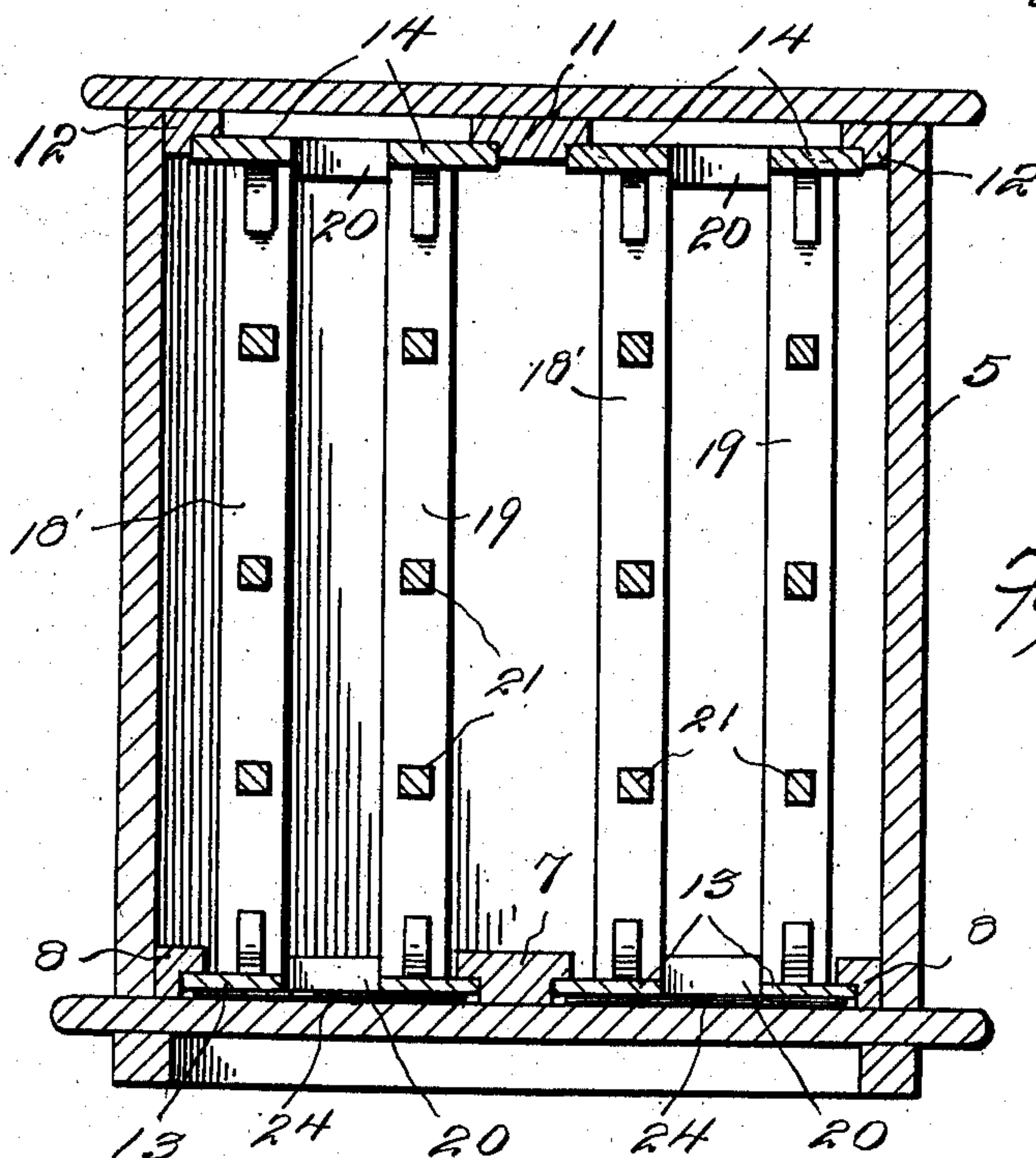


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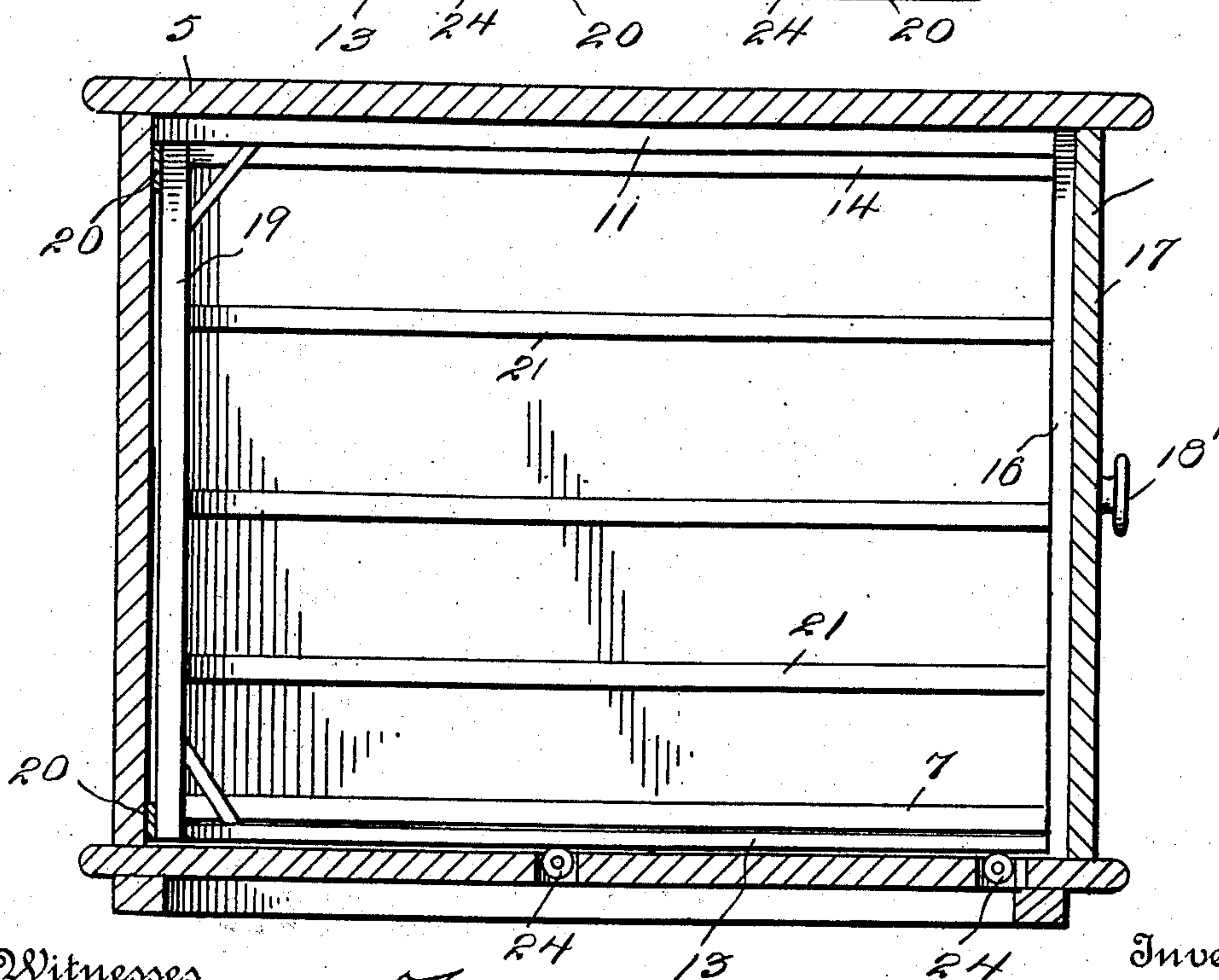


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## HAT-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PERCY M. BEARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hardinsburg, in the county of Breckenridge, State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-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 ap-  
 10 pertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to cases for hats; and it has for its object to provide a case which will hold a maximum number of hats, which will prevent access of dust to the hat when  
 15 closed, which may be opened and closed with a minimum expenditure of energy, and in which the separate racks or drawers will be firmly held when in open position without tilting.

20 In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a case designed to receive two drawers, one of which  
 25 is drawn partly outwardly, while the other is entirely removed. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of one of the drawers. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the case, taken transversely through the drawers therein. Fig. 4 is a ver-  
 30 tical section at right angles to Fig. 3 and illustrating one of the supporting-rollers for a drawer.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a casing 5 of general rectangular form, which in the present instance is shown as  
 35 equipped with two drawers, although it will be understood that as many drawers may be employed as desired. At the front of the casing is an upright 6 midway between the ends  
 40 of the casing, and extending from this upright to the back of the casing and resting upon the bottom of the casing is a T-rail 7, the flange of which projects at opposite sides of  
 45 the upright 6, while the side faces of its stem are flush with the sides of the upright. Against the inner face of each end of the casing and resting upon the bottom thereof is an  
 50 angle-bar one side or the vertical side of which is flush with the jamb 9, while the upper or horizontal side or member projects laterally

beyond the edge of the jamb corresponding to the flange of the T-rail. A second T-rail 11 is disposed between the upper end of the upright 6 and the back of the casing, with its stem flush with the side edges of the upright  
 55 and its flange projecting laterally beyond the upright corresponding to the flange of the rail 7. Additional angle-bars 12 are disposed in the upper end corners of the casing. These T-rails and angle-bars form guides for the  
 60 drawers.

Each drawer comprises a pair of lower laterally-spaced members 13 and a corresponding pair of upper laterally-spaced members 14. Connecting the forward ends of the up-  
 65 per and lower members at one side of the drawer is an upright 15, while the corresponding members at the opposite side of the drawer are connected by an upright 16, these uprights being secured to the front 17 of the drawer,  
 70 which is provided with a knob 18' to facilitate sliding of the drawer. The rear ends of each pair of upper and lower members 13 and 14 are connected by means of uprights 18 and 19, respectively, which latter are set inwardly  
 75 from the outer edges of the members 13 and 14 and are connected at their upper and lower ends by the cross-pieces 20. Each shelf of each drawer, of which in the present instance  
 80 there are three, consists of a pair of laterally-spaced bars 21, which are connected each with a pair of front and rear uprights. These bars 21 are placed sufficiently close together to re-  
 85 ceive and support the rim of a hat, and to properly space the hats upon each shelf U-shaped bars 23 are provided, the extremity thereof being engaged downwardly into the bars of the shelves, so that the web portions of the U-shaped bars lie above and transversely of  
 90 the shelf-bars.

In placing the shelves in the casing the members 13 are engaged beneath the flanges of the T-rails 7 and angle-bars 8, while the members 14 engage beneath the flanges of the T-rail 11 and angle-bars 12, so that the outer  
 95 end of the drawer will not tilt downwardly until the drawer is entirely removed from the casing. To reduce friction between the drawer and the bottom of the casing, rollers 24 are  
 100 mounted in the bottom of the casing, so that



the members 13 run upon them as the drawer is shifted. With this arrangement it will be seen that there is provided a light but durable structure which will hold a large number of  
5 hats for the amount of floor-space occupied, that the hats will be protected from injury from dust or other causes, and that the hats may be readily exposed and returned to the casing.

10 It will be understood that in practice modifications of the specific construction shown may be made and any suitable materials and proportions may be used for the various parts without departing from the spirit of the in-  
15 vention.

What is claimed is—

1. A hat-case comprising a casing having upper and lower spaced rails, and a drawer comprising upper and lower laterally-spaced  
20 horizontal members engaged beneath the upper and lower rails respectively, uprights connecting said members, a front connecting

the forward uprights and laterally-spaced shelf-bars connected to the front and rear up-  
rights.

2. A hat-case comprising a casing having upper and lower spaced rails and a drawer comprising upper and lower laterally-spaced horizontal members engaged beneath the up-  
per and lower rails respectively, uprights 25 connecting said members, a front connecting the forward uprights, laterally-spaced shelf-bars connecting the front and rear uprights in pairs and having perforations in their up-  
per faces, and U-shaped spacing-bars having 30 their extremities engaged downwardly in the perforations of the shelf-bars.

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

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