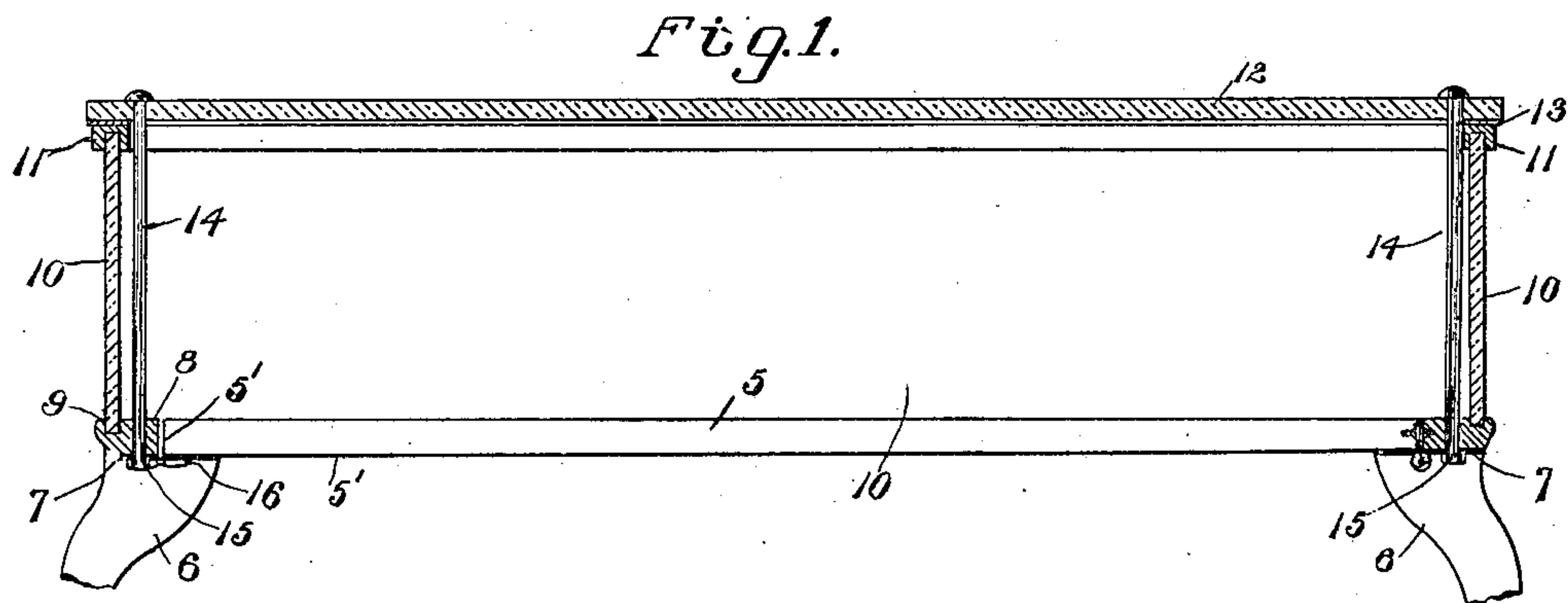


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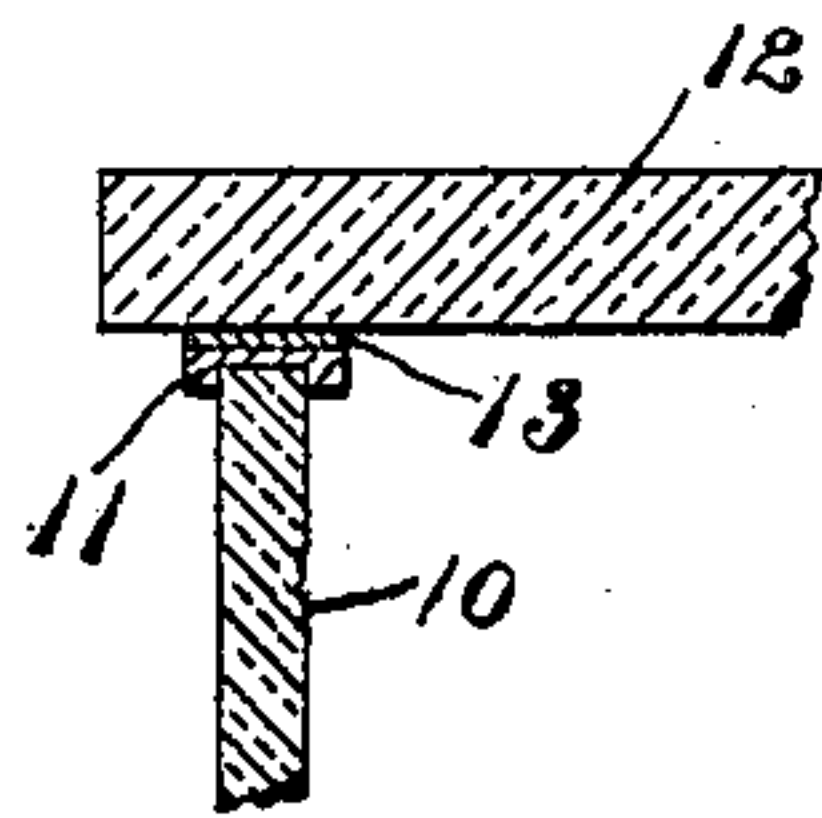
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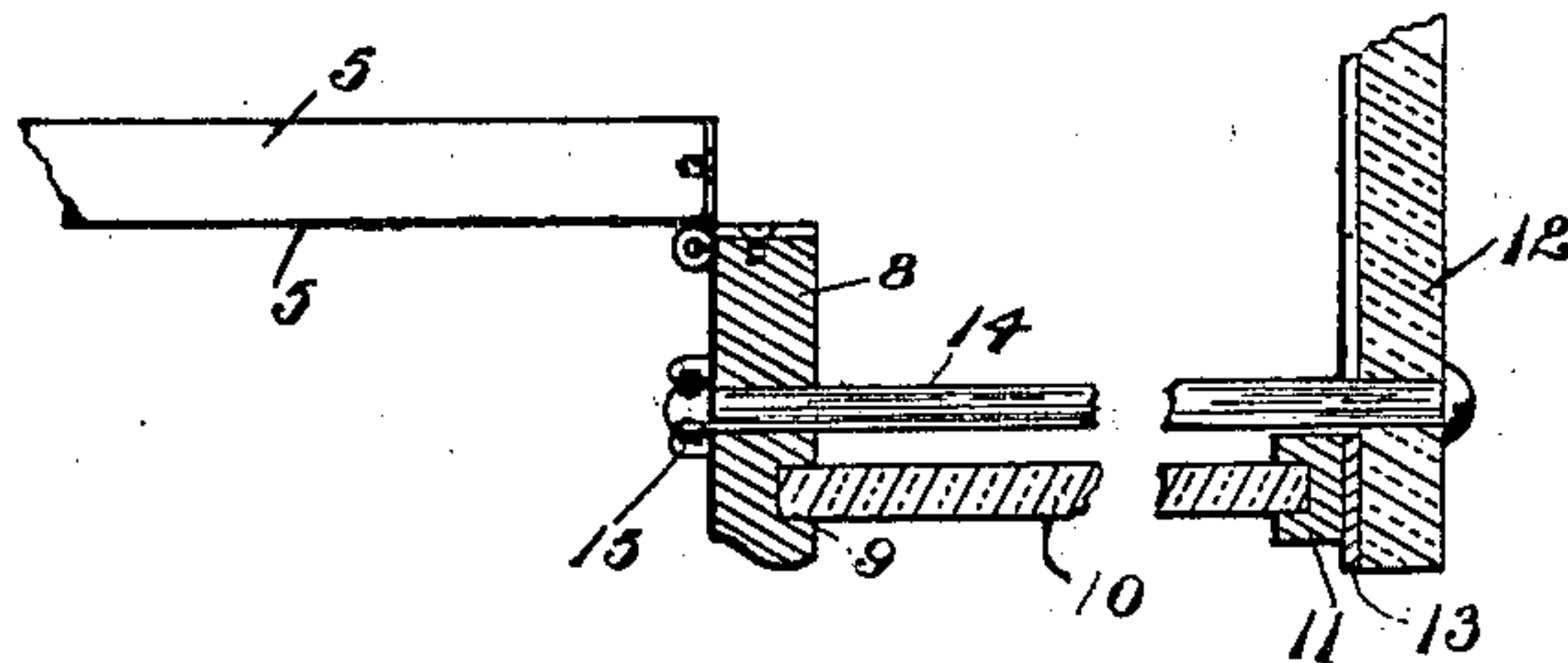
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*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. BANGS, of Everett, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in show-cases, and particularly to center show-cases.

One object of the invention is to so construct a center show-case that articles exhibited therein may be viewed from all sides and from the top while the case is closed.

Another object of the invention is to so construct a center show-case that when the top is open access to the articles contained in the case may be had from the sides of the case.

Another object of the invention is to improve the construction of center show-cases.

The invention consists of a table provided with suitable supports and having a hinge or frame embracing said table below its upper surface and a case having glass sides and a glass top mounted on said frame.

The invention also consists in the manner of supporting the hinged frame.

The invention also consists in such other novel features of construction and combination of parts as shall hereinafter be more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of the improved center show-case, parts of the same being broken away. Fig. 2 represents a cross-sectional view of portions of the glass case and its frames. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation of parts of the show-case in the open position to more clearly show the table.

Similar numbers of reference designate corresponding parts throughout.

As shown in the drawings, in its preferred form 5 indicates a table which may be of any suitable shape and dimensions, but, preferably, rectangular and furnished with any ordinary standards, of which parts are shown at 6 6, the upper portions of these standards extending outward from the under side of the table 5 to form stops or supports 7 7, above which extends the vertical edge 5' of the table. By means of the standards 6 6 the table 5 is wholly supported for use as the ordinary center table and articles placed on the top of said table may be viewed from all sides

and from the top and said articles may be removed sidewise from said top.

In order to protect the table 5 and the articles to be placed thereon without interfering with the view of the same from the sides or top or with the removal of said articles sidewise, I provide a case having the frame 8 of a shape to embrace the edge 5' of the table 5, and preferably of a height not exceeding the height of said edge, so that the side view of the upper surface of the table is not obstructed by said frame. This frame 8 is preferably supported by the parts 7 7 of the standards 6 6, which extend beyond the edge 5' of the table, and said frame is preferably hinged to the top 5 to swing upward. In the upper edge of this frame 8 is preferably formed a groove 9, in which the glass sides 10 10 are mounted, these glass sides being held together at their upper edges by the grooved metallic frame 11, which is shaped to fit over the top edges of all the sides 10 10. On the upper surface of this frame 11 is mounted the glass top 12, a strip of green-colored textile material 13 being preferably located between said top and said frame to afford a cushion for said top and to hide said frame, as is well known in the constructions of glass-top show-cases. The top 12 and the sides 10 10 are preferably secured to the frame 8 by means of bolts 14 14, which extend through perforations in the top 12 and the frame 8 and are secured by the nuts 15 15 below said frame. A lock 16 is also provided on the table 5, which lock is of any well-known construction to lock the frame 8 in the closed position.

When the protecting-case is closed, it is supported by the parts 7 7 of the standards 6 6, and the articles supported on the table 5 may be viewed through the sides 10 10 or through the top 12, while when the case is swung upward, as indicated in Fig. 3, the entire top of the table 5 is open to permit the removal of the articles sidewise.

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

1. A center show-case comprising a table, a rectangular grooved frame hinged to said table, glass sides mounted in the grooves of said frame, an inverted frame engaging the upper edges of said glass sides, a glass top mounted on the second frame, and drawing means mounted in the lower frame and adapted to act on said glass top to draw the same toward the upper edges of the sides and to se-



cure said top in position substantially as described.

2. A center show-case comprising a table, a grooved frame embracing said table and  
5 mounted to swing with respect to the table, glass sides mounted in said grooved frame, a glass top, and bolts extending through said top and secured to said frame, as and for the purpose described.

10 3. A center show-case comprising a table having supporting-standards projecting laterally therefrom, a grooved frame embracing said table and hinged thereto, the free end of said frame being adapted to be supported by  
15 the projecting portions of said standards,

glass sides mounted in the groove of said frame, an inverted grooved frame engaging the upper edges of said glass sides, a glass top mounted on said second frame, and bolts extending through perforations in the glass top and secured to said first-mentioned frame to secure said frame the sides and the top together, as and for the purpose described.

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

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