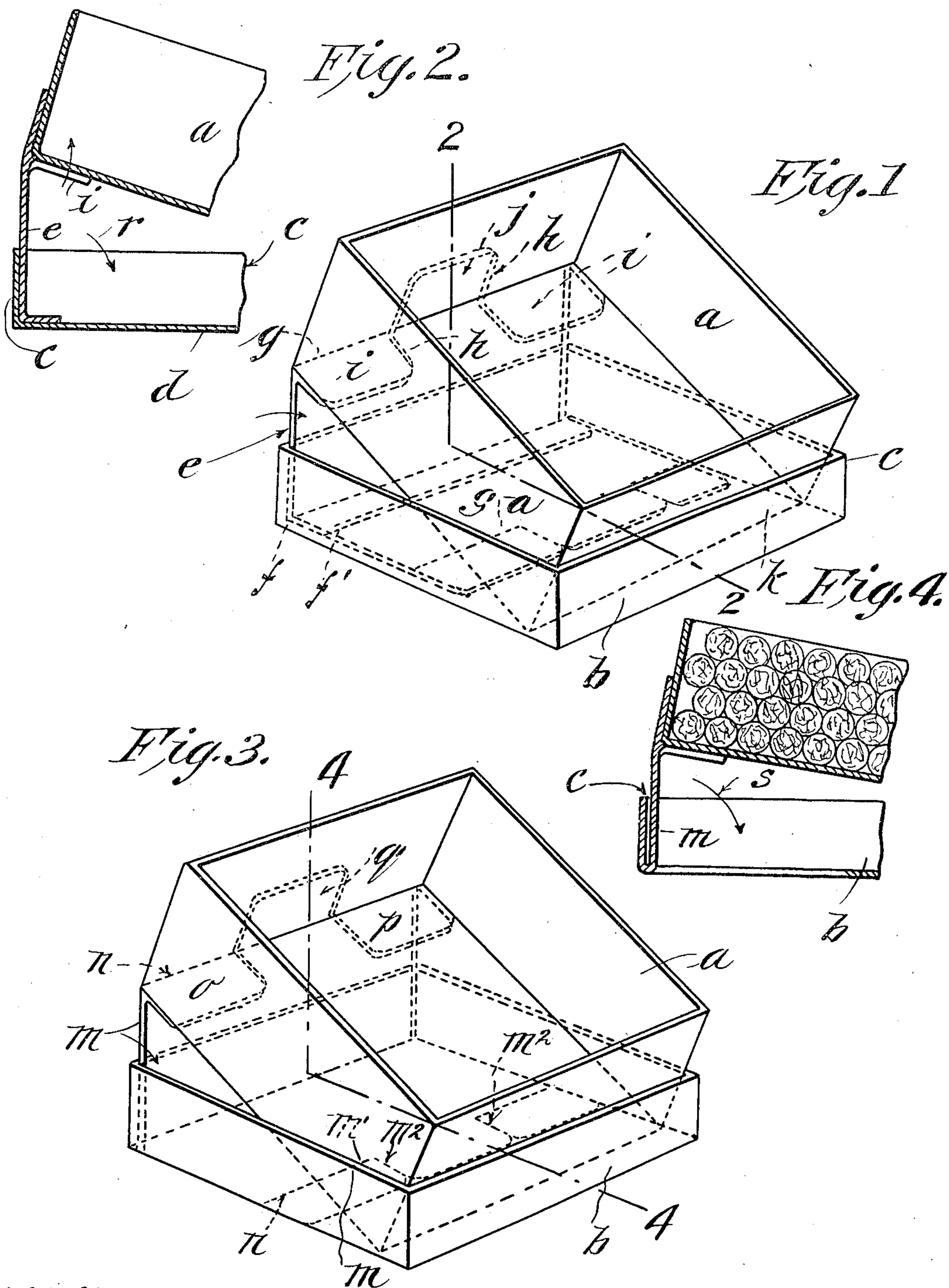


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. RAHN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Thompsonville, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in exhibition devices for the purpose of displaying small articles of merchandise for sale, and is particularly adapted for displaying smoking-tobacco, cigarettes, and other tobacco products.

The improvement is designed to be used in stores particularly; and it has for its object to provide a supporting brace-like device on the cover of the box, so that when the same is removed and the box containing the articles to be displayed is placed therein the same will rest in a tilted or inclined position, thus effectively displaying the contents thereof.

In the drawings forming a part of this application, Figure 1 shows one form of my improvement in which a supporting-piece is secured to the inside of the cover at one of the inner corner-lines thereof and preferably at the end, this piece being adapted when the cover is in place on the box to be folded down against the inside of the same. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a modified form of my improvement in which a part of the top portion of the cover itself is adapted to form the brace-piece. Fig. 4 is a vertical section on line 4 4 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings particularly, *a* designates the box or container for the articles of merchandise which are to be displayed. *b* indicates as a whole the cover therefor, which has the usual depending portions *c*, the top portion of the cover being designated by *d*. (See Fig. 2.) Secured to the inside of the cover *b* is a brace or supporting-piece *e*, that is glued to the inside of the top of the cover, as shown, at the point *f* by means of the flap *f'*. This supporting-piece *e* has a score-line *g* parallel with the corner-line of the cover and having a series of slits *h* from one edge thereof back to the score-line. The purpose of these slits is to permit a portion of the brace-piece to be folded on the score-line in order to afford supporting-shelves or bracket-pieces *i* for one end of the box or container *a* to rest on when inclined, as shown in Fig. 1.

The portion *j* of the brace-piece is left in an

unfolded position for the purpose of engaging the end of the box *a* for forcing the same downward into the cover *b* and holding the same rigidly in the cover.

It will be noticed that one edge of the box, as *k*, rests against one of the depending portions *c* of the cover, while the opposite end bears against the unfolded portion *j* of the brace-piece *e*.

Referring to the modification shown in Fig. 3, the cover *b* instead of having a separate piece secured to the inside thereof and foldable therein, as shown in Fig. 1, has a portion *m* of the cover cut out of the top thereof, as shown by the dotted lines *m'* of this figure. The shape of the cut-out portion is substantially the same as the foldable brace-piece described above and also has a series of slits *m²* in the free edge of the brace-piece extending back to a score-line *n*, as clearly shown. When it is desired to exhibit the goods, the cover of the box or container is removed, and the portion *m* of the cover is turned to a vertical position, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, against the depending portion *c* of the cover. Then a portion of this piece *m* at *o* and *p* is folded on the score-line *n* in order to form the shelf or bracket-pieces for the box to rest on while the portion *q* is left in an unfolded position.

In Figs. 1 and 2 when it is desired to exhibit the goods the cover *b* is removed, and the foldable piece *e* is turned back against the portion *c*. Then the bracket or shelf-pieces *i* are folded on the score-line *g*, as shown, one end of the box or container *a* then being placed on the pieces *i*, while its opposite end is placed against a depending portion *c* of the cover, as clearly understood.

The arrows *r* and *s* denote the path of movement of the supporting-pieces.

It will be seen, therefore, that I have provided a simple means of supporting a container for effectively displaying the contents thereof and one that can be made at a small cost and without destroying the cover of the container.

Although I have shown and described a score-line *n* in reference to the cover of the container, it is not absolutely necessary, as it is possible to fold into the positions *o* and *p* without any score-line whatsoever.

What I claim is—

In a display device, a container, a cover therefor provided with means for elevating one end of the container when the same is

placed within the cover, said means being
carried by one end of the cover and adapted
to be rotated to an upright position and, pro-
vided with a score-line, its free edge being
5 slitted back to the score-line, whereby a por-
tion of the supporting means can be folded on
the score-line to constitute bracket portions

for supporting the container in an inclined
position as described.

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