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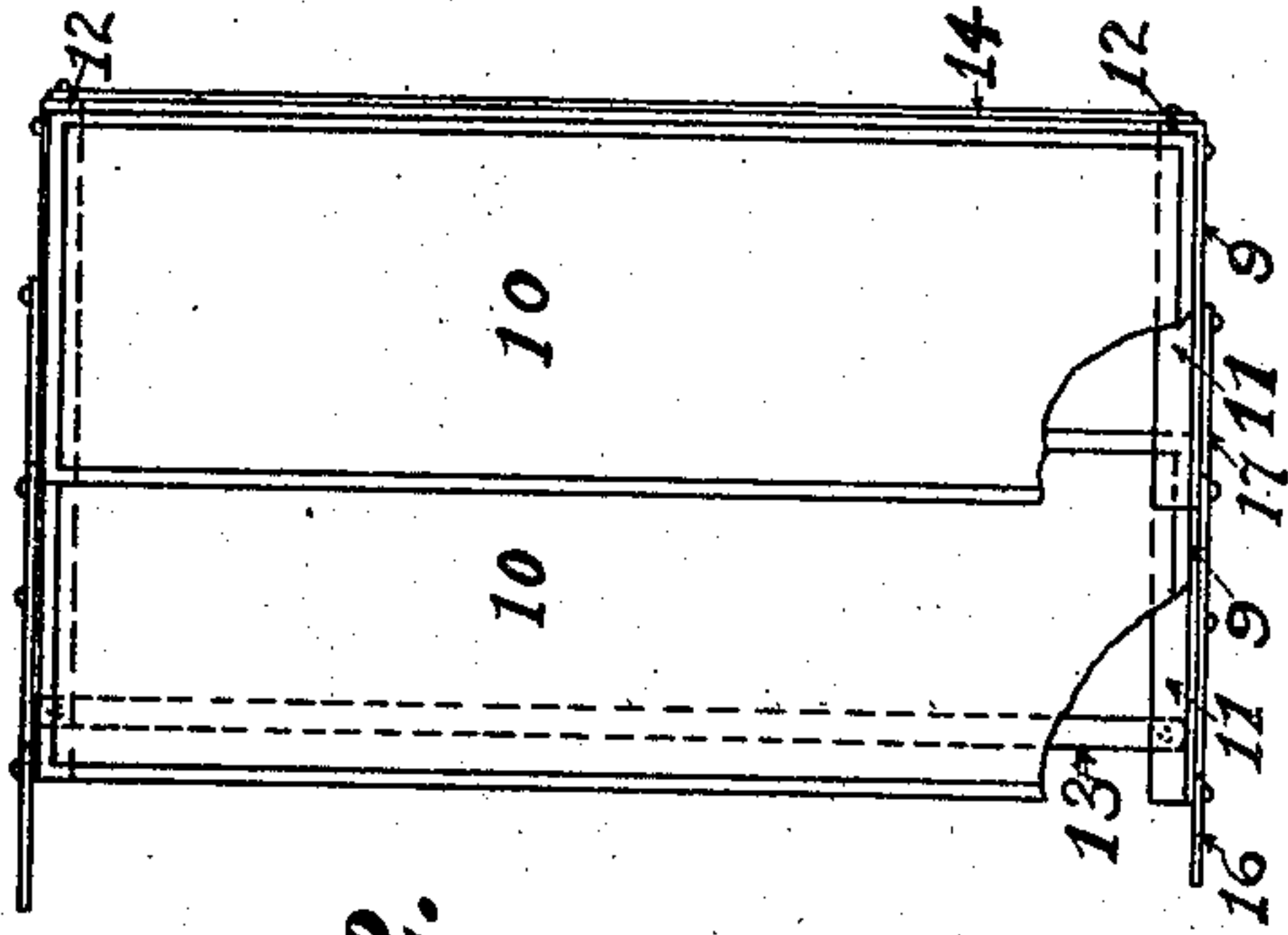


Fig. 2.

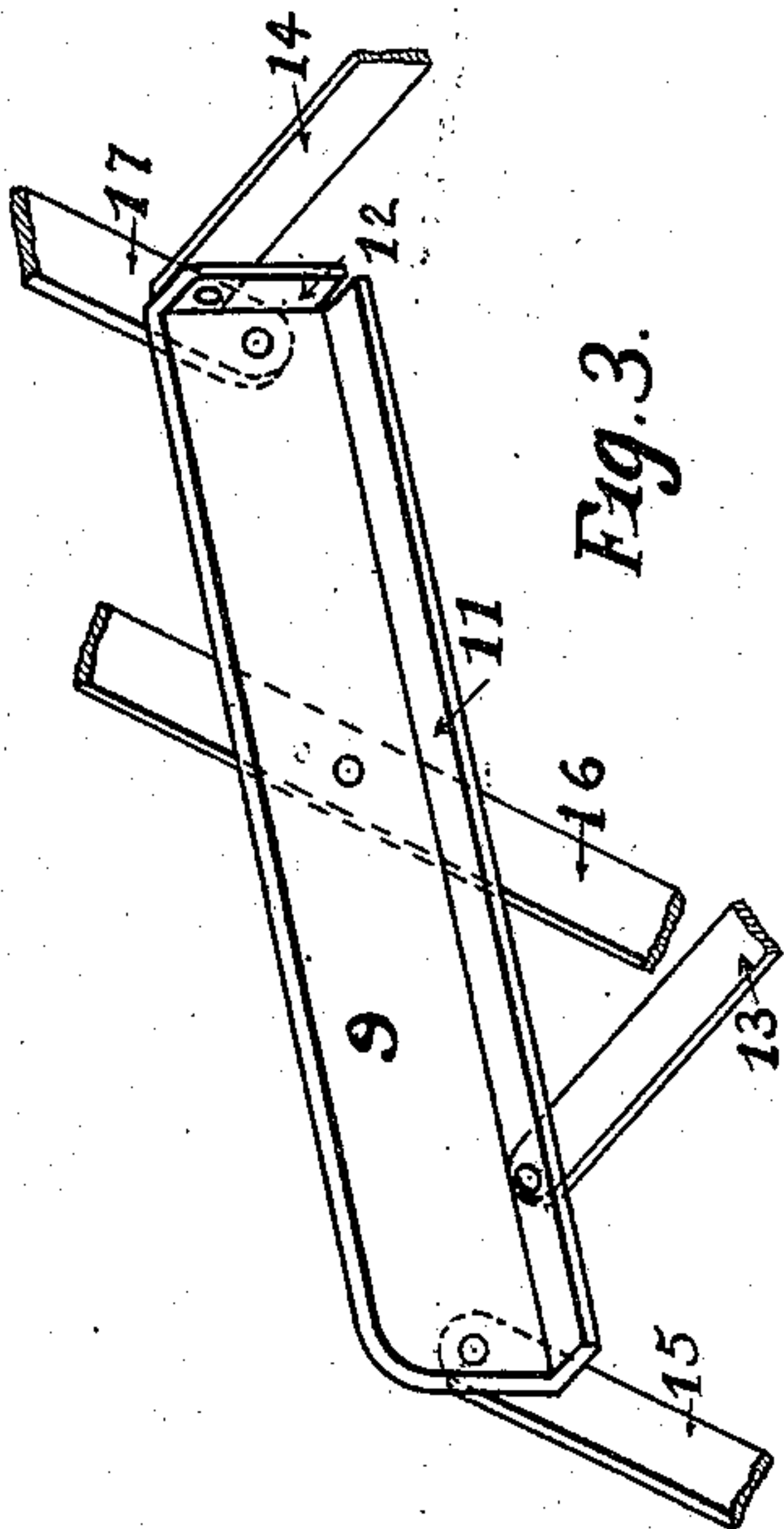


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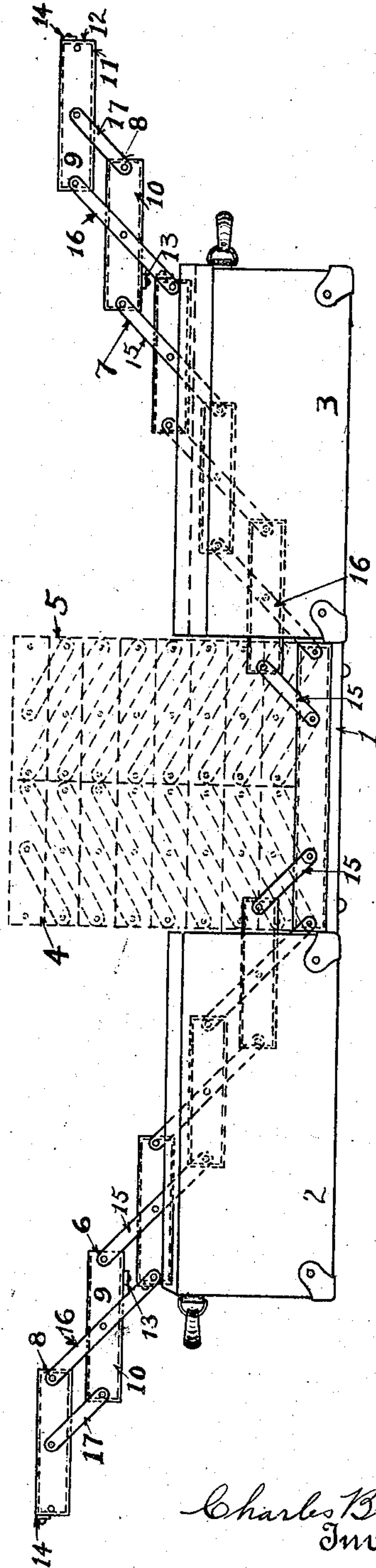


Fig. 1.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES BILLBURG, a citizen of the United States, residing at 593 Wells street, in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sample-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention consists of certain improvements in sample cases for the convenient transportation and display of goods.

10 One of the objects of the invention is to provide a simple and convenient means of holding the several compartments of the case, whether opened and extended for display or closed for transportation.

15 A further object is to provide a convenient means for removing any or all of the several compartments or interchanging them at will among their respective positions.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide means for holding the several removable compartments in their places so that they will not become accidentally disarranged in handling the case.

25 With these objects in view and further objects which will appear as the nature of my invention is more fully disclosed and without limiting myself to the particular construction shown, I will describe in detail one embodiment of my invention, having reference to the annexed drawings, in which:-

30 Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved sample case open and with the compartments extended for display. Fig. 2 is a part plan view showing two of the compartments and the manner in which they are supported. Fig. 3 is a perspective detail view showing the manner in which the compartments are supported at each end.

35 Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

1 is the base of the sample case on the sides of which, attached by suitable hinges, are the covers 2 and 3 having suitable catches or locks for fastening, and handles 40 for carrying when closed. There are two separate sets of the compartments each supported by the base 1 and occupying one half its width and extending to such height as the desired number of compartments may require.

45 4 and 5 represent by dotted lines the position of the two sets of compartments when the case is closed. They rest each in an extensible frame of jointed bars or links 8 pivotally secured to the base of the case and so arranged that they may be extended to the position shown by 6 and 7, in which position the contents of all the compartments are fully displayed. Figs. 2 and 3 show more in detail the construction and arrangement of the compartments and their supporting framework.

9 represents the horizontal members which support

the compartments 10 at either end. These members 9 55 are provided with bottom flanges or ledges 11 to receive the compartments and the back stops or flanges 12 which prevent the compartments from slipping backward out of the framework. The flanges 11 and 12 also provide convenient fastenings for the ties or braces 13 60 and 14 which secure the two sides of the framework in their proper relative positions and which may be used between each pair of the horizontal members 9 or only in such parts of the framework as may seem necessary and desirable. 65

15, 16, and 17 represent the oblique bars or links which are pivotally secured to the end members 9 to form the extensible framework.

The end members 9 with the cross ties or braces 13 and 14 are very important features of my invention. 70 By means of the ledge 11 and the back stop 12, the compartments are held removably in place and not secured permanently in the framework and the ties or braces 13 and 14 prevent any spreading of the sides of the framework without its being fastened to the ends of the compartments. By this arrangement any of the compartments may be removed or their positions changed as may be desired. 75

Having now fully described one of the forms in which my invention may be embodied, what I claim is: 80

1. In a sample case the combination of a base, an inclosing casing in two halves or sections hinged to opposite sides of said base, two extensible frames of jointed bars or links secured to the said base, and trays or compartments removably contained within the said extensible frames. 85

2. In a sample case the combination of a base, an inclosing casing in two halves or sections hinged to the opposite sides of said base, two extensible frames of jointed bars or links secured to the said base, ties or braces connecting the opposite sides of said frames, and trays or compartments removably within the said extensible frames. 90

3. In a sample case the combination of a base, an inclosing casing in two halves or sections hinged to opposite sides of said base, two extensible frames of jointed bars or links secured to the said base, trays or compartments removably contained within the said extensible frames, and flanges or back stops to prevent the said compartments from sliding backward out of the said frames. 95

4. In a sample case the combination of a base, an inclosing casing in two halves or sections hinged to opposite sides of said base, two extensible frames of jointed bars or links secured to the said base, ties or braces connecting the opposite sides of said frames, trays or compartments removably contained within the said extensible frames, and flanges or back stops to prevent the said compartments from sliding backward out of the said frames. 100

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses.

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