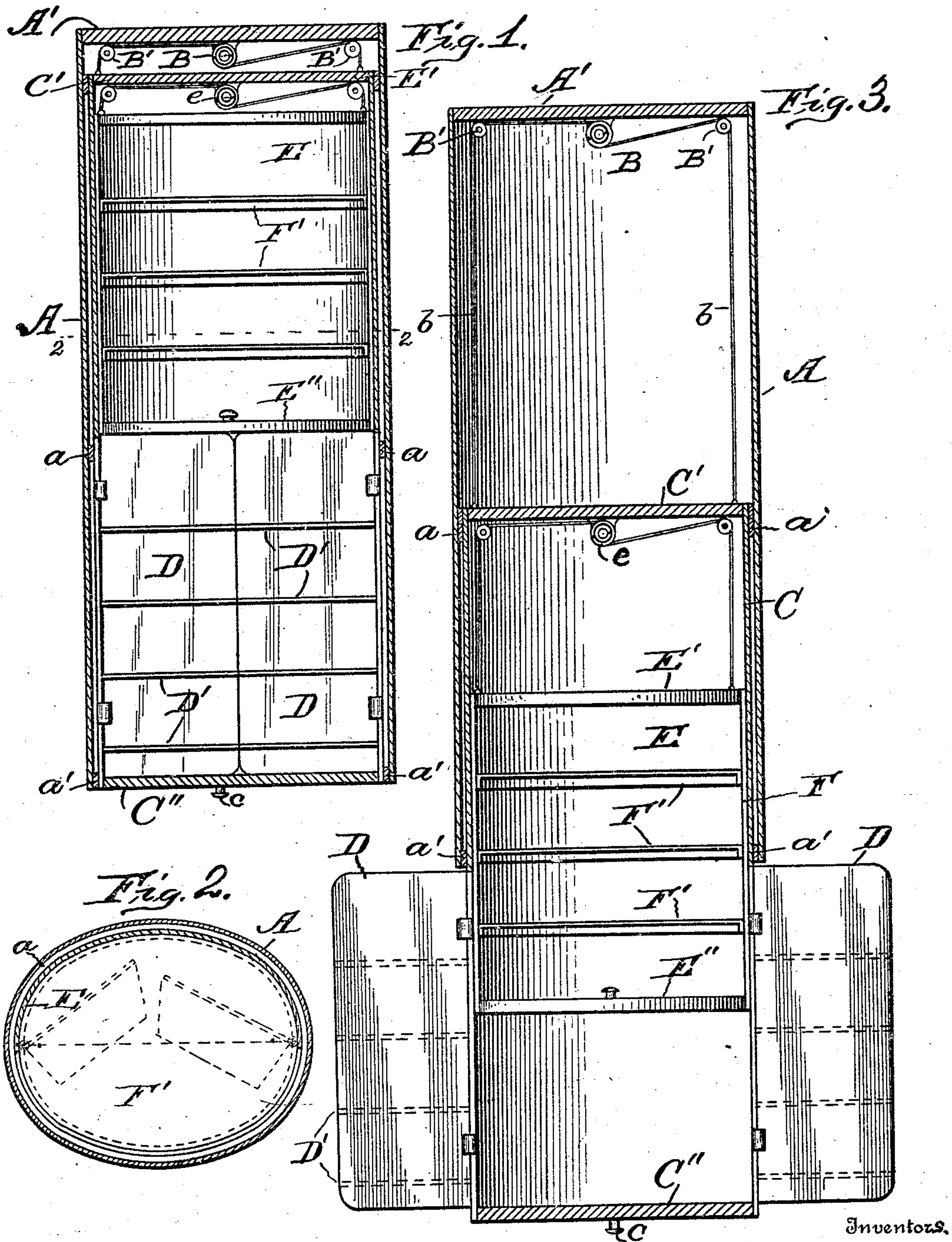


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH B. MACON and EDWARD W. MACON, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Rector, in the county of Clay and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Boxes for Stores, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in display cases or receptacles, the same being adapted to be used in stores for the storage and display of hats and other articles of merchandise, a receptacle made in accord with our invention being adapted to be attached to the ceiling or other overhead support; and the construction of the receptacle is such that the inner sections upon which the goods are placed may be lowered so access can be had readily to the goods placed upon the shelves of the inner sections.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is a vertical section of a receptacle or hat box made in accord with our invention. Fig. 2, is a horizontal section, taken on the line 2—2, and Fig. 3, is a vertical section, one of the telescopic sections being fully lowered, the other one being partially lowered.

The outer casing A of the receptacle, is preferably oval in cross section, though it is within the scope of our invention to have such part cylindrical or of other shape in cross section. The outer casing has a rigid top A' and is open at the bottom and interiorly the outer casing has attached thereto bands a and a', which give rigidity to the wall of said section and by extending inward serve as stops and guides for an intermediate slidable section. The inner side of the top A' has a centrally located spring actuated roller or drum B and near the outer edges of the top are secured guide rollers B' for cords or flexible connections b, the ends of the cords being attached to the drum B and to the upper surface of the top of an intermediate slidable section C. The intermediate section C has a top C' and a bottom C'', the wall or side at a point below the longitudinal center of said section being cut away for about one half of its circumference to provide for access to such section and to the vertical edges are hinged frames D which carry a plurality of shelves D'. The section C is of such length that when it is telescoped or slid upward to the limit of its movement the bottom of the section C will

be on the same plane as the lower edge of the outer casing A, and thus provide a closure therefor. The bottom C'' of the intermediate sliding section has attached to its underside a knob c or other equivalent means for pulling the section downward against the action of the spring, and a catch, hook or a pin may be used to hold the section extended or beyond the outer casing.

E, refers to an inner section, having top E' and bottom E'' which are somewhat less in diameter than the top and bottom pieces of the intermediate section C. The top and bottom pieces E' and E'' are connected by a wall F that carries a series of shelves F'. The top E' is connected to the underside of the top C' of the intermediate section by cords which after passing over guides engages a spring actuated drum or roller e, for lifting the section when unweighted by goods placed upon the shelves F'. When the intermediate section C is lowered to extend below the exterior casing the hinged frames D, D, will prevent the inner section dropping below the front cutaway portion of the intermediate section, the frames engaging the bottom pieces C'' and E'' of the two telescopic sections, and when it is desired to lower the inner section the frames are swung outward to be out of line with the bottom of the inner section when such inner section may be lowered or will drop by gravity, after which the frames may be swung inward. In practice the shelves carried by the intermediate and by the inner section are on the same plane when both sections are lowered and the frames when swung inward will engage the front edges of the shelves of the inner section.

This device is intended to display hats or other objects, by retail merchants the outer casing being suspended so that its lower edge will hang within easy access of the salesman, and the same may be built of either cheap material without ornamentation or of expensive material and ornamentation. In use the goods will be covered except when the intermediate and the inner sections are lowered for display and sale purposes.

Having thus set forth our invention what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is;—

1. In a display case or receptacle for merchandise, the combination of an outer casing which is open at one end, an intermediate section maintained in telescopic engagement

with the outer casing to be projected beyond the outer casing for a part of the length of the intermediate section, and an inner section carried by the intermediate section, substantially as shown.

2. In a display case, an outer casing consisting of a top and side wall, a telescopic section attached to the outer casing to be projected for a part of its length below the outer casing, and frames hinged to the telescopic section, for the purpose set forth.

3. In a display case, an open ended casing, a telescopic section attached thereto said section being cutaway and shelf supporting frames hinged to the telescopic section to be swung either within or beyond the same.

4. In a device for displaying merchandise, an open ended casing, a section maintained in telescopic engagement therewith said telescopic section having a partially open end portion, and an inner telescopic section that is adapted to be lowered to rest upon the bottom of the intermediate telescopic section when the same is below the plane of the bottom of the outer casing.

5. In a device for displaying merchandise, the combination with an open ended outer casing, an intermediate telescopic section which is partially extensible beyond the outer casing, and an inner section maintained in telescopic engagement with the intermediate section.

6. In a device for storing and for displaying merchandise, the combination of an open ended outer casing, an intermediate section which is adapted to be housed within the outer casing and to provide a closure for its open end, frames hinged to the intermediate section, and an inner section attached to the intermediate section said inner section being held within the intermediate section by the frames attached thereto.

7. In a device of the character set forth, an exterior casing comprising a top and a body portion, a spring actuated drum and guides attached to the inner side of the top, an intermediate section, flexible connections be-

tween the top of the intermediate section and the drum, the side portion of the lower part of the intermediate section being open and shelf carrying frames attached to the lower portion of the intermediate section.

8. In a device of the character set forth, an outer casing having means for maintaining the same suspended in a vertical position, an intermediate section having a bottom which is adapted to close the lower end of the outer casing when moved upward to its limit into said casing, means for effecting upward movement of the intermediate section, and frames attached to said section so that they may be moved to engage the lower portion of the outer casing.

9. In a device of the character set forth, an outer casing having a closed top and an open lower end, an intermediate section maintained in telescopic engagement with the outer section and provided below its center with an opening to the side walls of which shelf carrying frames are hinged, and an inner section maintained in telescopic engagement with the intermediate section said inner section being open on one side and provided with a vertical series of shelves.

10. In a device of the character set forth, an outer casing which is open at its lower end and provided on its inner side with a band or stop, an intermediate section maintained in telescopic engagement with the outer casing and provided with a band to limit its projection beyond the lower end of the outer casing, and an inner section that is adapted to be housed within the intermediate section and to be lowered to rest upon the bottom thereof.

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