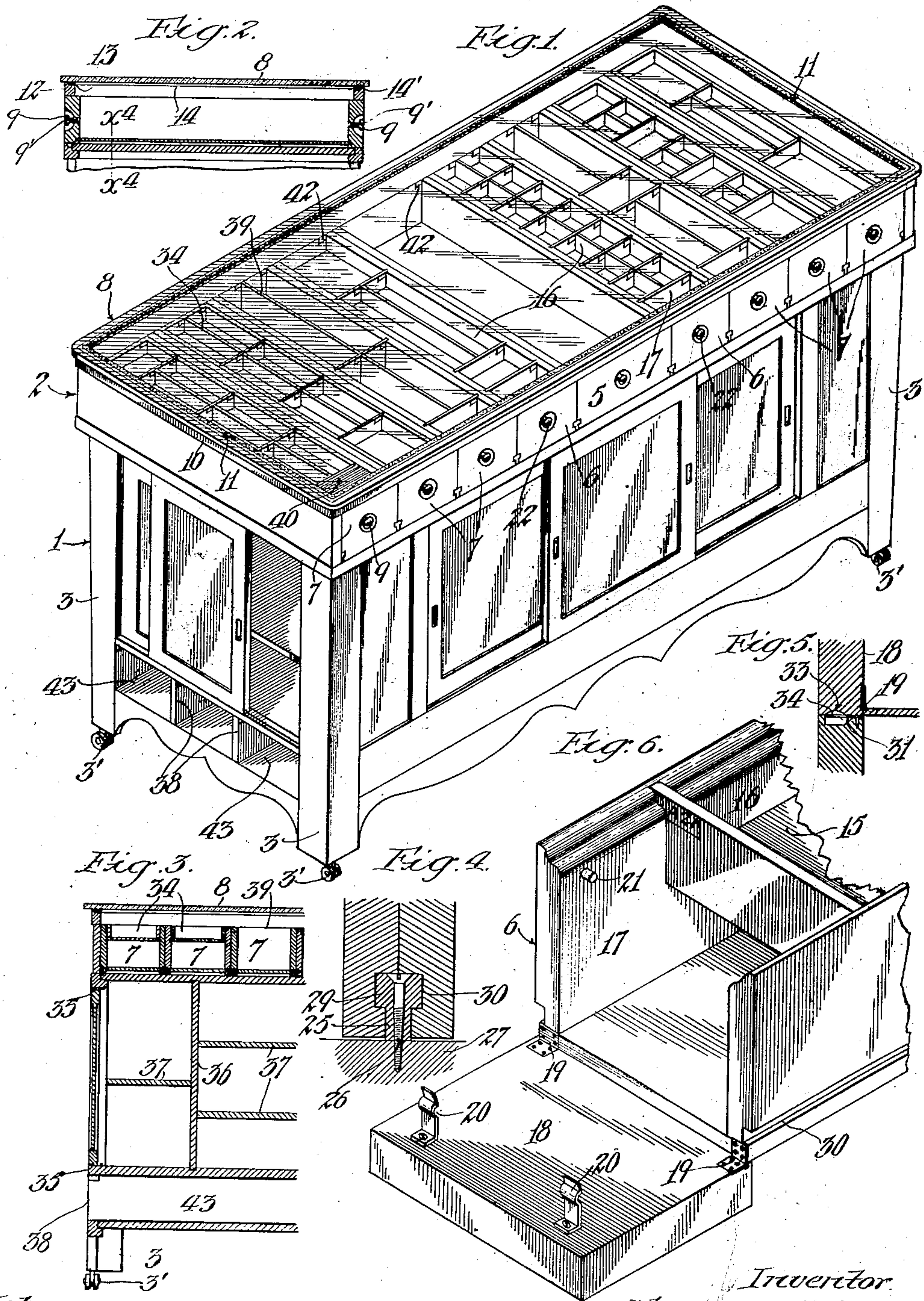


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. WARSOP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Drawer and Construction for Show and Stock Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a construction of drawers particularly adapted for use in show and stock cases and the main object of the invention is to provide means for guiding and supporting the drawers in such manner that the drawers will slide side by side without any intervening partition.

A further object of the invention is to provide such means in connection with a show case having a transparent top so that the drawers present a neater appearance than would be possible with drawers separated and guided by partition strips.

Further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention. Figure 1 is a perspective of the case. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section through the upper part of the case. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section of a portion of the case. Fig. 4 is a section on the line  $x^4-x^4$  in Fig. 2, showing the guides for the drawers. Fig. 5 is a section showing means for retaining the drawers in closed position. Fig. 6 is a perspective of one of the display and stock drawers.

The invention is particularly adapted for selling small articles such as drapery hardware or other hardware, and is illustrated in that connection.

The case comprises a body portion 1 having a frame formed, for example, with four legs 3 which support the body portion 1 and the top portion 2 and are mounted on double wheel ball bearing casters 3' to enable the case to be easily moved. The top portion 2 is a display and selling stock portion, said portion 2 being provided with a series of drawers 5, 6, 7 arranged side by side, and adapted to receive the article to be displayed and sold. Each drawer has a handle or knob 9, preferably recessed into the drawer front, so as not to project beyond the face of the drawer. This knob has a metal flush screw 9' through center with square nut on inside set in flush on back side of drawer. All of these drawers are open topped and a glass top plate 8 extends over the top of all of the

drawers, said glass top plate being fastened to the end walls 10 of the top member by screws 11, the tops of which are flush with the top of the glass plate, said glass plate being countersunk to receive the screw heads. Longitudinal strips 12 extend under the glass plate at the front and rear of the case and a felt or rubber strip 13 rests in a rabbet 14 in the end walls 10 and in said longitudinal strips to give a cushion support for the glass plate, see Fig. 2; the flange or wall 14' at the outside of said wall concealing the felt.

The drawers 5, 6, 7 may be variously subdivided and arranged to receive different articles. In the case shown, there are three kinds of drawers provided. The center drawer 5 is for receiving large articles, this drawer being without partitions; the drawers 6 at each side of the center drawer are for receiving curtain rod fixtures; and a series of drawers 7 is provided at each end of the case for receiving other small hardware articles. Each drawer 6 has a false bottom 15 extending from the rear to the front end, the space above this false bottom being subdivided by partitions 16 to receive rod supports, etc., and the space beneath the false bottom may be utilized for the reception of extension rods or the like, which are too long to be placed in the subdivision above the false bottom. The opening or space 17 at the front of the false bottom enables the extension rods to be viewed from above the case by looking through the transparent top. In order to insert and remove the rods, however, it is necessary that the front end of the drawer should be moved out of the way and for this purpose said front is formed as a door 18 hinged at 19 to the drawer, so as to turn down out of the way, as shown in Fig. 6, said door having one or more spring catches 20 which when the door is closed against the front of the drawer will engage with corresponding detents or projections 21 on the inside of the drawer to hold the drawer in closed position until it is pulled open by a positive pull upon the operating knob or handle 22 thereof.

Each drawer 5, 6, or 7 slides transversely in the case under the top so that it can be pulled out at either the front or the back of the case according to which operation will give quickest access to the articles desired. The drawers are guided by a guide flange, rail or strip 25 secured by screws 26 to the



bottom board or plate 27 of the top member of the case, said strip having an enlarged head 29 and the side wall of each drawer being grooved, as at 30 to fit the head and web of the rail 25 so that each drawer is guided by a rail at each side thereof, and the upper part of the wall of each drawer is in close proximity to the top part of the adjacent wall of the next drawer. By these means a minimum of space is occupied and a neat appearance is presented at the top of the case. A snap or catch 31 is provided at the forward end of each drawer, said catch being formed as a spring member having a projection 32 adapted to engage in the recess 33 in the bottom of the drawer or the end wall thereof, as shown in Fig. 5, so that when the drawer is pushed in it will be caught and held in closed position but can be released by a positive pull thereon in either direction. Each of the drawers 7 may have partitions which may be formed in removable trays 34, or may be attached directly to the walls of the drawer, as at 39.

The lower portion of the case is utilized for reserve stock or for articles used with those in the top part of the case, but too large to be received therein. For this purpose the case has sliding doors at the front, rear and ends thereof, there being three doors at the front and rear and two doors at each end and said doors sliding past each other and guided by rails 35 on the top and bottom strips of the frame of the lower portion of the case. Partitions 36 divide the space within this portion of the case and one or more shelves 37 may also be provided for dividing said space. Below this portion of the case a series of compartments may extend longitudinally of the case, these compartments being separated by partitions 38.

In one of the drawers 7, for example, an

end drawer, a special space or compartment 40 is provided to receive a card index, as indicated in Fig. 1, and the respective drawers or the compartments thereof are provided with tags or labels, indicated at 42, corresponding to the numbers on the card index. Similarly, the various shelves or compartments of the reserve case 1 and of the reserve portions 43, or generally all the compartments of the whole case, may also be provided with tags corresponding to the cards in the index.

What I claim is:

1. In a show and stock case, a drawer provided with a false bottom extending over a portion thereof, leaving an opening between said bottom and one end of the drawer, and a movable closure at one end of said drawer consisting of a door hinged to the drawer and catch means for holding said drawer in closed position said catch means comprising interengaging devices on the door and on the body of the drawer.

2. A show and stock case having a transparent top and an open topped drawer supported beneath said top, said drawer being provided with a false bottom extending over a portion thereof, leaving an opening between said bottom and one end of the drawer, and a movable closure at one end of said drawer consisting of a door hinged to the drawer and catch means for holding said drawer in closed position said catch means comprising interengaging devices on the door and on the body of the drawer.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 24th day of October, 1908.

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