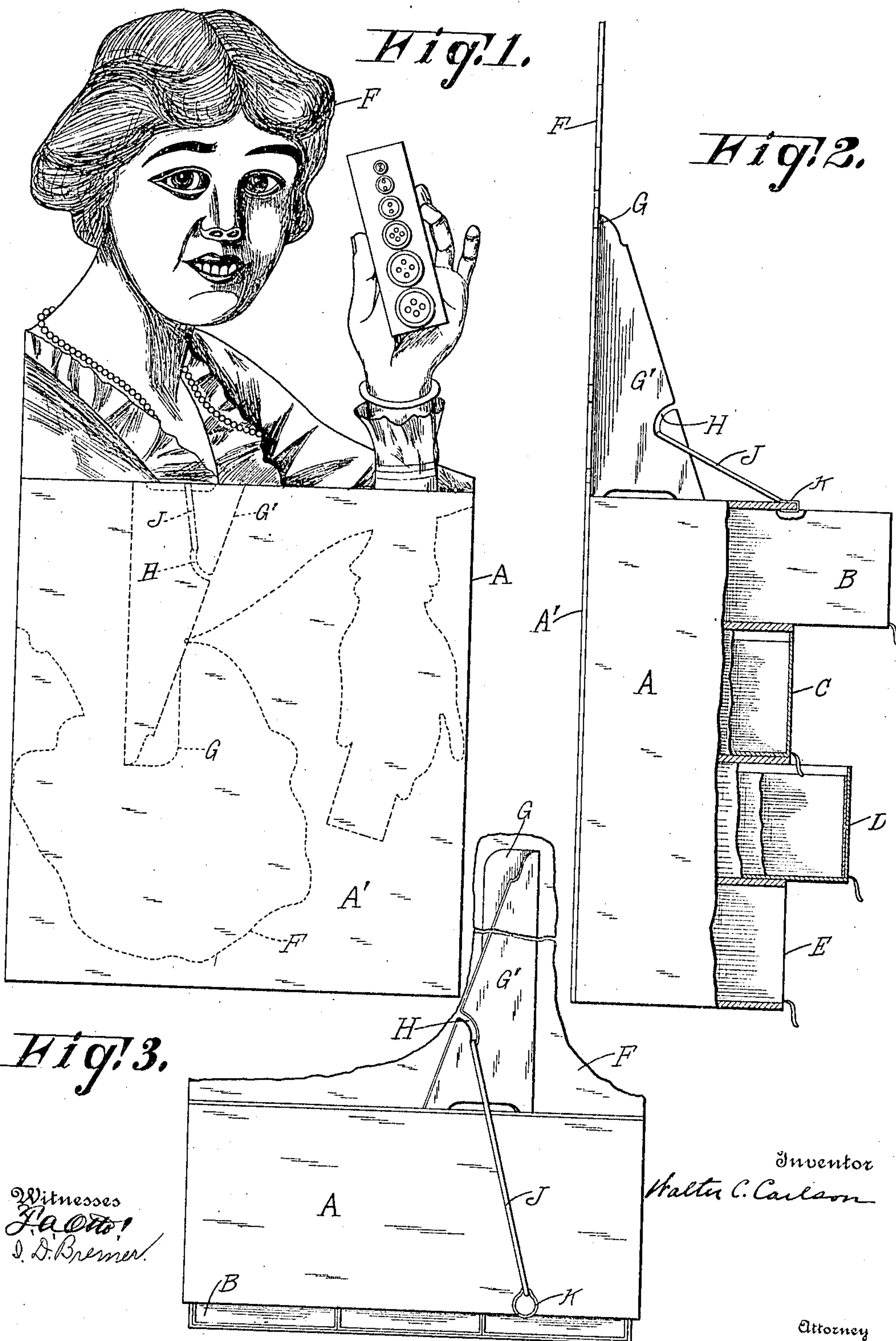


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER C. CARLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, county of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Display-Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in folding display cabinets for buttons and other small articles, such as are suited for counter or shelf display.

The object of my invention is to provide a form of cabinet adapted to contain articles of differing size, and having display projections of irregular contour, which may be folded and protected during transportation, said projections being resiliently held in either the folded or unfolded position.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a button cabinet embodying my invention, with dotted lines showing the parts in folded position.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same with the drawers partially extended.

Fig. 3 is a plan view, also showing the drawers partially extended.

Like parts are identified by the same reference characters throughout the several views.

My improved cabinet comprises a rectangular receptacle A provided with a series of removable drawers B, C, D and E, which slide in and out from the rear side of the cabinet. These drawers and the walls of the cabinet are preferably formed of card board, and each drawer is provided with an operating handle which preferably comprises a loop of ribbon or tape, having its ends glued to the bottom of the drawer with the central portion projecting, as shown.

The front wall A' of the cabinet is extended upwardly, the extension F being of irregular contour and adapted to attract the attention of the purchaser. In the construction shown, this projection is contoured to represent the bust outline of a female figure with one fore arm in a raised position and a hand grasping and displaying a card upon which buttons of differing size are mounted. This extension is creased or partially severed from the wall A' along its rear face and at the top of the cabinet, to provide a folding line, whereby the extension may be folded upon the front of the

cabinet as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. It is suitably braced when in the raised or extended position by a piece of card board having a portion G glued to the rear face of the extension, and a folding triangular portion G' which normally projects at right angles to the portion G and is adapted to rest upon the top of the cabinet, as best shown in Fig. 2. The portion G' is provided with a notch H in its rear margin intermediate of its upper and lower ends, in which a rubber band J may engage. The other end of the band is connected with the rear margin of the top of the cabinet by a suitable fastening K preferably formed of wire coiled into a form suitable to loop through the rubber band and to also hook over the edge of the top wall. The band J is under tension and is adapted to be distended when the extension F is folded downwardly. It will thereupon pull the portion G' of the brace member to a folded position, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1 and will tend to hold it in such position, since any movement toward the unfolded position will first distend the band.

Any suitable form of extensible spring may be substituted for the rubber band, and the parts of the cabinet including the display extension and the brace may be made of any suitable material. But the materials above described are preferred for the reason that they are inexpensive and durability is not largely considered, since the period of use of such cabinets is usually short. They may be sufficiently inexpensive, to allow the articles to be packed, shipped and sold therein, as in any ordinary containers. The face of the extension A' may be pictorially designed, colored, or contoured to represent any object calculated to attract attention.

I claim—

1. A cabinet for buttons and other small articles, provided with a vertical wall having a folding extension, a folding brace secured to the rear face of said extension, and a resilient connection between an intermediate portion of the brace, and the opposite side of the cabinet from that which is provided with said extension, said resilient connection being adapted to also retain the extension in folded position.

2. A cabinet for buttons and other small

articles, comprising a receptacle having one wall extended upwardly and adapted to fold along a line substantially coincident with the top of the receptacle, a triangular
5 brace, adapted to fold in one direction upon the rear face of said extension and having a lower end adapted to rest upon the top of the cabinet, and a resilient connection between an intermediate portion of the
10 brace and the top of the cabinet, said brace

member having a notch in its rearwardly extending portion and said connection consisting of an extensible band looped through the notched portion of the brace.

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in the presence of two witnesses.

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