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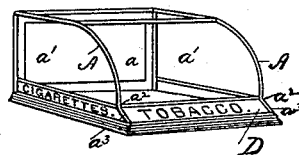


Fig. 1.

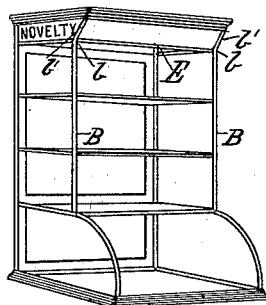


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES IRONS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of one form of case; and Fig. 2, a similar view of another form of case, my improvements being applied to both.

The object of my invention is to provide a combined show-case and sign of peculiar construction, or a show-case of a novel construction having provision for a sign-plate, which may be inserted and withdrawn at pleasure, to permit changing of lettering or for other purpose, and in which the sign shall be conspicuously displayed, or at such an angle with reference to the glass of the show-case that it will be brought into prominence.

My invention consists, essentially, first, in the construction of the posts or frame-bars of the show-case in such manner that a glass sign or plate may be let into the frame at an angle different from the body-glass, and form a portion of the wall, front, or sides of the case; and, second, in the combination of the show-case and sign, the sign forming a portion of the wall, side, or front of the case, being separate from the body-glass and detachable, as hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figs. 1 and 2 represent two different styles of show-cases with my improvements applied thereto, Fig. 1 showing a flat or counter case, and Fig. 2 an upright case.

A A represent the corner-posts or frame-bars of Fig. 1. Ordinarily these posts or bars have been made to form a regular curve from the flat top to the bottom of the case, and where a sign has been desired it has generally been painted directly on the glass a , forming the front of the case, or on the glass sides $a' a'$.

With my improvement, instead of continuing the curve, as heretofore, from the top to the bottom of the case, I bend or deflect the post or bars A A so as to form angles at a^2 and

inclines a^3 . The curved portions of the bars receive the curved front glass plate, as heretofore, while the sign D, which is a separate plate of glass, (or of metal, or of other material, if preferred,) is fitted to the inclines a^3 , and rests at an angle with respect to the curved front. In like manner, with a straight front case—such, for example, as that shown in Fig. 2—I bend or deflect the corner-posts B B so as to form angles $b b$ and inclines $b' b'$, the sign-plate E being fitted to the inclined parts of the bars or posts, so as to produce the effect of a pediment with beveled front.

Where it is not desired to have the sign inclined, but in the same plane as the body-glass—as, for example, in the sides or ends of the case—this may be done by allowing the sign-plates to remain vertical or in the planes of the sides, such side plates, however, being in all cases made separate from the body-glass or main portion of the glass of the case, and readily detachable without disturbing such main portion or body-glass.

The advantages of the foregoing-described construction are, briefly, as follows:

The sign-plate, being separate from the main glass of the case, may be readily removed from the latter to have its lettering or wording changed. When the sign is in position, it forms a portion of the front or sides, either or both, of the case, and when inclined or beveled is at an angle which gives it particular prominence, attracting attention to its wording, and effectually subserving the purpose for which it is intended.

The deflection of the corner-posts or frame-bars results in the production of novel and attractive varieties in the designs of the cases to which my improvements are applied, enlarging or extending the base or imparting a pedimental appearance to the top.

The sign-plate is secured in position in the case in the same manner as the glass front or sides of the latter—that is, by attachment of its ends to the corner-posts or frame-bars—and by any suitable form of fastening which will permit its detachment when necessary or desirable.

The advantage of the detachable feature of the sign-plate will be readily perceived, as it permits the changing of the sign without detriment to the case, and avoids in great measure the trouble and loss incident to having the

sign painted or lettered directly on the main portion of the glass.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A show-case having its corner-posts or
5 frame-bars deflected or bent, and forming inclines for the reception of a sign-plate, substantially as shown and described.
2. A combined show-case and sign, the sign
10 being on a plate forming a part of the wall of the case and detachable therefrom, substantially as shown and described.
3. A show-case and sign combined, the sign

consisting of a plate arranged at an angle with respect to the main portion or body-glass of the front or side of the case, said plate forming a portion of the front or side of the case, substantially as shown and described. 15

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of November, 1885.

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