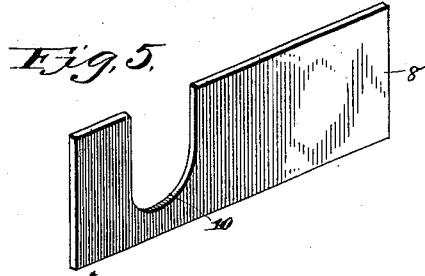
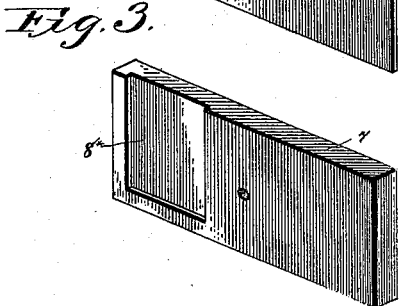
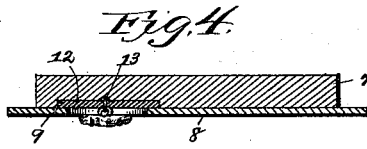
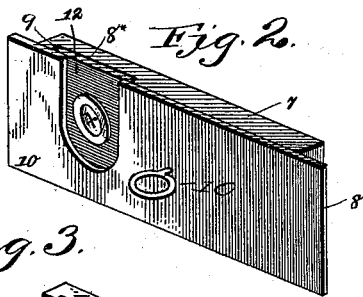
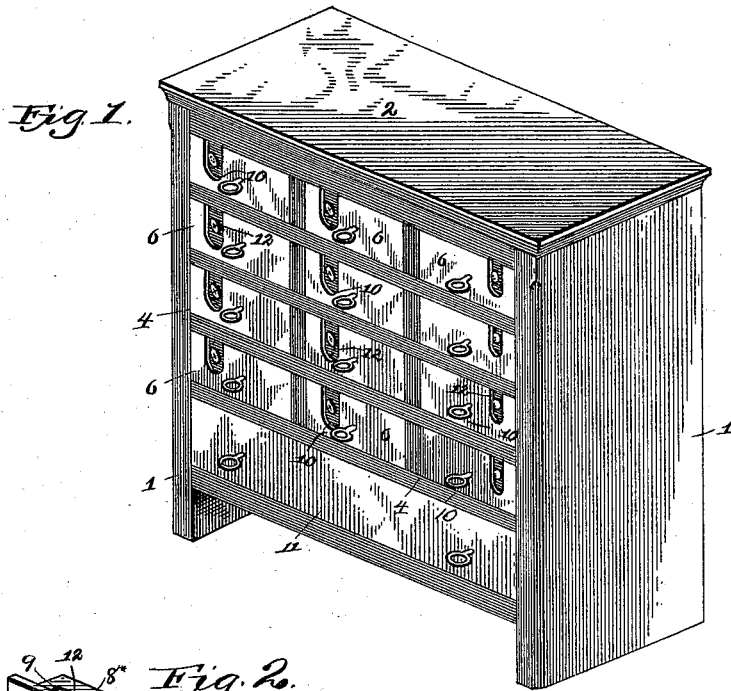


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENRY MORSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shady Grove, in the county of Crittenden and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Button Case and Exhibitor, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to a button case and exhibitor; and the objects and advantages of the same will hereinafter appear, and be particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a button case and exhibitor constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective of the front panel of one of the drawers; Fig. 3, a similar view with the front plate removed; Fig. 4, a transverse section; Fig. 5, a detached view of the front plate.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I construct the case of any desired dimensions and construction, and do not limit my invention in this regard. In this instance the case consists of opposite side walls 1, a top 2, and a front wall, in which is formed any desired number of drawer-receiving openings 4, provided with the usual slides. In these openings are mounted drawers 6, the front walls 7 of which are provided with a square shallow recess 8*, and over the front walls are mounted a front plate 8, having an opening 10—in this instance U-shaped—and extending from its upper edge inwardly, registering with the shallow recess, but being slightly smaller, so that in conjunction with the recess a pocket 9 is formed. The front plate of each drawer may be of sheet metal or veneer, as desired, and I provide each with an ordinary drawer-pull or knob 10. In this instance I provide three series of four drawers each, and below the same provide a larger drawer 11. Each of the drawers is intended to contain a dozen cards of buttons, and is of a size adapted for their reception.

A removable card 12 is inserted in each of the pockets 9, and upon said card is mounted a button of the style contained in that drawer, so that the usual piling of boxes one upon another and a disturbance of the entire tier for the purpose of removing or securing access to one of the boxes is avoided. In instances where the button is provided with a shank, I pro-

vide the shallow recess with a vertical groove 13, centrally located in the face of the recess 8*, and thus permit of the insertion of a sample card and button, the shank of the button passing within the groove, whereby said button is prevented from being forced from its sample-card and loosened.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A drawer the outer surface of the front panel of which is provided with a shallow recess open at one end and formed near the edge of the panel, and a plate mounted over the panel and having a recess smaller than and registering with the recess in the panel and forming a pocket adapted to receive a card, substantially as specified.

2. A drawer the outer surface of the front panel of which is provided with a shallow recess and a superimposed plate having a smaller recess extending from its upper edge, registering with and overlapping the shallow recess of the panel and forming a pocket, and a card inserted in the pocket and bearing a sample of the contents of the drawer, substantially as specified.

3. A drawer the front panel of which is provided with a shallow recess having a central groove, a plate mounted over the panel and having an opening registering with and extending beyond the edge of the recess forming a pocket, and a card mounted in the pocket, and a button mounted on the card, the shank of the same extending through the card and into the groove, substantially as specified.

4. The combination, with a case having a series of drawer-openings, of a series of drawers mounted in the openings, the outer surface of the front panels of each of which is provided with shallow recesses and superimposed plates having U-shaped openings mounted over the panels, the edges of the openings overlapping the edges of the recesses, rectangular cards mounted in the pockets formed by the recess and openings, and buttons mounted on the card, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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