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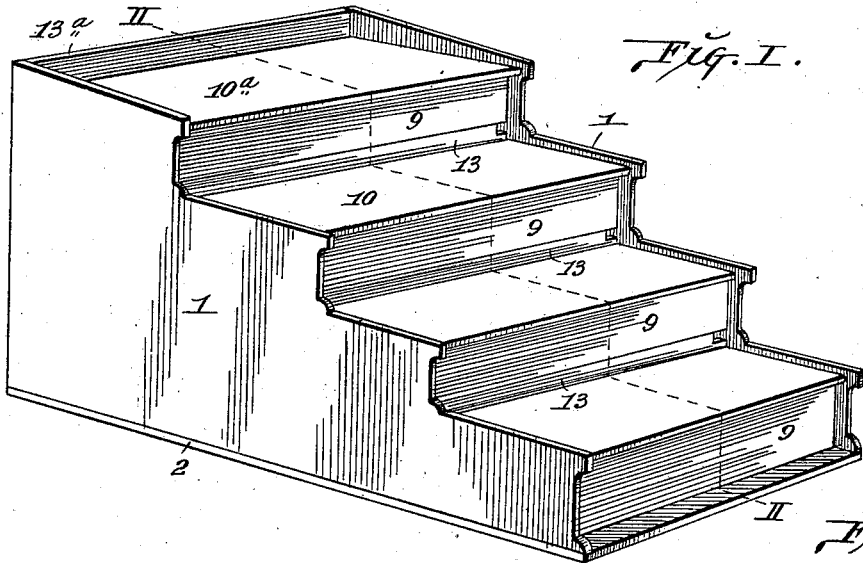


Fig. I.

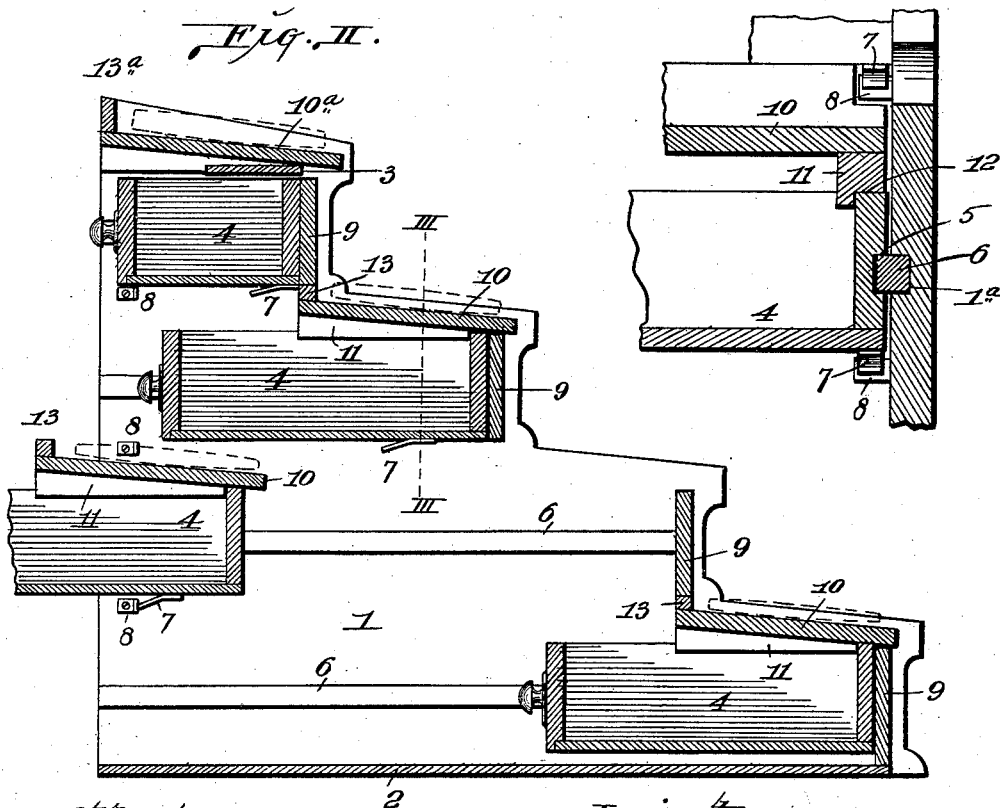


Fig. II.

Fig. III.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SPARKS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Merchant's Display and Stock Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming
10 part of this specification.

My invention relates to a cabinet provided with drawers adapted to contain a stock of merchandise and to hold exterior of said drawers
15 articles of merchandise for display such as are contained by the drawers.

The invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

Figure I is a perspective view of the cabinet. Fig. II is an enlarged vertical sectional
20 view taken on line II II, Fig. I. Fig. III is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on line III III, Fig. II.

1 designates the side walls of the cabinet, which are joined together by a base 2 and a
25 cross-piece 3. (See Fig. II.)

4 designates drawers arranged in stepped series and slidably arranged between the side walls 1 of the cabinet, each drawer being
30 provided with grooves 5, (see Fig. III,) that receive guide strips or runners 6, which are set into grooves 1^a of the side walls 1. The drawers are thereby arranged and so supported as to be readily slid to and fro between
35 the side walls 1, and their rearward movement is limited by tongues 7, fixed to the bottoms of the drawers and adapted to strike against stops 8 when the drawers are moved rearwardly. Extending transversely of the cabinet
40 between the walls 1 are vertical facing-boards 9, that occupy positions in front of each drawer 4.

10 designates inclined shelves loosely mounted on all of the drawers 4 except the
45 topmost one, the said shelves being supported in inclined position by tapering strips 11,

that are rabbeted on their under sides, as shown at 12, (see Fig. III,) to fit the upper edges of the side walls of the drawers. Each
shelf 10 is provided at its rear edge with a
50 cleat 13, surmounting the shelf and arranged to close the space between the shelf and the surmounting drawer, as seen in Fig. II. The topmost drawer 4 is surmounted by an inclined
shelf 10^a, fixed to the side walls of the cabinet, and having located above it at the rear
55 edge a cleat 13^a.

The drawers of the cabinet are adapted to contain a stock of the merchandise offered for
60 sale, and the inclined shelves 10 and 10^a surmounting the drawers provide for the display of articles taken from the stock within the drawers.

In the use of the cabinet the drawers are readily moved rearwardly and the shelves
65 may be easily lifted from the drawers to place them before the purchaser for closer observation, it being understood that the cabinet should be positioned within a glass show-case, so as to prevent dust and dirt from settling
70 on the displayed articles. When a purchase is made by a customer, the drawers are in convenient position for the extraction of an article of the same description as that displayed
75 and selected by the purchaser, or the article displayed may be sold and be replaced by another taken from the stock in the drawer.

I claim as my invention—

In a cabinet of the character described, the combination of the side walls, a series of draw-
80 ers arranged in stepped positions and slidably mounted between said walls, shelves surmounting the forward ends of said drawers, and tapering rabbeted strips arranged beneath said shelves and adapted to rest upon
85 the side walls of said drawers, substantially as described.

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