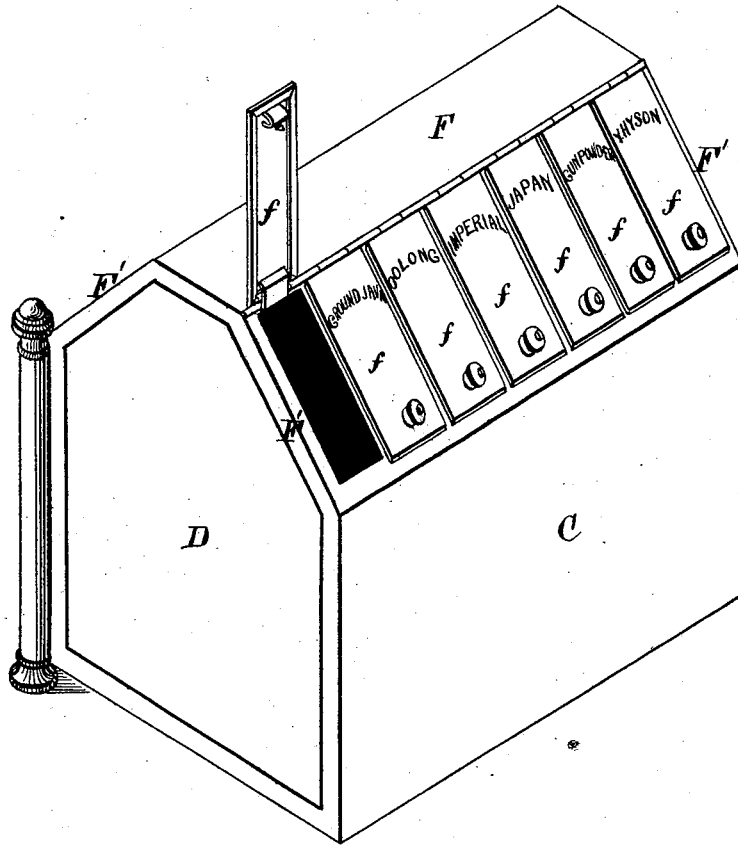


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TEA-CADDIES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WM. T. SHERER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tea-Caddies; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which is shown in perspective the rear side of my improved caddy.

The object of my invention is to enable tea, coffee, and other like articles of merchandise sold in small quantities to be stored in a convenient, compact, easily accessible, and attractive form upon the counter of a store; and to this end it consists, as a new article of manufacture, in the hereinafter-described caddy, constructed in the manner and for the purpose specified.

In the annexed drawings, A represents the bottom, B and C the front and rear walls, respectively, and D and D the end walls, of my caddy, which has, in plan view, a general rectangular shape, except that said front wall is formed into two ornamental panels, which swell outward, and are separated and bordered by three half-round columns, E and E, as shown. The upper side of the caddy is inclosed by a cover, which consists of a narrow, elevated, and horizontal central section, F, and two side sections, F' and F', that incline outward and downward from the edges of said section F to the upper edges of the sides B and C. Interiorly, the caddy is divided into a number of compartments, G and G, by means of a series of partitions, g and g, which extend from front to rear, and from the bottom to the top, as shown in Fig. 3. One or both

of the sections F' and F' are divided vertically upon lines that correspond to the partitions g and g, and such divisions f and f are hinged at their upper ends to or upon the section F, and are capable of being raised separately, so as to uncover the compartment directly beneath.

The device, thus constructed, is used as follows: Each hinged cover, f, or the portion corresponding thereto, has painted, or otherwise affixed to its outer side, the name of the article to be contained within the compartment directly beneath. The compartments are filled and the caddy placed upon the counter. The purchaser upon the outer side of the counter can raise a cover and inspect the quality of the article contained within any compartment, while the dealer, by means of the rear covers, can easily remove so much of the said article as may be required.

It is intended that the exterior of the caddy shall be ornamented so as to cause it to present a neat and tasteful appearance.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, the herebefore described caddy, containing a series of parallel compartments, G and G, inclosed upon their upper and opposite sides F' and F by the sloping hinged covers f and f, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of January, 1875.

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