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## DESIGN FOR SHOW-CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY R. BROWN, of Greenville, county of Greene, and State of Tennessee, have invented a certain new and original Design for Show-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an empty show-case embodying my design, and as it (said case) appears when looking toward it from the front side thereof. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same case, indicating the symmetrical appearance of the front and rear faces of the case, and the general effect which it will produce upon the eye of the beholder when it is filled with goods for display.

Like letters in both figures indicate corresponding parts.

My design pertains to that class of show-cases ordinarily to be used upon store-counters, in show-windows, and in similar situations by store-keepers and others.

The class of merchandise to be displayed is, of course, not essential to the effective use of the design, since obviously any line of goods or articles may be placed within the case; but if goods or articles of a uniform, or nearly uniform, size and shape—such as spools, pill-boxes, bottles, &c.—be placed therein, the case when filled will present a more pleasing appearance, substantially as indicated in the sectional view, Fig. 2.

The base A is rectangular in plan, is neatly molded around its four sides, and is made a little larger than cover B.

The interior semi-cylinder or stand C is located upon the base, and so as to leave a nearly uniform space between it and the cover, and between its lower edges and those of the base A.

The cover B is composed of a semi-cylinder of glass, *b*, provided with a base-molding, *c*, and two semicircular end pieces, *d d*, bound by corresponding semicircular moldings *e e*.

The end moldings, *e e*, are neatly jointed with the base-pieces and with the moldings *g g*, which form the bases of the ends of the cover, and within the semicircle so formed are inserted the glass or other plates *d d*.

At the rear of the base and cover may be seen the projecting portions of the hinges, one of which is indicated at *a*.

The interior frame or stand C, instead of being flat, as heretofore ordinarily made, is composed of the semicircular end plates, *i i*, and a semi-cylindrical body, C, the end plates being made to extend a trifle beyond the surface of the body, as shown.

Upon the body are located a suitable number of radially-projecting strips or slats, *k k*. These slats may be four in number, (two upon each side,) and when the case is filled with articles the slats are seen projecting through between the lower rows of articles, as indicated in Fig. 2, both sides of the case being similar in appearance.

Upon the end plates, *i i*, it is intended to display the name or character of the articles within the case, and upon the pieces *d d* any printed or painted ornamentation may be affixed.

When the several moldings upon the cover and upon the base are formed substantially as shown in the drawings, they afford a pleasing effect upon the sight, and the whole case, mounted and arranged substantially as shown, makes a very attractive exterior, capable of being heightened by a tasteful and symmetrical display of goods within.

The invention contemplates the usual latitude in the minor matters of shape of moldings used, coloring, and ornamentations employed, &c., it being intended to vary these in accordance with the character of goods designed to be displayed, in accordance with the height and length of the case, and according to other circumstances, care being taken to present a pleasing and artistic appearance within the scope of the invention.

The invention herein intended to be covered does not embrace the mechanical novelty which may exist in the show-case illustrated in the drawings; but nothing herein is to be construed as a waiver of any right to apply for a mechanical patent for the show-case should such course at any time be deemed advisable or desirable.

I am aware that a curved top for a show-case has heretofore been used, and do not therefore desire to be understood as making

any broad claim herein to such feature of the design; but,

Having now fully described my invention, what I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a design for a show-case, the base having molded edges, the semi-cylindrical frame or stand centrally located upon said base, said stand being provided with the end plates and being smaller than the cover, the whole being assembled and presenting an appearance substantially as shown and described.

2. The herein-described design for a show-case, composed of base A, cover B, having the

described moldings, and the interior stand made semi-cylindrical in form, the same being provided with radially-projecting slats and projecting end plates, the whole presenting an appearance substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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