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## IMPROVED SHOW-CASE FOR CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. BROWN, of Owego, in the county of Tioga and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Show-Case for Cigars and Tobacco; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of my invention, with a piece broken out to show the internal arrangement. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same. Fig. 3 represents the device I use for locking the case.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of my invention is to produce a new and ornamental case for holding cigars and tobacco, intended for use in places where such articles are kept for sale.

My invention consists in arranging a series of compartments in a circular or polygonal case, having a glass top or cover, in such manner that each compartment may be brought underneath a door in the top or covering thereof, for the purpose of enabling the party purchasing to select the particular priced or kind of cigar he desires, the said price or name being denoted on a plate conveniently arranged in the center of the case and revolving with the compartments, and in arranging the door in the top in such manner as to prevent its being opened by any person except the vender of the articles in the case.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents the sides or body of the case, which is circular in form and made of metal or wood, and ornamented with figures or designs to enhance its attractive appearance.

B is the top or cover, which is composed of one or more plates of glass set in a proper frame. This cover is secured to the body A in any suitable manner, and has around its circumference an ornamental beading, *a*, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. An opening is left in this cover sufficiently large to enable a person to readily insert the hand for the purpose of selecting from the contents of the compartment which has been brought under this opening, it being likewise ornamented by beading *d* around its edges. Underneath this opening a door, C, is fitted to slide. The said door is operated by means of a rod, *e*, extending across

the case to the rear thereof or the part nearest the back of the counter, the said rod working on a fulcrum-pin, *d*, in the center of the case, and arranged to slide in a slot provided for it underneath the cover B. A spring-catch, *e*, is arranged on the back of the case for securing the said rod *a* when the door C is closed, so that a person cannot open the door. As a further security, a lock, D, is provided, which is capable of locking the said rod *e* so that it cannot be operated until the key has been inserted to withdraw the bolt *f*, which holds the spring-catch *e* immovable. In Fig. 1 the door is shown closed, and it is likewise shown open by red outline in the same figure.

E is a revolving box, circular in form, and fitted to revolve within the body A of the case and underneath the cover thereof. This box E is divided into suitable compartments, triangular in shape. In the bottom of some of these compartments I place a perforated plate, *g*, under which may be laid a dampened sponge or cloth, for keeping moist the papers of tobacco placed therein. Around the outside of this box E, I arrange a series of cogs or a corrugated metal belt, F, to afford an easy revolution of the said box E, access being had to it by the finger through a slot, *h*, cut in the case for the purpose, as shown clearly in Fig. 2.

On the front of the case I arrange a suitable receiver, G, for holding a piece of sand-paper, on which to ignite the matches, which is so made that a new piece may be inserted when desired. Near this receiver G there is arranged on the body A of the case a suitable receptacle, H, for holding matches.

A show-case for holding cigars and tobacco, constructed according to my invention, as above described, will be found a neat and ornamental acquisition on the counter of every tobacconist or in any other place where cigars and tobacco are sold. Its capability of revolving, (so as to present any compartment with its contents to the hand of the purchaser,) and its locking capacities are so easy and effective that it meets a great want in articles of the kind.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A show-case for cigars and tobacco, constructed substantially as herein shown and described.

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