

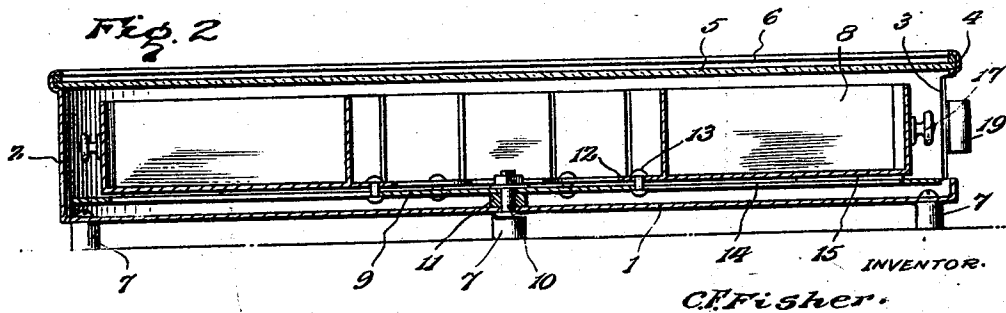
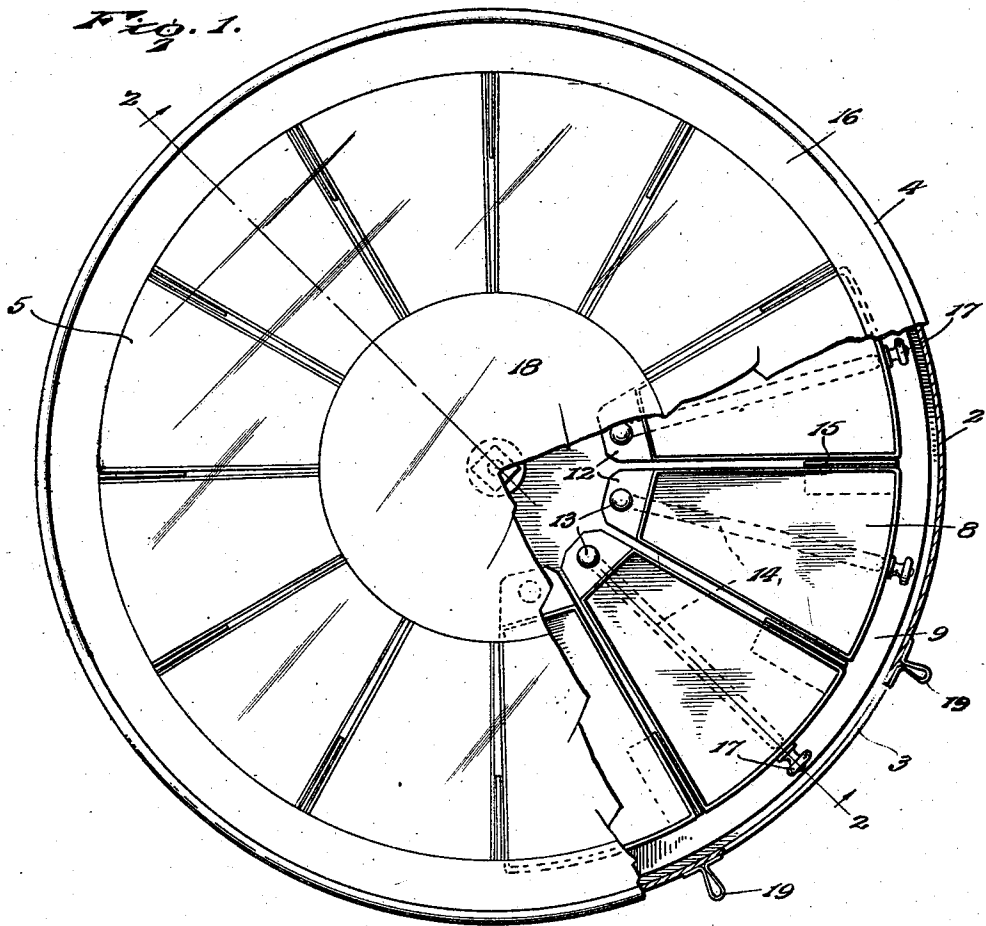
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## DISPLAY TRAY.

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This invention relates to store furniture and more particularly to a dispensing tray adapted to receive fish hooks or other small articles which it is desired to display with-  
5 out danger of them becoming mixed while being inspected.

Another object of the invention is to so mount the receptacles that, when one is moved outwardly, the others will be held  
10 stationary until the receptacle in use has been returned to its normal position in the casing. This will prevent articles removed from a receptacle from being replaced in the wrong receptacle.

Another object of the invention is to provide a tray carrying a number of receptacles which are arranged in a compact mass upon a turntable and, therefore, will occupy a  
15 minimum amount of space.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view showing the tray principally in top plan and partially in horizontal section, and

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

The display tray forming the subject-matter of this invention includes a housing or casing having a bottom 1 provided at its periphery with an upstanding annular wall 2  
30 formed with an opening 3. The upper end portion of the wall is bent to form a seat 4 so that the top 5 which is formed of glass or other transparent material may be supported, as shown in Fig. 2. After the top  
35 has been seated, a ring 6 which is preferably resilient is inserted and will serve to very firmly hold the top in place. It will, therefore, be seen that when the top is secured  
40 the casing will be entirely enclosed except for the opening 3. A suitable number of feet or pads 7 are secured to the bottom 1 so that the tray may rest upon a counter or  
45 or marring the show case or counter.

The receptacles or trays 8 which are to receive the fish hooks are carried by a turntable 9 formed of stiff metal and of a circular shape so that it may be rotatably received  
50 in the housing. The central portion of the turntable is formed with an opening to receive the pivot bolt 10 and a thick washer 11 is placed about the bolt 10 in order to support the turntable in spaced relation to the bottom of the housing. The turntable will,  
55 therefore, only have contact with the upper

face of the washer 11 and may be readily turned in the housing. The trays or receptacles 8 extend radially of the turntable and each tapers inwardly and at its inner end  
60 has its bottom extended to provide a tongue extension 12. Rivets 13 are carried by the tongue extensions 12 and project downwardly through slots 14 formed radially of the turntable and so spaced from each other  
65 that they extend intermediate the sides of the receptacles. The receptacles may, therefore, be slid radially of the turntable when disposed in operative relation to the opening 3 but cannot be entirely withdrawn from  
70 the housing. Swinging of the receptacles circumferentially of the turntable when retracted is prevented by ribs or fins 15 which are secured to the upper face of the turntable and project upwardly between the  
75 outer end portions of the receptacles. The peripheral wall 3 of the housing and the outer walls of the receptacles are preferably coated with paint of any desired color and a band 16 is painted upon the peripheral  
80 portion of the glass top 5 so that the marginal portion of the turntable and knobs 17 of the receptacles will be concealed when viewing the articles through the glass top.  
85 The central portion of the top is also preferably coated, as shown at 18, so that the central portion of the turntable and inner ends of the trays will be concealed. Therefore, the device will be neat in appearance and will not be unsightly when placed upon  
90 a counter.

When the display tray is in use, fish hooks of varying sizes are placed in separate receptacles and a customer can view the hooks  
95 through the glass top and readily determine the ones desired. After the hooks to be purchased have been selected, the turntable is rotated by engaging one of the ears 19 extending from the wall 2 with one finger and engaging the knob 17 of a receptacle with  
100 the thumb. As soon as the receptacle containing the desired hooks has been moved into alinement with the opening 3, its knob 17 is grasped and the receptacle drawn outwardly. The desired number of hooks are  
105 removed and the receptacle then returned to the retracted position. As long as the tray is extended through the opening, the turntable cannot be rotated and, therefore, surplus hooks removed from the tray cannot  
110 be returned to the wrong receptacle. It will, therefore, be seen that with this tray

fish hooks can be prominently displayed and readily dispensed and there will be no danger of hooks becoming mixed by being returned to the wrong receptacle.

5 Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A case of the character described comprising a housing including an annular wall and a transparent top carried by said wall and fixed thereto, said wall being formed with a  
10 single opening, a turntable independent of said top and being rotatably mounted in said

housing, trays slidably carried by said turntable and of a width to be individually drawn outwardly through the opening in  
15 said wall, said trays being disposed radially of the turntable and provided with tongue extensions at their inner ends, the turntable having slots formed radially therein beneath  
said trays, and pins carried by the tongue  
20 extensions of said trays and received in said slots to limit sliding of the trays.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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