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Safety box for valuable articles, such as compact discs, records or tapes, as well as a bar means for such a box.

A safety box (10) for sorting, displaying and selling valuable articles, such as compact discs, records or tapes, in self-service stores with electronic theft detection systems. The safety box is lockable by a bar means (20) and rendered so sturdy that it is practically impossible to remove the desired article from the box without a special device unlocking the bar means, preferably the same type of device used for security tags belonging to the electronic theft detection system. Such a device is normally positioned at the cashdesk of the store.

The front side wall of the box can be partially open and comprises a border (12a) and two reinforced corner areas (12b, 12c). The back side wall of the box can also be open and comprises preferably a border (14a) and reinforced corner areas (14b, 14c, 14d, 14e). Thus a customer can clearly see the content of the box. The corner areas (12b, 12c) of the front side wall have their counterparts in missing corner areas in the back side wall (14). Thus the box is suitable for stacking. The bar means (20) is locked between the borders (12a, 14a) when the article is placed inside the box, and is opened by the special device when a customer has paid for the article.

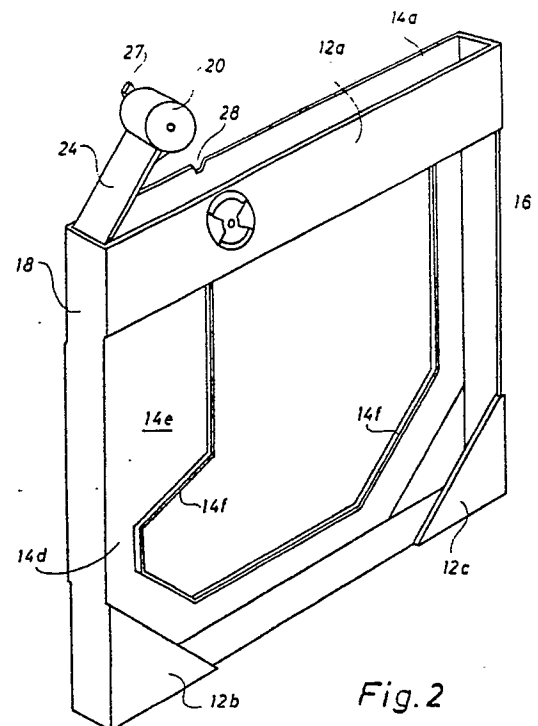


Fig. 2



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