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Fig. 1.

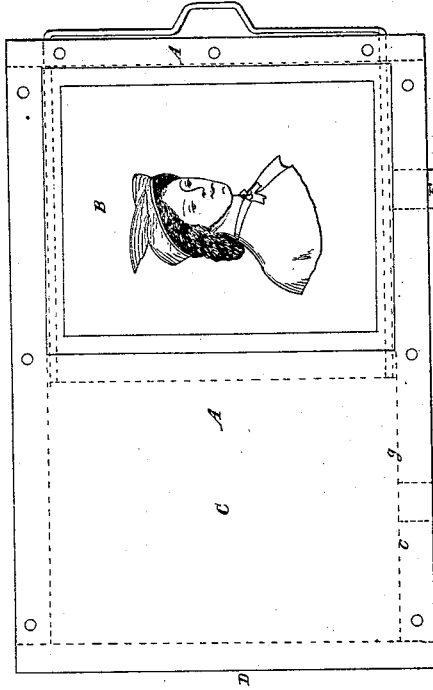


Fig. 2.

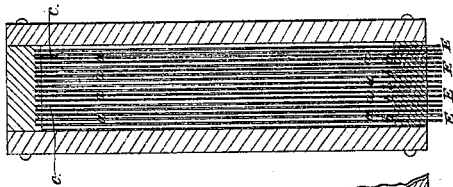
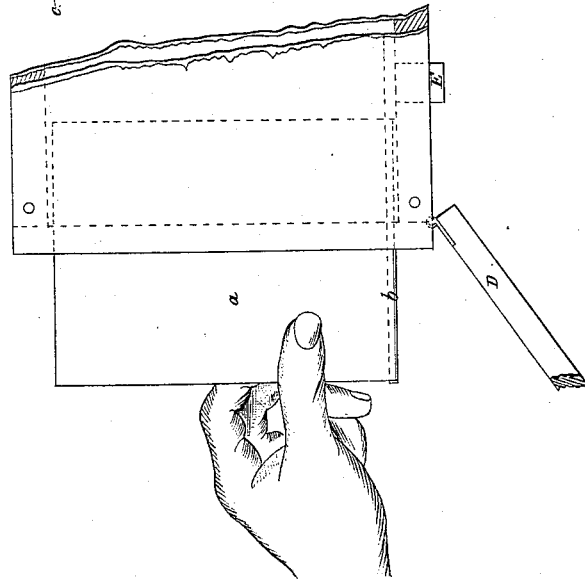


Fig. 3.



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PORCELAIN AND CARD ALBUM.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. C. SPOONER, of Springfield, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Porcelain and Card Album; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-section. Fig. 3 is a partial side view, showing the manner of filling the case with pictures.

This invention consists of an arrangement by which card-pictures, &c., and particularly porcelain card-photographs, may be kept in a neat case free from dust or dirt, and at the same time so arranged as to be readily shown by a small movement, as I will hereinafter more fully describe.

In construction it consists of a box or case, A, having a glass-covered opening at B, through which the pictures are viewed.

The part C of the case A is filled with pictures *a*, as shown in Fig. 2, and they are so arranged as to be readily moved out in front of the opening and back into the part C, as desired. These cards *a a*, &c., are placed in tin shoes *b b*, &c., at the bottom and slide in grooves *c c* at the top.

The manner of filling the case is illustrated in Fig. 3.

The end D of the box is hung on a hinge, *d*, so as to open and allow the shoes *b b* to project out from the end. The pictures are then inserted in these shoes and slid back into the case. I arrange these cards so as to slide backward and forward by inserting them in shoes *b* at the bottom and allowing them to run in a groove at the top; and in order to move them from the outside I attach the pieces E to these shoes, projecting through the bottom of the case and working in a slot therein.

This invention is designed to hold the transparent porcelain photograph now becoming so fashionable, and for this purpose is arranged with a glass opposite the front opening, so that the light may strike through the picture, as is necessary to show it; but the same arrangement may be used with advantage in exhibiting card-photographs of the ordinary kind, as two may be placed back to back in each case, so that double the number of cards may be used and shown by turning the case the other side up, and thus exhibiting the pictures on the back side of the ones already shown.

In this simple manner I obtain a neat and compact arrangement for holding and exhibiting pictures, and at the same time keeping them clean and free from injury.

This box may be bound into the covers of a book, if desired, or otherwise ornamented, thus making a handsome as well as a compact album.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. Arranging card-photographs, porcelain and other similar pictures in a closed case constructed with transparent covered openings, as described, in such a manner as that they may be concealed or exhibited by being moved from the outside of the case, substantially as herein set forth.

2. The device for holding and moving these pictures, consisting of the shoe *b*, having the projection E attached, passing through the bottom of the case and working in a slot therein, substantially as herein described.

3. Arranging the door D at the rear end of the case, for the purpose of closing the opening formed for the insertion of the pictures, substantially as herein set forth.

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