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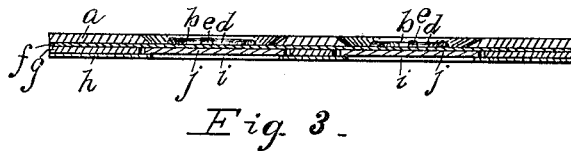


Fig. 3.

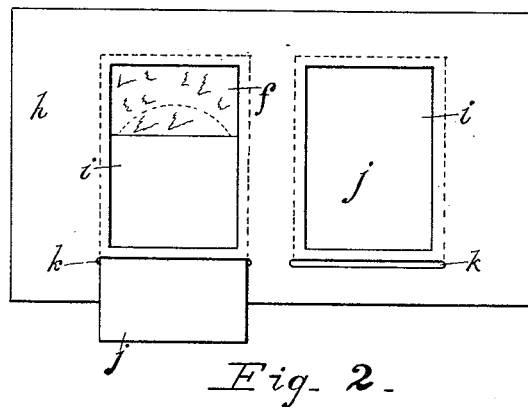


Fig. 2.

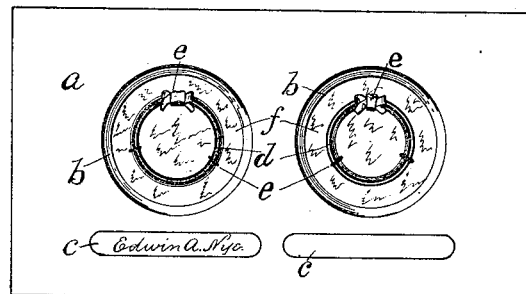


Fig. 1.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY E. SWAIM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Vermilion and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Album, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of my invention is to produce a leaf or support recessed on one side to receive a tress of hair or similar object, and provided at its base with a web on which to secure such object, the other side of said support having a card-opening in register with the tress-receiving recess, whereby the card will protect and form a support for the web, and preserve the same from fracture.

A second object is to make said leaf or support in two sections, each having coincident openings, the one being larger than the other, the section having the smaller opening having a web of textile fabric secured to its rear side and covering said opening, said sections being secured back to back, and a third section secured on the section having the larger openings, and apertured, leaving a portion of the section extending slightly beyond the edge of the larger opening to form a ledge for retaining the card in place, whereby in use the card will act as a support or shield for the web, as more fully hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of one section of leaf, showing annular recesses for the reception of tresses of hair, with the same simply arranged and attached, and bordered spaces beneath for writing names or reference. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the back of one section of leaf, showing places for the reception of cards of any suitable size or description. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through leaf, showing internal construction and arrangement.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In Fig. 1, *a* is a section of leaf with beveled openings; *b*, beveled openings; *c*, spaces for names; *d*, tresses of hair; *e*, fastenings of the same; *f*, web.

In Fig. 3, *g* is a section receiving cards or photographs.

In Fig. 2, *h* is a section securing cards or photographs; *i*, openings through which cards or photographs are seen; *j*, cards or photo-

graphs, showing one partially drawn out; *k*, slits through which to insert the cards.

In Fig. 3, *a* represents a section of one leaf of my album. I make this section by taking thick paste or straw board and cut any desired size for leaf. Through this I cut the openings *b*, which may be of any desired size, shape, and number. I prefer to make the openings *b* in an annular shape, with a bevel sloping inward toward the center. This bevel may be embellished in gilt or finished in any other ornamental way. The face of section *a* should be covered with some fine ornamental paper before the openings are cut, so as to hide the coarse exterior of the paste or straw board of which it is made.

Over the entire surface of the back of section *a*, I paste or glue the web *f*, thus closing the openings *b*, and forming the receptacles for the tresses of hair. The web *f* should be made of silk or some other strong suitable material, to obviate the liability of being torn out, and to more easily and firmly attach the hair thereto.

In Fig. 3 section *g* represents a thin piece of paste or straw board, which I cut the same size as section *a*, having openings cut a suitable shape for the reception of cards or photographs, and to match in number and position those in section *a*. The section *g* I then paste or glue upon the web *f*, and upon section *g* I paste or otherwise firmly attach section *h*, Fig. 3, which should be made of stout paper, with openings *i* a little smaller than those in section *g*, the size of which are shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2. Section *h* should also correspond in size with section *a*, and should be provided with slits *k*, through which to insert cards, as in the ordinary mode of photographic albums.

The foregoing comprises the manner in which I construct one leaf of my album.

In forming an album any desired number of these leaves may be used. I prefer to arrange the leaves in the album with the sides to contain the hair face to face, and between each of these faces I bind one or more thin leaves of paper suitable for writing upon, which may be ruled and beautifully ornamented, these to be used for writing the names of the person from whom the tresses were cut, and any record, biography, or me-

morial in connection therewith. The leaves throughout may be arranged as desired in position and number, and bound together either with a double hinge back or in any other practical way for binding thick leaves together.

The thick section of leaf, as shown by *a*, *b*, and *f* in Fig. 3, may be made very ornamental and used separately in frames or upon easels, to display tresses of hair in family groups, with spaces for records of the same. After arranging the hair in simple form or in flowers and leaves to suit the taste, it is then securely fastened in the receptacles by sewing through and through to the web *f*, or it may be fastened with the invisible annealed wire with which the hair or flower is woven. By this arrangement I provide an easy method to fasten in the hair, which can be taken out or changed with but very little trouble, and when the cards are inserted they serve the purpose of concealing the fastenings. The cards or photographs also serve in the use of the invention to protect the tress-supporting webs from fracture, either by pressure on the front or rear sides thereof, as will be understood.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a leaf or support, substantially as herein described, recessed on one side to receive a tress or similar object, and provided at the base of such recess with a web on which to secure such object, and provided on its opposite side with a card-retaining opening, said card-opening and tress-receiving recess registering, whereby in use the card will protect the tress-supporting web from fracture, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, in a leaf or support, substantially as herein described, of a section having an opening, *b*, an intermediate web of textile fabric secured to the inner face of section *a* and over the opening *b* therein, and a layer or section, *g*, secured against the hair-supporting web, and provided with card-openings, the section *h* extending beyond the edge thereof, whereby to secure the card therein, said opening being arranged in register with the tress recess or opening in the section *a*, as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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