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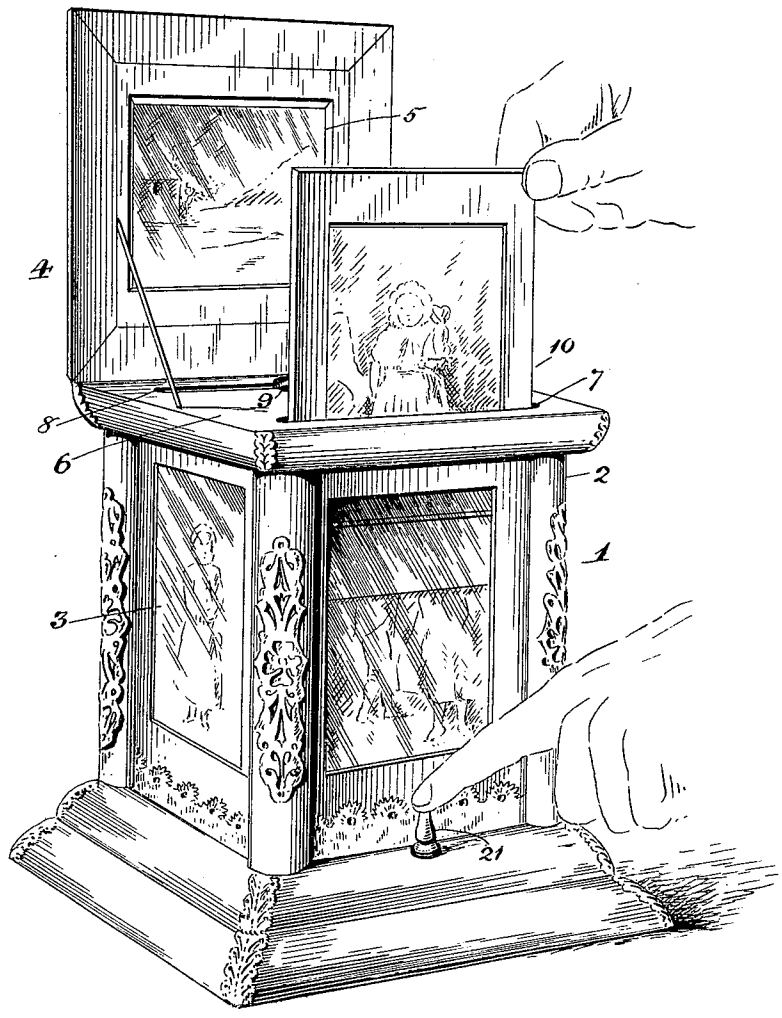
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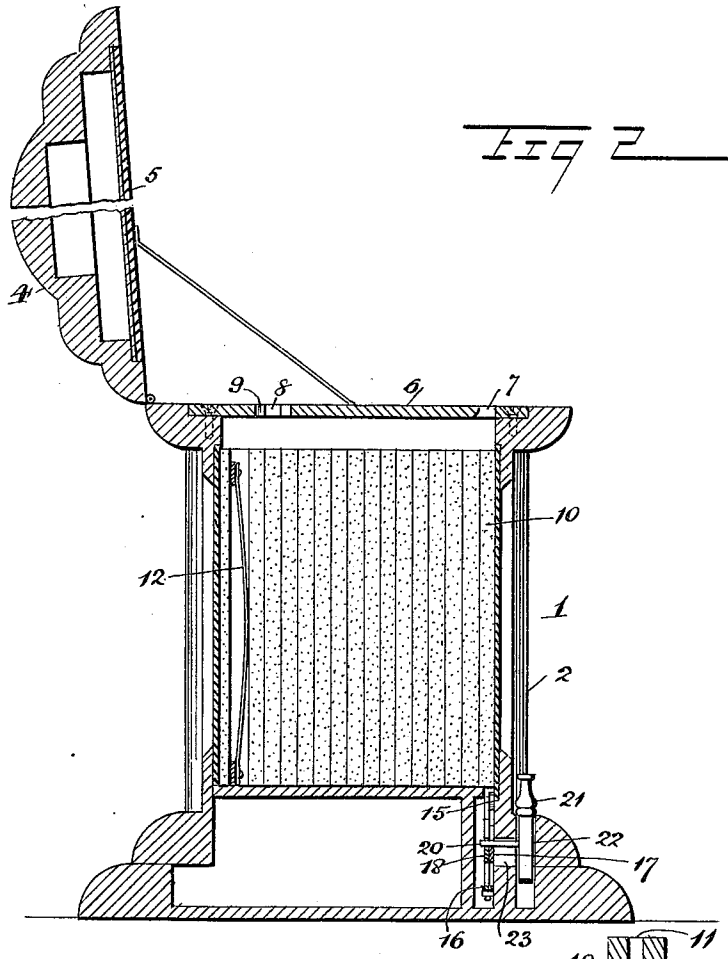


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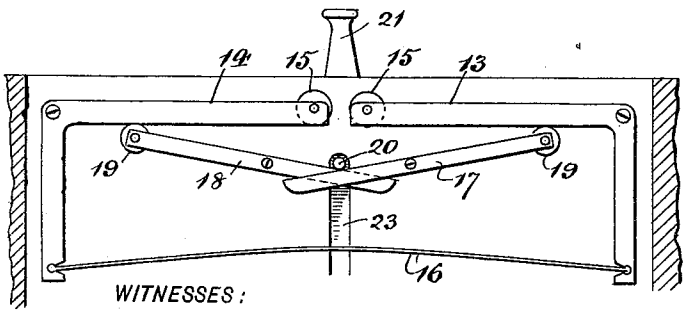


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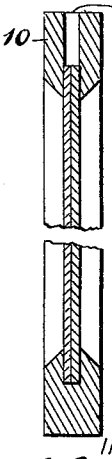


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAFAYETTE JULIOUS SANBORN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Davenport, in the county of Lincoln and State of Washington, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in cabinets for holding photographs or other pictures; and the object is to provide a device of this character of simple construction in which a number of pictures may be placed and protected from dirt and dust and from which the pictures may be successively removed for inspection and then replaced.

I will describe a picture-cabinet embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view showing the mechanism for lifting the pictures. Fig. 4 is a section of a picture-holder employed, and Fig. 5 is a partial plan and partial cross-section thereof.

The cabinet comprises a casing 1, rectangular in cross-section and made of any suitable material—such, for instance, as wood or metal. The corner-posts 2 may be ornamented as desired, and the panels 3 may be ornamented by pictures or otherwise. The cabinet has a hinged cover 4, here shown as having an inner panel 5, in which a picture is arranged. The top 6 of the cabinet is provided near its front with a slot 7, through which pictures are to be removed, and at its rear it is provided with a slot 8, through which pictures are to be inserted.

At about the central portion of the slot 8 is an enlargement 9, through which a person's finger or a suitable instrument may be passed to press a picture into position. Preferably I employ a series of picture-holders, here shown as frames 10, having channels in the side walls and also in the bottom wall to receive the edges of pictures and having a slot 11 at the top through which the pictures are passed. Each frame 10 is designed to hold two pictures placed back to back, as indicated in Fig. 4. Several frames containing pictures are to be placed in the cabinet, and they are to be pressed forward, so that the front frame will come in line with the slot 7 by means of springs 12, secured to the inner side of the cabinet on the rear wall.

As a means for forcing a frame upward through the slot 7, so that it may be grasped by the fingers and wholly withdrawn, I employ angle-levers 13 14, which are pivoted in the base of the cabinet. The horizontal portions of these angle-levers are provided with rollers 15 for engaging with the lower edges of the frames, and a spring 16 has its ends inserted in notches formed in the lower ends of the vertical portions of the angle-levers. This spring is of flat metal and is so shaped as to return the angle-levers to their normal position, as indicated in Fig. 3, after the operation of said levers for forcing the frame upward.

Lifting-levers 17 18 are pivoted in the base and at their ends are provided with rollers 19 for engaging with the under sides of the horizontal portions of the angle-levers. The adjacent ends of these lifting-levers are crossed and on their upper edges are engaged by a pin 20, extended from a push-rod 21, movable vertically in an opening 22, formed in the front portion of the base. The pin 20 is movable in a slot 23, formed in the base.

In operation when it is desired to remove a frame to inspect the pictures therein the push-rod 21 is to be forced downward, which will cause the horizontal portions of the levers to swing upward, moving the frame sufficiently through the slot 7 to be grasped by the fingers. When this frame is removed, of course the springs 12 will force all of the frames remaining in the cabinet forward, so that the front frame comes underneath the slot 7. After inspecting the pictures in the removed frame the frame may be replaced at the rear of the series through the slot 8.

It is obvious that a cabinet embodying my invention will protect pictures contained therein from dirt and dust, as when the lid or cover 4 is closed the slots 7 and 8 are closed against the entrance of dust and dirt.

Having thus fully described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A picture-cabinet, comprising a casing, having a slot in its upper wall near the front and a slot in said wall near the rear, angle-levers pivoted in the base of the casing below the front slot, a spring for returning the levers to a normal position, the said spring engaging with vertical portions of the angle-levers, lifting-levers engaging with the horizontal portion of said angle-levers, a push-rod vertically movable in the base forward of the levers, a pin extended from said push-rod and engaging with the lifting-levers near their adjacent ends, and a spring in the casing for forcing pictures forward in the cabinet, substantially as specified.

2. A picture-cabinet, comprising a casing having a slot in its upper wall near the front and a slot in its upper wall near the rear, angle-levers pivoted in the lower portion of the casing below the front slot, a spring for returning the levers to a normal position, lifting-levers engaging with the horizontal portions of said angle-levers, a push-rod movable in the base of the casing forward of the levers, a pin extended from said push-rod and engaging with the lifting-levers near their adjacent ends, and means for forcing pictures forward in the cabinet, substantially as specified.

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