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METHOD OF SECURING PICTURES.

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Fig. I.

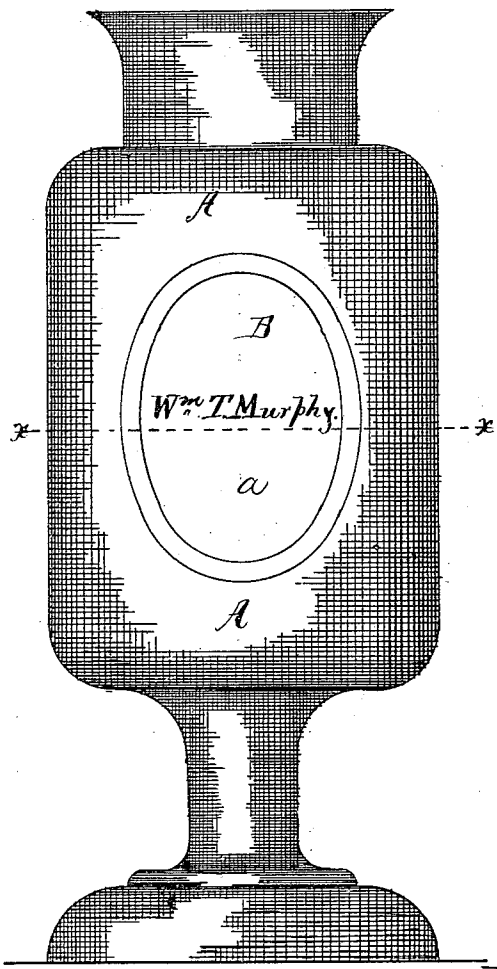


Fig. II

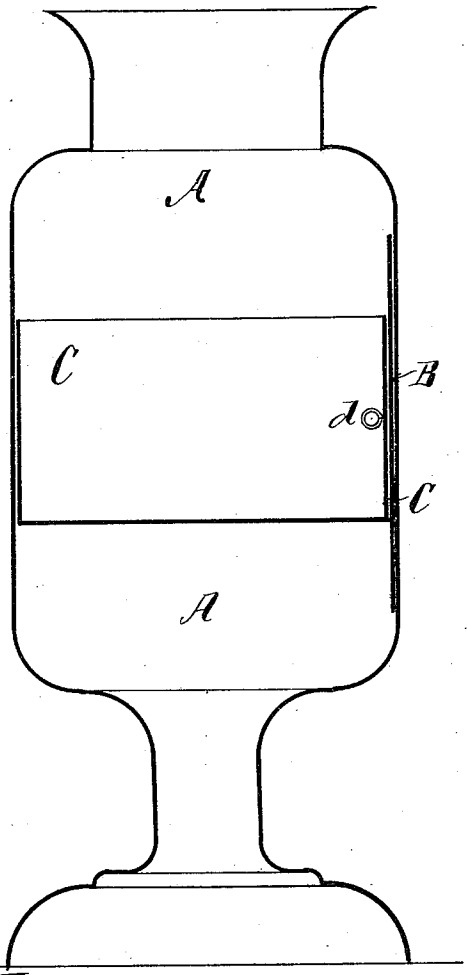
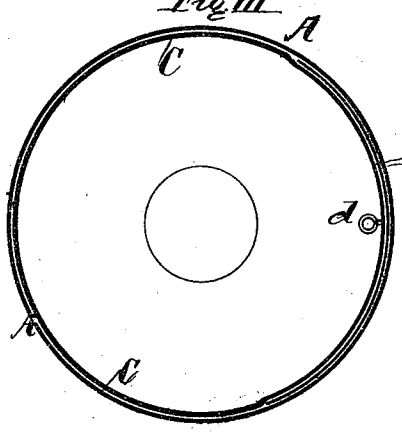


Fig. III



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IMPROVEMENT IN THE METHOD OF SECURING PICTURES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **192,384**, dated June 26, 1877; application filed April 4, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. MURPHY, of Brooklyn, Kings county, State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Decoration of Vases; and I hereby declare that the following is a true and exact description of my invention, which will enable others to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide for the ornamentation of vases or other such vessels, mostly used for decorations of rooms, halls, &c. The ornamentation of such vessels is effected in a very cheap, speedy, and desirable manner by aid of my invention.

My invention consists in placing and holding one or more pictures, photographs, drawings, figures, inscriptions, &c., on the inside of a vase or any other such vessel. In order to give the desired effect I prefer vases or vessels made of glass, painted on the inside with color or colors, preventing any object placed inside being seen through the glass with exception of a certain space or spaces, not painted and which will therefore appear transparent. In the interior of the vase, covering this transparent space or spaces, is placed any desired object—such as a photograph or other pictures, and this will therefore be seen through the transparent space in the vase, and appear as painted on the glass.

The photograph or picture is held to the inner side of the vase by aid of a heavy india-rubber band, which is made to fit exactly the inner circumference of the vase, and hold the photograph or picture very firmly and neatly to the vase, may be very readily inserted or removed owing to its elasticity.

The photographs or pictures may be changed at will in a vase, and produce a very charming effect with a trifling expense. It will be readily understood that a spiral spring or a flexible rod may be placed across the interior of the vase to hold the picture, but I prefer a rubber band as the most convenient.

Referring to the drawings, Fig. I is a front view of a vase embodying my invention. Fig. II is a sectional elevation, and Fig. III is a plan sectional view, taken on line *x x* of Fig. I.

A is the vase on which the transparent space is represented by the letter *a*. B represents a piece of pasteboard on which the inventor's name is written.

C represents the rubber band, with a ring, *d*, fastened to the same on the inside, to facilitate its removal or draw it back in order to exchange a picture, photograph, or such ornamental object.

Having thus described my invention, I desire to claim—

The method of securing pictures to the inside of vases and similar articles, by means of the rubber-spring band B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

This specification signed this 2d day of April, 1877.

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