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Photograph Card-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

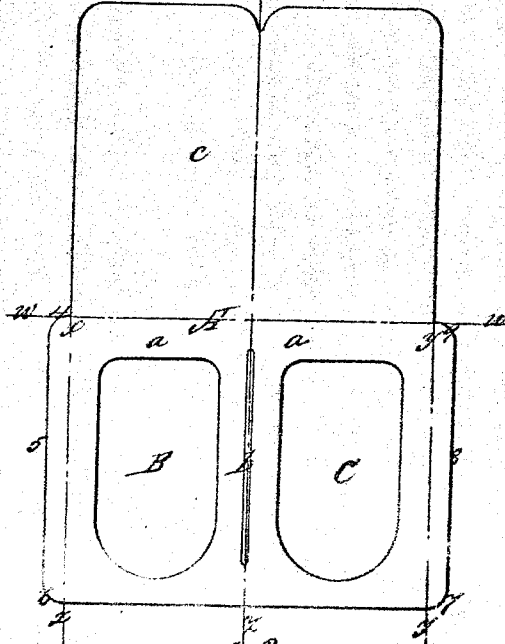


Fig. 2.

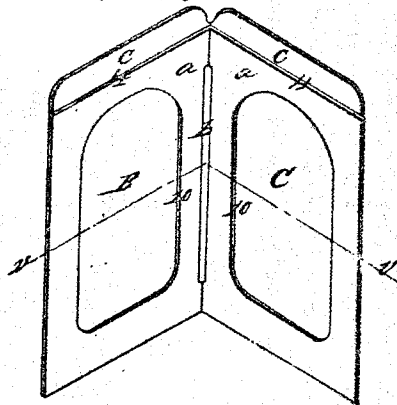
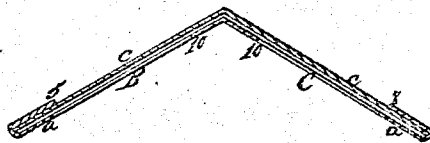


Fig. 3.



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PHOTOGRAPHIC CARD-HOLDER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. EASTMAN, of Derby Line, in the county of Orleans, and State of Vermont, have invented certain Improvements in Holders for Cards, Photographic and other Pictures, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan representing one of the forms or patterns given to a sheet of paper or other material employed in making my improved holder for cards, pictures, &c.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the same, ready for use.

Figure 3 is an enlarged section on the line *x x* of fig. 2.

My invention consists in a holder for cards, photographic and other pictures, &c., provided with two or more openings for the reception of two or more cards or pictures, and made in one and the same sheet, of any suitable material, folded in its middle, in order that one half of the sheet may serve as a flap or cover for the other half of the sheet; and

My invention also consists in forming a slit within the middle of the inner half of the sheet, on the line upon which this portion of the sheet is folded, to prevent the inner edges of the openings for the cards, &c., from springing outward therefrom when the card-holder is in use, by which construction I am enabled to so economize the stock as to provide a holder for two or more cards or pictures, at considerably less than half the expense of twice the number of holders for single cards when provided with flaps.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In fig. 1 of the said drawings, A represents a sheet of paper or other suitable material, cut to the desired pattern for forming the card-holder of the required size, the portion *a* of which below the red line *w w* is provided with a narrow longitudinal slit, *b*, and two openings B C, for exposing the card to view when in the card-holder, the operation of making which will now be described.

The corners and edges 4, 5, 6, and 7, 8, 9 of the

half or portion *a* of the sheet are run over with a thin coating of paste, or other glutinous substance, and the portion *c* is then folded on the line *w w* down upon the portion *a*, after which the corners and edges 4, 5, 6, and 7, 8, 9 are turned on their respective lines *x x* and *y y*, down upon the back or outside of the portion *c*, to which they are securely stuck.

Now the portions of the sheet so folded and united are turned over to bring the openings B C on the upper side, and the folded sheet is bent over on the line *x x*, passing longitudinally through the middle of the slit *b*, the object of reducing the thickness at this point being to avoid any springing of the edges 10 10 up from their position, in contact with the pictures or cards which may be placed within the openings B C.

By the foregoing construction, it will be seen that two cards may be inserted in place between the two portions *a* and *c*, at the lines or edges, 11 11, of the former, in a convenient and expeditious manner, and a two-card holder (in which one card and its back serve as a flap or cover for the other) be provided with no more labor than that required to make a single card-holder with one or more flaps; and, furthermore, my two-card holder may be furnished at a less cost than two separate holders for single cards, owing to the stock economized in cutting the form or pattern required for this purpose.

It is evident that a single sheet may be so cut as to furnish openings for more than two cards, and be bent in its middle, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Claims.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A holder for cards, photographic and other pictures, &c., provided with two or more openings, for the reception of two or more cards or pictures, and made in one and the same sheet, folded in its middle, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Also, in combination with the above, the slit *b*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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