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Toy Portrait-Gallery.

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Fig. 1.

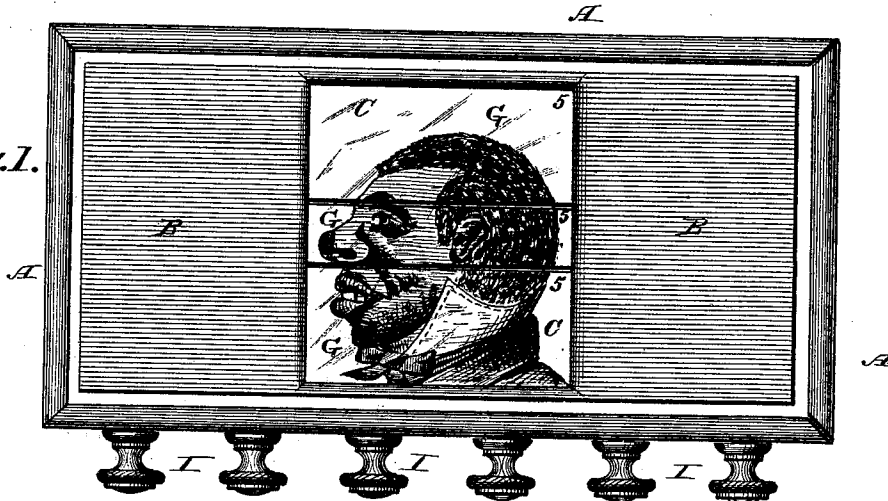


Fig. 2.

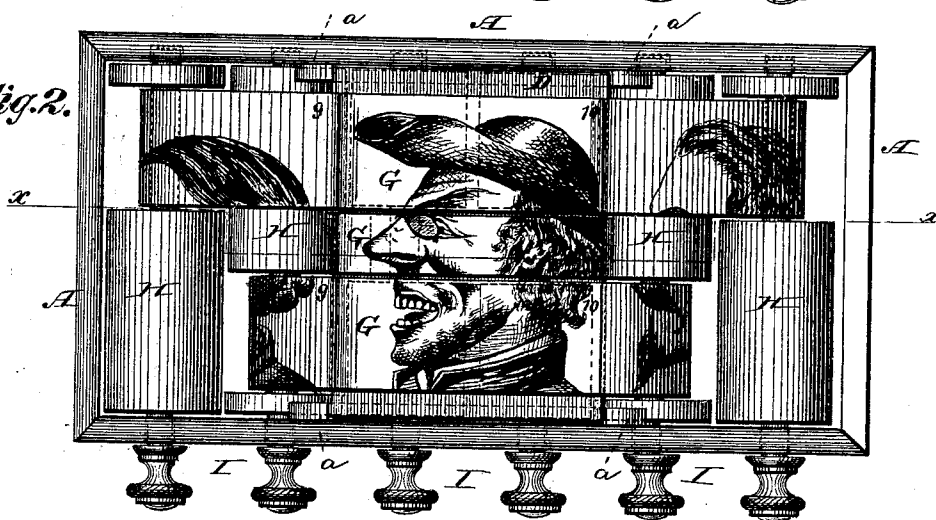
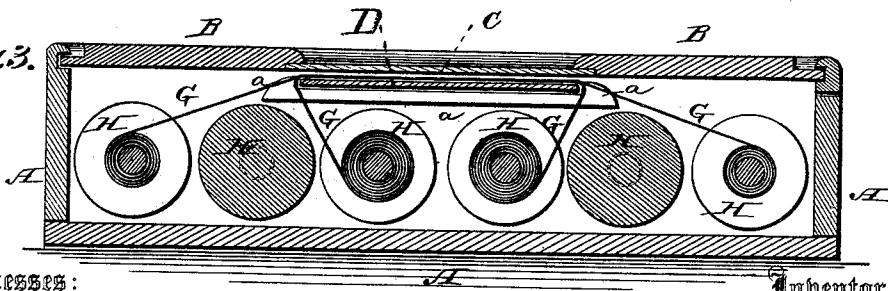


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOY PORTRAIT-GALLERIES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DOMINICK C. FABRONIUS, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Portrait-Galleries; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a toy portrait-gallery, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, to which reference is made, and which fully illustrates my invention, Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a plan view with the cover removed; and Fig. 3, a central vertical section on the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

A represents a box, of any suitable dimensions, provided with a sliding or other lid, B, and in the center of this lid is an opening covered with a glass plate, C. Below the glass plate C, in the box A, is a board or table, D, supported upon suitable cleats *a a*, and over which the portrait-apron passes.

Upon an apron of paper, or any other suitable material, is printed, painted, or otherwise affixed a series of portraits representing well-known persons, or the faces of different races, &c. This apron is cut longitudinally in two or more strips, G G, and said strips are connected to rollers or shafts H H, arranged in proper positions within the box, on opposite sides of the center, so that the strips of the apron will pass over the table D. The journals of the shafts or rollers H pass through the front of the box, and are provided with knobs I, so as to be turned as desired.

It will readily be seen that by turning the different strips of the apron a variety of heads

and faces will be produced, and thus a great deal of amusement created.

The various heads or faces are numbered to correspond with a list painted or otherwise affixed to the cover B, or kept separate, so that any head desired in the list can be brought properly under the glass in view when the rollers or shafts containing the strips of the apron are turned to correspond.

It is, of course, understood that the ends of each strip of the apron are fastened to corresponding rollers in the box.

I am aware that separate strips, each having parts of pictures, and all arranged to be operated simultaneously only, have been before used, and I do not, therefore, claim such; but,

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

1. An apron, or its equivalent, provided with a series of portraits, faces, or heads, printed or otherwise affixed to said apron, and cut longitudinally in two or more strips, and the ends of the different strips attached to separate and independent shafts or rollers, all inclosed in a suitable box, substantially as herein set forth.

2. The combination of the box A, with lid B, having opening with glass plate C, the table D, longitudinally-divided apron G G, said strip being attached at each end, separately and independently, to rollers H, and knobs I, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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