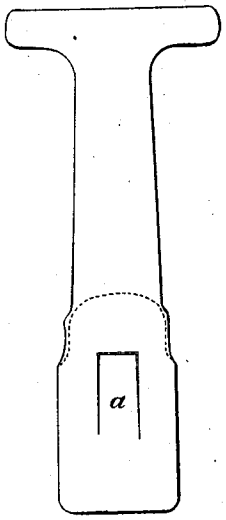
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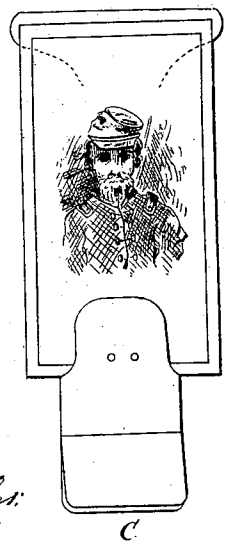
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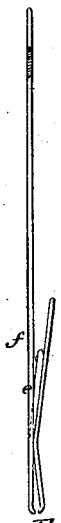
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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, CHARLES WEIL, of the city of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful improvement for inserting photographic cards or pictures into albums or other front frames similar to those usually contained in albums, of which the following is a specification.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I proceed to describe the same more fully, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

I take a thin and finely-polished blade of steel at one end of about the same width of the photographic cards or pictures for which the improvement invented by me is to b used, and about six inches long, as shown by the Figure A of the drawings hereto annexed, and cut out of the lower half of said blade a small strip in such a manner that the same is cut through on three sides and still remains at its lower end connected with the blade, as shown at *a* of said Fig. A, and at *e* of side section E, I then take another blade of about one-third the length of the first blade, as shown by Fig. B of said drawings, bend up its lower end, as shown at *b* of said Fig. B, and at *d* of side section D, and, placing it upon the first blade, fasten it to the upper and movable end of said strip, as shown at *f* of side section E, so that the said strip is made to operate as a spring by means of which any card or picture placed between the two blades at and above the said strip will be held fast and will be released again, if the said blades are slightly compressed at their lower ends

In order to insert a photographic card or other picture into an album, I place it between the two blades above the said strip or spring, as shown by Fig. C, open the paper frame into which the card is to be inserted with the upper end of the long blade, and then insert the whole blades and card into the frame by pushing the same slowly forward in the frame until the card has reached its proper place. I then compress the two blades at their lower ends, as above set forth, whereby the card or picture is released, and draw the same out of the frame, leaving the card in the frame.

The size, form, and material of the improvement may be varied as may be demanded by the size of the frame into which the card is to be inserted, or by the taste or fancy of the public, and instead of cutting the said strip out of the longer blade it may be cut out of the smaller blade and fastened to the longer blade; or the two blades may be fastened and kept together by a spring fastened to both blades.

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

The combination of two blades or thin and smooth pieces of iron, steel, or bone, or other suitable material, in the manner above described, for the purpose of inserting a card, portrait, or picture into paper, paste-board, or other frail frames of the nature and kind generally used for albums.

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