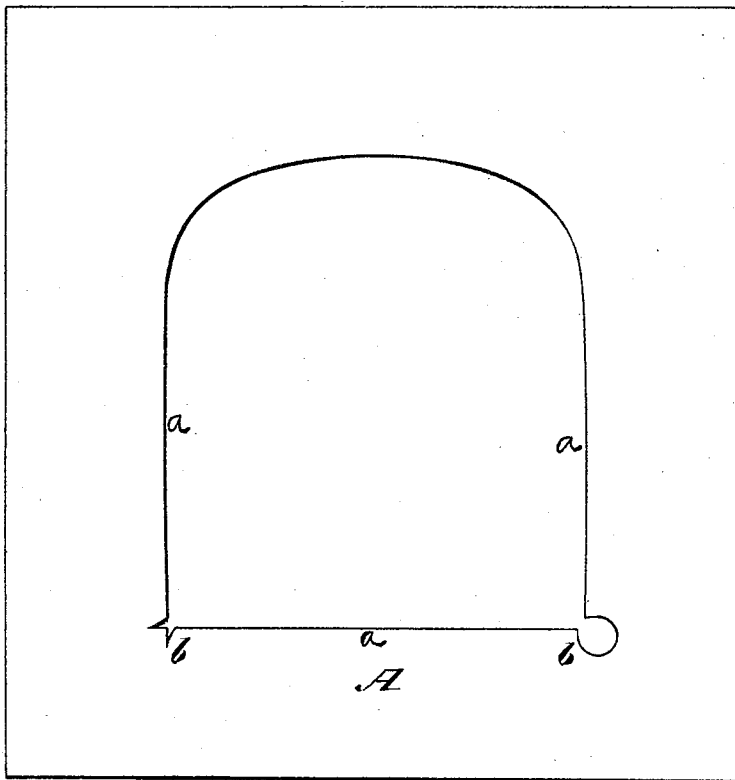


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IMPROVEMENT IN GUIDES FOR CUTTING PHOTOGRAPHIC PICTURES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS T. YOUNG, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Cutter Forms or Guides; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a plan view of my cutter-form.

This invention has relation to forms or guides with which to cut out photographic views, mats for lantern-slides, or paper mats to be used in framing photographic prints or other pictures. It consists of an opening or openings, recesses, cuts, or slots formed at the right-angular corners of the cutter form or guide, for the purpose of allowing a rotary or other cutter to pass the right-angle line, and thus leave the corners of the picture or mat square.

The following is a description of my improvement:

In the annexed drawing, A represents a form or cutter-guide, out of which a piece is cut corresponding in shape and size to the shape and size of the mats or photographic prints to be cut. The inner edge *a* of this form is the edge against which the cutter is held and guided, and at the two lower right-

angular corners of the field I form recesses or slots *b*, which intersect the angles, and allow the cutter to be drawn out of the field or past the right angles, thereby leaving the work which is cut square at these angles. The most approved cutter for this work is a circular blade applied to a swiveling handle or stock; but such a cutter cannot be used successfully with forms presenting right-angled corners, unless these corners have recesses, slots, or notches *b* cut into the form A, as above described, for allowing the cutter to pass out of the field. The recesses, slots, or notches also facilitate the cutting of square corners with straight-edged knives as well as with the rotary cutters or trimmers.

It is obvious that the forms or guides may be made of any required size and shape, provided that if they have angular corners recesses be made thereat.

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

A cutter form or guide for cutting photographic pictures, mats, &c., having its angular corners recessed, slotted, or notched, as shown at *b b*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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