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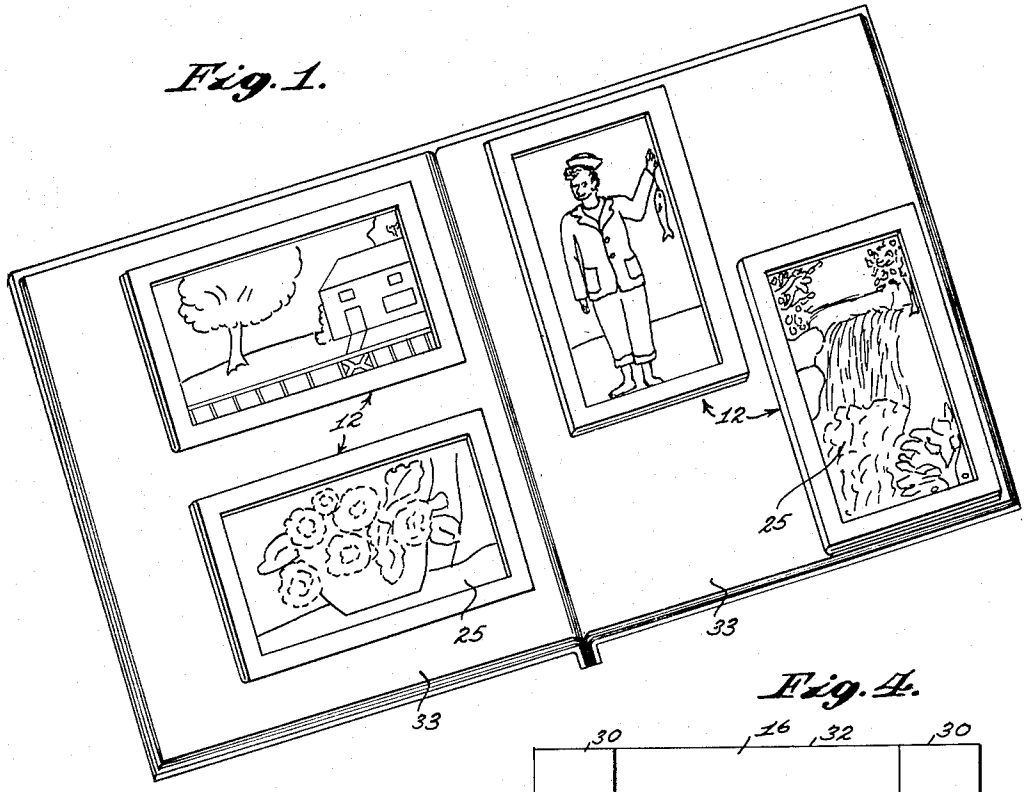


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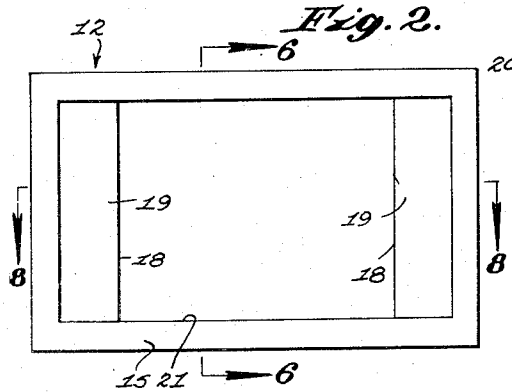


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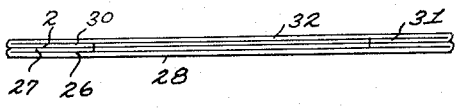
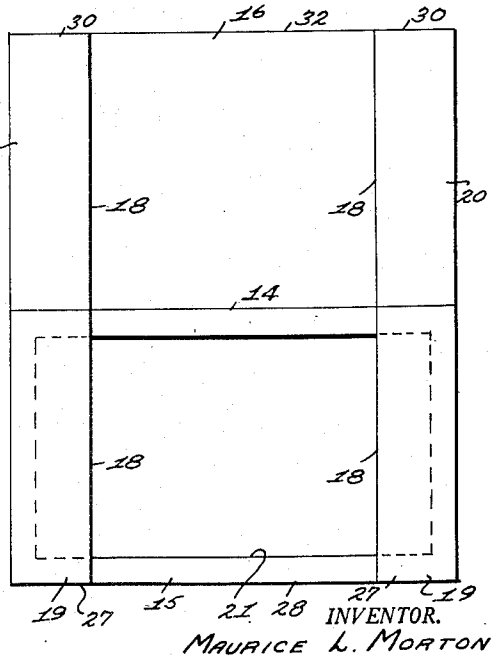


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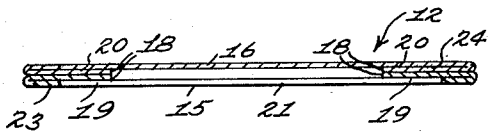


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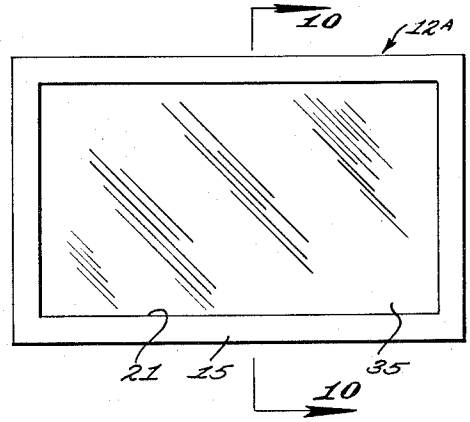


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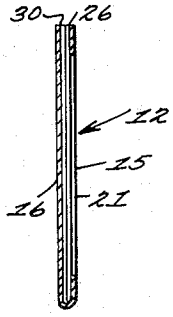


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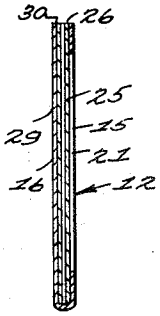
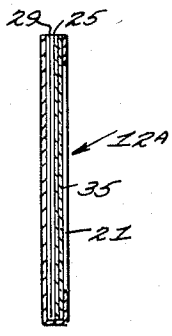


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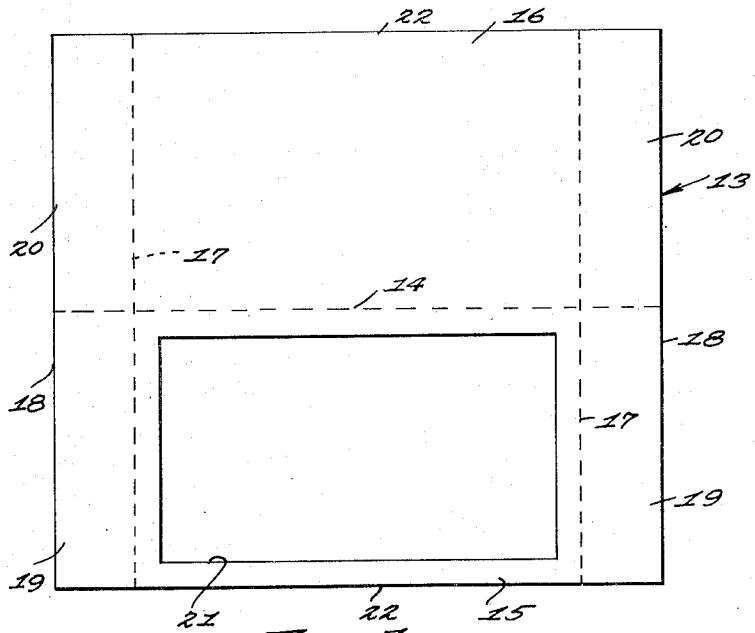


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This invention relates generally to improvements in photograph albums, and more particularly to improved containers adapted to be secured to the pages of an album for holding photographic prints and the negatives corresponding thereto, the primary object of the invention being to provide containers of this kind which protect and hold the prints and negatives securely in place even when the pages of an album are carelessly or rapidly turned and the album is held in a variety of positions.

Another important object of the invention is to provide simple, efficient and practical containers of the character indicated above which can be easily and quickly attached by gluing or other suitable means to the pages of albums, and which, when so installed, give the related prints a better appearance while holding the corresponding negatives directly behind and in registry with the prints so as to be immediately and easily available at any time it is desired to make additional prints.

A further important object of the invention is to provide a container of the character indicated above which, while protecting a print inserted therein from external contact anywhere except on the exposed face thereof, and while protecting the negative positioned therebehind against substantially all external contacts, is of such simple and easily made structure that the container can be made in a serviceable and attractive form at relatively low cost.

Other important objects and advantageous features of the invention will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawings, wherein, for purposes of illustration only, specific embodiments of the invention are set forth in detail.

In the drawings, wherein like numerals designate like parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an opened photograph album equipped in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevation of one of the containers, with the print and film negative removed;

Figure 3 is an edge elevation thereof;

Figure 4 is a plan view showing the front and back sides of the container of Figures 2 and 3 before being secured together;

Figure 5 is a plan view of the blank from which th container is formed;

Figure 6 is a transverse section taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 2;

Figure 7 is a view similar to Figure 6, with a print and a film negative in place;

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Figure 8 is a longitudinal section taken on the line 8—8 of Figure 2;

Figure 9 is a front elevation of a modified form of container having a transparent window panel;

Figure 10 is a transverse section taken on the line 10—10 of Figure 9.

Referring in detail to the drawings, and first to Figures 1 through 8 thereof, the container 12 is formed from a rectangular blank 13 of any suitable material, such as stiff paper. The blank 13 is slightly longer than it is wide and has a centered, longitudinal fold line 14 which defines at opposite sides thereof the longitudinally elongated front and back panels or sides 15 and 16, respectively. Transverse fold lines 17 parallelly spaced from the end edges 18 extend entirely across the blank 13 to define flaps 19 at the opposite ends of the front panel 15 and similar flaps 20 on the rear panel 16. The front panel 15 is formed with a conformably-shaped, rectangular print-exposing or viewing opening 21 whose sides and ends are preferably similarly and parallelly spaced from the adjacent one of the longitudinal edges 22 of the blank 13 and the center fold line 14, and the transverse fold lines 17, respectively.

In forming the container 12 from the blank 13, the ends of the blank are folded inwardly along the lines 17 onto one side of the blank, and the blank is then folded at the same side of the blank along the center longitudinal fold line 14, so that the exposed rear sides of the flaps 19 of the front panel 15 face and are in registry with the exposed forward sides of the flaps 20 of the rear panel 16. The registered flaps are then secured together by suitable means, such as gluing. As a result, there are provided in the assembled container a front pocket 23 defined by the front panel 15 and the forward sides of the flaps 19 and the folds 17, and a rear pocket 24 defined by the rear panel 16 and the rear faces of the flaps 20 and the folds 17. A desired photographic print 25 is slipped into the front pocket 23 through the opening 26 provided by a lack of connection between the free edges 27 and 28 corresponding to one of the longitudinal edges 22 of the blank 13. The film negative 29 of the print 25 is slipped into the rear pocket 24 through the opening 30 provided by lack of connection between the free edges 31 and 32 corresponding to the other of the free edges 22 of the blank 13.

The container 12 is adapted to be secured to an album page 33 by gluing or otherwise securing the rear or back panel 16 thereto. The containers 12 can be, as shown in Figure 1, positioned in the album page 33 vertically or hori-

zontally, with their pocket openings 26 and 30 positioned at the top or at the side thereof. The frictional engagement of the pocket surfaces with the print 25 and negative 29 is sufficient to prevent displacement of the print and/or negative from the pockets regardless of the position of the container 12, but it is obvious that they are more securely retained in the container with the container openings uppermost or along one side.

If desired, and as shown in Figures 9 and 10, a transparent window panel 35 in the form of a sheet fitting the front pocket 23 can be inserted therein to span the viewing opening 21 and protect a print 25 in the front pocket, and the window can be either loosely disposed in the pocket 23 or secured to the back of the front panel 15 around the opening 21.

I claim:

A photograph exhibiting device comprising a rectangular sheet having free longitudinal edges, a longitudinal center fold line defining similar front and back panels on said sheet, said front panel being formed with a viewing opening spaced from the end edges of the sheet and spaced from the longitudinal center line and from the adjacent longitudinal free edge of the sheet, said sheet having transverse fold lines extending entirely across the sheet in parallel spaced relation to the end edges of the sheet and defining continuous transverse tabs on the opposite ends of the front and back panels, said tabs being coextensive with said panels throughout their length, said tabs at the opposite ends of the front and back panels being integrally connected together at their inward ends by said longitudinal center fold line, and being divided into similar tab portions by the longitudinal center fold line, said tabs being folded inwardly

along the transverse fold lines so that the inner sides of the tab portions lie along and closely adjacent the rear side of the front panel and the front side of the back panel, the tab portions at opposite ends of the panels being longitudinally spaced from each other, said front and back panels being folded on said longitudinal center fold line into registry with each other wherein the outer sides of the tab portions at opposite ends of the front and back sections face, and an adhesive securing the facing sides only of the tab portions, whereby said front panel having the receiving opening together with said tab portions forms a pocket for clampingly holding the marginal portions of and exposing to view a photographic print, and said back panel, together with said tab portions form a pocket for clampingly holding the marginal portions of a negative, the end edges of the tab portions remote from the longitudinal center fold line being unconnected to permit insertion of said print and said negative respectively between said tab portions and the inner surfaces of said panels.

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