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Fig. 1.

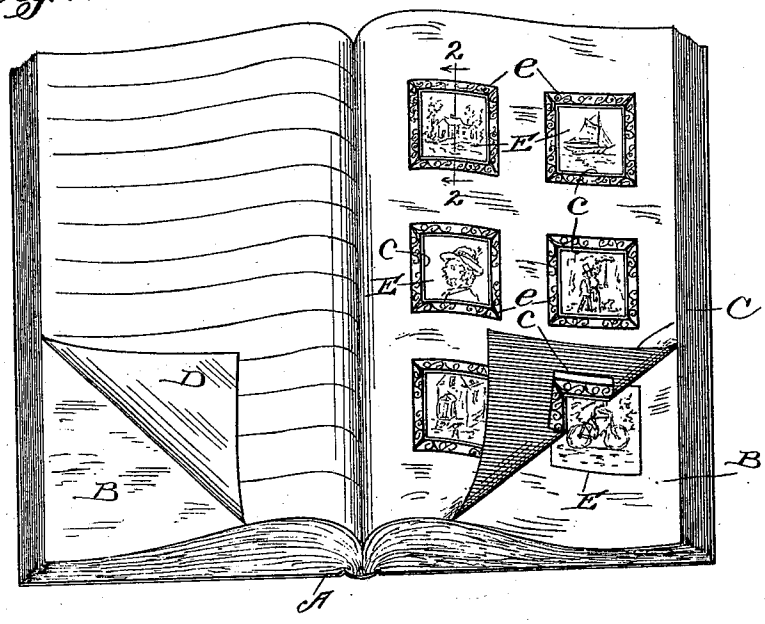


Fig. 2.

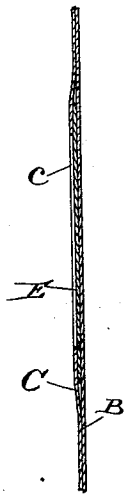


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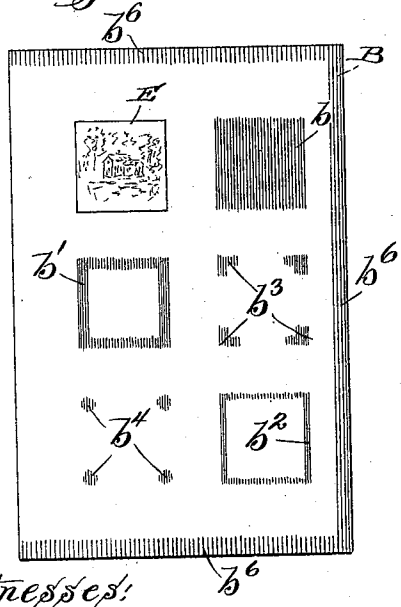
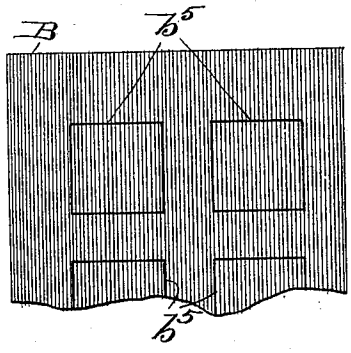


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BRUNS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Albums, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in albums of that class used for the reception and retention of pictures or photographs; and it consists in certain peculiarities of the construction, novel arrangement, preparation, operation, and application of the parts thereof, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and specifically claimed.

The objects of my invention are to provide an album which shall be more especially adapted for the use of tourists and amateur photographers in which they may place and permanently secure the photographic prints in a convenient and attractive manner, and to furnish blank pages upon which may be written memoranda or data relating to the pictures or photographs.

Another object of my invention is to provide an album in which the pictures may be permanently secured and their edges covered or protected by means of an ornamental mat without the necessity of first mounting the pictures on cardboard.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention pertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe it, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an album embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, showing one of the pictures or prints secured in position on the retaining or supporting sheet and its edges covered or protected by means of the mat. Fig. 3 is a face view of one of the retaining or supporting sheets detached from the album, showing a variety of ways of securing the pictures or prints thereon; and Fig. 4 is a similar view of a portion of one of the retaining or supporting sheets, showing it coated with an adhesive substance and provided with diagrams to act as guides in placing the pictures thereon.

Similar letters refer to like parts throughout the different views of the drawings.

A represents the back or binding of my album, within and to which may be secured in the ordinary or any suitable manner a series of retaining or supporting leaves B, mat or apertured leaves C, and blank or memoranda leaves D, which may be of paper or other suitable material. The leaves B, which support or retain the pictures or photographic prints E, are provided at proper points to correctly register and correspond with the openings *c* in the mat-sheets C, with diagrammatical figures to indicate the proper positions or points in which the pictures are to be placed. These diagrams may be produced in a variety of forms and in different ways, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings. For instance, the diagram indicated by the letter *b* is produced by coating the entire space to receive the picture with an adhesive substance—such as mucilage, gum, or other cementing material—while the figures b' and b^2 are formed by placing on the sheet B adhesive substance at the perimeters only of the figures or diagrams, and in the diagrams b^3 and b^4 the corners only are provided with suitable adhesive material and the diagrams b^5 (shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings) are produced by being printed on the sheet B, while the entire surface thereof may be coated with adhesive material, as is shown. The mat-sheets C are each provided with a series of openings *c* and are properly secured within the album, so that said apertures or openings will register with the diagrams on the supporting or retaining sheets. These openings *c* in the mat-sheets are somewhat smaller than the diagrammatical figures and the pictures E placed thereon, so that when the sheets C are secured on the retaining or supporting sheets B the edges of the pictures or photographic prints will be covered or protected by means of the edges of the openings *c*, which overlap the edges of the pictures, as is clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

The openings *c* may be embellished with suitable ornamental designs *e*, printed or otherwise displayed around their perimeters when rectangular or around their edges when of other configurations.

Located throughout the album are a number of blank sheets D, on which descriptions of the pictures or other data relating thereto

may be inscribed. The entire surface of the sheet B, adjacent to the sheet C, to be superimposed thereon, may be coated with mucilage or other adhesive material, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, or said sheet may be uncoated and the entire adjacent surface of the sheet C coated with adhesive material, as shown on the upturned portion in Fig. 1 of the drawings, or the sheet B may be coated in diagrams at proper points to receive the pictures, while the adjacent surface of the sheet C is entirely coated, so that when superimposed on the sheet B it will adhere closely thereto and so cover a part of each of the pictures as to expose them to view, yet will cover and protect their edges, thus presenting an attractive appearance and preventing the pictures being separated from the retaining or supporting sheet.

The sheets B may be provided at three of their edges with a coating b^6, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, in which case it will be unnecessary to coat the adjacent surfaces of the mat-sheets C, as they will be securely united to the sheets B at their edges by reason of the coating on the borders of the retaining or supporting sheets B, as is apparent.

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

1. An album, comprising a series of retaining or supporting leaves having diagrams on one or both of their surfaces, and a series of mat-sheets provided with apertures corresponding and adapted to register with the diagrams on the retaining or supporting sheets, said mat-sheets adapted to be superimposed on and secured to the retaining-sheets, so as to cover and protect the edges of the pictures, substantially as described.

2. An album, comprising a series of retaining or supporting sheets provided with diagrams on one or both of their surfaces, said diagrammatical portions of the retaining-sheets being provided with a coating of adhesive material, and a series of mat-sheets provided with apertures corresponding and adapted to register with the diagrams on the retaining or supporting sheets, said mat-sheets having on their surfaces adjacent to the retaining sheets a coating of adhesive material and adapted to be secured to the retaining-sheets, substantially as described.

3. An album, comprising a series of retaining or supporting sheets provided with diagrams on one or both of their surfaces, said diagrammatical portions of the retaining-sheets being provided with a coating of adhesive material, a series of mat-sheets provided with apertures corresponding and adapted to register with the diagrams on the retaining-sheets, said mat-sheets having on their surfaces adjacent to the retaining-sheets, a coating of adhesive material and adapted to be secured to the retaining-sheets, and a number of blank sheets located throughout the album, substantially as described.

4. An album comprising a series of retaining or supporting leaves having diagrams on one or both of their surfaces, said diagrams comprising a coating of visible adhesive material, and a series of mat-sheets provided with apertures corresponding and adapted to register with the diagrams on the retaining or supporting sheets, said mat-sheets adapted to be superimposed on and secured to the retaining-sheets, so as to cover and protect the edges of the pictures, and provided around their apertures on the exposed surface with embellishments or ornamental designs, substantially as described.

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