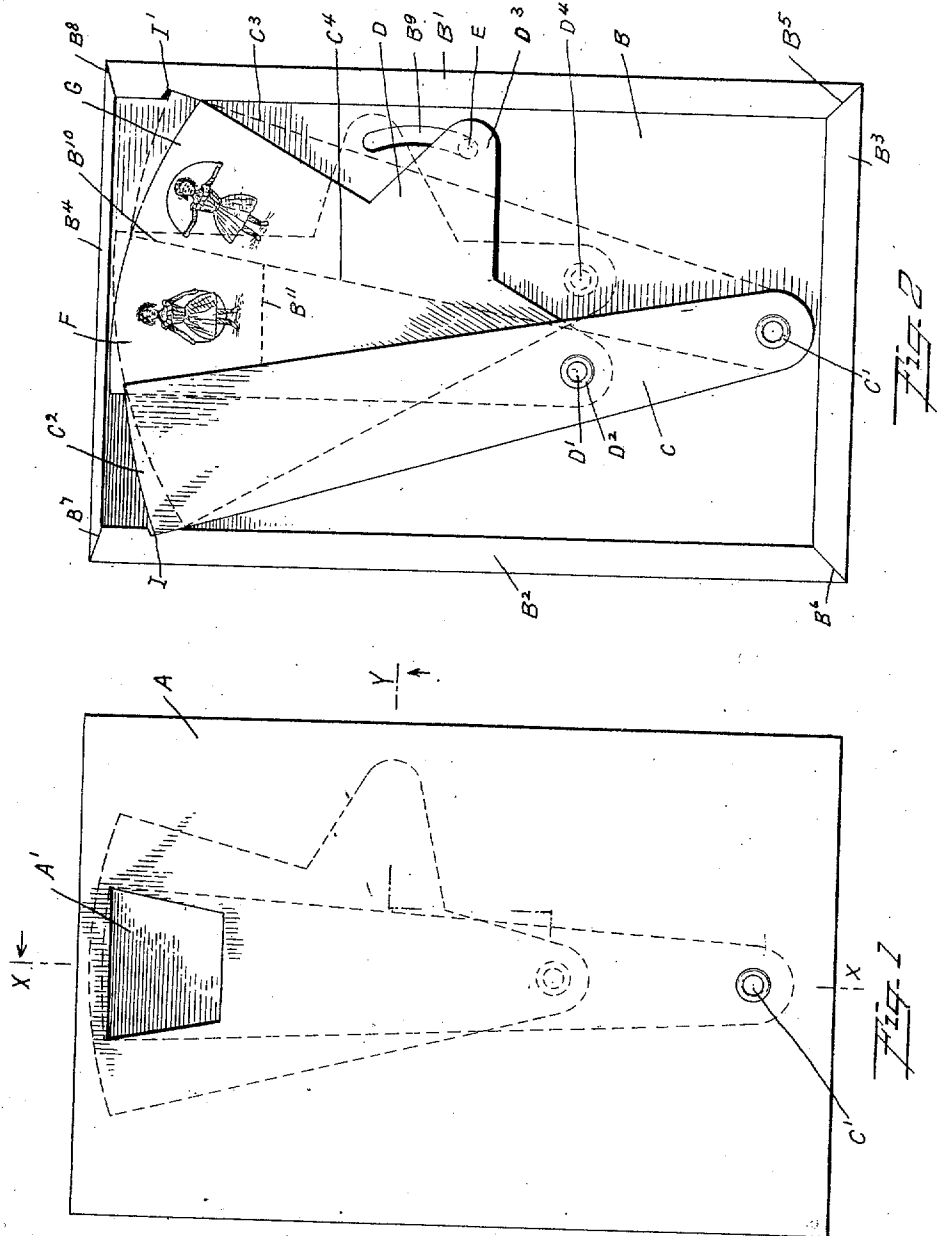


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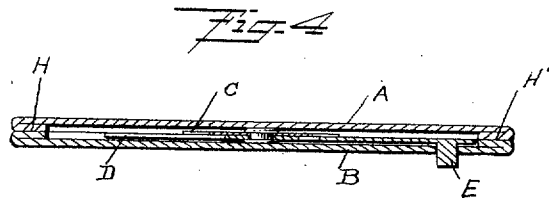
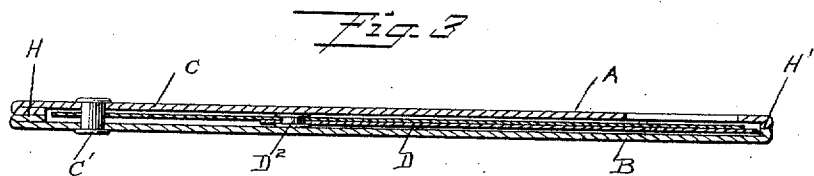
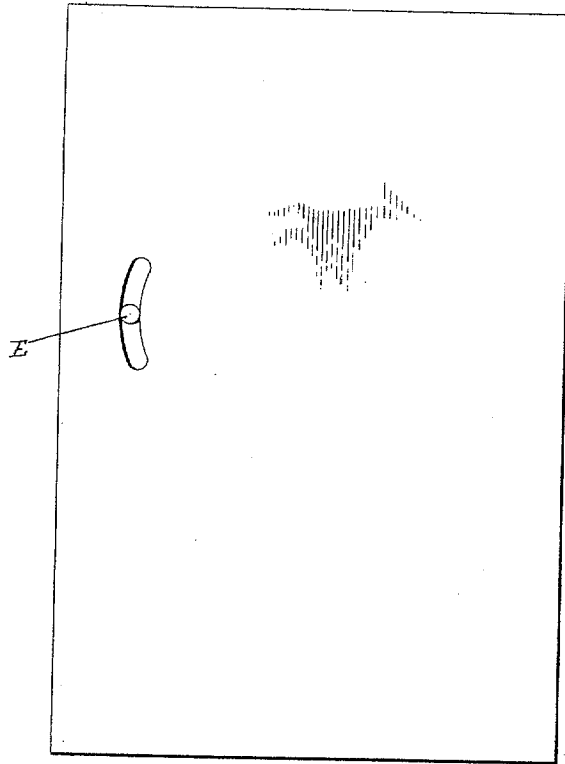
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHAN A. WEINGART, citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to picture cards and the object of my invention is to provide a picture case embodying means for exhibiting moving pictures to represent a life-like action of the figures shown.

Referring to the drawings which form a part of this specification, Figure 1, is a front view of a construction embodying my invention and disclosing at the upper end thereof an opening in which the life-like figures appear. Fig. 2, is a view of the same construction with the front card removed and discloses the means used for operating the moving parts. Fig. 3, is a view of the reverse side of the card shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4, is a vertical sectional view on line X—X of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5, is a cross sectional view on the offset lines Y—Y of Fig. 1.

A, indicates the display side of the front card, and A' is an opening near the top end thereof.

B, indicates a rear card and B', B<sup>2</sup>, B<sup>3</sup> and B<sup>4</sup> indicate the edges of said card turned back on itself after being cut so that the ends come together on a bevel as indicated at B<sup>5</sup>, B<sup>6</sup>, B<sup>7</sup> and B<sup>8</sup>. These edge strip portions are cemented firmly to the inner surface of the card B. Connected to the card B is a strip of card indicated by C which is held by an eyelet C' on which it is free to pivot and permit its top end C<sup>2</sup> to swing across the card B from the position shown to the position indicated by the dotted lines C<sup>3</sup> and C<sup>4</sup>, the distance between said dotted lines indicating the width of said strip portion C. Connected to the strip portion C, is a second card D, which is free to pivot relative thereto at D' and is held thereto by an eyelet D<sup>2</sup>. The card portion D is provided with a U shaped portion D<sup>3</sup> which projects from one side thereof and is formed integral therewith. Connected to the U shaped portion D<sup>3</sup> near one end thereof is a small piece of material indicated by E and shown in cross section in Fig. 5. This material which may be of wood, leather, or any other

suitable material is fastened to the card D and projects through a slot B<sup>9</sup> in the card B. This slot B<sup>9</sup> is formed with curved sides as indicated and serves as a guide for the portion E, which portion E projects through said slot a sufficient distance, as indicated in Fig. 5, to serve as a handle by which it may be grasped by the fingers of the operator, and moved in said slot from the bottom to the top thereof alternately.

Printed or otherwise connected to the card D<sup>3</sup> in the top thereof and on each side of the dotted line B<sup>10</sup>, is a picture; the picture on one side in the present case illustrates a little girl with a rope held at each end by the hands of the girl and describing a semi-circular rope extending downward to her feet; while on the opposite side of the line B<sup>10</sup> is shown the picture of the same girl with the rope extended above her head.

When the handle E is moved up and down in the slot the U shaped end portion D<sup>3</sup> of the card D is moved up and down and guided by the shape of said slot, thereby causing the top of the card D to swing across the top of the card B and bring the figures, indicated by F and G alternately into position as shown by the figure F in the drawing and opposite the space A' in the card A. The movement of the card D<sup>3</sup> also causes the bottom of said card to swing laterally until the point D' has changed its position to that indicated by D<sup>4</sup>. The strip piece C is caused to swing on the eyelet C' as a pivot and cover the figures, indicated at F and G alternately and by providing a moving shutter which for an instant, and during the movement of the card D, will screen the figures, as will be readily understood, and cause the figures to appear to move and produce the optical illusion of a child in the act of jumping a rope.

It is obvious that any other figures may be used that are suitable for a device of this character in place of that of a girl jumping a rope.

Instead of printing both figures indicated by F and G on the card D, one of the figures could be printed if preferred, directly on the card B in the position indicated by the letter F and cutting away the top of the card D on the line B<sup>10</sup> to a point below the figure and then laterally toward the left hand side on the line indicated by B<sup>11</sup>. The

operation of the device would be the same as that just described, but by reason of the fact that the figure indicated by F would not at any time be moved from the position indicated, the device provides a little more perfect optical illusion.

To provide the necessary space between the front and back cards A and B respectively, the inner side edges of the card A are also cut as illustrated at B<sup>5</sup>, B<sup>6</sup>, B<sup>7</sup> and B<sup>8</sup> in Fig. 2 and turned inward as described and the two cards are cemented together as illustrated at H and H' in Figs. 4 and 5, which provides a space between the cards A and B sufficient for the moving parts C and D to operate freely since the cards A and B are preferably formed of thicker material than the portions C and D, as will be readily understood. The turned in portions B<sup>7</sup> and B<sup>8</sup> are cut away slightly at the points I and I' to permit the edge of the shutter C to abut the said portions B<sup>7</sup> and B<sup>8</sup> thereby providing a greater area of contact between the opposite edges of said portion C and the strip portions B<sup>7</sup> and B<sup>8</sup> to prevent the top corners of the strip C from becoming rapidly forced out of shape.

The drawings furnished with this specification are made to a full scale and constitute working drawings by means of which the device can be successfully constructed.

The device above described is intended to be used as a mailing card, the address being written on the display surface of the front card, A, but it may be made in much larger size than that shown in the present drawings.

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

1. A moving picture card comprising front and rear sections, said front section having an opening therethrough and a movable member hinged to one of said sections, a second member hinged to said first member and having a picture thereon, and means for moving said second member to cause said picture to alternately appear in the opening of said section, and the other member to swing from one side of said opening

to the opposite side thereof, for the purpose set forth.

2. A device of the character described comprising, a front and back portion, the edge portions of which are turned back on themselves to provide thickened walls at their sides, one of said portions having an opening, cards pivotally connected together and to one of said first named portions and located between said portions, one of said cards having a picture thereon, and one serving as a shutter, and means for moving said card having the picture thereon to bring said picture opposite said opening, and simultaneously move said card serving as a shutter, in front of said picture during a part of its movement, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A moving picture card comprising, a front and rear section, said front section having an opening therethrough, and a movable member hinged to one of said sections at its lower end and constructed to have its opposite end swinging laterally from side to side, a second member pivoted to said swinging member and the upper end of which is adapted to extend opposite said opening in one of said sections, and is provided with pictures which by the movement of said member may be made to appear opposite said opening, and means for swinging the upper end of said member having said pictures thereon opposite said opening to cause said pictures to appear alternately, and for simultaneously swinging said first swinging member across said opening and to move same in the opposite direction to that in which said card having the pictures thereon is moving, and to momentarily cover said pictures during the swinging movement of said card members, to accomplish the purpose set forth.

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