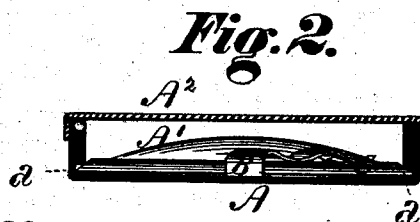
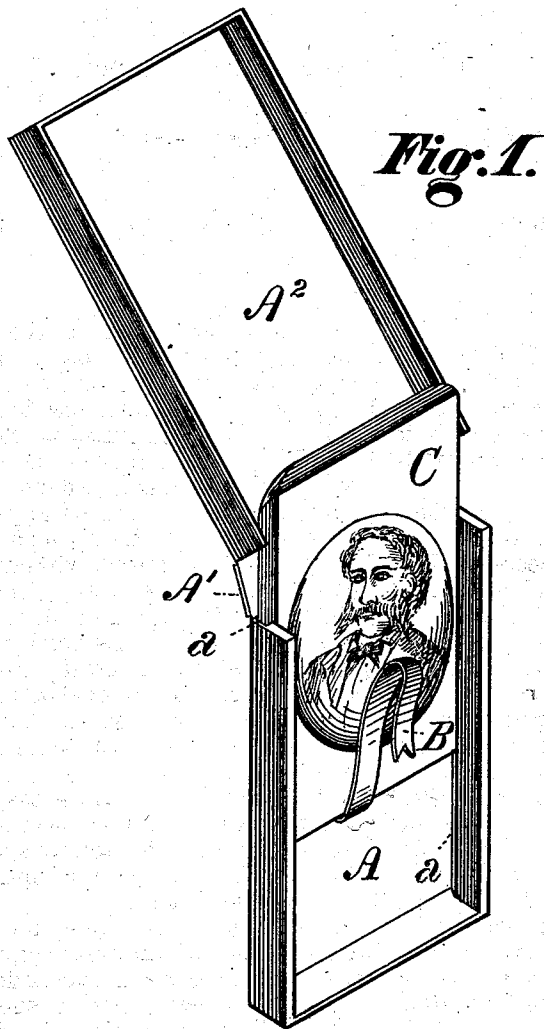


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL S. ROBESON, of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Cases for Photograph-Mounts, Specimens, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and convenient case or receptacle for photograph-mounts, more especially those termed cameo-photographs, which have a raised or convex surface, as well as for specimens of hair-work or any other articles which project above the surface of the card upon which they are mounted, and, consequently, require to be protected from being rubbed against the lid of the case in which they are contained; and, further, to provide suitable means for readily inserting such cards in, and withdrawing them from, the case. To this end my improvements consist in providing a box having lateral guides or ways to receive and retain the card or mount, and a lid or cover connected to the box by a double hinge, so as to be swung aside when required, to insert or remove the card or mount, and provided with a ribbon or tape for removing the same without touching its face, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an isometrical view of a case for photograph-mounts embodying my improvements; and Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section, on an enlarged scale, through the same.

To carry out the object of my invention, I construct a box, A, which is preferably made of paper or pasteboard, and is of sufficient depth to allow the card or mount to rest in it, with the raised face or the specimen which it carries entirely below the top of the box. Grooves or ways *a a* are formed in the sides of the box A, adjacent to the bottom thereof, in which the card or mount C neatly fits, and which serve to prevent its displacement from

its normal position upon the bottom of the box. These grooves may be made either V-shaped, as shown, to receive beveled mounts, or of any other suitable section. A light ribbon or tape, B, is secured to the bottom of the box A, a short distance from one of its ends, which ribbon passes around one end of the mount, and rests upon its upper surface. By means of the ribbon, the mount can be withdrawn, when required, without applying the hand to its face, and any risk of soiling it is thereby obviated. A lid or cover, A², is connected to one end of the box by a double hinge, A¹. The lid can be swung aside to admit of the insertion and removal of the mount; and, when shut down upon the box, the hinge A¹ serves to close that end thereof to which it is connected.

My improved case can be easily and cheaply constructed, and forms a neat and convenient receptacle for photographs or specimens, which it effectually protects from injury in handling and transportation.

I am aware that frames for *passe-partouts*, and cases for postal cards, having projecting flanges at top to retain said articles, have been heretofore known; but in such frames and cases there is no provision made for preventing the contact of a raised face or an article attached to the card with the cover.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, a case for photograph-mounts or specimens, having lateral grooves *a a* upon its inside, at or near its bottom, to hold the card, and a double-hinged lid or cover, A², so attached to the case as to swing entirely clear of the card, to admit of its removal and replacement, as set forth.

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