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PICTURE EXHIBITORS.

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Fig. 1.

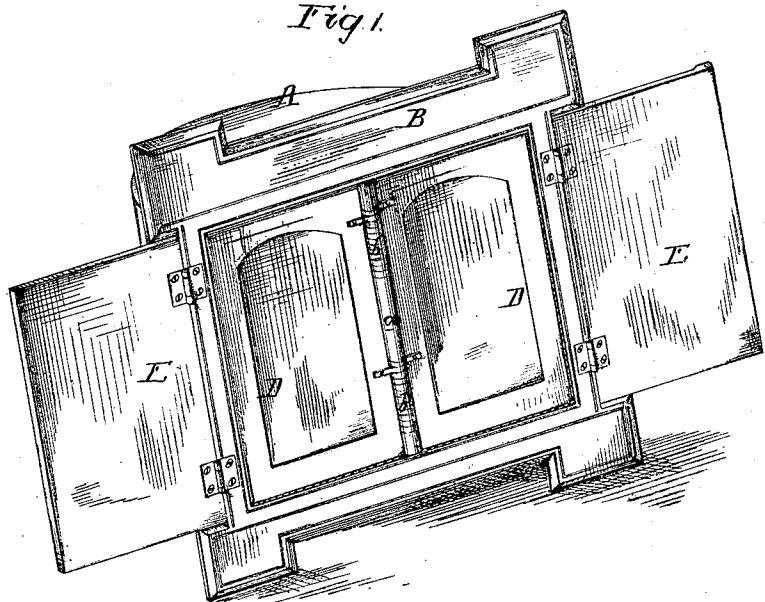


Fig. 2.

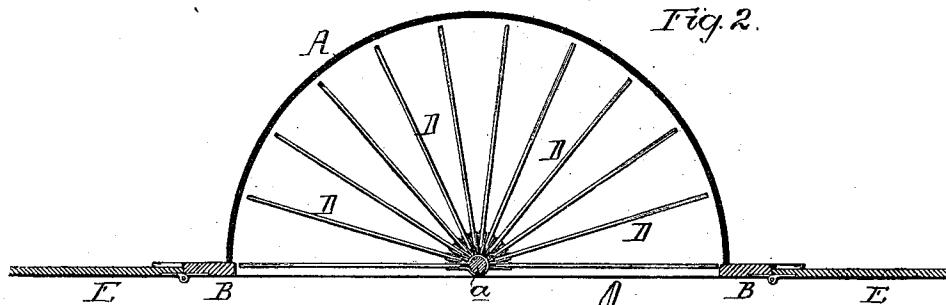
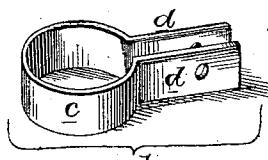
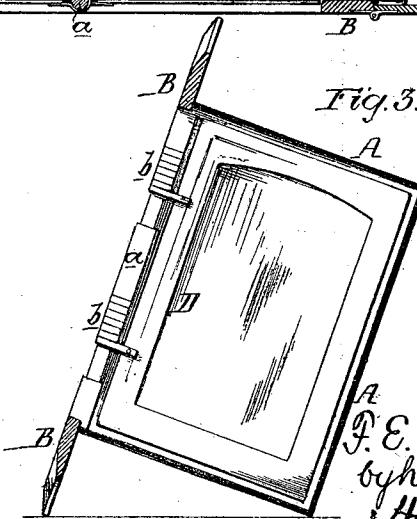


Fig. 4



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Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-EXHIBITORS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 185,139, dated December 5, 1876; application filed
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK E. SCHNEIDER, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Photographic Exhibiting-Case, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to construct a cheap and ornamental case for holding and exhibiting photographic pictures, an object which I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved photographic case; Fig. 2, a sectional plan, and Fig. 3 a transverse vertical section.

The case proper consists of a semicircular box, A, preferably closed at the top and bottom, and joined at its front edges to a flat portion, B, having a central opening, across which extends a stem, a, and to the latter are hinged a number of leaves, D, each leaf being constructed for the reception and display of a photographic card in the same manner as the leaves of a photographic album. Each leaf is hung to the stem *a* by means of two hinges, *b*, and these hinges are formed of flat strips of sheet metal, bent so as to form a ring, *c*, for embracing the stem and arms *d d*, which clasp the edge of the leaf, and may be secured to the same by suitable pins or rivets. (See Fig. 4.) To the front B of the case, at each end of the same, are hinged covers E, which, when closed, meet in the center, and serve to

protect the photographic cards. The stem *a* is reduced in diameter at the points where the hinges *b* occur, so as to prevent the vertical displacement of the leaves D.

The front portion B of the case extends beyond the top and bottom of the body A, so as to conceal it from view, and so that when the case is placed upon a flat surface the front will assume the inclined position, Fig. 3, most favorable for a proper exhibition of the pictures.

The above-described exhibiting-case is cheaper and more ornamental than the usual album, and permits a more ready examination of the pictures.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the body A of the case with the front B, the edges of which project beyond the top and bottom of said body, whereby the said case will support itself in an inclined position when placed on a flat surface, as set forth.

2. The combination of the stem *a* and the cards D with the hinges *b*, constructed as described, and each consisting of a ring, *c*, and the arms *d d*, adapted to embrace the edge of the card, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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