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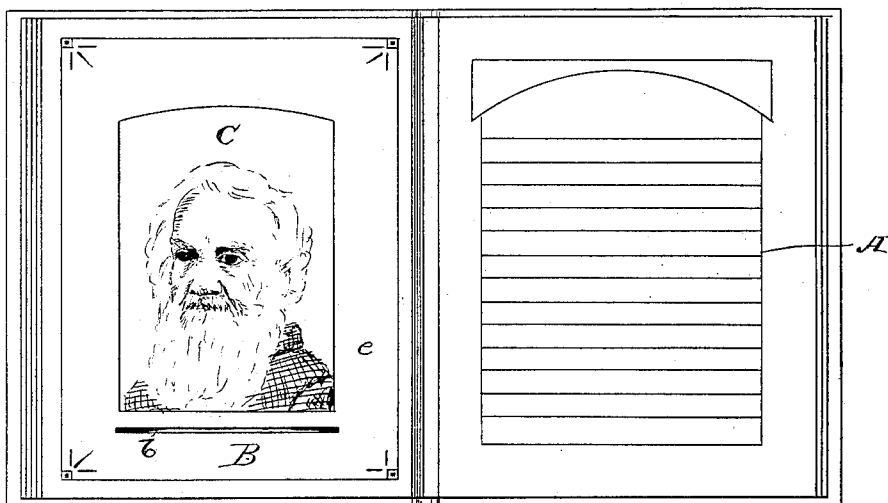
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Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OWEN J. GRIFFITHS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photograph-Albums; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to picture or photograph albums wherein there are provided writing-spaces in proximity to the pictures, adapted to receive descriptive or biographical sketches or other written matter pertaining to the pictures or the subjects thereof; and it consists of improvements in the construction of the leaves of such albums, as will be hereinafter pointed out.

Figure 1 is a face view of an open album embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a section through one of the leaves.

In the drawings, B designates one of the leaves of the album, having the usual sight-opening, through which the photograph C is displayed, and the slit *b* near the lower edge of the leaf, through which the photograph is inserted. The paper *e*, which surrounds the sight-opening and through which is formed the slit *b*, may be embossed, roughened, porous, or of any other fancy design which taste may dictate. The opposite page or face, A, of the leaf, however, is formed of a hard-finished paper of a nature suitable to receive writing. It may be ornamented with a suitable border and ruled, if desired.

The leaves B are of a size substantially corresponding to the photographs which they hold, and are so bound together in the album that the blank page A of one leaf is opposite to the face of the adjacent leaf containing the sight-opening.

I am aware that it has been proposed to make a combined photograph and autograph album in one having the sight-openings and the writing-spaces side by side upon the same faces of the leaves. The following advantages, however, are incident to an album made up of leaves such as I have described. I avoid making the album unduly large and cumbersome when arranged to receive large pictures; and, further, I am enabled to get much more pleasing effects in the ornamentation of the album, since the paper *e*, surrounding the sight-opening, and the paper A, which receives the writing, being on opposite faces of the leaf, do not overlap or meet each other upon the surface of the leaf with the attending difficulty of neatly and securely uniting such overlapping or meeting edges of different kinds of paper.

What I claim is—

A picture-album having leaves, each of which has a sight-opening at one side or face of a size adapted to a picture corresponding in size to the capacity of the album and having its opposite side closed and formed of a hard-finished paper, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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