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Fig: 1.

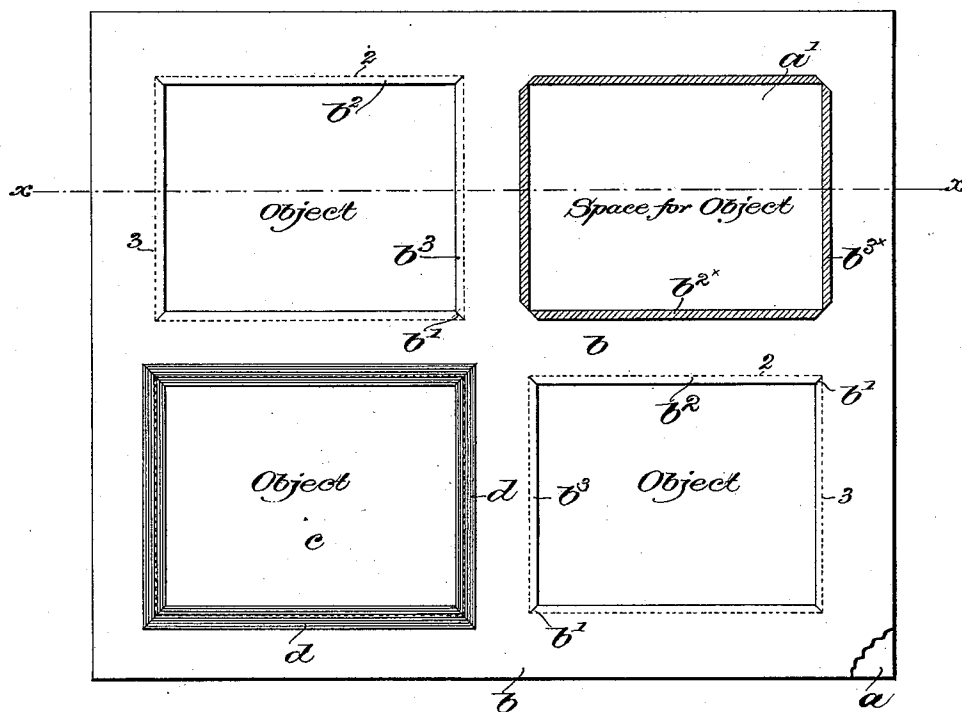
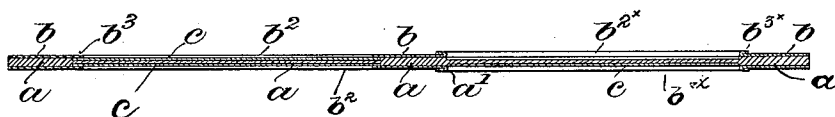


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. LUNDAHL, of Somerville, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Mounts for Photographic or Similar Objects, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

As it is very desirable to preserve photographs, cards, clippings, &c., in permanent form, various means have been devised for accomplishing such object, in the well known scrap books of many varieties.

The added thickness imparted to each page of such a book by the objects mounted thereon amounts to a considerable addition in the aggregate, and to overcome this and preserve the book as flat and compact as possible, the leaves are separated by one or more stubs adjacent the binding, according to the probable thickness of the objects to be mounted. Such books are unsightly, however, and the methods of mounting the objects are objectionable, particularly in the case of photographs. If the leaf is slitted to receive the corners of the photograph, the latter cannot be maintained smooth and flat, and great care must be exercised in making the slits. On the other hand, if an adhesive substance is applied to the back of the object and it is thereby secured to the leaf or page, the latter will bend or "cockle," owing to the shrinkage of the adhesive when it dries, and it is impossible to make such a book lie flat and compact, particularly in unskilled hands.

This invention has for its object the production of a mount for photographs, cards, and the like, which overcomes the foregoing objections and maintains the mounted object flat and smooth without "cockling," and which can be manipulated with ordinary care to produce good results.

In accordance therewith my invention consists in a mount for photographs, of a back, and a facing secured thereto having an opening in it to expose the back, the free edges of the facing about the opening forming retaining flaps, and having an adhesive applied to their under faces whereby when turned over upon the edges of the object to be mounted they will adhere thereto and retain it in place

in the opening, substantially as will be described.

Other features of my invention will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is a plan view, partly broken out, of a mount embodying my invention; and Fig. 2 is a section thereof on the line $x x$.

Referring to the drawings, I have shown the mount as consisting of a back a of card-board, paper, or other desired material, of suitable thickness and stiffness, having secured thereto on one or both faces a facing b , the thickness of the latter being exaggerated in the drawings. The facing is some thin, flexible material, preferably paper, secured to the back by an adhesive, or in other desired manner, and it has one or more openings therein, somewhat smaller than and corresponding in shape to the object to be mounted.

As shown in Fig. 1, the openings are rectangular, and the covering is diagonally slit at the corners of such openings, as at b' , to leave flaps b^2, b^3 , the dotted lines 2, 3, indicating the limits of the portion of the facing attached to the back, so that the flaps may be turned back on said dotted lines, as shown at b^{2x}, b^{3x} .

An adhesive substance is applied to the under faces of the flaps, shown by the shading on the turned back flaps b^{2x}, b^{3x} , the substance becoming adhesive by the application of moisture or heat, or both.

In order to avoid any thickening of the mount by the photograph or card when in place, I preferably form a recess or depression in the back as at a' , to register with the opening in the facing b , the dotted lines 2, 3, coinciding with the boundaries of the depression. The photograph c or other object to be mounted is placed in the depression a' , the depth of which is equal to or slightly in excess of the thickness of the object, and the adhesive surfaces of the retaining flaps b^2, b^3 , are moistened with the tongue or otherwise, and said flaps are then turned over and pressed upon the edges of the object, adhering thereto, and an inspection of the left-hand end of Fig. 2 will show that the flaps are in the plane of the facing b , so that no thickening of the mount takes place. As the adhesive on the retaining flaps dries, the latter

shrink slightly and so stretch out smoothly the object *c*, retaining it firmly and securely in place.

While I have shown in the drawings a page 5 or leaf which may be bound with similar ones in book form, it is obvious that it might be used equally well alone, and though four similar and equal objects may be mounted on each side of the mount shown, it is also obvious 10 that the invention is not restricted thereto, as the mount could be adapted for one object, or for a plurality of objects of different sizes or shapes, on one or both of its sides, as desired.

15 Various embellishments may be added, as for instance, the outer side of the flaps may be colored to contrast with the main portion of the facing *b*, and the contrasting color extended beyond the flaps, as at *d*, Fig. 1, to 20 give the appearance of a mat around the mounted photograph, &c.

This invention is particularly adapted for unmounted photographs, holding them securely in place without any bending or "cock- 25 ling" of the mount.

If desired the back beneath the retaining flaps may be oiled or waxed, to prevent any accidental adhesion of the flaps thereto.

My invention is not restricted to the exact 30 construction and arrangement herein shown, as changes may be made therein without de-

parting from the spirit or scope of my invention.

I claim—

1. A mount for photographs, consisting of 35 a back, and a facing secured thereto having an opening in it to expose the back, the free edges of the facing about the opening forming retaining flaps, and having an adhesive 40 applied to their under faces, whereby when turned over upon the edges of the object to be mounted they will adhere thereto and retain it in place in the opening, substantially as described.

2. A mount for photographs, consisting of 45 a back having a depression therein to receive the object to be mounted and of a depth corresponding to the thickness of said object, and a thin facing secured to the back and having an opening therein to register with 50 the depressed portion of the back, the edges of the facing forming retaining flaps which can be secured to the edges of the object when bent thereover, to retain it in place, substantially as described. 55

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

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