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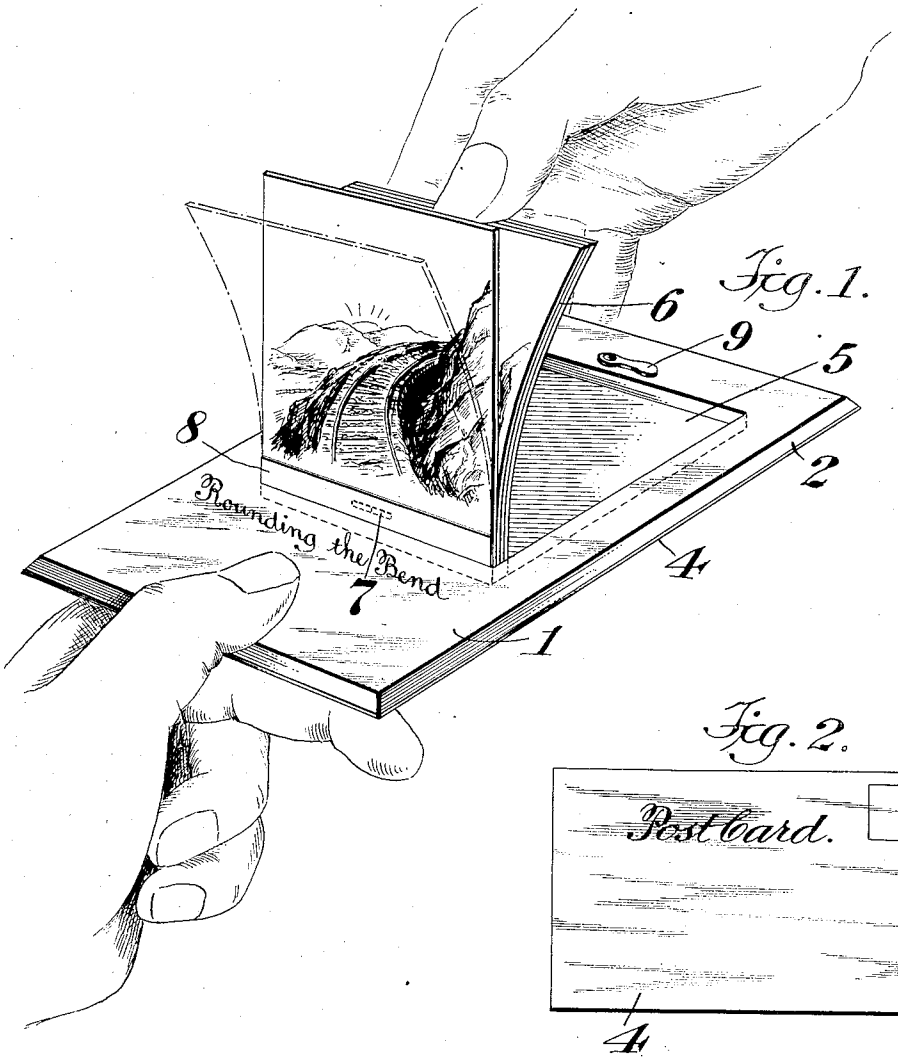


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

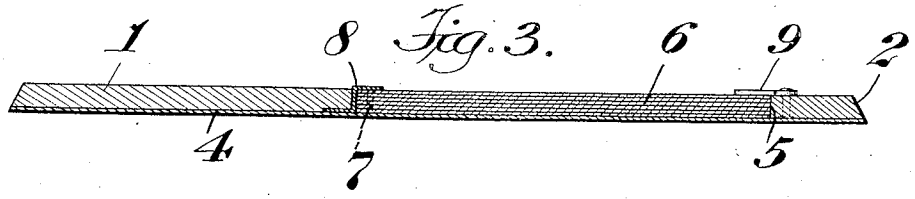


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIOT KEEN, a 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 Devices for Producing Moving-Picture Effects, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for producing moving picture effects.

Heretofore the devices of this character known as "thumb books", were operated by firmly grasping the bound end of the book, loosely grasping the free ends of the pages and then releasing them in quick succession, which mode of operation was attended with a great disadvantage as the pages of the book, on account of being firmly grasped at the bound end of the book, were retarded from turning over as quickly and as far as required, with the result that the pictures were not entirely exposed to view.

The object of my invention is therefore to obviate the necessity for grasping the bound end of the book and therefore leave the pages thereof free to turn quickly and far enough to fully expose the pictures to view.

A further object of my invention is to provide means for supporting the "thumb book" so as to accomplish the above object and also to provide means for carrying the "thumb book" through the mails without necessitating an envelop.

A further object of my invention is to accomplish the above mentioned objects in the most simple, inexpensive and effective manner.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, showing the manner of grasping and operating the same. Fig. 2 is an upper face view thereof, and Fig. 3 a central longitudinal sectional view thereof.

Like reference characters designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings illustrating my invention.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a thick card which may be of any desired or attractive shape, preferably oblong and having beveled edges 2. An opening, preferably rectangular is provided in the card at the right hand end, as viewed from the drawings, and a thick card 4, preferably a post card, is pasted or otherwise secured to the upper face of the card 1 covering the opening therethrough and forming a rectangular compartment 5 opening through the under face. A "thumb book" 6 is normally contained in the compartment 5 so that the outer page thereof will come flush with the under face of the card 1. The pages forming the "thumb book" and bearing the pictures to be exhibited are secured or bound together at one end by a staple 7 or other suitable means and their other ends are left free.

The "thumb book" is secured so as to adapt it to be swung into and out of the compartment 1 by means of a strib 8, one end of which is pasted or otherwise secured to the face of the outer page of the "thumb book" and the other end pasted or otherwise secured between the inner faces of the cards 1 and 4. A button 9 is pivoted to the card 1 so as to adapt it to be turned over the "thumb book" when it is desired to retain it in the compartment 5 and turned off the "thumb book" when it is desired to swing it out of said compartment to exhibit the pictures.

It will be appreciated that by reason of the "thumb book" being contained within the compartment 5 and hinged to the cards which are adapted to be held in one hand of the operator, that when it is swung out of said recess only the free ends of the pages need be grasped and released thus leaving them free and unretarded to quickly and fully expose the pictures thereon to view and it will also be appreciated that when the "thumb book" is secured within the recess 5 in the card 1 it is in a very compact convenient form for mailing.

I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise details and arrangements of parts shown and described, but reserve the right to all modifications within the scope of my invention.

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

1. In a device of the character set forth, a card having a compartment opening through one face of the card and a thumb book hinged therein, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character set forth, a card having a compartment opening through one face of the card and a thumb book hinged therein and means binding the pages thereof together at one end, substantially as described.

3. In a device of the character set forth, a

card having a compartment opening through one face of the card and a thumb book therein, means binding the pages thereof together at one end and a strip hinging said book to said card one end secured to the outer page thereof and the other end to the under face of said card, substantially as described.

4. In a device of the character set forth, a card having a compartment opening through one face of the card, a thumb book hinged therein and means for securing said book within said compartment, substantially as described.

5. In a device of the character set forth, a card having an opening, a card secured to one face of the first mentioned card and covering said opening through that face, and a thumb book hinged in said opening, substantially as described.

6. In a device of the character set forth, a card having an opening, a card secured to one face of the first mentioned card and covering said opening through that face, a thumb book hinged therein and means binding the pages thereof together, substantially as described.

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