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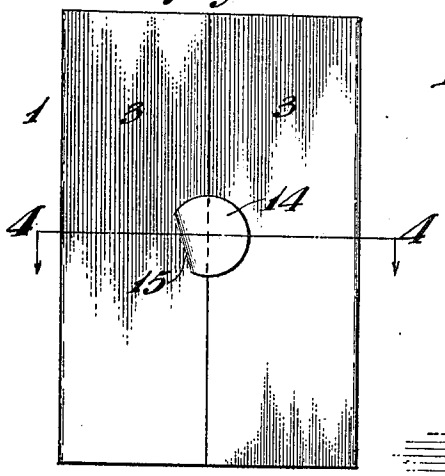


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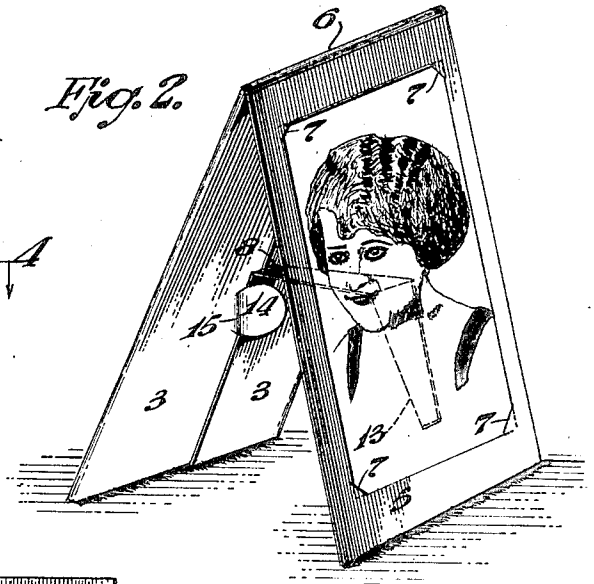


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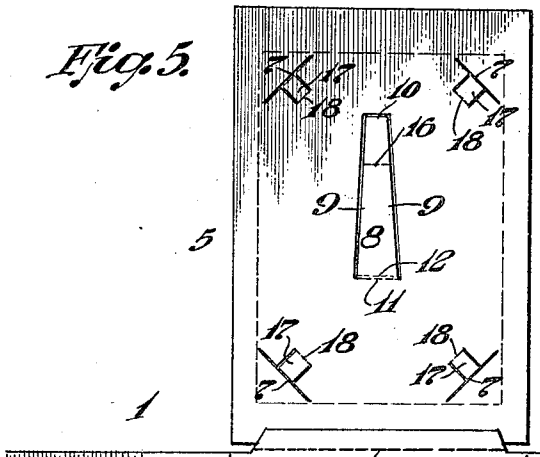
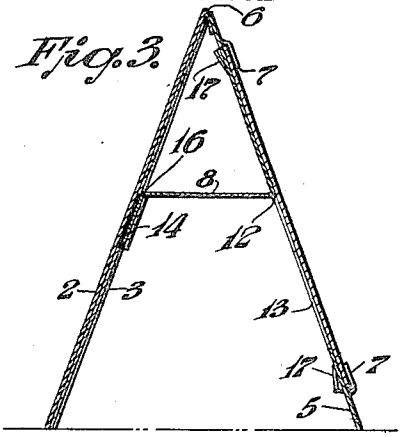


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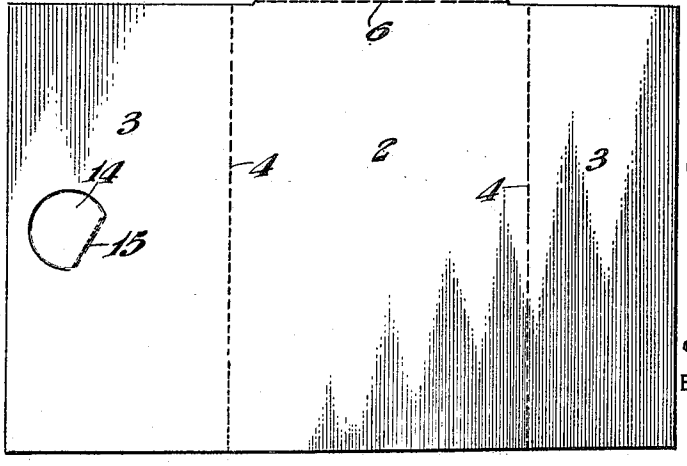
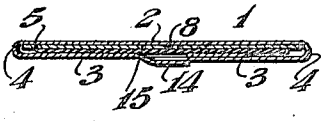


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM SUSSMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Combined Case and Easel for Photographs or other Pictures, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a case adapted to contain a photograph or other picture which may be exhibited therein, and means on said case for forming an easel therewith whereby the photograph or picture may be displayed on the easel, the device being simple, inexpensive and practical in its nature, as will be hereinafter described.

The invention is satisfactorily illustrated in the accompanying drawing, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific details shown and described, as long as they are within the spirit or scope of the claims.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of the case of the device in closed condition.

Figure 2 represents a perspective view of the device in easel form.

Figure 3 represents a vertical section of the device Figure 2.

Figure 4 represents a transverse section on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 represents a plan view of the device in opened out condition preparatory to being converted into the case and easel.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings.

1 designates the body of a case for holding a photograph or other picture, the same consisting of the back 2 of cardboard or other suitable stiff paper or other material, the same having on its sides the flaps 3 which may be folded on the vertical score lines 4 towards and from the back piece 2.

5 designates a piece of cardboard or other suitable material, the same being secured to the flap 6 on the upper end of the back 2, said flap having a transversely extending fold line at its place of junction with said back, whereby the piece 5 may be turned down upon the inner side of the back 2 and covered by the side flap 3 so that said piece is then inclosed and covered in the case. The piece 5 has therein about the corners thereof the diagonal slits 7 into which the corner portions of a photograph or other picture may be tucked and so retained on said piece, the latter thus comprising a mount for said photograph or picture which plate is visible at the front of the case when the flaps 3 are opened.

The device may be converted into an easel when the mount forms the front thereof, and the case composed of the back 2 and side flap 3 in folded condition is adapted to comprise the prop or leg of the easel, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

8 designates a brace which is cut or punched out of the piece 5 on its sides 9 and outer end 10, while its inner end 11 remains connected with said piece integral therewith on the score line 12, whereby the brace may be moved out of the opening 13 in the piece 5 formed by cutting or punching out the brace from the latter, as shown in Figure 2, and folded into said opening as shown in Figure 5.

On one of the flaps 3 near the side edge thereof is the tongue 14 which is partially cut or punched out of the same leaving a portion 15 connected with the flaps as a fold line for the tongue, said tongue thus remaining an integral member of the flap and being adapted to overhang the side edge portion of the opposite flap, said portion thus being inserted between the movable part of said tongue and the part of the opposite flap beneath said tongue as means for locking the two flaps in closed condition.

It will be seen that when the parts are spread out as in Figure 5, the mount or piece 5 with a photograph or picture thereon may be folded on the back 2 of the body of the case, and the flaps folded over the mount. Then the flaps are locked by the tongue 14 and so prevented from opening, when as is evident the photograph or picture is contained in the case as formed and covered and protected from outside influences.

When it is desired to exhibit the photograph or picture on the easel, the flaps are unlocked and opened out, and the mount or piece 5 moved out and up from the back 2. Then the flaps are again folded and then locked by the tongue 14 and the mount or piece moved and placed in inclined down position over the folded flaps, when the photograph or picture appears on the front. The

brace is then withdrawn from the opening in the piece 5 and its free end tucked under the tongue 14, said end being made more pliable for the purpose by the folding piece adapted to form the lip 16 which may be bent at an angle to said brace and tucked under the tongue 14 on one of the side folds and so connected therewith as to keep the front and rear portions of the device distended and locking the mount and case in easel condition without the employment of a base or foot piece, thus also saving the expense of the latter, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, it being noticed that the tongue 14 performs the functions primarily of keeping the flaps in closed condition and next for connecting the brace on the mount with the side flaps in the easel condition of the device.

It is evident that when the brace is withdrawn from the tongue 14 the mount piece is disconnected from the case. Then the mount piece may be unfolded, the flaps opened out as in Figure 5, and said piece with the photograph or picture folded on the back 2 and the flaps folded over the latter, the brace 8 having reentered the opening 13. Then the flaps are folded on the mount and locked by the tongue 14 when the case is closed with the photograph or picture contained therein guarded and unexposed to the atmosphere or other external influences.

In order to more fully retain the corners of the photograph or picture within the slits 7 whose walls form pockets for the purpose there are cut or punched out of the material of the mount piece 5, the tongues 17 which remain integrally connected with said material on the score or fold lines 18 whereby when said corners are inserted in said slits, the said tongues contact with the back of the corner portions of the photograph or picture and so press against said portions so as to assist in preventing the corners from slipping out from said slits 7, the effect of which is evident.

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

1. In a combined case and easel, a back piece, foldable side flaps thereon, means for primarily interlocking said flaps, a foldable flap on the upper end of the back piece, a picture mounting piece connected with said upper foldable flap, and a tongue on said mounting piece adapted to engage said interlocking means and to retain the front and rear members of the device distended in easel condition without a base piece.

2. In a device of the character stated, a case formed of a back piece, foldable side flaps, a pliable locking tongue, one of said side flaps adapted to engage the other side flap, and a foldable cross flap at the top of said back piece, a mounting piece connected foldably with said cross piece and adapted to be inclosed in said case, and to be placed outside of the latter and forming with said case an easel, and a brace on said mounting piece adapted to be turned rearwardly therefrom and engaged with said locking tongue to hold the device in the easel condition.

3. In a device of the character stated, a case formed of a back piece and side flaps thereon, a mounting piece connected foldably with said back piece and adapted to be inclosed in said case and to be placed outside of the same in an easel effect, a brace for preserving said effect, said brace being an integral portion of said back piece and foldable in and out of the same, and a tongue on one of said flaps adapted to be engaged by the opposite flap to lock the case in closed position, said brace being adapted to lockingly engage said tongue and thereby control the brace in preserving the easel effect of the same.

4. In a device of the character stated, a case formed of a back piece, foldable side flaps, a pliable locking tongue, one of said side flaps adapted to engage the other side flap, and a foldable cross flap at the top of said back piece, a mounting piece connected foldably with said cross piece and adapted to be inclosed in said case, and to be placed outside of the latter and forming with said case an easel, and a brace on said mounting piece adapted to be turned therefrom, said brace having on its outer terminal a foldable lip which is adapted to be tucked under said locking tongue.

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