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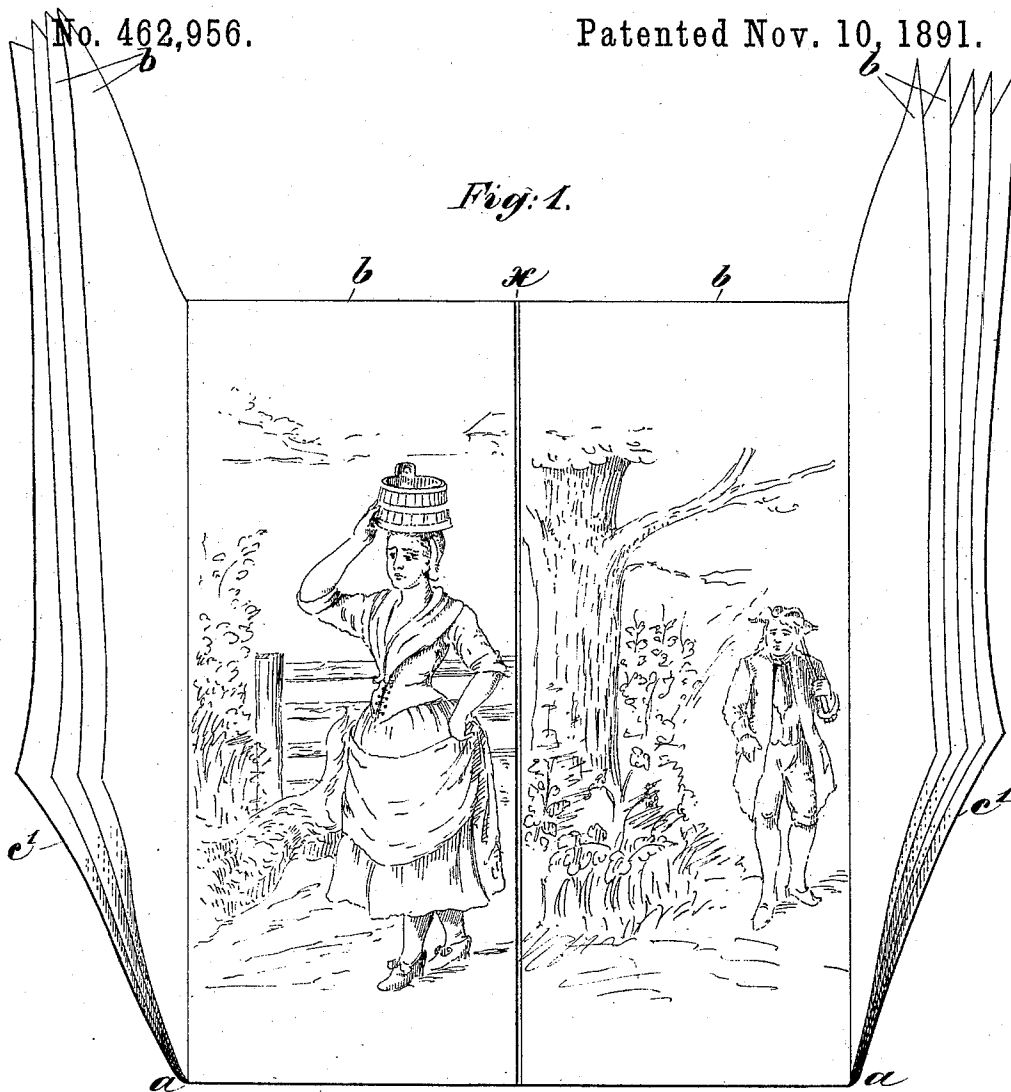
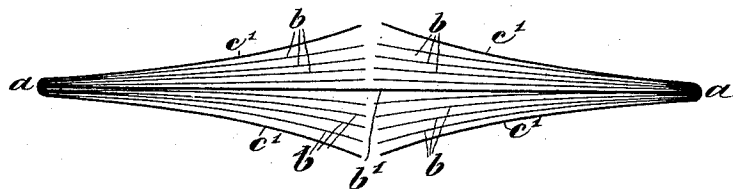


Fig: 4.



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Fig. 2.

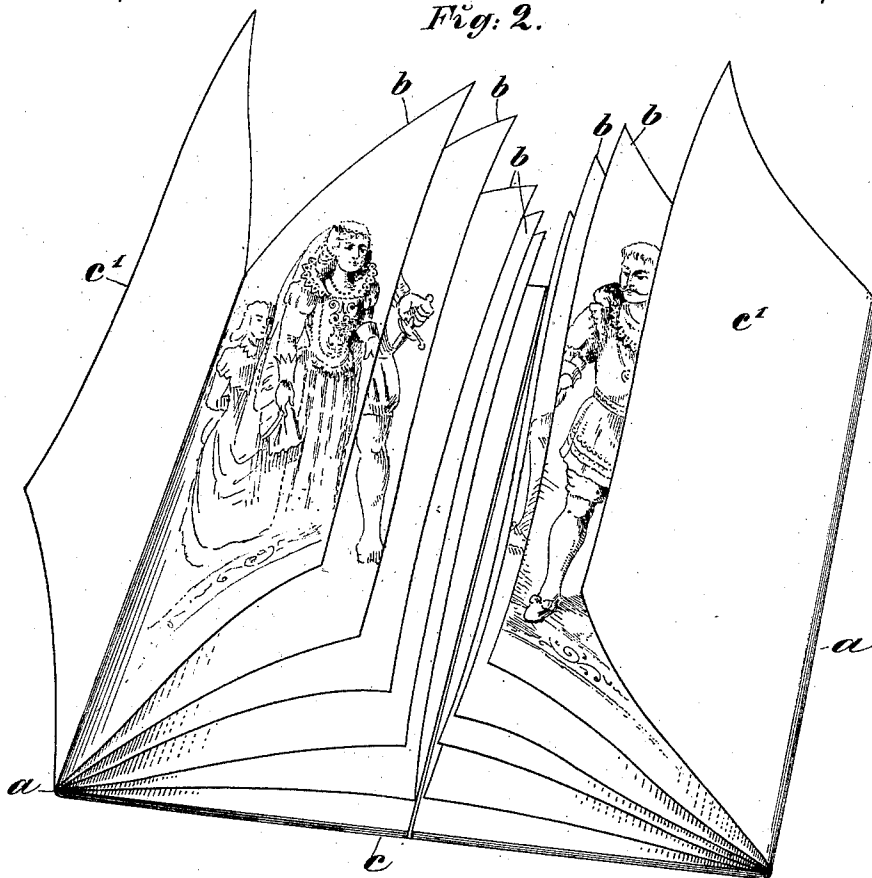
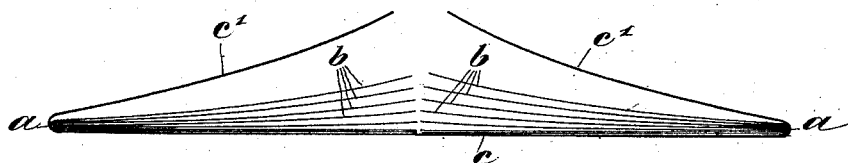


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN McLOUGHLIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Picture-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the class of picture-books for children, and the object is to afford amusement and instruction to children by supplying a double book composed, essentially, of a series of superposed sheets with pictures thereon, said sheets being stitched at their opposite edges to form the two backs of the book, and the sheets then cut down through the middle, so that each half of the picture constitutes a leaf of the double book. One cover of the book will be cut or slitted like the leaves, but the other will be left intact, so as to hold the two parts of the double book with the free edges of the leaves abutting. Thus the half of any one picture in the book may be brought to match with the opposite half of that or any other picture therein, whereby a picture made up of more or less congruous parts will be presented. The pictures will be so made up that they can be divided in this manner without notably marring them, each picture being substantially in two parts, which parts are separated by the slit through the center of the sheet, but being at the same time a complete picture when seen as a whole.

My invention will be fully described hereinafter, and its novel features carefully defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which serve to illustrate the invention, Figure 1 is a face view of a picture-book embodying my invention. The view represents the book as open. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing the book partly open. Fig. 3 is an end view of the book. Fig. 4 shows another form of the book, which will be hereinafter described.

In carrying out my invention in the preferred way I take a number of sheets of paper of uniform size, on each of which is printed a picture of any kind, and I bind these sheets together at their opposite edges in the covers, thus forming a sort of double book with two

backs *a a*. I then cut one of the covers and the picture-bearing leaves down through, forming a slit *x*, where the free edges of the leaves *b* of the two books or two sections of the book abut. The slit will usually be in the middle of the sheets, leaving one cover *c* intact or uncut, and the cover *c' c'* divided like the sheets of the book. Each picture on a sheet is thus divided, and by laying the book down on a table with the integral cover *c* next the table, the book may be opened and the leaf or half of any one sheet may be brought to match the opposite leaf or half of any other sheet, so that the right-hand half of any picture in the book will match with the left-hand half of any other picture, and curious and amusing results be thus obtained. The integral cover *c* keeps all the leaves of the double book in their proper relative positions and enables the opposite leaves to be matched conveniently.

I have explained how I prefer to construct my picture-book—namely, by printing the picture on the broad sheet and then slitting the sheet after binding—but it will be obvious that the two parts of the picture might be printed separately on the narrower leaves, and these latter be bound in covers, one of which is integral and which ties together the two parts of the essentially double book in such a manner as to bring the free edges of the leaves together edge to edge and in juxtaposition. I do not, therefore, limit myself to any particular mode of making the book.

I prefer to leave the cover *c* at the back of the book intact, as set forth; but a book may be made in accordance with my invention by following the construction illustrated in Fig. 4, which is an end view. In this construction both covers are divided and the two books or book-sections are held together by leaving one of the sheets *b'* uncut. This will form a sort of quadruple book, as though two double books like that seen in Figs. 1 and 2 were placed back to back and had one cover *c* in common.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A double picture-book, each book or section of which has one independent cover, and the two books or sections having one cover or

- sheet in common which unites them edge to edge, the leaves *b* of the books having pictures on them and being bound together at their outer margins, leaving the inner free
- 5 margins of the two books or sections in juxtaposition, as described, whereby a picture on any one leaf of one book or section may be made to form an extension or part of the picture on any leaf of the other book or section.
- 10 2. A double picture-book, the two sections of which are united edge to edge by a cover or sheet in common, the free inner edges of the leaves of the two sections being in juxtaposition, as described, and said leaves having
- 15 half-pictures printed on them, as set forth, whereby when the leaves of opposite sections which bear the halves of the same picture are brought together edge to edge they will exhibit the complete picture.
3. A double picture-book composed of two sets of leaves *b*, the leaves of each set being united or bound at their outer edges to form backs *a*, and having their free inner margins juxtaposed edge to edge along the line *x*, and a cover *c*, which unites or ties together the two sets of leaves, as set forth.
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In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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