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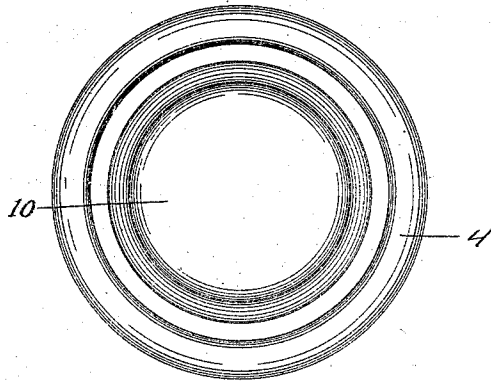
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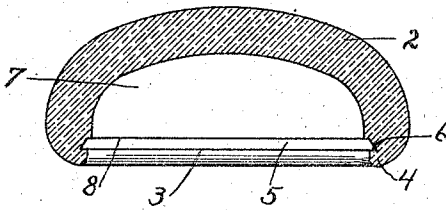
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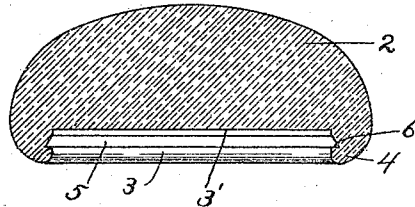
*Fig. 1*



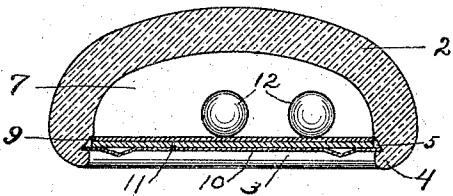
*Fig. 2*



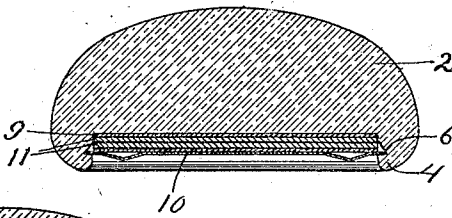
*Fig. 4*



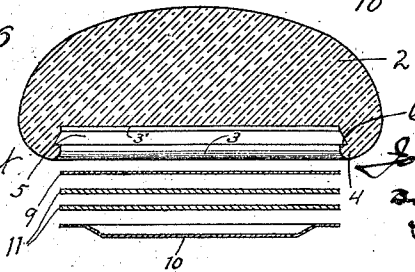
*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 6*



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## TRANSPARENCY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN LOBMILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wellsburg, in the county of Brooke and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Transparencies, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of this invention is to so construct transparencies that the matter to be displayed may be mounted therein in a very secure and inexpensive manner.

The invention consists in the novel structural features and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated by the accompanying drawings portraying the invention as applied to a paper-weight, wherein—

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of a weight constructed in accordance with my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are cross-sectional views of hollow weights embodying the invention, the former being unmounted. Figs. 4 and 5 are similar views of solid weights. Fig. 6 is a sectional view illustrating in detail the several elements of the invention.

Referring to the drawings, 2 represents the glass body of a paper-weight, having a well or depression 3 in its back or under face, with the base rim or flange 4 grooved on its inner face at 5, said groove being preferably, though not necessarily, continuous. The outer portion of this groove forms the shoulder 6.

The weight shown in Figs. 2 and 3 is hollowed or recessed inwardly from groove 5, as shown at 7, said recess being of slightly less diameter than well 3, forming ledge 8 to receive picture or card 9. In the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5, wherein recess 7 is omitted, the picture or card bears against the inner wall 3' of well 3.

The securing means consists, preferably, of a bulged or dish-shaped metallic disk 10, which after being inserted in well 3 is flattened by any suitable means and caused to expand into groove 5 and engage shoulder 6 thereof, as in Fig. 5. Blanks 11, of cardboard, are inserted to tightly hold picture or card 9 against ledge 8 or well bottom 3', as the case

may be, the number of said blanks varying with the thickness of card 9 and with the depth of well 3, the latter variation arising through the unavoidable slight difference in amounts of glass supplied to the molds in which the weights are formed.

Groove 5 is preferably formed while the glass is hot and immediately following the pressing or molding of the transparency. The shape or form of the groove is immaterial. Cutting the groove in cold glass is a delicate operation, as the articles are very liable to break, owing to the great tension existing in thick bodies of glass.

Cavity 7 is formed for the purpose of lightness, and possibly the picture or card may be displayed to better advantage therein than where it bears against a glass surface, as in the construction of Figs. 4 and 5. Movable devices 12 of circular or other form may be confined in cavity 7, which in a paper-weight add novelty and attractiveness thereto.

While I have shown and described the invention as applied to a paper-weight, it will be understood that this is merely an illustration of one of the uses to which the same may be put, as transparencies of various kinds and shapes and for a variety of purposes may be constructed in accordance therewith. It will be understood that the surface 9 exposed through the transparency may bear a photograph, picture, or printed matter for advertisement or other purposes.

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

1. A transparency comprising a body of glass formed with cavity 7 terminating at its lower edge in ledge 8 and beneath said ledge the inner wall of the glass body formed with groove 5, an expansible metallic closure adapted to be expanded and permanently secured in groove 5, layers of paper interposed between ledge 8 and the closure, and movable devices within space 7.

2. A transparency consisting of a body of transparent glass formed with a bottom depression having a continuous or unbroken side groove, an exhibit within the depression visible through the transparent body, an exhibit-

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confining device closing the depression with its entire edge area within and confined by said side groove, and a filling between the exhibit and the closure, substantially as described.

5 3. A transparency formed with a bottom cavity formed with ledge 8 and beneath said ledge formed with side groove 5, an expansible closure adapted to be secured in groove

5, and a filling interposed between ledge 8 and the closure, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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