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Fig. 1.

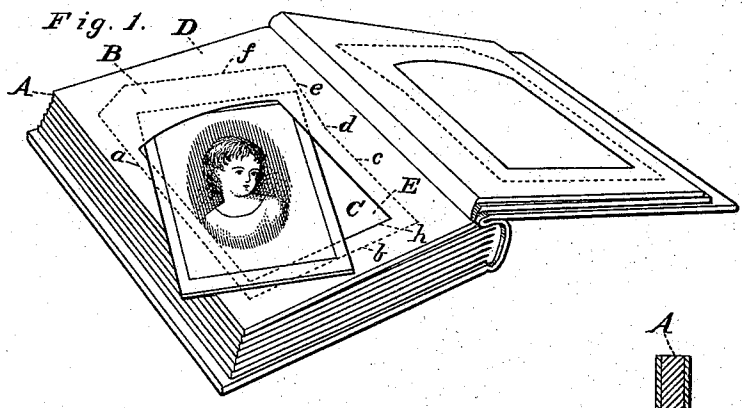


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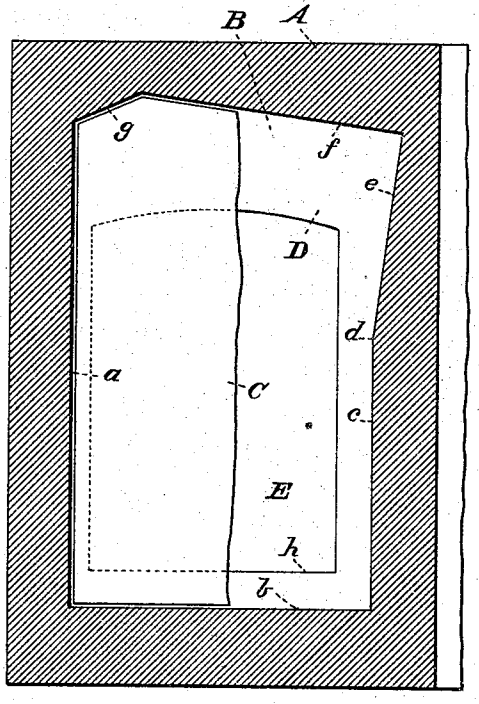
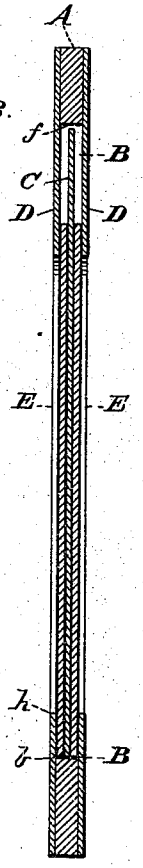


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT BROWN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Miamisburg, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Albums; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a section taken through the body portion of a leaf. Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken lengthwise of a leaf and shows two cards in place.

This invention relates to improvements in photograph-albums; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth.

The object is to facilitate the insertion or removal of photographs from the album-leaves, which I accomplish by the peculiar construction of the said leaves, as will appear hereinafter.

Heretofore album-pages have been made with a transverse slot at the bottom of the keeper or facing, and also with the lower corners of the facing cut at an angle from the opening. These constructions are objectionable for the reason that the edges or corners of the facing are easily torn or curled up by removing or inserting photographs.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the body portion of the album-leaf, which is usually of stiff card-board, and B is an opening therein slightly wider at its lower portion than a photograph or other card designed to be placed therein, and having a length about one inch greater than that of the photograph-card. The upper portion of the opening stands on an angle to the lower portion. The edges *a b* of the opening are parallel with the outer adjacent edges of the leaf, and the edge *c* for a portion of its length is parallel with the opposite edge, *a*. From the point *d* the edge *c* is inclined toward the outer edge of the leaf, as shown at *e*, and the top edge, *f*, of the opening is at right angles to the angle *e*. This top edge, *f*, may be continued in a straight line to edge *a*. I prefer, however, to form the obtuse-angle edge *g* from the edge *a* to the top edge, as shown, so as to not weaken the corner of the leaf.

C is the backing material, preferably of thin strong paper cut in the general form of the opening B and placed loosely therein, and D is the facing provided with a rectangular opening, E, smaller than the opening B in the body portion, so that the edges will project inward and form keepers or stops for the card placed therein. The distance between top edge, *f*, of the opening in the body portion and the edge *h* of the facing-opening is equal to or slightly greater than the length of a card designed to be placed in the album, so that the card may be inserted as follows:

I place the upper end of the card beneath the facing at the upper end, so that its side edges are parallel with the incline *e*, and push it upward until the lower corner of the card is above or clears the edge *h* of the facing. Then the card is turned perpendicularly or parallel with the leaf and drawn downward, bringing its four edges beneath the keepers.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The album-leaf consisting of the body portion provided with an opening having the edges *a b* parallel with the outer edge, the portional edge *c*, parallel with the edge *a*, the inclined edge *e*, and the top edge, in combination with the facing having the opening, substantially as specified.

2. The album-leaf consisting of the body portion having the opening provided with edges parallel to the outer edges, the angle edge *e*, the top edge at right angles thereto, and the obtuse angle, the facing having the projecting keeper edges, and the backing, substantially as specified.

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

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