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Album Case.

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Fig. 2.

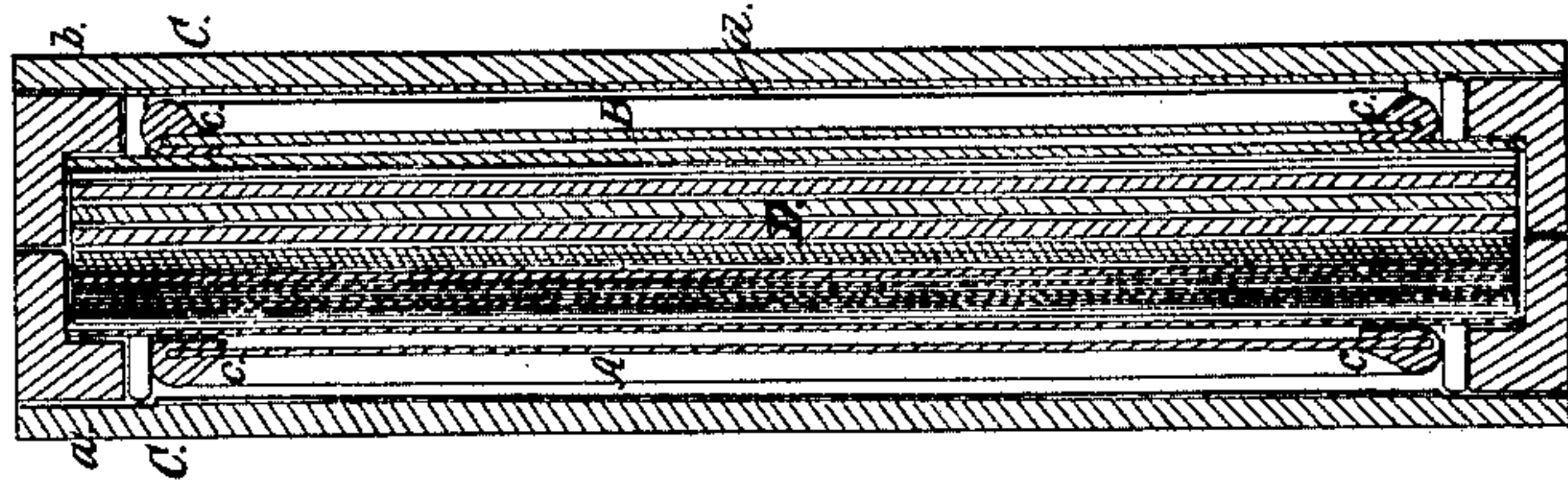
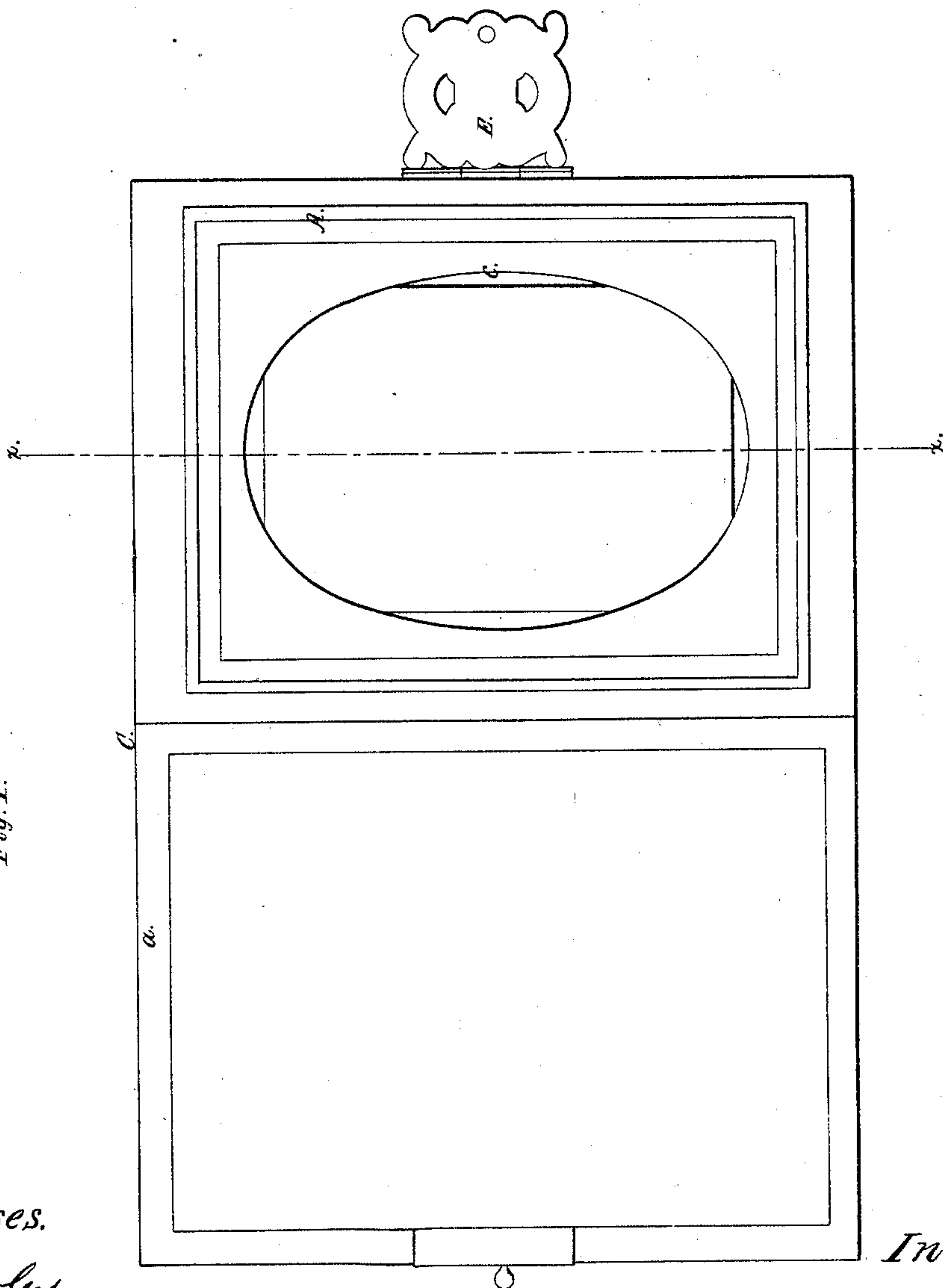


Fig. 1.



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ALBUM-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. RANKIN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Album-Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan or top view of my case when the cover on one side is opened. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, the line *x x*, Fig. 1, indicating the plane of section.

Similar letters of reference in both views indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in combining two ordinary daguerreotype-cases with a book-cover and with a series of split leaves made to receive photographs or other pictures in such a manner that an album-case is obtained in which daguerreotypes or ambrotypes as well as photographic pictures can be preserved.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

Two daguerreotype-cases, A B, the bottoms of which have been removed, are placed back to back and fastened in a book-cover, C, of pasteboard or leather, or other suitable material, and handsomely printed and ornamented. The two leaves *a b* of the book-cover form the covers for the daguerreotype-cases A B, and they may be lined on the inside with satin, velvet, or other soft and costly material, or they may be provided with a split leaf to receive a photographic picture.

If one leaf of the book-cover C is opened, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the daguerreotype-case A is exposed and a picture

inserted on the frame *c* contained in said case can be observed. Instead of one picture, however, the daguerreotype-case might be so arranged that it contains or is capable of receiving two or more pictures. By opening the leaf *b* of the cover C the daguerreotype-case B is exposed, and if the inside of said leaf is lined with a split-leaf, *d*, to receive a photographic picture, the daguerreotypes or ambrotypes which may be inserted in the frame contained in the daguerreotype-case can be observed simultaneously or side by side with a photographic picture that may be inserted into the split-leaf lining of the cover C.

The space between the two daguerreotype-cases is occupied by a series of split leaves, D, constructed in every way similar to the leaves of an ordinary photographic album. A handsome clasp, E, of gold, or gilded or made and ornamented in any other desirable manner, serves to lock my album-case. When the case is closed, the photographic leaves D are entirely concealed and they are perfectly protected by the daguerreotype-cases A B; but if my case is opened said photographic leaves produce precisely the same effect as the leaves of an ordinary photographic album, and besides the daguerreotypes or ambrotypes contained or which may be contained in the cases A B will show off to the best advantage.

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

The within-described combination of the daguerreotype-cases A B with the photographic leaves D and book-cover C, as and for the purpose shown and specified.

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Witnesses:

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