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Fig. 1.

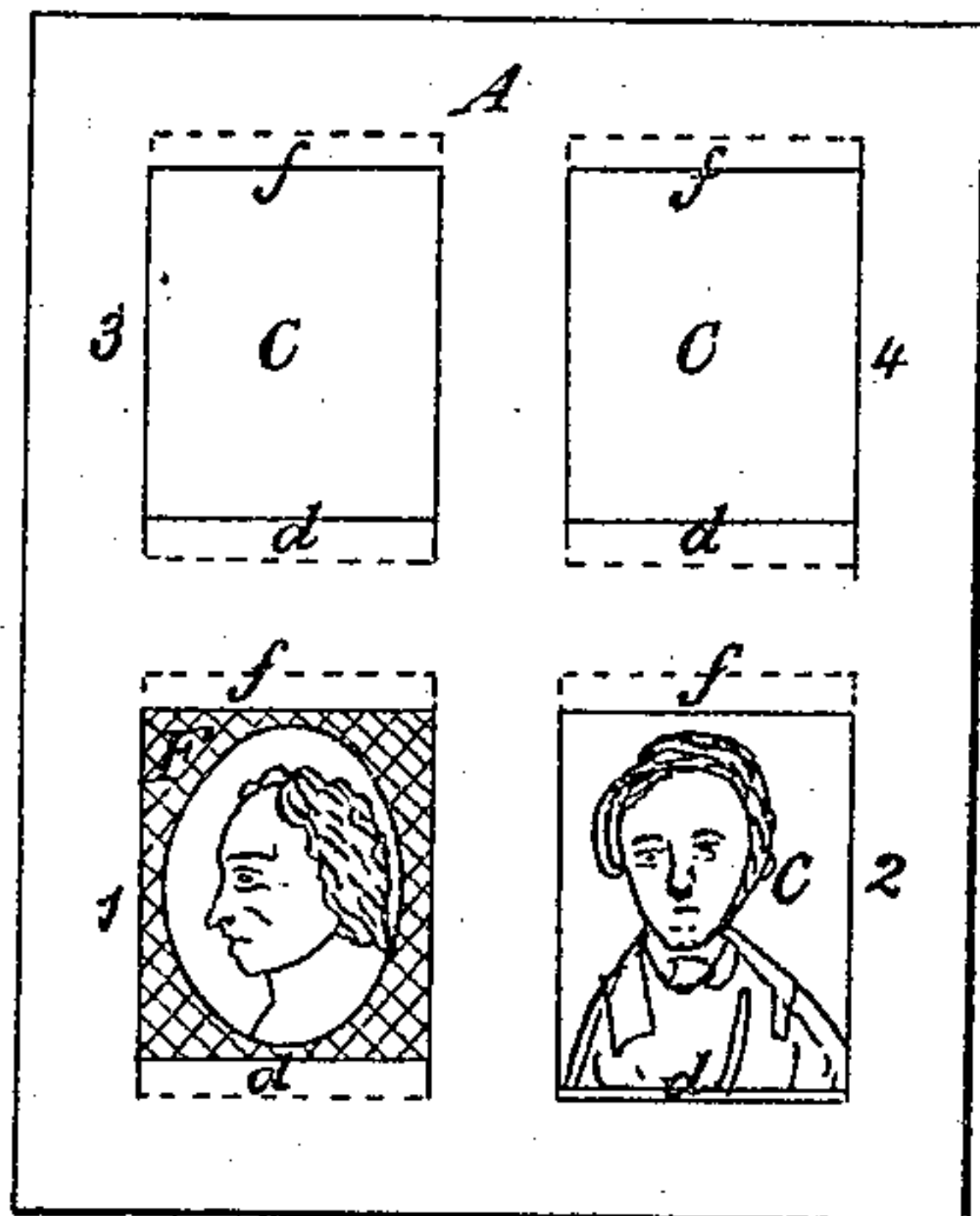
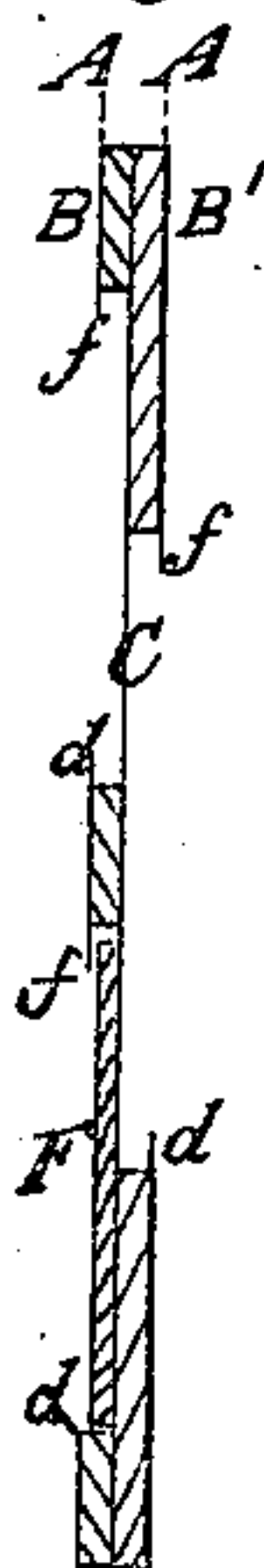


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. TREAT, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Ferrotypes and Photograph Holder or Leaf; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal cross-section.

Like parts are indicated by the same letters and figures in both drawings.

The nature of my improvement consists in a peculiar method of inserting and confining ferrotypes and photographs in separate holders or the leaves of albums, so that any desirable number of pictures may be readily inserted and securely confined in a single holder or leaf, the card or body B being provided with holes the size of the pictures to be inserted, and the covering A cut away on two sides of the holes flush with the same, and projecting over the top and bottom about one-eighth of an inch, the sides of flange *d* being slit up to the corners of the hole, so that said flange may be turned out for the purpose of receiving the picture and then turned down upon the same for the purpose of confining it.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I consider my improvement as peculiarly adapted to holding small-sized ferrotypes and photographs, a number of which may be inserted in a single holder, whether the same be a separate leaf or forming one of the leaves of an album. It is well adapted, however, for holding large-sized pictures, with only one upon a side or page.

Fig. 1 represents a holder with four holes, 1 2 3 4, for inserting small-sized pictures, the opposite side, as shown in Fig. 2, being provided with only one hole for holding a single picture of larger size.

The body B of the holder or leaf is made of pasteboard or other suitable material, and through it are punched the required number of holes for inserting pictures.

C is a sheet of paper pasted or glued upon the back of B.

A is the front or outer covering, glued or pasted to the body B, and is made of thick paper or other suitable material, provided with as many holes as there are holes in B. Two sides of each hole in A are flush with the hole in B, while the top and bottom project over about one-eighth of an inch, forming flanges *d* and *f*, the two sides of flange *d* being slit up to the edge of the hole in B, as shown in Fig. 1.

F, Fig. 1, represents a picture confined in hole 1, the flange *d* being turned down so as to hold it in. The ends of the frame of F and the size of the hole in B are represented by the dotted lines.

No. 2 in Fig. 1 shows the flange *d* turned up to receive a picture, and in Fig. 2 a picture, F, is represented as inserted and the flange *d* not yet turned down upon it.

It is obvious that the holders may be made either single—*i. e.*, so as to receive pictures only on one side—or double, so as to receive them on both sides, as shown in Fig. 2, B' being a body similar to B.

My method of inserting and confining pictures is very simple, cheap, and effectual, and the operation can be performed with great dispatch.

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

Confining a ferrotypes, photograph, or other picture in a holder or album-leaf by means of a stationary flange, *f*, and a movable flange or flap, *d*, or their equivalents, substantially as set forth, and for the purpose described.

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