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Fig. 2.

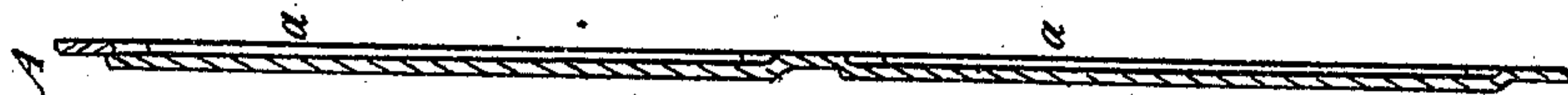
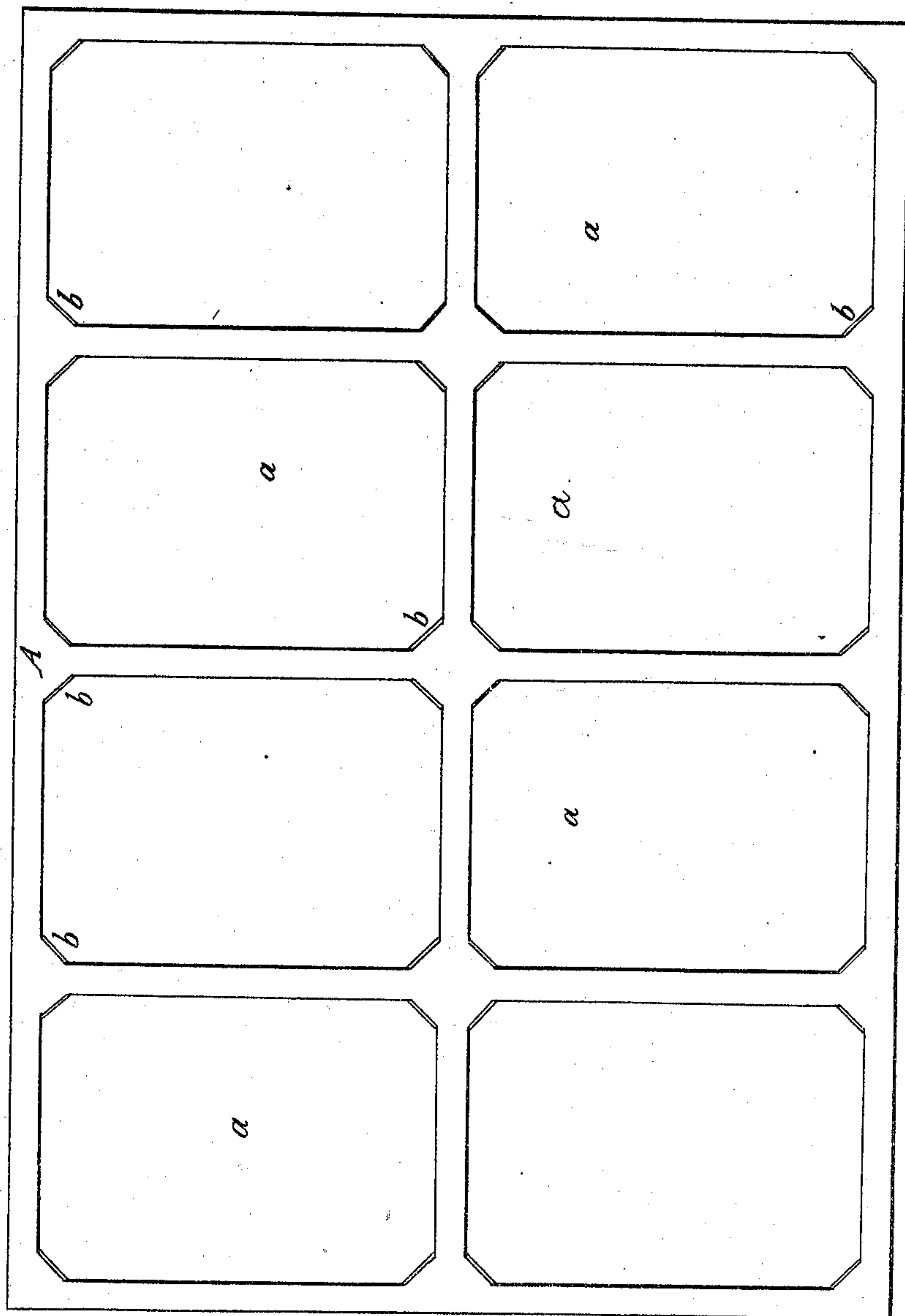


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS A. ROBERTS, a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Preparing Sheets of Paper for Holding-Cards, Pictures, or Photographs; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view, and Fig. 2 a cross-section, of a sheet of paper prepared with my invention, the nature of which consists in providing the paper with recesses for the cards and with slits or holes for reception and holding the corners of the cards.

In the drawings, A denotes the sheet of paper as made with or having made in it a series of shallow recesses, *a a a*, each of which is provided with four slits, *b b b b*, made through the paper and arranged with respect to their recess as shown in Fig. 1. Each recess is intended to be of the length, thickness, and width of a card to be placed within it, or it may have a depth or thickness somewhat greater than the thickness of the card. These recesses and their slits may be formed by suit-

able stamps and knives or cutters pressed upon the paper when properly supported within a press, or they may be otherwise made. The sheets of paper so prepared may be used in the construction of books for the preservation of cards, photographs, or pictures, the recesses serving not only to protect the cards from injury but to aid with the slits in keeping the cards in place.

I do not claim making a piece of paper with slits for reception and holding of the corners of a card and for the purpose of confining such card to the sheet, nor do I claim separately therefrom the making of a sheet of paper with recesses.

What I claim as my invention is—

My improved paper, as made with one or more recesses and with slits arranged relatively to such recess or recesses, substantially in manner and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature.

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