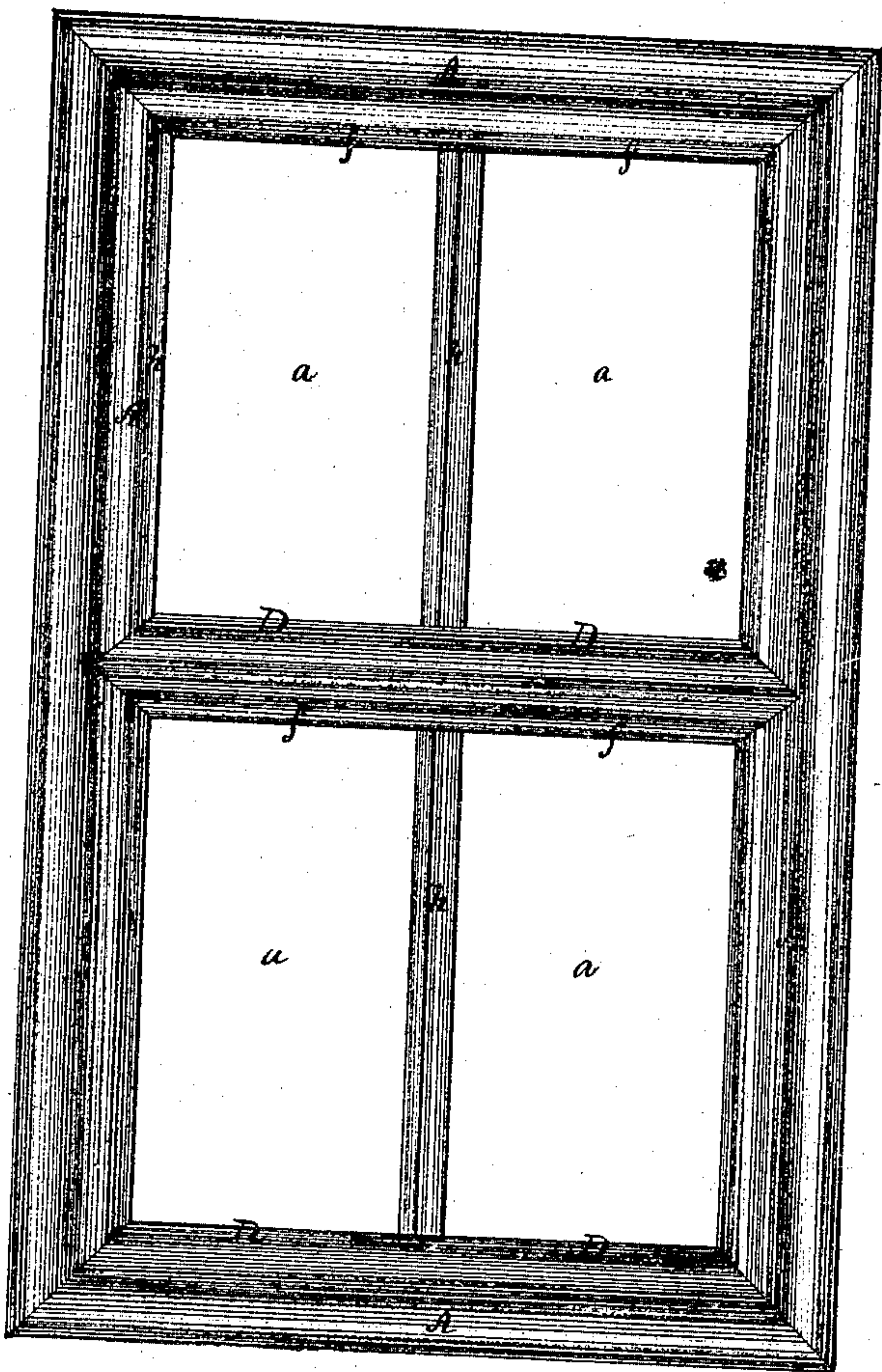
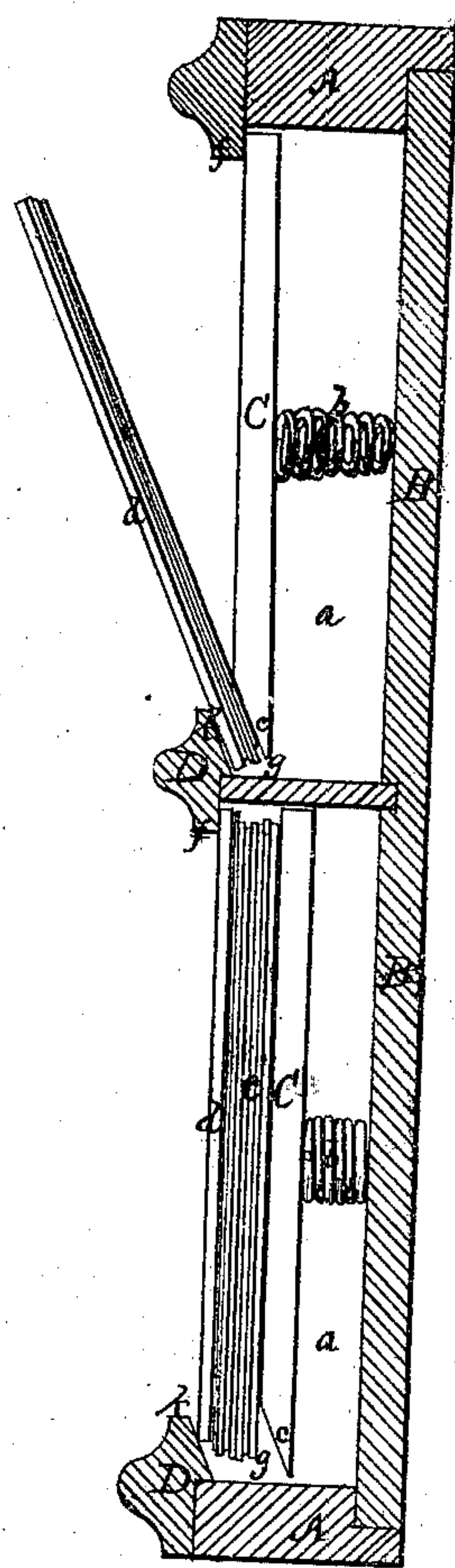


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**Fig. I.**



**Fig. II.**



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## PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW-CASE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOSEPH F. ADAMS, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Photographic Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to display-cases having spring backs, for showing card or other photographs or business-cards; and consists in forming the sides of each cell or card-receptacle without rabbets, and beveling the bottom rabbet and the bottom of the spring back piece, so that cards and the glass can be inserted in a moment from the front, and the removal or change of cards be effected by simply pressing down the glass into the inwardly-slanting beveled space, which throws the upper part of the glass and the cards out at a sufficient angle to allow of their change or removal, while the bottoms are held with sufficient force to prevent their falling out.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a front view of four cells of my display-case.

Figure 2 is a vertical cross-section.

A is the wooden molding, to be made in any ornamental or plain manner.

B, the ordinary back; and

a a a a, the cells or card-receptacles.

C is a back board, which is pressed forward by the spring *b*, and which holds the glass and pictures or cards in place against the upper rabbet *f* and lower rabbet D of the frame. This spring back is not removable but adjusts itself to the number of cards to be held.

The lower edge of this back board is beveled, as shown at *c*, and the rabbet D is correspondingly beveled at *f*, leaving a beveled space at *g*, which is for the purpose of holding the lower end of the glass *d* and cards *e*, while the upper parts are thrown forward at an angle, as clearly shown in the upper cell of fig. 2. This is one of the important features of my invention, and is an effect that, so far as I am aware, has never before been accomplished.

Another important feature is the method of putting in the glass and pictures from the front instead of the back, as is usual. This I accomplish by forming the side pieces or ribs *h h* without rabbets, mak-

ing the glass and cards just wide enough to go in, and a little longer than the rabbets of the top and bottom partitions or bars, and by beveling the bottom rabbets and the back piece, as before described.

The cards are set against the inner side of the glass and the bottoms pushed into the bevels, as shown in fig. 2, then the tops are pressed back flat against the spring back and the top edge of the glass slid up under the rabbet *f*, which holds them securely and in the position shown in the bottom cell of fig. 2.

To remove or change the cards, the thumb or fingers are simply pressed downward against the glass, which throws the lower edge into the beveled space *g*, which is deeper than the space above, the bevels *c* and D catching and holding the lower ends of the cards and glass, aided by the spring *b*, the upper ends standing outward, as before described.

This arrangement will be found very useful not only to display cards and photographs, but also to keep them from warping and each kind by themselves ready for delivery, distinguishable at a glance.

Each cell will contain a large number which may be removed one at a time or all together.

The case may be made of any suitable size, having from one to any desirable number of cells, according to the number of different cards or photographs to be shown in one frame.

I am acquainted with the patent of La Montague, September 25, 1866, card-case, and the rejected application of W. F. Clitz, for a currency-holder; these show the spring back, but are not the equivalent of my invention; and I do not claim, broadly, the spring or the spring back; but

I claim as my invention—

The back piece C with the bevel *c*, and the cross-piece D with the bevel *k*, when used in connection with the plane sides *h h* of the cells, the whole being specially arranged to throw the cards outward at the top when opened, as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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