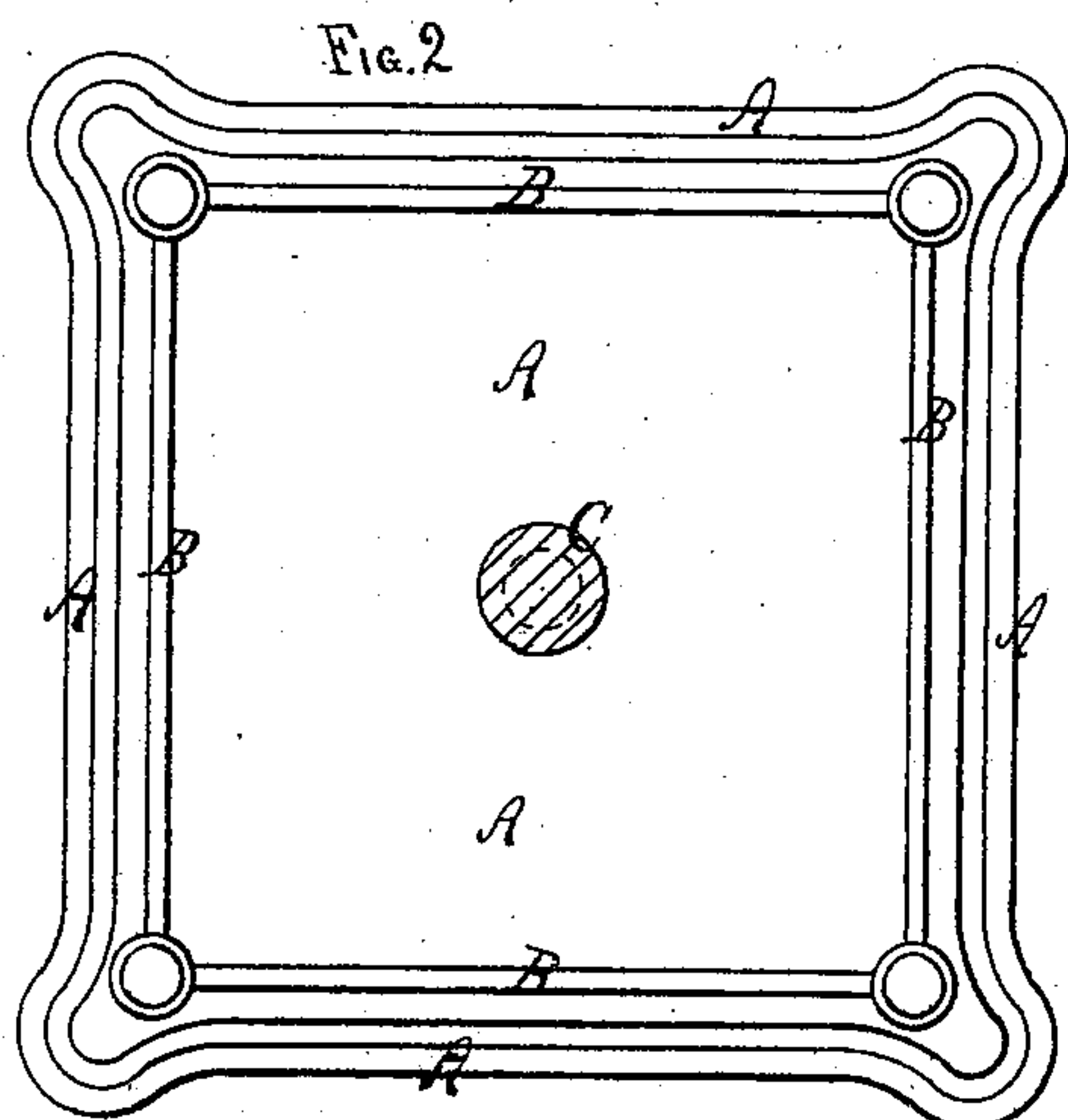
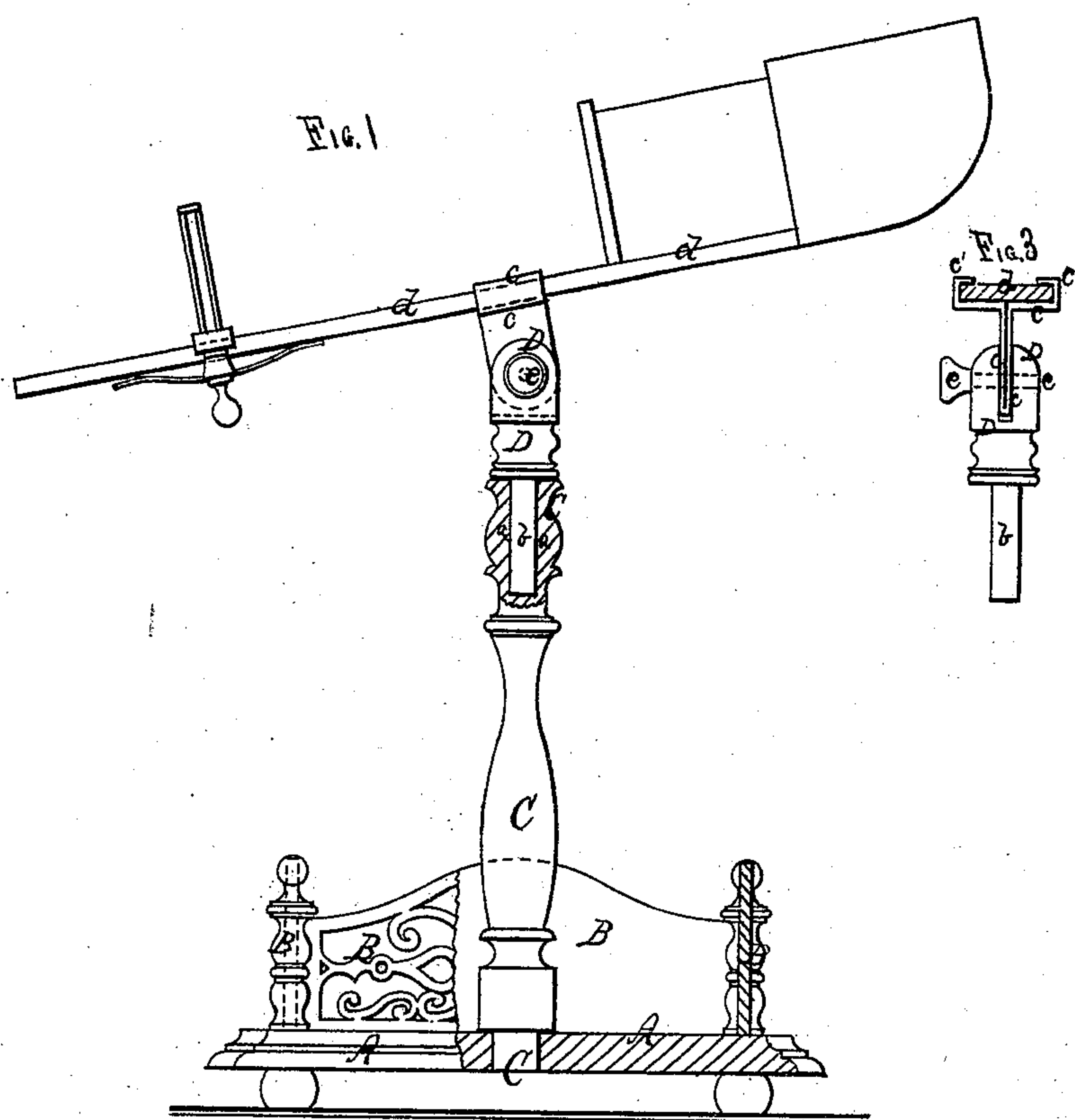


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IMPROVEMENT IN STEREOSCOPE-STANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MONFORTE KENT, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Stereoscope Stands or Supports, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to stands or supports for stereoscopes, &c.; and consists in forming the base of the stand into a box or receptacle for the pictures or views used for exhibition on the instrument. The invention further consists in a swivel or revolving connection in the top of the supporting post or standard, by which the stereoscope may be turned in any direction desired. The invention furthermore consists in the method of connecting the stereoscope-bar to the standard, as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional elevation. Fig. 2 is a plan view; Fig. 3 an end view of the revolving joint, showing the method of attaching the stereoscope thereto.

A is the base, made in any suitable pattern or design, but preferably square or oblong, having sides B B, thus forming a box or receptacle for holding the views, &c., used on the instrument. C is an upright post or standard, secured rigidly in the base A, the top of which is provided with a socket or cavity, *a*, in which a pin or pivot, *b*, sits loosely, said pin forming part of a slotted piece, D. The slot in this piece D receives a bent metal piece *c c'*, which is bent in the form shown in Fig. 3, with two jaws, *c' c'*, through which the bar *d* of the stereoscope passes, as shown, and which holds it firmly in place, but which will still allow it to be moved back and forth until the instrument

is rightly balanced or for removal. This metal clamp may be adjusted to hold the instrument at any desired angle by means of the set-screw *e*, and may be turned on the pivot *b* to any point desired. It may also be removed altogether, as in Fig. 3, and be then used as a common hand instrument. This is a very important feature of my invention, as by its use the stereoscope may be set at any angle desired without moving the stand or receptacle A B.

I am aware that stereoscopes have been before used with the slot in the standard and the set-screw *e*, but none with which I am acquainted show the gripping-jaws *c' c'*.

By this arrangement I produce a device that combines the stereoscope support or stand and a box or receptacle for holding the pictures, in a neat and compact manner.

I do not wish to confine myself to the form or style shown, as they can be made with lids or covers, and with drawers or shelves, for the views.

I claim—

1. In combination, with a stereoscope, the box A B and standard C, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. In combination, with the slotted piece D and bar *d*, the clamp *c*, having the gripping-jaws *c' c'*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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