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PICTURE-EXHIBITOR.

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FIG. 1.

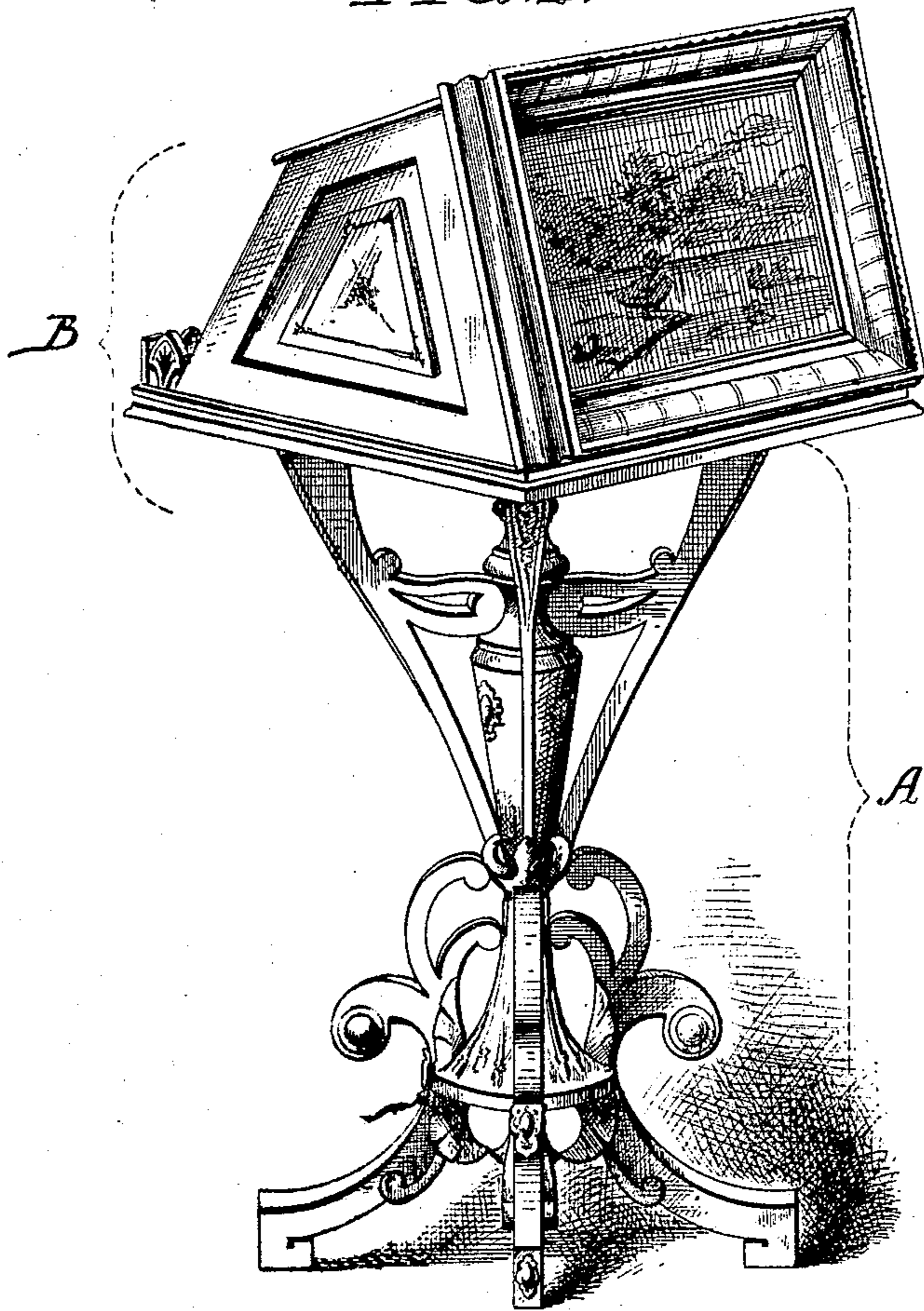
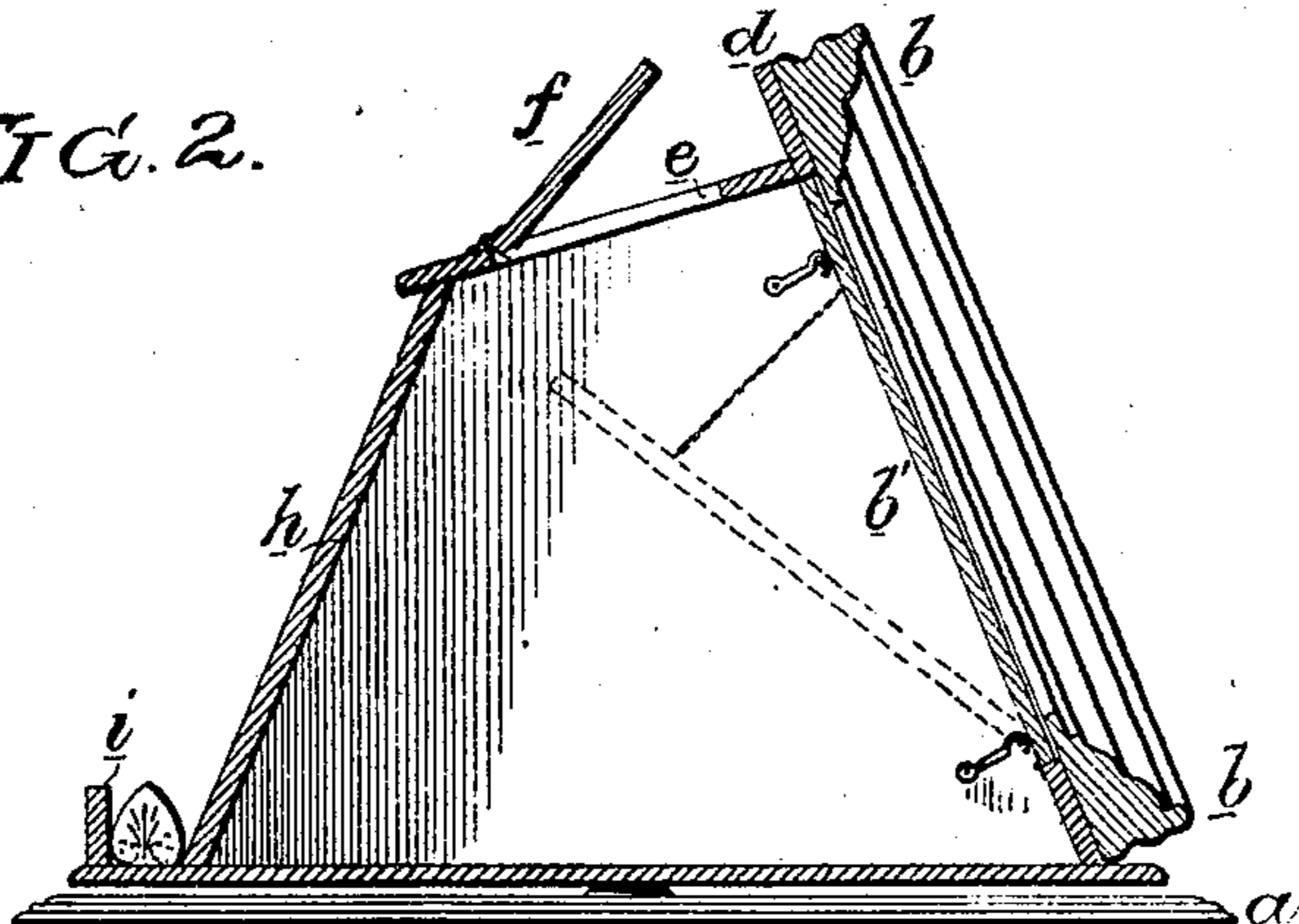


FIG. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PICTURE-EXHIBITORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYDIA H. SHEPPARD, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Picture Case and Stand, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to construct an attractive stand for the display of pictures to good advantage, and for containing a supply of pictures, any one of which may be readily adjusted for exhibition, the case admitting of being turned laterally to any position which will present the picture to the best light. This object I attain in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case, and Fig. 2 a vertical section of the same.

A is the support, which may be constructed in different ways, and ornamented in any style which the taste of the designer or manufacturer may suggest. B is the case, which is secured to the top *a* of the support by a central pin or bolt, so that it can be turned laterally to any position which the character of the picture and the direction of the light may suggest as the most appropriate. To the inclined front *d* of the case is secured a picture-frame, *b*, which is maintained in position by hooks or other suitable retaining or releasing devices, and this frame is provided with a hinged back, *b'*, which, when closed, retains the picture in position, but when allowed to fall back, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, permits the picture to be removed.

In the top of the case there is an opening, *e*, through which the hand and arm can be introduced when a picture has to be removed from or adjusted to the rear of the frame, and to this opening *e* may be adapted a suitable door, *f*.

I prefer to make the rear of the case B inclined, as shown in Fig. 2, so that it will present a rest, against which may be placed engravings, photographs, or other like pictures for exhibition, the lower ends of the said pictures being retained in place by a rib, *i*, on the bottom of the case.

There may be an opening in either or in both sides of the case instead of, or in addition to, that on the top, if desired.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the case or receptacle B, arranged to turn on a support, A, with an exhibiting picture-frame, *b*, attached to said case, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the case or receptacle B, having a hinged door, *f*, with the exhibiting picture-frame *b* and its hinged back *b'*, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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