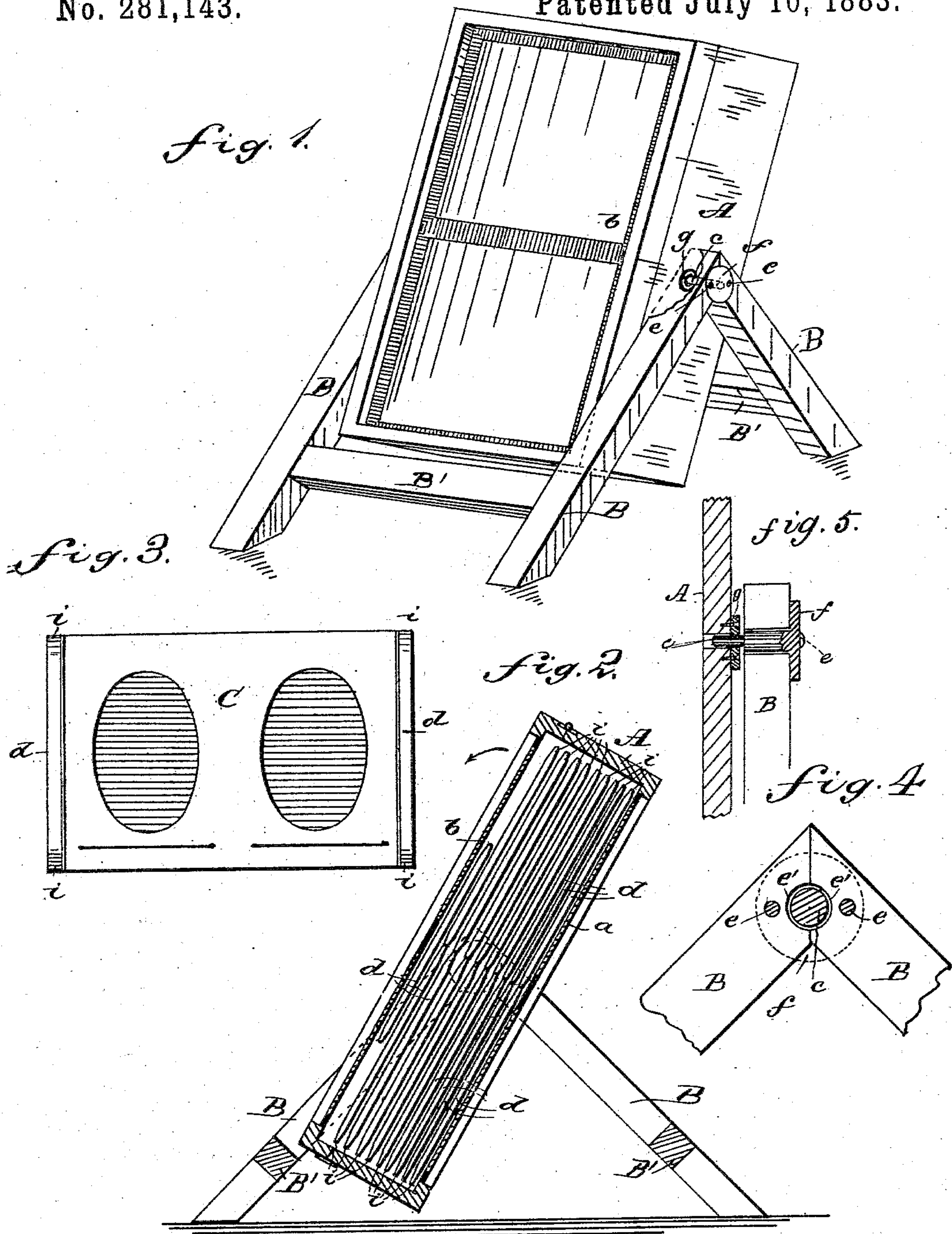


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORRIS SCHLEISSNER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Exhibitor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that class of picture-exhibitors wherein the pictures may be kept under lock and key, and thus be entirely excluded from dust and handling, and may be exhibited upon the revolution of the case.

The invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new and improved picture case or album partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, showing the manner of placing the picture-holding frame in the case. Fig. 3 is a plan view of one of the picture-holding frames. Fig. 4 is a detailed sectional elevation, showing the means of attaching the side bars of the frame or stand to the trunnions. Fig. 5 is a partial section and side view of the same parts and of a portion of the revolving case, the section being taken at right angles to the section shown in Fig. 4.

A is a case, of suitable size, made of some ornamental wood, and having the glass back *a* and glass lid or cover *b*. This case is supported by and pivoted between the side pieces, B B, and is adapted to be revolved upon the trunnions *c c* for bringing the pictures held in the picture-frames C, and placed in the case successively into view at the front and back of the case. The picture-frames C are made preferably of double thicknesses of heavy paper, like the leaves of an ordinary book-form photograph-album, with slotted face-sheets for the insertion of the pictures back to back, and are provided at their ends with the bars *d d*, which are beveled off at their ends, as shown at *i i*. These frames containing the pictures are placed in the case A in double tiers, as shown in Fig. 2, and in odd numbers, and they must be so placed that there will be one more frame in one tier than in the other. In this manner, when the case is at rest, the picture-frames in the lowest tier will support the

corresponding frames above, and the odd frame will, by virtue of its gravity, be in the lowest tier, and all of the frames, by virtue of the slight inclination at which the case stands, (it being purposely so pivoted,) will always, when the case is at rest, be supported upon that side of the case which happens to be facing downward. Now, upon giving the case from the position of rest a one-half revolution forward in the direction of the arrow in Fig. 2, the weight of the pictures and frames will first be transferred to the other side of the case, and the odd-number tier of frames will be carried uppermost, leaving an unsupported odd frame in front, which will slide down to the lowermost tier, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, revealing to view the picture behind it. Upon the next half-revolution of the case this action of the frames will be repeated, bringing the frame C at the back of the lowest odd-number tier uppermost and in front, where it will be unsupported, and will slide to the lowest tier, uncovering the picture next behind it; and this action will be repeated at each half-revolution of the case, and in this manner, upon continuing the intermittent revolution of the case, all of the pictures in the case will be in succession brought to view. The sliding of the frames from the upper to the lower part of the case is facilitated by the beveling of the ends of the bars *d d*.

The stand in which the case A is supported, is by preference made so that it may be folded, so that the whole, when not in use, may occupy small space, and for this purpose the side pieces, B B, are beveled at their ends, as shown, and are secured by the screws or bolts *e e* to the heads *f f* of the trunnions *c c*, and are cut out at their upper beveled ends, as shown at *e' e'*, to surround or permit the passage of said trunnions, as shown in Fig. 4. The trunnions *c c* are longer than the thickness of the said pieces B B, and reach into the eye-plates *g g*, secured to the sides of the frame A, which eye-plates form the journals for the trunnions. The side pieces, B B, are tied together by the cross-bars B' B', as shown in the drawings, which cross-bars hold the side pieces the proper distance apart to permit the free rotation of the case A, and to properly hold the inner ends of the trunnions in the eye-plates *g g*, as will be understood from Fig. 1.

The case A is provided with a lock, whereby



the lid *b* may be secured when closed, so that the pictures cannot be handled or stolen, and so that no dust can enter the case and soil the pictures.

5 I am aware that it is not new to employ odd-numbered tiers of picture-holding cards, arranged in a rotatable case with a shifting partition, in order to support the upper tier of cards and to cause the transference of the cards from  
10 one tier to the other tier, to effect the operation of displaying the same, and that it is not new to employ tiers of picture-holding frames with a fixed separating-partition between them, said cards being adapted to be shifted from one tier  
15 to the other by mechanical contrivance.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a picture-exhibitor, the combination,

with the case *A*, of the upper and lower tiers of picture-holding frames *C*, with the end bars, *d*, 20 of one tier supported by the end bars, *d*, of the other tier, the upper and lower tiers of frames being adapted to shift positions with each other as the case is revolved, substantially as set forth.

2. In a picture-exhibitor, the combination, 25 with case *A*, having the eye-plates or journals *g*, of the folding supports *B*, and the plates *f*, provided with the screws *e*, which connect the plates to, and serve as pivots for, the legs of the supports, and with the trunnions *c*, upon 30 which the case revolves, substantially as set forth.

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