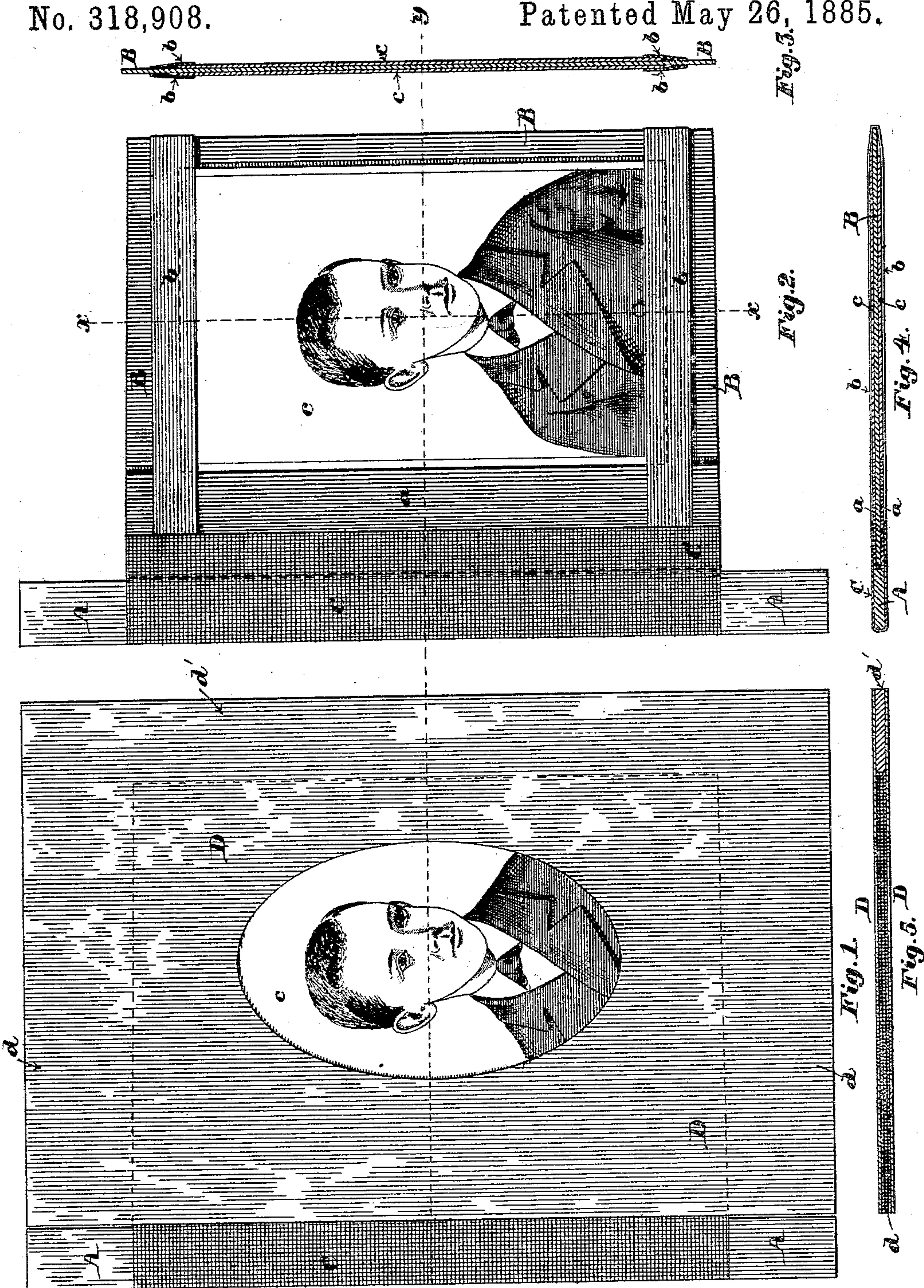


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVIN PAGE JOHNSON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Photograph-Al-

bums, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention relates to the construction of the leaves of photograph-albums; and it consists in certain novel features of construction, which will be readily understood by reference to the description of the drawings, and to the claims to be hereinafter given.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a side elevation of a single leaf of an album embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the picture-supporting leaf with the mattings forming the inclosing-case removed. Fig. 3 is a vertical section on line *x x* on Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section on line *y y* on Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 is a section of the inclosing matting on line *y y*, with the picture-supporting leaf removed.

A is a strip of card-board or other suitable material to which the picture-supporting leaf B is secured by a hinge-connection composed of cloth C in a well-known manner. The leaf B is made somewhat smaller than the completed book-page is to be as shown, and has secured thereto upon either side along its inner edge the thickening-pieces *a a*, and has secured thereto by their ends only the bands *b b* of thin strong paper or cloth, beneath which the ends of the picture-card *c* are placed, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4.

Two mats, D, made preferably of thin card-board or thick paper, and having suitable openings cut through them, through which to view the pictures, are secured to opposite sides of border-filling pieces *d d* and *d'*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 5, so as to form a chamber between said mats to receive the leaf B, with one or more pictures mounted thereon. The upper and lower filling-pieces *d d* are made slightly wider at their outer ends than at their inner ends, so as to make the chamber between the mats D D slightly tapering, and the upper and lower edges of the leaf B are correspondingly tapered, so that when the leaf B is in-

serted in the chamber between the mats a wedging action takes place between the edges of the leaf B and the inner edges of the filling-pieces *d d*, whereby the mats D are retained in position by friction, but can be readily removed by the exertion of a little force.

The great advantage of this construction of album-leaves—viz., the facility with which pictures can be inserted, removed, and replaced without injury to the matting—will be obvious from the foregoing description.

Instead of the bands *b b* the picture-cards may be secured to leaf B by gum or other adhesive material, if desired.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A photographic album-leaf composed of a picture-supporting leaf provided with two narrow bands of tough paper or cloth secured thereto by their ends only, and adapted to impinge upon two opposite ends of the photograph to hold the same in position, and a duplex matting in the form of an envelope to receive said picture-supporting leaf, provided with suitable openings through which to view the pictures, and adapted to be applied thereto or removed therefrom.

2. The combination of the picture-supporting leaf B, provided with the bands *b b*, and having its upper and lower edges made slightly converging, and the mats D D, secured to the filling-pieces *d d d'*, arranged to form a chamber to receive the leaf B, and fit its taper edges, substantially as described.

3. The combination of the leaf B, hinged to the strip A, and having its upper and lower edges made slightly converging, and the mats D D, secured to the filling-pieces *d d d'*, arranged to form a chamber to receive the leaf B, and fit its tapered edges, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 9th day of June, A. D. 1884.

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