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Fig. 1.

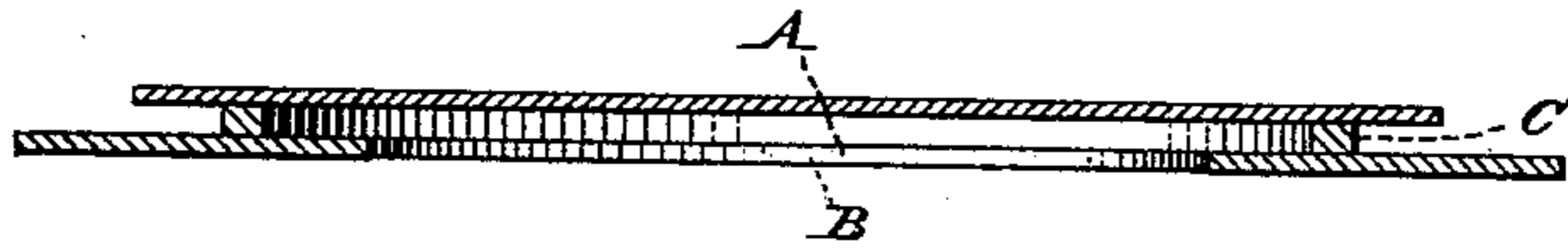
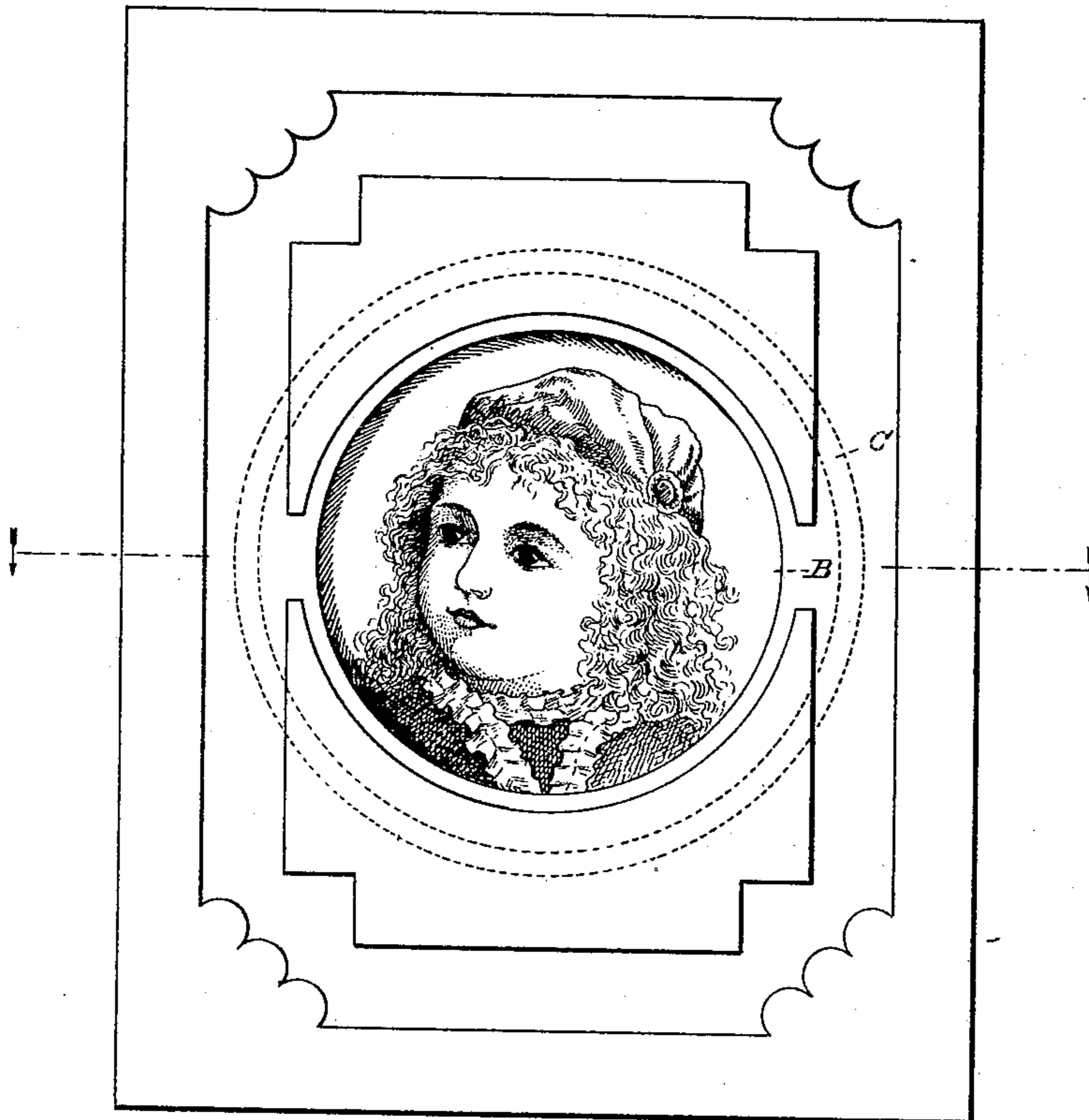


Fig. 2.

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PICTURE-MAT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN DIMICK SIMMONS and JAMES O. HALL, citizens of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Mats; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a horizontal section through a mat with its raised portion and picture. Fig. 2 is a front view of a mat, and shows the raised portion at the back in dotted lines.

This invention relates to picture-mats; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates one style of photographers' mats which will be sufficient to illustrate our invention, the invention being applicable to all styles of mats for paintings, portraits, &c. On the back or rear face of the mat, around the view-opening B, we provide a raise or rib, C, which may be attached to the

mat or may be made integral therewith. This raise or rib C causes the picture, when in place, to set back from the mat, and adds greatly to the appearance of the picture. The raise or rib C sets away from the edge of the view-opening, so as not to be visible from the face of the mat.

We are aware that it is not new to provide means for holding a picture back from the glass of a picture-frame; but we are not aware that any one has ever fixed to the rear side of a mat and at a distance from the opening to be invisible from the front a strip, as C, the said strip entirely surrounding the opening of the mat and corresponding in outline to the shape thereof.

Having described this invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a picture-mat having a narrow strip, C, arranged on its rear side around the opening and at a distance from the edge of said opening, so as to be invisible from the face of the mat, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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