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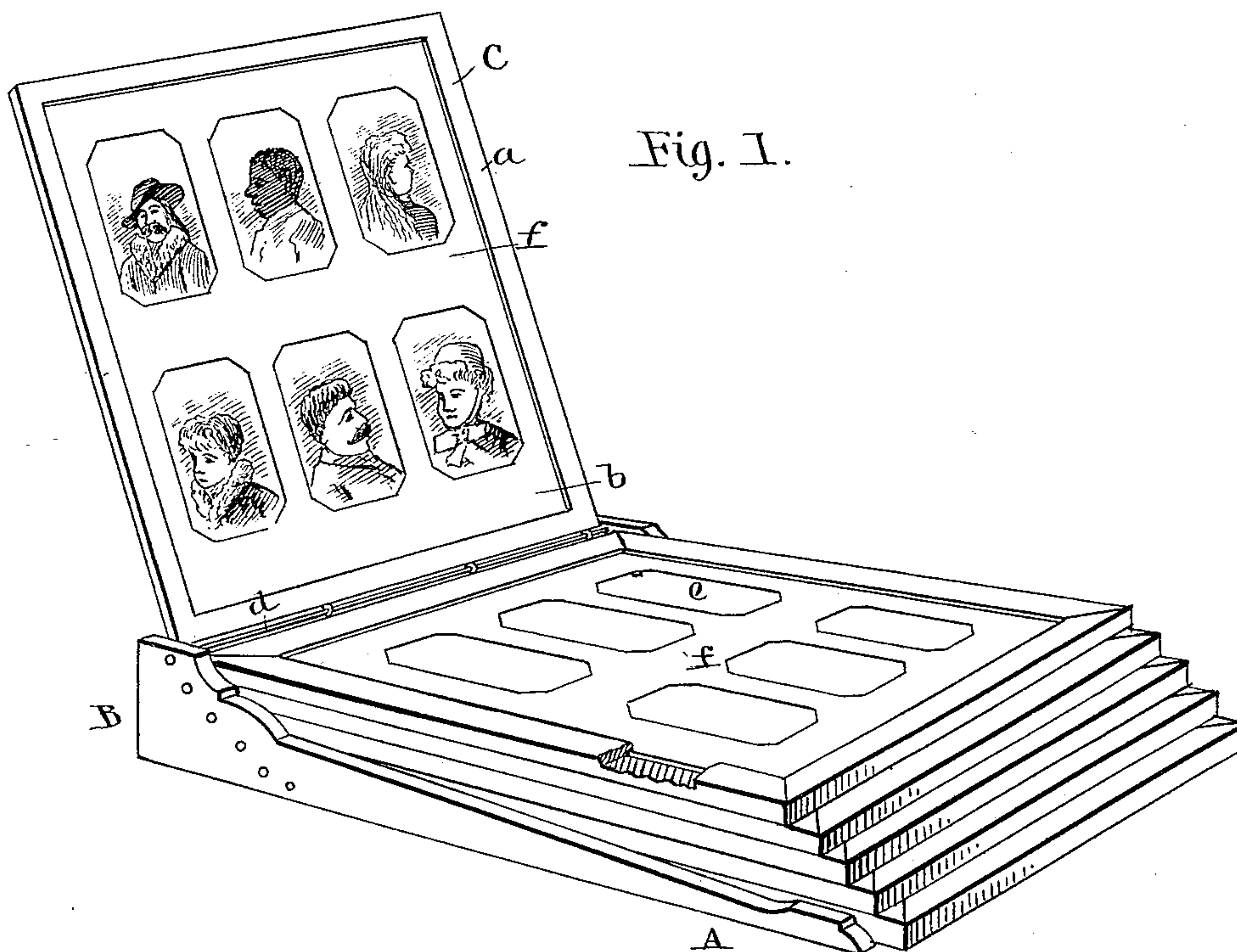
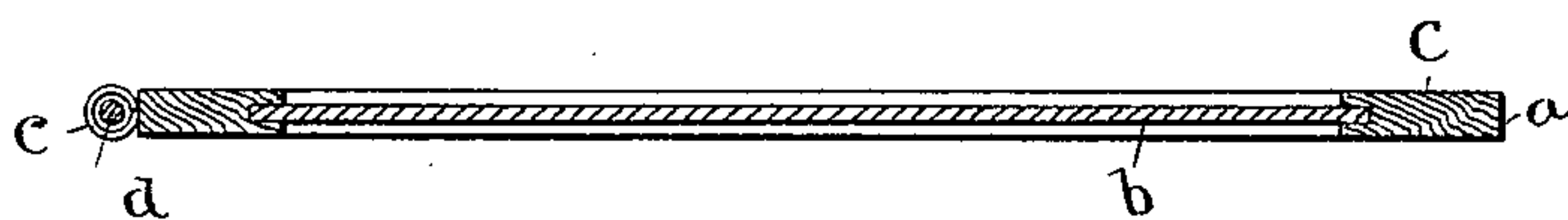


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN CORNISH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Photograph-Holders; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to an improved file or photograph-holder adapted for use especially in rogue-galleries or detective agencies.

The object of the invention is to obtain a device of the character described which may be handled conveniently, and at the same time will be so durable as to withstand rough usage.

To the accomplishment of the above the invention consists of certain novel parts and combination of parts, as will be described and claimed.

Reference will be made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing one leaf of the album exposed, and Fig. 2 a section through one leaf.

Like letters refer to like parts in both views.

A represents a base formed of any suitable material possessing the virtue of durability. Upon the upper face of said base and the rear corners thereof suitable uprights, B, are mounted, each said upright being provided with a series of openings formed transversely therethrough, and said uprights being of sufficient height to accommodate any desired number of leaves. It will be observed that the sides D of the base A taper from the uprights B toward their opposite ends to admit of free access to the edges of the leaves C, which can be grasped from their opposite edges when elevating them. For convenience and economy of structure the uprights B are formed integral with the said sides D, and are narrowest at their upper ends to accommodate the rods *d*, which are arranged in echelon to prevent the leaves from binding when being raised or lowered. These leaves C consist of a wooden or metallic frame, *a*, and a pliable center piece, *b*, mounted therein, as shown in

Fig. 2. This center piece, *b*, is preferably made from book-binder's card-board, and may consist of two sheets of the same, so as to have pictures back to back, as in a photograph-album. To the rear bar of each frame *a* there are secured a series of eyelets, *c*, through which a bar, *d*, is passed, each said bar being passed also at each such end through the suitable openings in the posts B, these ends being preferably flush with the faces of the said posts or uprights.

The photographs are inserted in a number of apertures or openings, *f*, formed in the center piece, *b*, of the leaves, as in ordinary photograph-albums; but it is evident that for simplicity and cheapness it would be best to slit the center piece at intervals in a way to hold the photographs at the corners when inserted. It will also be evident that instead of the case A the holder for these leaves may be an open frame with sides adapted to receive the ends of the hinging rods or bars *d*.

By the construction described an album or file which is strong and convenient to handle is obtained and the convenience of the parties handling the same increased.

I am aware that photograph-holders of this character with a number of separately-hinged leaves adapted to open upward and downward are not new; but I am not aware of any such holder wherein the leaves are hinged by screw-eyelets upon horizontal rods or bars, which arrangement is not only the simplest and cheapest, but the most durable, as such a hinge will outwear any hinge of cloth or the like, or a hinge consisting of a rod passing through the frame of the leaves, as heretofore; and therefore

What I claim is—

1. The combination, with the base having its side pieces, D, tapering, and having the tapering uprights B, formed on the upper ends of the said side pieces, and the rods *d*, arranged in echelon and having their ends inserted in the said uprights B, and the leaves having eyelets in their rear edges, which eyelets are mounted on the rods and form hinge-connections between the rods, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The hereinbefore-described photograph-holder, composed of the base A, having the

tapering sides D, and having the tapering
uprights B, formed on the upper ends of the
said sides D, the rods *d*, arranged in echelon
and having their ends inserted in the said
5 openings, and the leaves composed of frames
having flexible centers for the reception of
the pictures and having eyelets at their rear
edges, which eyelets are mounted on the said
rods and form the hinge-connections between

the frames and the said rods, substantially as is
described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
presence of two witnesses.

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