

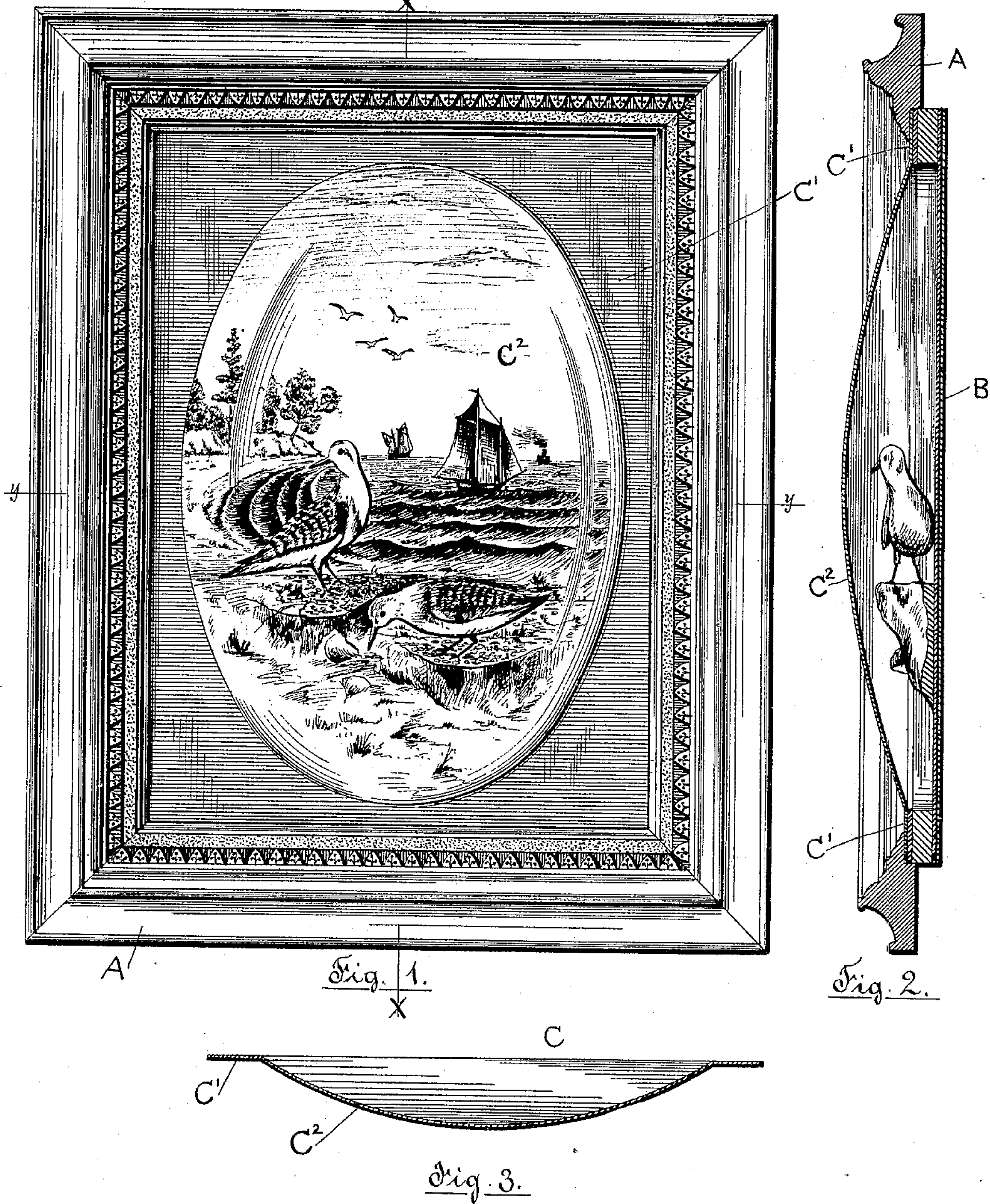
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*To all whom it may concern.*

Be it known that I, HERBERT L. RAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinets for Preserving and Displaying Specimens of the Taxidermist's Art; and I 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 the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a vertical and transverse section on the line X X, Fig. 1, of a cabinet made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 3 is a transverse horizontal section of the glass front A of the cabinet on the line Y Y of Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference refer to like parts.

My invention relates to a cabinet such as is used to preserve stuffed game and other specimens of the taxidermist's art, where a frame has a back which, for artistic purposes, may be painted, colored, or arranged with any design or picture for a pleasing background, to which, in any suitable and ordinary way known to the art, may be attached the specimens of animal life sought to be preserved, and covered in front by a glass made with a projection or bulge to give space for the specimens, and a flange to fit into a frame inclosing the whole, as a picture is ordinarily framed.

In the drawings, A is the frame of the cabinet.

B is the back, to which may be affixed in any suitable manner, by pins, tacks, glue, or otherwise, representations of stones, shells, rocks, ferns, grasses, or other articles, while in the foreground are attached specimens of the taxidermist's art—stuffed birds or other animals of any suitable description. The front of the back of the frame, which serves as a background, may be colored, tinted, painted, or ornamented in any desirable or appropriate manner.

C is the glass, which may be rectangular or oval in outline, as preferred, to conform to the outline of the frame. Ordinarily I prefer the

rectangular frame; but by trimming the edges of the glass the oval frame may be used. The glass is made with the flange C' and the concavo-convex projection or bulge C<sup>2</sup>, to provide a space between the back and the glass to contain the mounted specimens. In the drawings I have represented the concavo-convex projection or bulge as elliptical in form where it joins the flange C'; but this is simply my preference. It may be oval or circular, if preferred. The concavo-convex projection C is made thinner and clearer than the flange part of the glass, and, if desired, the flange part may be ornamented with figures upon or in the glass.

I am aware of the patent issued to one Joseph Storck, dated May 30, 1882, and numbered 258,821, for a game-piece and method of exhibiting the same. My invention is quite different from his, however. The glass in Storck's invention is simply a pane of glass made concavo-convex, or bulging outwardly, without a flange, and must be used in connection with an oval or circular frame, and cannot be used in a rectangular frame unless it is first secured to a mat or other device provided with a rectangular outline to fit the frame, which operation adds materially to the cost. The glass in my invention is not merely a bulging one, but is a pane having a bulge, and is made with a flange to correspond with the desired frame.

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

1. The herein-described cabinet, consisting of a glass made with a concavo-convex projection or bulge and a flange and a back, between which and the inner surface of the bulge are arranged specimens of the taxidermist's art, and a frame inclosing the glass and back, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the glass made with a concavo-convex projection or bulge provided with a flange and a frame and a back, substantially as shown and set forth.

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

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