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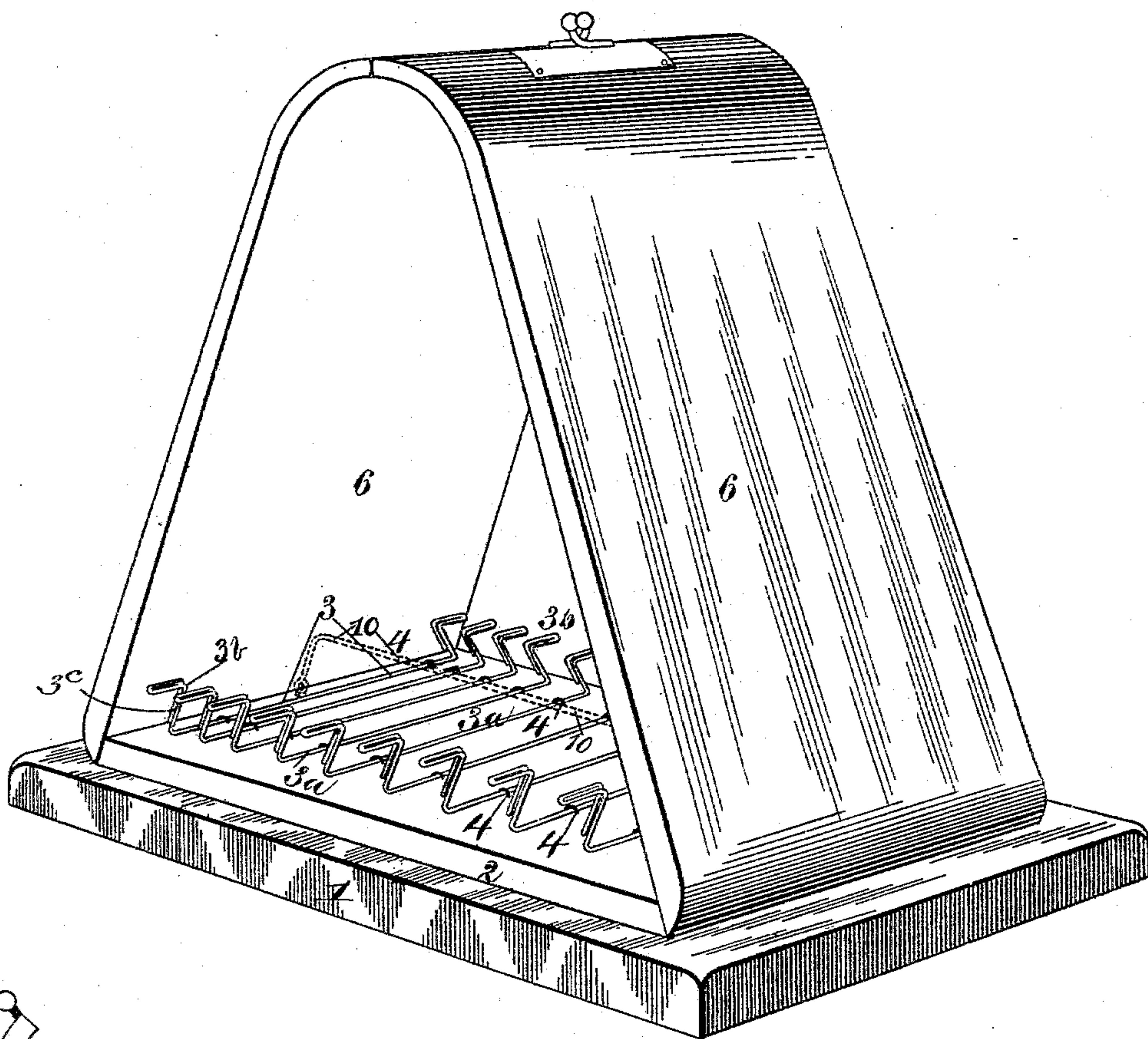


Fig. 1.

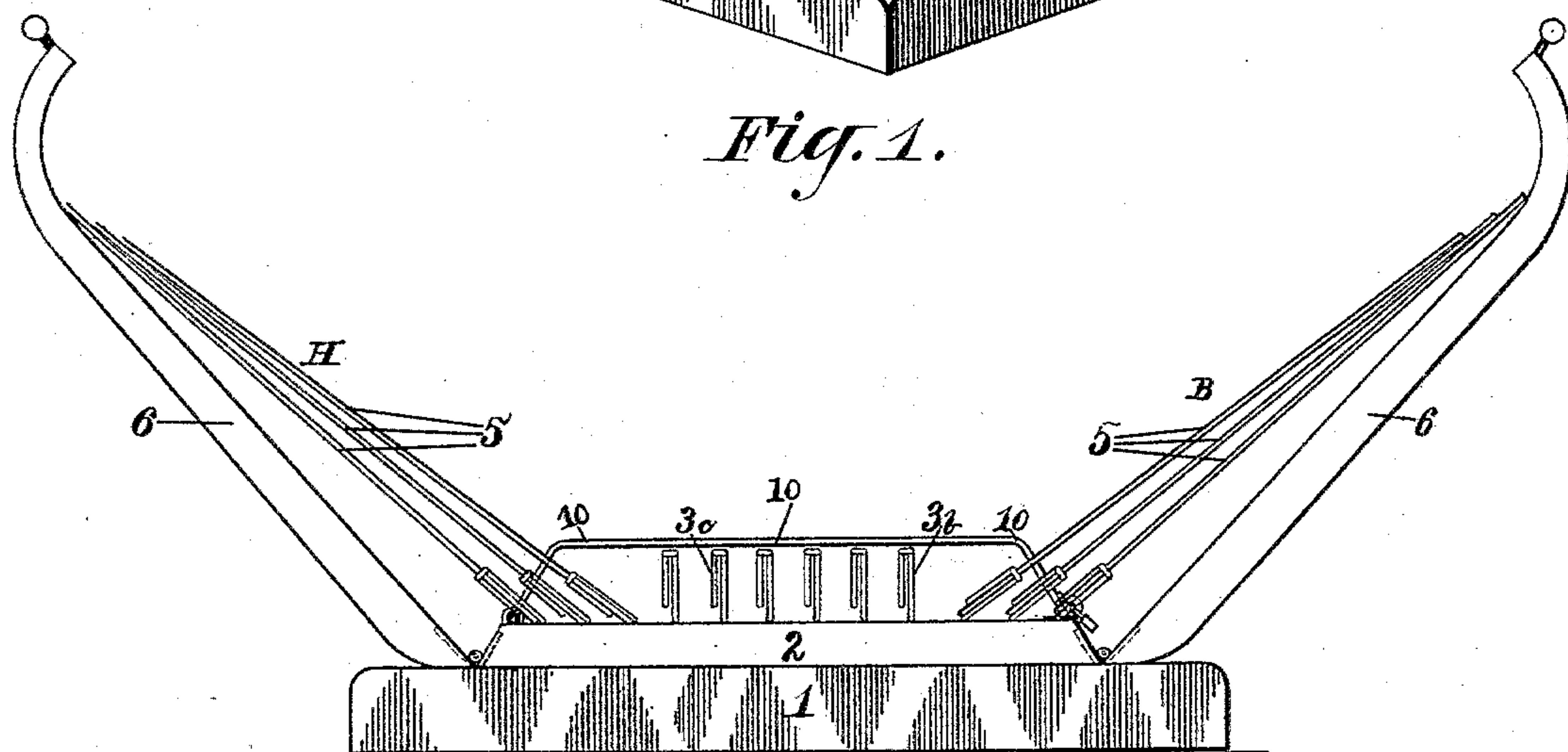


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE FRANKLIN BAMBRIDGE, cabinet-maker, of the city of Toronto, county of York, Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photograph-Holders; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates to a device, which, occupying but a small area, will receive and securely retain in position a large number of photographs or display cards, in a manner convenient for examination, and in a position most suitable for the eye, and which will, in itself, make a neat and attractive article of manufacture,—and the invention consists essentially of a base fitted with any suitable number of holders, so hinged to the said base that each may swing independently of the others, and complete a travel of one hundred degrees, being fifty degrees each side of its perpendicular position; each of these holders being so constructed as to readily receive and securely retain in position one or more photograph or display cards without in any manner injuring or damaging the same, the whole being constructed and arranged as hereinafter more fully set forth in the specification and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder for photograph or display cards showing the base, the holder hinged thereto and the sides of the holder, said sides being shown in their closed positions. Fig. 2 is an end view of the device illustrated in Fig. 1, showing the base, the holder hinged thereto, the sides, said sides being open, and photographs or display cards held by said holders. Fig. 3 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 1 showing photograph or display cards retained in position by the holders. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the holder itself.

Like numerals and letters of reference refer to like parts throughout the specification and drawings.

In the drawings, 1, refers to the base of the device, which is shown to be rectangular in form and provided with a step 2, on the top of which are hinged the holders 3. Each of these holders 3 consists of a middle portion 3^a

extending across or partially across the step 2, and two upward extensions 3^b arranged one at either end of said middle portion 3^a, and so formed as to provide a means for retaining in position the photograph or display card.

As shown in the drawings the holder 3 consists of one continuous piece of wire of suitable gage comprised of a middle portion 3^a and at either end thereof an upward extension 3^b bent at right angles to the said middle portion 3^a. These extensions 3^b are of a sufficient predetermined length to provide a proper retaining surface for the photograph or display card placed therein and are folded back upon themselves, which fold 3^c, extends down as far as the top of the middle portion 3^a and is then bent upward again parallel with the upward extension 3^b, which second upward extension 3^d is parallel with and adjacent to the upward extension 3^b. The extension 3^d extends upward as far as the top of the upward extension 3^b, and is then folded back upon itself to prevent the free end thereof from in any manner injuring or damaging the photographs or display cards while being inserted therein or withdrawn therefrom.

The holders 3 are secured to the top of the step 2 by means of staples 4 encircling the middle portion 3^a and entering the step 2, said staples being arranged one at either end of said middle portion 3^a. The photographs or display cards 5 are placed between the upward extensions 3^b and 3^d and by them are securely held in position. It is possible to conveniently exhibit two photographs or display cards in each holder 3 by placing said photographs or display cards back to back.

It will be noticed by reference to Fig. 3 of the drawings that when the device is closed the photographs or display cards taper toward a common apex and when opened they take the position illustrated in Fig. 2. It is possible, and is found convenient, before examination to incline all the photographs or display cards in one direction, which direction we will suppose is marked "H" in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and after examination turn them to incline in the opposite direction, which we will suppose is marked "B" in the same figure. After the photographs or

display cards visible when lying in the direction marked "H" have been examined, the remaining photographs or display cards visible when lying in the direction marked "B" are then examined. In this instance the un-

examined photographs or display cards will be turned to lie in the direction marked "H." The side pieces 6 are so hinged to the base 1 that they will readily open into the position indicated in Fig. 2 and allow of the ready examination of the photographs or display cards in the holders 3, and also form a stop to prevent the photographs falling too far when in their downwardly inclined position.

A guard 7 connected to the base 1 by means of upright pins 8 may be placed along each end of the device against which rest the edges of the photographs or display cards, thus preventing the lateral displacement of the photographs or display cards within the device.

The inclination of the photographs or display cards is predetermined and is designed to hold the photographs or display cards in the position most suited to the eye.

From the construction of a device of this description it will be readily understood that one or more photographs or display cards can be placed in each holder without in any wise injuring the same; that when said photographs or display cards are placed in position they are securely retained by the holder until removed therefrom.

A device of this description with a base six inches long will contain about four dozen photographs or display cards, this number being at least twice the number of photographs or display cards contained in an ordinary album, and the space occupied by said device being much less than an album of a very small size.

Extending across the top of the holders 3 is a locking bar or wire 10 adapted to pass through an opening medially formed in the photograph card at or near its lower edge for the purpose of preventing the withdrawal or removal of the photograph without the connivance of the owner of the photograph holder, this locking bar being suitably hinged at one end to the base and suitably locked at the other.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a photograph holder the combination of a base a series of holders mounted upon said base a hinge fastened to each of said holders and to the said base, a retaining piece extending across said holders, the photographs, an opening in the photographs, said retaining piece adapted to pass through said openings to prevent the removal of the photographs, a guard extending along the ends of said holders to prevent the displacement of the photographs, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. In a photograph holder the combination of a base a series of holders mounted upon said base to receive and hold in position the photographs, a hinge connected to each of said holders and to the top of said base, a retaining piece extending across the top of said base to lock the photographs to the photograph holder, substantially as described.

3. In a photograph holder the combination of a base a series of holders mounted on the top of said base a hinge fastened to each of said holders and to said base each of said holders consisting of a continuous piece of wire the ends of which are bent to form a slide to receive the photograph card, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. In a photograph holder the combination of a base a series of holders mounted on the top of said base a hinge fastened to each of said holders and to said base, said hinge arranged to permit the holders to move laterally each of said holders consisting of a continuous piece of wire the middle or body portion of which is fastened to said hinge while the ends are open to form a slide to receive the photograph card, a retaining piece extending across said holders, the photograph cards, an opening in each of said photograph cards through which passes the retaining piece, guards extending along the ends of said holders to prevent the displacement of the photograph cards, a casing, hinges fastening said casing to the base, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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